

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, June 12, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Jules Bailey, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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Chair Kafoury: WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK -- ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. MADAM CHAIR, WE DO HAVE TESTIMONY THIS MORNING. WE HAVE SEVEN SIGNED UP. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME COME FORWARD AND SIT AT THE PRESENTER'S TABLE. MR. LIGHTNING, MR. PAUL PHILLIPS, AND MR. CHARLES JOHNSON.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING THINK LAB AND MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, CONGRATULATIONS, CHAIR KAFOURY, YOU LEARNED IT. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, CONGRATULATIONS ALSO.

>> Comm. Bailey: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: AIRBNB -- WHAT WE'RE HEARING ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS, I HAVE AN ISSUE ON HOW THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AGAIN, THEY'RE LOOKING AT TAKING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, HOUSES, AND ALLOWING PEOPLE TO DO SHORT-TERM RENTALS, ABOUT A FEE OF \$200 FOR TWO YEARS. NORMALLY IN THE PAST, TYPE TWO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WHICH WOULD RUN THEM ABOUT \$4,000. NOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE IS A LOT MORE PEOPLE UTILIZING THIS NOW AS AN INCENTIVE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE UP-FRONT FEES? HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT THE NEIGHBORHOODS, OVERALL MARKETPLACE OUT THERE ITSELF? ONE THING I HAVE NOT SEEN IS THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RAISING THEIR ARMS UP AND SAYING HEY, YOU ARE TAKING AWAY FROM OUR BUSINESS. YOU ARE DOING SHORT-TERM RENTALS, PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF HOUSES ON A REGULAR BASIS SHORT-TERM IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND SO FAR IT APPEARS TO BE MOVING FORWARD. NOW, I GUESS MY CONCERN IS HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET? THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT TRYING TO DO THIS ON APARTMENT UNITS AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS. JUST IMAGINE INSTEAD OF

SOMEONE STAYING THERE FOR 12 MONTHS, NOW THEY CAN RENT IT FOR THREE OR SEVEN DAYS AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE COMING AND GOING. IS THAT REALLY GOOD FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY? WELL, FROM A DOLLAR STANDPOINT, IT WILL BE GOOD, BECAUSE AIRBNB, A LOT OF CONTACTS VIRTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THEY WILL BRING PEOPLE IN. BRING PEOPLE IN ON SHORT TIME FRAMES, LEAVING, SPENDING MONEY IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY, SO THAT IS GOOD. AGAIN, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WILL THAT BE TAKING AWAY FROM THE OVERALL MARKETPLACE OF INVENTORY? WILL THAT INCREASE THE RENTS THROUGHOUT PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY? AND IN MY OPINION, WE VERY WELL MAY SEE THE RENTS BEGIN TO GO UP. AND AS YOU KNOW, AIRBNB JUST RECEIVED A \$400 MILLION INFUSION OF CAPITAL, AND IN MY OPINION, THEY'RE GOING TO OFFER AN IPO ON THIS COMPANY RELATIVELY SOON. IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO DO THAT. SO, AGAIN, THEY'RE GOING TO BE HERE FOR THE LONG TERM. THEY'RE PLANNING ON BRINGING IN POSSIBLY 100 TO 200 EMPLOYEES. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RENT ABOUT A 20,000 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE. SO, WE NEED TO REALLY FOCUS ON EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL POSITION RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Phillips: YES, I'M PAUL PHILLIPS. I SPOKE HERE JUNE 5th. TODAY'S SUBJECT IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ATF. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY IS LOCAL AROUND HERE. THEY BAN PLASTIC BAGS AND SPRAYPAINT, BECAUSE THEY WERE HAVING A GRAFFITI PROBLEM, AND THEY MADE \$50,000 -- A ONE-HOLE outhouse, AND, OF COURSE, I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG IN THE CITY ON CITY PROPERTY, AND I WAS ALSO SENT AN EXPIRED DOG LICENSE, EVEN THOUGH MY SERVICE ANIMAL HAS BEEN PASSED AWAY SINCE AUGUST. ADDRESSING THE ATF, I LIVED HERE LESS THAN 10 YEARS. IT WILL BE AT THE END OF AUGUST THAT I HAVE LIVED HERE 10 YEARS. AND THERE IS -- WHEN I MOVED TO PORTLAND, I FOUND OUT THAT IT IS 100 SQUARE MILES. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT INCLUDES TUALATIN, WHERE THE REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL IS OR NOT. THEY -- THAT 100 SQUARE MILE AREA ENCOMPASSES A LOT MORE THAN JUST THIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BUT THEY SELL GUNS AND AMMUNITION, AND, OF COURSE, IT CAME OUT ON THE NEWS SAYING THAT THE GUN SHOOTING THAT THEY HAD SIX CLIPS AND A HANDGUN, AND THEY DIDN'T SAY HOW MANY ROUNDS IT WAS, BUT -- THAT THE KID HAD POSSESSED, BUT ONE OF THE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS HAD HAD 400 ROUNDS, THAT'S 20 BOXES OF AMMUNITION, AND TO SELL AMMUNITION IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND OR ANYPLACE AROUND HERE WHERE IT'S ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE A GUN OR TO USE ONE IS PLAIN NONSENSE. IN FACT, IT IS IDIOTIC AND STUPID. DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL TO ANYBODY THAT YOU CAN'T FIRE A GUN IN THE CITY LIMITS AND YET THEY SELL IT, BUT THEY WON'T ALLOW PLASTIC BAGS AND SPRAY CANS, AND THEY BUILD \$50,000 OUTDOOR -- OUTDOOR LOUVES, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL. I GUESS MY TIME IS UP.

Board Clerk: JUST ABOUT.

Mr. Phillips: WELL, LIKE I SAID, I'VE LIVED HERE LESS THAN 10 YEARS, AND TO BE ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG AND GET INJURED LIKE I HAVE BEEN. THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND TO DEBORAH KAFOURY, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF US ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE COUNTY COULD HAVE -- WITH THE PREDECESSORS -- THE SAD EVENTS THAT PAUL HAD ALLUDED TO, HOURS THAT WOULD AND COULD BE SAID ABOUT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG EMILIO HOFFMAN. MANY TIMES WHEN I VISIT THIS BODY WE'RE FOCUSED ON CARING FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WHICH ARE IN THE MOST DESPERATE SITUATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE WILL HEAR A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THIS BEING THE 74th DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND GUN CONTROL DEBATE WILL BE DRAGGED IN, I THINK THAT THE PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION FOR ALL OF YOU IS TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE, IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER'S FAMILY, WE HAVE THE FAMILIES OF TWO YOUNG MEN WHO ARE SCARRED, AND I THINK OUR CITIZENS SEE THOSE FAMILIES VERY DIFFERENTLY, BECAUSE EMILIO HOFFMAN'S FAMILY IS AN INNOCENT VICTIM, AND THE SITUATION WITH THE PADGETT FAMILY IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX. BUT I THINK UNIVERSALLY OUR NEIGHBORS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL AGREE THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO BUILD A SOCIETY THAT HAS THE RESOURCES, LOVE AND TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY WHERE SITUATIONS LIKE HAPPENED WITH THE PADGETT FAMILY NEVER DEVELOP SO THAT STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE AWARE OF A MORE RICH AND DIVERSE NETWORK OF RESOURCES THAT THEY CAN REACH OUT TO INSTEAD OF REACHING FOR GUNS AND AMMUNITION. AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REST OF YOUR TERM, THAT BEING HIGH ON THE AGENDA WHERE WE DON'T SETTLE FOR THINGS AND SAY LIKE, WELL, THERE WILL BE CRAZY PEOPLE. AND THIS IS AMERICA AND THERE WILL BE GUNS AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THEM. WHERE WE SAY WE ARE GOING TO BUILD A SOCIETY WHERE PEOPLE WHO FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO REACH FOR A GUN KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS, AND WHATEVER THINGS ARE TROUBLING THEM, THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES THAT THEY FEEL THEY CAN'T GET A RESOLUTION WITHIN THEIR FAMILY STRUCTURE, IN OUR SCHOOLS, WE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE COUNSELORS AND PROGRAMS SO THAT WE NEVER HAVE TO FACE A SITUATION LIKE THIS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGAIN. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

Board Clerk: I'M GOING TO CALL THE NEXT GROUP UP. IF YOU WILL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND BE SEATED WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. JAMES POSEY, ALVIN HALL, TYRONE BAILEY, AND GARY HOLLINS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND THE REST OF THE COMMISSIONERS, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS MORNING. I WAS HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO --

>> WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

>> I'M SORRY, JAMES POSEY, COALITION OF BLACK MEN, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF -- I WAS HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO CONCERNED ABOUT MINORITY PARTICIPATION ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE, AND I KNEW AT THAT TIME THAT THE COMMISSION WAS NOT COMPLETE AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TIME

AFTER THE ELECTION OF CHAIR KAFOURY THAT I PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO YOU. AND I LEFT AN INFORMATIONAL SHEET ON EACH ONE OF YOU ALL'S DESK. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THAT. BUT BASICALLY THIS SHEET IS AN ASSESSMENT THAT WE MADE IN -- OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE BASED ON THAT DATA. THE POINTS THAT I REALLY WANT TO MAKE IS THIS WHOLE IDEA OF TRANSPARENCY. I HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO LOOK AT YOUR MISSION STATEMENT ABOUT EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY, AND IT HAS REALLY BEEN A STRUGGLE JUST TO GET THAT DATA ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE, AND I THINK YOUR STAFF, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, LISA, HAS TRIED TO WORK WITH ME, BUT STAFF BELOW HER HAS -- HAS THIS DATA SO CONVOLUTED THAT NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND IT. JUST BECAUSE YOU PROVIDE DATA DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IT IS THROUGH A REAL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY. IF PEOPLE CAN'T READ THAT DATA, THEY CANNOT MAKE AN ASSESSMENT THEN IT IS NOT TRANSPARENCY AT ALL. THE DASHBOARD THAT TALKS ABOUT THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE IS VERY HIGH UP. IT NEVER GETS DOWN INTO THE WEEDS AND TELL YOU WHO IS PARTICIPATING ON THAT PROJECT. I'M EXPECTING WITH COMMISSIONER BAILEY NOW AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY THAT WE WILL REALLY BE ABLE TO SEE WHO IS PARTICIPATING ON THAT PROJECT. I KNOW THAT THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE IS JUST ABOUT OVER, BUT YOU HAVE OTHER PROJECTS. YOU HAVE THE COURTHOUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT IS IN QUEUE AND WORKING ON THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. WE NEED THAT DATA IN REAL TIME OR CLOSE TO REAL TIME. NOT WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE PROJECT IS OVER WHERE WE REALLY CAN'T DO VERY MUCH. I WANT TO MAKE THAT MENTION. THE FACT THAT I WAS HERE LAST WEEK BY MYSELF, I THOUGHT I WOULD BRING SOME TRUCKING OUTFITS HERE TO SHOULD BE WORKING ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE, BUT WERE NEVER CALLED. JUST A FEW OF US, A HANDFUL OF TRUCKING OUTFITS THAT SHOULD BE WORKING ON THAT BRIDGE. I DON'T WANT YOU ALL TO LOOK AT THE DATA IN ABSTRACT. HERE IS THE REAL PEOPLE THAT REALLY ARE NOT WORKING ON THAT BRIDGE, AND COULD BE. THEY ONLY HAVE ONE OR TWO TRUCKS. IT COULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO INCLUDE THEM. FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO SAY YOU ALL JUST MADE A HIRE FOR YOUR DBE COORDINATOR. THAT WON'T CUT IT. BECAUSE TYPICALLY WHAT YOU DO IS YOU PUT SOMEBODY IN THE POSITION, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY ARE GOING TO CURE THE PROBLEM. IT IS YOU ALL'S RESPONSIBILITY. PEOPLE VOTED FOR YOU AND SO IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE REALLY IS EQUITY. WE'RE NOT JUST WALKING -- WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING THE TALK, BUT WALKING THE WALK. I'M LOOKING FOR A RESOLUTION. I'M LOOKING FOR SOME CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH YOU ALL ABOUT HOW DO WE GET THERE AS PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS GETTING FAIR TREATMENT ON A PROJECT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM ALVIN HALL -- I WANT TO START OFF WITH A LITTLE STORY. WENT TO VIETNAM, RETURN HOME IN '67, MY UNIFORM AND MEDALS ON, I GO TO A RESTAURANT, WE DON'T SERVE -- 50 YEARS LATER, I'M STILL THE SAME WAY. BEING LEFT AND CUT OUT OF THE ECONOMIC TABLE OF LIFE AND SUCCESS RIGHT NOW. AND THE LAST 20 YEARS, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A DOLLAR WORTH OF WORK FROM THE COUNTY OR THE STATE. ALL OF THESE PROJECTS, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

