

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, and Lori Stegmann present. Commissioner Loretta Smith joined at 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Stegmann left at 12:30 p.m. and re-joined telephonically at 12:48 p.m.

Also attending were Kathryn Short, Deputy County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT THIS MORNING. IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP THE FORMS ARE AT THE BACK. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A FEW AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER, FIRST WE ARE GOING TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND THEN PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THEN R.1, R.3, R.4, R.5, AND FINISH WITH R.2.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Notice of Intent to submit a grant application for up to \$150,000 to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- C.2 Budget Modification # DCJ-14-18: Reclassifies a 1.00 FTE Records Technician to Records Coordinator in the Adult Services Division
- C.3 Notice of Intent for Submission of a Grant Application to Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality for up to \$60,000

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. I WILL CALL FOUR AT A TIME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Broussard: I WILL START. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER, I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD. WHAT I NORMALLY DO WE STAND UP AND I WILL LEAD THE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOR REACHING OUT TO THE VETS  
HERE AT THE COUNTY. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

FOR MY REMAINING TWO MINUTES OR MINUTE AND A HALF OR WHATEVER I  
WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FACT THAT I HEARD THIS MORNING THAT  
OPRAH WINFREY IS NOT GOING TO BE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT. WOW, AND  
HER REASONING WAS THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE THE DNA TO RUN, AND I AM  
SAYING I HAVE THE DNA TO RUN FOR THE COUNTY, DISTRICT NUMBER 2,  
BRUCE BROUSSARD, REMEMBER THAT NAME, OKAY, GOOD. AND THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE COIN IS THAT I WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER POINT, THE FACT OF  
THE MATTER IS THAT I KNOW THAT WE ARE GETTING INTO THE ELECTION  
PERIOD, AND ETC., ETC., ETC., BUT AGAIN LET'S BE FAIR, IN ALL DUE RESPECT.  
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE NEED LEADERSHIP. ACROSS THE BOARD,  
AND LET'S BE FAIR TO EVERYBODY RUNNING FOR OFFICE. VERY, VERY  
IMPORTANT. AND WITH THAT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH.  
APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WHO IS NEXT? GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. MY REAL NAME IS INJURED  
AND PISSED OFF, AND I TELL PEOPLE I AM INJURED AND PISSED OFF 24 HOURS  
A DAY NOW. IN FACT, I AM TALKING TO THE CITY ACROSS THE CITY COUNCIL  
VALENTINE'S DAY, WHICH I EXPLAINED THE 11TH AND THE 18TH THAT I AM  
APOLOGIZING TO THE CITY AUDITOR BECAUSE ONE OF THE CITY ATTORNEYS  
ACCUSED HER OF DELETING MY NAME. AND OF COURSE, THERE IS NOT ANY  
CIVIL CONSPIRACY IN THAT. EVEN AFTER MY SURGERY, UP AT OHSU, WELL,  
FIRST, I WAITED FOUR HOURS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

I WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE NOVEMBER 15TH OF 2010, AND THEY WERE  
GOING TO DISCHARGE ME AFTERWARDS. WITH A PAIR OF CRUTCHES, AND I  
TOLD THEM WELL, I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE, AND THEY FOUND OUT THAT I HAD  
A BROKEN HIP. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THREE DAYS LATER OR FOUR THAT THEY  
FOUND OUT THAT I HAD TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD, AS WELL. THAT  
WAS AFTER SEVEN DOG ATTACKS ON MY SERVICE ANIMAL WITHIN SIX YEARS,  
AND I FOUGHT WITH THE COUNTY AND EVERYTHING, AND THEY ARE SAYING  
NOW, IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COUNTY MUM ON HEALTH PLACE, ON HOSTILE  
WORKPLACE COMPLAINT, THAT SEEMS TO MAKE THE NEWS, BUT AN INJURED  
PERSON, LEGALLY BLIND PERSON, HAVING THEIR SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKED  
SEVEN TIMES, NO HEALTH OR NOTHING WAS DONE BUT THE PERSON EVEN  
THOUGH OWNED THE PROPERTY, THAT'S THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
PORTLAND, WHICH NOW HOME FORWARD.

THEY COULD HAVE EVICTED THE PERSON, BUT THEY DID NOT DO THAT. SHE  
LATER ASSAULTED ANOTHER PERSON AND SENT HER TO OHSU FOR SIX DAYS.  
AND THEY GOT AWAY WITH THAT, AND I EVEN WROTE THE UNITED STATES  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHICH WAS THE TOP COP OF THE LAND, AND OF

COURSE YOU HAVE HEARD THAT RECENTLY, TOO. ALTHOUGH IT WAS ERIK HOLDER AT THE TIME, AND HE SOON RESIGNED AFTER WRITING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOUR TIMES AND THE OREGON STATE BAR DID NOTHING. AND I HOPE TO GET A CIVIL CONSPIRACY COMPLAINT WITH AN ATTORNEY, THAT IS, FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE CITY FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, AND THIS IS JUST A MINOR LITTLE THING CALLING SOMEONE A BITCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER JUSTICE WATCHDOG. AGAIN, TO THE NEW COMMISSIONERS UP HERE, AND I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO LOOK DOWN AT YOUR PAPER AND DRAW A SAD FACE, BUT LET ME SAY THIS TO YOU WHILE YOU SHOULD BE LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE DOING PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, YOU ARE ALL NOVICES. YOU ARE ALL ROOKIES. AND LET ME TELL YOU WHY I THINK THAT. WHEN WE ARE PASSING RESOLUTIONS YOU NEED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AT THESE MEETINGS, AND WHEN YOU HAVE ANOTHER COMMISSIONER REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, YOU COMMISSIONERS SHOULD ALSO STEP IN AND SAY YES, WE NEED MORE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION. IT'S CALLED PUBLIC MEETING LAW, PARLIAMENTARY RULES AND PROCEDURE, AND FOR WHATEVER REASON CHAIR KAFOURY YOU SEEM TO LIKE TO PUSH THINGS THROUGH AND DO NOT LIKE TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC.

LET ME SAY THIS TO YOU, IF I WANTED TO CHALLENGE LAST WEEK'S DECISION ON THE MOTEL FOR MR. PATEL THAT YOU DID A LEASE OVER THE TOP OF AND THEN CAME IN AND DID PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THREW ANOTHER, I THINK \$900,000, YOU DID NOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT TO THE PUBLIC. AT THIS MEETING. HOW CAN THE PUBLIC SIT HERE AND MAKE A TIME DETERMINATION TO SAY VOTE YES OR NO WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION? IF I WANTED TO I COULD GO TO AN ATTORNEY AND COME BACK AND CHALLENGE THAT IN COURT AND WIN AND HAVE THAT OVER-RULED AND OVERTURNED BECAUSE OF THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS NOT WANTING TO MAKE A STAND AND UNDERSTAND THE PUBLIC NEEDS THE INFORMATION. THE PUBLIC NEEDS THE INFORMATION TO MAKE A REASONABLE DECISION BEFORE YOU VOTE YES ON THIS, AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO YOUR JOB AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND AGAIN, I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU ALL PASSES BECAUSE YOU ARE ROOKIES.

YOU ARE ROOKIES, ROOKIES, ROOKIES WHO DON'T THINK THAT THE PUBLIC DESERVES FULL TRANSPARENCY, AND ALL THE INFORMATION, AND TO MAKE A DECISION ON PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNDERSTANDING ARE EXACTLY WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING, AND UNDERSTANDING THE ADDITIONAL COST ON REHABBING THE PROPERTY WITH NO NUMBERS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC, AND YET YOU VOTE YES. SO AGAIN, YOU DON'T

CARE WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY. GUESS WHAT, IF I EVER TAKE YOU UP IN FRONT OF A FEDERAL JUDGE LIKE JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE. YOU WILL LOSE IN FRONT OF SOMEONE THAT BELIEVES IN FULL TRANSPARENCY, MAKING SURE THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO PASS.

Mr. Lightning: LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING NEWBIES, THE ROOKIES UP HERE, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BEGIN DOING YOUR JOB PROPERLY, STEP DOWN. LEAVE. YOU ARE HEARING THE PUBLIC SPEAK. I AM SPEAKING ON MY BEHALF. LEAVE. PROVIDE THE PROPER INFORMATION IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, LEAVE. THAT IS PART OF YOUR JOB. AND LOOK DOWN AT YOUR PAPER, AND DRAW YOUR SAD FACES, BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, WE COULD OVERTURN HALF OF THESE RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT WILL GO FROM THAT RESOLUTION ON BACK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Colton: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING. I AM CARI COLTON, I AM A 15-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE MOUNT SCOTT ALETA NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE MOTHER OF TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRLS WHO HAVE GROWN UP.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE FOSTER SHELTER --

Board Clerk: SHE HAS TO LEAVE EARLY.

Chair Kafoury: I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW, I UNDERSTAND YOUR ISSUE.

Ms. Colton: I WILL START NOW, OKAY, SO I AM THE MOTHER OF TEN-YEAR-OLD TWINS WHO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY ATTEND PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ARLETA ELEMENTARY, APPROXIMATELY FOUR BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED SITE LOCATION, AND I AM HERE TODAY WITH MY NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SHELTER. WE ARE NOT ANTI-SHELTER. WE ALL AGREE SHELTER IS NECESSARY AND WE ALL AGREE HOMELESSNESS IS A BIG ISSUE, BUT SHELTERS MUST BE IN A LOCATION THAT IS SET UP FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE RESIDENTS OF BOTH THE SHELTER AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS LOCATION IS NOT THAT. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE LOCATION FOR MANY MONTHS, IT WAS NOT UNTIL 12-18 THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD AND ONE WEEK BEFORE THAT THE COMMUNICATION WAS MADE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL, FROM ALL INDICATIONS THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE NOT ACTED IN A TRANSPARENT WAY.

Ms. Colton: OVER THESE MANY MONTHS. WITH ONLY ONE PUBLIC MEETING AND THE PROMISE OF MORE. THEY FAILED TO ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS AND HAVE CONTINUED TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION. THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE CONCERNS THAT THIS IS NOT THE LOCATION, THE RIGHT LOCATION BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SOCIAL SERVICES OR FOOD BANKS OR KITCHENS, THERE ARE NO MEDICAL SERVICES, THERE ARE NO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND THERE ARE NO SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND THERE IS NO POLICE PRECINCT NEAR THIS LOCATION. IT IS BOUND TO FAIL THOSE IT IS INTENDED TO SERVE. THERE HAS BEEN NO TRUE COLLABORATION OR EVEN COORDINATION WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS. BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS. SCHOOLS. OR PARENT GROUPS. AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE CONTENTED THEY HAVE ENGAGED, AND THAT IS NOT TRUE BY ANY REASONABLE PERSON'S STANDARDS, I CAN SAY THIS WITH CERTAINTY, AS A LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF MY COMMUNITY.

AS A PARENT IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD MY CONCERN IS THAT THE SAFETY OF AND IMPACT ON THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE CITY OR COUNTY IN THIS PROPOSAL. AND I WOULD FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANYONE THINKS THAT IS ACCEPTABLE. WHILE PP S & P TAS HAVE HAD INSUFFICIENT TIME OR THE I WANT ABILITY TO TAKE POSITIONS ON THE ISSUE FOR A VARIETY OF ISSUES, OR A VARIETY OF REASONS, THE NEAREST SCHOOL, MOUNT SCOTT LEARNING CENTER, JUST ACROSS THE STREET HAS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS CLEARLY AND SEE THIS AS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR STUDENTS.

ASTONISHINGLY THERE HAS BEEN NO TIME DEDICATED TO RESEARCHING THE IMPACT ON OUR CHILDREN. THIS APPEARS TO BE STRICTLY A COST-BASED PROPOSAL, NOT A STRATEGIC, WELL PLANT, OR RESEARCH-BASED PROPOSAL. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU POSTPONE THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR TO ENSURE THAT THE CITY, THE COUNTY, THE JOINT OFFICE CAN ENGAGE WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WITH TRANSPARENCY, IS TO FULLY EVALUATE THE IMPACTS, INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS. INCLUDING PARENTS. AND ENSURE THAT A NEEDED SHELTER BECAUSE ONE, AND MORE THAN ONE ARE NEEDED. ARE OPEN IN A LOCATION THAT SETS US ALL UP FOR SUCCESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, AND WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE TODAY SO I WILL ASK THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW CLAPPING. IF YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT, YOU CAN WAVE YOUR FINGERS OR DO THUMBS UP IF YOU HAVE A SIGN, YOU CAN WAVE THAT, BUT IF WE HAVE A LOT OF CLAPPING BETWEEN EVERY SPEAKER WE WILL BE HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND I WANT EVERYONE TO GET THEIR OPINION EXPRESSED. OKAY.

Mr. Bechtel: THANK YOU, AND I WOULD LIKE TO START OUT BY SAYING I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU GUYS DO. I HAVE EVEN MORE APPRECIATION HAVING BEEN HERE THE LAST TWO MEETINGS. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS TYLER BECHTEL, A SOUTHEAST PORTLAND RESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK BUT THE LOCAL IMPLICATION OF NATIONAL POLITICS. I AM NEW TO THE INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS. THIS IS MY SECOND TIME TESTIFYING. WE ALL HAVE SEEN MASSIVE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. ONE YEAR OF PRESIDENT TRUMP AND IT IS NORMAL FOR OUR PRESIDENT TO LIE, AND IT'S NORMAL FOR HIM TO DENY. IT'S NORMAL TO COLLUDE AND CONSPIRE. WE HAVE SEEN TACTICS, ATTEMPTS TO MISLEAD AND MISDIRECTION AND OBSTRUCTION, AND SUBVERSION AND MISINFORMATION AND NAME CALLING AND HALF TRUTHS.

A LOT OF THIS IS BY DESIGN. IT'S MEANT TO DIVIDE US. WE HAVE LEARNED TO DISTRUST THOSE WHO HOLD THE HIGHEST OFFICE. IS GOVERNMENT BROKEN? IS THIS THE NEW NORMAL? IT'S NOT JUST THE ECONOMICS THAT TRICKLE DOWN. IT'S THE DIVISIVE POLITICS, TOO. THIS COUNTY BOARD HAS STRUGGLED, IT HAS BEEN ROCKED TO THE CORE MORE THAN ONCE. IS THAT THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICS ON A NATIONAL SCALE? IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BROKEN, TOO? ARE WE STARTING TO SEE THAT NEW NORMAL HERE? ARE YOUR ACTIONS TRICKLING DOWN THROUGH YOUR STAFF TO THE CIVIL SERVANTS? AM I LEARNING TO DISTRUST YOU, TOO? RECENTLY I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, A DIRECTOR OF A DEPARTMENT, AND I ASKED HIM A QUESTION, AND HE REPEATED THE QUESTION BACK TO ME. I ASKED HIM, AGAIN, AND HE STUTTERED AND PAUSED.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN AT THIS POINT THAT HE WAS STRUGGLING WITH THE TRUTH. HE WAS USING A DELAY TACTIC. HE GAVE ME AN ANSWER, AND NOW THAT A FEW WEEKS HAVE GONE BY AND I LEARNED MORE, I REALIZE HE DID NOT LIE TO ME BUT TOLD ME HALF OF THE TRUTH. HE ANSWERED, BY DESIGN, TO MISLEAD AND TO OBSTRUCT AND TO SUBVERTED AND TO DELAY. HE GAVE ME A HALF TRUTH. PLEASE AS YOU LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY TODAY AND THE COMMENTS AND MAKE A DECISION ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, REALIZE MOST OF THE EMOTION AND THE FRUSTRATION AND DECISIVENESS IS BY DESIGN. YOUR DESIGN, AND THE DESIGN OF CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AS LEADERS YOUR JOB IS TO HOLD THE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. I THINK THAT EVERYONE HERE HAS THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR COMMUNITY IN MIND. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS. TRULY ENGAGE US IN THE FUTURE. DON'T JUST TELL THE MEDIA THAT YOU HAVE OR THAT YOU WILL. THE TRUTH DOES NOT NEED YOUR MESSAGING, AND THE FACTS ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO PUBLIC RELATIONS SPIN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WHO WANTS TO GO NEXT?

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I AM SURE GOING TO GO OFF THE TOPIC ON THIS ONE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO TODAY, WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO POSTPONE THIS OR YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE ON IT. BUT I THINK THAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM BY THE APPLAUSE ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST YOU VOTING ON THIS TODAY. AND I WOULD ASK THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THEY WILLING TO HAVE DIE ON THE STREETS? 2016 WE HAD 80. 2015 WE HAD 88. DYING ON THE STREETS. EMERGENCY SHELTERS SHOULD BE JUST THAT. EMERGENCY SHELTERS. THEY SHOULD BE SAFE. YOU OUGHT TO DO THE PRELIMINARY WORK. THEY SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, AND THEY SHOULD BE TEMPORARY. THEY ARE EMERGENCY SHELTERS. WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE OFF OF THE STREETS AND INTO THEIR OWN PLACE. THAT'S HOW YOU WIN THIS. EVERY CITY HAS FOUND THAT. THE CHRONIC HOMELESS ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF.

I AM A VETERAN. I WILL ARGUE FOR VETERANS' RIGHTS ALL OVER THE PLACE, BUT IT'S SEXY TO GET THE VETERANS OFF THE STREET. IT'S SEXY TO GET THE MINORITIES OFF THE STREETS. IT'S SEXY TO GET WOMEN AND CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING. THE CHRONIC HOMELESS ARE THE BIGGEST COST FACTOR. THEY USE ALL OF THE SERVICES, JAILS, HOSPITALS, DOCTORS, NURSE, EMERGENCY ROOMS. SO AGAIN, LET ME END BY ASKING THIS GROUP WHO RAISES THEIR HAND AND SAYS, WE ARE NOT AGAINST HOMELESS BUT, WE DON'T LIKE THE WAY THEY DRESS OR SMELL. WE DON'T LIKE THE WAY THAT THEY MAKE NOISE. WE DON'T LIKE BLAH, BLAH, HOW MANY OF YOU WANT TO DIE, PEOPLE? HOW MANY IS GOOD FOR YOU? 40? IF WE DID 40 THIS YEAR, I WOULD TAKE YOU ALL OUT FOR MOCHAS. IT WOULD TURN IT IN HALF. I KNOW THIS IS A PAIN IN THE ASS FOR YOU. DO YOU KNOW, I GOT UP AND MY WINDOW WAS OPEN, AND I WAS REALLY COLD. FIRST THOUGHT IN MY MIND WAS WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON OUT THERE? HOW MANY OF YOU PEOPLE WANT PEOPLE TO DIE.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE? THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Mr. Walsh: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WHO IS NEXT?

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. THANK YOU. I THINK IF I WAS GOING TO INSULT YOU I WOULD CALL YOU POLITICIANS OR INCUMBENTS, NOT ROOKIES OR NEWBIES BUT HAVE IT LIGHTNING'S WAY, SO LATER R.2 WILL ROLL AROUND AND WE WILL HEAR THE JOINT OFFERS DIRECTOR MARC JOLIN TALK SPECIFICALLY ON SERVING JUST A HUNDRED OF OUR THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES, CHILDREN, WOMEN, IN THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING,

ONLY MEN. MY EXPERTISE IS MEN, ARGUABLY. IF WE HAVE 1,069 MEN OUTSIDE IN TENTS, 100 BED SHELTER IS TITHING. A 10% SOLUTION. AND OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER SHELTERS AT OTHER LOCATIONS, AND WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THEM SINCE R.2 IS NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW, AND THERE IS A SHELTER IN THE HANSEN BUILDING, AND THERE IS A SHELTER A BLOCK AND A HALF WHERE 95 GUYS SLEEP.

Mr. Johnson: YOU KNOW WHAT, THEY DON'T HAVE? THEY DON'T HAVE ONSIGHT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THEY DON'T HAVE ON-SITE FOOD SERVICE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ON FOSTER ROAD, SO THE PIE IN THE SKY WISHING IS NOT A DETERRENT TO SAVING LIVES. ONE INTERESTING THING, WE SHOULD TALK BUT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE. THAT'S COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IS TRYING TO WORK HARD TO IMPROVE THAT WORKING WITH THE REST OF YOU ALL. THE ONLY WAY TO GET COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE IS TO GET ON A BUS AND GO TO LIKE ONE OF TWO PLACES. DIVISION, OR THE RELOCATED [INAUDIBLE] WHICH WAS MLK BUT IS ON THE 12 AND 19 SO EVERY PERSON, IT'S EQUITY. HOMELESS PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND NON-HOMELESS GOT TO GET ON THE BUS AND GO TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SOME DAY MAYBE WE'LL FIND IS A GREAT GRANTOR WHO WILL GIVE US A STRUCTURE OF ONE SITE SERVICE SOLUTION. MAYBE KAISER PERMANENTE HAS SOMETHING UP THEIR SLEEVE. BUT RIGHT NOW THE ONLY THING THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT IS WHENEVER, WHEREVER WE CITE THE HOMELESS SERVICES, BE THERE 8 TO 12 HOURS BEFORE THEY GET ON TRI-MET IS CAN THEY GET ON TRI-MET AND WHAT WILL THEIR EXPERIENCE BE? TRI-MET JUST FOUND \$620,000 TO HIRE RENT-A-COPS FROM THE CRAPPIEST AGENCY IN THE CITY, WORSE THAN G4S UNLESS YOU ARE A PALESTINIAN. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT CONTINUING SERVICES FOR ANYONE IN ANY SHELTER PRESENT OR FUTURE SO THAT THEY HAVE THE LITTLE MAGIC PLASTIC CARD, NOW THAT THE PAPER TICKETS ARE BEING BANISHED AND DESTROYED, SO THAT FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON FOSTER AND PEOPLE LIVING AT 122ND AND HANSEN AND THE PEOPLE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE PEARL NEAR DOREEN'S PLACE CAN SEE PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY GET ON TRI-MET AND CONNECT TO THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Davis: I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT CHIEF OUTLAW. FIRST I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT HOW SHE GOT IS A STALKING ORDER ON A COP WATCHER FOR MERELY FILMING HER, AND THEN SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY MEET UP ON THE 22ND AT MATT HENNESY CHURCH. HE RAPED HIS OWN RELATIVE, AND I ALSO WANT TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT SHE COMES FROM THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN A CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING RING, WHICH CAME TO LIGHT IN 2015, AND EXTENDS TO NEARLY



30 COPS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN OAKLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, AND NEARBY CITIES. THIS ALL CAME TO LIGHT AFTER OFFICER O'BRIEN COMMITTED SUICIDE AND LEFT THE CONFESSIONAL NOTE. 11 OAKLAND P.D. OFFICERS WERE DISCIPLINED.

Mr. Davis: FOUR WERE FIRED. AND FOUR RICH MEN, POLICE OFFICERS WERE FIRED. AND THEY CYCLED THROUGH THREE POLICE CHIEFS IN THE PERIOD OF NINE DAYS OVER THIS, AND WE HAVE A REAL BIG PROBLEM WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN THIS AREA. I FIND IT RATHER DISGUSTING THAT THE ONLY PERSON THAT TED WHEELER AND ALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS WOULD HIRE AND I KNOW A LOT OF YOU UP THERE HAVE PRAISED CHIEF OUTLAW YOURSELF, BUT SHE COMES FROM THE OAKLAND P.D., AND THEY SETTLED OUT AND AGREED TO PAY NEARLY \$1 MILLION TO AN UNDERAGE GIRL, THEY TRAFFICKED OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT, OAKLAND P.D. CONDUCTED A CARELESS AND HASTY INVESTIGATION AND KEPT THE MAYOR, CITY ADMINISTRATORS, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS IN THE DARK, AND THE ALLEGATIONS CAME TO LIGHT AFTER OAKLAND OFFICER BRENDON O'BRIEN KILLED HIMSELF AND LEFT BEHIND A CONFESSIONAL NOTE DETAILING HIS INVOLVEMENT.

CELESTE WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF JASMINE WHICH REALLY HASN'T COME TO LIGHT WHO THE VICTIM WAS BECAUSE SHE WAS A MINOR AT THE TIME, THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATORS IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION TRIED TO SWEEP THE INVESTIGATION UNDER THE RUG, ONLY SPOKE TO THE VICTIM ONE TIME BY PHONE AND GATHERED NO ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE, SHOWED BIAS TO THE VICTIM, AND IGNORED LEADS, AND BRUSHED ASIDE THE ADVICE OF A DEPUTY ATTORNEY. THEY CALLED HER NAMES THAT I AM NOT GOING TO REPEAT IN HERE. BUT ONE OF THEM STARTS WITH A W. IN THE PRESENCE OF INVESTIGATORS THEY ALLOWED THE VICTIM TO DELETE TEXT MESSAGES THAT HAD EVIDENCE OF THEM HAVING SEX WITH HER. ONE INVESTIGATOR CALLED THE CASE BULLSHIT. THE POLICE CHIEF IS THE ONE WHO CALLED THE CASE BULLSHIT. FORMER COP BRIAN BUNT WAS PIMPING HER OUT OF THE OAKLAND P.D. AND ALL OVER THE BAY AREA. MOST OF THE COPS WERE EXTORTING HER FOR SEX IN EXCHANGE FOR HELPING HER TO AVOID ARREST.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Mr. Davis: SHE VOMITED INTO A GARBAGE CAN AFTER DESCRIBING THE ENCOUNTER. OAKLAND P.D. WENT THROUGH THREE CHIEFS IN A SPAN OF NINE DAYS AND WONDERING WHEN WE'RE GOING TO GET A REAL CHIEF. CHARLES MOOSE, WHO ACTUALLY WAS A CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE PEOPLE.

Chair Kafoury: YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU FOR COMING. THANK YOU.

Mr. Davis: I WOULD SAY ANYONE ELSE WOULD BE A BETTER CHOICE THAN DANIEL OUTLAW.

Ms. German: GOOD MORNING, I AM MIMI GERMEN, AND I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT A LACK OF AN EMERGENCY HOUSING PLAN, AND WE HAVE HAD A FEW YEARS TO GET A PLAN UNDER THE LAST MAYOR, AND COUNTY AS WELL AS FROM 2017 FROM THE START OF MAYOR WHEELER'S TERM, AND WE DON'T HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN, EMERGENCY HOUSING PLAN FOR 30 DAYS, 60 DAYS OR 90 DAYS, BUT WE WORK ON PLANS FOR EARTHQUAKES, WHICH HAVEN'T EVEN OCCURRED. OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW. WE HAD OVER 80 PEOPLE DIE LAST YEAR ON THE STREET. THAT BEARS REPEATING. WE HAD OVER 80 UNHOUSED PEOPLE DIE ON THE STREETS LAST YEAR. WHERE IS THE EMERGENCY HOUSING PLAN? WE NEED A HOUSING PLAN FOR 2018, NOT THE YEAR 2045. IF I HAD THE MONEY THAT MARC JOLIN'S OFFICE HAS WE WOULD NOT NEED A HOUSING PLAN BECAUSE WE WOULD ALREADY HAVE HOUSED THE HOUSELESS AND PROVIDED SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED OR WANT THEM.

YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN BUT THE HOUSELESS AND THEN COMPLAIN ABOUT A POSITIVE TEMPORARY SOLUTION, BUT WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT SHELTERS ARE A TEMPORARY SOLUTION AND ONLY IS A SHELTER MEANING HAVING A ROOF OVER IT IF THERE IS NO HELP FROM ANY OF THE SERVICE IS COMING DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE IN THOSE SHELTERS. I AM HOPING WHEN WE TALK BUT THE SHELTERS WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THIS IS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION, A NECESSARY TEMPORARY SOLUTION ONLY IF AND WHEN THOSE OTHER SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. WE CANNOT HAVE SHELTERS ANY MORE WITH NO SERVICES. IT'S LIKE CHARLES BRIDGECRANE SAID, WE NEED THE SERVICES BUT MORE THAN THAT WE NEED HOUSING. THE ARGUMENTS I HEAR FROM THE HEARTLESS PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOODS WHOSE HEARTS HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN IS THAT SHELTER IS NEVER REALLY IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

THIS SHELTER IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE. AND THAT SHELTER IS NOT IN THE RIGHT PLACE. PEOPLE TRYING TO SURVIVE AND DYING ON THE STREETS IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE. THAT IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE. WE NEED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THE INTERIM, WE NEED SHELTERS TO HOUSE THE UNHOUSED. I LIVE IN ST. JOHN'S. WE HAVE A LOT OF HOUSING GETTING BUILT RIGHT NOW. IT'S ALSO NOT ADA COMPLIANT BY THE WAY. I NEED TO SAY THAT, AND THAT NEEDS TO GET FIXED OR THERE WILL BE LAWSUITS, AND I HOPE THAT THERE ARE SOME ABOUT THAT. IN THE MEANTIME THOSE HOUSES AND THE HORRID APARTMENTS BEING BUILT ARE NOT HOUSING PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS. I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THOSE BUILDINGS THAT ARE BEING PUT IN THE SIX ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY IF THEY HOUSED THE HOUSELESS. EVERYTHING RIGHT NOW, EVERY THING THAT THIS CITY DOES NEEDS TO POINT AT HOUSING THE HOUSELESS AND NO OTHERS RIGHT NOW.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. MacDonald: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM THE PRESIDENT OF NEW CENTURY JUSTICE NETWORK. MADAM CHAIR AS YOU KNOW THIS IS MY THIRD VISIT TO YOUR MEETING. THE CONTENTION MADAM CHAIR IS THAT [INAUDIBLE] THAT GAVE A MESSAGE SO I CAN DELIVER THAT TO YOU, DEMANDING YOUR RESIGNATION AS IT RELATES TO YOUR CONDUCT OF CALLING A FELLOW BOARD MEMBER OUT OF HER NAME, WHICH WAS UTMOST DISRESPECT, DISCOURTEOUS AND VIOLATED THE DECORUM OF A GOOD PUBLIC MEETING. WE ARE DEMANDING YOUR RESIGNATION, BECAUSE OF YOUR CONDUCT. IN RETROSPECT TO THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE APOLOGIZED, APOLOGY IS ONE THING. BUT DOING THE RIGHT THING IS THE OTHER THING AND THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU, MADAM CHAIR, IS TO RESIGN FROM THE POSITION THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPYING BECAUSE OF YOUR CONDUCT. IF I SHOULD BRING YOUR MEMORY TO 2015 THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN WHO WORKED FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE MAYOR.

I THINK THAT HE USED THE WORD "BEAUTIFUL," WHICH IS A GOOD WORD. THERE IS NO ANGER OR FRUSTRATION OR ANYTHING BAD BUT THE WORD, BEAUTIFUL. IT'S A WONDERFUL THING FOR SOMEONE TO SAY YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL. MADAM CHAIR AS THE RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF THAT YOU AND 20 OTHER WOMEN JOIN AND WROTE A LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING AND DEMANDING THAT SOME KIND OF ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS STILL A BLACK MAN, AND HE WAS LATER TERMINATED FROM HIS POSITION FOR USING THE WORD, BEAUTIFUL. MADAM CHAIR YOU HAVE USED THE WORD BITCH IN THIS COUNCIL TO ONE OF YOUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, AND AS YOU KNOW I EXPLAINED TO YOU IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE I DIDN'T WRITE THE BOOK NOR THE EXPLANATION FOR THE WORD, DOG, OR FOR BITCH, BUT WHICH I CHECKED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IT SAYS A BITCH IS A CANINE DOG IN HEAT. HOW DARE YOU, MADAM CHAIR, TO STOOP SO LOW TO CALL ANOTHER FELLOW HUMAN BEING A BITCH.

MADAM CHAIR BECAUSE OF YOUR ACTION, YOUR CONDUCT, IT IS UNBECOMING OF A CHAIR REPRESENTING THIS COUNTY YOU SHOULD RESIGN, AND WE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION. APOLOGY IS NOT SUFFICIENT. IT'S INSUFFICIENT FOR YOUR CONDUCT. SO WE ASK YOU RESIGN AND WILL KEEP DEMANDING YOU RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION. IF THERE IS ANY DECENCY IN HUMANITY THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU IS TO RESIGN. AND THE CITIZENS OF PORTLAND SHOULD NOT REELECT YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOU VIOLATED THE DECORUM OF A GOOD PUBLIC MEETING, THE RESPECT AND DIGNITY YOU REQUIRE FOR YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD GIVE IT TO OTHERS. AND YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A LOT OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION THAT DOES AFFECT THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. AND FOR YOUR CONDUCT WHICH IS UNBECOMING YOU HAVE SENT A MESSAGE. THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT YOU WILL RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION. THANK YOU.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming January 2018 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsors: Commissioner Vega Pederson, District 3 and Commissioner Smith, District 2. Presenters: Natalie Weaver and Invited Guests.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. GOOD MORNING.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU CHAIR AND GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING US HAVE THIS PROCLAMATION AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO IS CO-SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION WITH MY OFFICE. AND SO FOR THE PAST YEAR I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S C-SEC COMMITTEE WHICH IS, LOOKS AT THE ISSUES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS THEY AFFECT CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE WORK, AND AN INCREDIBLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY AT THE FRONT LINES OF THIS ISSUE. HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A HUGE ISSUE WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND IT'S A HUGE ISSUE ACROSS THE NATION AS WELL. TOO OFTEN WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AND LOW INCOME AND FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AND ABUSED FOR THE PROFITS OF OTHERS.

WHILE WE HAVE TAKEN MEANINGFUL STEPS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED IN THIS CYCLE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THIS RESOLUTION TODAY IS MEANT TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE TERRIBLE TOLL HUMAN TRAFFICKING TAKES ON SURVIVORS AND OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. IT'S ALSO MEANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PROVIDE SAFETY, JUSTICE, AND RECOVERY TO SURVIVORS. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE SEEN CHALLENGES ARISE IN OUR EFFORTS TO MEET THOSE NEEDS, AND THE CLOSURE OF THE HOUSE WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE SURVIVORS ARE RECEIVING THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE POSSIBLE.

ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT AND THE CORE OF THE WORK WE DO. AND WE HAVE ROSE BAK HERE TODAY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THAT ISSUE THAT MAY A RUSE SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND FINALLY I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE SURVIVORS MORE HERE TODAY. YOUR STRENGTH IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL, AND WE AS A COUNTY AND A COMMUNITY ARE INCREDIBLY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY TO SHARE YOUR STORIES. AND TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD WHO STILL FEELS TRAPPED, WE HEAR YOU, AND WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND WE ARE GOING TO

CONTINUE TO WORK FOR YOU, SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. I AM HAPPY TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUE ON BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD. THE CONTINUED VICTIMIZATION OF OUR UNDERAGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY MUST BRING US TO A PLACE OF OUTRAGE COUPLED WITH ACTION. WE MUST BE DELIBERATE IN DEALING WITH THOSE WHO FEED ON VULNERABLE YOUTH AND ADULTS. WE MUST USE OUR LAWS AND POLICING RESOURCES TO BRING THOSE ENGAGED AS JOHNS AND AS PIMPS INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE HARM THAT THEY BRING TO THESE VICTIMS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND YOUR STAFFER FOR WORKING WITH MY OFFICE TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY.

Ms. Weaver: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD I AM NATALIE WEAVER, AND I AM THE COLLABORATION SPECIALIST HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING. MY ROLE IS TO STRATEGICALLY FACILITATE THE COLLABORATION IN REGARDS TO SEX TRAFFICKING HERE AT THE COUNTY. AND THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY FOR HAVING US HERE AND COMMISSIONERS, I REALLY AM GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON OFFERS US AS THE CHAIR, AND THEN ALSO THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR CO-SPONSORING THIS AND BEING A CHAMPION FOR MANY YEARS OF THIS ISSUE. SO THANK YOU ALL. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A GROUP THAT REALLY ELEVATES THE ISSUE AND PARTNERS WITH US, SO CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED YOU ALL.

SO THE COLLABORATIVE WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE THAT WE WOULD DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING PRIORITIZING THE RESTORATION OF THE SURVIVOR ABOVE ALL ELSE. ADDITIONALLY WE CONTINUE TO PROPOSE AND ORGANIZE AROUND NEW LEGISLATION AND PARTNER WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION TO DETER EXPLOITATION AND TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND OF COURSE OUR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES INCORPORATE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION. TOGETHER THESE EFFORTS ARE COLLECTIVE THREE-PRONGED APPROACH. ALTHOUGH THE GROUP HAS BEEN COLLABORATING FOR A DECADE NOW, WHICH IS AMAZING, AND ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE RECOGNIZE THIS EFFORT IS QUITE YOUNG, RESPECTIVE TO OTHER SYSTEMS, AND SO THERE IS A LOT TO LEARN, AND THIS REFLECTION IS HEALTHY, NEEDED AND IMPORTANT.

SO SUCCESSES FROM THIS PAST YEAR. ONE OF THEM INCLUDES COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND SUPPORT OF SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION THAT PASSED AND IS EFFECTIVE AS OF THIS MONTH. MANY OF THESE AFFORD ADDITIONAL

PROTECTIONS TO SURVIVORS SUCH AS VACATING CONVICTIONS WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSIVE TRAFFICKING, SOLID COLLABORATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT, JAIL INTELLIGENCE, PROBATION, PROSECUTION, AND ADVOCATES HAS RESULTED IN CONVICTION OF LOCAL TRAFFICKERS, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO HAVE TAKEN PART OF THAT AND FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY THERE IS A TRIAL GOING ON RIGHT NOW THAT SOME WISH THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN HERE SO WANTED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. OUR DEPARTMENT AND PARTNERS PROVIDE 50 TRAININGS TO OVER 1500 SERVICE PROVIDERS, PRIVATE ENTITIES AND BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THIS YEAR ALONE. ANOTHER THING THAT WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WAS WE CONDUCTED A SURVEY TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON HOW TO ENHANCE OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND PUBLISHED A COLLABORATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WHICH YOU SHOULD HAVE IN PRINTED FORM AND ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, WHICH IS ON THE LINK ON THE PAGE.

Ms. Weaver: OF COURSE THE SECOND YOU PUT SOMETHING IN PRINT IT IS ALMOST INSTANTLY OUT OF DATE BUT GIVES A GOOD IDEA OF OUR RESPONSE SO HOPEFULLY THAT IS HELPFUL. AS THE COMMISSIONER NOTED THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SURVIVORS. WE KNOW THIS HAS GENERATED A CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN A DISRUPTION OCCURS THERE CAN BE THE URGE TO FORGE AHEAD IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. WE WILL WAIT. THERE CAN BE THE URGE TO FORAGE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, FOR THE COMPUTER, AS WELL. BUT IT'S BEEN REALLY ENCOURAGING THAT OUR COLLABORATIVE CHOOSES TO COME TOGETHER AND ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS AND TV THE SOLUTIONS. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR ROSE BAK'S LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO QUALITY SERVICES AND SO TO SPEAK MORE ABOUT HOW WE ARE INCORPORATING BEST PRACTICES AND SURVIVOR VOICES TO STRENGTHEN OUR SYSTEM I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO HER AS CO-DIRECTOR OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES TO SPEAK MORE ON THIS.

Ms. Bak: THANK YOU. ROSE BAK, CO-DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES. AS NATALI MENTIONED WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY WITH THE CLOSURE OF AND THE TERMINATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACTS TO REALLY DIVE DEEP INTO THE SERVICES THAT WE HAD HAD IN PLACE FOR SOME TIME AND THINK ABOUT HOW WOULD WE REDESIGN THESE IF WE WERE STARTING FROM SCRATCH? IT WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, SO WE DID A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT HOW WE COULD MAKE SERVICES BETTER FOR THE YOUTH THAT WE ALL WANTED TO SERVE. OUR GOAL IN LOOKING AT THE SERVICES WERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SERVICES WERE TRAUMA INFORMED, THAT WE WERE INCORPORATING THE BEST PRACTICES, AND THAT WE WERE REACHING MORE YOUTH, THAT THE SERVICES WERE CULTURALLY COMPETENT, PARTICULARLY FOR YOUTH OF COLOR AND THOSE THAT IDENTIFY AS KRIS LGBTQ, THE SERVICES WERE OUTCOME BASED,

EFFECTIVE AND THAT WE WERE INCLUDING YOUTH'S VOICE, SO WHAT WE DID, AND THERE IS A GRAPHIC UP THERE, BUT WHAT WE DID IS WE RESEARCHED THE PROMISING PRACTICES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

Ms. Bak: WE DID A DIVE INTO WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES WERE DOING TO SEE IF THERE WERE THINGS THAT WE COULD LEARN, AND WE INTERVIEWED A NATIONAL EXPERT IN SEX TRAFFICKING YOUTH. WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE HAD A NATIONAL EXPERT WILLING TO TALK TO US FREE OF CHARGE AND SHARE EVERYTHING THEY KNEW ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE DID SITE VISITS TO OTHER PROGRAMS, AND WE HAD SOME IN-DEPTH ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH PARTNERS, AND WE DID THREE DIFFERENT FOCUS GROUPS. ONE WITH OUR CURRENT PARTNERS, AND ONE WITH ANYONE WE COULD POSSIBLY THINK OF WHO MIGHT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE YOUTH FROM CHILD WELFARE PROVIDERS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JAILS, AND DHS WORKERS, AND ANYONE THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY THINK MIGHT KNOW ANY OF OUR YOUTH.

THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR ME, NATALIE AND I SPENT WHAT WAS A POWERFUL AFTERNOON WITH THE YOUTH WHO HAD GONE THROUGH THE SYSTEM, WHO HAD BEEN TRAFFICKED AND TALKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AND HOW THEY CAME TO BE TRAFFIC AND HAD WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM, WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE WAS, WHICH WAS NOT A LINEAR ONE, AND IN ESCAPING TRAFFICKING AND WHAT WOULD HAVE HELPED THEM TO MOVE FORWARD AND WHAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD HELP THEIR PEERS IN MOVING OUT OF THE SEX TRAFFICKING EXPERIENCE. WHAT WE HEARD, THERE WERE A LOT OF COMMONALITIES, WHAT WE HEARD WAS IMPORTANT, THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT WE HEARD WAS CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCACY. THIS MEANT 1245 IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE HAD A TRUSTED PERSON THAT THEY COULD GO TO, THE SAME PERSON, NOT A NEW ONE. THEY COULD TALK TO WHO WOULDN'T JUDGE THEM AND WOULDN'T REPORT THEM TO DHS OR REPORT THEM TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CHILD WELFARE, THAT THEY COULD TALK TO ABOUT ANYTHING ESSENTIALLY. WE HEARD THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE BOTH MOBILE AND A DROP-IN PLACE SO THEY COULD DROP IN IF THEY WANTED TO BUT IF THEY WERE AT A HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA OR THEY WERE AT AN AIRPORT OR THEY WERE AT A MCDONALD'S, THAT SOMEBODY COULD COME AND TALK TO THEM.

WE HEARD RELATIONSHIPS REALLY MATTER. WE HEARD BUT THE NEED FOR FLEX FUNDS, SO FUNDS THAT COULD BE USED FOR ANY SORT OF PURPOSE THAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON'S LIFE EASIER. WE HEARD BUT THE NEED FOR HOUSING. THE NEED FOR JOBS, JOB TRAINING, LIFE SKILLS, WE HEARD BUT THE NEED FOR SERVICES THAT WERE TAILORED FOR YOUTH OF COLOR AND LGBTQ IDENTIFIED YOUTH, AND WE HEARD BUT THE NEED FOR PREVENTION, SO WE TALKED A LOT TO FOLKS ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO TO HELP YOUTH NOT BE TRAFFICKED IN THE FIRST PLACE AND WHAT WE COULD DO TO HELP

STEM THE TIDE OF YOUTH GETTING INTO TRAFFIC SITUATIONS, AND WE DESIGNED A SYSTEM BASED ON WHAT WE HEARD WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING WE HAVE. LIKE ALL SYSTEMS DUE TO THE FUNDING AVAILABLE IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET, THAT WE WANTED TO DESIGN A SYSTEM THAT WOULD BOTH LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE REALIZED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS IS THAT WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB LEVERAGING THE RESOURCES IN THE HOMELESS CARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM OF CARE, AND ALSO WOULD ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY AND BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH THAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCESS THE SYSTEM, SO WE ARE ISSUING A PROCUREMENT ON FOR THE SERVICES COMING OUT TODAY SO WE WILL GIVE FOLKS THE OPPORTUNITY IF THEY WANT TO WORK WITH US.

Ms. Bak: WE'RE DESIGNING A VERY CAREFUL CONGRATULATION OF THESE SERVICES, AND WE WILL BE CHECKING IN AND LETTING YOU KNOW HOW THE NEW DESIGN IS WORKING, AND WE'LL BE INCORPORATING A MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION THAN WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST, AS WELL AS A MORE ACTIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMPONENT. WE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH A BIGGER AND BETTER SYSTEM, SO WE ARE PLEASED ABOUT THAT. AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE QUESTIONS BUT I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK THE LAST THREE MONTHS. PARTICULARLY LEE WATTS WHO WORKS ON MY TEAM, AND NATALIE WEAVER AND SIERRA FROM DCJ AND JUST APPRECIATING COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR HELP AND IT SUPPORTS ME PERSONALLY AS WELL AS THE STAFF AS WE HAVE MADE THIS DIFFICULT TRANSITION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS BUT THE TRANSITION OF THE SERVICES?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS INFORMATION AND NATALI. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOUR IN THE PAST AND SO ADMIRE YOUR PASSION FOR THIS IMPORTANT CAUSE. I DID HAVE A QUESTION BUT THE MANDATORY REPORTING, AND YES OF COURSE, HOW CRITICAL IT IS TO HAVE TRUST AND RAPPORT BUT HOW DO YOU GET AROUND THE MANDATORY REPORTING PORTION?

Ms. Weaver: AS FAR AS THE MANDATORY REPORTING THERE IS A LAW IN OREGON THAT PROVIDES PRIVILEGE FOR SOME ADVOCATES TO BE ABLE TO NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY REPORT, AND THIS HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE BRIDGE FOR SURVIVORS WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED YET IN ENGAGING IN OTHER SERVICES, BUT NEED EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR NEED CONNECTION TO THE SERVICES BUT ARE AFRAID OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THEY ARE KNOWN FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THEIR LIFE, SO OUR CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATES ARE REALLY GREAT AT WORKING WITH THEM AND



WHEN THEY ARE READY CONNECTING THEM WITH SERVICES, CONNECTING THEM WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IF THEY CHOOSE AND WITH THE RESOURCES, BUT IT'S A SPECIFIC LAW THAT GIVES THEM THE RIGHT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: FANTASTIC, MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AND WHEN THEY ARE READY IS CRITICAL SO I LOVE THE WAY THAT YOU HAVE JUST TAKEN A WHOLE NEW LOOK AT HOW WE PROVIDE SERVICES AND WHAT THE BEST PRACTICES ARE, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR FUTURE WORK. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ARE THERE OTHER FOLKS TO TESTIFY?

Ms. Weaver: YES. AS THE ME TOO MOVEMENT HAS ELEVATED AND AFFIRMED VOICES OF SURVIVORS GLOBALLY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONTINUOUSLY SEEKS TO AMPLIFY THESE VOICES LOCALLY. TODAY WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY COMMITTED TO CULTIVATING A SOCIETY IN WHICH SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING CAN SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITHOUT STIGMA OR SHAME. WE ARE DEDICATED TO CENTERING THE VOICES TO SHAPE THE SYSTEM SO WE ARE SUPER FORTUNATE. WE HAVE A SNEAK PEEK VIDEO THAT IS PROVIDED TO US, FUNDED BY THE NOVA FOUNDATION AND PUT TOGETHER BY BREW ADVISORS AND SOMEONE IS HERE TODAY, THANK YOU ROBIN, AND NEXT WEEK THEY LAUNCH THEIR WEBSITE AND FILM SERIES THAT SHARES VOICES OF SURVIVORS OF EXPLOITATION, REVEALING OPPORTUNITIES WE ALL HAVE TO CREATE A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

Robin: WHERE DO I BEGIN TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHERE I END UP? I AM LIKE HOW DO YOU START A BOOK WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE ENDING IS?

Quintecia: I WAS RAISED IN A HOUSE WITH MY GREAT GRANDFATHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER AND AUNT, SO WHEN I SAY I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHETHER IT STARTED I WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN IT.

Andrea: I THINK THAT MY STORY IS STILL EVOLVING. I USED TO THINK MY BEGINNING WAS WHEN I MET MY PIMP BUT REALLY MY BEGINNING WAS BEFORE THAT AND DIFFERENT THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME IN MY LIFE GROWING UP. I WILL STILL HEALING, EVEN THREE YEARS LATER, AND I THINK THAT IT WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME.

Jasmine: MY MAIN FOCUS IS GETTING ALL THE WAY AWAY FROM IT. I STILL LIKE LIVE IN THE SAME CITY SO EVERYBODY KNOWS ME AS THAT, SO WHEN I GO OUT AND I SEE PEOPLE, THEY STILL REMEMBER ME AS THAT JASMINE, AND I AM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT JASMINE NOW.

Sandra: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] I FEEL VERY GOOD, BECAUSE THE MORE I SPEAK, THE MORE I LIBERATE MYSELF. THAT SAID, I ALREADY FEEL LIBERATED, BECAUSE I AM FREE, RIGHT?

Bobette: I CALL MYSELF A SURVIVOR BECAUSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE OUT OF MY CONTROL, THEY DIDN'T STOP ME FROM GROWING. THEY DIDN'T STOP MY VOICE. I CALL MYSELF A SURVIVOR BECAUSE I CAN TELL MY STORY.

Giselle: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] MY DREAM IS TO BE ABLE TO SHOW PEOPLE, TO SHOW SOCIETY, THAT WE ARE NOT DESIGNED TO DO THIS WITH OUR BODIES. NO WOMAN WAS DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR SEX.

Stacy: I WOULD NEVER, EVER, EVER DO THAT, EVER. I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE ON THE CORNER. BUT NOW I GOT IT TOGETHER. I AM GOING TO WRITE BACK AND I AM HAPPY AND DOING ALL RIGHT.

Ne'cole: I WAS IN THE SEX TRADE FOR NINE YEARS. IT TAUGHT ME A LOT. A HELL OF A LOT. I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE A LOT UNTIL I AM WHERE I AM, I MEAN YEARS AFTER.

Noel: I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE OUT OF THE LIFE. NEVER. I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD DIE IN THERE IN THAT LIFE. BUT I DIDN'T. NO. NO. NOBODY WAS TOUCHING ME ANY MORE. I DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF. I DIDN'T HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, LIKE PEOPLE TREATED ME DIFFERENT. AND MY SELF-ESTEEM SLOWLY STARTED GROWING, SLOWLY, SLOWLY, AND I STARTED BELIEVING IN MYSELF.

Jeri: I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT ON APRIL 11, 2016 I CELEBRATED 12 YEARS OUT OF THE LIFE AND 12 YEARS CLEAN AND SOBER.

Torri: WHEN IT COMES TO MY STORY OR THE LIFE, THAT PART OF MY STORY, THAT CHAPTER HAS BEEN CLOSED. I WENT THROUGH SOMETHING SO TRAUMATIZING AND I HAD TO GO THROUGH A LOT, AND I HAVE DONE REALLY GOOD FOR MYSELF. SO FAR.

Ester: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT, IF A WOMAN SAW THESE TESTIMONIES OF WOMEN WHO HAVE ALSO GONE THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, THEY'LL REALIZE THEY CAN ASK FOR HELP.

Roxanne: I AM COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY AN OPEN BOOK NOW, AND IT FEELS EMPOWERING TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT IT AND TO NOT LIVE WITH THAT SHAME LIKE YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS.

Mallory: TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE WITH CAMERAS IN MY FACE, IT FEELS GOOD AND FEELS GOOD TO NOT -- JUST GO HOME AND -- OR JUST BE HERE AND BE HEARD AND YEAH. FEELS GOOD.

Ms. Weaver: SO THE WEBSITE DOES LAUNCH. AND YOU CAN FIND IT AT THE LIFESTORY.ORG STARTING NEXT WEEK ON THE 31ST. WE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO ACTUALLY HEAR FROM ROBIN MILLER, WHO HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE SUPPORTING SURVIVORS AND NAVIGATING RESOURCES AS A SERVICE PROVIDER ACTUALLY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND AS WELL AS INSIDE AS A SURVIVOR HERSELF SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

Ms. Miller: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND ALL OF YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR HAVING US AND LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. I AM ACTUALLY LIVING IN VANCOUVER RIGHT NOW. I WAS BORN AND RAISED THERE. I PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO YOUTH 12-24 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, AND ALSO PART OF THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IN CLARK COUNTY. THE REASON I DO THIS WORK IS PERSONAL. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FILM I AM A SURVIVOR OF EXPLOITATION, AND IN FACT, I THINK I COUNTED THE FIVE 6 US ON THE VIDEO ARE FROM THIS AREA. AND BUT THERE ARE ALSO WOMEN REPRESENTED FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU ADVISORS FOR PUTTING THAT TOGETHER. SO 1993 I WAS TRAFFICKED FROM A CLUB IN PORTLAND. I WAS TRAFFICKED UP AND DOWN THE WEST COAST AND IN SIX STATES. MOSTLY ON THIS SIDE OF THE COUNTRY.

IT TOOK ME MANY YEARS, SIX YEARS TO FINALLY GET THE COURAGE TO LEAVE MY TRAFFICKER IN 1999. I NEVER WENT BACK. WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE LIFE THERE WERE NOT SERVICES DIRECTLY, SPECIFIC TO MY POPULATION THE POPULATION THAT WE SERVE. ESPECIALLY NOT A COLLABORATION. THERE WERE NO PROVIDERS WORKING TOGETHER SO IT IS MY HONOR TO HAVE HAD THIS EXPERIENCE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MY PERSONAL HEALING LIKE I SAID CAME FROM ALL OF THESE OTHER AGENCIES BUT I HAD TO FIND THEM ON MY OWN, LOOK FOR THEM. IT TOOK ME 13 YEARS BEFORE I COULD FINALLY LIKE ALLOW THEM ALL TO KIND OF FALL INTO PLACE AND START WALKING IN MY HEALING. IN 2012 I GOT MY DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE FROM PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY ARE, AND I THOUGHT I HAD ARRIVED. AND I DIDN'T ARRIVE RIGHT THEN IN 2012. BUT I DID LIKE STARTED THAT KIND OF LED ME INTO LOOKING AT THE ISSUE, RESEARCHING IT, LIKE FROM NOT A SURVIVOR PERSPECTIVE BUT FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF SOMEBODY WHO HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED IT.

WHEN I DID THAT, IT REALLY JUST ALLOWED ME TO FINALLY FIND OTHER SURVIVORS DOING THIS WORK. THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT TOOK IS FINDING OTHER WOMEN LIKE ME WHO HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCES AND SEEING WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND THE WORK HAS BEEN AMAZING. I KNOW THAT WE TALKED ABOUT THE NOVO AND THE BREW HOW THEY BRING SURVIVORS TOGETHER, THEY ARE SURVIVOR-LED AM ONE IN PARTICULAR IS OUT OF GRANTS PASS, OREGON CALLED THE REBECCA INITIATIVE. IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE I WAS PART OF THE PILOT PROGRAM WHERE WE MET ONLINE

WEEKLY, AND WENT THROUGH THE HEALING, SOME HEALING. IT WAS 16 WEEKS, AND THEN WE INCORPORATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTO THAT PROGRAM. SHE DID THAT WITH HER PROGRAM, NOW IT'S AN ONLINE ACADEMY AND REACHES VICTIMS, SURVIVORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THAT'S WHAT IT WAS DESIGNED FOR.

Ms. Miller: I ALSO LEARNED HOW TO TELL MY STORY WITHOUT BEING REEXPLOITED AND TAKE THAT POWER BACK. AND IT'S ALSO WHERE I STARTED BEING ABLE TO DO THIS WORK SO REBECCA REFERRED ME TO AN OPPORTUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WORKING WITH ONE OF THE COLLABORATIVE, CORE PARTNERS, LIFE WORKS NORTHWEST, NEW OPTIONS FOR WOMEN PROGRAM, AND THE NOW PROGRAM I AM SURE, SOME OF YOU MIGHT KNOW PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND CASE MANAGEMENT TO ADULT SURVIVORS AND IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ACTUALLY OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I ALSO HAD THE AMAZING HONOR OF MEETING LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO WORKED SPECIFICALLY ON THIS ISSUE, THE PORTLAND POLICE SEX TRAFFICKING UNIT IS AMAZING.

