

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, December 22, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Judy Shiprack, Jules Bailey and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF 2016. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Requesting Approval of Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ODOT
- C.2 NOTICE OF INTENT to submit a grant application for up to \$5,000 to the Oregon Health Authority's Medical Reserve Corps 2017 Mini-Grants
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to submit a grant application for up to \$1,500 to the Oregon Department of Transportation
- C.4 NOTICE OF INTENT for Application for funding from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for tree planting project in the City of Gresham
- C.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-32-17: Authorizing one position reclassification within the Health Department
- C.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-34-17: Authorizing one position reclassification within the Health Department
- C.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCJ-12-17: Reclassifies 1.00 FTE Records Technician to Clerical Unit Coordinator in the Adult Services Division
- C.8 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-05-17: Reclassify Finance Specialist 2 to a Finance Specialist Senior in DCHS Business Services and Operations
- C.9 Appointments of Teresita Lee, Michael Staley, Tara Marshall, and Marisa Polonsky to the Multnomah County Community Health Council

Chair Kafoury; COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: TRYING TO GET SOME EXTRA TIME THIS MORNING.

Wayne Wigness: GOOD MORNING, I AM WAYNE WIGNESS. SORRY. I HEARD ABOUT WOMEN AND CHILDREN DYING IN SYRIA LAST WEEK ON THE NEWS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED GOING TO TED TALKS, SEARCH FOR WAR AND INFRASTRUCTURE. SOME LADY BORN AND RAISED HAS A PH.D. SHE ARGUED ABOUT HOW THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVED AS A SOURCE OF GROUP IDENTITY AND UNITY AMONGST PEOPLE THERE AND ALLOWING THAT INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE RAN THROUGH HELPED TO CAUSE DISSENSION AND CONTRIBUTED TO WAR. NOW GROUP IDENTITY AND SOCIAL CONGRUENCESY ARE SPECIAL ACCEPTED CONCEPTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE HABITAT THEY GROW IN. NOW HOW THIS RELATES TO PORTLAND, I AM A DAY LABORER HERE, AND I AM THE ONE TAKING YOUR BUILDINGS APART AND I DELIVER MATERIALS, AND I SEE WHAT GOES DOWN AND WHAT GOES UP. WHAT GOES OUT SEEMS LIKE BASAL STONE PULLED OFF THE CHIPS FROM CHINA, PULLED OUT AT 4TH AND WASHINGTON, AND 100-YEAR-OLD WELL ON THE CORNER OF 12TH AND STARK, AND ALL THE HOMES HAVE UNIQUE DESIGNS THAT PLEASE PLACES ARE FULL OF WOOD AND BRICK, AND LOOK A TOP THE OLD BUILDING, THE OLD PORTLAND BUILDING. THEY DON'T HAVE INTRICATE DESIGNS. WE SMASHED A PART OF THE WHITE MARBLE STAIRCASE OUT OF DOWNTOWN WHERE THEY HAD MANAGED TO WELD THE BRASS DIRECTLY ONTO THE MARBLE.

SOME OF THESE STONES THAT MAKE THE CHURCHES, THEY WERE CARVED IN PLACE WHERE THEY STAND TODAY. WHAT REPLACES IT IS A PLASTIC MEMBRANE AND COMPOSITE WOOD, SNAP ON FLOORING AND SNAPPING APPLIANCES FROM CHINA. ENGINEERED WOOD, MEANING IT HAS BEEN SNAPPED APART AND GLUED TOGETHER, SO THE PARTICLE BOARD, WE'RE LITERALLY GLUEING PLACES TOGETHER NOWADAYS. FOR LACK OF A MORE APPROPRIATE TERM, WE HAVE PISSED ON WHAT OUR ANCESTORS HANDED DOWN, OUR CULTURE AND OUR HABITAT, OUR HOME. ALL FOR WHAT, IF WE MAKE THINGS CHEAPER, THE BUBBLE WILL BURST? BUT IT NEVER BURSTS. I AM NO ECONOMIST BUT IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO SAY THAT TO BURST A BUBBLE YOU NEED MORE THAN TO MEET THE DEMAND. YOU NEED TO CREATE A SURPLUS, BUT IN A CAPITALIST MARKET, WHAT DEVELOPER IS GOING TO BUILD WHAT THEY DON'T EXPECT TO BE FILLED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE? THIS IS NOT CHINA. WE'RE NOT BUILDING GHOST TOWNS, AND THE BUBBLE IS NOT GOING TO BURST, LEVERAGE WILL NOT BE RESTORED. SO I ITERATE WHAT I USUALLY ITERATE, TO THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THIS IS SOME PEOPLE TAKE IT AS A FAR OUT IDEA, OR WHATEVER. BUT DON'T BUILD THE

PARTITION WALLS. SAVE MONEY ON CONSTRUCTION, AND IN THAT FASHION THAT ALLOWS YOU TO UP THE STANDARD OF QUALITY AND MATERIALS USED [INAUDIBLE]. THE LAW OF PHYSICS DIDN'T BREAK DOWN SO WE COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOUSING. DENSITY NEEDS TO BE UTILIZED IN THE VERTICAL DIRECTION. NOT JUST STACKED UNIONS. WITHOUT CAUSING COST PHOBIA OF SMALLER AND SMALLER PLACES. IT HAS THAT BENEFIT. PUT IT ON THE FREE RENTAL MARKET FOR THOSE WHO WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. STUDENTS, PEOPLE IN BETWEEN JOBS AND ETC. AND LET THEM BREAK THE MONOPOLY OF PHYSICAL PRIVACY THAT WOULD SELL ON THE RENTAL MARKETS AND RESTORE THE LEVERAGE FOR ALL THOSE WHO KEEP SHOWING UP WITH GOOD INTENTIONS ASKING FOR DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE SAME THING, EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS. THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD I AM JOE WALSH. MERRY CHRISTMAS. AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. THE CHRISTMAS STORY THAT'S TOLD, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER, IS A STORY ABOUT A HOMELESS COUPLE. THINK ABOUT THAT. THEY WENT INTO BETHLEHEM, A STRANGE PLACE, AND THEY WERE HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY ROOM TO BE IN SO THEY STAYED AT A STABLE OR A CAVE OR SOMETHING LESS THAN AN IDEAL SITUATION, AND THEY ALSO HAD A BIRTH COMING. SO HUMANITY, IF YOU BELIEVE ALL OF THE STORIES, AND I LOVE THE STORIES IN THE BIBLE, PUT GOD IN THE STABLE. THINK ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE NOT DONE MUCH BETTER. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW AND I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE, WE LOST 88 SOULS IN DOORWAYS AND ON THE STREET LAST YEAR. HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT DIED ALONE. 9 YEAR BEFORE IT WAS 56. WE ARE GOING BACKWARDS. AND I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF WHY WE GET SO ANGRY ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING. WITH ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HOMELESS RIGHT NOW, WITH YOU AND THE CITY AND GRESHAM AND THE REST. PLACES, THERE ARE 35 PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING OVER 100,000 A YEAR INVOLVED IN THIS.

IF YOU TAKE THAT FIGURE, IT COMES TO 3.5 MILLION. BEFORE YOU SPEND ONE DIME ON ANYBODY ON THE STREET. YOU SPENT 3.5 MILLION ON THE HOMELESS AND THE PEOPLE. THINK ABOUT THAT. THAT'S WHAT WE RAISE HELL ABOUT. THE CONCEPT OF THE PROCESS, EATING UP THE MONEY. DOESN'T NOTICE PEOPLE ON THE STREET. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE PEOPLE ON THE STREET. THE OTHER THING I FOUND OUT THE OTHER DAY, WHICH I DID NOT KNOW, IS HOME FOR EVERYBODY IS 35 YEARS OLD. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT. I THOUGHT THAT SALT LAKE CITY CAME OUT WITH THE IDEA. NO, IT WAS NEW YORK. 35 YEARS AGO. AND WE ARE EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE LAST YEAR, AND EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE TEN YEARS AGO. AND EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE 15 YEARS AGO. AND THE POLITICIANS, YESTERDAY, IN THE CITY COUNCIL, PATTED THEMSELVES ON THE BACK, WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB THAT THEY ARE DOING. AND YOU ARE NOT. NONE OF YOU. NEITHER AM I. NONE OF US ARE. IF ONE PERSON IS ON THE STREET, WE FAILED, AND WE GOT THOUSANDS. WHAT KIND OF FAILURE IS THAT, FOLKS? MERRY

CHRISTMAS. AND I DO LIKE YOU. ALL OF YOU. AND I WISH YOU WELL. I WISH YOU WELL, JUDY, DIANE, AND JULES, I WISH YOU WELL, BUT I WILL COME AFTER YOU EVERY WEEK ABOUT THIS HOMELESS. WE ARE LOSING PEOPLE. AND THE OTHER THING, ONE MORE THING AND I WILL SHUT UP! BUD CLARK, LOOKING TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DYING IN BUD CLARK, WE ARE LOSING 30 A YEAR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SUICIDE RATE IS, I COULDN'T FIND IT. BUT WE ARE LOSING 30 A YEAR. THEY ARE DYING. IT'S NOT A SUCCESS. IT'S A \$48 MILLION SCREW-UP BECAUSE WE DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT. THE 1KE79 -- CONCEPT WAS GOOD BUT WE DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. AGAIN, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Chair Kafoury: MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming Multnomah County's Commitment to End Human Trafficking and the Exploitation of Vulnerable Members of Our Community. Sponsor: Diane McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Natalie Weaver, Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Program Specialist; Tom Perez, EPIK; and, Shannon O'Malley, Brew**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SHIP SECONDS

Commissioner McKeel: AS MANY OF YOU KNOW ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR MY OFFICE SINCE I GOT ELECTED. I AM PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY NICE TO BRING THIS ITEM FORWARD IN MY FINAL MEETING. BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE PERSON WHO WAS REALLY THE CATALYST TO BEGIN THIS WORK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. HE'S A VERY HUMBLE PERSON WHO WILL NEVER TAKE CREDIT, BUT DEPUTY KEITH BICKFORD IN OUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE BROUGHT THIS ISSUE TO ME WHEN I WAS FIRST RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND REMAINS A DEDICATED PARTNER AND ADVOCATE. TWO OTHERS WHO ARE KEY TO OUR COUNTY'S WORK ARE ALSO HERE WITH US TODAY. THANK YOU, TOM AND NATALI, FOR COMING TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK UNDERWAY TO END TRAFFICKING. OUR EFFORTS HAVE REALLY CONNECTED ON THREE KEY AREAS. SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND INSURING WE HAVE APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR THEM, PROMOTING LEGISLATION AND SUFFICIENT LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY AND PUNISH THE TRAFFICKERS, ADDRESS DEMAND AND STOP THOSE WHO FUND THIS CRIMINAL INDUSTRY. THAT THIRD AREA HAS PROMPTED TODAY'S PROCLAMATION. DATA INDICATES THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE CONTACTING BACK PAGE AND OTHER SITES WHERE TRAFFICKING OCCURS IS IN THE AFTERNOON DURING WORK HOURS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS TO GET INVOLVED AND NOT

JUST EDUCATE THEIR EMPLOYEES, BUT ALSO ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT PREVENT ENGAGEMENT IN ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR WHILE ON THE CLOCK. I AM PROUD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE AND GLAD THAT WE ALREADY HAVE THOSE POLICIES INSTITUTED. THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZES THAT COMMITMENT, AND I HOPE THAT IT SERVES AS A MODEL FOR OTHER EMPLOYERS TO DO THE SAME. I WILL NOW TURN IT OVER TO TOM AND NATALI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Natalie Weaver: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY. GOOD MORNING. WE DID HAVE A PERSON PERSON BUT WITH THE RESCHEDULE SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT.