SPENT. WE ARE NOT GETTING A CRUMB. IT REMINDS ME OF THE POOR MAN IN THE BIBLE WHEN HE WAS BEGGING THE RICH MAN FOR A CRUMB. WE CAN'T GET A CRUMB, AND IF WE GET A CRUMB, I BET IT WOULD FEEL PRETTY GOOD, AS BIG AS THE PIE IS NOW. AND I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU SPEND ALL OF THIS MONEY WITH STUDIES, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS -- IT MAY BE BEHIND MINORITIES, BUT THEY ARE NOT HIRING THE BLACK MAN, AND THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. THESE GUYS GO OUT HERE, I HAD A FRIEND, ALVIN, I'M GOING TO COME A MINORITY. I'M GOING TO SIGN MY WIFE ON MY BUSINESS. HE IS GETTING 50 TIMES THE WORK THAT I'M GETTING. I CALL THE CONTRACTOR. I UNDERSTAND YOU RECEIVED -- YOU WON THE BID. CAN YOU USE ME? I'M USING SUCH AND SUCH -- WHICH IS A WHITE MINORITY. AND THAT GOES ON FROM JOB TO JOB. IF YOU RIDE THROUGH THIS COUNTRY, THROUGH THIS STATE, SOUTH, EAST, NORTH, WEST, YOU CAN SEE THERE IS NOBODY ON THOSE JOBS OF COLOR, THAT ARE BLACK. YOU MAY HAVE SOME OTHER COLORS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BLACKS. AND IT IS JUST A HANDFUL OF US ASKING FOR A CRUMB OFF OF THE PIE, AND WE CANNOT GET A CRUMB. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> TYRONE BAILEY, WITH BAILEY CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED. GREETINGS EVERYONE. FIRST TIME AROUND SO I WILL BE A LITTLE NERVOUS. WHETHER IT IS THE SHERWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT OR MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROJECTS THAT IS ON THE TABLE, I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING HERE WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS JUST WORK. I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND SURVIVE OUT THERE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE AND MY FAMILY. I'M NOT ASKING FOR A SPECIAL HANDOUT. I'M JUST ASKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS MYSELF, NEW ENTREPRENEUR FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AND I HAVE PUT IN HUNDREDS OF BIDDING PROJECTS, AND EVEN THIS ONE HERE, AND IT APPEARS TO BE SOME KIND OF SYSTEM THAT I HAVEN'T QUITE WORKED MY WAY INTO YET. WHETHER IT IS THE GOOD OLD BOYS OR WHOEVER, IT IS REALLY ACTUALLY DOING THE WORK, MAKING THE DOLLARS, GOING HOME, I HAVEN'T QUITE PUT MY THUMB ON IT COMPLETELY, BUT IT IS SOME KIND OF WEIRD SYSTEM. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I ALSO STRIVE TO MAKE A GOOD RAPPORT WITH EVERYONE BESIDES PUTTING IN BIDS AND GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS, DEALING WITH THE DIFFERENT CLIENTS OUT THERE ACTUALLY WORKING ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROJECTS OR CITY, STATE, WHATEVER, AND HAVE TALKED TO SOME OF THEM TO GET IN THE DOOR, TO GET A TRUCK RUNNING, LIKE I SAY, I ONLY HAVE TWO TRUCKS, AND WHETHER IT IS McDONALD'S OR SLATE AND SONS OR WHOEVER IS ACTUALLY DOING THE WORK, I'VE GONE TO THEM AND ASKED THEM TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT THERE. YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF SOLOS OUT THERE, CAN I GET A LITTLE SOMETHING? BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, YOU KNOW, THE MONEY IS OVER THERE. I'M BEGGING LIKE ALVIN SAY HERE, YOU'RE LEFT OUT. SO, IN ORDER TO GET -- TO HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SYSTEM, I THINK A LITTLE BIT MORE IS INVOLVED WITH JUST WHAT WE HAVE GOT RIGHT NOW WITH THE COUNTY. THE MEASUREMENTS THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING ON. IT HAS TO BE SOME OTHER SOLUTION OR SOME OTHER AVENUE TO GET TO A BETTER SOLUTION THAN WHAT WE GOT RIGHT NOW. BECAUSE OUT THERE IN THIS -- IN THE REAL WORLD, THERE IS ONLY A HANDFUL OF ENTREPRENEURS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR TRUCKING, A VERY SMALL HANDFUL, AND FOR ALL OF THEM NOT TO BE WORKING, THERE HAS TO BE A

PROBLEM THERE. AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU KNOCK AT THE DOOR AND BEG FOR A LITTLE WORK FROM THEM, YOU MAY GET A LITTLE, BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM. IT SHOULDN'T BE. NOT WHEN THE SAME GOOD OLD BOYS IS DOING THE WORKS AND MAKING THE DOLLARS. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IS JUST NOT THERE. AND I THINK SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>>> GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. CONGRATULATIONS MR. BAILEY AND MS. KAFOURY. MY NAME IS GARY HOLLINS, HOLLINS INVESTMENT GROUP, INC. I WAS ASKED TO SPEAK IN THE DISPROPORTIONATE WORK THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE GETTING. THIS IS NOT JUST A COUNTY ISSUE, BUT A STATE AND CITY ISSUE. WE ARE COMING AROUND AND TALKING WITH THE COUNTY AS WELL. ONE THING THAT IT IS IS VERY DISPROPORTIONATE OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT WE'RE GETTING. THE STATE HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO, AFTER YEARS AND YEARS OF MEETING, FINALLY PUT IN SOME KIND OF, I WILL SAY REQUIREMENT FOR -- SPECIFICALLY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND ASIAN AMERICANS, AND WE'RE COMING HERE NOW IS TO TRY TO HAVE THE COUNTY GET ON BOARD TO REALLY LOOK AT THE DISPARITIES THAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE WORK THAT WE'RE GETTING TO REALLY BE INTENTIONAL ON FIGURING OUT A WAY TO HELP THAT PROCESS ALONG, AS WELL WITH THE CITY AND THE STATE AS WELL. I CAN -- REITERATE THE SAME STORY. IT HAPPENS OVER AND OVER, AND NOT JUST WITH TRUCKING. IT HAPPENS WITH CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, IT HAPPENS ON ALL ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION PIECES. THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE IMPLORING YOU GUYS TO REALLY LOOK AT. TALKED ABOUT THE DATA -- A LOT OF THE DATA THAT COMES OUT -- AND, ONCE AGAIN, NOT JUST A COUNTY ISSUE. A STATE ISSUE. THAT THE DATA THAT COMES OUT IS REALLY MISREPRESENTED OF WHAT ACTUALLY WORK IS ACTUALLY GETTING DOWN TO THE PIKE. WE HAVE DBE FIRMS WHO -- FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD, THEY PUT THEIR WIFE ON THERE. THEIR WIFE HAS NOT BEEN PART OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, AND NOW ALL OF THE SUDDEN, 51% OWNERSHIP IN ORDER FOR THEM TO GET THE DBE PROCESS. LOOKING AT THAT PROCESS AND YOUR PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING DBE FIRMS -- AND I KNOW IT IS A STATE ISSUE, MAKING SURE THAT THE CERTIFIED FIRMS ARE ACTUALLY CERTIFIED FIRMS, AND EVEN WITH THAT, MAKING SURE THAT THE FIRMS ARE ACTUALLY HIRING PEOPLE OF COLOR. YOU HAVE A LOT OF DBE FIRMS THAT ARE NOT HIRING PEOPLE OF COLOR, BUT THEY HAVE THAT STATUS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE GETTING THAT AMOUNT OF WORK. COME TO THE TABLE, GETTING EVERYONE TOGETHER TO WORK ON THAT PIECE, AND DO A LITTLE BIT MORE DUE DILIGENCE ON THE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU GUYS HAVE AS WELL. THANKS FOR LETTING ME SHARE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT.

>> MR. HOLLINS YOU DIDN'T TELL ME. CONGRATULATIONS -- I HAD A RACE TOO.

>> CONGRATULATIONS.

>> I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

>> THIS IS NOT A TIME PERIOD FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, BUT WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU. THANK YOU, MR. POSEY AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND CONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED IN CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

>> MADAM CHAIR WE DON'T HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM.

>> GREAT, NOW WE WILL ADJOURN AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

>> MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN ITEM OUT OF ORDER. I AM REQUESTING THAT WE MOVE BOARD COMMENT TO THIS TIME.

>> BOARD COMMENT IS USUALLY HELD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, BUT WE WOULD LIKE COMMISSIONER McKEEL TO START.

>> Comm. McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST HAVE BRIEF COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE BEFORE WE BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETINGS. I WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO REMEMBER THE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED ON TUESDAY AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL BY SHARING OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE VICTIM, RECOGNIZING THE ACTIONS OF ALL OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THINKING THROUGHOUT HEALING OUR COMMUNITY. FOR ME, THIS IS DEEPLY PERSONAL. EAST COUNTY IS MY HOME, AND THESE ARE MY PEOPLE, AND THIS SHOOTING AFFECTS ALL OF US. ONE MORNING, ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO, I VOLUNTEERED AT A LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY READING TO A FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM. LATER THAT SAME WEEK, 20 CHILDREN WERE SHOT AND KILLED AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SINCE THEN, 74 SHOOTINGS HAVE OCCURRED AT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. AND THIS WEEK IT HAPPENED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IN THE WAKE OF THIS TRAGEDY, NOW IS THE TIME TO COME TOGETHER AND GRIEVE WITH THE HOFFMAN FAMILY AND THE REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY. NOTHING CAN REPLACE THE LOSS THAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED, BUT I HOPE THEY FIND SOME COMFORT IN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD, I BELIEVE THAT WE, AS A COMMUNITY, NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND DO WHAT WE

CAN TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL ACTED BRAVELY AND SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR SWIFT AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO THIS CRISIS. THEIR ACTIONS LIKELY PREVENTED EVEN MORE INJURIES OR DEATH. HOWEVER, I WISH THAT THEIR ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING WAS NOT SOMETHING THEY EVER NEEDED TO PUT TO USE. AND ESPECIALLY IN A SCHOOL. LAST SPRING, I PARTICIPATED IN THE CHALLENGE DAY EVENT AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPENDING THE DAY WITH THE STUDENTS, AS WE WORKED ON WAYS TO INCREASE POSITIVE PEER SUPPORT TO IMPROVE SELF ESTEEM AND ADDRESS TEASING, BULLYING, AND VIOLENCE. THE GOAL OF CHALLENGE DAY IS TO EMPOWER THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE. THIS IS THE TASK WE NOW HAVE AHEAD OF US. ISSUES SUCH AS TEASING, CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, PEER PRESSURE, SUICIDE, AND ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE NOT UNIQUE TO ANYONE SCHOOL. NOR ARE THEY SPECIFIC TO ANYONE PART OF THE COUNTY OR EVEN ONE AGE GROUP. IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE COUNTY AND OUR PARTNERS TO FUND ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE PROGRAMS THAT DEVELOP SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SKILLS TO SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THESE ISSUES. IF WE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THOUGH, AND PUT AN END TO THIS TYPE OF VIOLENCE, WE ALL NEED TO BE ENGAGED AND COMMITTED TO FIND THE SOLUTION. I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE THERE TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION ON TUESDAY. AND WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AT MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND OTHER LOCAL SITES. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL TOUCHED BY THIS TRAGEDY. I'VE LIVED IN EAST COUNTY FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND THE REYNOLDS COMMUNITY IS A FAMILY. WE ARE THERE TOGETHER NOW, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THERE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

>> THANK YOU. DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY COMMENTS? I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

>> THANK YOU COMMISSIONER McKEEL, AN IMPORTANT TASK AHEAD. WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. NOW WE WILL RETURN TO THE REGULAR AGENDA. LINDA, WILL YOU CALL R-1, PLEASE.

>> R-1, SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT, ACE STUDENTS PRESENT THEIR DESIGNS FOR BENCHES ON THE NEW BRIDGE PROJECT.