I WOULD TRUST MY LIFE WITH THEM, MY CHILDREN'S LIVES, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S POWERFUL, COMING FROM A PLACE WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT COULDN'T ALWAYS BE TRUSTED. THE D.A.'S OFFICE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS AMAZING. THEY SUPPORT SURVIVORS IN TELLING THEIR STORIES AND BEING HEARD, AND THEY WERE NOT PUTTING VICTIMS IN JAIL FOR A CRIME. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEIR INTEL, I WAS IN THE TRIAL THAT'S HAPPENING SUPPORTING A VICTIM WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST THE TRAFFICKER, AND IT WAS POWERFUL TO SEE THESE AGENCIES WHO I USED TO BE SO AFRAID OF WHO USED TO PUT ME IN JAIL WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THIS WOMAN, WHAT AN HONOR AND ALSO AN HONOR TO WORK WITH PEOPLE LIKE CITY CLUB AND THE ROTARY CLUB WHO BRING AWARENESS TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AND SHARE INFORMATION AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER OR JUST FIND THEIR LANE AND WORK IN THIS MOVEMENT.

I HAVE SO MANY ADVOCATES AND SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THE BACK WHO DO THIS WORK EVERY DAY. IT DOES NOT STOP. I CAUGHT MYSELF ON A SNAPCHAT WITH PEOPLE LAST NIGHT SNAPPING ABOUT THINGS AND IT'S LIKE WAIT, WE NEED TO STOP BUT IT DOES NOT STOP. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO STOP TRAFFICKING AND BUYING OUR CHILDREN AND ANYBODY. I ALSO WAS ABLE TO SPEAK, AND SOMETIMES I SPEAK TO THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHICH IS ALSO FACILITATED BY LIFE WORKS NORTHWEST, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THAT HAS BEEN AMAZING. I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY HOW WE CHANGE THE CULTURE WHEN WE ADDRESS THE DEMAND.

I WOULD ALSO JUST LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT I AM SPEAKING FROM A PLACE OF PRIVILEGE. I HAVE A FAMILY WHO SUPPORTED ME AND CAME TO IT

SHOULD HELPED ME. I HAVE SHELTER. I LIVE IN MY SKIN. AND MOST OF THE WOMEN AND PEOPLE -- I WORK MOSTLY WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS, AND IT HAPPENS TO BOYS, BUT MOST OF THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH DON'T HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGES THAT I HAVE SO I THINK THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO REACH OUR YOUTH AND PREVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES AND THERE IS SO MANY THINGS THAT WE STILL NEED TO DO. I THINK THAT WE ARE ABSOLUTELY ON THE RIGHT TRACK. PORTLAND IS REALLY ON THE MAP DOING GOOD WORK, AND I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW MUCH BETTER IT GETS IN THE COMING YEAR AND YEARS TO FOLLOW. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING THIS PROCLAMATION AND MAKING US STAND, AND I APPRECIATED YOU. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Ms. Wakkila: I AM THE DIRECTOR FOR FAST, WHICH STANDS FOR FIGHT AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING, AND ALSO FIGHT AGAINST SLAVERY/TRAFFICKING. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY LORETTA FOR ALL YOUR WORK IN FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PEOPLE MIGHT THINK IN COMMISSIONER, AND COMMISSIONER PETERSEN, THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS, AND PEOPLE MIGHT THINK IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A PROBLEM, BUT FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, WE HAD A STUDY DONE HERE YEARS AGO DONE BY PSU, AND IT WAS WITH JUST THE PORTLAND POLICE ONLY AND DHS, AND THEY FOUND 469 GIRLS, AND THE YOUNGEST WAS EIGHT. THAT WAS OVER LIKE A FOUR OR FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 469. I AM HERE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR CONTINUING THIS AWARENESS ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE 469 GIRLS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION? A CLOSING COMMENT?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME WHO HAS COMBATED THIS ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS AND HAD A LOT OF LUCK IN GETTING MORE EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY IN EAST COUNTY, ABOUT HOW THIS IS A PREVALENT ISSUE IN OUR SCHOOLS, AROUND SPORTING EVENTS, IN MOTELS AND HOTELS, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THAT SOME PEOPLE STILL THINK THAT THEY DON'T SEE IT EVERY DAY, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR IT. AND ONCE YOUR EYES ARE OPEN YOU BECOME AWARE OF WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING IN OUR CITIES. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE. YOU LADIES ARE AWESOME, AND KEEP FIGHTING. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO BRAVELY TOLD YOUR STORIES. I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THESE STORIES, AND IT DOESN'T GET ANY EASIER WHEN I LISTEN TO THEM. I KNOW IT PROBABLY DOESN'T GET EASIER FOR YOU TO TELL THEM, AND SO HAVING THE COURAGE TO COME BEFORE THIS BODY AND THE PUBLIC IN A PUBLIC SPHERE TO TELL YOUR STORY, TO

HAVE AN IMPACT ON OTHERS, I THINK, IS HUGE. IT'S IMPORTANT. IT'S CRITICAL. WE ALL KNOW THAT WHEN WE DO HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM WHAT YOU SAID IN THE VIDEO. I KNOW THIS PROCLAMATION IS AS MUCH TO HONOR EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH THROUGH YOUR OWN JOURNEY AS IT MAKES A STAND AGAINST THOSE WHO PERPETUATE THESE CRIMES. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HAVING THIS COURAGE. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY AND FOR NOT FORGETTING TO TELL YOUR STORY. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I ALSO WANTED TO ADD MY GRATITUDE. NATALI FROM THE DEPARTMENT, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO EDUCATE US AND TO COORDINATE ALL THESE SERVICES, WHICH IS FANTASTIC, AND THEN ESPECIALLY TO ROBIN FOR BEING HERE. THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS, AND THANK YOU TO ANY OF THOSE SURVIVORS THAT ARE OUT THERE IN THE AUDIENCE AS WELL. JUST BEING HERE SHOWS YOUR COURAGE.

Ms. Miller: CAN I SAY QUICKLY, I WOULD NOT HAVE THIS COURAGE UNLESS IT WAS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM. I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THEM.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WANTED TO ADD MY THANK YOU AND ESPECIALLY ROSE BAK FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WITH YOUR TEAM. ISSUE THAT THESE GIRLS AND WOMEN NEED SUPPORT. WHEN YOU SAW THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN THE SYSTEM, CHOOSING TO TAKE AN EXTREME, SOMEWHAT EXTREME CHANGE IN DIRECTION WAS SCARY AND YET SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE PEOPLE RELY ON US AND THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING. I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE, IN DOING THAT AND GETTING US ON THE RIGHT PATH WITH THE ABILITY TO SAY THAT THINGS ARE NOT WORKING AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. OF COURSE ROBIN THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. WE KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE HELPING OTHERS THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY, AND SO IT'S WHERE WILL COMMENDABLE THAT YOU NOT ONLY WERE ABLE TO CONFRONT WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO YOU AND WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT THAT YOU ARE GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO NEED IT SO MUCH. THANKS.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU TO ROSE AND NATALIE WEAVER AND THE TEAM. IT IS A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU GUYS AND REALLY MAKES ME PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE DO AT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ADVOCACY. I KNEW SINCE THE FIRST DAY THIS HAS BEEN A PASSION ISSUE OF YOURS AND YOU APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE, AND ROBIN THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU ARE DOING TODAY AND CONTINUING TO SHARE YOUR STORIES AND HELP THOSE AND BRING PEOPLE

ALONG THE PATH YOU HAVE TAKEN. APPRECIATED THAT SO MUCH. WE NOTICE MANY OF US ARE WEARING BLUE TODAY OR HAVING BLUE RIBBONS AND THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE COLOR FOR JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, AND SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THAT. BEING A PART OF THIS COLLABORATION IS A REALLY SPECIAL THING. IT MAKES YOU AWARE OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THINGS LIKE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, HOMELESSNESS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, AND HOW ALL THOSE INTERSECT, AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A ROUND TABLE SOME OF THE CROSS ISSUES.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONVERSATION AND HOW WE APPROACH THESE ISSUES AND WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER WELL. I THINK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE HAVE REFERRED TO DO SO AS CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. BUT WE'RE WANTING TO BE MORE REFLECTIVE IN THE COLLABORATIVE OF THE TRUE WORK WE DO. IT'S NOT JUST CHILDREN IMPACTED AND DEALING WITH THIS. IT'S ALSO YOUTH, THOSE UPSTAGE OF 25, SO THERE WILL BE CHANGES IN TERMS OF THE NAME CHANGES AND THE OTHER THINGS THAT REFLECT THAT, TOO. I WANTED TO GIVE EVERYBODY A PREVIEW, AND I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE A MINUTE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION. PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2018 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS AS OF DECEMBER 2017 LOCAL JAIL INTELLIGENCE SHOWS 327 UNDERAGED VICTIMS ARE EXPERIENCING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AS WELL AS 1,000 ADULTS ESTIMATED TO BE VICTIMS.

TRAFFICKERS USE FORCE, FRAUD AND COERCION TO PROFIT FROM THE SELLING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. SEX TRAFFICKING IS A COMPLEX AND PERVASIVE PROBLEM AND IS NOT CONFINED TO ANY ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE BUT CROSSES ALL ECONOMIC, RACIAL, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIETAL BARRIERS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESS HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH PREVENTION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS JANUARY 2018 TO BE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE URGE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY SUPPORTING VICTIMS, HOLDING PERPETRATORS RESPONSIBLE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY, RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS. ADOPTED AS OF THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO, WE DON'T.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**R.3 Scheduling a Public Hearing and Directing Notice Thereof for the Consideration of the Legalization of a Portion of SW Hewett Boulevard. Presenters: Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney; and, Ian Cannon, County Engineer.**

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Ms. Lords: GOOD MORNING, I AM COURTNEY LORDS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND WITH ME IS IAN CANNON THE COUNTY ENGINEER. WE WERE BEFORE YOU ON DECEMBER 21 OF LAST YEAR WHERE YOU APPROVED RESOLUTION 2017-103, WHICH GAVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO INITIATE THE PROCEEDINGS TO LEGALIZE A PORTION OF SOUTHWEST HEWITT BOULEVARD. AS YOU MAY RECALL HEWITT BOULEVARD HAS OVER THE YEARS GONE THROUGH MANY HER RATIONS, AND WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE ROAD IS AS TRAVELED AND SURVEYED BACK IN 1886. SO THE PURPOSE OF THE LEGALIZATION PROCESS IS TO ALIGN THE ROAD TRAVELED WITH A CURRENT SURVEY AND LEGALIZED THE ROAD THAT WAY. PART OF THE LEGALIZATION SO PROVIDE A HEARING AND LET STAFF PROVIDE NOTICE TO THOSE DEEMED NOTICE UNDER STATE WHAT YOU SO YOUR ACTION TODAY OF ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION WILL DO THAT. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PROPOSED TO YOU A HEARING ON MARCH 15.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED, THANK YOU.

**R.4 Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Improvement Project on SE Lusted Road, in Southeast Multnomah County. Presenters: Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney and Riad Alharithi, Engineering Services Manager.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Ms. Lords: WE ARE HERE TODAY ON THE MATTER RELATED TO SOUTHEAST LUSTED ROAD. THIS IS WHAT WE CONSIDER STEP ONE UNDER OUR POLICY WHERE YOU GIVE US THE AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITIONS KNOWS ADOPT CONSTRUCTION ON THIS ROADWAY.

Mr. Cannon: THIS IS A PROJECT TO REPLACE THE CULVERT. I AM IAN CANNON, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND COUNTY ENGINEER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE PROJECT IS TO REPLACE A CULVERT THAT GOES UNDER THE ROADWAY, THAT CREATED A SINKHOLE LAST YEAR FOR US, AND WE NEED A



BIT OF ACCESS AROUND THE EDGES AND PROPERTY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT PROJECT POSSIBLE.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. WILL THERE BE ANY ROAD CLOSURES?

Mr. Cannon: I EXPECT WHEN THE PROJECT GETS CONSTRUCTED THAT LUSTED ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW LONG BUT PROBABLY ON THE ORDER OF A FEW WEEKS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: WILL IT BE COMPLETELY CLOSED?

Mr. Cannon: WHEN THE CULVERT GETS REPLACED, YEAH. AND THERE ARE DETOURS AROUND SO NOBODY WILL LOSE ACCESS. I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DISTANCE OR THE OUT OF DISTANCE TRAVEL. IT'S ON THE ORDER OF A MILE OR SO.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: CAN YOU TALK BUT THE OUTREACH TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE BUSINESSES IN THAT AREA?

Mr. Cannon: WELL, WE'VE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO CONSTRUCTION WE'LL DO A BROADER OUTREACH SO THAT EVERYBODY IS AWARE OF THE ROAD CLOSURE AND WHAT THE AVAILABLE DETOURS ARE.

Chair Kafoury: I MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT, IS THERE A TIME FRAME? DO YOU KNOW WHEN, WHAT MONTH THIS IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR?

Mr. Cannon: WE'RE HOPING TO DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PROBABLY THIS SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER.

Ms. Lords: ALL OF THAT IS DEPENDENT ON OBTAINING LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE PROPERTY. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

**R.2 Resolution Approving a Lease of the Property Located at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon. Presenters: Ken Wilson; Property Management Specialist and Marc Jolin, Director, Joint Office of Homeless Services.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU CHAIR. SO YOU CAN COME UP. SO WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF DISCUSSION. MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. I KNOW THAT A COUPLE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO TESTIFY EARLIER IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE THEY HAD TO LEAVE. I APPRECIATE THE RESPECTFUL NATURE AND THE DIALOGUE THAT WE HAVE HAD ON THIS SO FAR. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS TODAY BECAUSE WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE ARE FEELING THE EQUITIES. AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS COMPLEX ISSUE WE ARE SADDENED, SYMPATHETIC AND FRUSTRATED AND ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT HAVE LED US TO THIS POINT. RAPIDLY RISING RENTS, A DISINVESTMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE OPIOID CRISIS AND MORE.

DEALING WITH THIS CRISIS WILL REQUIRE MULTIPLE APPROACHES AND A COMMUNITY RESPONSE. ONE THAT BUILDS ON THE VALUES AND ASKS SOMETHING OF ALL OF US. I DON'T TALK MUCH ABOUT MY RELIGIOUS FAITH OR BELIEFS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT EVERY TIME WHEN I DRIVE FROM MY HOME IN EAST PORTLAND DOWN UNDER THE 205 BRIDGE THROUGH THE CITY, AND I SEE PEOPLE SLEEPING IN TENTS, CAMPING ALONG THE SIDES OF THE ROADS, SLEEPING UNDER BRIDGES, I THINK THAT THEY ARE THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, GO I. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ON THE STREETS, HUDDLE SAID IN A DOORWAY OR THE UNDERPASS OR A TENT. WE WANT TO PROVIDE SHELTER, STABILITY AND A HOME FOR EVERYONE. THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS REACHING THAT GOAL IS SHELTER. WE HERE HAVE MADE AN UNPRECEDENTED COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SHELTER BEDS.

THAT'S JUST ONE STEP IN THE STRATEGY, BUT IT IS A KEY ONE. WE DO NOT WANT PEOPLE DYING IN OUR STREETS. YET WE ALSO DON'T WANT A SINGLE COMMUNITY TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE HOUSING CRISIS. WE NEED SHELTERS AND HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND THAT MEANS IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND AS WELL. I DON'T LIVE FAR FROM THE [INAUDIBLE] SHELTER. I LIVE TWO BLOCKS FROM A DAY SHELTER AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM A PARK THAT OFTEN HAS RVs AND CARS CAMPED THERE. AND THERE ARE BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS TO ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS COMING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND ALL OF THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT WE HAVE BUT I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BEST ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN THE COMMUNITIES. THIS IS BY FAR THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN THAT I HEAR FROM PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY.

I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHAPPY, AND I WILL ADMIT IT HASN'T BEEN PERFECT. BUT IN ADDITION TO THE LARGE COMMUNITY MEETING THAT WE HAD OVER A MONTH AGO, WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND WITH THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. WE RESPONDED TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE E-MAILED US AND TALKED TO DOZENS OF RESIDENTS AND PRODUCED FAQs AS THEY COME UP

FOR DISTRIBUTION, BUT THE BIGGEST POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT WHILE MANY HAVEN'T BEEN HAPPY WITH THE PROCESS SO FAR, THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS. TODAY THE BOARD WILL MAKE A DECISION, A DELAY IN THIS DECISION WOULD SCUTTLE THE SHELTER, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD TO FIND SHELTER FOR PEOPLE TO SLEEP IN. INSTEAD OF HAVING MORE BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THE START OF NEXT WINTER, WE MIGHT END UP WITH NOTHING. A VOTE TO SIGN THE LEASE MEANS AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT MONTHS OF COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT THAT WILL FURTHER SHAPE HOW THE SHELTER OPERATES AND WHO IT SERVES.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE ALSO ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO EXPLICITLY ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS, BE THEY SAFETY OR LIVABILITY OR OTHER CONCERNS. I WANT TO MAKE THE SHELTER WORK AND I BELIEVE WE CAN, I AM AWARE OF HAVING A SHELTER NEAR A SCHOOL AND BELIEVE WE MUST WORK WITH THE MOUNT SCOTT LEARNING CENTER TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS ON HOW TO STRUCTURE THE SHELTER. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I AM COMMITTED TO. IF THIS LEASE IS APPROVED I WILL ASK THE CHAIR IF I CAN CHAIR THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE SHELTER. THAT COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROGRAMMING SUPPORT AND OTHER POLICIES NEEDED TO MAKE THE SHELTER IS A SUCCESS. AND IN SUM, THERE ARE A LOT OF DECISIONS TO BE MADE AFTER TODAY. AND IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF PEOPLE CAN TAKE THE ENERGY THAT THEY PUT TOWARDS THIS PROCESS TO DATE AND BRING IT TO BEAR. AND BECAUSE FRANKLY, THERE IS SOME WILD RUMORS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND I HOPE THAT THE PRESENTERS TODAY WILL PUT THOSE TO BED, BUT THESE SERVED TO RILE UP PEOPLE UNNECESSARILY, WE ARE BETTER THAN THAT AND I AM COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THE SHELTER IS SUITABLE, SO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

Mr. Jolin: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MARC JOLIN. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND ASK STACEY FROM TRANSITION PROJECT TO JOIN ME. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE. TO SHARE WITH YOU THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN FOR THE SHELTER, AND HOW IT FITS INTO THE OVERALL EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE SITE WAS CHOSEN AND HOW WELL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RAISED BY SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS OVER THE PAST MONTH ABOUT HOW THE SHELTER WILL INTEGRATE INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE SHELTER IS PART OF THE STRATEGY TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND THE NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS WHO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS OR PARKS OR ALLEYWAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU ARE AWARE, AS INCOMES FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY BENEFITS AND PEOPLE DOING LOW WAGE WORK HAVE CONTINUED TO STAGNATE AND HOUSING PRICES HAVE CONTINUED TO

SOAR, OFTEN BY DOUBLE DIGIT PERCENTAGES YEAR OVER YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FACINGS HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW.

Mr. Jolin: LOCALLY WE'RE CONFRONTING THIS CRISIS WITH ALL THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL USING THREE CORE STRATEGIES, THE FIRST OBJECTIVE IS ALWAYS TO PREVENT SOMEONE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS BY KEEPING THEM IN THE HOME THAT THEY HAVE AND DIVERTING THEM DIRECTLY TO NEW HOUSING RATHER THAN SEEKING SHELTER. WE KNOW HOUSING FIRST WORKS. THE REALITY IS THAT FOR FAR TOO MANY VULNERABLE PEOPLE, NEITHER OF THOSE OPTIONS IS AVAILABLE TONIGHT. WE SET GOALS TO EXPAND OUR LOCAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, AND OFFER SHELTER. YOU SEE THOSE GOALS HERE. YOU MADE AN UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 20 MILLION A YEAR, TO ALLOW US TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS. AND THOSE HAVE BEGUN TO PAY OFF. AND NOT JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS MORE MONEY GOING IN, BUT BECAUSE BY VIRTUE OF THE PLANNING WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING THROUGH HOME FOR EVERYONE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICES AND THE STRATEGIES THAT WE USE.

WE ARE DOING A BETTER JOB ENGAGING PEOPLE AS THEY COME OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND OUT OF HOSPITALS AND DIVERTING THEM DIRECTLY INTO HOUSING, RATHER THAN HAVING THEM BECOME HOMELESS. ON THE PLACEMENT SIDE WE'VE ENGAGED MORE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES AND WE MADE OUR SERVICES MORE MOBILE SO THAT WE CAN BRING THE HOUSING SERVICES TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE AND WHETHER THEY ARE IN A CAMP OR R.V. OR A SHELTER. AND AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED OUR SHELTERING STRATEGIES, AND I WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THAT. AND IN THIS TABLE YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR EFFORTS ARE SHOWING RESULTS, PLACEMENTS INTO THE PERMANENT HOUSING, INCREASED FROM 3,000 PER YEAR TO 5,000 LAST YEAR. PREVENTION, INCREASED BY 2,000 PEOPLE IN A SINGLE YEAR TO MORE THAN 6,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR WHO WERE ABLE TO HELP TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES.

AND BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERING ON THE COMMITMENT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SHELTER WE HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED TO OVER 8,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD ACCESS TO THE BANK SAFETY OF SHELTER. YET, THE CRISIS FOR FAMILIES, FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND THE ELDERLY, FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, CONTINUES TO GROW. THE LAST POINT IN TIME, THANKS TO OUR EFFORTS WE SAW THE POPULATION DECREASE BY 11%, AND THE ONLY CITY ON THE WEST COAST WHERE THAT WAS TRUE BUT HOMELESSNESS GREW 10%. OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. A SLOWER RATE THAN MANY CITIES ON THE WEST COAST BUT STILL A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

Mr. Jolin: THAT'S OVER 4,100 PEOPLE, AND THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE THOUSANDS MORE WHO ARE DOUBLED UP. AND WE DO KNOW HOW DANGEROUS HOMELESSNESS IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING THROUGH IT. MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECEIVED THE REPORT DOCUMENTING 80 PEOPLE DIED ON OUR STREETS IN 2016. WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE SHELTERS ARE A SPRINGBOARD BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. ONE MEASURE OF A SHELTER'S SUCCESS IS HOW MANY PEOPLE USE IT FOR BASIC SAFETY AND ANOTHER IS HOW MANY USE IT TO GET THEMSELVES THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO GET BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. AND THOSE OUTCOMES ARE RELATED BECAUSE THE MORE PEOPLE WHO CAN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION THROUGH A SHELTER EVERY YEAR, THE MORE PEOPLE WHO WILL GET ACCESS TO THOSE BEDS IN THAT SHELTER THAT YEAR. WITH OUR YEAR-ROUND SHELTER EXPANSION WE ARE ALSO RESPONDING TO WHO HAS TRADITIONALLY NOT BEEN SERVED IN THE SHELTERS THAT WE'VE HAD WE ARE ADAPTING PROGRAM MODELS TO OFFER SHELTER TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO COME INTO SHELTER.

THIS MAP IDENTIFIES WHERE ALL THE CONGREGATE SHELTERS ARE. AND FOR POINT OF REFERENCE YOU'LL SEE -- WAIT. GLAD I CLICKED THE RIGHT BUTTON. AND FOR POINT OF REFERENCE YOU'LL SEE WHERE THE FOSTER SITE WOULD BE. WHILE THIS MAP DOES NOT DISTINGUISH OLD FROM NEW WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS BEFORE WE STARTED OUR EFFORTS TO EXPAND SHELTER, NONE OF THE SITES THAT YOU SEE EAST OF THE CENTRAL CITY EXISTED. IN OUR EFFORT TO CREATE HIGH-QUALITY YEAR-ROUND SHELTER THAT SERVES THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM SHELTER AND MAXIMIZES THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO USE SHELTERS, WE'VE PURSUED A MODEL THAT INCLUDES THESE CORE ELEMENTS, A BUILDING THAT IS DESIGNED TO CREATE A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS, A BUILDING THAT IS CONNECTED TO AMENITIES, A PROGRAM THAT REDUCES BARRIERS TO ENTRY AND PROVIDES PEOPLE A RESERVED BED FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED IT.

A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS SERVICES ON SITE THROUGH ON SITE STAFF AND MOBILE TEAMS AND ACCESS TO TRANSIT TO GET TO THOSE SERVICES THAT AREN'T ON SITE AND A PROGRAM THAT DOESN'T MANDATE SERVICES, BUT INSTEAD USES AN ENGAGEMENT TO MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN SERVICES. THESE ARE THE ELEMENTS OF A PROGRAM THAT WILL NOT ONLY BRING PEOPLE INTO SHELTER, BUT WILL MAXIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. FINDING PERMANENT SHELTER SITES THAT CAN SERVE THIS MODEL IS DIFFICULT. IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MODEL, WE HAVE TO FIND SITES THAT ARE IN THE RIGHT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, MEET THE RIGHT ZONING REQUIREMENTS, THOSE SITES ACTUALLY HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE OR PURCHASE. THOSE SITES AND THE BUILDINGS ON THEM HAVE TO BE THE RIGHT SIZE AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE LAYOUT FOR CREATING THE KIND OF ENVIRONMENT

THAT WE WANT TO CREATE. THOSE AVAILABLE SITES ALSO HAVE TO BE PROXIMATE TO TRANSIT AND TO NECESSARY COMMUNITY AMENITIES.

Mr. Jolin: WE HAVE TO HAVE A WILLING OWNER. AND THE COSTS TO ACQUIRE, RENOVATE AND OPERATE THOSE SITES HAS TO BE REASONABLE. IT IS TRULY A CHALLENGING PROCESS TO FIND SITES THAT MEET ALL OF THESE CRITERIA. IN DECEMBER OF 2016, WE HAD A LIST OF ABOUT 160 SITES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF SHELTER WHERE HALF HAD BEEN REJECTED AND ANOTHER 80 WERE IN PROCESS. THE FOSTER SITE HAS EMERGED AS A GOOD OPTION FOR A YEAR-ROUND PERMANENT SHELTER. WHY? BECAUSE IT'S IN AN AREA OF THE CITY THAT HAS BOTH A HIGH NEED AMONG THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND DOESN'T RIGHT NOW HAVE SHELTER CAPACITY FOR WOMEN, THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IT IS A SITE THAT IS CLOSE TO FREQUENT TRANSIT AND IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MANHATTAN INCLUDING A LIBRARY, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, A COMMUNITY CENTER, A WORK SOURCE CENTER AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

IT'S A SITE THAT'S AVAILABLE AT AN APPROPRIATE COST, CAN BE RENOVATED AT REASONABLE EXPENSE TO MEET BOTH THE NIGHT TIME AND DAY TIME SERVICE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE LIVING THERE AND IT'S ZONED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE CAPACITY NEED THAT WE HAVE. THE BUSINESS TERMS IN THE LEASE, YOU'VE SEEN THEM SO THIS IS ABOUT A 13,390-SQUARE-FOOT LEASE. THAT'S NOT THE FULL SIZE OF THE BUILDING, BUT THERE'S A 7-ELEVEN THAT TAKES PART OF IT. THE TERM IS 10 YEARS WITH TWO RENEWAL OPTIONS, THE RENT STARTS OUT AT \$13,000 A MONTH AND ESCALATES TO A MAXIMUM OF ABOUT \$16,322 A MONTH. WE ANTICIPATE THE RENOVATION COSTS TO BE ABOUT \$2 MILLION OR LESS. THE OPERATING BUDGET NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT.