Chair Kafoury: THE DARN SNOW.

Natalie Weaver: YES, IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I AM NATALI WIDE WEAVER, AND THE SPECIALIST HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND [INAUDIBLE] IS THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN YOUTH. THIS ISSUE IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO TODAY. WE ARE EXCITED TO ENACT THIS PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A FOUNDING PARTNER OF PDX BEST. THIS PARTNERSHIP SPEAKS TO THE LEGACY THAT COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND THIS BOARD HAS HAD, AND ESPECIALLY AS SHE RETIRES HERE IN A WEEK. I WILL BE VERY SAD TO NOT HAVE HER ANY LONGER. WITH HER LEADERSHIP AND THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS INVESTED INVALUABLE TIME AND RESOURCES AND HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS COMBATING THIS CRIME AND PROMOTING VICTORIES RATION. SINCE 2009 AND THE CONVENING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE THE COUNTY'S DEDICATION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE HAS GREATLY BOLSTERED OUR COMMUNITIES' RESPONSE.

OUR RESPONSE AND OUR FOCUS HAS REALLY BEEN IN THREE PARTS, FIRST HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT THE VICTIMS BY COORDINATING THE ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF SERVICES. AND NUMBER TWO TO INTENSIFY THE RETRIBUTION FOR TRAFFICKERS AS WELL AS PURCHASERS, AND THREE INCREASE THE EDUCATION AIMED AT PREVENTION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. AND SO THIS HAS MADE THE COUNTY A NATIONAL LEADER. I WAS JUST IN FLORIDA AND THEY WERE RECOGNIZING THE WORK THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. FOR SHEL, FROM SHELTER TO ADVOCACY TO MENTAL HEALTH AND BEYOND WE HAVE A ROBUST SYSTEM PROVIDING WRAP-AROUND SYSTEM TO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SYSTEMS. THESE SERVICES ARE UNIQUE IN THAT EXTERNAL PARTNERS COME TO THE TABLE EVERY WEEK TO COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE AND ENACT THE BEST PRACTICES IN WORKING WITH THESE VICTIMS AND ON THIS ISSUE. ALSO WITHIN THE COUNTY WE HAVE SPECIALIZED PROSECUTION THROUGH OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND THE SEX TRAFFICKING UNIT

AND THE PORTLAND POLICE, AND THE SPECIALIZED DETECTIVES, AND PAROLE OFFICERS, AND JUVENILE COURT COUNSELORS, IT'S CLEAR THE EXPHIMENT THAT YOU HAVE ALL HAD AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR IT. THE AWARENESS OF THIS ISSUE AND THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS IT HAVE GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. OUR WORK IS NOT DONE, THIS LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND THE SERVICES TO REACH THOSE WHO AGE OUT OF SERVICES AT THE AGE OF 18. NOT ONLY DO WE LOOK TO CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THE SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS. WE CONTINUE TO STRATEGICALLY LOOK TO SEE WHERE ELSE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT IS NEEDED. SO WE COULD ASPIRE TO CONTINUE TO CONNECT AND ALIGN ALL SECTORS IN WORKING TO END SEX TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THIS ALLIANCE WITH [INAUDIBLE] IS A NATURAL STEP FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AS IT IS AN EXTENSION OF HOW WE DO BUSINESS HERE AT THE COUNTY. WE FOCUS ON COMING ALONG SIDE BUSINESSES IN THIS EFFORT TO END THE SEX TRAFFICKING. THE GOAL IS TO WORK WITH BUSINESSES, TO HELP BRING AWARENESS AND DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROVIDE TRAININGS TO STAFF AND ANY OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPORT THAT IS NEEDED TO ENSURE ORGANIZATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND THEIR ROLE IN PREVENTING IT.

Natalie Weaver: AND THE MISSION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT YOU ALL WROTE, EMBODIES THAT OF PDX BEST, SO SEVEN YEARS OF PROCLAMATIONS OF [INAUDIBLE] EFFORTS, IT'S EASY TO SEE THE COMMITMENT THAT THIS BOARD AND WE AS A BUSINESS ENTITY HAVE TO ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH PDX BEST IS A SIMPLE YET SIGNIFICANT WAY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMBED THIS BELIEF IN OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE, AND STRUCTURE, ONE WHERE WE EXPECT THE BEST OF OUR EMPLOYEES. I KNOW AS AN EMPLOYEE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT WE DESIRE TO OPERATE AS PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH EXCELLENCE. IN THE CURRENT POLICIES AS COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SAID ALREADY DO DEMONSTRATE THE COUNTY'S HIGH ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS TO WHICH IT HOLDS THE EMPLOYEES. THUS THE DWHRAIRGS OF -- DECLARATION HIGHLIGHTS NOT ONLY OUR YEARS OF INVESTMENT BUT DETERMINATION TO FURTHER THESE EFFORTS AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF ANYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I AM GRATEFUL TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU AND DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO TOM PEREZ, THE LEADER OF PDX BEST. HE IS AN INCREDIBLE ALLY AND PARTNER HERE. WE HAVE INVITED HIM HERE TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT PBX BEST, SO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SHARE THIS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BEFORE YOU AGAIN IN JANUARY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

Tom Perez: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I AM TOM PEREZ. I AM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE EPIC PROJECT. I HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND CURRENTLY

SERVE AS A CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMAND REDUCTION WORK GROUP UNDER THAT COMMITTEE. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS MORNING. THERE IS A -- THIS IS KIND OF A PERSONAL SIDE OF THIS. THERE IS A GOOD STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD HERE IN PORTLAND IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S A STORY ABOUT A COMMUNITY THAT CAME TO GO -- TOGETHER TO FIGHT SEXUAL INJUSTICE. A STORY ABOUT A GROUP OF PEOPLE WILLING TO SET ASIDE I'D LODGE COME -- IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AND MAKE AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. IT'S A STORY ABOUT ENDURING LEADERSHIP, THE KIND THAT'S BEEN ABLE TO CONVENE AND INSPIRE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE LEVEL AS WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FAITH COMMUNITIES.

Tom Perez: IT IS A -- IT IS A STORY ABOUT FLAWED PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS. NONE OF US ARE PERFECT TO BE SURE BUT DESPITE OUR FLAWS AND DIFFERENCES WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO A SUSTAINED COMMUNITY-WIDE RESPONSE TO COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. IT'S A STORY THAT I AM PROUD TO SHARE IN. IT'S A STORY THAT I'VE BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO BE A PART OF, ESPECIALLY UNDER DIANE'S LEADERSHIP THESE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. I PERSONALLY CONSIDER HER THE PATRON SAINT OF [INAUDIBLE] IN THIS COMMUNITY. I SUPPOSE THAT'S GOING TO BE ON THE RECORD NOW. [LAUGHTER] WHEN DIANE ASKED ME TO LEAD THE DEMAND REDUCTION WORK GROUP WE STARTED BY ASKING THREE QUESTIONS AND CONTINUE TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS TO KIND OF GUIDE OUR DECISIONS AND OUR TRAGEDIES AND OUR TACTICS. THE QUESTIONS ARE WHAT CAN WE DISRUPT. WHAT CAN WE STOP. HOW DO WE AS A COMMUNITY EVOLVE SO THAT THE I WANT JUSTICE OF BUYING AND SELLING THE VULNERABLE FOR SEX IS ERADICATED? THOSE ARE KIND OF OUR GUIDING QUESTIONS. WE KNOW FROM FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE HERE IN PORTLAND OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THAT WE CAN DISRUPT THE ILLEGAL SEX MARKET BY MOBILIZING MALE ALLIES TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE ONLINE SEX BUYERS AT THE POINT OF SALE.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SUCH EXIST -- DISRUPTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND ALLIES ARE CONTINUING THAT EFFORT HERE IN THE PORTLAND AREA. WE KNOW THAT STOPPING THE DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL SEX IS THE WORK OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND OUR FRIENDS AT THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, ESPECIALLY THE SEX TRAFFICKING UNIT, CONTINUE TO LEAD IN THIS AREA. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING AROUND THE COUNTRY AND TELLING SOME OF THE STORY IN CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND I CAN TELL YOU WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU HAS EARNED A NATIONAL REPUTATION AS INNOVATORS AND TARGETING THE MOST PROLIFIC SEX BUYERS WITH WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE CREATIVE AND COST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES. SO WE KNOW WHAT WE CAN DISRUPT. WE KNOW WHAT -- WE KNOW HOW TO STOP SOME OF THIS, BUT FOR A LONG TIME WE HAVE KNOWN THAT SOMETHING WAS MISSING. IN ORDER FOR THIS

COMMUNITY TO EVOLVE INTO A SAFER AND LESS EXPLOITATIVE COMMUNITY, ANOTHER KEY PLAYER HAD TO COME, AND WE BELIEVE THAT'S THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS ARE CRITICAL IN COMBATING EXPLOITATION BECAUSE OF THE POSITIVE INFLUENCE THEY CAN EXERT SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION AND AWARENESS. IT'S BECOME CLEAR TO US THAT THE LEADING AREA BUSINESSES CARE AS MUCH ABOUT THRIVING COMMUNITIES AS THEY DO ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE.

Tom Perez: LAST SUMMER WITH THE BLESSING OF THE EXECUTIVE TEAM, THE DEMAND WORK GROUP SHIFTED THE FOCUS TOWARDS DEVELOPING A GRASSROOTS' EFFORT TO ENGAGE PORTLAND AREA BUSINESSES AS ALLIES IN THE FIGHT TO COMBAT THE DEMAND FOR PROSTITUTED PERSONS. THE WORK DONE BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OVER THE YEARS IS ROBUST AND GROUND-BREAKING AND I REALLY BELIEVE NOW IS THE TIME TO LEVERAGE THAT WORK IN A WAY THAT WILL INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE AND ENGAGE BUSINESSES AS ALLIES IN THIS FIGHT. AS AN ORGANIZATION MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY IN RESPONDING TO THIS ISSUE, AND WE COULD NOT ASK FOR A BETTER PARTNER IN THIS NEW ENDEAVOR. THAT'S WHY WE'RE PLEASED TO SHARE THIS VISION WITH YOU TODAY IN HONOR THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS AGREED TO JOIN THE EPIC PROJECT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS A FOUNDING PARTNER OF PDX BEST. THIS IS A COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVE WITH THE SINGULAR MISSION OF HELPING BUSINESSES LEVERAGE THEIR UNIQUE POSITION AS MARKETPLACE INFLUENCERS IN RAISING AWARENESS REGARDING TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ALSO TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS TO THE CRISIS. WITH THESE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE BEST ALLIANCE,

WHICH IS A NATIONAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE, WE HAVE BEGUN TO REACH OUT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES, OFFERING OUR SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE ON AWARENESS AND TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES TO REDUCE THE HARM DONE NOT ONLY TO THE VICTIMS BUT TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU HAVE THAT WE SHARED EARLIER IS A DRAFT OF THE BUSINESS CASE, BASICALLY, THE ARGUMENT THAT WE'RE MAKING TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES TO MOTIVATE THEM AND INSPIRE THEM TO JOIN THE WORK THAT'S BEEN GOING ON HERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS HERE IN PORTLAND. WE COULD NOT BEGIN TO OPEN THE DOORS, WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO OPEN IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WITHOUT THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COUNTY, AND I WANT TO JUST TELL YOU AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER HOW GRATEFUL THAT I AM FOR THAT. WE HAVE BEGUN TO ACTIVELY RECRUIT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES TO JOIN THIS ALLIANCE AND TO JOIN US AS ALLIES IN THIS FIGHT. THAT'S REALLY -- THAT'S THE STORY THAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE TOLD COMING BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED AT THE BEGINNING. THERE IS A LOT OF GOOD THINGS THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS DONE, AND I THINK THAT IT'S INSPIRING. I THINK IT'S -- AND I THINK THIS



IS A TIME AND A PLACE FOR US TO TELL SOME GOOD, TRUTHFUL STORIES, SO JUST AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, DIANE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WAY YOU HAVE DONE IT AND JUST THE GRACE AND THE DETERMINATION YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND THE VISION IN LEADING US THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? DO YOU WANT TO READ THIS?