>> PLEASE COME UP. FIRST PRESENTATION BY A TEAM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE ACE CHARTER SCHOOL IN EAST PORTLAND. THEY ARE PARTICIPATED IN THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECTS SCHOOLS PROGRAM, COORDINATED BY LOIS COHEN. ACE IS A CHARTER SCHOOL, PARK ROSE, FOCUSING ON ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING CAREERS. IN PAST YEARS, ACE STUDENTS HAVE DESIGNED AND BUILT MODELS SHOWING HOW THE OLD BRIDGE WOULD BE MOVED AND WHAT THE NEW BRIDGE WOULD LOOK LIKE. A PROTOTYPE OF A BENCH INSTALLED ON THE FOUR OVERLOOKS OF THE NEW SELLWOOD BRIDGE. STUDENTS WILL DESIGN AND BUILD FOUR BENCHES THAT WILL BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE NEW BRIDGE AND GIVE OUR RESIDENTS A PLACE TO STOP AND ENJOY THE VIEWS. THIS PARTNERSHIP IS ONE OF THE WAYS

WE ARE USING THE BRIDGE PROJECT AS AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALSO WORK WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ALLOW THEM TO TOUR THE BRIDGE PROJECT AND HAVE COLLEGE STUDENTS WORKING WITH US AS SUMMER INTERNS. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE OUTREACH BEING DONE ON BEHALF OF THE SELLWOOD PROJECT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WHAT WE HAVE DONE AT YOUR SUGGESTION AND DIRECTION IS EACH YEAR THIS PROJECT HAS GONE ON, WE HAVE TRIED TO EXTEND THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT. WE HAVE EXTENDED IT PAST GEOGRAPHICAL NEIGHBORHOODS OUTSIDE OF THE SELLWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD, EXPANDED FROM K-12, WORKING WITH PORTLAND YOUTH BUILDERS, 18-24, AND TRIED TO EXTEND THE COMPLEXITY AND LESSONS LEARNED. AS COMMISSIONER KAFOURY POINTED OUT, THIS YEAR THE STUDENTS HAVE HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A PROTOTYPE OF THE BENCHES THAT ACE STUDENTS WILL BUILD NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL BE A PERMANENT PART OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. SO, FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT IS A PERMANENT PART OF A STRUCTURE THAT MAY LAST ALMOST 100 YEARS, IS JUST AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY. I JUST WANT TO, BEFORE THE STUDENTS TELL YOU ABOUT THEIR CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND SURPRISES, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. DOUG, WHO HAS BEEN THE PHENOMENAL TEAMER FROM ACE WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE STUDENTS ALL THREE YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ACE. MARK CLIFFORD IS THE DIRECTOR OF ACE. AND THIS IS TOM GOODHUE, SO GENEROUS IN HIS TIME AS SERVED AS A MENTOR TO THE STUDENTS. WHEN HE IS NOT DOING THAT, HE IS DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON BUILDING CONGRESS. THANK YOU, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE TEAM FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS

>> I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, COUNSEL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUILDING THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. ETHAN WELLS, CONSTRUCTION PATHWAY.

>> TAYLOR, IN THE ENGINEERING PATHWAY.

>> REBECCA, ENGINEERING PATHWAY.

>> JESSIE MARTINEZ, ENGINEERING PATHWAY.

>> SO, FOR OUR PROJECTS, LIKE THEY SAID, WE WERE GIVEN A BENCH DESIGN, AND WE WERE TOLD TO REDESIGN THE BENCH TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO BUILD AND FOR IT TO BE CHEAPER FOR THE COUNTY. WE WERE PLANNING ON MAKING FOUR BENCHES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, BUT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT PROCESSES FOR GETTING IT DONE AND APPROVED, WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO MAKE ONE AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE PROTOTYPE. AFTER IT CHANGED FROM FOUR BENCHES TO THE PROTOTYPE, WE TOOK THE DESIGN, A 3-D CAD MODELING SOFTWARE. THE INVENTOR DRAWINGS, WE MADE SHOP DRAWINGS AND PLANS OF THE BENCH AND SUBMITTED THEM TO THOMPSON METAL

FABRICATION, WHO SUBCONTRACTED THAT TO -- TO FABRICATED THE STEEL FRAMES. AND WE DID THE WOODWORK AND ASSEMBLY OURSELVES.

>> WE HAD A LOT OF MEETINGS, TEAMS AND GROUPS. AT THE BEGINNING, WE HAD TO HAVE A MEETING WITH AN ARCHITECT FIRM AND WE WERE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT HOW THEY DESIGN THE BRIDGE AND THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS THAT THEY LOOKED AT WHEN THEY WERE DESIGNING IT AND WITH THE BENCH AND WHAT THEY WANTED TO HAVE INCLUDED INSIDE OF THE BENCH. WE HAD MEETINGS WITH THE BRIDGE ENGINEER AND LOIS AND SCOTT PLUMMER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE NEEDED FOR THE BENCH.

>> WE MADE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT CHANGES FROM THE ARCHITECT'S ORIGINAL DESIGN. ONE OF THESE CHANGES WAS WE WENT FROM TWO WOOD SECTIONS TO THREE WOOD SECTIONS, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PICTURE ON THE TOP RIGHT. THE REASON FOR THIS WAS WE DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY THE OVERHANG ON THE TWO SECTIONS LOOKED AND WE THOUGHT IT MAY BE TOO MUCH WHEN WE PUT WEIGHT ON IT. WE ALSO WENT FROM A T-BAR TO A TUBE STEEL DESIGN. THE REASON WE FIGURED IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FABRICATE AND ALSO IT WOULD BE MORE STRUCTURALLY SOUND. WE ALSO ADDED ARCHES BETWEEN LEGS ON THE BENCH, AND WE ROUNDED THE ARMREST. THE REASON FOR THAT WAS WE FELT IT COMPLICATED THE ARCHES ON THE BRIDGE NICELY.

>> IN THE BEGINNING, WE WERE GIVEN BRAZILIAN HARDWOOD IN THE ORIGINAL ARCHITECT'S DESIGN, AFTER WOOD COMPARISONS, WE DECIDED TO USE CEDAR AND IT WOULD COST LESS. WELDING GIVES OFF CHEMICALS FROM THE GALVANIZED STEEL AND IT'S HARMFUL AND ALSO RUIN AND CHIP THE GALVANIZED STEEL. BOTH CONNECTIONS WOULD WORK BETTER. WHEN IT IS GOING TO BE INSTALLED, IT WILL BE INSTALLED VERTICALLY INSTEAD OF HORIZONTALLY, HORIZONTALLY IT WOULD BE HARDER TO PUT THE SEATS TOGETHER AND IT WON'T HAVE AS MUCH SEATING ROOM, AND IT WOULD BE NEATER TO PUT AROUND THE BENCH AND THE CONNECTIONS ON BOTH ENDS OF THE BENCH.

>> SO, THERE IS A HUGE PROCESS WE HAD TO GO THROUGH FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE BENCHES. THE FIRST THING THAT WE DID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS SPLIT THE PROJECT UP INTO DIFFERENT TASKS ON WHAT WE NEEDED TO GET COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THAT IS SHOWN IN THE TOP RIGHT WHERE WE HAVE THE GENERAL DESIGN OF WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE LIKE. THEN WE -- CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO FIRST AND GET DONE AND WE MADE SURE THAT WE HAD A SET DATE FOR IT. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE HAD INTERVAL SCHEDULES WHERE WE SPLIT UP WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO EACH WEEK SO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET DONE WHAT WE NEEDED TO GET DONE. TIME CARDS WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF HOW MUCH TIME WE SPENT ON DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE PROJECT. WE HAD TO RESEARCH LIKE THE DESIGN AND THE RESEARCH AND THE MEETINGS THAT WE HAD. WE HAD WHO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALLOWED FOR DIFFERENT TIME CHANGES AND DIFFERENT MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION THAT WE HAD TO WORK AROUND, AND WE HAD TO HAVE OUR -- WE USED PROJECT MANAGER, WHICH IS A MICROSOFT OFFICE AND WE WERE ABLE TO CHANGE THROUGH THAT.

>> WE USED BLOGGER, A BLOG FOR OUR PROJECTS AND WE HAD UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR WE WERE DOING THE PROJECT. AND THEN WE ALSO MADE A WEB SITE THAT GAVE UPDATES WITH PICTURES AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEAM AND US AND OUR PROCESS THROUGH BUILDING IT AND THE HISTORY OF IT, OF THE BENCH.

>> AND IT YOU TELL US WHAT IS THE WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THAT SO WE CAN LOOK IT UP?

>> WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

>> IT'S ONE OF THOSE GOOGLE SITES. IT HAS KIND OF A WEIRD --

>> OKAY.

>> SO, WHAT I MENTIONED EARLIER WITH THE TIME COSTS AND TIME CARDS THAT WE KEPT, WE FELT LATER ON TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST FOR THE BENCH. WE USED THE HOURS THAT WE SPENT AND THE DIFFERENT MATERIALS AND WE TOOK THAT IN TO LIKE THE FRINGE COSTS AND THE HEALTH CARE -- PROJECTED COSTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE FOR THE PROJECT SO THAT THEY'RE NOT REAL, BUT THEY WOULD BE IF IT WAS ACTUALLY BEING MADE BY AN ACTUAL COMPANY. WE HAD DIFFERENT FORMULAS AND COST ANALYSIS BASED ON RESEARCH WE DID ON THE PROJECT. IN THE TOP RIGHT, AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT A TIME CARD LOOKS LIKE, AND THE BOTTOM RIGHT, AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT WAS FOR THE RESEARCH THAT WE DID AND WE SPENT ABOUT 220 HOURS OF RESEARCH OVER THE YEAR JUST ON WORKING IT -- WORKING ON IT AND MEETINGS AND GETTING IT ALL SET. AND THEN WE SPLIT UP THE PROJECT WITH THE ACTUAL BUILDING WITH THE WOOD COSTS, WHICH WERE -- THE PROJECTED WOOD COSTS, ABOUT \$5,000 FOR MATERIALS WITH THE WOOD THAT WE USED. AND WE SPENT ABOUT 40 HOURS ACTUALLY PUTTING IT TOGETHER WITH MARKING THE ARC AND CUTTING THE WOOD TO PUT IT ON THE BENCH, AND THE STEEL COSTS, ABOUT 25 HOURS AND THE MATERIALS WERE PROJECTED AT \$3,000.

>> WE HAD TO DO SEVERAL -- WE ALL HAVE TO DO MATH FOR THE PROJECT FOR OUR ACE GRADE. SCALE DRAWINGS, WE SCALED OUT THE BELVEDERE TO FIND OUT -- WHAT THE ARC WAS FOR THE BELVEDERE, AND WITH THAT INFORMATION, WE FOUND OUT HOW MUCH SPACE WE HAD ON THE BELVEDERE, AND WITH THAT INFORMATION, WE WENT FROM THE BENCH -- WE LOOKED AT STRESS TESTING AND HOW MUCH STRESS THE BENCH COULD TAKE. I THINK WE FIGURED WE WANTED 150 POUNDS FOR PER SQUARE INCH, AND NOT SO MUCH -- WE DID A WOOD COMPARISON, COMPARED SOFTWOOD, HARDWOOD, COMPOSITE WOOD -- WE WENT WITH MORE OF A SOFTWOOD, WHICH IS THE ALASKAN CEDAR. WE ORDERED THE ALASKAN YELLOW CEDAR FROM A WOOD BROKER DOWN IN EUGENE, AND HE GOT US IN CONTACT WITH LUMBER OUT IN CLACKAMAS AND THEY GAVE US A REALLY GOOD PRICE ON LUMBER.

>> CAN I INTERRUPT FOR A SECOND? THIS IS KIND OF A MATH QUESTION BUT I DON'T WANT A MATH ANSWER. AND THIS MAY BE FOR THE ENGINEERS OR FOR ALL

OF YOU. BUT I NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE FIVE -- PARDON ME -- THERE ARE FIVE SLATS IN A PROGRESSING ARC, AND I AM REALLY IN AWE OF YOU MAKING THE MEASUREMENTS SO THAT THE GAP IS THE SAME, THE ARC IS BEAUTIFUL, AND I KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME MATH INVOLVED HERE SOMEWHERE, I SUSPECT THAT THERE IS. WAS THAT PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO FIGURE AND HOW DO YOU MAKE THE WOOD BEND THAT WAY?

>> WE -- I WILL ANSWER THE CONSTRUCTION PART. WE MADE A 10-FOOT GIG ON A DECK AT ACE AND WE TOOK A LONG PIECE OF WOOD AND MARKED IT OUT AND SECURED A PIECE THAT WAS ABOUT FOUR FEET AND FOUR INCHES LONG. WE DRILLED THE HOLE IN THE 10-FOOT LONG GIG AND ARCED IT AT 34 DEGREES, RIGHT -- YEAH, 34 DEGREES, AND MARKED IT OUT AND TOOK IT APART AND PUT IT BACK FOUR INCHES TO GET THE WIDTH. THE BANDSAW, WE ANGLED IT AND CURVED IT ON THE BANDSAW.

>> WITH THE RADIUS THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, EACH WOOD PLANK IS A DIFFERENT WIDTH. WE HAD TO GET -- WE HAD TO CALCULATE THE RADIUSES THAT HE WOULD MARK OUT ON THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RADIUS WERE ALL THE SAME --

>> WELL, YOU MADE IT LOOK EASY.