WE WOULD EXPECT THE PROJECT AS IT GOES FORWARD TO OPEN IN THE FALL OF 2018. AND THE OPERATOR WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THEIR TRANSITION PROJECT UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF OUR SHELTER OPERATIONS ARE PROCURED PERIODICALLY. THE PROGRAM ELEMENTS, THEY REFLECT THAT MODEL THAT I JUST DESCRIBED. THERE WILL BE 100 TO 122 PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING DEPENDING ON THE DESIGN. THE PRIORITY POPULATIONS WILL BE WOMEN, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PEOPLE OVER 55 AND VETERAN. IT WILL BE A 24-HOUR SHELTER WITH A 10 P.M. CURFEW, UNLESS FOLKS HAVE LEGITIMATE REASONS TO BE OUT. AND IT WILL USE A RESERVATION BASED ACCESS SYSTEM AND IT WILL PRIORITIZE REFERRALS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INTO THE SHELTER. IT WILL BE LOW BARRIER MEANING THAT IT WILL BECOME PETS AND POSSESSIONS AND PARTNERS AND IT WILL HAVE BEHAVIOR BASED PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS. GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR BED FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED IT PROVIDED THEY ADHERE TO THE PROGRAM RULES AND WE'LL HAVE ON CARE, FOOD AND ACCESS TO SERVICES.

Mr. Jolin: THERE'S BEEN SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS INTENT TO DO MORE WITH THIS PROPERTY THAN JUST THE SHELTER. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO DO ANYTHING BEYOND THE LONG-TERM LEASING OF THIS SITE AND RUNNING AS A SHELTER WITH SERVICES ON SITE FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS. IT WILL NOT BE A WALKUP TYPE OF FACILITY. THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE. AS YOU HEARD COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SUMMARIZE, WE SENT NOTICE TO ALL THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ON DECEMBER 8TH ABOUT A MEETING ON DECEMBER 18TH. DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD WE SPOKE TO MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER, 7-ELEVEN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. ON DECEMBER 18TH WE HAD THE COMMUNITY MEETING AT SEIU. ON JANUARY 4TH, TRANSITION PROJECTS WENT TO THE FOSTER POWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD. ON THE 9TH OUR OFFICE, THE CITY AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES AND TPI WERE AT THE FOSTER AREA BUSINESSES ASSOCIATION ON THE 11TH. WE LAUNCHED THE PROJECT WEBSITE AND ALSO THE ONGOING LISTSERV AND BEGAN E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH 300 PEOPLE AND ON THE 22ND OF THE PAST MONDAY EVENING WE WERE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

SO THROUGHOUT THIS ENGAGEMENT WE'VE HEARD CONCERNS. WE'VE HEARD THERE ARE THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE SHELTER, THOSE WHO STRONGLY OPPOSE IT AND ALSO THOSE WHO HAVE CONCERNS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ADDRESSED AND I WANT TO CALL OUT SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS AS WE TALK ABOUT OUR PLANS TO ADDRESS THEM. PROCESS IS FIRST AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON DID A GOOD JOB OF SUMMARIZING OUR COMMITMENT HERE, WE HAVE BEGUN THIS PROCESS CONSIDERABLY EARLIER THAN OTHER SHELTER SITUATIONS. WE HAVE AT LEAST NINE MONTHS AND WE'RE AT THE FRONT END OF THAT PROCESS TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY IN VARIOUS WAYS TO ENSURE THAT CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED AROUND THE PROGRAMMING AND HOW THIS SHELTER WILL INTEGRATE INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE WILL MAINTAIN THIS PROJECT WEBSITE AND THE E-MAIL LISTSERV AND CONTINUE TO ADD TO IT AND CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE COMMUNITY AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AS SOON AS THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH, WE EXPECT TO CONVENE A STEERING COMMITTEE WITH COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AS THE CHAIR OF THAT COMMITTEE, BRING TOGETHER DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND I'LL TALK MORE ABOUT THE WORK THAT COMMITTEE WILL DO AND WE EXPECT THAT COMMITTEE TO EXIST FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE SHELTER AND THAT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT THE ONGOING OVERSIGHT NEEDS TO LOOK LIKE.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. THANK YOU, MARC FOR GOING OVER THIS, BUT WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO HAVE A NINE-MONTH PROCESS BEFORE THE LEASE IS SIGNED? [APPLAUSE] BECAUSE THE

CONCERN, IT'S NOT ABOUT US SPENDING THE DOLLARS FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER. IT IS ABOUT ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION. IT IS SO DISINGENUOUS WHEN WE MEET WITH THEM DURING CHRISTMAS TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, NOT TO ENGAGE THEM. SO THAT'S WHY THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE.

Mr. Jolin: I UNDERSTAND THAT AND COMMISSIONER, THE REALITY OF TRYING TO FIND SITES THAT MEET THE CRITERIA THAT WE HAVE, THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS SUCH THAT WE DO NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE COMMITMENTS TO SITES AND THEN BEGIN THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT HOW THAT SITE IS GOING TO BE --

Commissioner Smith: I'M FRUSTRATED BECAUSE YOU HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS IN AUGUST AND YOU MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION NOT TO TELL THE COMMUNITY UNTIL DECEMBER SO I'M REALLY FRUSTRATED RIGHT NOW AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED THAT WHILE WE NEED TO HOUSE THE HOUSELESS, WE DON'T HAVE A POLICY OF HOW WE PLACE HOMELESS SHELTERS IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO FIRST. THERE NEEDS TO BE ENGAGEMENT. IT'S ALMOST LIKE THIS IS LIKE PUTIN'S PORTLAND, NOT PORTLAND, OREGON. YOU HAVE TO MAKE -- [APPLAUSE] YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE BEFORE YOU TELL THEM WE'RE GOING TO PUT THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY. I WOULDN'T COME OUT AFTERWARDS IF I KNOW YOU'VE ALREADY MADE A DECISION THAT MY VOICE DOESN'T COUNT, THAT I CAN'T BE A PART OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS.

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HERE AND YOU KNOW THIS IS NOT ABOUT TODAY FOR ME. YOU KNOW ME AND YOU HAVE BEEN GOING ROUND AND ROUND ABOUT THIS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS AND HOW WE HAVE PLACED SHELTERS, EVEN THE HANSEN BUILDING, YOU KNEW I WAS ONE OF THE LOUDEST VOICES SAYING WE DID THIS WRONG, WE DIDN'T ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY PROPERLY AND THIS IS A GREAT REPORT, BUT PEOPLE HERE TODAY FROM WHAT I'M SENSING -- I READ ALL OF THESE E-MAILS LAST NIGHT, TOOK THIS HOME LAST NIGHT, READ THEM ALL SO I WANT TO CLEAR UP SOMETHING BEFORE YOU GO FORWARD IS SOMEBODY MADE A CLAIM AND I NEVER HEARD IT FROM THE APR, THEY SAID THE REASON WHY WE'RE DOING THIS SO QUICKLY IS BECAUSE THE CITY ZONING CHANGE IS GOING TO CHANGE MAY 24TH AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRYING TO RUSH THIS THROUGH. NOW, AND I GET THAT THERE ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN SOUTHEAST.

BUT WE'RE NOT ADDING ANY NEW HOMELESS PEOPLE. WE'RE TAKING THE FOLKS FROM HANSEN AND BRINGING THEM OVER TO FOSTER SO WE'RE NOT ADDING ANY OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. SO FOR ME, THAT'S DISINGENUOUS AND I JUST NEED TO FIND OUT IS THAT TRUE? IS THAT THE REASON WHY WE'RE PUSHING THIS THROUGH?



Mr. Jolin: THE REASON THERE'S URGENCY AROUND AGREEING TO SIGN THE LEASE NOW IS THAT WE WILL LOSE THE PROPERTY IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD. IT IS THE CASE THAT THE CURRENT ZONING ALLOWS BEDS UP TO 200, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT PUTTING A 200 BED SHELTER THERE, WE'VE BEEN VERY CLEAR ABOUT 100 TO 120. IF THE ZONING CHANGES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THEN IF WE STARTED AT THAT POINT, WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH CONDITIONAL USE PROCESS. BUT THE URGENCY HERE IS AROUND THE REALITY THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS SITE AND THERE WERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS I CAN ANSWER THE HANSEN QUESTION. SO --

Commissioner Smith: CAN WE GO BACK TO WHERE YOU'RE AT? THE TRUTH IS THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS GOING TO ZONE IT FOR 75 PEOPLE. SO IF WE'RE TALKED ABOUT HONORING THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW AND THE SPIRIT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND WE KNOW THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS GOING TO REDUCE THE SHELTER SIZE TO 75 FROM 200, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE OTHER 100 PEOPLE AT HANSEN BECAUSE WE HAVE 200 PEOPLE AT HANSEN. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE THOSE 200 PEOPLE OVER TO FOSTER BECAUSE IT CAN HOLD UP TO 200 PEOPLE. IF WE'RE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER, THEN WE SHOULD JUST HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SO EVERYONE IS COMFORTABLE BECAUSE IT WILL SERVE ABOUT 75 PEOPLE. WE'LL ONLY BE ABOUT 25 PEOPLE OFF.

Mr. Jolin: SO IT'S NOT THE CASE THAT THERE IS ANY INTENT TO RELOCATE 200 PEOPLE FROM HANSEN TO THE FOSTER BUILDING.

Commissioner Smith: WHY WOULD WE GET A BUILDING THAT SERVES 200?

Mr. Jolin: IT DOESN'T. WHAT I SAID IS THAT THE CURRENT ZONING FOR THAT SITE WOULD ALLOW, ASSUMING ALL THE OTHER CONDITIONS ARE MET, A MASS SHELTER UP TO 200 BEDS. THE FACILITY ITSELF IS BEING DESIGNED TO SERVE 100 TO 120 BECAUSE OUR COMMITMENT IS TO CREATING A QUALITY SHELTER. AS WE'VE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THAT SITE, WE'RE NOT JUST TRYING TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WILL GO IN, WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A QUALITY PROGRAM AND THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AS WELL WITH HANSEN. WHEN WE WENT INTO HANSEN YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT PROCESS, IT HAPPENED VERY FAST.

Mr. Jolin: WE WERE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, AND THAT BUILDING HOLDS 200 PEOPLE, BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THAT WAS -  
- WHILE YEAR ROUND SHELTER, A TEMPORARY SITE AND AS WE OPENED IT WE BEGAN THE PROCESS OF LOOKING FOR HIGH-QUALITY SITES THAT WE COULD USE TO SERVE A SIMILAR NUMBER OF PEOPLE, BUT IN A MUCH BETTER ENVIRONMENT. AND THE FOSTER SITE IS A SITE THAT CAN SERVE 100 TO 120

PEOPLE VERY WELL, IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER AND CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY WELL AND WE HAVE UNLIKE WITH HANSEN HERE EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS TO REALLY WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AROUND WHAT THAT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND THAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE.

Commissioner Smith: MARC, AND I'M GOING TO SAY THIS, WE DISAGREE ON POLICY RIGHT NOW. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND I DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF SAYING THAT, I'M HARASSING STAFF OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WE'RE JUST DISAGREEING ON POLICY. BUT I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT PUTTING \$2 MILLION, YOU TOLD MY STAFF THAT WE WERE ONLY GOING TO PUT \$1 MILLION IN THIS. WHY WOULD I AS A COUNTY PUT \$2 MILLION IN A RENTAL? I WOULD TAKE THAT \$2 MILLION AND GO BUY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN PUT PEOPLE IN PERMANENTLY. SOME SORT OF PLEX OR SOMETHING. THE OTHER PIECE IS IF YOU WOULD HAVE PUT OUT AN RFP FOR THIS, NOT AN RFI, I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT 2-YEAR-OLD RFI. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT AN RFP ASKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE THIS KIND OF BUILDING IN THESE KINDS OF ZONED AREAS, IF THEY WANT TO HAVE THIS KIND OF SHELTER IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND UNDERSTANDING YES, WE WILL GIVE UP TO \$2 MILLION TO IMPROVE YOUR PROPERTY, TO IMPROVE THE AMOUNT OF EQUITY THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR PROPERTY.

I BET YOU WOULD HAVE GOT A LOT OF FOLKS TO APPLY FOR THAT. WE HAVE A BUILDING THAT'S OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE NORTHEAST HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON MARTIN LUTHER KING AND KILLINGSWORTH. THAT BUILDING CAN SERVE UP TO 200 PEOPLE. AND THAT BUILDING HAS BEEN EMPTY FOR YEARS. WE OWN IT. IF I WAS GOING TO SPEND \$2 MILLION I WOULD TAKE THAT \$2 MILLION AND UPGRADE THAT BUILDING TO PUT THE PROPER, FACILITIES, TOILET FACILITIES IN BEFORE I WOULD GO SPEND AND TRY TO UPGRADE ANOTHER PERSON'S PROPERTY, I'M SORRY THAT'S NOT WHAT WE DO, WE ARE A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE VULNERABLE. THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE WHAT WE'RE DOING AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR, I REALLY SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN YOUR OFFICE, BECAUSE I DID VOTE FOR THAT EXTRA \$20 MILLION TO BE PUT IN THIS SYSTEM FOR THIS YEAR. I'M NOT COMPLAINING OR I'M NOT SAYING THAT I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU'RE DOING BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO, BUT THE PROCESS LEADING UP HERE, WE HAVE TO BE PARTNERS WITH OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVE US A LOT OF RHETORIC, THEY DON'T EVEN LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THESE PEOPLE DON'T LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THEY'VE SAID I REALLY SUPPORT THIS SHELTER AND THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT LIVE HERE, THEY HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY WANT THIS DELAYED. AND I THINK IT'S TWO ISSUES HERE. \$2 MILLION, TOO MUCH MONEY. TOO MUCH OF OUR PUBLIC DOLLAR BEING SPENT ON THIS. [AUDIENCE INTERRUPTION] THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS AS LONG AS WE CAN

TALK ABOUT THIS AND UNTIL WE GET SOME UNDERSTANDING OF WHY WE DON'T HAVE A PROCESS -- [AUDIENCE INTERRUPTION]

Mr. Jolin: SO YEAH. SO THE SPECIFICS AROUND THE REAL ESTATE -- SO THE ANALYSIS, THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INVESTMENT, THAT'S WORK WE'VE DONE WITH FACILITIES AND WE CAN TALK THROUGH THAT --

Commissioner Smith: IS THAT FACILITIES MONEY OR YOUR MONEY THAT'S PAYING FOR THAT?

Mr. Jolin: SO THE RESOURCES ARE GOING TO COME IN PART FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND IN PART FROM THE COUNTY.

Commissioner Smith: NO, NO NOT THE COUNTY, I MEAN, IS IT GOING TO COME FROM THE JOINT OFFICE BUDGET OR THE FACILITIES BUDGET TO PAY FOR THAT \$2 MILLION?

Mr. Jolin: SO I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN THE MIX OF FUNDS SO WE CAN --

Commissioner Smith: AND THAT WAS THE WHOLE THING THAT PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT IN THE OPENING COMMENTS IS THAT YOU HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED WHERE THOSE RESOURCES ARE COMING FROM. YOU WANT US TO GIVE YOU A BLANKET APPROVAL TO SIGN A LEASE SO THAT YOU CAN GO AND TAKE THESE DOLLARS FROM WHEREVER. AND I TOLD YOU THIS LAST WEEK WHEN YOU DID THE LAST ONE, YOU NEED TO SAY WHERE THE MONEY'S COMING FROM, IS IT COMING FROM PERMANENT FUNDING OR IS IT COMING FROM ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDING? IS IT COMING FROM YOUR BUDGET OR FACILITIES BUDGET? I TALKED TO SHERRY LAST WEEK, I TOLD HER THE SAME THING. NO NEW INFORMATION, NO NEW PROCESS AND PEOPLE LIKE THERE'S NO TRANSPARENCY AND THIS IS JUST WRONG.

Mr. Jolin: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. CAN I MOVE FORWARD AND I'LL COME BACK AROUND JUST TO FINISH THE PRESENTATION HERE. SO WE DEFINITELY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS QUESTION ABOUT LOW BARRIER AND BY HIGH BARRIER. SO WE REALLY ARE TALKING ABOUT LOWERING BARRIERS TO ACCESS THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY KEPT PEOPLE OUTSIDE. SO ALLOWING PEOPLE IN WITH PARTNERS, PETS AND POSSESSIONS AND NOT HAVING PROGRAM MANDATES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INVITING PEOPLE IN AND OFFERING SERVICES, USING AN ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND VERY MUCH ENCOURAGING, RATHER THAN HAVING A SPECIFIC PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENT. LOW BARRIER SHELTERS DO NOT REQUIRE SOBRIETY BUT DO OFFER ACCESS TO SERVICES. THEY HAVE CLEAR BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS THAT IF VIOLATED IN OR AROUND THE SHELTER WILL LEAD TO EXCLUSION FROM THE SHELTER AND THERE ARE NO PUBLICLY FUNDED SHELTERS -- WE DON'T SCREEN PEOPLE OUT FOR THEIR CRIMINAL HISTORIES, BUT ALL SHELTER RESIDENTS JUST LIKE ALL NON-SHELTER RESIDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES IF

THEY'RE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AND IF THERE ARE CONDITIONS OF SOMEBODY'S PROBATION OR PAROLE THAT MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR THEM TO BE IN THIS SHELTER OR ANY OTHER SHELTER BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO OTHER USES IN THE COMMUNITY, THEN THEY AREN'T ABLE TO BE IN THOSE SHELTERS.

Mr. Jolin: THEN FINALLY, YOU KNOW, THE BIGGEST SORT OF FEEDBACK WE'VE GOTTEN ARE AROUND CONCERNS AROUND SAFETY AND LIVABILITY AND THE PROGRAM MODEL THAT I TALKED ABOUT IN PART IS VERY MUCH ABOUT MAKING THE SHELTER WORK BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN IT, BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT MAKING THE SHELTER WORK BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO HAVING A RESERVATION BASED 24/7 SHELTER WITH ON SITE SUPPORT -- IF IT'S A NIGHT TIME ONLY SHELTER THAT PEOPLE QUEUE UP AND LEAVE IN THE MORNING, IF FOLKS AREN'T GETTING SERVICES, IF THEY'RE NOT IMPROVING THEIR SITUATION AND RATHER THEY'RE JUST ON THE MATS TRYING TO STAY SAFE AT NIGHT, WE ARE TO YOUR QUESTION COMMISSIONER PRIORITIZING ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY HOMELESS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THAT IS A REFERRAL BASED SYSTEM, A SET OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES SO THAT IF THEY HAVE SOMEONE WHO THEY'RE WORKING WITH OR SEEING WHO IS SLEEPING OUTSIDE AN AREA THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET PRIORITY ACCESS INTO THE BEDS IN THE SHELTER. OTHER PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SHELTER, NOT THROUGH WALKUP, BUT A COORDINATED INTAKE PROCESS.

THEN WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC SHELTER, WE DO WANT TO HAVE AGREEMENTS IN PLACE WITH MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER, WITH THE 7-ELEVEN AND WITH OTHER IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS SO IF THERE ARE PARTICULAR EXPECTATIONS THAT THEY HAVE NEEDS, WE'VE PUT PROTOCOLS IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE BEING MET. VERY IMPORTANTLY HERE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE THAT COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SPOKE TO. THIS STEERING COMMITTEE THAT WILL HAVE A DIVERSE GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS ON IT WILL BE REVIEWING THE POSSIBILITY AND THE PROVISIONS OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT, IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO DO, IT WILL BE REVIEWING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SHELTER DESIGN AND ESPECIALLY ITS EXTERIOR DESIGN TO MINIMIZE ANY IMPACTS THAT THE SHELTER AND HAVING THAT MANY ADDITIONAL PEOPLE ON THE STREET WILL HAVE ON THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY.

THEY'LL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS SO THERE'S AN UNDERSTANDING THERE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING. THEY'LL REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE POPULATION WITHIN THE SORT OF RANGE OF FOLKS WHO ARE VERY VULNERABLE, ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT WOMEN, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SENIORS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND VETERANS, AND THEN WE ARE AS COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON INDICATED GOING TO MAKE AN

INVESTMENT SPECIFIC TO THE SHELTER THAT WILL BE PROGRAMMED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS THEY SEE FIT TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS AROUND WHAT THE IMPACTS OF THE SHELTER MIGHT BE ON THE STREET, WHETHER IT INCREASES PATROL SERVICES AND SECURITY, WHATEVER THE GROUP DECIDES, AND THEN THIS GROUP WILL SET UP THE ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT ONCE THE SHELTER IS OPERATING, IT WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE WELL AND ANY PROBLEMS THAT ARISE WILL GET ADDRESSED AND WE HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM THE CITY THAT THE SITE AND THIS AREA WILL GET PRIORITIZED FOR THEIR SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT CLEANUP SUPPORT.

Mr. Jolin: SO THAT'S THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I DO MENTION HERE ON THE SLIDE THAT THE REALITY FOR US AS A COMMUNITY IS THAT OUR HOMELESS SERVICES INCLUDING OUR BEHAVIORALLY BASED HOMELESS SERVICES ARE ALMOST ALL INTEGRATED AND CLOSE TO BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS AND SCHOOLS AND OTHER CHILDCARE SERVICES AND JUST A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES, OUR MEN'S VETERANS SHELTER IS IN A CHURCH THAT ALSO HAS A CHILDCARE PROGRAM, IT'S A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM A PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL, OUR HOMELESS YOUTH DAY CENTER AND A MEAL PROGRAM DOWNTOWN ARE BOTH -- BASICALLY, ACROSS THE STREET, A BLOCK FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND I WAS IN A MEETING JUST RECENTLY WHERE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BENEFIT THEY WERE GAINING FROM COMING TO THAT MEAL PROGRAM AND SERVING LITERALLY HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF MEALS. AND THE FAMILY SHELTER THAT WE RECENTLY OPENED IS ALSO LOW BARRIER AND IT HAS 75 PEOPLE IN IT, RIGHT NEXT TO MLC, THE ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL THERE AND VERY MUCH EMBEDDED IN COMMUNITY.

SO WE KNOW THAT WE CAN WELL INTEGRATE BUSINESSES, RESIDENCES AND SCHOOLS WITH HIGH-QUALITY HOMELESS SERVICES AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS SHELTER WILL HELP BUILD A STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE IF YOU CHOOSE TO VOTE TO MOVE IT FORWARD. AND HERE IS JUST A SUMMARY OF OUR GOAL AND THE NEXT STEPS. IT IS OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE THIS SHELTER WORK, TO HAVE IT BE A GOOD PARTNER TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS. IF YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS VOTE, AT THAT POINT WE WILL CREATE THE STEERING COMMITTEE, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND WITH INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBORS TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS A QUALITY SERVICE FOR EVERYONE. AND WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO STACY.

Ms. Borke: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS STACY, I'M THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITION PROJECTS, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME TODAY. FUNDAMENTALLY WHEN SUFFICIENT HOUSING IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE CHOICE WE FACE IS WHETHER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE SHELTERED OR

LET TO LIVE OUTSIDE. WE KNOW WHAT THE LATTER LOOKS LIKE IN TERMS OF THE TOLL IT TAKES ON INDIVIDUALS AND IN TERMS OF THE IMPACTS IT CREATES IN NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND OUR COUNTY. SIMPLY PUT, SHELTER EQUALS SAFETY AND ACCESS. TOGETHER, SAFETY AND ACCESS GIVE THOSE SEEKING TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS A FIGHTING CHANCE TO STABILIZE THEIR LIVES, CONNECT TO THE SERVICES THEY NEED AND REGAIN HOUSING. COMPLETING THAT JOURNEY IS NEVER EASY, BUT WE SEE IT HAPPEN EVERY SINGLE DAY. IN DECEMBER, DESPITE THE HOLIDAYS AND THE WEATHER, FIVE PEOPLE MOVED OUT OF THE WILLAMETTE CENTER AND INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

Ms. Borke: ONE WOMAN WAS SHERRY JEAN WHO YEARNED FOR STABLE HOUSING AND A GOOD JOB THAT WOULD PAY FOR IT. SHE HAD BEEN HOMELESS OFF AND ON, BOUNCING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN A JOB THAT WOULD PAY FOR HER HOUSING, RENT INCREASES, LOSS OF HOUSING, AND SUBSEQUENT LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT. SHE COULD NOT GET AHEAD. THIS FALL SHE POUND A FULL-TIME JOB AND KNEW THAT IF SHE WANTED TO KEEP IT SHE NEEDED TO MOVE OUT OF THE TENT SHE WAS SLEEPING AND IN FIND SOMETHING RELIABLE AND SAFE. THAT'S WHEN SHERRY JEAN APPLIED AT THE WILLAMETTE CENTER. BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO SLEEP AT NIGHT OR SHOWER OR WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO PUT MAKEUP ON BEFORE SHE WENT TO WORK, SHE WAS ABLE TO HOLD ON TO HER JOB, BE DELIBERATE IN HER HOUSING SEARCH AND FIND SOMETHING THAT WAS REALISTIC, WITHIN HER MEANS AND NOT TOO FAR. SHERRY JEAN GOT TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS IN A PLACE OF HER OWN.

LEANNE AND MARSHA, THESE ARE TRUE STORIES. THEY HAVE HAD A VERY DIFFERENT JOURNEY FROM SHERRY JEAN. THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED AND UNRESOLVED IN THEIR YEARS OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THEY WERE SHELTER GUESTS WITH US FOR SOME TIME AT WILLAMETTE, HANSEN, BACK TO WILLAMETTE, AND NOT FOR LACK OF TRYING TO GET THEM BACK INTO HOUSING. THEIR SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED AND THEIR BARRIERS WERE STEEP. MARSHA HAD MULTIPLE SURGERIES WHILE SHE WAS A SHELTER GUEST AND LEON DID THE BEST JOB THAT HE COULD DO TO TAKE CARE OF HIS RECOVERING WIFE. THEY WANTED VERY MUCH TO GET BACK INTO HOUSING, BUT THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES WERE ONGOING ROADBLOCKS TO THEM PUTTING ALL THE PIECES. WE PERSISTED AND CONTINUED TO SHOW UP FOR THEM, IT BECAME CLEAR TO OUR STAFF THAT LEON AND MARSHA, THAT THE RECOVERY THEY NEEDED WAS FOUND IN HOUSING. AFTER NEARLY THREE MONTHS OF AN INTENSIVE HOUSING SEARCH THEY FINALLY FOUND A PROPERTY MANAGER WHO WAS WILLING TO SAY YES AND THEY MOVED IN ON MONDAY.

OUR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AND ASSERTIVELY ENGAGE THEM IN MAKING PROGRESS ON THEIR GOALS. THE

SERVICES OFFERED INSIDE THE SHELTERS AND THROUGH REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOCUS ON HEALTH, HOUSING AND INCOME. THE WILLAMETTE CENTER OFFERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS, AND RENT WHILE A CERTIFIED TENANT EDUCATION PROGRAM. THE HANSEN SHELTER IS ACTIVELY FOCUSING ON HELPING GUESTS GAIN EMPLOYMENT AND STABLE INCOME AND THEN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, 27 GUESTS FOUND PERMANENT JOBS, INCLUDING FIVE PEOPLE WHO WERE HIRED ON THE SPOT AT AN ON SITE HIRING EVENT THAT HE ORGANIZED. TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR SHELTER WORK WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF WHAT'S GOING ON BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE SHELTER. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE OPENED NINE SHELTER PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTY. OUR SHARED SUCCESS IN OPENING THESE PROGRAMS AND SHELTERING THOUSANDS HAS RELIED ON WORKING, HONEST PARTNERSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES. WE WORK HARD TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STRONG REPUTATION.

Ms. Borke: INSIDE THE SHELTERS WE HAVE AN EMPHASIS ON SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT. THE TIME ONE SPENDS IN SHELTER SHOULD BE SHORT AND MEANINGFUL IN THEIR PROGRESS BACK TO HOUSING. PERMANENT SHELTERS ARE PLATFORMS FOR ENGAGING PEOPLE, UNDERSTANDING THEIR CHALLENGES AND GETTING THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO GET OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. OUTSIDE OF THE SHELTER WE HAVE AN EMPHASIS ON BUILDING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. THAT COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL TO PREVENTING PROBLEMS FROM ARISING AND EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING THOSE THAT DO. A FEW EXAMPLES. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JOINT OFFICE AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE OPENED THE FIFTH AVENUE SHELTER JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR. WE ESTABLISHED A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER OF A HOTEL ACROSS THE STREET BEFORE OPENING AND SINCE TO DISCUSS AND RESPOND TO THEIR CONCERNS AND DEVELOP A WORKING PARTNERSHIP.