Commissioner McKeel: I DO. DO WE HAVE THE PROCLAMATION?

Chair Kafoury: SHE NEEDS A COPY OF IT.

Commissioner McKeel: WHILE WE'RE GETTING THAT, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO TOM AND NATALI. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE NATALI LEADING OUR COLLABORATIVE. SHE'S DOING A GREAT JOB. SO MUCH WORK IS BEING DONE THERE, AND TOM, THANK YOU. ANOTHER HUMBLE MAN IN OUR PRESENCE. WHEN TOM FIRST CAME TO TALK TO ME, HE SAID I FEEL LIKE MEN SHOULD BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE DEMAND SIDE OF THIS ISSUE, AND SO WE STARTED TALKING, AND, DID WHAT COULD HAPPEN, AND HE'S TAKEN THIS TO UNBELIEVABLE LEVELS ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. SO THANK YOU, TOM. I APPRECIATE THAT. SO PROCLAMATION. PROCLAIMING MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS TODAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS AN ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN 2013 A STUDY IDENTIFIED 469 UNDUPLICATED CASES OF MINORS BEING TRAFFICKED. TO SUPPORT THIS POPULATION, MUGGY HAS DEVELOPED A SYSTEM OF CARE THAT INCLUDES SHELTER SERVICES, VICTIM ADVOCACY, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, PROSECUTION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, AND INTEGRATED SYSTEM COORDINATION.

PARTNERS WHO SERVE MINOR VICTIMS HAVE ALSO IDENTIFIED OVER 600 POSSIBLE ADULT VICTIMS. TRAFFICKERS USE FORCE, FRAUD, AND COERCION TO FRONT OF THE FROM SELLING MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN FOR SEX IN OUR COUNTY. HOWEVER IT IS THE DEMAND TO PURCHASE SEX WHICH ALLOWS TRAFFICKERS TO PROFIT AND SUSTAIN THE CRIMINAL INDUSTRY. IF THERE IS NO DEMAND, THERE IS NO PROFIT. IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HALF OF THE ARRESTED BUYERS ARE COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE OTHER HALF TRAVEL TO OUR COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. THE COUNTY'S ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S MISSION STATEMENT IS PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND PROMOTES A HEALTHY, SAFE, AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY FOR ALL. MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEMONSTRATES THE COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE THROUGH PROGRAMMING, POLICIES, AND

BY JOINING PDX BEST AS AN ALLIANCE MEMBER. PDX BEST HELPS THE BUSINESSES LEVERAGE THEIR UNIQUE POSITION AS MARKETPLACE INFLUENCERS IN RAISING AWARENESS REGARDING TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND PROVIDES EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS TO THE CRISIS. TO HIGHLIGHT MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S COMMITMENT, POLICIES ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT EMPLOYEES FROM THIS BEHAVIOR WHILE AT WORK OR WHILE REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, INCLUDING PERSONNEL RULES 3-10, 3-35, 3-37, 3-47. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER -- OH, THE 22ND, I AM SORRY. THIS WAS LAST WEEK'S RESOLUTION. THIS WAS A SNOW DAY. IT IS THE 22ND.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER BAILEY?

Commissioner Bailey: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FIRST OF ALL TO COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME ON THE COMMISSION. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE A MORE IMPORTANT AND POIGNANT ISSUE ON WHICH WE CAN HAVE OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, AND REALLY I WANT TO SALUTE THE BUSINESSES IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR FOR GETTING INVOLVED AND UNDERSTANDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENDING THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE INTERSECTION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR HER LEADERSHIP. WE STARTED ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE WORKED ON FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE I GOT HERE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING WAS ONE OF THEM, AND SHE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO GET A FEDERAL BILL PASSED. SO THANK YOU. I HOPE THAT YOU STAY AROUND, AND YOU CONTINUE THE WORK THAT YOU STARTED ON THIS ISSUE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY GOOD TO KEEP IN YOUR PORTFOLIO. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: : JUST TO ADD MY CHOICE TO THE CHORUS THANKING YOU, DIANE, FOR YOUR WORK AND THE CONSISTENCY OF YOUR WORK, AND WHILE WE HAVE ALL ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PROCESS IS THAT THIS IS A DEMAND-DRIVEN INDUSTRY, AND TO ADDRESS THAT DEMAND SIDE AND ALSO IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT SEX. THE TRAFFICKING IS ABOUT LABOR, AS WELL. WITHOUT, YOU KNOW, WITHOUT PICKING, PICKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW IS, WHAT IT IS THAT IS WORSE ABOUT IT, I THINK THAT OUR POINT TODAY, WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, IS THAT IT IS UNEQUIVABLY BAD FOR THE COMMUNITY

AND FOR ITS VICTIMS, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL. OF COURSE YOU ARE THE -- THE THANK YOU THAT YOU RECEIVED TODAY IS NOT JUST FROM ALL OF US, BUT IT IS FROM THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY, AND THE NATION. YOU HAVE BEEN SUCH A LEADER ON THIS ISSUE. WE ARE ALL BETTER OFF FOR IT. SO THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING, AND WE WILL GLADLY APPROVE THIS PROCLAMATION MOMENTARILY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

**R.2 Resolution for Support of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Route of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project. Sponsor: Diane McKeel, D-4. Presenter: Joanna Valencia, Multnomah County, Transportation Planning and Development Manager, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro, Investment Areas Project Manager, and Kelly Betteridge, TriMet, Manager Capital Planning**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR KAFOURY. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU TO OUR PRESENTERS FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND THEIR WORK AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO METRO COUNCILOR SHIRLEY CRATTIC WHO ALONG WITH BOB, WHERE DID BOB GO HERE? OH. I COULDN'T SEE YOU. SORRY. I KNEW THAT YOU WERE HERE. CO-CHAIRING THIS ADVISORY GROUP, AND CERTAINLY JOANNA AND ELIZABETH AND KELLY WHO KEPT US MOVING FOCUSED AND MOVING ALONG AND SO -- AND I WANT TO SAY WELL SINCE THIS IS MY LAST MEETING I HAVE THE MICROPHONE, I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JOANNA WHO WORKED SO DILIGENTLY ON OUR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THROUGH POWELL DIVISION AND MANY, MANY OTHER AREAS. WE'RE VERY, VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE JOANNA HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK. SO THE POWELL DIVISION CORRIDOR STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING THE TRANSIT THROUGH THIS CORRIDOR, STRETCHING FROM DOWNTOWN PORTLAND AROUND PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY TO GRESHAM AND MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THE STEERING COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED THE MODE SELECTED AS BUS RAPID TRANSIT AS WELL AS THE ROUTE AND THE TERMINUS AT THE EAST AND WEST ENDS. THAT IS THE CORE OF THE ALTERNATIVE THE BOARD -- BEFORE THE BOARD TO APPROVE TODAY BY A RESOLUTION. OUR PRESENTERS WILL FURTHER DISCUSS THESE PARTS AND THE PROCESS GOING FORWARD. ALSO BEFORE THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION IS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH I BELIEVE IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO ACCOMPLISHING THE GOALS OF THIS PROJECT. AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS COMMITTEE, I ASPIRED TO DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT SERVES EAST

COUNTY RESIDENTS, ONE THAT PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED CONNECTIONS TO EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS AT MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE. ONE THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO GOOD JOBS, GETTING DEVELOPED AT GRESHAM VISTA AND THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION CORRIDOR, AND A PROJECT THAT INVESTS IN COMMUNITIES IN EAST PORTLAND AND GRESHAM. I FEEL THAT THE BRT NOT GOING TO MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY, BUT I UNDERSTAND THE FEDERAL FUNDING CONSTRAINTS THAT LIMIT THE PROJECT SCOPE. HOWEVER THE MOU BEFORE THE BOARD IS THE PRODUCT OF A SHARED COMMITMENT BY THE COLLEGE, TRI-MET, AND GRESHAM TO ADDRESS MANY OF THESE CONCERNS RELATED TO ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY, AND INVESTMENT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE EAST PART OF THE REGION. I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND THE MOU AND SPONSOR IT FOR OUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THE PRESENTERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROJECT, AND THE BOARD ACTION BEFORE US IN GREATER DETAIL. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AGAIN THE WORK OF, AND LEADERSHIP OF JOANNA AND OUR TRANSPORTATION TEAM. SHE WAS THERE WITH US AT ALL THE MEETINGS, OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND HAS A BIG ROLE IN MAKING THIS VOTE HAPPEN TODAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Shirley Craddick: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE US HERE TODAY. I AM SHIRLEY CRADDICK, I REPRESENT THE EAST PART OF THE METRO REGION. I AM THE CO-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, COUNCILOR STACEY IS HERE WITH ME, TOO, AND WE SHARED THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE THREE YEARS. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT US TODAY ON THIS AND IMPROVING THIS LPA. YOU WILL JOIN THE CITY OF GRESHAM, CITY OF PORTLAND IN THAT SUPPORT. NEXT TO THEM WE'LL BE BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL. OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR WAY OF LIFE. WE USE IT EVERY DAY MULTIPLES EVERY DAY TO GET TO OUR GROCERY STORES, TO GET OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, TO GET TO OUR JOBS, AND TO HAVE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION IS CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE A PROSPEROUS AREA TO LIVE AND A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE. BUT AS WE KNOW IT'S GETTING HARDER TO GET FROM POUND A TO B. THE CONGESTION IS INCREASING. MORE PEOPLE ARE MOVING HERE EVERY DAY, AND SO THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS REALLY BEING STRESSED. SO WHAT THIS IS DOING IS REALLY IS BEGINNING TO PUT US, THE HELP, TO HELP US FOCUS ON OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM CAN BRING SO MANY BENEFITS TO THE REGION. WE CAN NO LONGER BUILD OURSELVES OUT OF CONGESTION. WE CANNOT WHITEN THE FREEWAYS. WE CANNOT WIDEN THE ROADS. IT DOES NOT HELP AS MUCH AS A BETTER TRANSIT SYSTEM. SO WE ARE PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT IN A LOT OF FUNDING -- AND A LOT OF FUNDING INTO THE TRANSIT SYSTEM TO MAKE IT THE BEST IS SYSTEM. WE WANT A SYSTEM THAT IS ONE THAT WILL BE OUR FIRST CHOICE, THAT WILL TRY TRANSIT BEFORE OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORTATION. SO THE DIVISION,

BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM WILL BE IMPORTANT. IT'S THE FIRST PROJECT THAT WE'RE BUILDING. AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT FORMS OF TRANSIT IN THE FUTURE, AND IMPROVING WHAT WE ARE CALLING HAND TRANSIT. THE SYSTEM IS -- THE VALUE OF THE SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY ON DIVISION, THIS IS A HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR. IT'S ONE OF THE BUSIEST CORRIDORS IN THE PORTLAND METRO REGION. EACH DAY OVER 9,000 PEOPLE GET ON A BUS. OFTENTIMES ALL THE BUSES ARE CROWDED. THEY OFTENTIMES PASS PEOPLE AT TRANSIT STOPS, AND YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT BUS. SO HOW DO WE MAKE THIS A BETTER TRANSIT SYSTEM ALONG DIVISION? AND THAT'S WHAT ELIZABETH, THE PROJECT MANAGER, IS HERE TODAY AND KELLY FROM TRI-MET WILL TAKE YOU INTO SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THIS, AND ALONG WITH JOANNA VALENCIA. I WANT TO MAKE SURE AND THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH WITH YOUR HELP. WE HAD SOME BUMPS IN THE ROAD. WE WERE HOPING WE COULD TAKE IT TO MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND RECOGNIZED WE DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDING, BUT THANK YOU FOR CHAMPIONING THAT, FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE DID ALL THAT WE COULD TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS APPROPRIATE AND ADEQUATE TRANSIT TO THE COLLEGE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I AM NOT GOING TO LET GO OF. I THINK THAT THERE IS SOME OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE AS THIS MOVES FORWARD, AND WILL BE COMING TO YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THE FUTURE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU. I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO JOANNA AND ELIZABETH AND LET YOU TAKE IT FROM HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: OK SO AS THE COUNCILOR SAID THIS WAS A REAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN METRO, TRI-MET, CITIES OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ODOT WHO WAS A PARTICIPATE. THROUGH THAT WE CAME UP WITH A REALLY DIFFERENT KIND OF PROJECT. THE PROJECTS ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT STARTED OFF BY INTEGRATING TRANSIT AND DEVELOPMENT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND FOCUSING WITH THE LENS OF EQUITY ON EVERYTHING THAT WE DID, AND YOU KNOW, NEVER BEFORE HAS A TRANSIT PROJECT IN THIS COMMUNITY OR ANYWHERE ELSE THAT I HAVE HEARD OF HAD SO MUCH COMMUNITY INPUT IN SHAPING OF HOW WE GOT THERE. AND THEN IN ADDITION THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE THE FIRST OF THIS MODE THAT TRI-MET WILL BRING TO OUR REGION, AND IT REALLY IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME CONTEXT SENSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE THE 10,000 RIDERS A DAY THAT WE HAVE STUCK IN CONGESTION. SO IT'S AN EXCITING, DIFFERENT MODE, AND I AM MORE CONTEXT SENSITIVE WAY OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. SO THE WORK THAT WE DID ON ENGAGEMENT WAS REALLY DIFFERENT, ALSO, BECAUSE IT WAS SO IN-DEPTH. THE MULTI-CULTURAL ASPECT OF IT WAS EXTENSIVE. THERE WERE MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, AND MULTIPLE FORMS OF OUTREACH AND REALLY GOT SOME MEANINGFUL INPUT FROM DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HARD TO REACH THROUGHOUT THE REGION. OUR AREA THAT WE GO

THROUGH IS THE MOST DIVERSE IN OREGON, AND SO I THINK THAT IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ENGAGEMENT WAS CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND THAT WE CAN GET THE KIND OF MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR. WE REALLY HEARD BACK FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY WANTED A NEAR TERM SOLUTION FOR THE ISSUES THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND THE ABILITY TO GET TO JOBS AND EDUCATION.

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: AS PART OF THAT WE HAD A 22-MEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE AND OVER HALF OF THE COMMITTEE WAS MADE UP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SO WE WERE NOT ONLY HEARING FROM PEOPLE BUT HEARING FROM THEM IN THE LEADERSHIP ROLES, AS WELL, SO THERE WAS A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LEADERS OF THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND I THINK IT MADE FOR A STRONG PROJECT AND THINKING MORE FROM THE BEGINNING ABOUT HOW WE CAN HAVE AN EQUITY LENS MOVING FORWARD. AGAIN LOTS OF ENGAGEMENT, AND WE HEARD THE NEED TO DO SOMETHING SOON. AS THE COUNCILOR SAID THIS CORRIDOR IS A REALLY HIGHLY USED CORRIDOR FOR TRANSIT BEFORE DIVISION, RIGHT NOW, HAS CLOSE TO 10,000 RIDES EVERY DAY, SO AS THAT IS INTENDED TO, OR IS LIKELY TO GROW AND IS ANTICIPATED TO GROW SIGNIFICANTLY, WE KNOW THAT WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS NOT WORKING. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT'S A HIGH TRANSIT DEMAND CORRIDOR. IT HAS HIGH LEVELS OF CONGESTION. IT'S A HIGH CRASH CORRIDOR SO A LOT OF SAFETY NEEDS, AND THIS PROJECTS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE. IT'S THE MOST DIVERSE PART OF OREGON. A LACK OF SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT, AND IT'S A CONSTRAINED URBAN CORRIDOR SO WE NEEDED A CREATIVE WAY TO IMPROVE THE TRANSIT THROUGH THERE.

SO THE RESULTS OF THAT ENGAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS IS WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE, AND THE BUS RAPID TRANSIT, RUNNING FROM, BETWEEN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND AND DOWNTOWN GRESHAM WITH APPROXIMATELY 38 STATIONS, AND REALLY IT'S A SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT IS THE LPA AND ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL STATION LOCATIONS, WHICH ARE ON THIS MAP, SO YOU CAN MEMORIZE THEM QUICKLY, BUT GENERALLY THERE ARE FEWER STOPS THAN CURRENTLY ON THE WHINE -- LINE 4, BUT THEY ARE KEY LOCATIONS, AND WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF INPUT. THE DECISION ON THE RIVER CROSSING WILL BE MADE ONCE THERE IS MORE TECHNICAL ANALYSIS. WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE THAT CROSSING THE 'TIL COUPLE CROSSING IS PREFERRED BUT THERE IS SOME ANALYZES THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD INTERACTS WITH THE BUS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THIS ROUTE IS RELIABLE FOR PEOPLE AND THE TRANSIT THAT THEY WANT TO RIDE. OVERALL THE PROJECT WILL BRING MORE OPPORTUNITIES QUICKER AND MORE RELIABLE TRIPS. THE THING THAT'S VERY EXCITING ABOUT THIS MODE IS HOW CONTEXT SENSITIVE IT CAN BE ON

THE NARROW STREETS OF INNER DIVISION, TREATMENTS CAN BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY THAT MAKES SENSE AND THEN ALSO ON OUTER DIVISION WHERE THERE ARE FIVE LANES, MORE ROBUST STATIONS AND TREATMENTS CAN BE MADE, AND I WILL SHOW A COUPLE OF PICTURES OF THAT. THE NEW BUSES WILL BE LONGER AND CARRY MORE PASSENGERS AND BE EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO BOARD, SO THE AMOUNT OF DWELL TIME WILL BE SHORTER. THE STATIONS WILL BE BRANDED THE SPECIAL CAN PROVIDE THE QUALITY THAT PEOPLE WILL EXPECT OF THE HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT PROJECT. IN ADDITION THERE ARE OTHER PROJECT FEATURES THAT ARE GOING TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND ACCESS AND TRAVEL TIMES.

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: AS THE COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MENTIONED, WE ALSO REALIZE THAT WHILE WE HAD INTENDED TO BE ABLE TO SERVE MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT DIRECTLY WITH THE BRT BUT THROUGH THE MOU THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LINE 20 AND BETTER CONNECTIONS AND SOME GOOD PLANS FOR THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE COLLEGE AND THE TRI-MET TO MOVE FORWARD, SO THERE IS A NICE CONNECTION THERE. AND THERE WILL ALSO BE IMPROVEMENTS ON OTHER INTERCONNECTING LINES TO THE BRT PROJECT. THIS IS JUST A QUICK -- THIS IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE BUT HELPFUL TO HAVE SOME VISUALS ON THE OUTER DIVISION, THE BUS STOP WILL BE MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL. IT WILL BE A STATION. THE BIKES WILL BE ABLE TO GO BEHIND. IT WILL LOOK MUCH MORE LIKE A PLACE. THERE WILL BE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CROSSINGS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE AT 122ND AVENUE. AS YOU CAN SEE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ARE MUCH MORE ROBUST, AND IT WILL BE WELL LIT AND SAFER IN A AREA WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF HIGH CRASHES. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A STATION THAT WOULD BE A MID BLOCK, NOT AT A MAJOR INTERSECTION, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE PEDESTRIANS, ACROSS THE STREET, AND ACCESS TRANSIT. ON MORE NARROW STREETS, THE TREATMENTS FOR THE STATIONS WOULD BE -- THEY WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR LOOK, SO PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY ARE AT THE BRT STATION, BUT THEY WOULD BE MORE INTEGRATED INTO THE SIDEWALK AND A MORE LIGHT TOUCH. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE ON INNER DIVISION, WORKING TO KEEP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER BUT MAKE IT OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS THE SYSTEM THAT YOU ARE ON. WITH THAT I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO KELLY TO TALK ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS.

Kelly Betteridge: I AM THE MANAGER OF CAPITAL PLANNING AT TRI-MET, AND I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY. AFTER YOUR APPROVAL TODAY THE PROJECT WILL ACTUALLY TRANSITION FROM A METRO-LED PROJECT TO A TRI-MET-LED PROJECT. WE WILL BE CONVENING AS A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS WELL AS A BUDGET AND POLICY COMMITTEE FOR WHICH MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL HAVE A MEMBER. WE WILL GET STARTED ON THE DESIGN. SO RIGHT NOW WE ARE AT A 3% DESIGN LEVEL, AND WE WILL BE MOVING OUR DESIGN FORWARD. WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING ON THE FEDERAL PROCESS

TO GARNER 100 MILLION FROM SMALL STARTS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION. SO OUR FIRST STEP IN THAT PROCESS WILL BE THIS SUMMER AND WE'LL HAVE ONE SUBSEQUENT STEP, THE FOLLOWING SUMMER. WE WILL GET STARTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION, AND YOU ALL WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE THIS SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021. SO LOTS OF STEPS TO COME, BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPROVAL AND GETTING THAT DESIGN UNDERWAY.

Joanna Valencia: THANK YOU, EVERYONE, SO FOR THE RECORD, JOANNA VALENCIA, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE ARE BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING FOR AN APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AND ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE POWELL DIVISION TRANSIT CORRIDOR AND ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Bailey: SORRY, I DO HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. SO IN LOOKING AT THESE, I THOUGHT A DEFINING FEATURE OF THE BRT WAS A DEDICATED TRAVEL LANE. IS THAT -- IS THERE A DEDICATED TRAVEL LANE THROUGHOUT THIS?

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: THERE IS A RANGE OF WHAT'S CONSIDERED A BRT, AND WE FIT THE DEFINITION OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT. WE WON'T HAVE OUR OWN DEDICATED LANE THE WHOLE WAY. THE IMPACTS WOULD BE GREAT AND TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS WOULDN'T BE GREAT. SO IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO FIT IN THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND WHAT WE FOUND AND KELLY FEEL FREE TO ADD IS THAT WITH SOME IMPROVEMENTS LIKE SOME OF THE MOST CONGESTED TRAFFIC SIGNALS, OR LIKE 122ND AVENUE IS A VERY CONGESTED INTERSECTION. DOING SOME THINGS, ADDING TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY SO THE BUS CAN TELL THE SIGNAL TO STAY GREEN A BIT LONGER, FEWER STOPS AND FASTER BOARDING, A LOT CAN BE ACHIEVED AND ACTUALLY A LOT OF THE RELIABILITY IS ACHIEVED THROUGH THOSE THINGS. WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO TAKE, TO CONVERT A WHOLE LANE.

