

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Seeking a Commitment)	
of Federal Money to Replace With)	
Specific Conditions 194 Units of Low)	RESOLUTION
Income Housing In Downtown Portland to)	92-42
Be Lost Through the Demolition of the)	
Hamilton and Lownsdale Hotels)	

WHEREAS, 5,183 low-income housing units existed in
Downtown Portland in April of 1978; and

WHEREAS, 1,337 low-income housing units we lost from
Downtown Portland in the period from 1978 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Portland is an important low-income
housing resource, appealing to a variety of needs and
lifestyles and supported by existing services. This housing
and these services cannot be effectively and economically
replaced elsewhere in the County; and

WHEREAS, in the period from 3/88 to 3/92, according to
the Portland Development Commission, there has been a net
replacemet of 340 units of low-income housing in Downtown
Portland; and

WHEREAS, the loss of 1,337 low-income housing units
with the addition of 340 units results in a current loss of 997
units of low-income housing in Downtown Portland; and

WHEREAS, the 194 units of low-income housing contained
in the Hamilton (147 units) and the Lownsdale (47 units) Hotels
will be lost if they are demolished as part of a federal
courthouse construction project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Multnomah County
hereby supports efforts within the community and will advocate
to seek a commitment from the federal government through the
General Service Administration (GSA) to agree to the following
conditions

- meet the full development costs required to replace the
194 units of low-income housing which will be lost through
demolition of the Hamilton and Lownsdale Hotels; and
- replace these 194 units with new housing or with the
renovation of currently vacant units in Downtown Portland;
and

- ensure that the current tenants of the Hamilton and Lownsdale Hotels have first right of refusal to these additional housing units; and
- ensure tha these additional housing units are available before the tenants of the Hamilton and Lownsdale hotels are displaced; and
- ensure that the rents of these additional units are comparable to the rents currently paid by the these tenants; and
- make these additional units available to the current tenants of the Hamilton and Lownsdale Hotels without a prerequisite for involvement with any social service program.



ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By

Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, County Chair

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