JUST LAST WEEK OUR SHELTER MANAGER CHECKED IN WITH THE G.M. AND HE REPLIED NO PROBLEMS TO MENTION WITH THE SHELTER, KEEP UP GREAT WORK. THIS IS A RELATIONSHIP THAT DID NOT START WELL. AND WE WORKED HARD AT IT THROUGH OUR PROGRAMMING AND EXPECTATIONS OF OUR GUESTS AND OUR STAFF. WE ACTIVELY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS SO THAT WE CAN TRACK EMERGING ISSUES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SHELTER. WE ATTEND THE HAZELWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN EAST PORTLAND WHERE THE HANSEN SHELTER IS SITED. FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE WILLAMETTE CENTER OPENED AND NEARLY EVERY MONTH IN THE YEAR SINCE WE OPENED THE DOORS, WE'VE BEEN REGULAR ATTENDEES AT THE SMILE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

Ms. Borke: TWO SMILE BOARD MEMBERS RECENTLY ENGAGED AT THE REQUEST OF THE FOSTER POWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES TO DATE WITH THE WILLAMETTE CENTER. ONE MEMBER IS THE EDITOR OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND THE OTHER IS THE FATHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN. IN HIS LETTER, TIM, THE DAD OF A TWO AND 4-YEAR-OLD, SHARES THAT THE SHELTER GUESTS HAVE BEEN KIND TO HIS FAMILY WHEN THEY'RE WALKING TO COCOA DOUGHNUTS, SHARES THAT THE SHELTER PROGRAM IS DESIGNED EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS AND THAT HIS COMMUNITY IS ENRICHED BY THE WILLAMETTE CENTER.

ERIC NORBERG AFFIRMS THAT THE SHELTER HAS LIVED UP TO THE COMMITMENTS THAT WE MADE. WE EXPECT TO CARRY THE SAME COMMITMENTS AND PARTNERSHIP FORWARD INTO THE FOSTER POWELL AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. WE AS THE PRESUMPTIVE OPERATOR LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING WITH THOSE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC WAYS TO BUILD PROACTIVE, POSITIVE LINKAGES BETWEEN THE SHELTER AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND PROBLEM SOLVE ISSUES IF AND AS THEY ARISE. WE'RE READY TO BE ACTIVE AND ATTENTIVE MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE AND OPERATE A SHELTER THAT'S SUCCESSFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.

Chair Kafoury: WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO PUBLIC TESTIMONY NOW. BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR OUR FOLKS? WE CAN ALSO CALL THEM UP LATER. WE HAVE NEARLY 40 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. MAYBE THERE'S BEEN A FEW MORE SINCE I GOT THE LAST COUNT SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE TRY TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO TWO MINUTES EACH SO THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH EVERYONE. THERE'S A LOT OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SEVERAL HOURS. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: HELLO. SAY YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

Julianne: I'M JULIANNE, THIS IS MY HUSBAND DOMINIC AND WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN GUESTS OF THE TPI SHELTER BOTH AT THE PEACE ANNEX, AND THEN WE WENT TO THE HANSEN. DURING OUR FIRST MONTH THAT WE WERE THERE WE GOT ASSIGNED A HOUSING CASE MANAGER AND SHE HELPED US TO GET BUS TICKETS AND THINGS TO GET TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS AND WHATNOT. GOT US INTO OUR OWN APARTMENT. WITHIN LESS THAN ONE MONTH OF US WORKING WITH HER, SHE GOT US APPROVED FOR AN APARTMENT AND WE MOVED IN A MONTH LATER. WE JUST HAD TO WAIT FOR THE PLACE TO BE RENOVATED FOR US. BOTH MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE HEALTH CONDITIONS. I PERSONALLY GREW UP IN SOUTHEAST



PORTLAND. AND WHEN I FIRST BECAME DISABLED, I WISHED THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A PLACE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I FELT SAFE TO GO TO.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APARTMENT.

Julianne: WE'VE BEEN THERE FOR A YEAR AND A HALF NOW AND WE LOVE IT.

Dominic: HI, I'M DOMINIC. I COULD GIVE YOU ABOUT 400 REASONS WHY THE SHELTER WAS GOOD. ONE BEING FOR EVERY DAY THAT I SPENT IN AN APARTMENT AND HOW MUCH BETTER MY HEALTH, MY MENTAL STABILITY HAS GOTTEN, HOW MUCH MY PHYSICAL HAS IMPROVED. MY HEALTH CONDITIONS HAVE REALLY JUMPED UP FOR THE GOOD. AND I SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE BY MYSELF AND I THOUGHT WHEN I GOT TO PORTLAND WITH ALL THE WEATHER AND STUFF TO GO INTO A SHELTER BY MYSELF, NOT SAFE. SO I CAMP OUT AND THEN WHEN I MET JULIE, WE CAMPED TOGETHER AND THE ONLY REASON THAT WE WENT INTO THE TPI SHELTER IS BECAUSE IT WAS A COUPLES SHELTER. I NEEDED SOMEBODY TO WATCH MY BACK SO I COULD WATCH THEIR BACK AND THEN SOMEBODY WATCHING OVER MY BACK AND HERS WHILE WE'RE SLEEPING, THAT'S SECURITY.

I REALLY DON'T THINK PUTTING A SHELTER IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND IS GOING TO CAUSE ANY EXTRA PROBLEMS THAN ALL THE TENTS UP THERE NOW. I KNEW A SINGLE DAD WHO TOOK CARE OF HIS CHILD, GOT UP EVERY SINGLE MORNING, WENT TO LABOR READY AND COULD NOT AFFORD TO GET INTO HIS OWN APARTMENT. HE STAYS IN THE SHELTER WITH US WITH HIS OLDER SON AND I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THERE'S GOOD, HARD-WORKING PEOPLE OUT THERE, SOME OF US HAVE GOTTEN DISABLED AND THINGS HAPPEN, BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT NEED THIS VERY BADLY AND IT SHOULDN'T JUST BE IN DOWNTOWN LIKE YOU SAID. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE STUCK IN SOME OLD RUNDOWN BUILDING SOMEWHERE FEELING LIKE WE'RE LESS THAN. HAVING A NICE, NEW RENOVATED PLACE LIKE THE WILLAMETTE CENTER, WHEN I SAW THAT PLACE I WAS SO IMPRESSED.

I WISH THAT THAT HAD BEEN THERE WHEN WE WERE STILL HOMELESS, GETTING TO HAVE A SHOWER EVERY DAY, GETTING TO DO YOUR LAUNDRY, YOU KNOW. HAVING KIND PEOPLE THERE TO SUPPORT US ON OUR WORST DAYS WHEN WE WERE CRYING AND UPSET ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS, THERE WAS SOMEBODY THERE TO COMFORT US AND HELP US FEEL LIKE WE BELONGED, YOU KNOW. THAT WE WERE SOMETHING, THAT WE WERE WORTH SOMETHING MORE THAN WHAT PEOPLE THINK WHEN THEY WALK DOWN THE STREET AND THEY SAY US. I WORKED AS A CARE PROVIDER FOR OVER 20 YEARS. WHEN I BECAME HOMELESS AND I FELT LIKE WITHOUT MONEY, NOBODY CARED ABOUT ME ANYMORE. WHEN YOU HAVE NO FAMILY, ALL MY OLDER FAMILY HAS PASSED AWAY NOW AND YOU'RE STUCK OUT HERE ON THE STREETS ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOU GREW UP IN, IT'S REALLY SAD.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

Dominic: AND BY THE WAY WE LIKE YOU. I DON'T CARE IF YOU CALL ANYBODY A B. WORD, YOU'RE STILL IT, YOU'RE STILL THE THING. OUR PRESIDENT HAS SAID WAY WORSE.

Chair Kafoury: WHO'S NEXT?

Mr. Wolfe: HI, THERE. FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS PHILIP J. WOLFE. AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BEING IN A COMMENT HERE. GIVING TESTIMONY HERE SO HELLO, COMMISSION, HELLO, COMMISSIONERS. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW, OR SHARE BRIEFLY WITH YOU SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES IN VOLUNTEERING IN WARMING SHELTERS. OVER THE NEW YEAR I SPENT NEW YEAR'S EVE VOLUNTEERING AT THE WARMING CENTER. I AM A DEAF PERSON. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY AND I KNOW HOW TO RELATE WITH PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THEIR STRUGGLES AND WITH THE DIFFERENT BARRIERS THAT THEY FACE. I WASN'T REALLY SURE WHAT TO EXPECT OR WHAT I WAS GOING TO LEARN IN THAT EXPERIENCE. THERE WERE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HELPLESS AND I SAW THAT THEY WERE DRAWING AND THEIR ARTWORK WAS AMAZING. THEY HAD EXEMPLARY SKILLS IN THEIR ARTWORK AND THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WHILE THEY WERE IN THE SHELTER. I UNDERSTAND DURING THE DAY WHEN IT'S TOO COLD WITH ALL THE PEOPLE GOING BY, THEY COULDN'T FOCUS ON THEIR ARTWORK.

THEREFORE, THE ONLY TIME THEY HAD TO DO THAT WAS AT NIGHT IN THE WARMTH OF THE SHELTERS, AND THEN THEY WOULD SELL THE WORK DURING THE DAY. AND IT REALLY STRUCK ME THAT THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THAT. I DO HAVE A QUESTION FOR EVERYONE. IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS ROOM WHO HAS EXPERIENCED GOING TO A WARMING SHELTER AND DOING OVERNIGHT SUPERVISION? AND THEN HAVING TO SEND THE PEOPLE BACK TO THE STREET THE NEXT MORNING? PLEASE RAISE YOUR HANDS. AND I WANT THE COUNCIL HERE TO LOOK AT THIS. UNLESS YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT, THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO HAVE THE KIND OF IMPRESSION OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SEND THEM BACK OUT TO THE STREETS THE NEXT MORNING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

Mr. Whittenburg: I APOLOGIZE FOR MY OUTBURST, BUT MY BUS TICKET IS RUNNING OUT IN A FEW MINUTES AND I'M GOING TO BE SITTING HERE IN A DAMN HEARING AGAIN.

Chair Kafoury: COULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

Mr. Whittenburg: JIM WHITTENBURG. I'M A PUBLIC INTEREST LOBBYIST AND AN ACTIVIST AND I SPEAK FROM THE HEART. I HAD A STROKE THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO, I'VE LOST SOME OF MY SPEECH AND HEARING. I GOT OUT OF THE BED THIS MORNING, I'VE BEEN SICK FIVE WEEKS WITH RESPIRATORY R.V., YEAH, BUT THE WORST SICKNESS I EVER HAD IN MY LIFE, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE, AND THEN I WAS LOOKING FOR A GUN SOMEWHERE SO I COULD SHOOT MYSELF. THIS MATTERS TO ME. I DON'T KNOW YOU TWO OVER HERE, BUT I KNOW THE REST OF THEM. WELL, I DON'T KNOW THEM, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS A PLATFORM TO LOBBY ON, TO DO YOUR CAMPAIGNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR YOU, BASED PARTLY ON THE FACT THAT I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. SECONDLY, MY WIFE OF 55 YEARS, I MARRIED HER 55 YEARS AGO, DIED TWO MONTHS AGO AND SHE'S BEING MEMORIALIZED TOMORROW AT THE ART MUSEUM BECAUSE SHE WAS A DOCENT.

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT. I FIND OUT THAT SHE SHOWS PAINTINGS AND SHE WAS THE HEAD OF THE DOCENT GROUP THERE YESTERDAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, SHE WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, A REPUBLICAN WHO DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ANYBODY AT THAT TIME. I SHOULD REPHRASE THAT. A REPUBLICAN, BUT SHE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ANYBODY AND HER DAD WAS LISTED AT MANY TIMES AS A GRAND DRAGON OF SOUTHERN OREGON. NOW, THIS IS HARD, YOU KNOW, TO DO. I LOVED HER. I CARED ABOUT HER. I'M GOING TO WEEP A BIT TOMORROW, THEY TOLD ME I WOULD DO THAT WHEN I HAD THE STROKE, BUT FINALLY, YOU KNOW, I'VE RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, TOO, I'M SENDING THIS OUT TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN MY WEDDING PARTY 55 YEARS AGO AND LOOK, I ONLY MAKE \$11,000 A YEAR. SO A DOLLAR AND A QUARTER IS A LOT OF MONEY TO ME.

Chair Kafoury: WE CAN HELP YOU GET A BUS TICKET HOME.

Mr. Whittenburg: I JUST GOT THAT DONATED, TOO. LAST THING.

Chair Kafoury: YOUR TIME IS UP.

Mr. Whittenburg: I APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING YOU ONE OF THE MEAN GIRLS. THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE. I HOPE THAT YOU'VE PROVED THAT YOU'RE NOT A MEAN GIRL AND I RESPECT A LOT THAT YOU'RE DOING AND I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO BE UP HERE AND LISTEN TO OUR COMPLAINTS ALL DAY LONG. YOU DO A GREAT JOB. AND I CAME HERE WANTING YOU TO LIKE ME AGAIN AS A LOBBYIST, THAT'S MY JOB IS FOR YOU TO LIKE ME. I ALWAYS VOTED FOR YOUR DAD AND MOM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING. CHRISTIAN IS GOING TO HELP YOU GET TO THE BUS STOP. THANK YOU.

Ms. Domanski: SORRY MY LITTLE FRIEND HERE DOESN'T WANT TO SAY ANYMORE. MY NAME IS JENNIFER, I'M A RESIDENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF POWELL, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE SHELTER. I HEAR COMPLAINTS AND I UNDERSTAND WHERE COMMISSIONER SMITH IS SAYING THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTED MORE TIME. BUT THERE'S 100 PLACES THAT WERE CONSIDERED OVER NINE MONTHS AND IT NARROWED DOWN TO THIS PLACE. IF WE GAVE EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD NINE MONTHS TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY REALLY WANT TO HOUSE PEOPLE, BUT NOT THERE, NOT HERE, SOMEWHERE ELSE, WE WILL NEVER SOLVE THIS CRISIS.

RIGHT NOW, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE WORST HOUSING CRISIS WE HAVE EVER SEEN AND IT IS NOT GETTING BETTER. THE LARGEST GENERATION IN THE AMERICAN POPULATION IS ABOUT TO RETIRE AND BE ON FIXED INCOMES AND WE ARE DEALING WITH SKY-ROCKETING HOUSING CRISIS. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. I ASKED MY NEIGHBORS WHO SAY NOT HERE, NOT NOW, TO VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF THOSE WARMING VETERANS AND TO KICK PEOPLE OUT ON TO THE STREETS AND TO TALK TO THEIR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. I ASKED THE PEOPLE WHO SAY WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN? WHAT ABOUT COMPASSION? I AM A PARENT, MY FULL-TIME JOB IS PARENTING, AND I TEACH MY CHILDREN THROUGH MODELING. THEY LEARN COMPASSION FROM ME, THEY LEARN MANNERS FROM ME, AND FROM HOW I TREAT EVERYONE. WE CANNOT SHOW SUCH DISREGARD FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HARDSHIP WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND EXPECT TO RAISE A SOCIETY THAT GETS ANY BETTER THAN WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW. OUR LACK OF COMPASSION IS HOW WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO SPEAKS ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISREGARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. German: HI, MY NAME IS MIMI AND I DO A LOT OF ADVOCACY ON THE STREET FOR THE HOUSELESS, SMITH, YOU RAISED SOME POINTS, BUT THEY'RE TOO LATE AND I DON'T THINK THAT THE POINTS THAT YOU RAISED NEED TO BE COMPLETELY TOSSED OUT. I DO THINK THAT THE SHELTER -- THE BUILDING THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ALSO NEEDS TO BE A SHELTER. THIS ISN'T ABOUT EITHER OR. THIS IS ABOUT BOTH, THIS IS ABOUT MORE SHELTERS. THIS IS ABOUT GETTING HOUSING, THIS IS ABOUT BRINGING ALL OF THE NECESSITY TO THOSE SHELTERS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GET A NEW START IN THEIR LIVES. THIS IS NOT EITHER OR. I AM A YES PERSON FOR THIS VOTE. I DON'T LIVE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, I LIVE IN ST. JOHN'S. I WANT A SHELTER IN ST. JOHN'S. THERE'S A CHURCH THAT I HEARD THAT'S GOING DOWN, IT'S CLOSING. IT'S A LARGE BUILDING. LET'S TURN THAT INTO A SHELTER FOR US IN ST. JOHN'S. THIS IS WHAT COMPASSION SOUNDS LIKE.

I WANT A SHELTER IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD! I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE STREETS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD! I FEEL THEM SUFFERING WHEN THEY'RE SUFFERING ON THE STREETS AND I SEE THEM

WITHOUT FOOD, WITH WET SOCKS, WITH BAGS FROM SAFEWAY, THEIR WET SNEAKERS. I SEE THEM EVERY DAY NEEDING NEW BLANKETS BECAUSE THEIR BLANKETS ARE SOAKING WET BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY DOESN'T FEEL THE NEED TO OPEN SHELTERS WHEN IT RAINS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST! WHY IS THAT? WHY DO WE NOT HAVE SHELTERS OPEN ALL THE TIME? WHY DO WE NOT HAVE SHELTERS IN EVERY SINGLE NEIGHBORHOOD? WHY DO WE NOT HAVE SHELTERS WHERE THE VERY WEALTHY LIVE? EVERYBODY NEEDS TO HAVE A SHELTER IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS ISN'T ABOUT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THIS CERTAINLY ISN'T ABOUT HAVING NEIGHBORS ACT SO UNNEIGHBORLY AS TO SAY NO IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. YES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD! HOUSE THE HOUSELESS!

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Jensen: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SAGE JENSEN. I REPRESENT MYSELF AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LEASE. I AM A HOME-OWNER, I LIVED THREE BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER FOR 15 YEARS, I'M A SMALL BUSINESS MEMBER IN THAT COMMUNITY, AND I ASK THAT YOU DELAY OR SUSPEND THE VOTE TO APPROVE THE LEASE FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR EXPRESSING THE CONCERNS AND THE FRUSTRATIONS OF THIS COMMUNITY THAT WE'VE HAD. WE'VE HAD NO SAY, IT'S BEEN WINDOW DRESSING AND NAMELY I WANT TO ADDRESS THE INCOMPATIBILITY WITH THE PLAN. FOR OVER 20 YEARS THE FOSTER TRANSPORTATION AND STREET SCAPE PLAN HAS BEEN PROMISED TO THIS COMMUNITY WITH THE STATED PLAN OUTCOME TO QUOTE HELP TURN FOSTER ROAD INTO A SUCCESSFUL MAIN STREET BY PROVIDING GREATER ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND A SAFER AND ATTRACTIVE CORRIDOR THAT SUPPORTS BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

THE PLAN SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIES AND OUTLINES THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHEAST FOSTER AND HOLGATE WHERE THE PROPOSED SHELTER IS PROPOSED AS THE QUOTE HEART OF FOSTER WITH QUOTE INTENSITY OF IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGN ATTENTION TO THIS DISTRICT. A MASS HOMELESS SHELTER IN THE HEART OF THIS DISTRICT AT A MAJOR INTERSECTION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THESE GOALS THAT HAVE BEEN PROMISED TO THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I ALSO WANTS TO ADDRESS THE UNDUE SOCIOECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PLACEMENT OF A MASS HOMELESS SHELTER IN A LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD AND FOSTER POWELL IS A LOWER INCOME BLUE-COLLAR WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD PUTS AN UNDUE BURDEN ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS HISTORICALLY STRUGGLED TO MAINTAIN AND GROW A VIABLE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I INSIST ON A

THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD FROM SHIFTING THE HOMELESS POPULATION FROM AREAS OUTSIDE FOSTER POWELL TO THE AREAS IMPACTED BY THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE PROPOSED SHELTER. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Krebs: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ALEX. I'M A BUSINESS OWNER FOR ABOUT A YEAR NEXT TO THE -- I'VE BEEN A BUSINESS OWNER FOR 17 YEARS, A BLOCK AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT AND HAVING THIS DISCOURSE, I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE NEED MORE OF. I WOULD LOVE TO ECHO NOT ONLY EVERYTHING THAT LORETTA SMITH MENTIONED, BUT MIMI MENTIONED. WE NEED SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT HOUSING LIKE WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN CITIES, SUCH AS SALT LAKE CITY. THEY'VE REDUCED CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BY 94% THROUGH SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT HOUSING. TWO YEARS AGO, \$30 MILLION WAS GIVEN TO OFFICIALS WITH THE PROMISE OF CUTTING HOMELESSNESS IN HALF. CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS HAS GONE UP 24% IN PORTLAND AND IT HAS GONE DOWN IN SALT LAKE CITY AND I URGE EVERYONE TO LOOK AT THAT MODEL. WHEN WE'RE ALLOCATING ALL OUR FUNDS TO RENOVATING LEASED SPACES, SHELTERS, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY DIVERTING FUNDS AWAY FROM PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS.

SO IT'S A LOT OF INFORMATION AND A LOT OF EMOTION I KNOW AND I'M CENTRAL RIGHT THERE AND I'M SUPPORTIVE OF TRYING TO REDUCE, DRASTICALLY REDUCE HOMELESSNESS, BUT I DON'T THINK THE CURRENT PROCESS IS WORKING IN PORTLAND AND I ALSO ECHO LORETTA SMITH'S COMMENT ABOUT THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM LOHS AND TPI WITH US LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS. I HAVE ONLY GOTTEN ONE FLIER AND I'VE ASKED TO COLLABORATE AND GIVE IDEAS, ALWAYS WITH THE RESPONSE OF WE WILL WORK WITH NEIGHBORS AND SO I AM TRYING TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, BUT I AM BEING INFORMED RATHER THAN BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH THE PROCESS. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Whittleton: WELL, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW ME TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND STAFF, MANY OF WHICH ARE HERE TODAY. AND MANY OF OUR HOMELESS CUSTOMERS FROM SOUTHEAST WORKS, ALSO AS A RESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST PORTLAND, I LIVE HERE AND I WORK HERE IN SOUTHEAST. SOUTHEAST WORKS, MANY OF YOU KNOW HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN LENTS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HOMELESSNESS IS NOT NEW TO SOUTHEAST WORKS. WE'VE

BEEN SERVING THE HOMELESS FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND OUR MISSION SINCE 1997 HAS BEEN TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO ATTACH TO EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SO THAT THEY CAN CARE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEY CAN CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS THROUGH OUR CURRENT LOCATION ON 7916 SOUTHEAST FOSTER AND THROUGH OUR WORK SOURCE CENTER, THROUGH OUR PROGRAMMING, WE IDENTIFIED THAT WE HAVE SERVED 661 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN 18 MONTHS. THIS IS REALLY A -- MANY ARE QUITE SHAMEFUL ABOUT BEING HOMELESS AND DON'T TELL US. WE FIND THAT OUT AFTER WE GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF THEM OF INTAKE.

Ms. Whittleton: EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS COME TO US AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY. THROUGH THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT WE OFFER, THROUGH OUR ON SITE WORK SOURCE CENTER AND THROUGH THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE OFFER AT SOUTHEAST WORKS WE'VE INTENTIONALLY BUILT SERVICES TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY AND THAT'S BEEN OVER 20 YEARS. THIS ISN'T JUST BECAUSE WE HEARD THERE'S A HOMELESS SHELTER COMING IN. THE SERVICES I WANT TO TALK TO THE WHOLE GROUP ABOUT HERE TODAY I'M HEARING THAT THERE'S NO SERVICES IN THE AREA. WE'VE BEEN THERE FOR 20 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 20 YEARS. WE HAVE A HEALTH NAVIGATOR THAT SIGNS UP INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR HEALTHCARE. WE HAVE EMPLOYMENT RELATED WORKSHOPS THAT ARE OFFERED FOR FREE. ON THE JOB TRAINING THAT CAN GIVE EMPLOYERS UP TO \$5,000 TO HIRE SOMEONE AND TRAIN THEM. THAT'S IT?

Chair Kafoury: SORRY.

Ms. Whittleton: I JUST WANT TO SAY BECAUSE OTHERS HAVE RUN OVER, BUT I WILL BE RESPECTFUL WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS 100%. WE WANT PEOPLE TO HAVE DECENT HOUSING, THIS IS EMERGENCY HOUSING, WE WANT TO HELP THEM GET A JOB, GET EDUCATION, OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE INTO THAT HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Mr. Tucker: HI, FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS JOHN TUCKER. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF THE SHELTER. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DAVE'S KILLER BREAD FOUNDATION, WHICH IS FOCUSED ON CREATING A NETWORK OF SECOND CHANCES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS FORMER CEO OF DAVE'S KILLER BREAD I KNOW FIRST-HAND THE CHALLENGES OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE CHALLENGE OF REBUILDING LIVES WRECKED BY DRUGS, CRIME, SEXUAL AND MENTAL ABUSE AS WELL AS MANY OTHER THINGS. HERE'S WHAT I'VE LEARNED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN THESE CAPACITIES AS A BUSINESS LEADER OVER THE LAST 30. PEOPLE WHO LACK TOOLS, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT ALMOST ALWAYS FAIL

BECAUSE WITHOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL NEED THEY LACK AND WITHOUT HOPE, PEOPLE ARE LOST.

Mr. Tucker: MAKING MATTERS WORSE THEY INEVITABLY RESORT TO THE HABITS THAT LED TO HOMELESSNESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. I'VE LEARNED AND I'M HEARING IT TODAY THAT THERE'S SELDOM A SILVER BULLET WHEN IT COMES TO SOLVING COMPLEX PROBLEMS. SOLVING LIFE'S CHALLENGES OCCUR IN A SERIES OF STEPS LARGE AND SMALL. FROM MY POINT OF VIEW THE HOMELESS SHELTER IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT IS FOUNDATIONAL TO TURNING THESE INDIVIDUALS' LIVES AROUND. WHAT REALLY EXCITES ME MOST IS ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SOUTHEAST WORKS. AS HOLLY HAS MENTIONED, SOUTHEAST WORKS PROVIDES HOMELESS FOLKS A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO HELP THEM GAIN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, AFFORDABLE INSURANCE, TRAINING AND SO ON. THE SHELTER NEEDS TO BE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SERVICES LIKE WHAT SOUTHEAST WORKS OFFERS. I THINK I'M GOING TO END WITH THIS BECAUSE I KNOW I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME. WHAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS COMMISSION TO THINK IS BEYOND THE PHYSICAL LOCATION, BUT HOW TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES BEYOND THE SHELTER. I FIRMLY BELIEVE YOU HAVE A STRONG PARTNER IN SOUTHEAST WORKS. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY BEFORE YOU AND HELP CHANGE THE VICIOUS CYCLE THAT IS HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON.