Commissioner Bailey: SO WHAT MAKES IT BRT? IS IT JUST BIGGER BUSES THAT RUN MORE FREQUENTLY?

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: IT'S A COMBINATION.

Kelly Betteridge: YEAH, THE LEVEL OF PRIORITY. SO IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS, THE TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY IS PART OF WHAT IS THAT SUITE OF GOODS, BUT ALSO HAVING -- WE WILL HAVE DEDICATED LANES AS WE APPROACH MAJOR INTERSECTIONS SO ALONG DIVISION THERE IS FIVE OR SIX INTERSECTIONS THAT METER THE ENTIRE STREET. AT THOSE PLACES THE BUS WILL BE IN ITS OWN LANE. THAT WILL ALLOW IT TO GET THROUGH THOSE PLACES. BUT IN THOSE PLACES WHERE THERE IS LESS CONGESTION IT WILL



TRAVEL AS PER USUAL. IF WE LOOK AT THE SYSTEM AND HOW IT OPERATES, THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME IS STOPPING AT STATIONS SO WE REMOVED ALMOST HALF OF THE STATIONS THAT ARE ALONG THE ALIGNMENT. THAT IS WHAT WILL HELP IT TO STAY ON-TIME AS IT PASSES THROUGH.

Commissioner Bailey: YOU ARE GOING TO DO A LOT OF OUTREACH AND A LOT OF STUDIES ON THE TRAFFIC. YOU GOT YOUR WORK CUT OUT FOR YOU. I WILL ADD SOME ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE TO IT. UNTIL RECENTLY I LIVED AT 31ST AND DIVISION. YOU CANNOT GET A BUS THROUGH THERE WITH THE EXISTING STREET DESIGN. IT TAKES ABOUT 40 MINUTES IN TRAFFIC TO GET FROM 31ST AND DIVISION TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILDING. I CAN WALK FROM 31ST AND DIVISION TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILDING FASTER THAN I CAN GET THERE ON TRANSIT. THAT IS IN PART BECAUSE YOU HAVE INTERSECTION FAILURE AT 12TH AND DIVISION BECAUSE YOU HAVE, AND I AM ALL FOR THE MAX LINE GOING THROUGH THERE, BUT BECAUSE THE MAX LINE GOES THROUGH THERE, AND YOU ONLY HAVE A BLOCK, AND YOU HAVE A STOPLIGHT THAT TIMES OUT ON 12TH AND DIVISION, AND THE TRAFFIC BACKS UP ON THAT BLOCK INTO DIVISION VERY FREQUENTLY.

THERE IS NO -- I WILL BE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW YOU ENGINEER THAT INTERSECTION TO BE ABLE TO GET BRT AROUND THAT BECAUSE YOU WILL BE BACKING BRT UP ON THAT SECTION OF DIVISION. MY HYPOTHESIS IS IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY, SO I KNOW YOU ARE PLANNING ON DOING A LOT OF PLANNING AND TECHNICAL DESIGN. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THAT SECTION OF DIVISION AND HOW HARD IT WILL BE TO GET A BUS THROUGH THERE NO MATTER HOW YOU DESIGN THOSE CUTS. THAT SAID I AM EXCITED THAT YOU ARE DOING IMPROVED TRANSIT. THIS TAKES ME BACK TO MY VERY FIRST CAMPAIGN, AND WHEN I WAS KNOCKING ON DOORS IN LATE 2007. I HAD PEOPLE ON DIVISION ASKING ME ON THE DOORSTEP, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET BETTER TRANSIT ON DIVISION AND POWELL? WE WANT SOMETHING - - AT THAT TIME THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT LIGHT RAIL. WE WANT LIGHT RAIL BUT SOME HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT. SO THERE IS CERTAINLY DEMAND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR IT. PEOPLE REALLY WANT IT. YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE YOUR WORK CUT OUT FOR YOU, ESPECIALLY WITHOUT A DEDICATED TRAVEL LANE AND ESPECIALLY WITHIN THAT INNER DIVISION SYSTEM SO THAT IT DOES NOT BACK UP THE ENTIRE REST OF THE SYSTEM AND CAUSE FAILURE.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY I THINK YOU ARE SPOT ON. I HAVE HAD SIMILAR THOUGHTS, ESPECIALLY NEAR MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND I AVOID THAT PART OF TOWN AT ALL COSTS. SINCE THE CLINTON STREET HAS BEEN CLOSED OFF TO CARS TO MAKE IT A BIKE STREET, WHICH I THINK IS A GREAT THING, THAT HAS ADDED MORE TRAFFIC. I HAVE NOTICED FIRST THE CHANGE WAS WHEN THE LIGHT RAIL CAME TO FRUITION BUT THE SECOND ONE THAT I THINK HAS MADE IT REALLY DIFFICULT, AND IT HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CROSS THE STREET BECAUSE THE CARS ARE BACKED UP THE WHOLE WAY

FROM 12TH TO PROBABLY 31ST. WITH THE CLINTON STREET BIKE PATH, IT'S MOVED ALL THOSE AUTOS ONTO DIVISION AS WELL.

Commissioner Bailey: ONE MORE COMMENT THAT I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES LIKE PBOT AND OTHERS AS I KNOW THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH THEM, THE AMOUNT OF AUTOMOBILE DIVERSION THAT'S HAPPENING OFF DIVISION INTO NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS IS SIGNIFICANT. THERE IS MORE TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH THE EDITION AND DOWN HARRISON AND LINCOLN, AND AS PEOPLE SEEK TO AVOID CONGESTION ON DIVISION, SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL LOOK AT WAYS TO CALM THAT TRAFFIC AND PROTECT THE NEIGHBORS AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS ON THOSE RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN GREATER COORDINATION WITH PBOT.

Chair Kafoury: THE COUNCILOR CAME UP SPECIFICALLY TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS CONVERSATION.

Bob Stacey: THANK YOU. BOB STACEY, METRO COUNCILOR AND WITH COUNCILOR CRADDICK, I CAME TO SHOW MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AND TO THANK YOUR COMMISSIONER FOR HER TERRIFIC LEADERSHIP IN WHAT'S BEEN DESCRIBED AS A VERY CITIZEN-BASED PROCESS WITH MANY MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE NOT JUST BEING FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THEREFORE THE COMMUNITY NOT JUST HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY OR MAKE COMMENTS, BUT TO VOTE ON THE SHAPING OF THE PROJECT, IT WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT AS WE CAME NOT ONLY TO QUESTIONS LIKE INTER-DIVISION AND HOW WE MAKE THAT WORK, NOT BEING ABLE TO GET TO THE CAMPUS OF MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GOING FROM THINKING BIG WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO BEING CONSTRAINED BY A TOTAL BUDGETS OF 175 MILLION, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL EXERCISED THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP AND THE PROBLEM SOLVING THAT HELPED US TO CLOSE A LOT OF THOSE GAPS ALONG THE WAY. SO MY HAT IS OFF. SPECIFICALLY TO MY NEIGHBORS, FORMER NEIGHBORS' CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE INTER-DIVISION WORKS. COMMISSIONER BAILEY YOU ARE RIGHT. THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION IS VERY LIBERAL IN ALLOWING PROPOSALS FOR THINGS THAT ARE NOT PURE BRT, TO COME FORWARD AS BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS THAT MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE MEET THOSE STANDARDS ON PAPER, AND WE CAN DO IT IN TERMS OF PERFORMANCE. I LIKE TO THINK OF IT THIS WAY. WE CAN NOT DO EVERYTHING IN THIS PROJECT, THAT'S THE ONGOING LESSON. ON INNER DIVISION. WHAT WE DO IS HAVE THE BUS THAT GOES THROUGH THERE NOW BE LONGER, SO IT CAN HOLD UP TO 90 PEOPLE RATHER THAN 55 OR 60 PEOPLE. I AM A VETERAN OF A LOT OF LOADS IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON PEAK ON THAT STRETCH. WE STOPPED FEWER TIMES. WE HAVE A LONGER GREEN THAT GETS THE LIGHTS IN FRONT OF THE BUS AS IT APPROACHES THE GREEN THROUGH. YOU GET THE BUS ON THE OTHER SIDE

OF THE INTERSECTION. YOU BOARD AND UNLOAD OR GET OFF THROUGH THREE DOORS INSTEAD OF ONE THERE AT THE CURB LEVEL. IT'S A SMOOTHER PROCESS. THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO SAVE TIME AND MANAGE THROUGH THAT. IT'S NOT IDEAL. THE ONLY PLACE WORSE TO GO WAS INNER POWELL, THE ORIGINAL ROUTE, AND THAT'S THE FAILURE FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME AND A LONGER DISTANCE. WE HAVE GOT A LOT TO DO WITH TRANSPORTATION INSIDE REGION. THIS IS ONE SMALL STEP AND I APPRECIATE YOUR WISDOM. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR DOING THIS PANEL AND EXPLAINING HOW YOU CAME TO THE DECISIONS YOU MADE. WHILE DIVISION IS GOING TO BE GREAT TO DO THAT, DID YOU ALL HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT EAST PORTLAND AND HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH ISSUES FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN PARKROSE, AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE COULD BE WEIGHING IN?

Kelly Betteridge: SURE. AS PART OF THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, THAT TRI-MET HAS BEEN CLEAR, THAT WE PLANNED TO REALLOCATE THE EXISTING HOURS, THAT FACILITATE THE TRAVEL, WHICH IS 1400 HOURS, TO NEW SERVICE IN THE CORRIDOR. AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY, THEY HAVE BEEN CLEAR THAT THE DESIRE IS TO ADD NEW NORTH AND SOUTH SERVICE AND SO THAT IS THE PRIORITY. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT ONCE THIS PROJECT COMES ONLINE AND WE CAN REA ALLOCATE THOSE HOURS. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT [INAUDIBLE] AND WE ARE STARTING TO HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS. ITS A PRIORITY. WE FULLY PLAN TO REALLOCATE ALL THOSE HOURS WITHIN THE CORRIDOR.