>> WE DID STRESS TESTING ON THE BENCH, WHICH WE HAD TO SEE HOW MUCH PRESSURE WOULD BE ON WHEN SOMEBODY SAT ON IT AND HOW MUCH STRESS THE BENCH TOOK ON AND ALSO ON THE FRAMES AND JOINTS HOW MUCH STRESS GOES ON TO THE JOINTS AND THE FRAMES. GALVANIZING -- WE HAD TO SEE THE -- WHAT KIND OF CHEMICALS THE GALVANIZING GIVES OFF AND IF IT WAS DANGEROUS OR NOT TO USE. AND THE COMPOSITE -- WHEN THE BRIDGE WOULD BE BUILT AND HOW IT WOULD SETTLE IN THE GROUND. AND WE TESTED TWO DIFFERENT THEMES TO SEE WHICH ONE WOULD BE BEST WHEN TAKING ON MOISTURE AND USED THE MOISTURE METER TO CALCULATE ALL OF THAT.

>> A LOT OF PERSONAL LEARNING OBVIOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT. TIME MANAGEMENT AND JUST THE DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL REAL-WORLD TIME AND MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION THAT IS NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT. WE HAD TO GO THROUGH A LOT OF DIFFERENT COMPANIES AND PROFESSIONAL AREAS. WE WERE ABLE TO LEARN AND GET EXPERIENCE WITH WITH THE COMMUNICATION AND PERSONAL LEARNING. WE HAD TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE OUR TIME AND JUST THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE DIFFERENT TEAMS, NOT ONLY IN OUR GROUP, BUT ALSO WITH THE OUTSIDE PEOPLE THAT WE HAD TO WORK WITH. AND JUST THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT WE HAD TO LEARN, LIKE INVENTOR AND HOW THEY WORK.

>> THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROJECT IS FOR FOUR MORE ACE STUDENTS TO BUILD THE ACTUAL BENCHES, AND THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND THEY WILL BUILD AND DESIGN FOUR BENCHES AND MAYBE ALTER OUR DESIGN A LITTLE BIT AND WE WILL GIVE THEM POINTERS AND HELP IF THEY NEED IT. THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

>> GO AHEAD.

>> Comm. Bailey: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I HAVE TO SAY I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED, AND I THINK I CAN SPEAK FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE WHEN I SAY THAT. YOU'VE TAKEN SOMETHING THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE SOMETIMES TAKE FOR GRANTED AND MADE IT ELEGANT. AND I CAN SEE EVEN IN YOUR PRESENTATION A LEVEL OF DETAIL AND COGENCY, IN MY YEARS WORKING WITH CONTRACTORS THAT I WISH I WOULD HAVE SEEN FROM A LOT OF CONTRACTING FIRMS. MORE THAN THAT YOU HAVE MADE A STRUCTURE THAT IS GRACEFUL AND ARTISTIC INNOVATION AS WELL. I'M CURIOUS, DID YOU HAVE FUN DOING THAT?

>> YEAH, I DID.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOW, I'M ALWAYS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE PROJECTS YOU BROUGHT US AROUND THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. JUST AMAZING THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM OUT THERE IN REAL TIME. THANK YOU.

>> MADAM CHAIR.

>> I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I'M SO TOTALLY IMPRESSED AND INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU DO AND JUST WONDER, ARE YOU REALLY NOT COLLEGE STUDENTS? GOOD JOB.

>> ARE YOU ALL GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

>> YES, WE ALL ARE.

>> I HAVE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY.

>> GOOD FOR YOU.

>> I HAVE BEEN HIRED AT A MACHINE SHOP AND I WILL BE TRAINED TO BE A MACHINIST.

>> I'M GOING TO MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

>> I'M ALSO GOING TO MOUNT HOOD.

>> GREAT. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU. I'M SURE THAT THIS PROJECT WILL -- THE EXPERIENCES THAT YOU HAVE HAD WILL FIT WELL FOR YOU FOR YOUR FUTURES, AND PLEASE COME BACK AND JOIN US AGAIN HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. [INAUDIBLE]

>> WE'LL BE QUICK.

>> R-2, RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY --

>> A MOTION.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-2.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR KAFOURY, CONGRATULATIONS, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. I'M JEFF HEINRICH, LABOR RELATIONS MANAGER. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY BRUCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JCSS LOCAL 88 SUBUNIT, BRUCE AND I ARE HERE TO REQUEST THE BOARD'S RATIFICATION OF A TWO-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND AFSCME LOCAL 88, JCSS UNIT. THIS AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY THE UNION LAST MONTH, JULY 1st, 2013, JUNE 30th, 2015. I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS CONTRACT WILL BE THE FIRST AGREEMENT TO FORMALLY INCLUDE OVER 70 ON-CALL JCSS EMPLOYEES. ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGREEMENT, A FIRST-YEAR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF 1.8%, RETROACTIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND A SECOND YEAR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF 2.7%, THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1st OF 2014, THIS NEXT MONTH. NO BUDGET MODIFICATIONS OR ADJUSTMENTS ARE ANTICIPATED. HEALTH BENEFITS, PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO CONTRACT LANGUAGE WHILE THE UNION AND COUNTY WORK TOGETHER ON IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM ISSUES ON THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADVISORY TEAM. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDE IDENTIFYING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY AND THE UNION AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE NEWLY ADDED ON-CALL MEMBERS OF THE BARGAINING UNIT. THIS AGREEMENT ALSO FORMALLY INCORPORATES PREVIOUSLY EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, REGARDING VACANCIES, IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES, IN THE BIENNIAL SHIFT BIDDING PROCESS. I BELIEVE THIS IS A BALANCED CONTRACT THAT PROMOTES THE PUBLIC INTEREST WHILE PRESERVING FAIR EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES TO THE JUVENILES IN THE COUNTY'S CUSTODY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MEMBERS OF BOTH BARGAINING TEAMS FOR THEIR PATIENT DEDICATION TOWARD A PROFESSIONAL PROCESS AND A POSITIVE OUTCOME. I BELIEVE ALL PARTICIPANTS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN THE HIGHEST MANNER OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY, AND I THINK THOSE VALUES ARE REFLECTED IN THE RESULTING CONTRACT THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THIS MORNING. AND THEREFORE, ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD RATIFY THIS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO BRUCE IF HE HAS ANY COMMENTS.

>> NO, I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

>> OTHERWISE, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS WITH THE ONE CAVEAT IF YOU HAVE ANY MATH QUESTIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THE ACE STUDENTS BACK TO PROVIDE THE MATH ANSWERS FOR YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING. IT IS GOOD TO HEAR THAT WE HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT THAT EVERYONE IS HAPPY WITH. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED? THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> R-3, PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2014 AS PRIDE MONTH FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVED, AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R-3. OUR PRESENTERS ARE COMING UP, I WILL START -- COME ON UP EVERYONE WHO IS PRESENTING, I WILL KICK IT OFF BY SAYING THAT I AM SO PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SPONSOR THE LGBTQ PROCLAMATION AGAIN THIS YEAR. 1992, FIRST TIME -- TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTY SUPPORT OF PRIDE NORTHWEST. ALSO THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE COUNTY'S LGBT EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP, PRISM, AND LAST MONTH WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO CONGRATULATE OUR LGBT FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ABLE TO GET MARRIED HERE IN OREGON. [APPLAUSE] I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN A LIFE-LONG ALLY TO THE LGBT COMMUNITY, AND LEARNED FROM MY PARENTS AT A YOUNG AGE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO HAVE A SAFE, LOVING, FAMILY AND HOME. TONIGHT BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6:30, MY PARENTS WILL BE HONORED AT THE Q CENTER FOR THEIR DECADES OF SERVICE. I WANT TO SHARE MY COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO BE A CHAMPION FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE COMMISSIONER SMITH ON HER RE-ELECTION, AND WELCOME COMMISSIONER BAILEY TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DONNA SCOTT, I AM COCHAIR OF PRISM, FULL SPECTRUM EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING FORTH THIS PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE JUNE PRIDE MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE AS A COMMUNITY THIS YEAR. SINCE PRIDE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE SEEN THE SUPREME COURT STRIKE DOWN THE FEDERAL DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT AND 10 STATES FOUND MARRIAGE EQUALITY REALIZING THIS DREAM IN OREGON JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESPONDED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF DOMA AND THE RULING FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY HERE IN OREGON SWIFTLY. FROM THE BENEFITS OFFICE GUIDING EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SIGNING SAME-SEX PARTNERS UP FOR BENEFITS, AND THE -- ANTICIPATION OF THE MARRIAGE EQUALITY RULING ON MAY 19th, TO IMMEDIATELY SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY WITH A LONG SOUGHT OUT RIGHT. IT WAS A JOYOUS DAY FOR MANY IN THE LOBBY OF THE MULTNOMAH BUILDING. LOVING COUPLES DID NOT HAVE TO WAIT A MINUTE LONGER -- YOUR PRESENCE, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, WAS A TELLING REMINDER TO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS IN PUBLIC

AREAS WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONDUCTS BUSINESS. THIS HAS CREATED A SAFE PLACE FOR MANY PEOPLE WHO DID NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ONE. THIS INCLUDES MYSELF. IT WAS NOT LONG AGO THAT I FEARED RETALIATION FOR WEARING A BOW TIE IN MY PLACE OF WORK. IT IS MY GOAL AND HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR OUR WORKPLACE IN A COMMUNITY WHERE ONE'S AUTHENTIC SELF AND THEIR GENDER IDENTITY DOES NOT PRODUCE A SENSE OF FEAR OR RETALIATION. WE ARE ALSO VERY EXCITED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CHAIR KAFOURY'S OFFICE IN THE SAFE SPACE POSTERS INITIATIVE, PROVIDING A VISUAL REMINDER TO ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY STAFF AND CITIZENS IN OUR BUILDINGS THAT OUR WORK ENVIRONMENT IS AN INCLUSIVE ONE AND DISCRIMINATION IS NOT TOLERATED. YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO MAKING MULTNOMAH COUNTY A SAFE PLACE TO WORK, LIVE, AND DO BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IS INVALUABLE AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE. WE AT PRISM LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND MOVING FORWARD THE WORK FOR EQUALITY BETWEEN DAY AND NEXT YEAR'S PRIDE. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE NOW -- BASIC RIGHTS OREGON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

>> HELLO.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME, COMMISSIONERS. CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER SMITH, WELCOME COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL, TO YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY. VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU ON BEHALF OF BASIC RIGHTS OREGON AND PFLAG PORTLAND BLACK CHAPTER. I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK YOU ALL, COMMISSIONERS, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE, IMPACTFUL AND COURAGEOUS WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY ALL OF YOU FOR THE LGBTQ FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, AND TRULY ALL RESIDENTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WHEN YOU STAND UP AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT, IT BENEFITS US ALL. SO, THANK YOU. AS WE ENTER ANOTHER PRIDE MONTH, WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE, INCLUDING THE RECENT VICTORY OF DEFEATING DISCRIMINATION IN OUR STATE AND EXTENDING THE FREEDOM TO MARRY FOR ALL ACROSS OREGON. THERE IS MORE TO DO. HERE IN OUR STATE, HERE IN THE COUNTY. AS WE CELEBRATE PRIDE THIS MONTH, LET'S REMEMBER THE MEANING, ROOTS, AND HISTORY. LGBTQ, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR -- THE REASON JUNE IS OFFICIALLY PRIDE MONTH. STONEWALL RIOT'S 45th ANNIVERSARY IS THIS YEAR. NEWS STORY STATING ACTORS THAT SIGNED ON TO STAR IN A FILM TELLING THE STORY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS. NO WHERE IN THE ARTICLE WAS THERE MENTION OF RIVERA OR MARSHA JOHNSON WHO WILL PLAY THOSE ROLES, THOSE ACTIVISTS, THOSE LEADERS. LGBTQ, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND TRANSWOMEN OF COLOR, TOO OFTEN MADE INVISIBLE IN THE MOVEMENT, HARSH DISPARITIES -- FIERCEST ACTIVISTS AND LIVING WITH THE MOST BARRIERS DAILY. THERE IS MORE TO DO. THERE IS MORE THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO. FROM THAT DATA COLLECTIONS TO PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND SENIORS, TO SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENTS, JUST TO NAME A FEW. I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF BEING A LEADER FOR LGBTQ JUSTICE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR DEDICATION TO ENSURING A QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND I ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MYSELF AND OTHERS

TO ACHIEVE NOT JUST LEGAL EQUALITY, BUT LIVED EQUALITY FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AND LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO FACE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M COCHAIR OF PRISM. WELCOME HOME, CHAIR KAFOURY, WELCOME ABOARD COMMISSIONER BAILEY. AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SIGNS A, JUNE MARKS THE 44th ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF GAY PRIDE MONTH NOW RECOGNIZED AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THIS MONTH WAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE DEDICATION, BRAVERY, SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO LED THE 1969 UPRISING AT THE STONEWALL TAVERN -- LGBTQ CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, SCHOOL, BUSINESS, ELECTION, AND YET CONTINUE TO CONFRONT DISCRIMINATION, BULLYING, STEREOTYPING, HARASSMENT, AND VIOLENCE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS BEEN THE SITE OF PRIDE CELEBRATIONS EACH THIRD WEEKEND IN JUNE WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATIONS SINCE 1992. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY SPONSORS OUR OWN LGBTQ EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP PRISM, COMPRISED OF OVER 80 LGBTQ AND ALLY MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ONGOING MISSION OF INCLUSION AND EQUITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WITH THAT WE HUMBLLY ASK THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS JUNE 2014 AS PRIDE MONTH FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, SUPPORTING LGBTQ ISSUES. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY BOARD COMMENTS?