Ms. Deschenes: MY NAME IS DANIELLE. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE MT. SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD. I LIVE ABOUT A BLOCK AWAY FROM THIS PROPOSED SHELTER SITE. I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO READ A LETTER THAT WAS PROVIDED I BELIEVE TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER, WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS SITE. SO I'M GOING TO GO INTO THE LETTER NOW. IT SAYS BY NOW, YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL RECEIVED A LETTER ATTACHED FROM THE MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER IMPLORING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILORS TO SEEK ANOTHER AND BETTER LOCATION FOR THE PLANNED SHELTER. MINIMALLY WE ARE ASKING THE COMMISSIONERS TO POSTPONE THE SCHEDULED JANUARY 25TH LEASE SIGNING OF THE SHELTER UNTIL MORE PUBLIC INPUT AND RESEARCH IS COLLECTED. AGAIN, WE AND SO MANY OTHERS SUPPORT THE NEED FOR A WELL PLANNED SHELTER OPTION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE OPPOSE THE DECISION TO LOCATE THE SHELTER SO CLOSE TO THE 160 YOUTH THAT WE SERVE EACH AND EVERY DAY. SOME RECENT NEWS REPORTS SAY THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NEAR THE PLANNED SHELTER OR A FEW MINUTES AWAY. IN REALITY, OUR SCHOOL IS ABOUT 90 FEET FROM THE PLANNED SHELTER AND APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 15 SECONDS AWAY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DELIVERED TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER JUST A MONTH AGO. SINCE THEN, THIS APPARENT ALREADY MADE



DECISION HAS STIRRED UP THE EMOTIONS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GENERATED A FLOOD OF CONTROVERSY. SADLY, IT HAS PITTED GOOD PEOPLE AGAINST EACH OTHER IN A VOLATILE OFTEN NASTY ARGUMENT OVER HOW AND WHERE TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS. AND THE LABEL NIMBY, NOT IN MY BACKYARD, HAS BEEN UNFAIRLY PLACED ON THOSE OPPOSING THIS SHELTER LOCATION. I AM GOING TO SKIP A LITTLE BIT OF THIS. IT SAYS LATER, HE SHARES TWO EXAMPLES OF -- SORRY OKAY I'LL GET TO THE END. I DO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DELAY THE SIGNING OF THIS LEASE SO THAT WE CAN ENGAGE IN A CONTINUED COMMUNITY CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Rutter: HELLO AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. AS OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2017, I LIVE IN THE WOODSTOCK NEIGHBORHOOD. I'M SPEAKING NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD. WE CALL OURSELVES SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES AND WE DEMAND THAT YOU POSTPONE THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE UNTIL YOU HAVE HONORED YOUR PROMISE AND OBLIGATION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND ITS RESIDENTS. YOU'VE HAD SINCE THIS SUMMER. YOU DON'T GET TO RUSH NOW AT THE END AND DISREGARD YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T REACH OUT TO US IN TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN FORGET WHO THEY REPRESENT. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT AND SPEAK AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS IN THEIR JURISDICTION. TO BE HONEST AND TRANSPARENT. CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, MARC JOLIN AND TED WHEELER HAVE NOT UPHOLD THESE OBLIGATIONS. IN ADDITION TO NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH ON PROMISES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND LACK OF RESPONSE TO E-MAILS OUR OWN RESEARCH PROVED DISHEARTENING.

IT WAS STATED BEFORE THAT CHAIR KAFOURY WAS PART OF A LEADERSHIP GROUP THAT PLEDGED \$30 MILLION TO CUT THE PORTLAND HOMELESS POPULATION IN HALF. WE ALL KNOW THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED. WHAT IS BEING DONE IS NOT WORKING. I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I FOUND IT PARTICULARLY DISHEARTENING THAT THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT THE DECEMBER 18TH MEETING THAT SHE LIVED NEAR THE WILLAMETTE SHELTER WHEN A QUICK GOOGLE SEARCH REVEALS THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

MARC JOLIN THE DIRECTOR OF JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES STATED AT THE DECEMBER 18TH MEETING THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH THE MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER AND THAT WAS A LIE. HE STATED IN A KATU ARTICLE THAT JUST RAN LAST MONDAY AND I QUOTE, AS SOON AS WE KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO BE A SITE SUITABLE FOR A SHELTER, WE CAME TO THE COMMUNITY AND TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THIS PLAN AND THE VISION FOR IT. THAT WAS ALSO A LIE. WHILE A HIGH BARRIER SHELTER FOCUSING ON HOUSING FAMILIES AND/OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED TO SOBRIETY

AND REGAINING PERMANENT RESIDENCY MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER RECEIVED, THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND HALF-TRUTHS AND DOWNRIGHT LIES WE'VE BEEN TOLD, WE HAVE NO REASON TO TRUST OR FEEL CONFIDENT WITH ANYTHING YOU GUYS TELL US ANYMORE. I ASK THAT YOU DELAY THE SIGNING OF THIS LEASE UNTIL YOU HAVE HEARD US OUT, DONE YOUR RESEARCH AND THANK YOU, HONORED YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Kroll: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND COUNCIL PEOPLE. MY NAME IS AUGUST, I AM A MT. SCOTT HOME-OWNER, RESIDENT, CURRENTLY ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD AND A FORMER CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE MT. SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WHILE I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, I WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT WITH MY FULL -- I'M ALSO THE PARENT OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN THAT WE'RE RAISING IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT HERE TODAY WITH MY FULL SUPPORT OF THIS SHELTER AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW. AND I KNOW A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM MY NEIGHBORHOOD, SOME OF WHOM I'VE SEEN HERE TODAY ARE ALSO HERE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. PEOPLE WHO DO LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD OR ONE OF THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS. I ALSO WORK WITH FOLKS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT SPACE THAN THE SPACE THAT I LIVE, BUT I AM CONTINUALLY HEARING FROM FOLKS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE HOW BECAUSE THEY DON'T FIT ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE AVAILABLE SHELTER BEDS THAT THERE IS NOWHERE FOR THEM TO GO.

THERE JUST ISN'T ANYTHING. I PLEAD WITH YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. IF I COULD MOVE IT CLOSER TO MY HOUSE, I WOULD. BUT UNLESS YOU HAVE A MAGIC WAY TO MAKE THE CHURCH DOWN THE STREET FROM MY HOUSE OPEN THEIR OWN DOORS, I WILL BE THERE HELPING WITH CLEANUPS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER THINGS AS OFTEN AS I CAN ONCE IT IS OPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Mr. DeLoe: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. I'M STEVEN, I LIVE FIVE BLOCKS FROM THE PROPOSED SITE WITH MY WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. OUR BABY-SITTER ATTENDS MT. SCOTT LEARNING CENTER. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND THE SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES. TO AVOID MISUSE OF FUNDS, WE ARE ASKING THE VOTE APPROVING THE LEASE FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER BE POSTPONED UNTIL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, REVIEWED AND COST IMPACTS DETERMINED. APPROPRIATE INFORMATION INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: EARLY ASSISTANCE REPORT THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY, REVIEW OF THAT REPORT AFTER COMPLETION, AND THE

DETERMINATION OF ALL ASSOCIATED IMPACTS. A MEETING WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO ADDRESS THE ZONING CHANGE COMING THIS MAY, THAT MARC JOLIN HAS BEEN HIDING. WILL THAT CHANGE BE HONORED EVEN IF PERMITS ARE FILED BEFORE THAT DATE? IF THAT IS HONORED, IS A 75 BED LIMIT APPROPRIATE FOR THE COST? HOW DOES THAT AFFECT THE PLANS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION? DETERMINATION OF FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE, A TRANSPARENT AND TIMELY REPORT ADDRESSING THESE ITEMS WITH FACTS, NOT UNQUALIFIED STATISTICS.

Mr. DeLoe: THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS THAT COST IMPACTS NEED TO BE KNOWN. LICENSED ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF OREGON, I CAN SPEAK TO THE QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS OF THESE. SEWER CAPACITY REVIEW, WATER SERVICE UPGRADE, HEATING, COOLING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, THIS SYSTEM NOT THE DESIGNED FOR THE NUMBER OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPANTS THAT ARE PROPOSED. THIS REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE AIR VOLUME REQUIRED FOR AIR QUALITY. FIRE PROTECTION UPGRADES TO PROTECT THE OCCUPANTS. THERE IS SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT WOULD PUT THIS FACILITY OUT OF FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY. THE REQUIRED EFFORT SHOULD BE PUT IN TO KNOW THESE COSTS BEFORE SIGNING A 10 YEAR LEASE WITH A POTENTIAL COST IMPACT OF OVER \$1.6 MILLION. RUSHING THIS PROCESS BECAUSE OF FEAR OF LOSING THE LEASE SHOWS POOR PLANNING AND SCHEDULING AND IS NOT A REASONABLE JUSTIFICATION. WE ASK FOR POSTPONING THE LEASE UNTIL WE HAVE RESOLUTION ON ALL THESE IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS STATED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Schmidt: THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY COMMENTS TODAY AND THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR GIVING US A VOICE. MY NAME IS DANA, I LIVE ONE BLOCK FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER. I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE YEARS AND MY HUSBAND HAS BEEN IN OUR HOME FOR 10. WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS AND WE PLAN TO RAISE OUR FAMILY HERE. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS PORTLAND GRIT, OUR NEIGHBORS WORK HARD TO GET BY. THE MEDIAN INCOME IS 18% LOWER THAN PORTLAND AS A WHOLE, BUT THANKS TO LOCAL INVESTMENT, FOSTER IS ON THE BRINK OF BECOMING A THRIVING COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ONCE AGAIN. NEW BUSINESSES ARE COMING IN AND TWO LARGE PROJECTS ARE IN DEVELOPMENT TO ADD HOUSING UNITS. I WORK WITH THE HOUSELESS IN HEALTH CLINICS AND WE NEED AN AGGRESSIVE APPROACH TO SOLVING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT THE SHELTER PROPOSED FOR FOSTER AND JUST IS NOT A SUITABLE SOLUTION. THE PROPOSED SITE IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND INAPPROPRIATE. IT'S THE HEART OF A WALKABLE REVITALIZATION DISTRICT.

Ms. Schmidt: IT'S ACROSS THE STREET FROM A SCHOOL DOING GREAT WORK FOR AT RISK TEENS. THE FOSTER STREET SCAPE PLAN WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 2003 LAYS OUT A PLAN TO EMPHASIZE WALKABILITY AND LIVABILITY AND SPECIFICALLY TO QUOTE MAKE FOSTER A SAFE, PLEASANT, ATTRACTIVE AND COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LIVE, SHOP AND LINGER. THE SHELTER WOULD NOT SEEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY OF THE STREET SCAPE GOALS. IT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE AND EXPENSIVE REMODELING, INCLUDING RESTROOMS, SHOWERS AND THE COSTS KEEP INCREASING. THE COST COULD RUN TO \$4 MILLION TO LEASE THIS FACILITY FOR 10 YEARS.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPARED TO THE WILLAMETTE SHELTER, BUT THE SITES AREN'T COMPARABLE. THIS SITE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DISTRICT. WE'RE CONCERNED BY REPORTS FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS AROUND THE HANSEN AND WILLAMETTE SHELTERS AND ACCORDING TO THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME HAS SPIKED NEAR THE WILLAMETTE SHELTER IN THE 12 MONTHS SINCE IT'S BEEN OPENED. THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT STUDY BEFORE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THIS LEASE. WE DESERVE COMPASSION AND RESOURCES AS WELL AS THE UNHOUSED. WE DEMAND A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT STUDY AND WE DEMAND A DELAY ON THE VOTE UNTIL THIS STUDY CAN BE COMPLETED. THE NEIGHBORHOOD DESERVES AND DEMANDS TO HAVE OUR INPUT INCORPORATED INTO THIS SHELTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

Mr. Walker: HELLO, I LIVE IN THE MT. SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD AND A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED, THE PUBLIC FORUM WAS IN MID-DECEMBER, AND NOW, LESS THAN FIVE WEEKS LATER YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO SIGN A LEASE ON THE PROPERTY. BY ANY MEASURE THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE TIME PERIOD FOR ANY SORT OF MEANINGFUL OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC. SADLY THIS WHOLE SITUATION HAS PLAYED OUT LIKE A REAL LIFE EPISODE OF PARKS AND RECREATION, COMPLETE WITH POOR COMMUNICATION AND BUNGLED OUTREACH FROM THE GOVERNMENT, UNDERINFORMED AND FEARFUL RESIDENTS SCREAMING AND BOOING AT COMMUNITY FORUMS AND ALOOF POLITICAL STAFFERS WHO HAVE USED TALKING POINTS AS A SHIELD TO NOT HAVE MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH THEIR OWN CONSTITUENTS. THERE'S ONE MAIN DIFFERENCE. NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN FUNNY. WE'VE WITNESSED THE COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN THE CIVIC PROCESS AND IT'S LEFT TAX-PAYING AND VOTING RESIDENTS IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS FEELING STEAM ROLLED BY THEIR OWN ELECTED OFFICIALS, IGNORED AND ULTIMATELY DISENFRANCHISED.

TRUSTING GOVERNMENT AND THE CIVIC INSTITUTIONS IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. RIGHT NOW, IT WOULD BE EASY FOR US TO BE APATHETIC AND WALK AWAY. WE EXPECT MORE FROM THE CITY THAT WORKS AND THE COUNTY THAT IT RESIDES IN. WE DEMAND MORE AND WE EXPECT BETTER FROM YOU.

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO DELAY THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE UNTIL WE HAVE A VOICE IN THE PROCESS, UNTIL SOME SORT OF IMPACT OR FEASIBILITY STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE. REGARDING THE PROPOSED SHELTER AND MY FINAL POINT, AT EVERY POINT THERE HAS BEEN A SURPRISE. WE HAVE BEEN THE LAST PEOPLE TO KNOW A VITAL PIECE OF INFORMATION. TODAY, WE FOUND OUT THAT YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD TO RUSH THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE DUE TO BUSINESS REASONS. THAT SHOULD BE THE LEAST OF YOUR CONCERNS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Roberts: HELLO. MY NAME IS JENNIFER ROBERTS AND I LIVE THREE BLOCKS FROM THE SITE AND I HAVE FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. I'M A HOME-OWNER AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US SPEAK TODAY. WE DO APPRECIATE IT. I'M ASKING FOR YOU TO DELAY THE LEASE SIGNING SO OUR COMMUNITY CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH INCLUSION AND TRANSPARENCY THAT WE HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED YET. I HAVE WORKED WITH THE HOMELESS AND I'M OPEN TO A HOMELESS SHELTER. I DON'T LIKE THIS LOCATION OBVIOUSLY, BUT I AM OPEN TO IT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND I WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER THERE. THIS LOCATION IS A TERRIBLE SPOT. FOR TRANSPARENCY I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT JOLIN TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME MENTIONED HELPING WOMEN, SENIORS AND HANDICAPPED. WE HAVE TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THAT AND HE HAS NEVER GIVEN IN ON THAT IDEA UNTIL THIS MOMENT. THIS IS THE KIND OF TRANSPARENCY ISSUES WHERE WE KEEP GETTING INFORMATION.

WE KEEP BEING TOLD THAT THE PRIORITY IS FOR PEOPLE TO INSIST THAT THEY INCLUDE DRUG ADDICTS, CRIMINALS, ACROSS THE STREET FROM AN AT RISK HIGH SCHOOL AND RIGHT NEAR A DAYCARE CENTER, YMCA. AND THEY ARE TOLD TO GO OUTSIDE TO USE THEIR DRUGS. I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S MY NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT IS THE PLAN? I WANT TO KNOW MORE BEFORE YOU SIGN THIS LEASE. THIS MIXED MESSAGING HAS LED TO THE RUMORS AND THE TENSION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. INCLUSION, YOU JUST ASKED THE GENTLEMAN CREATING A ROAD PROJECT IF HE HAS DONE OUTREACH FOR THE SPRING, WE WERE GIVEN ONE MONTH'S NOTICE. AND STRATEGICALLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK SO IT WAS HARD TO ATTEND AND THERE WAS ONLY 150 PEOPLE WELCOMED WHEN 200 PEOPLE WERE NOT INCLUDED, THERE WAS NO HANDICAPPED ACCESS.

AND THEN DURING THE MEETING WE WERE TOLD IT'S A DONE DEAL, WELL WHAT IS OUR INPUT FOR THEN? WHY ARE YOU PRETENDING TO CARE? I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, WE KNOW YOU RAN ON FAMILY VALUES, YOU HAVE A FAMILY FIRST ATTITUDE AND WE APPRECIATE THAT ABOUT YOU, BUT THAT HAS TO INCLUDE OUR FAMILIES AS WELL AS YOURS AND IF YOU NEED TO BE REVOTED IN WE REALLY

NEED YOU TO CONSIDER OUR FAMILIES' CONCERNS ACROSS FROM A HIGH SCHOOL. FINALLY, WE SIMPLY DEMAND THAT YOU DELAY THIS VOTE AND INCLUDE AN IMPACT STUDY FIRST. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME TODAY AND WE ARE A WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE HELP US OUT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Ayer: GOOD AFTERNOON. I APPRECIATE YOU HEARING OUR TESTIMONY. MY NAME IS RAY. I HAVE LIVED IN THE FOSTER POWELL NEIGHBORHOOD FOR OVER A DECADE NOW. I LIVED JUST A BLOCK AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER AND I HAVE A BACKGROUND IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE WORKED AS STAFF AT A HOMELESS SHELTER AND I WAS GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE SPECIFIC SITING BEING INAPPROPRIATE, BEING THE HEART OF FOSTER AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, SAGE OVER HERE POINTED OUT MOST OF MY CONCERNS SO I'M GOING TO READ TO YOU THE CRESTON KENNELWORTH LETTER THAT THEY'VE SENT TO YOU. THE CRESTON KENNELWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK OR CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE CRESTON KENNELWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. IT ADHERES TO THE PREMISE THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOOD STAKEHOLDERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS PARAMOUNT TO CREATING VIBRANT AND FUNCTIONING COMMUNITIES. CKNA HAS CONCERNS WITH THE MANNER AND TIMELINESS OF COMMUNITY INPUT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED SHELTER.

WHY WE RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF URGENCY IN DEALING WITH HOUSING ISSUES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE MITIGATION OF THESE PROBLEMS CANNOT FORSAKE PUBLIC TRUST IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY IMPACTED BY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS, THE COMMUNITY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SHELTER, SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SUITABILITY OF THIS LOCATION. AS SUCH THE CKNA BOARD REQUESTS THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DELAY VOTING ON THIS AGENDA ITEM AND THE RESOLUTION OF APPROVING THE LEASE OF THE PROPERTY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ARE REFLECTED IN ANY PROPOSED SHELTER. CKNA HAS NOT TAKEN A FORMAL POSITION ON WHETHER THEY SAY YEA OR NAY. WE NEED MORE TIME, WE NEED COMMUNITY INPUT. THANK YOU FOR THE PROCESS. APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Gormin: I'M AMBER, MY PREPARED STATEMENT, WHICH I SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD STARTED OUT WITH GOOD MORNING, BUT WE'VE MOVED INTO THE AFTERNOON HOUR. SO GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS

OPPORTUNITY. I'M GOING TO ECHO A LOT OF WHAT'S BEEN SAID HERE TODAY. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE MT. SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD TO URGE YOU TO PROPOSE THE LEASE SIGNING OF THE PROPOSED SHELTER. FINANCIAL OR UNTIL PROPER DUE DILIGENCE HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS RAISED BY FELLOW CITIZENS, SCHOOLS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY AND THOROUGHLY ADDRESSED, AS IS AN UNDENIABLE KEY FUNCTION OF YOUR JOBS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE PROPOSED SITE LEASE SIGNING MUST BE DELAYED. I'M GOING TO GO A LITTLE OFF-SCRIPT BECAUSE MY TESTIMONY IS ON THE RECORD AND JUST SAY THAT WE'VE BEEN SORT OF VICTIM OF THE FORM OF THIS RETROACTIVE FORM OF GOVERNANCE. IT'S BEEN A VERY ADDITIVE APPROACH. EVERY SINGLE TIME MARC JOLIN PRESENTS, THERE'S NEW INFORMATION THAT WE'RE MADE AWARE OF MINUTES BEFORE YOU'RE GOING TO SIGN A LEASE THAT HAS A BIG IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY, ON OUR BUSINESS OWNERS, ON OUR SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS WELL AS ON THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY.

Ms. Gormin: I WOULD JUST URGE YOU THAT THIS SHELTER WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ACTUAL BUILDING STRUCTURE, YOU LOOK AT ITS STRUCTURE, WHAT IT'S NEAR AND NOT NEAR, IT'S A FORM OF WAREHOUSING THE HOMELESS, AND I THINK IT REALLY JUST SETS EVERY AUDIENCE AND STAKEHOLDER UP TO FAIL. YOU GUYS CERTAINLY FOR MISUSE OF FUNDS AND A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN THE PROCESS, A LACK OF TRUE REPRESENTATION IN THE PROCESS, AS WELL AS THE HOMELESS THEMSELVES. THERE AREN'T SERVICES AROUND, THERE'S A COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR THAT IT'S ABOUT TO BLOSSOM. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'VE EVER WALKED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT LEAD UP TO FOSTER POWELL, BUT YOU REALLY KIND OF -- IT'S BEEN A REAL -- I THINK RUSHING TO FIND A LEASE SO YOU CAN DO THAT AND MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT TRUE DUE DILIGENCE AND REAL INFORMATION FROM MARC JOLIN AND OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HOLD YOUR PARTNERS IN THIS PROCESS ACCOUNTABLE AND THAT INCLUDES MARC JOLIN AND HIS TEAM AND THAT INCLUDES TRANSITION PROJECTS, IT INCLUDES THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

SO I WOULD JUST IMPORE YOU AND ONE LAST THING BEFORE I END, I REALLY RESPECT AND ADMIRE YOUR STANCE THAT YOU TOOK EARLY, MS. SMITH. I HOPE IT'S NOT POLITICAL THEATER AND RHETORIC. I HOPE YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NO ONE'S AGAINST THE HOMELESS. EVERYONE WOULD LIKE A LITTLE MORE TIME GIVEN THE SEVERITY AND MAGNITUDE OF THIS SITUATION AND THIS PROBLEM IN THE CITY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Coyle: HELLO, I'M A HOME-OWNER, MY FAMILY LIVES SIX BLOCKS FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER SITE AND I AM AND MY FAMILY IS STRONGLY IN

FAVOR OF THE SHELTER. HOW MUCH TIME ARE WE GOING TO ASK FOR? ONE MONTH? ONE YEAR? SIX YEARS? 10 YEARS? OUR HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS ARE NOT GOING AWAY. I FEEL AS THOUGH PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST THE SHELTER WANT HOMELESS PEOPLE TO JUST GO AWAY. THERE IS NO "AWAY" FOR THEM TO GO. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND INCREASING COMMUNITY SAFETY REQUIRES COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INCREASED COMMUNITY SUPPORT. COMMUNITY SUPPORT LOOKS LIKE PROVIDING THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US WITH A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT, WITH A PLACE TO COOK THEIR FOOD, WITH A PLACE TO BATHE, WITH SHELTER. WITH A HOME THAT ISN'T GOING TO BE RIPPED FROM THEM BECAUSE THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMES BY AND DECREES THAT THE TENT CITY YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE SET UP TO PROVIDE A SAFE HOME FOR YOURSELVES UNDER THE FREEWAY IS NO LONGER AN ACCEPTABLE PLACE. YOU HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. YOU HAVE TO GO AWAY. SOUTHEAST NEEDS MORE SERVICES AND THAT BEGINS WITH HOUSING OUR HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS. AS A LOCAL HOME-OWNER WHO TAKES THE BUS PAST THE PROPOSED SITE SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK, WHO SUPPORTS MY LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND LOVES OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, I AM IN FAVOR OF THE FOSTER SHELTER. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Klotz: MY NAME IS DOUG AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE. I NOTE THAT THERE'S -- THAT MANY NEIGHBORS HAVE SAID THAT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT LOCATION SO WHERE CAN WE FIND THIS MYTHICAL LOCATION THAT'S NOT NEAR HOUSES OR BUSINESSES OR SCHOOLS OR RESTAURANTS, BUT IT IS NEAR TRANSIT AND SERVICES AND IT'S AVAILABLE TO LEASE? I THINK THE STAFF HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND A THOROUGH SEARCH AND WORKED WITH ALL THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE MARKET, TRYING TO GET SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN GET A LEASE ON AND I THINK WE SHOULD GO AHEAD, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY AND SIGN THAT LEASE. AND GET ON THE QUICK PATH TO GET THESE PEOPLE INTO SHELTERS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Sesser: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. I LIVE TWO BLOCKS FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER LOCATION. TODAY, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES GROUP, SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY AND MYSELF. WE ARE ASKING AND DEMANDING THAT YOU POSTPONE THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE BECAUSE WE WANT TO HAVE COMMUNITY INPUT. WE DON'T FEEL LIKE WE'VE HAD COMMUNITY INPUT. AND ONE OF THE LAST TESTIMONIES SAID THAT WE NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT, BUT WE CANNOT HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WITHOUT COMMUNITY INPUT. THE TWO GO HAND IN HAND. SO WE ARE ASKING THAT WE BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT DATA TO INCLUDE CASE STUDIES, PREFERABLY PROVIDED BY A THIRD PARTY ON HOW



SHELTERS OF THIS NATURE HAVE AFFECTED AREAS WITHIN A QUARTER MILE RADIUS OF A SHELTER LOCATION, THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS HAD TIME TO REVIEW SAID INFORMATION THOROUGHLY AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED INPUT ON HOW THIS SHELTER COMES TO FRUITION IN ITS CURRENT PLANNED STATE.

Ms. Sesser: ONLY THEN CAN YOU MOVE FORWARD. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE SUMMED UP WHAT I WOULD HAVE SAID. A CONCERN I DID HAVE AND YOU ALL HAVE MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY WAS THAT WHEN WE SPOKE LAST WEEK DURING THE BOARD MEETING WITH MR. CHRISTIAN GASTON, THE POLICY ADVISOR, HE DID MENTION THAT THE HANSEN SHELTER -- WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY -- THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY FROM NORTHEAST. HE BASICALLY TOLD US THAT BECAUSE THE SHELTER OPENED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SUITES ALONG JOHNSON CREEK THAT A LOT OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OR RESIDENTS AT THE HANSEN SHELTER WERE NOT FROM THE NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD SO WE HAVE THAT CONCERN. WE'RE BEING TOLD THAT THE PEOPLE ALREADY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY, BUT WE SEE THIS AS THOUGH THE HANSEN SHELTER IS GOING TO BE MOVING INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND JUST ONE LAST THING. THAT WAS IN COMPLETE -- THE HANSEN NEIGHBORHOOD SHELTER, WE LEARNED LATER WAS MOSTLY FROM THE PEACE SHELTER DOWNTOWN THAT CLOSED SO IT WAS SHIFTING A POPULATION FROM DOWNTOWN INTO NORTHEAST. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. McKenna: MY NAME IS MO AND I AM A RESIDENT OF MT. SCOTT. I LIVE DOWN NEAR THE MERCADO AND I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A SHELTER IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE CLOSER TO MY HOME. I THINK THAT'S A MORE SUITABLE AREA OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS OUT OF THE CORE. A LOT OF WHAT WAS SHARED BY OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE SOUTHEAST ALLIED COMMUNITIES I SUPPORT AND AGREE WITH. SO INSTEAD, I WANT TO FOCUS FOR A MOMENT ON JUST HOW YOU COMMUNICATE AND BUILD A COALITION OF SUPPORT BECAUSE I THINK A LOT OF ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE TALK ABOUT IS IN THE DETAILS, RIGHT? A LOT OF US AGREE WITH YOUR IDEOLOGY, A LOT OF US AGREE THAT WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT, WE LIVE NEXT DOOR TO THESE HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS RIGHT, THEY'RE RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, I KNOW THEIR NAMES, I KNOW WHO THEY ARE, AND I WANT TO SUPPORT THEM.

I THINK WHAT'S REALLY KEY HERE, THOUGH, IS YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A COALITION OF SUPPORT WITH THE PEOPLE THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU, RIGHT? SO YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO SUPPORT A SHELTER, ANY SHELTER, AT ANY LOCATION, BUT WE'RE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THAT MURKY MIDDLE. WE NEED THE DETAILS, WE NEED THE INFORMATION, WE CARE ABOUT HOW MUCH IT COSTS,

WE CARE ABOUT HOW WE FIT INTO THE PLAN, AND IS IT ACTUALLY GOING TO HOUSE THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY OR IS IT GOING TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS OF THE HANSEN SHELTER? YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO CHANGE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS COMMUNITY MOVING FORWARD. IT'S NOT OVER. I INVITE YOU TO JOIN US.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Stone: MY NAME IS PATTY STONE. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CRESTON KENNELWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD. A LOT OF MY COMMENTS HAVE BEEN SUMMARIZED VERY WELL. HAD IN PARTICULAR THANKS TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR SUMMARIZING OUR POINTS OF VIEW AND FOR HEARING US. THAT'S BEEN SOMETHING LACKING IN THIS PROCESS CERTAINLY. I PERSONALLY VOLUNTEER AND HAVE VOLUNTEERED WITH TRANSITION PROJECTS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, I PLAN TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE ARE CONCERNED FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS AND I WANT TO SHOW YOU THAT WE'RE WILLING TO HELP TAKE ACTION. THAT SAID, I'M HERE TO DEMAND THAT YOU POSTPONE VOTING TO SIGN THE LEASE FOR THIS PROPERTY. THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE NOT DONE DUE DILIGENCE.