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara: I WANTED TO ADD THAT 1400 HOURS, IF YOU ARE NOT A TRANSIT PLANNER, SORRY, IT'S LIKE WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? SO THAT IS, ACTUALLY, A HUGE TRANSIT INVESTMENT, AND ONE THING THAT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THIS PROJECT IS TRI-MET HAS COMMITTED THAT THE NEW HOURS THAT WOULD BE USED TO OPERATE THE ABOUT. -- BRT LINE WON'T TAKE THOSE HOURS USED BY THE FOUR LINE SO ALL THE SERVICE WILL GO BACK INTO THIS AREA, AND AFTER A PROCESS. IT'S A REALLY HUGE TRANSIT INVESTMENT IN THIS AREA, WHICH IS EXCITING BECAUSE THE NETWORK NEEDS IMPROVEMENT SO THERE WILL BE A LOT MORE ABILITY TO GET THE NORTH AND SOUTH ROUTES IMPROVED AND ALL THE OTHER CONNECTIONS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: : WHILE WE ARE ON THE TOPIC OF WHO USES BUSES AND HOW THEY ESTABLISH THE PRIORITIES OF COST AND TIME, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING THAT CAME UP FREQUENTLY DURING MY PARTICIPATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT I REPRESENT, WHICH IS A

COMMUNITY THAT OBVIOUSLY GEOGRAPHICALLY PARTICIPATES IN METRO AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SORT OF MIDDLE TO OUTER SOUTHEAST PORTLAND RESIDENTS IS TO SHOULDER THE BURDEN OF GOOD PLANNING. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT ANOTHER ONE OF THE WAYS IN ADDITION TO DENSITY, WHICH IS PART OF THE BURDEN OF GOOD PLANNING BECAUSE THE TWO ISSUES THAT WE CONFRONT IN GOOD PLANNING ARE DENSITY AND SPRAWL AND PEOPLE DON'T WANT EITHER ONE. THAT MAKES LIFE DIFFICULT. LET THAT SINK IN FOR A MOMENT. IT IS -- THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WHERE COMMISSIONER BAILEY USED TO LIVE AT SOUTHEAST 31ST AND DIVISION NOW ARE LIVING IN APARTMENTS SPECIFICALLY CONSTRUCTED WITH NO PARKING. SO THEY ARE CLOSER TO THAT DOWNTOWN JOB CORE. IT SOUNDS LIKE AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. THEY ARE MUCH CLOSER, AND IN FACT, YOU KNOW, MAYBE THEIR PREFERENCE DRIVEN BY ECONOMIC [INAUDIBLE] WOULD BE TO WALK, A HEALTHY PREFERENCE. THE PREFERENCE FOR MY CONSTITUENTS AND THEY ARE STILL MY CONSTITUENTS, BUT COMMISSIONER-ELECT PETERSON IS HERE, AND SHE IS HEAD NODDING, HER CONSTITUENTS, AS WELL ARE THE ONES MAKING THE MORE BURDENED DECISION BECAUSE FOR THEM IT IS COST AND TIME THAT THEY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, AND ONCE AGAIN THE PLANNING OF METRO IS IN RELIANCE ON THE WISDOM AND THE, I THINK, SORT OF TRAGEDY OF THE COMMONS KIND OF GOOD DECISION-MAKING AND THE SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THIS PARTICULAR MID SOUTHEAST PORTLAND MID COUNTY GROUP ARE MAKING. I JUST WANT TO COMMENT ABOUT THAT, AND I WANT TO ASK OF THE 175 MILLION BUDGET HERE, IS ANY COMING FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY DIRECTLY?

Kelly Betteridge: THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY THE ASSUMPTION. WE ARE ASSUMING WE ARE GETTING 100 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND 25 FROM TRI-MET. 25 FROM PARTNERS, AND 25 FROM [INAUDIBLE]

Commissioner Shiprack: : DOES THIS RELATE IN ANY WAY TO THE LONGSTANDING QUESTION ABOUT BUS PASSES FOR STUDENTS IN THE DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Kelly Betteridge: THAT HAS NOT BEEN PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE PANEL FOR COMING FORWARD AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE GREAT QUESTIONS THEY ARE ASKING. WE HAVE HAD ALL THESE QUESTIONS AND A LOT OF QUESTIONS AROUND THIS PROJECT. THIS HAS BEEN A THREE-YEAR PROJECT, SO ALL GOOD QUESTIONS MAKE THE PROJECT STRONGER, AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I BELIEVE COUNCILOR-ELECT [INAUDIBLE] IS HERE, AND SHE SERVED ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN HER ROLE AS THE GRESHAM CITY COUNCILOR, SO SHE IS UP TO SPEED ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND SHARING YOUR PLANS WITH US AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT THE EXTENSIVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT YOU HAVE DONE IS CRUCIAL AND GLAD YOU HEARD THE CONCERNS THAT WE HEAR CONSTANTLY ABOUT LACK OF NORTH AND SOUTH, I THINK IT'S BETWEEN 122ND AND 181ST THERE, MIGHT BE ZERO. WE KNOW WHAT A HIGHLY POPULATED AREA THAT IS AND HOW GREAT THE NEED IS THERE ON MANY, MANY LEVELS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND SHAWN FROM HER STAFF WHO I KNOW HAVE PUT COUNTLESS HOURS INTO THIS. I THINK WE ALL ARE SAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTION, BUT KNOW THAT THE WORK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE DOING IN EAST PORTLAND AND EAST COUNTY IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT I THINK THAT THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE BUSES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR USING ELECTRIC BUSES AS BEING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH, THE AIR THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA BREATHE AND REDUCING THE EMISSIONS IS CRUCIAL TO OUR MISSION, AS WELL. SO HOPEFULLY YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND.

Commissioner Bailey: SECOND. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: I THINK WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT SO THANK YOU FOR COMING. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU JOANNA.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE ONE, MADAM CHAIR, JOHN CARR, PLEASE COME FORWARD. GOOD MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

John Carr: I AM JOHN CARR, I AM A RESIDENT OF SOUTH TABOR AND HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTLAND CLEAN AIR. PORTLAND CLEAN AIR HAS OVER 1500 PORTLAND DONORS AND WORKS WITH A DOZEN STAKEHOLDER GROUPS THROUGHOUT OREGON ADDRESSING AIR POLLUTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE BRT PROJECT. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE ADDITION OF HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT TO THE POWELL DIVISION CORRIDOR WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE AIR QUALITY BY MAKING TRANSIT MORE ATTRACTIVE. THIS PROJECT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO EVEN MORE TOWARDS REDUCING THE POLLUTION, NOISE, AND CARBON EMISSION THIS IS THIS DENSIFYING, CONSTRAINED URBAN CORRIDOR. TO THIS END WE ASKED THAT YOU CONDITION YOUR APPROVAL OF THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, INCLUDING A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES. WHILE TRI-MET HAS AFFIRMED ITS INTEREST FOR THIS PROJECT, MOST RECENTLY THE DIESEL REMAINS THE DEFAULT OPTION FOR THE FLEET. KEEP IN MIND THE LIFE-SPAN OF A BUS IS 12 YEARS SO THIS FLEET OF LARGER BUSES, WHETHER ELECTRIC OR DIESEL, WILL BE RUNNING THROUGH THE HEART OF

MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND 2348 -- UNTIL THE YEAR 2033. ACCORDING TO A 2015 ANALYSIS BY THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS AND THE GREEN LINING COMMUTE BATTERY LIFE CYCLE GLOBAL WARMING EMISSIONS, THE FOCUS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ACTION PLAN ARE 75% LOWER WITH ELECTRIC BUSES THAN DIESEL. OF COURSE TAILPIPE EMISSIONS OF NITROGEN OXIDES AND PARTICULATE MATTER ARE ZERO. THE TECHNOLOGY IS READY. TWO MANUFACTURERS NOW MAKE BUY AMERICA COMPLIANT. 60-FOOT BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES. AND MORE WILL CERTAINLY FOLLOW BY THE TIME THAT THIS FLEET IS UP. TRI-MET PURCHASED FIVE, 40-FOOT BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES TO INCORPORATE INTO THE SERVICE NETWORK. DESPITE A HIGHER INITIAL COST, WHICH CAN BE FINANCED TO BE COMPARABLE TO DIESEL, THE LIFETIME SAVINGS ARE SIGNIFICANT.

John Carr: ACCORDING TO A COMPARISON PREPARED FOR THE CITY A 60-FOOT BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS WILL SAVE THAT CITY MORE THAN 2 MILLION IN OPERATION COSTS OVER A 12-YEAR PERIOD VERSUS THE DIESEL MODEL. THAT'S 2 MILLION PER BUS. SO YOU CAN MULTIPLY THAT OUT BY 20 PLUS BUSES. SO IT'S NO WONDER THAT ALBUQUERQUE AND INDIANAPOLIS ARE CREATING BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINES WITH FULL BATTERY ELECTRIC FLEETS. IF BUS RAPID TRANSIT IS THE FUTURE OF HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT IN OUR REGION, HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ELECTRIC BUSES HAVE TO BE PART OF IT. TRI-MET HAS SET THE BAR FOR CLEAN, HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING BATTERY ELECTRIC FOR THIS PROJECT. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM IN MAKING THIS A PRIORITY SO THAT PLANNING, BUDGETING AND DESIGN ACCOUNTS FOR ELECTRIC BUSES FROM DAY ONE. WHEN YOU DO YOU WILL TAKE ANOTHER CLEAR STEP TOWARDS MEETING THE COUNTY'S AMBITIOUS CLIMATE GOALS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: WELL TIMED.

Commissioner Bailey: SECOND.

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

**R.3 Board Briefing on The Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study. Presenters: Bob Hillier, City of Portland Freight Planning Coordinator and Joanna Valencia, Multnomah County Transportation Planning and Development Manager**

Joanna Valencia: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD AGAIN JOANNA VALENCIA THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. JOINING ME THIS MORNING IS BOB HILLIER FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND GREAT PLANNING COORDINATOR, AND WE ARE HERE JUST THIS MORNING TO BRIEF THE BOARD AND PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ON A STUDY THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AND RECENTLY

COMPLETED. 99% COMPLETED. THIS IS A GREAT LOOK INTO HOW GREAT MOVES AROUND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY AROUND THE OVERDIMENSIONAL TRUCKS, SO THESE ARE KEY COMPONENTS OF GREAT AND GOOD MOVEMENT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND BOB, OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS HAS BEEN TAKING A LOOK AT KEY ROUTES WHERE OVERDIMENSIONAL TRUCKS TRAVEL AND ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT WHERE THE GAPS IN THE SYSTEM MAY BE, SO BOB IS GOING TO GO OVER SOME OF THE KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MYOAT THE END.

Bob Hillier: GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. I AM BOB HILLIER WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION. I AM THE GREAT PLANNING COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY, SO YES I AM A GREAT GEEK. I REALLY DO LOVE THIS STUFF, SO IT'S REALLY INTERESTING. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A YEAR AND A HALF, A TRUCK ROUTE STUDY, AND IT REALLY ENCOMPASSES THE THREE COUNTY METRO AREA, SO THIS WAS REALLY A MAJOR EFFORT WITH WORKING WITH A LOT OF PARTNERS IN THE REGION. A QUICK BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE, ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO WHEN WE DEVELOPED A PORTLAND GREAT MASTER PLAN, THE DEVELOPING OF A STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING MOVEMENT OF THE VEHICLES WAS IDENTIFIED BY A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS. WE FAST FORWARD STEP YEARS, AND THEY ARE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL GREAT PLAN UPDATE. IT WAS IDENTIFIED THAT THIS IS ANOTHER NEED TO LOOK AT FROM THE REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE VERSUS JUST A CITY, SO THANKS TO A GRANT THROUGH METRO WE WERE ABLE TO GET MONEY TO DO A STUDY FOR THE THREE COUNTY METRO REGION. I VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS, WHICH I THINK WAS A REALLY GOOD THING AND REALLY ENJOYED IT.