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I PARTICULARLY LIKED YOUR WORDS ABOUT STAND UP AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. I THINK THOSE ARE WISE AND WONDERFUL WORDS THAT CAN TAKE US THROUGH MANY ISSUES OVER OUR ENTIRE LIFE. I'M READY FOR THE PARADE ON SUNDAY. LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

>> KHALIL, I THINK IT IS INTERESTING THAT COMMISSIONER McKEEL IS QUOTING YOU ALREADY. I'M GOING TO -- I'M GOING TO QUOTE YOU BACK TO YOU ALREADY, TOO. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT NOT JUST LEGAL EQUALITY, BUT LIVED EQUALITY IS THE ONGOING MESSAGE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND IT'S THE ONGOING TARGET OF ALL OF OUR ACTIONS AND BEHAVIORS AS A COUNTY COMMISSION, AND AS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE LIVE TOGETHER COMPASSIONATELY, THAT WE NOT ONLY NOT ENGAGE IN BULLYING, BUT THAT WE OPPOSE BULLYING AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND EVERY TURN AND THAT WE REMEMBER THAT REALLY OUR FIRST MISSION IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH OTHER AND APPRECIATE OUR DIFFERENCES AND MOSTLY OUR SIMILARITIES IN SHARING THIS MISSION TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE, NOT JUST LEGALLY, BUT IN THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES. THANKS AND THANKS ALL OF YOU.

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS MY FOURTH YEAR. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PRESENTERS, PRISM, AND KHALIL FOR COMING BEFORE US FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS I'VE BEEN HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEDICATION. A

COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I LISTENED TO YOU ALL AND AFTERWARDS I WENT TO GRANT HIGH SCHOOL AND I DID A BULLYING SUMMIT AND I HAD THE STUDENTS SIGN A PLEDGE TO SAY NO TO BULLYING. AND SO WITHOUT YOUR VOICES AND BEING A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS IN MANY CASES, IT WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN ME THE COURAGE TO GO OUT AND DO WHAT WE DID AT GRANT HIGH SCHOOL. SO, I THANK YOU FOR COMING BEFORE US AND CONTINUE, PLEASE, TO ENGAGE US, ENGAGE MY OFFICE, AND IF THERE IS ANY WAY THAT WE CAN BE HELPFUL, DON'T HESITATE TO GIVE US A CALL. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> THANK YOU.

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>> Comm. Bailey: I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD, KHALIL, AND I WILL PILE ON PARTICULARLY WITH YOU IN REFLECTION TO YOUR COMMENTS THAT I THOUGHT WERE VERY APT. INTERESTING INFLECTION POINT THIS YEAR, WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE, BUT IMPLICIT IN YOUR COMMENTS HOW MUCH MORE WORK THERE IS TO DO. AS WE LOOK FORWARD BEYOND THE FREEDOM TO MARRY, LOOKING AT AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE, COUNTY SERVICES THAT REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY CAN ACCESS WHAT THEY NEED TO LIVE A HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE, SUCCESSFUL LIFE AND THRIVE IS PART OF THE GOAL THAT WE WILL HAVE THAT IS ONGOING. SO, ONE MAJOR STEP ACCOMPLISHED, AND MUCH MORE WORK TO GO AND LOOK FORWARD TO MUCH MORE PARTNERSHIP ON THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND I, TOO, AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE PARADE AS IS MY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD. SHE WILL BE THERE IN FULL FORCE. I HAVE TO COMMENT AS WELL, KHALIL, I LOVE SEEING BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS HERE THIS MORNING. THAT IS MY LIFE. MY PARENTS FOLLOW ME EVERYWHERE AS WELL. I KNOW IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE PROUD OF ME. THANKS AGAIN BOTH OF YOU, ALL THREE OF YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING AND NOW WE GET TO VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. YAY. [APPLAUSE] CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, PRISM DOES INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US WITH REFRESHMENTS IN THE BACK ROOM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

>> WE LOVE REFRESHMENTS.

>> R-4, APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN AND AWARDS.

>> A MOTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVE OF R-4.

>> GOOD MORNING. MARY LI, DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF HUMAN SERVICES, WE ARE HERE FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT AWARDS. WITH ME IS REGINA WARREN, OUR STAFF PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE EFFORT, AND BRENDA, ONE OF OUR PROVIDERS, AND THERE MIGHT BE PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL. JUST TO REMIND EVERYONE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DOLLARS ARE AWARDED TO THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF FIVE JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY OUTSIDE OF THE CITIES OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM. WE HAVE A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT REVIEWS PROPOSALS FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR JURISDICTIONS THAT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR AWARD AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD TO YOU TODAY. IN GENERAL, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE IS QUITE SMALL IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR OTHER LARGER CITIES, BUT I THINK THAT THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND THE JURISDICTIONAL PARTNERS REALLY DO A GOOD JOB OF TRYING TO MAXIMIZE OF WHAT IS IN ESSENCE A FAIRLY SMALL AMOUNT OF DOLLARS ATTACHED TO THE APR IS THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED AWARDS, AND WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT THE EAST COUNTY FOLKS ARE GOING TO DO WITH THE DOLLARS?

>> HERE WITH US TODAY -- SHE IS WITH LIMITED CHOICES. WHAT THEY DO IS PERFORM ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES IN HOMES WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AS WELL AS PROVIDE CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS. WE ALSO HAVE HUMAN SOLUTIONS THAT CURRENTLY IS GOING TO BE PROVIDING PERMANENT HOUSING FOR 10 FAMILIES. IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE PROVIDED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SO THE GOAL HAS CHANGED AND NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING PERMANENT HOUSING FOR FAMILIES THAT THEY SERVE. CATHOLIC CHARITIES WORKS WITH THE LATINO POPULATION, EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THEY PROVIDE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND OTHER SERVICES IN THAT COMMUNITY FOR THE LOW-INCOME LATINO COMMUNITY. AND WE -- FOR THIS YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO FUND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS, AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR RENTERS IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO, THOSE ARE THE PROJECTS THAT WE WILL BE -- OH, RIGHT, I FORGOT. CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE, THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS. THEY'RE INSTALLING NEW IRRIGATION TO THEIR SOCCER FIELD, AND THEY ARE UPGRADING THEIR PLAYGROUND, AND ALSO UPGRADING THEIR ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

>> Comm. Smith: GREAT, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. I WAS LOOKING AT THIS SHEET OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING, AND I'M LIKE, WOW, THEY'RE REALLY LEVERAGING A LOT OFF OF THESE DOLLARS. THAT'S GREAT. AND I THINK HOUSING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARKS, VILLAGE IS DOING -- WE HAD A PRESENTATION AT JPAC ABOUT PEOPLE BEING MORE ACTIVE AND HEALTH BENEFITS AND THAT SORT OF THING. THESE ARE GREAT PROJECTS. I THINK IT IS PRETTY GLARING HERE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE PERCENTAGE FAIRVIEW AND WOOD VILLAGE BEHIND THEM. THAT IS VERY EXCITING. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY FURTHER PRESENTATION?

>> ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> I'M BRENDA FROM UNLIMITED CHOICES. I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE OUR FIRST FUNDER WHEN WE FIRST STARTED OUT AND YOU HAVE CONTINUOUSLY FUNDED US. WE ARE FINISHING OUR 21st YEAR. I WANT TO SHARE ONE QUICK STORY. EVERY YEAR YOU KIND OF GET A ONE FAMILY THAT JUST DOES IT TO YOU, AND THIS WAS ONE, A FAMILY THAT WAS -- LIVING IN A MOBILE HOME THAT SOMEONE HAD SOLD THEM THAT PROBABLY WASN'T -- IT WASN'T THE HIGHEST QUALITY. AND DHS CAME IN AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO REMOVE THE CHILDREN FROM THE HOME AND FROM THIS FAMILY IF THE FLOORS WERE NOT FIXED AND IF THE PLUMBING WASN'T FIXED AND ALL OF THAT STUFF. WE WERE ABLE TO INTERVENE, JUST WAIT, WAIT, WE WILL BE OUT THERE. AND WE WERE ABLE TO STOP ALL OF THAT AND KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER. SO, THAT WAS OUR PROUDEST MOMENT THIS YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT IS WHAT YOUR MONEY IS DOING.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT STORY. IT IS -- YOU READ ABOUT WHAT THE -- WHERE THE DOLLARS ARE GOING, BUT IT IS THE HUMAN FACES AND FAMILIES THAT REALLY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

>> ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED? ACTION PLAN AND AWARDS ARE APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-5, NOTICE OF INTENT FOR OREGON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-5.

>> GOOD MORNING. MARY LI AGAIN FROM COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. WE'RE HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR COMPETITIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL ISSUED BY THE STATE UNDER THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. WITH ME IS PEGGY SAMOLINSKI, COLLEAGUE WITH THE SUN SERVICES SYSTEM. WE CURRENTLY RECEIVE THESE DOLLARS FROM THE STATE THROUGH WHAT WAS THE OLD COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY SYSTEM. WHEN THAT COMMISSION SUN SETTED, THE STATE BUILT TWO COUNCILS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD, ONE OF WHICH IS THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PIECE AND YOU'RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THEM, MULTNOMAH COUNTY VERSION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD HUB. THIS IS THE ADOLESCENT PIECE OF THAT WORK CALLED THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MADE THE DECISION TO NO LONGER ALLOCATE FUNDS BASED ON AN ALLOCATION FORMULA OF GEOGRAPHY AND POPULATION, AND, INSTEAD, MOVED TO A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROPOSAL. THIS HAS PUT US IN A SITUATION OF HAVING TO COMPETE FOR THESE DOLLARS TO CONTINUE FUNDING TO TWO EXISTING SERVICE SYSTEMS AND PIECES OF OUR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE SUN SERVICE SYSTEM, THE SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR SUCCESS. I JUST MANGLED THAT, I'M SO SORRY. AND RUN AWAY AND HUMAN YOUTH SERVICES. COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERS, WE INTEND WITH YOUR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THREE GRANTS, ONE FOR RUN-AWAY AND HOMELESS SERVICES, TWO, TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING FOR THE CURRENT SS PROGRAM, AND WE HOPE TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THESE THREE APPLICATIONS. TWO THINGS TO KNOW. ONE IS WE CAME TO THIS DECISION TO COME TO YOU WITH THREE PROPOSALS IN FULL COLLABORATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS. WE ARE SHARING DATA WITH THEM. WE ARE SHARING GRANT WRITING PIECES, ALL DESCRIBING THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE COLLECTIVELY TOGETHER IN THE SAME WAY. WE KNOW THERE WILL BE PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS COMING IN. THEY TOLD US WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO GO FOR. WE TOLD THEM WHAT WE ARE GOING TO GO FOR. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED OR FUNDED IN A PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHIC AREA. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE BEEN FULLY TRANSPARENT WITH OUR PROVIDER AND OTHER PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND BECAUSE THESE ARE TWO CORE PIECES OF OUR SERVICE SYSTEM, IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THIS APPLICATION, WE WILL NEED TO COME BACK TO YOU ALL AND HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO TAKE THOSE CUTS OR WHAT TO DO ABOUT THOSE REDUCTIONS IN THOSE CORE SERVICE PIECES.

>> NOTHING TO ADD. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.

>> MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO SAY THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU OUTLINING FOR US THE UPSIDE AND DOWNSIDE. THE UPSIDE, HYPOTHETICALLY THERE WOULD BE NO LIMIT IN -- YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ALWAYS LIMITS, BUT HYPOTHETICALLY THERE COULD BE COMBINED MORE RESOURCES COMING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THESE SERVICES. AND THE DOWN SIDE IS THAT WE MAY LOSE THESE SERVICES IF WE CAN'T FUND THEM OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENERAL FUND. AND IT JUST -- I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT

THAT WE KEEP A VERY CLOSE EYE ON THE KIND OF NET BENEFIT OR HARM TO THE PROGRAMS. THE NET HARM BEING THE POTENTIAL THAT INCLUDING ALL OF THE EFFORT AND TIME EXPENDED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, WE ACTUALLY LOSE RESOURCES. SO, THANK YOU FOR -- THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD JUST DROP A REALLY BIG, HEAVY UNDERLINE ON THE -- ON THE POTENTIAL UPSIDE AND THE POTENTIAL DOWNSIDE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU. I KNOW THIS IS A NEW PROCESS, BUT DO WE HAVE ANY INDICATION OF HOW THESE APPLICATIONS WILL GO? DO WE FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT OUR POSSIBILITIES OR -- IS THERE ANY --

>> WELL, YEAH --

>> I THINK THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T DONE IT BEFORE. SO, THIS IS NEW FOR THE STATE AS WELL. WE HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ALONG THE WAY, APPROACH THE PLANNING PROCESS, WHAT WE INTEND TO WRITE FOR. THEY'RE VERY FAMILIAR OF WHAT WE FUND NOW. THEY HAVE GIVEN US ASSURANCES THAT THEY BELIEVE THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THEY WOULD LIKE TO FUND STATEWIDE. THEY CAN'T SAY, YES, WE'RE GOING TO FUND THAT. IN TERMS OF THE APPLICATION ITSELF, WE MEET ALL OR ALL BUT ONE OF THE NEED FACTORS THAT THE STATE IS REQUIRING. THERE ARE POINTS GIVEN FOR WORK ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC JUSTICE, WE WHICH DO, I THINK, IN MANY WAYS THAT ARE NOT REPLICATED ACROSS THE STATE, AND I THINK OUR PLANNING PROCESS -- WE HAVE BEEN IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS BEFORE THIS MONEY CAME OUT AND ASKED US TO BE IN THESE KINDS OF DISCUSSIONS, SO I THINK WE HAVE A HISTORY, A COMMITMENT, AND OUR PROGRAMS ARE STRONG WITH GOOD OUTCOMES. IN TERMS OF POSSIBILITY, THINK WE'RE -- I THINK WE'RE VERY WELL PLACED. AS YOU ALL KNOW, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ONE PLACE IN THE STATE. WHILE THERE IS NO COMMENT ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY IN TERMS OF ALLOCATION OF THESE AWARDS, WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. I BELIEVE OUR PROPOSALS WILL RATE HIGHLY. SHERRY CAMPBELL AND HER COLLEAGUE WORKING WITH US TO WRITE THESE PROPOSALS. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN FEEL WE ARE STRONG, THINK WE ARE. I CANNOT HAVE ANY GUESS ABOUT WHAT THE POLITICS WILL LOOK LIKE.

>> THANK YOU, AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANY WAY WE CAN HELP IN THIS EFFORT AS WELL.

>> MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT. JUST LIKE YOU, MARY LI, I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF GOOD FEEDBACK OF HOW WE USE OUR CURRENT DOLLARS. WE CONTRACT OUT A GOOD DEAL OF OUR DOLLARS INTO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY WANTED TO GO TOWARDS A MODEL OF GETTING

THE MONEY ON THE STREETS, OF SORTS. I THINK WE DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF THAT. THAT IS GOOD NEWS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. IN ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> THANK YOU, I HOPE I WILL BE BACK WITH GOOD NEWS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO TO HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-6, NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR COUNTY-WIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANNING.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES. AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-6. GOOD MORNING.

>> CONGRATULATIONS CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY. AND GOOD MORNING --

>> CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND.

>> SO, FOR THE RECORD, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR \$180,000 TO SUPPORT A COUNTY-WIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE. AND SO, ESSENTIALLY THE COUNTY SUBMITTED A PREAPPLICATION ON MARCH 14th OF THIS YEAR AND WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO FORMALLY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. THIS IS A GRANT OFFERED BY ODOT AND DLCD TO SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE PLANNING IN COMMUNITIES IN OREGON. THIS PROJECT RESULT IN UPDATES TO THE THREE KEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS, WEST SIDE RURAL -- WEST OF -- THIS PROJECT WILL LEVERAGE ON THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS FARTHER OF THE FY-15 -- PART OF THE FY-15 BUDGET -- SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION AND ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. JOANNA, WILL THIS WORK IN PARALLEL WITH THE LAND USE PLAN.

>> YES.

>> THAT ARE GOING ON --

>> YES, IT WILL COMPLIMENT AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

>> WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

>> ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> Chair Kafoury: NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-7, NOTICE OF INTENT FOR JOINT ADULT DRUG COURT SOLICITATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES COORDINATION AND TREATMENT.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-7.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM GINGER MARTIN, AND I'M HERE TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL GRANT OFFERED JOINTLY BY THE BUREAU OF -- SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. THESE GRANTS ARE OFFERED TO ENHANCE EXISTING DRUG COURTS. WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO IS CREATE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE EXISTING START COURT. THE START COURT OPERATES AS A PARTNERSHIP, LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT PART OF THAT DRUG COURT. WE TREAT REPEAT PROPERTY OFFENDERS IN THE START COURT WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE FACE A PRISON SENTENCE. WHAT HAS HAPPENED RECENTLY, WE COMPLETED A STATE-LED STUDY IN WHICH SOME OF THE ELIGIBLE FOLKS RECEIVED PROBATION AS USUAL AND SOME RECEIVED THE START COURT. THAT STUDY IS COMPLETED NOW. AND WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF REFERRALS TO THE START COURT. THAT RESULTED IN A BACK LOG IN GETTING PEOPLE ENGAGED IN PEOPLE RIGHT AWAY. THAT IS NOT A BEST PRACTICE FOR DRUG COURTS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE PRETTY MUCH MOVE FROM COURT TO ENGAGEMENT. WE'RE REQUESTING, CALLING THE PROJECT, RAPID ENGAGEMENT PROJECT AND WHAT WE WOULD INTEND TO HAVE HAPPEN IS -- ASSESSMENTS CAN HAPPEN RIGHT AWAY, TREATMENT CAN BEGIN, AND ALSO TO INCLUDE PEER MENTORS IN THE PROGRAM TO AGAIN HELP WITH ENGAGEMENT INTO A CHANGE PROCESS FOR THE FOLKS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Comm. Smith: IS THIS A THREE OR FIVE YEAR GRANT?

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, I FORGOT THAT REALLY IMPORTANT PART.

>> THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE ARE REQUESTING, \$1.27 MILLION AND IT IS A THREE-YEAR GRANT.

>> Comm. Smith: GREAT.

>> Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> Chair Kafoury: NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> R-8, NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$400,000 TO OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICY APPROACHES.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-8.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM A GRANT WRITER WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. REBECCA IS WITH ME FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY -- AND DR. NOELLE WIGGINS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR INTENT TO APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING APPROACHES FOR A GRANT THAT SUPPORT THE - EVIDENCE-BASED NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING INTO EAST COUNTY. THE FUNDING IS FOR \$400,000 OVER THE PROJECT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. ALL INDIRECT COSTS ARE COVERED. REBECCA IS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR STRIVING TO REDUCE VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE --

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.

>> CONGRATULATIONS CHAIR.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> STRYVE, STRIVING TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE, LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY -- SUPPORT FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE BEFORE IT STARTS. WE -- BUILDING SOCIAL COHESION AND A COMMITMENT TO SCHOOLS AND WE DO THIS THROUGH A METHODOLOGY, PLACE-BASED PREVENTION, WHICH FOCUSED IN FOUR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES ACROSS MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND SEEKS TO ADD CAPACITY TO EXISTING INVESTMENTS IN THOSE FOUR COMMUNITIES. WE -- THIS GRANT WOULD ALLOW US TO EXPAND OUR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS, OR YES PROJECT FURTHER INTO THE COMMUNITIES OF ROCKWOOD AND GRESHAM. WE HAVE ONE YES GROUP FACILITATED THERE IN THAT COMMUNITY, POIC EAST. THIS WOULD

ALLOW CAPACITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LATINO NETWORK AND CITY OF GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AT LEAST TWO YES GROUPS. THE FOCUS WOULD BE ON YOUNG LATINO MEN AND WOULD SERVE APPROXIMATELY 30 YOUTH PER YEAR SO, OVER THE COURSE OF THE GRANT, ALMOST 100 YOUTH WOULD BE SERVED IN THREE COHORTS. CURRICULUM COFACILITATED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHO SHARE LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH COMMUNITIES MOST AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE. TRAINED IN A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER CURRICULUM -- PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEFENDING CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE. COFACILITATION -- AT THIS POINT, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS.

>> I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, BUT I WANT TO SAY HOW PLEASED I AM THAT THIS IS MOVING MORE OUT INTO EAST COUNTY. I THINK I ASK ABOUT THE STRYVE PROGRAM BEFORE WHEN YOU HAD TO SELECT THE PLACES YOU WERE GOING, AND YOU SAID BUT WE WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN GET TO EAST COUNTY SO THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. IT IS VERY NEEDED AND THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. I GUESS I MADE COMMENTS IN THE PAST ABOUT EVOLUTION, AND WE HAD COMMENTS THIS MORNING, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE HERE, ABOUT BANNING PLASTIC BAGS THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS BANNED PLASTIC BAGS BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT A DANGER. WE HAVE RECENTLY, AS A COMMUNITY, DECIDED THAT MARRIAGE RIGHTS DO APPLY TO ALL OF US. AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT IN OUR EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THAT WE WILL BEGIN TO SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESS WHICH THIS NOI DOES, EPIDEMIC VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY, ITS CAUSES, AND WAYS THAT WE CAN EVOLVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT IT. REBECCA AND ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> THANK YOU.

>> VERY WELL SAID, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. DITTO THOSE COMMENTS. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> Chair Kafoury: NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU. R-9, NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$600,000 TO THE CDC, IMPROVEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION AND CARE FOR HEPATITIS B GRANT.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-9. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS AMY SULLIVAN. I MANAGE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SERVICES FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST TO APPLY FOR \$600,000 OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. THIS MONEY IS FROM THE CDC TO SUPPORT IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION AND CARE FOR CHRONIC HEPATITIS B INFECTION AMONG PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WERE BORN IN COUNTRIES WITH INTERMEDIATE TO HIGH PREVALENCE OF HEPATITIS B. FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS MORE THAN 20 TIMES TO HAVE A CHRONIC HEPATITIS B INFECTION THAN OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. FUNDING WITH THIS GRANT SUPPORT OUTREACH AND SCREENING SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW THEIR STATUS AND CAN GET APPROPRIATE CARE AND WILL ALSO SUPPORT THOSE PEOPLE AND ACTUALLY LINKING TO AND GETTING THE CARE THAT THEY NEED. THERE IS ALSO SUPPORT FOR PRIMARILY CARE PROVIDERS THROUGH PATIENT NAVIGATION AND TRAINING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR PATIENTS NEED AND CAN GET THEIR PATIENTS THOSE SERVICES. WE WILL BE DOING THIS WORK BOTH WITH STAFFING IN OUR OWN PROGRAM, AS WELL AS WITH PARTNERSHIPS WITH SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS IN THE AREA, AND WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE IRCO AND ASIAN HEALTH AND SERVICES CENTER. I CAN TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. [CLOSED CAPTIONING TRANSCRIBER SWITCH] [THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS BROADCAST. THE TEXT HAS NOT BEEN PROOFREAD AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A FINAL TRANSCRIPT.]