THERE'S BEEN A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. MANY OF US IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND STAKEHOLDERS HAVE PRESENTED LEGITIMATE CONCERNS AND OUR CONCERNS HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MORE TIME TO WORK WITH YOU TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE. PLANS FOR THE SHELTER WERE MADE PUBLIC WITH VERY SHORT NOTICE. IN FACT, I'VE RECEIVED MAYBE 30 FLIERS FOR A SEWER PROJECT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND NOT A SINGLE FLIER REGARDING THIS SO I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. CONCERNS ABOUT CRIME AND SAFETY WERE RAISED AS SOON AS THE COMMUNITY BECAME AWARE OF PLANS TO PLACE THE SHELTER AT THIS LOCATION AND THEY'VE BEEN RAISED AT EVERY SINGLE PANEL DISCUSSION SINCE. AT THE FOSTER AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PANEL THE QUESTION DOES FUNDING FOR THE SHELTER INCLUDE LITTER REMOVAL, GRAFFITI ABATEMENT AND REINFORCED POLICE PRESENCE IN THE DISTRICT?

MARC JOLIN RESPONDED QUOTE WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THE SHELTER PRESENTS A NEED FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL THINGS, BUT THERE'S NO DATA. HE DIDN'T DO ANY KIND OF -- AS FAR AS I'M AWARE THERE'S BEEN NO EVALUATION CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT'S FACTUAL OR NOT AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS THAT MORE RESEARCH BE DONE AND MORE COLLABORATION BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE LEASE IS SIGNED. THERE NEEDS TO BE A THOROUGH EVALUATION OF CRIME AND SAFETY DATA WITHIN A QUARTER MILE OF THE EXISTING SHELTER NOT JUST THE NEIGHBORHOOD ATTACHED TO IT, BUT THE ACTUAL IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE SHELTER. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE LEASE BEING SIGNED.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN HAS TO LEAVE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I APOLOGIZE. I HAVE A MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO RESCHEDULE SO I WANTED TO GIVE MY COMMENTS AND I WILL CALL IN FOR THE VOTE. BUT I DID WANT TO GIVE MY COMMENTS AND LET YOU KNOW MY FEELINGS AND MY BELIEFS AND I BELIEVE THAT HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED AND IT IS A RIGHT OF EVERY HUMAN BEING. I WHOLLY AGREE WITH PEOPLE THAT MEMBERSHIP -- MONEY AND RESOURCES HAVE TO BE MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I BROUGHT FORTH A RESOLUTION FOR \$10.8 MILLION TO GO INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. WE ALSO WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL AT HOUSING OVER 42 FAMILIES IN OUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CAMPAIGN AND SO MOVING PEOPLE DIRECTLY INTO HOUSING ABSOLUTELY, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY DOES NEED TO IMPROVE ON THEIR COMMUNICATION PROCESS AND SO I WANT ALL OF YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I TAKE SERIOUSLY AND I WILL TRY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THAT AREA. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT AND TESTIFYING TODAY. I, TOO, HAVE READ ALL OF YOUR E-MAILS AND TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE SAID TODAY AND CONTINUED TO SAY. I HEAR YOUR CONCERNS. AND I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEARS. AS A REGION WE ARE FACED WITH UNPRECEDENTED CONDITIONS IN THE HOUSING MARKET, UNMET NEEDS WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND CLIMATE CHANGE THAT CREATES HARSH EXTREMES FOR THOSE THAT LIVE OUTSIDE. I KNOW THAT NONE OF US WANT TO SEE HUMAN BEINGS SUFFER AND WE NEED SOLUTIONS THAT ARE AS COMPLEX AS THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR COMMUNITIES.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIND THE BALANCE NECESSARY IN THIS SITUATION. TO FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION WITHIN PROXIMITY TO SERVICES THAT ALSO RESPECTS THE LIVABILITY WE ALL SEEK TO BUILD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. I SEE THE PASSION ON EACH SIDE OF THIS ISSUE, AND HOPE WE CAN BEGIN TO MEET CLOSER IN THE MIDDLE OVER THE COMING MONTHS. WITH A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AGREEMENT, A REPRESENTATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEEDBACK, I BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS BALANCE. I BELIEVE EVERYONE HERE CONTINUES TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHELTER. IT'S THROUGH THIS COLLABORATION THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. FDR SAID, "COURAGE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, BUT RATHER THE ASSESSMENT THAT SOMETHING ELSE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FEAR." I BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING A PATH FOR FOLKS, WOMEN, SENIORS, INDIVIDUALS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND MINORITIES, OUT OF POVERTY, OUT OF ADDICTION, OUT OF HOMELESSNESS IS ONE OF THE MOST COURAGEOUS THINGS THAT WE CAN DO. THANK YOU.

Ms. Iannarone: THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES OF CRISIS. I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF BALANCING THESE DEMANDS. 13 YEARS AGO WHEN I BOUGHT MY FIRST HOME IN THE MOUNT SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD IT WAS BECAUSE I WANTED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR MY FAMILY, WE WANTED TO INVEST THERE, WHEN I MOVED THERE IT WAS FELONY FLATS, NOT FOPO, AND THERE WERE NOT SAFE CROSSWALKS, SO WE STARTED BUILDING A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND PARK THERE. I STARTED A CAFE CALLED THE ARLETA LIBRARY CAFE, I HAVE I HAVE INVESTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A DECADE. I CAN'T AFFORD TO FIND A THREE BEDROOM THERE.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE TRAJECTORY OF THE CITY AS WE THINK BUT THE GROWTH AND CHALLENGES OF GROWTH AND INCLUSIVITY, IF WE ARE REACTING REFLEXIVELY OUT OF FEAR EVERY TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS PROPOSED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WE ARE GOING TO GET ENGAGED IN THESE PROCESSES AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND WAS WE NEED TO SAY IS THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY BUT THE NEEDS FOR MOST OF THE HOMEOWNERS RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE 40% OF PEOPLE IN MOUNT SCOTT AND ARLETA WHO ARE RENTERS AND I DON'T SEE THEM HERE. THERE ARE MANY HOMELESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND I DON'T SEE THEM HERE. I WILL TAKE ONE MORE SECOND BECAUSE I LOST A COUPLE, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO RISE ABOVE THE POLITICS IN THIS SITUATION, AND THINK ABOUT THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE WE NEED TO PRETTY AS HARD ACROSS THE NEIGHBORHOODS, AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, I ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO DELAY A VOTE AND MAKE SURE THAT WE MAKE THIS INVESTMENT IN THIS AREA AT THIS TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, THANK YOU FOR LETTING HER SPEAK FIRST.

Ms. Schroeder: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU LORETTA SMITH FOR TOTALLY ON THE MONEY WITH ALL OF HOW THIS IS, THIS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED VERY BADLY. AND HOW DISINGENUOUS IT HAS BEEN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MY NAME IS MARLA SCHROEDER, I AM BORN AND RAISED HERE. NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNER FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. I ALSO FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT OUR HOMELESS SITUATION. PERMANENT HOUSING IS WHAT WE NEED. AND WHILE I DO AGREE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT, THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION. PUTTING UP A HOMELESS SHELTER, 60 PERSON FOSTER ABOUT JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS AT THE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PROPOSED LOW BARRIER, HOMELESS SHELTER WHERE THESE STUDENTS WILL BE CO-MINGLING WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING WITH ONGOING SERIOUS ADDICTION, WHICH WILL ENDANGER THESE AT RISK CHILDREN. WE DEMAND THAT YOU POSTPONE SIGNING THE LEASE THAT FIRST NEEDS TO BE A STUDY DONE TO VERIFY THE IMPACTS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, THIS IS NOT TEMPORARY, WILL BE ON

THE GROWING COMMUNITY, WE HAVE HAD THE MOUNT SCOTT LEARNING CENTER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 14 YEARS.

Ms. Schroeder: AT RISK HIGH SCHOOL, THAT DOES OWN THE BUILDING AND HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL WORKING PARTNER WITH OUR COMMUNITY. IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE HOMELESS SHELTER WITH EXTREMELY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE BUILDING. THIS IS AN IRRESPONSIBLE LOCATION WITH REGARDS TO THE CHILDREN, THE CHILDREN ARE IN LARGE PART AT RISK. MY FRIEND WITH YOUR GRANDSON, WHO NEGLECTED AND ABUSED HIM, AND NOW HAS HIM IN THIS SCHOOL TO FEEL SAFE AND THRIVE WILL POSSIBLY HAVE A SHELTER DROPPED LIKE A BOMB NEXT TO HIS SCHOOL SOLELY BECAUSE IT'S CHEAPER FOR THE CITY. THIS IS AN EGREGIOUS ACT THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CITY HAS NO REGARD FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SCHOOL. LOCATING THE SHELTER WITHIN 500 FEET ACROSS THE STREET OF HIM AND HIS CLASSMATES WITH SIMILAR TRAUMAS FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IS LUDICROUS.

Ms. Piekarski: I AM CARMEN, A 15-YEAR RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER OF MOUNT SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD. I OPPOSE THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE TODAY, MANY OF MY THOUGHTS ARE THE SAME AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN SO I WILL BE BRIEF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR SPEAKING WISELY AND FOR THE PUBLIC. WE DON'T SEEM TO BE HAVING THAT FROM ANYONE ELSE LATELY. THIS IS A POOR LOCATION FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED, THE ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, A BREWERY GOING IN RIGHT NEXT DOOR. A LOW INCOME DAYCARE CENTER, THERE IS NOW NO GROCERY STORE ANYWHERE NEAR THIS. FRED MEYER ON 82ND HAS GONE OUT. THEY PULLED OUT OF THERE. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE COMMERCIAL, SMALL COMMERCIAL STRIP IS INSTANTLY SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS FULL OF ALLEYS.

THEY ARE GREAT PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO WALK THEIR DOGS, CHILDREN TO RIDE THEIR BIKES IN THE SUMMER, AND THEY ARE ALSO GREAT PLACES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO DRUGS, SHOOT UP IN THE SHELTER TO GO TO THE ALLEYS AND SHOOT UP AND LEAVE THEIR NEEDLES THERE. AND THE TRANSITION PROJECTS, THERE ARE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, INFORMATIONAL FLYER, THEY SAY THAT THEY EXPECT THEIR SHELTER DWELLERS TO FOLLOW THE RULES, AND I AM SURE THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE WILL, AND MANY WILL WANT TO, BUT ADDICTIONS ARE STRONG, AND BEHAVIOR WHEN SOMEONE IS HIGH OR DRUNK, THEIR BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE WITHIN THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE SHELTER OR MESH WITH THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING IT. I BELIEVE BY SIGNING THE LEASE TODAY TRANSITION PROJECTS IS NOT GOING TO CARE WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY AND WILL DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. AT THE DECEMBER 18 MEETING MARC JOLIN PARAPHRASING, THIS IS FOR THE A DIRECT QUOTE, THIS IS THE REALITY YOU NEED TO GET USED TO IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU CAN BEGIN, SIR.

Mr. Mundanda: HI EVERYBODY, GOOD AFTERNOON. TWO MAIN CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE. ONE IS TRANSPARENCY AND THE OTHER LOCATION. AND THE TRANSPARENCY HAS BEEN AT RISK, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TALKING ABOUT IT. WE CAN BE AS [INAUDIBLE] NOT USED TO SPEAKING. SECOND THING IS LOCATION. ONE THING YOU NEED TO BE PROUD OF IS THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU HAVE HERE. NOBODY WHO ARE FAR ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT HAVING A HOMELESS SHELTER. THE PROBLEM IS THE LOCATION. THE PROJECT DOWNTOWN, THIS IS THE WAY, GARBAGE BINS ALL OVER THE PLACE. THE ONE ON WESTMORELAND, THIS IS THE LOCATION, AND THIS IS A MAJOR STREET.

THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL HOMES. I KNOW THE PHOTOGRAPH IS FAR FROM YOU BUT THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL HOMES AROUND IT. THAT IS A GOOD LOCATION SO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES ARE NOT AFFECTED. AS CARMEN MENTIONED PEOPLE WHO CANNOT DO DRUGS IN THEIR HOME, IN THE SHELTER, ALWAYS GO OUT ABOUT 100 FEET AWAY. I LIVE ABOUT A BLOCK AND A HALF AWAY. IN THE ALLEYS IS WHERE WE ALWAYS CLEAN UP NEEDLES. AND THAT IS WHY EVERYBODY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. IF YOU HAD A SHELTER WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT DO DRUGS, AND THAT WOULD HELP A LOT, TOO, BUT PUTTING ALL THESE RIGHT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THERE IS SCHOOL FOR TROUBLED KIDS AND A FEW OTHER SCHOOLS AROUND, IS NOT APPROPRIATE IF YOU CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHICH I THINK THAT MOST OF YOU HERE DO. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOING ON AND DELAY THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Kelly: I AM AMBER KELLY, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HUSBAND AARON TODAY. I AM A SECOND GENERATION PORTLANDER. I AM A HOMEOWNER IN THE ARLETA SCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD, A NURSE AND WHAT I FEEL IS MORE IMPORTANT IS I AM A SISTER TO TWO SIBLINGS WHO EXPERIENCED HOUSELESSNESS AND HAVE BOTH FOUND SOBRIETY AND LONG-TERM RESIDENCE THROUGH TRANSITION HOUSING LIKE THIS. WE NEED MORE PERMANENT HOUSING, THAT IS A FACT. WE ALSO NEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO HELP PEOPLE FIND THAT.

I UNDERSTAND MY NEIGHBORS' CONCERN ABOUT FAMILY, AND ASKING YOU TO THINK ABOUT FAMILY, BUT THESE FOLKS, THEY ARE MY FAMILY. THEY ARE ALREADY A PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE IS NEVER A PERFECT PLACE AND NEVER A PERFECT SOLUTION, AND THIS MIGHT SEEM QUICK, FIVE WEEKS MIGHT SEEM QUICK, THAT IS A LONG TIME ON THE STREET. I AM SUPPORTING THIS SHELTER, AND I AM ASKING THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO NEED HELP. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU CAN BEGIN.

Mr. Vevera: I AM MICHAEL. I AM A RESIDENT THREE BLOCKS SOUTH OF THE PROPOSED SHELTER. KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL DECEMBER 16, NO, NO, 14TH, MAYBE, WE WERE MADE AWARE OF IT DECEMBER 18 MEETING, TRIED TO GO TO THAT MEETING, THERE WAS 150 PEOPLE LET IN, AND 200 OF US STANDING OUTSIDE, I CAN TELL YOU EVERY PERSON I SPOKE TO AT THAT MEETING WAS SHOCKED AND AGAINST THIS BECAUSE THEY HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS. I HAVE SINCE CANVASSED 100 HOMES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I HAVE SPOKEN TO 50 HOMEOWNERS. AND NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS IN FAVOR OF THIS SHELTER, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHY. IT'S BECAUSE YOU GAVE UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TRANSPARENT AND YOU GAVE UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND NOW YOU ARE TRYING TO RAILROAD THIS DOWN OUR THROAT, AND I ASKED OUR NEIGHBORS THAT IF YOU WERE GIVEN A CHOICE TO REVOTE FOR DEBORAH KAFOURY, WHICH I DID VOTE FOR YOU, IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHOICE TO DO THIS AGAIN AND I HAVE THIS RAILROAD ROAD MY THROAT I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR YOU AND ACTIVELY WORK TO GET SOMEONE ELSE IN HERE WHO IS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND FOR REGIONAL TRANSPARENCY.

I AM NOT AGAINST HOME ADVOCACY, I HAVE GIVEN OUT BLANKETS, I ADVOCATE FOR LEADERSHIP AND A REAL SOLUTION. THIS IS FOR THE A SOLUTION. YOU ARE ACTUALLY CREATING A PROBLEM IN AN AREA THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC PROBLEM RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE AND MOVE IT THERE. WHAT WHERE WE NEED IS LEADERSHIP AND BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SOME REASON THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS DECIDED THE SYSTEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE IS ONE THAT CREATES POVERTY, THAT LEADS TO THESE PROBLEMS, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT. JUST LIKE WE DID IN THE 1930S. WE NEED SOME SORT OF MODERN PLACE PEOPLE CAN LIVE, WORK, GET CLEAN AND LEARN SKILLS. THAT'S NOT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AT THIS SHELTER. THIS IS BADLY DONE. YOU HAVE MADE SOMEONE WHO IS AN ADVOCATE OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND AN ADVOCATE FOR WHAT YOU DO, MADE ME AGAINST YOU. THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR, FOR THE CHANCE TO SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Liles: I AM BARBARA. I HAVE LIVED IN PORTLAND SINCE 1989. THIS IS ONLY THE SEC TIME THAT I HAVE CHOSEN, AND THE LAST TIME WAS ABOUT A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW, NOW IS THE TIME TO SPEAK UP ONCE IT IS BUILT, IT IS A DONE DEAL, AND I DO -- I HAVE LIVED IN MT. TABOR AND HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD FOR MOST OF THE TIME. ONLY MOVED TO THIS FOSTER POWELL SIX MONTHS AGO, DOWNSIZING AND RETIRING, AND I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IN THOSE

NEIGHBORHOODS. I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY WOULD HAVE TRIED TO CRAM THIS DOWN IN FIVE WEEKS. IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS. AND WE NEED SHELTERS. I BELIEVE THAT, AND WE NEED REALLY PLANNED SHELTERS, NOT JUST A BAND-AID AND A LONG-TERM HOUSING PLAN WITH INTEGRATED SERVICES. WE NEED POLICIES CONCERNING ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. I REALLY TAKE OFFENSE AT BEING CALLED TO SAY THAT I AM AGAINST THIS LOCATION OF A SHELTER.

Ms. Liles: I HAVE HAD HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING WITH ME AND VOLUNTEERED AND DELIVER EMERGENCY SERVICES BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS SHELTER IS APPROPRIATELY SITED IN THE HEART OF FOSTER. IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF THEY COULD HAVE FOUND OTHER BUILDINGS. I KNOW THAT - BUT PEOPLE ARE SITTING ON THEM WAITING FOR THAT 90 MILLION URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMING, AND FOSTER IS RIGHT ON THE CUSP OF CHANGE. I BELIEVE THE SHELTER WOULD HAVE WONDERFUL IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE SHOULD SPREAD THE SHELTERS OUT, THAT PARTICULAR LOCATION IS NOT RIGHT.

Mr. Lowe: I AM CHRIS LOWE AND I CAME TO PORTLAND IN 1977, AND I SAW THE BEGINNING OF ALL OF THIS. I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS AN SULKING PARKING GARAGE WHERE PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE WAS, AND GENTRIFICATION STARTED CREEPING UP BURNSIDE FROM -- AND DRIVING OUT THE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY, HOTELS THAT STARTED WITH, YOU KNOW, WITH THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, A LOT OF CURRENT YOU KNOW, HOMELESS PROBLEMS. IT'S EVOLVED. BUT YOU KNOW, THAT'S 40 YEARS. AND IT'S LONG ENOUGH. AND SO I SUPPORT THE STRATEGY AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK IT'S ENOUGH. I AGREE WITH WHAT MIMI GERMAN SAID. I APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON STEPPING UP TO LEAD THIS GROUP. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE GOT A BIG TASK AHEAD OF YOU ABOUT COMMUNICATION. I TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD. YOU ARE GOING TO TRY TO ADAPT THIS, BUT I AM FOR THIS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MOBILITY, RIGHT. THIS IS ALL MY COMMUNITY.

I LIVE IN WOODSTOCK NOT FAR FROM THE SPRING WATER CORRIDOR, I AM BETTING THAT A BUNCH OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOWNTOWN PEOPLE CAME OUT OF THERE. YOU KNOW, TO HANSEN OR WHEREVER, AND PART OF WHAT IS GOING ON IS THIS GROTESQUE, INHUMAN POLICY OF PUSHING PEOPLE AROUND AND DISREGARDING THEIR HUMANITY. AND I HOPE THAT YOU AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE TALKING TO TED WHEELER ABOUT CHANGING HIS GODDAMN CITY POLICY WHICH RESTARTED THAT NONSENSE. I REALLY WANT YOU TO LOOK VERY HARD FOR NEW REVENUE TO PUT INTO HOUSING AND TO LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF YOU KNOW, HIGH END, HIGH INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS POLARIZING OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S IMPOSING BURDENS ON ALL OF THE REST OF THE COMMUNITIES, AND YOU SHOULD LOOK AT A FEE, A REALLY STEEP FEE THAT SAYS THAT IF YOU WANT TO BUILD THAT KIND OF HOUSING, YOU HAVE TO PAY THIS OR YOU HAVE TO



REALLY PROVIDE MUCH MORE ROBUST LOW INCOME HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR INCOME THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO PAY FOR THE FULL RANGE OF HOUSELESS SERVICES THAT WE NEED.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Weiss: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM FRANK. I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO BE ON THE BOARD OF MOUNT SCOTT LEARNING CENTER FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS OR SO. AND MOUNT SCOTT, IF PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS STORY IN THIS COMMUNITY. MOUNT SCOTT TAKES STUDENTS THAT ARE EITHER DROPPING OUT OR ON THE CUSP OF DROPPING OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HAS GRADUATED THEM IN A HIGH 1990S RATE AND SENDING MORE THAN 80% OF THEM TO POST-HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. MANY OF THE KIDS SERVED BY MOUNT SCOTT ARE AT RISK AND COME FROM TROUBLED HOMES, DRUG PROBLEMS, INCARCERATION, AND DIFFICULTIES LIKE THAT. AND MOUNT SCOTT HAS WORKED EXTRAORDINARILY HARD OVER THE YEARS TO DEVELOP A NURTURING AND SAFE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE KIDS THAT NEED THAT.

WE HAVE LEARNED BUT THE PLANNED SHELTER, ABOUT A MONTH AGO. IT'S ALL BRAND NEW TO US. WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE ACCESS TO INFORMATION BUT THE PLANNING PROCESS AND THE DECISIONS MADE THAT RESULTED IN THIS LOCATION BEING CHOSEN LITERALLY FEET SAY WAY FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL SERVING 160 KIDS. IT MAY BE THAT THIS IS THE IDEAL LOCATION. WE HAVE CERTAINLY NOT SEEN THE EVIDENCE THAT THAT'S THE BEST PLACE TO LOCATE A SHELTER OF THIS NATURE. AND TO RUSH IT THROUGH WITHOUT ANY OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO EVALUATE IT TO US, IT SEEMS LIKE A MISTAKE.

Mr. Lightning: I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER JUSTICE WATCHDOG. THE POINT THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH BROUGHT UP, I THINK, WERE RIGHT ON THE MARK AGAIN, AND YOU HEARD MOST OF THE CROWD IN HERE JUST ASKING, GIVE US A LITTLE MORE TIME TO MAKE OUR DECISION. VERY REASONABLE TO ASK THAT TO AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DATA, ENOUGH RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE, AND THEY WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED. VERY REASONABLE BUT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT. YOU HAVE DONE FOUR VOTES UP HERE. COMMISSIONER SMITH WILL VOTE NO, AND I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND I HOPE DOWN THE LINE ALL THESE PEOPLE IN HERE THAT HAVE JUST BEEN REASONABLE AND ASKED FOR MORE TIME, EACH PERSON IN HERE CAN BRING ANOTHER 100 PEOPLE AND MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET RE-ELECTED.

EACH PERSON OUT HERE CAN GET MANY PEOPLE TO WORK TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET RE-ELECTED AND GUESS WHAT, WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE YOU SIT ANYTHING THESE SEATS? WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE YOU? AGAIN, DELAY THE VOTE. AGAIN, ANOTHER POSSIBILITY HERE, PROSPER PORTLAND

OWNS THE INN AT THE CONVENTION CENTER, A NICE HOTEL. SITTING THERE. OWNED, NO DEBT BY PORTLAND. GUESS WHAT, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO HOTEL VOUCHERS FOR THESE 100 PEOPLE YOU WANT TO PUT OVER IN THIS LOCATION THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE MIGHT NOT WANT? GUESS WHAT, WE OWN THE PROPERTY. DEBT-FREE. IDEAL LOCATION. YOU CAN MOVE THEM IN WITHIN A WEEK.

Mr. Lightning: THERE IS THE OTHER LOCATION, PROSPER PORTLAND, NO DEBT ON IT, THEY BOUGHT IT FOR THE OTHER HOTEL THAT THEY FOUND ANOTHER LOCATION, AND IT'S AN IDLE PROPERTY SITTING THERE. THERE IS YOUR OTHER LOCATION, AND ALL YOUR UTILITIES ARE IN, AND REHABBED, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND THE 2 MILLION. THERE IT IS, DO AN IGA AND DONE DEAL. DONE DEAL. SEE IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THAT, SEE IF YOU WANT TO GET VOTED AGAIN, FOCUS IN THIS ROOM ON THE 500 MILLION AFFORDABLE HOUSING BON METRO, I WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN ON THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THE 258 MILLION, WE WANT TO HAVE 758 MILLION TO GO TO AFFORDABLE, PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT'S THE GOAL. YOU HAVE A HOTEL THERE DEBT-FREE, USE IT.

Ms. Vanacore: GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM AMY, A MUSICIAN, I AM ALSO FORTUNATE TO BE A HOMEOWNER FOR THE LAST 11 YEARS IN MOUNT SCOTT ARLETA, AND THE HOME I OWN IS THREE BLOCKS FROM THE PROPOSED SHELTER. COMMISSIONER SMITH I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSIVENESS TO THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TODAY. AND I JUST WANT TO ECHO WHAT ALEX SAID THAT PORTLAND NEEDS TO LOOK AT OTHER MODEL SAYS OF CITIES THAT HAVE HAD SUCCESS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE HOMELESSNESS LIKE SALT LAKE CITY. LOOK AT THAT MODEL. WHAT THEY DO AND PROVIDE HOUSING FIRST, PERMANENT HOUSING FIRST. THEY PUT ALL THEIR RESOURCES THERE FIRST, AND THEN THEY, AFTER PEOPLE GET HOUSED, THEY TRY TO GIVE THEM THE ON OTHER THINGS.

I HAVE A BACKGROUND AS A SOCIAL WORKER, WORKED AS A FAMILY RESOURCE NAVIGATOR WITH MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR THREE YEARS, AND I JUST LEFT THAT A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO PURSUE MUSIC FULL TIME, AND ALL OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE I HAVE SPOKEN WITH TELL ME THEY DON'T WANT TO BE IN A SHELTER AND THEY WANT TO BE IN A HOME. AND SO I THINK THAT IT'S RIDICULOUS THAT THE CITY IS THINKING OF SPENDING 2 MILLION TO PROVIDE A SHELTER THAT'S NOT GOING TO PROVIDE A HOME TO A SINGLE HOMELESS PERSON, WHEN 2 MILLION COULD PROVIDE HOMES TO SEVERAL HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND I JUST WANT YOU TO REFOCUS YOUR EFFORTS AND LISTEN TO US. IT'S OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WE CARE ABOUT EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I CARE ABOUT HOMELESS PEOPLE, TOO. AND I AM AGAINST THIS SHELTER GOING WHERE IT IS. THERE IS A LOT OF OTHER LOCATIONS AS THAT GENTLEMAN JUST MENTIONED. THERE IS LOCATIONS AT THE, THAT THE CITY ALREADY OWNS AND LOCATIONS

BECOMING AVAILABLE LIKE THE FRED MEYER ON 82ND AND FOSTER THAT JUST LEFT. THAT'S A HUGE LOT THAT COULD BE TURNED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING FOR HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER, FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. SO MANY DIFFERENT AVENUES THAT WE COULD TAKE HERE, LET'S BE HONEST. IF THE PAUL ALLEN FOUNDATION AND THE TRUST HAD JUST GIVEN YOU THE FUNDING TO BUILD A FIVE-STORY STUDIO APARTMENT COMPLEX AT THIS ADDRESS WITH OPEN TO PEOPLE AT 0% MFI THE SAME PEOPLE WOULD BE COMING HERE SAYING AND SAYING NO WAY KEEP THESE SCUM BAGS OUT OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY ARE PROBABLY THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKE OH, WE CAN NEVER HAVE THE MOUNT SCOTT LEARNING CENTER HERE, IT'S FULL OF MINORITY CHILDREN AND TROUBLED YOUTH AND JUVENILE DELINQUENTS. THAT TURNED OUT WONDERFUL. THIS HOMELESS SHELTER WILL TURN OUT WONDERFUL, TOO, ONCE YOU PASS IT, HOWEVER LORETTA SMITH IS RIGHT YOU NEED TO FIND THE MONEY TO USE, TO USE THE UNUSED SQUARE FOOTAGE ON NORTH MLK, AND KILLINGSWORTH AREA, SO CLOSE TO EAST PRECINCT.