SO THIS WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ODOT AND METRO AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND, CLACKAMAS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, AS WELL. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE STAFF AND AT THIS POINT I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO JESSICA AND KATE FROM YOUR STAFF. THEY HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF WORK AND ON THE STUDY AND STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND EXPERTISE THEY BROUGHT TO THE TABLE HERE. OVERALL THE PURPOSE OF THIS, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS IS A TECHNICAL STUDY, NOT A PLAN, SO WE JUST WANT TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND DO A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF OVERDIMENSIONAL VEHICLES MOVEMENTS SO WE COULD PLAN FOR THEM BETTER, AND WHILE WE ARE DOING THE SYSTEM PLANNING THROUGH THE REGION. ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO DEVELOP A SEAMLESS SYSTEM SO WE ARE HAVING DIFFERENT SYSTEMS FOR EACH CITY AND COUNTY SO WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AND SEE HOW THEY MOVED. SO JUST BRIEFLY THE PROJECT TIME LINE. THIS STARTED ABOUT A YEAR AGO LAST SUMMER, AND WE ARE WRAPPING THINGS UP RIGHT

NOW. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR FINAL REPORTS DONE IN JANUARY SO NEXT MONTH. THE BASIC TASK WAS THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT WHEN I SAID THAT I WAS A MANAGER. WE HAD A LOT OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS. BASICALLY WE HAD A PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES AND JURISDICTIONS, AND ODOT AND THIS WAS A STAFF THAT WERE INVOLVED WITH THE ISSUING OF OVERDIMENSIONAL PERMITS, AND WE HAVE HAD A STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MADE UP OF NOT ONLY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF, BUT ALSO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INDUSTRY THAT DELIVER THESE GOODS, SO WE ARE ABLE TO GET THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS TOGETHER AND WORK THROUGH A, YOU KNOW, A SYSTEM PLANNING EFFORT SO WE COULD UNDERSTAND THESE MOVEMENTS.

Bob Hillier: THE KEY PART OF WHAT WE DID, WE LOOKED AT FOR THE FIRST TIME WE DID A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS. SO THAT'S WHAT I AM GOING TO FOCUS ON TODAY, I THE FINDINGS OF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AND IDENTIFY THE GAPS AND THE NEEDS OF THE SYSTEM, AND SOME OF THE RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS. AGAIN OUR FINAL REPORT, WE'RE GOING TO BE WRAPPING THIS UP BY NEXT MONTH. SO BASICALLY WHAT ARE THE OVERDIMENSIONAL VEHICLES? I SAY IT BECAUSE IT'S SECOND NATURE TO ME. ODOT ISSUES PERMITS TO THE MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION FOR TRUCKS THAT ARE LARGER THAN THE NORMAL SIZE. THE STANDARDS ARE TRUCKS AND LOADS WITH A WIDTH OF EIGHT FEET AND SIX INCHES. A HEIGHT OF 14C, LENGTH GREATER THAN 40 FEET, AND A WEIGHT OF 80,000 POUNDS SO THAT'S THE GENERAL STANDARD. A PICTURE IS WORTH A FOR YOU WORDS. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? THIS IS A COMMON OVERDIMENSIONAL LOAD. THIS IS 30%, MOST OF THE LOADS MOVING THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. SO CRANES AND EXCAVATORS AND LOG LOADERS OUT OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, THE FOREST INDUSTRY. THESE ARE [INAUDIBLE] THAN THE NORMAL TRUCK. THEY ARE HEAVY AND WIDE AND TALL. AND LOOKING AT HOW THEY MINIMIZE THE COMMUNITY IMPACTS.

DURING OUR PROCESS WE TALKED ABOUT SUPER LOADS, AND I REALLY WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THIS PICTURE. THIS IS A WIND TURBINE BLADE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO EASTERN OREGON YOU HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THESE. EACH BLADE TAKES ONE TRUCK. ESSENTIALLY THEY GO MANUFACTURED IN ASIA. COME THROUGH THE PORT OF VANCOUVER ACROSS THE RIVER, COME DOWN 14 AND CROSS OVER 205 AND EASTERN OREGON AND WASHINGTON AND IDAHO. SO THESE ARE SPECIALIZED MOVEMENTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT. THEY DO MOVE THROUGH THE THE REGION. THEY ARE NOT SUPER COMMON. SO WHAT WE DID, WE FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE MORE COMMON OVERDIMENSIONAL VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE REGION. SO I WANT TO DISCUSS MORE ABOUT THE EXISTING CONDITIONS. ARE THIS TOOK A LOT OF OUR TIME LOOKING AT THE EXISTING SYSTEM, AND WHAT WE DID, WE GOT TOGETHER WITH LIKE I SAID THE INDUSTRY AND FOLKS THAT ARE ISSUING PERMITS AT THE LOCAL AND



STATE LEVEL. WE WANTED TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE KEY ROUTES WERE IN THE REGION, SO BASICALLY, WE CAME UP WITH 34 KEY REGIONAL OVERDIMENSIONAL ROUTES, AND WE DID AN EXTENSIVE INVENTORY FOR THE FIRST TIME, SO WE IDENTIFIED AND GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THESE CORRIDORS, AND HOW THEY FUNCTION AND WHERE THEY LINKED TO OTHER KEY CORRIDORS, AND WE IDENTIFIED WHAT THEIR POLICY DESIGNATION WAS, AND BOTH AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BUT ALSO AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WHETHER THEY WERE IDENTIFIED NHS, NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM GREAT ROUTES AND WE GOT INVENTORY OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRAVEL LANES, ROADWAY WIDTHS AND SURFACE CONDITIONS, AND OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITIES. A KEY PART, ALSO, WAS GETTING INFORMATION ON SINGLE TRIP PERMITS.

Bob Hillier: ODOT ISSUES PERMITS FOR VEHICLES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GET 20,000 RECORDS FOR TWO-YEAR PERIODS. THAT GAVE US A REAL KEY SNAPSHOT OF THE TYPE OF GOODS MOVING AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THOSE IN A REGION, AND I WILL SUMMARIZE 2345 THAT. ANOTHER KEY PART OF THE INVENTORY. WE LOOKED AT THE CORRIDORS. WE WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURES OF THE CORRIDORS, THE WEIGHT-LIMITED BRIDGES, THE LOW BRIDGE HEIGHTS SO WE HAVE AN INVENTORY OF ALL THE DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF THE FACILITIES IN EACH OF THE CORRIDORS. THIS USED FOR FOLKS LIKE YOURSELVES AND PLANNERS AND ENGINEERS. THIS WILL BE AN INVENTORY AND A RESOURCE TO DO OUR BETTER REGIONAL PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION. SO HERE'S A MAP OF THE CORRIDORS THAT WE LOOKED AT. SO IF WE LOOK AT THE AREA, THIS IS BASICALLY THE 34 CORRIDORS. WE LOOKED AT. SEVERAL CORRIDORS LIKE THIS ROAD IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND THE ORANGE IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BLUE IS CITY OF PORTLAND FACILITIES, AND THE RED IS CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND GREEN IS WASHINGTON COUNTY. ONE THING THAT I WANT TO POINT OUT WITH THE MAP HERE IS WHAT WE LOOKED AT WAS THE KEY ARTERIAL FACILITIES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE BLACK LINES, THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, THE MAIN STATE HIGHWAYS.

WE PURPOSELY DIDN'T LOOK AT THOSE FACILITIES, ODOT IS DOING AN ASSESSMENT NOW OF THE CHOKE POINTS ON THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM. AND WE ALSO DIDN'T FOCUS ON THE WHAT'S MILE WHERE SOME OF THESE GOODS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, WHERE IT'S BEING DELIVERED TO THE SITE. WE WANTED TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON THE ARTERIALS AND THE MAIN ROUTES THAT THEY ARE MOVING, THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE KEY PART I MENTIONED OF THE STUDY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET RESOURCES FROM THE, FOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WE LOOK AT OVER 20,000 SINGLE TRIP PERMITS, AND THAT ARE ISSUED AND THERE IS TWO TYPES OF PERMITS. I WANTED TO POINT OUT HERE. SINGLE TRIP PERMITS AND ALSO CONTINUING OPERATING PERMITS THAT ARE ISSUED. SO THERE IS A LOT OF COMPANIES. THEY MOVED THE SAME GOODS OVER AND OVER AGAIN SO THEY COULD GET A CONTINUING OPERATING PERMIT. WE DID NOT HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT ALL OF THEM BUT THEY ARE OUT THERE, AND AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE THE RIVER GATE AREA. THEY ARE CONTINUING MOVING STEEL THAT COMES IN FROM THE PORT OF VANCOUVER TO THE MILL IN NORTH RIVER GATE BOULEVARD. THERE -- THEY ARE 100,000 POUNDS. THESE PERMITS HERE THAT WE LOOKED AT GIVES US A PRETTY GOOD SNAPSHOT AT THE TYPES OF VEHICLES, GOODS BEING DELIVERED, AND THE DIMENSIONS. LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE 30% ARE EXCAVATORS, CRANES, LOG LOADERS.

Bob Hillier: YOU THINK ABOUT HOW THE REGION IS GROWING. ALL THE TALL BUILDINGS. THEY ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED BECAUSE OF ALL THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, SO YOU HAVE GOT EXCAVATORS AND THE CRANES BUILDING THE BUILDINGS. THEY HAD TO MOVE AROUND THE REGION SOME HOW. THEY ARE A COMMON LOAD BEING MOVED. 90% OF THE HIGH OR TALL LOADS ARE 15 FEET OR LESS, THIS IS IMPORTANT WHEN LOOKING AT THE BRIDGE FACILITIES AND LOW CLEARANCES, IDENTIFYING CONSTRAINTS AND IMPROVEMENTS. 35% OF THE LOADS THAT WE NOTICED BEING MOVED ARE THE WIDE LOADS, BETWEEN 11 AND 12 FEET, 24% OF THEM ARE EXCAVATORS, AND ESSENTIALLY THIS IS THE WIDTH OF A TYPICAL URBAN TRAVEL LANE. 60% OF THE LONG LOADS ARE BETWEEN 70 AND 90 FEET. A LOT OF THEM ARE EXCAVATORS. AND 75% OF THE HEAVY LOADS ARE BETWEEN 120,000 POUNDS AND 160,000 POUNDS. EXCAVATORS, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IS COMMON. SO WE USE THIS INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THE CONSTRAINTS IN THE SYSTEM AND JUST IN SUMMARY THE FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES ARE THE LENGTH, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AND WIDTH. ESSENTIALLY THERE IS VERY FEW -- WE IDENTIFIED LENGTH AND WIDTH RESTRICTIONS ON A SYSTEM. MOSTLY THE CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED HAVE TO DO WITH THE LOW HEIGHT, THE LOW CLEARANCES AND BRIDGES AND WEIGHT RESTRICTED BRIDGES.

SO I WANT TO GO THROUGH BRIEFLY WHAT'S GOING ON IN EACH ONE OF THESE. SO I WANTED TO FOCUS IN THE INTEREST OF TIME ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER, SO STARTING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRETTY MUCH THE COUNTY IS IN GOOD SHAPE. THERE IS ONLY A COUPLE OF FACILITIES THAT HAD SOME HEAVY -- SOME RESTRICTIONS. ONE WAS THE SOUTHWEST 257TH PUMP CORRIDOR, ESSENTIALLY BY GRAHAM ROAD, THERE IS A HEIGHT LIMITED BRIDGE THERE, WHICH I WILL SHOW YOU, AND ALSO ON EAST MARINE DRIVE, THERE IS ALSO A HEIGHT LIMITED BRIDGE THERE. AND HERE'S A PHOTO OF IT. THIS IS THE NORTHWEST GRAHAM ROADING LOOKING NORTH AT 84. THIS IS A 13-FOOT, 6-INCH BRIDGE THAT CONSTRAINTS 90% OF THE HIGH LOADS THROUGHOUT THE REGION, SO ODOT HAS THIS IN THEIR BUDGET TO IMPROVE THE BRIDGE AND RAISE IT TO 16 FEET AT THIS POINT DEPENDING ON THE BUDGET. THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A BETTER CLEARANCE. SO THIS BRIDGE WILL BE IMPROVED AND THE CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START IN 2018-2019. THE ONLY OTHER CONSTRAINT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE IDENTIFIED WAS IN THE MARINE DRIVE CORRIDOR. AGAIN AT THE

INTERSECTION OF 84 THIS IS A LOW CLEARANCE OF 14 FEET AND FIVE INCHES. THE STATE STANDARD IS 17 FEET AND FOUR INCHES. SOME OF THESE CONSTRAINTS WE IDENTIFIED, THEY HAVE BEEN FIXED. SO IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY, IT IS IN GOOD SHAPE. THERE IS ONLY ONE MAJOR CONSTRAINT. THAT WAS ON THE BORING ROAD BRIDGE. HERE'S A PHOTO OF IT RIGHT HERE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE PHOTO AT THE BOTTOM, YOU CAN SEE WHERE IT HAS BEEN HIT BEFORE. THERE IS CHIPS TAKEN OUT OF IT SO IT'S A CONSTRAINT FOR OVERSIZED LOADS. THE BRIDGE HEIGHT IS 15 FEET AND SEVEN INCHES AND 14 FEET AND EIGHT INCHES FOR EASTBOUND MOVEMENT. ODOT HAS THIS SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2018.