>> Comm. Smith: IT ALWAYS HELPS WHEN YOU BRING KIDS. LOVING DAY IS JUNE 12th AND WE WANT THE PROCLAMATION TO BE A PART OF THIS AGENDA BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SO MANY GREAT THINGS HAPPEN DURING THIS WEEK. WE HAD AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SUPPORTING GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOMS LAST YEAR, A BRIEFING ABOUT BETTER COLLECTION OF DATA FOR LGBTQ COLLEAGUES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, A PRIDE PROCLAMATION AND CELEBRATING WORLD REFUGEE AWARENESS DAY LAST YEAR AND THE LOVING DAY PROCLAMATION FITS INTO THE THEME THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CARES ABOUT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND CONSTITUENTS FROM A VARIETY OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS WHO WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE RIGHT TO LEGALLY MARRY THEIR HUSBANDS AND WIVES IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS RULING, AND NOW, WE AWAIT ANOTHER MONUMENTAL DECISION WE HAD. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO WE ARE GOING TO WATCH AN ABC NEWS STORY, DO WE STILL HAVE THAT? OKAY. I WILL JUST TURN IT OVER TO YOU. [LAUGHTER]

>> THANKS, I FORGOT WE DID THAT LAST YEAR, THAT WAS REALLY EXCITING. CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, BEN DUNCAN. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AND HER STAFF FOR ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTING THE PROCLAMATION. I ALWAYS GET EXCITED FOR LOVING DAY AND IT'S NICE TO STEP IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, TO HAVE MY FAMILY HERE AND HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN BOTH CELEBRATE, YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T COME WITH INTENSE QUESTIONS AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO BE JOINED TODAY BY MY WIFE, CATHERINE, AND RUDY AND RYAN WALDORF AND ANTHONY JACKSON. SO WE HAVE SOME COMMUNITY VOICES AND MY OWN FAMILY. AND EVERY YEAR ON JUNE 12th,

THERE'S RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS LOVING DAY. IT'S NAMED AFTER THE SUPREME COURT CASE OF LOVING V. VIRGINIA IN WHICH THEY FOUGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO BE MARRIED. MILDRED AND RICHARD WERE ARRESTED FOR THE CRIME OF BEING MARRIED AND BEING OF DIFFERENT RACES. AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST, INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE WAS A FELONY CRIME IN VIRGINIA AND THEY TOOK THEIR CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT. AND THEY WON. AND THAT DECISION ON JUNE 12th, 1967, MADE IT ILLEGAL TO RESTRICT INTERRACIAL COUPLES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND THIS YEAR, AND WE'VE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ALREADY FOR THE FIRST TIME AS WE CELEBRATE LOVING DAY AND PRIDE MONTH, WE CELEBRATE EVERY MEMBER IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVING THE RIGHT TO BE MARRIED WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE, WE REALLY HEARD FROM OUR EARLIER SPEAKERS, WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF REALIZING THE LIVED EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THE LEGAL EXPERIENCE. LOVING DECISION AND LOVING V. VIRGINIA HAS BEEN PART OF THE LEGAL BASIS FOR MANY OF THE DECISIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE OVERTURNED SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BANS AND BASED ON THAT IDEA THAT FREEDOM TO MARRY WAS AN ESSENTIAL CIVIL RIGHT. I'LL QUOTE THE COURT THAT OVERTURNED VIRGINIA'S BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, WHICH ACTUALLY HAPPENED VALENTINE'S DAY OF THIS YEAR. THESE DAYS ARE PROPPING UP. THE COURT SAID JUSTICE HAS OFTEN BEEN FORGED FROM FIRES OF INDIGNATION AND PREJUDICES SUFFERED, OUR TRIUMPHS THAT CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ARE HALLOWED. WE HAVE ARRIVED UPON ANOTHER MOMENT IN HISTORY WHEN WE THE PEOPLE BECOME MORE INCLUSIVE AND OUR FREEDOM MORE PERFECT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TODAY'S INTRODUCTION AND A CHANCE TO HONOR THE LEGACY AND HISTORIC DECISION IN ITS CONTINUAL INFLUENCE ON OUR COMMUNITIES TODAY. LOVING DAY HAS BECOME AN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT WITH A MISSION TO EDUCATE AND BUILD AWARENESS ON MULTICULTURAL IDENTITY AND CREATE CONNECTIONS AMONG INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO JOIN WITH YOU TODAY TO SHARE WHAT THE MEANING OF LOVING SOMEDAY TO US. IN ADDITION TO BEING BEN DUNCAN'S WIFE, I AM A CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST WHO STUDIES ISSUES OF RACE, EQUITY AND GENDER IN EDUCATION IN THE U.S. TODAY, MY COMMENTS UNITE MY STUDY OF THESE ISSUES WITH MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE AS A LATINA WOMAN RAISING A MULTIETHNIC CHILD IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TODAY. AS AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, I OFTEN STUDY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CATEGORIES THAT POLICY MAKERS, EDUCATORS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS IN THE U.S. USE. THESE INCLUDE CATEGORIES OF SOCIAL CLASS, RACE, LANGUAGE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITIES, AMONG MANY OTHER CATEGORIES OF DIFFERENCES. ANTHROPOLOGISTS LIKE ME OFTEN SAY THESE CATEGORIES ARE ARBITRARY. WHAT THIS MEANS ISN'T THAT THEY'RE NOT VERY REAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CREATE AS A CULTURE AND REDEFINE OVER TIME. THEY'RE CONSEQUENTIAL BECAUSE THEY IMPACT POLICIES AND HAVE BEEN USED TO MARGINALIZE WHOLE GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS, TO SEPARATE THE HAVES FROM THE HAVE-NOTS AND RATIONALIZE WHAT USED SEEM LIKE HORRIBLY RACIST LAWS LIKE JIM CROW SEGREGATION. THIS IS HOW OUR LIVES ARE. RACIAL AND ETHNIC CATEGORIES IN PARTICULAR CAN BE POSITIVE AND

NEGATIVE SO YOU CAN HAVE A POSITIVE FORM OF IDENTITY THE WAY THE LATINOS HAVE CREATED THIS NOTION OF LATINO IDENTITY. THEY CAN DISTORT THE MULTI-LAYERED -- THE REALITIES OF RAISING A MULTI-RACIAL CHILD. BUT THE CATEGORIES CAN DISTORT THE COMPLEX INDIVIDUAL IDENTITIES AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS. A LOW-INCOME LATINA MOTHER RAISING A CHILD IN OREGON GOING TO HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE THAN A MIDDLE CLASS SECOND GENERATION LATINO MAN, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE BOTH CATEGORIZED AND STUDIED AS LATINO. CATEGORIES AND PARTICULARLY STATISTICAL PORTRAITS OF THESE CATEGORIES OBSCURE MUCH MORE THAN THEY CAN ILLUMINATE. I HIGHLIGHT THAT WHILE LOVING DAY IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND WE'RE HERE TO DO THAT, IT ALSO ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO US AND TO A COUNTY GOVERNMENT INVESTED IN MAKING CHANGES TO ADVANCE RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO MY SON RUDY IS ONE OF MANY CHILDREN WHO WILL GROW UP DEFYING THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC CATEGORIES WE USE. HE CANNOT BE DEFINED BY PERCENTAGES. HE AND OTHER MULTIETHNIC CHILDREN DEFY THE CATEGORIES. THIS RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD AND FOR THOSE OF US DEEPLY INVESTED IN PUBLIC POLICY, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. HOW WILL RUDY AND OTHER CHILDREN LIKE HIM BE REPRESENTED IN REPORTS ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR? HOW WILL HIS EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPERIENCES BE CAPTURED IN THE STATISTICAL PORTRAITS USED BY OFFICIALS TO PLAN PRIORITIES? WILL HE BE COUNTED AS OTHER AS HE IS CATEGORIZED IN MANY ANALYSES AND HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE FULL INCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS IN COUNTY PROGRAMS, SERVICES? HOW WILL THE COUNTY PROMOTE INCLUSION WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR? WHILE HE'S A QUARTER AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND ALLOWS HIM INCLUSION INTO THE BLACK COMMUNITY, WILL HIS QUARTER JEWISHNESS ALLOW HIM FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE JEWISH CIRCLES? HE CANNOT BE DIVIDED BY THESE PARTS OF HIMSELF. BUT WE TALK ABOUT IT RIGHT TO SHOW WHAT PARTS HE IS, BECAUSE HE AND OTHER CHILDREN LIKE HIM DEFY THE VOCABULARY USED TO UNDERSTAND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND THE REAL QUESTION IS WHAT VULNERABILITIES AND NEEDS LIE AMONG MULTIRACIAL CHILDREN THAT CURRENTLY ARE BEING UNNOTICED AND IGNORED? AND HOW ARE THEY LEFT OUT OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE OF COLOR? MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO UNDERSTAND THE INTERSECTING EXPERIENCES MULTIRACIAL AND MULTIETHNIC CHILDREN FACE IN OREGON TODAY AND MY HOPE IS THAT IN CELEBRATING LOVING DAY, WE ARE ABLE TO HONOR THE LEGACIES OF THE LOVING BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE RICH EXPERIENCES OF MULTIRACIAL AND MULTIETHNIC INDIVIDUALS. AND THAT WE MAKE MORE DELIBERATE STRIDES TO ADDRESS THEIR CHALLENGES. TWO IN THE WORDS OF THE BOARD'S -- [READING] THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. I'M A FIFTH GENERATION OREGON. I WORK FOR REPUBLIC SERVICES, WE EMPLOY 600 INDIVIDUALS IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA. I ALSO AM JOINED BY MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE JANICE AND OUR YOUNGEST SON COOPER WHO IS A THIRD JAPANESE, A THIRD AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND I GUESS A THIRD WHITE, I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CATEGORIES, THAT'S AN INTERESTING TOPIC. WE HAVE TWO OTHER CHILDREN. MY SON ZACHARY IS 13 AND MY DAUGHTER IS 10 AND NOT THAT LONG AGO, THEY CAME BACK WITH THEIR INFORMATION AND ONE WAS AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND ONE WAS WHITE. AND BOTH REPORTS WERE WRONG. SO I JOIN WITH YOUR COMMENTS OF THE

CATEGORIZATION AND IT'S A QUESTION THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE TODAY WAS A REFLECTION ON GENERATIONS SUCH AS MINE THAT WERE BORN IN THE '70s, GREW UP IN THE '80s AND THE '90s, WHEN FROM ALL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES, INEQUALITY OR PREJUDICE WAS ILLEGAL. WE COULD GET MARRIED. THESE LAWS WERE PASSED. OUR FAMILIES ARE REFLECTIVE OF THE BY-PRODUCT OF THESE LAWS. AND I REFLECTED UPON THAT AND I ASKED MY WIFE WHEN WE CAME HERE WHAT CHALLENGES DID WE EXPERIENCE AS A FAMILY? I'M A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR, I SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS, MY WIFE, MY WIFE SERVED ON THE HOME FRONT WHERE SHE WAS MOM, DAD AND EVERYTHING TO HER CHILDREN DURING A COUPLE OF DEPLOYMENTS OVERSEAS. I WAS INJURED OVERSEAS AND SHE TOOK CARE OF ME WHEN I RETURNED HOME. AND OUR FAMILY'S HAD MUCH LIKE A LOT OF FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH THESE REALITIES. BUT WE DIDN'T EXPERIENCE WHAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE AN OVERT PREJUDICE THAT WE COULD POINT TO AND SAY THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF JIM CROW SEGREGATION. BUT WE DID EXPERIENCE SOME INSTANCES THAT DEMONSTRATE A SILENCE THAT'S IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. ONE EXAMPLE OCCURRED IN 2013 IN WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON. NOT TOO FAR FROM WHERE WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW. OUR FAMILY FOUND A HOME THAT WE WANTED TO RENT AND WE WANTED TO MOVE IN THERE. I MET WITH THE PRIVATE HOME-OWNER AND WALKED THROUGH THE HOUSE, I THOUGHT IT WAS A GREAT HOUSE, SHE LIKED ME AND WE AGREED THAT WE WERE GOING TO -- I WAS GOING TO MAKE SURE MY WIFE WAS GOING TO LIKE THIS HOUSE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 15 YEARS, I KNOW I CAN'T SAY YES. AND WE WENT, WE WALKED THROUGH THE HOUSE, WE LIKED IT. I WAS READY TO WRITE THE DEPOSIT CHECK AND SIGN THE PAPERWORK AND SHE WAS HOLDING A FOLDER AND I SAID LET'S FINALIZE THIS, MOVE IN. AND SHE SAID SHE FORGOT THE PAPERWORK AND SHE WOULD CONTACT US ON FRIDAY. FRIDAY CAME AND WENT. WE NEVER RECEIVED A PHONE CALL. WE CALLED BACK, NEVER ANSWERED THE PHONE. ONE WEEK, TWO WEEKS, THREE WEEKS GO BY. FINALLY, I CALLED FROM A DIFFERENT PHONE NUMBER BECAUSE I'M IN SALES AND THAT'S WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU DON'T GET AN ANSWER, YOU CALL FROM A DIFFERENT NUMBER AND SHE THOUGHT I WAS A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF RON AND SHE WAS GLAD TO MEET ME LAST WEEK AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING US MOVE INTO THE HOUSE NEXT WEEK. I INFORMED HER THAT I AM RYAN AND WE SPOKE OVER THREE WEEKS AGO AND OUR FAMILY WAS MAKING PLANS TO MOVE INTO HER HOME AND WE NEEDED TO FIND OUT WHERE WE STOOD. SHE TOLD US SHE DECIDED TO GO WITH SOMEONE ELSE. AND THIS MAKES ME REFLECT IT WASN'T OVERT. BUT IT WAS CLEARLY TO US A DENIAL TO OUR FAMILY IN 2013. AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN RECOGNIZED AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY THAT DEFENDS EQUALITY AND OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY HAS DONE A LOT OF GOOD TO WELCOME ALL RACES, ALL SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS. I THINK THE MILITARY COMMUNITY IS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. UNTIL YOU'VE LIVED IN THAT COMMUNITY, YOU CAN'T APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT RACE, CLASS, THOSE THINGS DON'T MATTER AS MUCH. WE'RE HERE FOR ONE CAUSE AND THAT'S WHERE OUR FAMILY HAD STARTED FROM AND WE GO INTO A SOCIETY WHERE OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO GROW UP AND I QUESTION HOW PREPARED THE COVERT SANCTIONS OF OUR SOCIETY ARE TO REALLY WELCOME MY CHILDREN. AND FAMILIES LIKE OURS. SO WHAT I ASK, WHAT CAN WE DO FROM HERE? WHERE DO WE GO? I LOOKED AT SOME LAWS, I'M AN EMPLOYER, I LOOKED AT THEM, I READ