I KNOW THE COPS WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE AND DO SUNSHINE DIVISION STUFF RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE TESTIFIED HERE ARE NOT IN TOUCH WITH REALITY. THEY CAME HERE, MAN YOU HAVE GOT TO POSTPONE THIS FOR A YEAR. I DON'T WANT HOW MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE DIE. YOU CAN'T POSTPONE THIS FOR A YEAR FOR ANY REASON. A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY IT'S A BUSINESS DECISION, IT IS NOT, IT'S A COMPREHENSIVE THING. THESE PLACES ARE NOT JUMPING INTO YOUR LAP. IT'S THE ONLY ONE THAT YOU COULD FIND IN TWO YEARS. BETTER GET IT. BUT LISTEN TO WHAT LORETTA SMITH SAID AND WHAT LIGHTNING SAID BECAUSE THIS IS ONLY 120 PEOPLE, AND MAYBE 75 IF THE PEOPLE FROM FOSTER FIND A WAY TO MAKE THE ZONING APPLY. WE NEED TO HOUSE HUNDREDS MORE SO SIGN THIS LEASE, GET THEM IN THERE, AND THESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE NINE MONTHS TO ENGAGE TO MAKE IT PERFECT SO WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SOME DISABLED LESBIAN SEX OFFENDERS MOLESTING PEOPLE AT THE MOUNT SCOTT CENTER OR WHATEVER THE PROBLEM WILL BE ON THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: THAT'S WHAT THE PARANOIA IS, OH, MY GOD, A SCHOOL. SO.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

Mr. Johnson: LET'S HAVE THE POLICE COME AND THE SMART ASS SCUM BAGS COME AND REMOVE ME.

Chair Kafoury: LET'S NOT DO THIS, LET'S LET THIS WOMAN TESTIFY WHO HAS BEEN WAITING. GO AHEAD.

Ms. Starling: I WAS NOT PLANNING ON SPEAKING TODAY, I AM EDITH STARLING, PRETTY MUCH OFF THE CUFF SO EXCUSE ME FOR RAMBLING BUT I HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EAR SHELTERS, AND THE MAP THAT WAS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN WAS INTERESTING BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY REALLY DID NOT SHOW THE WHOLE PORTLAND. IT SHOWED THE CITY CENTER, WHICH WAS HEAVY ON THE SHELTERS, AND IT SHOWED NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST. IT DID NOT SHOW THE WEST PART OF THE CITY. I HAVE LOOKED AT THE DIFFERENT SHELTERS AND I WILL TELL YOU WHAT, I WISH THAT THEY COULD ALL BE LIKE THE TIGARD LOCATION, THAT IS BEAUTIFUL. THAT IS AN INCREDIBLE FACILITY. IT LOOKS LIKE AN UPSCALE APARTMENT BUILDING, AND VERY ATTRACTIVE, JUST, BUT EVEN THAT IS NOT CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL. OKAY.

MOST OF THE LOCATIONS ARE NOT WALKING DISTANCE TO SCHOOLS, AND IT SHOWED LIKE MAYBE THERE WAS MORE THINKING TO, WHAT WENT INTO WHERE IT WAS GOING TO BE LOCATED. I AM ALL FOR SHELTERING AND ALL FOR HELPING PEOPLE, YOU ARE LOOKING AT A PERSON THAT IN THE LAST 25 YEARS HAS HOUSED SEVEN PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES, SOME AS LONG AS TWO YEARS, ONE A 14-YEAR-OLD. SO I BELIEVE IN HELPING OTHERS. I HAVE OPENED UP MY DOOR TO PEOPLE THAT MY FRIENDS WOULD SAY WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE. AND SO THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS IT'S NOT EQUAL AND FAIR. YOU HAVE NOT SPREAD IT OUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE SERVICES ARE THROUGHOUT THE CITY. YOU ARE ACTING LIKE THE SERVICES ARE ONLY HERE IN SOUTHEAST. THEY ARE ALL OVER. ALL OVER THE PLACE. I HAVE TO TAKE THE BUSES BECAUSE, FOR MEDICAL REASONS I DON'T DRIVE. SO THIS IS A GREAT CITY. YOU NEED TO SPREAD IT OUT. YOU NEED TO HELP EVERYONE, YOU CANNOT BE PUTTING IN PLACES WHERE YOU ARE PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT RISK WHICH IS WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY? ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE QUESTIONS BUT THE LEASE. IS THERE ANYBODY HERE FROM FACILITIES WHO IS PREPARED TO DO THAT?

Chair Kafoury: THEY ARE COMING DOWN NOW.

Commissioner Smith: GOOD AFTERNOON. I THOUGHT THAT I READ SOMEWHERE IN THE LEASE THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY IS 27,000?

Mr. Tomkins: YEAH, YOU KNOW, I DON'T RECALL THAT.

Commissioner Smith: I DO. IT'S \$27,000. AND I ALSO READ THAT THE TAX IS GOING TO BE ABATED. AND IT'S IN THE LEASE. SO THEY ARE GOING TO GET 27,000 PLUS 14,000 A YEAR?

Mr. Tomkins: NO. THAT'S NOT HOW THAT WORKS. EVERY PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY OCCUPIES IS EXEMPT BY LAW FROM PROPERTY TAXES. SO THAT'S ALL THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED IN THAT PROVISION.

Commissioner Smith: SO CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE THERE GOING TO BE ABATED BECAUSE WE'RE IN THAT BUILDING.

Mr. Tomkins: IT WOULD BE THE TAXES NOT OTHERWISE PAID BY A NON-EXEMPT ENTITY. YOU SAY YOU HAVE THE NUMBER.

Commissioner Smith: THE NUMBER A YEAR FOR THAT PROPERTY IS 27,000. 77% OF THE REST OF THE LAND WILL BE USED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO WE CAN DO THE MATH. WE CAN DO 27,000 TIMES 77. AND SEE WHAT THAT IS.

Mr. Tomkins: OKAY.

Commissioner Smith: SO IN ORDER FOR ME TO SIGN OFF ON A LEASE I NEED YOU TO TELL ME HOW MUCH TAXES ARE THERE GOING TO BE ABATED? SO THEY ARE GOING TO GET 20,000 PLUS 14?

Mr. Tomkins: I CAN'T CONFIRM THAT. I DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER. EVERYWHERE THAT WE OCCUPY IS EXEMPT.

Commissioner Smith: I AM TALKING BUT THE ISSUE TODAY. AT, ON FOSTER ROAD. I NEED YOU TO TELL ME HOW MUCH OF THE TAX IS GOING TO BE ABATED FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY. I CAN'T VOTE ON THIS UNTIL YOU GIVE ME ALL THE PROPER INFORMATION.

Mr. Tomkins: I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER FOR YOU.

Commissioner Smith: WE CAN'T VOTE ON THIS TODAY THEN.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. I THINK MY VOICE IS GONE NOW. SO FIRST I WANTED TO THANK MARK FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND FOR THE TIME THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE PUT INTO THIS PROJECT SO FAR. I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A LOT OF TIME, AND ACTUALLY I DID KIND OF ASK YOU VERY STRONGLY ABOUT A NUMBER OF THE

QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED HERE TODAY, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THOSE ONE BY ONE BECAUSE I ALSO DO REALLY APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND WHO HAVE ALSO WRITTEN AND E-MAILED AND CALLED TO MY OFFICE. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH ME, WHICH HAS BEEN REALLY GREAT ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE. I DO TRY TO ACTUALLY PERSONALLY RESPOND WHEN PEOPLE CONTACT ME SO IF YOU ARE HERE AND HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ME IT IS NOT THROUGH LACK OF TRYING BUT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF COMMUNICATION, BUT I WILL GET THERE. THAT TIES INTO WHAT I SEE IS A COUPLE OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, AND I THINK A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HAVE A WHETHER OR NOT YOU TO THIS.

Commissioner Meieran: THERE IS BOTH THE PROCESS STANDPOINT AND ALSO SOME OF THE MORE SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS. FOR ME PROCESS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, I AM SORRY MY VOICE LITERALLY IS GOING AS I SPEAK. BUT IT IS LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, WHY I READ EVERY EMAIL AND LISTEN TO ALL OF THE MESSAGES AND TRY TO PERSONALLY RESPOND. SO MUCH OF THE TIME A LOT OF THE ISSUES THAT WE ALL FACE, I MEAN, IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES, AS A COMMUNITY, BOIL DOWN TO JUST TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER AND HAVING THAT KIND OF OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION. I THINK THAT A LOT OF SORT OF THE ISSUES WE FACE WOULD BE DISPELLED IF WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT CONSISTENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. I, FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD I DO FEEL LIKE THE PROCESS HERE WAS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. AND SO I JUST DO WANT TO CALL THAT OUT.

WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE PAST AT THIS POINT, BUT I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, AND WE WILL, AND I AM SURE THAT ALL OF MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS THAT WE HAVE EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS MORE IF THIS PASSES, AND WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE. THERE IS NOTHING THAT I CAN DO BUT THE PAST. THIS LEASE HAS TO EITHER BE SIGNED OR WE WILL LOSE AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY, WHICH TIES INTO MY NEXT POINT. WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT OF LESSONS BUT THE PROCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS WE WILL PUT INTO PLAY. I THINK THAT THESE WILL TRULY BE ADDRESSED, BUT IN TERMS OF THE CONCERNS, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THOSE. BUT IN MY KIND OF OTHER WORLD WORKING LIFE, I AM AN EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR, AND AS A E.R. DOCTOR FIRST OF ALL I ROUTINELY SEE THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE SERVED BY THIS HOMELESS SHELTER, PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS COME INTO THE E.R. EVERY DAY.

I TAKE CARE OF THEM EVERY DAY AND SEND THEM BACK TO THE STREETS WHERE THEY ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR UNDERLYING PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. AND I PERSONALLY FIND THAT INHUMANE. I ALSO AS HAS BEEN RAISED A NUMBER OF TIMES HERE TODAY KNOW THAT AT LEAST 80 PLUS PEOPLE HAVE DIED ON OUR STREETS LAST YEAR. AGAIN NOT JUST AS A PHYSICIAN BUT AS A HUMAN BEING I FIND THAT

ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS ACTUALLY A LOT MORE THAN WERE NOT PICKED UP IN THE COUNT. WHAT THIS COMES DOWN TO IS REALLY, AND WHAT I SAID WHEN I RAN FOR THIS OFFICE, WHAT I STILL BELIEVE WHEN WE COME DOWN TO MAKING SOME OF THE REALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS IS IT'S A MATTER OF SOMETIMES TRIAGE AND OFTEN JUST DOING WHAT, WHAT IS RIGHT.

Commissioner Meieran: I CAN'T SIT BY AND LET PEOPLE DIE AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMUNICATE ABOUT HOW TO BEST PUT A FACILITY INTO PLAY, TO WORK FOR THE MOST PEOPLE, AND TO SERVE THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. SO I BELIEVE THAT IT'S OUR FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AT THE COUNTY TO ENSURE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AND GET THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO MOVE AS WE HAVE ALL TALKED ABOUT TODAY TO A PERMANENT HOUSING, WHICH IS WHAT REALLY WE'RE STRIVING FOR, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE THAT HAS COME HERE TODAY, SAT HERE FOR HOURS, AND CONTINUE TO REACH OUT AND THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE I HAVE A QUESTION. I WANT TO REMIND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS WHAT THIS IS. THE CHARTER LETS US KNOW THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONEY PIECE, AND BECAUSE OF OUR VALUES INDIVIDUALLY, WE ALL DO CARE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND PEOPLE BEING ON THE STREETS. BUT OUR FIRST JOB IS BUT THE MONEY. TO FIND OUT WHERE THE MONEY IS FROM, AND UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM AND HOW MUCH MONEY WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING ON AN ABATEMENT AND WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE PAYING FOR, WE CANNOT APPROVE THIS LEASE.

THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY COMMISSIONERS. WE NEED TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF WHAT WE ARE DOING IN TERMS OF A DEPARTMENT HEAD. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING US ALL OF THE DATA. YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN US THE DATA. YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN US THE DATA. UNTIL YOU GIVE US THE DATA WE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTE THIS LEASE.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR CHARGE REQUIRES, I APPRECIATE THAT, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT, AND HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH OUR PROCESS TO HEAR AND HAVE ALL MY QUESTIONS SUCH AS THAT ANSWERED, I FEEL THAT HAS BEEN ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION, AND THEN IT BOILS DOWN TO ACTUALLY CARING BUT THE PEOPLE DYING ON THE STREET.

Commissioner Smith: I CARE ABOUT THE 80 PEOPLE WHO DIED ON THE STREETS, BUT COMMISSIONER, UNDERSTAND THIS, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS

TO KNOW THE MONEY PIECE. YOU HAVE NOT DEMANDED TO KNOW WHAT IS IN THIS LEASE. YOU HAVE NOT DEMANDED TO KNOW WHAT IS THE RESTORATION OF THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY. I HAVE ASKED SOMETHING TODAY THAT YOU HAD NO IDEA ABOUT. I HAVE READ THIS LEASE. YOU DID NOT ASK ONE QUESTION ABOUT HOW MUCH THE TAX ABATEMENT IS GOING TO BE. IF WE ARE GIVING 20,000 BACK AND 14,000 FOR A LEASE, THAT'S 34,000. I WOULD HAVE WRITTEN A DIFFERENT LEASE. IF I AM GOING TO ABATE THE TAXES.

Mr. Tompkins: THIS IS THE TAX PROVISION IN THE LEASE THAT'S REQUIRED BY LAW. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR --

Commissioner Smith: THAT'S FINE. I GET IT, EVERYBODY GETS THAT. BUT YOU NEED TO PUT IT ON THE FLOOR. YOU NEED TO PUT IT IN THE APR. IT NEEDS TO SAY THERE WE'LL BE BACK ABATED 20,000 WORTH OF TAXES, AND WE WILL PAY THEM 14,000 A YEAR. YOU DIDN'T. YOU PUT 70,000 UNTIL THE END OF JUNE 30. TRYING TO DISGUISE HOW MUCH IT REALLY COST. SO LET'S BE REALLY REAL.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I APPRECIATE THAT, WE'VE BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR STAYING HERE. ISSUE THAT IT'S HARD TO SIT IN THE ROOM FOR SUCH A LONG TIME BUT THERE IS A REALLY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION THAT WE'RE HAVING. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S CONCERN AND PASSION. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS ISSUE IS YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY ON ONE SIDE IS AGAINST THE HOMELESS POPULATION AND EVERYBODY YOU KNOW, ON THE OTHER SIDE IS LIKE AT ALL COSTS WE NEED TO HOUSE PEOPLE. I THINK THAT WE ALL WORK IN THAT MIDDLE GROUND. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT PROCESS. THIS IS, THIS HAS NOT BEEN A PERFECT PROCESS. IT'S REALLY HARD TO FIND A PERFECT PROCESS DURING A SHELTER LIKE THIS. LET ME TELL YOU WHY I GOT INVOLVED IN THE WAY I DID.

THE OTHER EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE WITH SIGHTING A SHELTER WAS NOT AS A COMMISSIONER, WE WERE REFERRED TO AS NEWBIES I'VE ONLY BEEN IN OFFICE FOR A YEAR BUT THE EXPERIENCE I HAD WAS A RESIDENT WITH THE HANSEN SHELTER GOING INTO MY NEIGHBORHOOD 18 MONTHS AGO. SO THAT, THE PROCESS WORKED WITH THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A COMMUNITY MEETING, AND THE COMMUNITY MEETING HAPPENED, AND TWO WEEKS LATER THE SHELTER OPENED. THAT WAS THE PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE SHELTER, SO FOR ME NOW THAT I AM A COMMISSIONER I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS A DIFFERENT PROCESS. SO I INSISTED THAT WE HAVE A COMMUNITY MEETING BEFORE THE LEASE WAS SIGNED SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE AWARE OF IT AND THAT WE INSTITUTE A PROCESS OF ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE SHELTER OPENS SO THAT WE COULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING.



Commissioner Vega Pederson: THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE, AND I AM INCREDIBLY DEDICATED TO GOING FORWARD. IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO, TO FIND PLACES FOR THIS. THIS WORKS BEST IN TERMS OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT CRITERIA INCLUDING WHAT'S ACTUALLY AVAILABLE FOR US TO DO. I AM A MOM, FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO INTERACT WITH THE SCHOOL. AND I WANT TO WORK ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THAT TO WORK WELL AND TO ENGAGE WITH THE SCHOOL ON THAT, AND I KNOW THAT TPI ALSO IS DEDICATED TO THAT. THERE'S BEEN TALK BUT THE 2 MILLION, AND THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. IF YOU TOURED THE HANSEN SHELTER, VISITED IT AND YOU TOURED THE WILLAMETTE SHELTER THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF THOSE SHELTERS, AND ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THERE WAS LOTS OF MONEY PUT INTO THE WILLAMETTE SHELTER IN ORDER TO MAKE IT THE BLAISE AND THE QUALITY OF PLACE THAT IT IS THAT WE HAVE NOT INVESTED.

I THINK THAT WE DESERVE TO PUT RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS SHELTER A PLACE THAT PEOPLE CAN THRIVE AND PEOPLE CAN RECOVER AND PEOPLE CAN FEEL SAFE. AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. HOW THAT MONEY WILL BE SPENT, OF COURSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS COMMISSIONERS WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT CLOSELY BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS WORTH WELL TO MAKE AND I HOPE SOME OF THAT MONEY WILL BE GOING TO THINGS THAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS. SECURITY. I DON'T KNOW, WE'LL HAVE THAT CONVERSATION TO FIND OUT WHAT THOSE THINGS ARE BUT THAT'S GOING TO BE PART OF THE PROCESS. I AM HERE READY TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT. THAT BEING SAID WE ARE IN A CRISIS WITH HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS.

THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT ANYBODY CAN DENY RIGHT NOW. IF WE DON'T TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS BUILDING WE ARE GOING TO LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND WILL BE A SETBACK IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO SHELTER TO CREATE A SHELTER THAT WORKS. I APPRECIATE AGAIN EVERYBODY COMING HERE TODAY AND LIKE I SAID I LOOK AT THIS AS THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK THAT WE WILL BE DOING AND A STEP FORWARD IN HELPING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO PUT FOR THE RECORD A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WE HAD A HEARING ABOUT WAPATO. I GOT BEAT FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD TO THE BOTTOM OF MY FEET TALKING ABOUT OPENING UP WAPATO AS A TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER. I HAD FACILITIES GIVE ME A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF WHAT IT WOULD COST TO OPEN WAPATO. THEY TOLD ME 5 MILLION. THEY DID NOT TELL ME THE TRUTH. SO WHEN I AM LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY OUT HERE TALKING ABOUT HOW OUR ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN WITH THEM FROM THE JOINT OFFICE AND FROM

OUR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, I GET IT. I GET IT. AND THEN WHEN I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH FACILITIES ON THE RECORD TO ASK HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO OPEN UP WAPATO TO GET THE KITCHEN TOGETHER AND EVERYTHING THAT WE NEEDED TO OPEN UP BECAUSE WE COULD PUT BETWEEN 500 AND 1,000 PEOPLE IN WAPATO.

Commissioner Smith: THEY TOLD ME LESS THAN A MILLION DOLLARS. I WAS TOLD BY THIS BOARD MADAM CHAIR, NOT THIS BOARD HERE, BUT OUR PREVIOUS BOARD THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE TOO MUCH MONEY. SO IF 700,000 IS TOO MUCH MONEY, I KNOW THAT 2 MILLION IS TOO MUCH MONEY, AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON YOU WERE A STATE REP WHEN THE HAZELWOOD WENT UP. I REMEMBER HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH YOU ABOUT HOW THIS PROCESS WAS HURRIED AND RUSHED AND YOU DID NOT LIKE IT. I REMEMBER HAVING THAT CONVERSATION WITH YOU. YOUR SYSTEM HASN'T CHANGED ANYTHING. IT STILL IS THE SAME SYSTEM. NINE MONTHS AFTER THE LEASE IS SIGNED. NOT NINE MONTHS BEFORE. IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT.

MAKE US HAVE A SIX-MONTH OR A NINE-MONTH PROCESS TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY BEFORE THE LEASE IS DONE. THIS IS NOT ANYTHING NEW THAT I HAVE TALKED ABOUT. I'VE BEEN SAYING THERE FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I AM VERY CONSISTENT. I SAY THE SAME THING EVERY TIME. AND EVERY TIME FROM THIS BOARD TO THE PREVIOUS BOARD WE HAVE GOTTEN LEADERSHIP TO PUSH THROUGH THESE SHELTERS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE, IF YOU WANT TO TALK BUT THE WILLAMETTE, IT HAD NUMBERS WITH IT. THIS HAS NO NUMBERS. ALL I AM ASKING FOR MADAM CHAIR, WOULD YOU PLEASE DELAY THIS SO THAT THEY CAN GIVE US THE PROPER NUMBERS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GIVING US THE NUMBERS.

Chair Kafoury: ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION?

Commissioner Smith: I AM ASKING YOU BECAUSE THIS IS.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE A VOTE, A MOTION ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO POSTPONE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS UNTIL WE FIND THE NUMBERS. I NEED FOR JEB TO COME BACK WITH SPECIFIC NUMBERS IN THAT LEASE THAT WE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE PAID FOR AND WHERE IT'S COMING FROM. ONE TIME ONLY OR PERSONAL MONEY, IS IT COMING FROM FACILITIES OR COMING FROM THE JOINED OFFICE. WE REQUIRE THAT KIND OF INFORMATION. THIS IS JUST RIDICULOUS.

Chair Kafoury: IS THERE A SECOND FOR THAT MOTION? THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: YEAH, NOT.

Chair Kafoury: HELPING PEOPLE ON THE STREETS HAS BEEN MY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS. I APPRECIATE MARC JOLIN'S STATISTICS IF AT THE BEGINNING. MEETING. WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS. UNFORTUNATELY WE KNOW THAT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. LAST OCTOBER WE COMMITTED TO A VISION OF 2,000 NEW SUPPORTABLE HOUSING UNIONS. LAST YEAR WE PASSED THE FIRST EVER OF PORTLAND HOUSING BOND FOR 258 MILLION BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT HOUSING IS THE ANSWER. BUT UNFORTUNATELY WHILE WE'RE BUILDING THAT HOUSING THERE ARE TOO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE SLEEPING ON THE STREETS. SO I AM VOTING TODAY FOR THE SHELTER BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT WILL SAVE LIVES. YESTERDAY I VISITED THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE. A SHELTER FOR EIGHT FAMILIES IN THE ST. JOHN'S NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE PARTNERED WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY TO FUND. WATCHING MOTHERS IN THE KITCHEN WITH THEIR CHILDREN REMINDED ME OF MY CHILDHOOD WHERE I WOULD OFTEN HAVE PEOPLE AT MY BREAKFAST TABLE WHO I DID NOT KNOW BECAUSE MY MOTHER TOOK THEM IN.

I WATCHED AS HAVING THE SECURITY OF A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES. THAT HAS NOT CHANGED. LAST YEAR MORE THAN 8,000 PEOPLE WERE SERVED IN OUR SHELTERS, AND THIS NEW SHELTER OVER THE COURSE OF THE LIFE WILL SERVE HUNDREDS MORE. THESE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS. THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS, AND THEY ARE OUR FAMILIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CONCERNS HERE TODAY, AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE COMING OUT AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU WAITING SO LONG TO TESTIFY, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION THAT WE WILL BE HAVING MOVING FORWARD, THAT COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON HAS SO GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO LEAD.

Chair Kafoury: A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED BECAUSE THE DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE. THIS IS A PROCESS, IF WE HAD MADE ALL THE DECISIONS BEFORE WE CAME TO YOU TODAY YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY THAT YOU HAD NOT HAD A VOICE IN THIS. WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A VOICE, WE WANT TO CRAFT A PROGRAM THAT'S GOING TO WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE EIGHT, NINE MONTHS TO DO THAT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SHELTER IS INTEGRATED INTO THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR COMING TODAY. AND THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

Commissioner Smith: I AM AFRAID THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT TRUST US, I AM AFRAID THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT TRUST US OR WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NINE-MONTH OF CONVERSATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL THAT WE EVEN

CARE OR THAT THEY ARE VOICE COUNTS. WE DID NOT ASK FOR THE VOICE BEFORE WE ACTUALLY DID THIS, SO WHY SHOULD THEY THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ON THE UP AND UP AFTERWARDS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO. I SAT HERE AND I LISTENED TO A MAN TELL ME THAT IT WAS OKAY TO TALK TO ME THE WAY THAT HE DID BECAUSE HE WAS MARRIED TO A WOMAN WHO WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE GRAND DRAGON. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAUGHT THAT BUT I DID. AND NO ONE SAID ANYTHING. I SAT HERE AND I LISTENED TO A WOMAN SAY I LIKE YOU MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME THE B WORD, AND THAT'S OKAY. BECAUSE I AM TOUGH, AND I CAN HANDLE IT.

Commissioner Smith: WHAT I CANNOT HANDLE IS US NOT GIVING A COMMUNITY A VOICE WHEN THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THIS, AND YOU HAVE TAKEN THAT VOICE AWAY FROM THEM. AND IT IS DISINGENUOUS OF US TO SIT HERE LIKE WE CARE SO MUCH ABOUT PEOPLE, SO BASICALLY WHAT YOU ARE SAYING COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOU CARE MORE BUT THE HOMELESS FOLKS THAN YOU DO THE BUSINESS PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS WHO HAVE A STAKE IN THAT COMMUNITY. BECAUSE WITHOUT THESE FOLKS, WHO HAVE BUSINESSES ON FOSTER, WE GET MONEY FROM THE BIT WHICH IS THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX FUND, AND THAT'S HOW WE PAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IF YOU ALL GO OUT OF BUSINESS, WE HAVE NO MORE MONEY IN THAT FUND. OKAY. AND WE CAN SIT HERE AND BE SELF RIGHTEOUS ALL WE WANT TO ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS, BUT THE REALITY IS WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HELPING THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE IN TENT CITIES ON FOSTER ROAD.

WE ARE GOING TO BE MOVING THE FOLKS FROM HANSEN TO 125 OF THE 200 THAT ARE THERE NOW AND WE ARE GOING TO PUT THEM OVER ON FOSTER ROAD. YOU HAVE NO INTENTION ON TAKING THE FOLKS OUT OF THE TENTS ON FOSTER ROAD TO PUT IN THIS PLACE. SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ARE OFFERING ADDITIONAL BEDS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT. WE NEED TO RAISE OUR GAME A BIT COMMISSIONERS AND BE REAL, REAL WITH THESE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE DID NOT ASK FOR THE PROPER MONEY. WE DID NOT ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I AM 100% SINCERE IN MY COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY. I AM SORRY. I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO TALK ABOUT MY MOTIVES IN DOING THINGS OR THE INTENTION OF MOVING PEOPLE FROM ONE SHELTER TO ANOTHER. I AM ABLE TO SPEAK MY WORDS. I KNOW THAT THE LEASE HAS BEEN POSTED PUBLICLY FOR US TO REVIEW THE FINANCIALS OF IT FOR A WHILE NOW, AND THIS IS NOT AN EASY DECISION BUT THAT'S THE JOB THAT SOMETIMES HAVING TO MAKE HARDER DECISIONS AND ENGAGING IN THE PROCESS IN THE BEST WAY FORWARD. SO I AM REALLY PROUD TO VOTE YES ON THIS TODAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED?

Commissioner Smith: AYE.

Chair Kafoury: I AM SORRY, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, DID YOU VOTE?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I VOTED IN FAVOR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. CAN I PLEASE HAVE A MOTION TO POSTPONE R.5? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL TO POSTPONE R.5, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THANK YOU. R.5 IS POSTPONED.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

### **ADJOURNMENT – 1:27 p.m.**

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