THEM VERY CAREFULLY. AND MOST OF THEM THAT I'VE STATED AND I HAD READ STATE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO DENY AN INDIVIDUAL BASED ON PROTECTED CLASSES. I HAVE YET TO SEE ONE PROCLAMATION THAT STATES IT IS ILLEGAL TO DENY AN INDIVIDUAL BASED ON THEIR FAMILY'S ORIENTATION, BASED UPON WHO THEY CHOOSE TO LOVE IN THEIR FAMILY, AND I THINK MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD AND TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO STATE THAT PREJUDICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR TO A FAMILY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN OUR COUNTY AND AS CITIZENS WE EXPECT TO LIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S WELCOMING FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. SO I THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY AND HOW FITTING IS IT THAT THE GENTLEMAN'S LAST NAME WAS LOVING? I FIND HOUSE TO BE -- I FIND THIS TO BE A REALLY GREAT TOPIC.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I HAVE NEVER SPOKE AT ONE OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS BEFORE. SO I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE PROTOCOL SO IF I DO SOMETHING THAT'S LIKE OUT OF ORDER OR NOT CORRECT, I WOULD BEG YOUR INDULGENCE.

>> LINDA, IS THERE A WAY WE CAN PUT THE COMPUTER SCREEN DOWN SO THAT WE CAN... AND SIR, YOU NEED TO STATE YOUR NAME, THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE PROTOCOL.

>> THANK YOU, APPRECIATE THAT. I'M ANTHONY JACKSON. AND I'VE HEARD SO MUCH BECAUSE I CAME A LITTLE EARLY AND I HEARD SO MUCH AND IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOME THEMES THAT ARE RECURRING HERE TODAY WHICH I THINK IS GREAT. ONE OF THEM IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL EQUALITY AND LIVED EQUALITY. AND THE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES THAT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES HAVE. I FEEL LIKE IN MY LIFE, I HAVE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE REALLY HELPED ME DO THE TYPE OF WORK I DO NOW AND I DO WORK IN THE EEO FIELD AND DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, EQUITY. AND I HAVE A LOT OF PASSION FOR IT. WHEN I WAS LITTLE AND I GREW UP, WE TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND WE LIVED IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES SO WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIKE LIVE IN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN AND TURKEY, OKINAWA AND THE ISLAND OF CRETE IN GREECE. I REALLY GOT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND VALUES AND CULTURES AND RELIGIONS AND IDENTITIES. AND THEN WHEN MY DAD RETIRES AND WE MOVED HERE TO PORTLAND, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I ACTUALLY RAN INTO THIS THING THAT WAS CALLED LIKE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. I COME TO FIND OUT. WHEN WE LIVED IN OTHER PLACES AROUND THE WORLD GROWING UP IF PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE US, IT WAS USUALLY BECAUSE WE WERE AMERICAN, RIGHT OR IF THEY DID LIKE US, IF THERE WAS A THING, IT WAS BECAUSE WE WERE AMERICAN. AND NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUR SKIN COLOR. SO ANYWAY, THAT LOVING DECISION WAS I THINK 1967; IS THAT RIGHT? OKAY. AND THEN I MET MY WIFE 12 YEARS LATER IN 1979. MY WIFE, I WISH SHE WAS HERE, I WISH MY DAUGHTER WAS HERE, BUT MY WIFE IS NAMED SANDRA. SHE IS HALF-ITALIAN AND A QUARTER GERMAN AND A QUARTER IRISH AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN THAT YOU WOULD EVER SEE. NOW IN 1979, I WAS A TEENAGER, AND I WAS OUT AT THE DISCO AND SANDRA WAS A TEENAGER AND SHE WAS OUT AT THE DISCO. AND I SAW HER

ACROSS THE CROWDED DANCE FLOOR AND I THOUGHT BOY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE IS, BUT SHE LOOKS GOOD TO ME. SO I HAVE TO ADMIT IT WASN'T LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, IT WAS MORE LIKE LUST, BUT I GOT TO KNOW HER AND COME TO FIND OUT THAT INSIDE SHE WAS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN SHE WAS ON THE OUTSIDE. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE, YOU KNOW, MY DAUGHTER, I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GO THERE, BUT I WROTE DOWN SOME THINGS BECAUSE I WANTED TO SAY THIS. EVEN THOUGH MY WIFE IS SORT OF MULTI-IDENTITY HERSELF, AND I HAVE BLACKFOOT AND CROW INDIAN IN MY ANCESTRY, BEING A WORLD TRAVELER AT A YOUNG AGE GIVES ME ANOTHER IDENTITY THAT'S A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE I RUN ACROSS. AND SO I THINK THAT THAT HAS FACTORED INTO THE THINGS I WANT TO DO WITH MY LIFE. I THINK I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED FOR, YOU KNOW, DIVERSE POINTS OF VIEW, DIVERSE PEOPLE, AND I REALLY SORT OF BLOSSOMED IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. THE WORK THAT I DO NOW AND I DO WORK WITH THE UNITING TO UNDERSTAND RACISM, WHICH IS PART OF THE REGULATIONS NORTHWEST WHO I ALSO DO SOME WORK WITH. I DO DISPUTE RESOLUTION SOCIAL NETWORK AS WELL AS WORK RELATED TO EEO EQUITY JUSTICE. AND I FEEL LIKE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE MEMBERS IN A MULTIRACIAL FAMILY, THAT THE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY IS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN OTHER PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE OUR ISSUES. WE ALL COME WITH BAGGAGE. AND IF THERE'S A WAY THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND, DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS, DON'T MAKE PREJUDGMENTS BECAUSE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THAT MEANS THIS NEW PERSON YOU MEET IS LIKE THAT, TOO, REGARDLESS OF THE WAY PEOPLE APPEAR ON THE OUTSIDE, IF WE CAN GET JUST PAST THAT AND PEOPLE SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER, THEN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, I THINK IT CAN CUT THROUGH, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THE B.S. THAT FOLKS AND FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES HAVE TO DEAL WITH. SO LET'S ALL CELEBRATE THIS DAY AND THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT, CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL FOR PRESENTING TODAY. IT'S REALLY VERY MOVING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLIES IN THE ROOM, WHO UNDERSTAND IN VALUE HOW CRITICAL IT IS THAT WE TREAT EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT AND BEING MULTIRACIAL MYSELF FROM BLACK-FOOT, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, I HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE MY FIRST DAY ON OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY. I MOVED IN WITH A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS FROM GRANT'S PASS AND SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE HER DAD WANTED HER TO MOVE BECAUSE SHE NEVER LIVED WITH AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR WENT TO SCHOOL AND HE DIDN'T WANT HER TO DO THAT SO SHE MOVED. HOW DEVASTATING WAS THAT? AND YOU THINK YOU GO TO A UNIVERSITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE REALLY PROGRESSIVE, THEY'RE UNDERSTANDING, THEY HAVE GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION. AND YOU'RE THERE AND YOU'RE THINKING THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME, GET INTO A SORORITY, LEARN LOTS AND LOTS. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE FACED IN THE '80s WITH THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE. AND I DON'T THINK -- I DIDN'T KNOW GRANT'S PASS FROM SALEM. AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE MAKEUP AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE VALUES THAT MANY IN THE COMMUNITY AT

THAT TIME, HAD. SO IT WAS REALLY DEVASTATING TO ME BECAUSE IF I HAD DONE SOMETHING TO THE YOUNG WOMAN, IT WOULD BE OKAY BUT JUST THE COLOR OF MY SKIN THAT HER DAD FELT THAT HE DIDN'T WANT HER TO LIVE WITH ME. SO I DO GET THIS AND I DO UNDERSTAND IT. I WANT TO THANK YOU BEN FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO BRINGING THESE KINDS OF ISSUES UP YEAR AFTER YEAR BECAUSE I THINK WE CONSTANTLY HAVE TO EDUCATE AND ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES AROUND RACE. AND LOVING DAY IS SO FITTING. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT A SUPREME COURT DECISION WOULD ARISE FROM YOUR LAST NAME? IT'S SO FITTING THAT THIS LAST NAME IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE TODAY. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND DID YOU WANT ME -- ARE WE GOING TO HAVE QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? DID YOU WANT ME TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

>> Chair Kafoury: PLEASE.

>> Comm. Smith: PROCLAIMING JUNE 12th, 2014 LOVING DAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN AND RICHARD LOVING A CAUCASIAN MAN FELL IN LOVE AND MARRIED IN 1958. BECAUSE VIRGINIA'S LAW MADE INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE A FELONY OFFENSE, THE LOVINGS WERE ARRESTED IN 1958. THEIR SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED PROVIDED THAT THEY DID NOT RETURN TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AS A COUPLE FOR 25 YEARS. TO AVOID IMPRISONMENT, THEY MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WHILE THE LOVINGS WERE LEGALLY ALLOWED TO MARRY AND LIVE TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THEY EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION IN RENTING PROPERTY, RACIST TAUNTING, EMOTIONAL HARDSHIP, AND DIFFICULTY SUPPORTING THEIR CHILDREN. MISSING THEIR FAMILY AND DESPERATE FOR JUSTICE, MRS. LOVING WROTE THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY SEEKING HELP. IT SPARKED A LEGAL BATTLE THAT ROSE TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. ON JUNE 12th, 1967, THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED LAWS THAT BANNED RACIALLY MIXED MARRIAGES IN THE CASE OF LOVING VERSUS VIRGINIA. LOVING DAY COMMEMORATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDMARK DECISION EVERY JUNE 12th. WITH THIS RULING, THE COURT ENDED AN ERA OF LAWS ENFORCED IN 42 STATES THROUGHOUT AMERICAN HISTORY AND GRANTED THE SAME FREEDOM TO EVERY INTERRACIAL COUPLE IN EVERY STATE. LOVING DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE, FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS SEEKING TO MARRY. CELEBRATIONS ARE HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON JUNE 12th IN HONOR OF THIS MONUMENTAL COURT DECISION. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS JUNE 12th, 2014 AS LOVING DAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

>> I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU BOTH FOR COMING FORWARD AND SHARING YOUR PERSONAL STORIES. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING A DOCTOR AND SECOND OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SHARING THAT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE, GETTING US TO THINK ABOUT THE NEXT GENERATION AND HOW THEIR LIVES ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED AND HOW THE ACTIONS WE TAKE TODAY WILL AFFECT OUR

CHILDREN AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING YOUR CHILD THIS MORNING BECAUSE WE ALWAYS LOVE TO SEE LITTLE PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MAKES ME HAPPY.

>> Comm. McKeel: I DO HAVE A COMMENT. I THINK RUDY NEEDS THE MICROPHONE. [LAUGHTER] I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD TOO AND I WANT TO THANK YOU RYAN FOR YOUR SERVICE IN THE MARINE CORPS AND FOR TALKING ABOUT THE MILITARY CULTURE AROUND THIS ISSUE, TOO. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

>> Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE -- [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] NOW IS THE TIME ON THE AGENDA WHERE WE HAVE TIME FOR BOARD COMMENTS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN ITEM TO DISCUSS TODAY? THIS IS SIMILAR TO REMONSTRANCES.

>> Comm. McKeel: THE CHILDREN'S READING STARTS TOMORROW AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARIES, SUMMER READING. THE SUMMER READING. I FORGOT THE NAME MOMENTARILY BUT IT STARTS TOMORROW AT ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARIES. SO GET THE KIDS OUT THERE AND BE READING IN THE SUMMER.

>> Chair Kafoury: THAT MUST BE WHY MY SON CAME HOME WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A LIBRARY CARD. ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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