Bob Hillier: THEY ARE GOING TO RAISE IT TO TWO FEET AND FOUR INCHES TO 17 FEET. SO ESSENTIALLY IN THE EAST SIDE THE COUNTIES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE IN TERMS OF THE OVERDIMENSIONAL VEHICLES. THE NEWER FACILITIES HERE -- THAT'S NOT REALLY A PROBLEM. THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WE HAVE TEN CORRIDORS WE IDENTIFIED. THREE HAVE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS AND THIS IS ONE OF THE DRIVERS OF THIS STUDY. THIS IS NORTH COLUMBIA BOULEVARD BY INTERSTATE 5 AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD OVERCROSSING. IT'S ABOUT 16 FEET AND FIVE INCHES, SO IT'S A CHOKE POINT ON COLUMBIA BOULEVARD. THE CITY HAS A POLICY AND DESIRE TO CONSIDER TRANSFERRING THE BYPASS OR TAKING IT OVER TO MAKE IT MORE OF A COMMUNITY ROADWAY AND HAVE ALL OF THE OVERDIMENSIONAL VEHICLES AND TRUCKS ON THE COLUMBIA BOULEVARD. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS. 60 FEET, FIVE INCHES, AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE DOUBLE STACKED TRAINS FROM UNION PACIFIC, THEY ARE UNDER I-5, SO THE TEAM WE HIRED, WE HOOKED AT RAISING THE BRIDGE. IT'S PROBLEMATIC. YOU WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE RAILROAD BRIDGE TO GET ANOTHER FOOT CLEARANCE. YOU WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE I-5, SO WE REALIZE THAT WAS NOT REALLY FEASIBLE. THE SOLUTION WAS TO LOWER THE ROADBED HERE TO GET AN EXTRA FOOT. ONE OF THE COMPLICATIONS IS KINDER MORGUE BEGAN HAS A FUEL LINE. SO THERE IS MULTI-LAYERS OF PROBLEMS HERE.

WE DID COME UP WITH A COST ESTIMATE TO SEE WHAT IT MIGHT TAKE TO LOWER THE ROADBED. THIS IS A CONSTRAINED FOCUS AREA. WHAT WE DID WITH OUR CONSULTANT CONTRACT, WE WERE TAKING A MORE DETAILED LOOK FROM AN ENGINEERING PERSPECTIVE TO SEE IF WE CAN LOWER THE BED AND WHAT THE COST WOULD BE. THIS WILL BE PUT IN OUR LOCAL TSP TO SEE IF WE CAN IMPROVE THIS. THIS IS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THE U.S. 30 BYPASS WHICH GOES INTO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS THE 42ND AVENUE BRIDGE OVER U.S. 30B, A 10-FOOT TEN-INCH VERTICAL CLEARANCE, THE LOWEST VERTICAL CLEARANCE ON THE U.S. 30 BYPASS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ACCESS ROUTE FOR NORTH PORTLAND AND THE AIRPORT, SO THIS IS REALLY HIGH ON THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S RADAR. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD WANT TO LIKE TO SEE GET IMPROVED. THERE IS ANOTHER RESTRICTION ON U.S. 30B, AND THAT'S AT THE 60TH AVENUE.

THERE IS A CROSSING ON NORTHEAST 60TH. A 14-FOOT BRIDGE. AND THAT'S WHERE THIS MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. 30 BYPASS AND COLUMBIA BOULEVARD, SO TWO BASIC RESTRICTIONS ALONG THIS. WE WANT TO RAISE THE BRIDGE TO MEET THE STATE STANDARDS, WHICH AGAIN IS 17 FEET AND FOUR INCHES. SO THIS STUDY HELPED US IDENTIFY THE NEEDS ALONG THIS CORRIDOR. ANOTHER RESTRICTION IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS A WEIGHT LIMITED BRIDGE. THIS IS NORTH PORTLAND ROAD BETWEEN MARINE DRIVE AND COLUMBIA BOULEVARD. IT IS THE OLD SWIFT HIGHWAY THAT USED TO BE A STATE FACILITY.

Bob Hillier: IT IS NOW A CITY FACILITY, EXCEPT FOR THE BRIDGE. THE ODOT MAINTAINS OWNERSHIP OF THE BRIDGE AND IS A WEIGHT LIMITED RESTRICTION IN HERE FOR 105,000 POUNDS. THIS LIMITS 30% TO 40% OF THE VEHICLES HERE. THIS IS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA. THIS IS A MAJOR CONSTRAINT. THIS REQUIRES A LOT OF TRUCKS TO BYPASS THIS AREA. THE OTHER CONSTRAINTS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS 82ND BRIDGE UNDER COLUMBIA BOULEVARD, AND 15-FOOT, EIGHT-INCH VERTICAL CLEARANCE AND A RECOMMENDATION AGAIN, EITHER TO LOWER THE UNDER-CROSSING HERE OR RAISE THE OVERPASS, AND GENERALLY LOWERING THE UNDER-CROSSING IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE. BUT AGAIN THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW FOUR RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. JUST TO WRAP IT UP, WE ALSO LOOKED AT WASHINGTON COUNTY. THERE WAS 12 FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. WE WANTED TO FOCUS ON. MOST OF THEIR CONSTRAINTS ARE WEIGHT RESTRICTED BRIDGES, SO THERE IS A LIST HERE ON MURRAY BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY AND SEVERAL OTHERS ALONG 217 WHERE THERE IS WEIGHT RESTRICTED BRIDGES. THAT'S A SUMMARY. I WANTED TO OPEN IT UP, AND JUST LET YOU KNOW THAT BASICALLY AS I MENTIONED THIS IS A STUDY NOT A PLAN. THE DOCUMENT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE COMPLETING IS GOING TO BE USED FOR RESOURCE WITH THE COUNTIES AND STAFF. WHAT WE DO IN THE SYSTEM PLANNING, THIS IS JUST ONE MORE ASPECT OF THE TRANSPORTATION FOR PLANNERS AND ENGINEERS TO LOOK AT. SO THANK YOU AND I WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: JUST ONE QUESTION. OF THE 34 COUNTIES AND JURISDICTIONS THAT YOU STUDIED, WILL YOU BE CONTACTING THEM AND LETTING THEM KNOW WHAT YOU FOUND?

Bob Hillier: THEY WERE PART OF THE STUDY PROCESS. SO THE COUNTY -- THE THREE COUNTIES, MULTNOMAH, CLACKAMAS COUNTY AND WASHINGTON, AND CITY OF GRESHAM WAS INVOLVED, SO THEY WERE PART OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM. THEY ARE GOING TO BE GETTING THE FINAL REPORT. AND THEY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED WITH THIS PROCESS ALL ALONG.

Commissioner Smith: THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES TO GO FORWARD?

Bob Hillier: THAT'S THE ULTIMATE GOAL. THE GOAL FOR THIS STUDY WAS TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE CONSTRAINTS AND NEEDS ARE. WHEN YOU FIND THEM THE NEXT STEP IS HOW DO WE FIX IT AND PAY FOR IT.

Commissioner McKeel: WHO PAID FOR THE STUDY?

Bob Hillier: THIS WAS PAID FOR THROUGH A GRANT THROUGH METRO, THROUGH M-TIP.

Commissioner Shiprack: IT IS SUCH AN EXTENSIVE STUDY. HOW MUCH DID IT COST TO PERFORM?

Bob Hillier: WE HAVE A GRANT FOR 125,000 FOR THIS STUDY. PLUS, MY TIME AS THE PROJECTED MANAGER, BASICALLY, SINCE MY RESPONSIBILITY AS GREAT PLAN COORDINATOR, I JUST PUT MY TIME INTO IT, AND ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: JUST TO SAY THANK YOU. I AM GLAD WE GOT TO HEAR THIS BRIEFING. SO THANK YOU. SINCE A LOT OF IT WAS IN EAST COUNTY I APPRECIATE IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING. THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE REPORT AND THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE R7 UP SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT THAT AND WE WANT TO RESPECT YOUR TIME FOR COMING.

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Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R7. COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. COULD WE HAVE OUR PRESENTERS UP FRONT? GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THIS MORNING'S BOARD MEETING. I BELIEVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A SANCTUARY COUNTY IS A VERY BOLD AND DELIBERATE ACTION, AND I WANT TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY FOR AGREEING TO CO-SPONSOR WITH ME TODAY THE SANCTUARY RESOLUTION. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SO MANY

WONDERFUL AND MEANINGFUL AND NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS DURING MY TYPE ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. WE HAVE APPROVED PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS PROMOTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY AND CHOICE. WE HAVE APPROVED RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THE WORKS OF ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING OUR SENIORS, VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND WE HAVE STOOD TOGETHER FOR PROCLAMATIONS CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. A PROCLAMATION TO SEAL OUR COMMITMENT TO ENDING THE HORRORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE COMMERCIAL, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, AND THIS WAS EVIDENCED BY TODAY'S RESOLUTION. OUR VALUES INCLUDE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY. WE HAVE A PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO MAKE THIS COUNTY A BENEFICIAL PLACE FOR ALL WHO LIVE HERE AND WORK HERE AND ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Smith: I WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS WHAT THE MEANING OF EQUITY IS TODAY. WE KNOW THAT IT MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND TO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS. WHETHER YOU'RE ON THE LOCAL, THE REGIONAL, THE STATE AND THE NATIONAL LEVEL. AND THAT IS WHAT BRINGS US HERE DAY. TODAY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY, DEFINING THE VALUES THAT WE HOLD SO DEAR AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE, WE HAVE HEARD SO MANY STORIES EXPRESSING A RISING FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE ABILITY OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ACCESS SERVICES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROVIDES. WE WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR TODAY THAT OUR POLICY IS TO SERVE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY, WITHOUT RESERVATION AND WITHOUT FEAR OF REPORTING THEM TO IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS. WE ARE A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT. WE ARE NOT A POLICING ORGANIZATION. OUR GOAL IS TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO NEED TO USE OUR HOMELESS SHELTERS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, LIBRARIES, HEALTH AND DENTAL CLINICS AND OTHER PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND TODAY, LIKE WE HAVE OVER THE PAST FOUR PLUS YEARS, WE BACK WHAT WE BELIEVE IN BY BRINGING THIS FORWARD, THIS SANCTUARY RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WAY TO REAFFIRM MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CORE VALUES. THANK YOU FOR COMING. WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST? MADAM CHAIR, DID YOU HAVE --

Chair Kafoury: AFTERWARDS. WHO WANTS TO KICK IT OFF? THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING TODAY.

Lee Po Cha: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. I'M LEE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND I'M SO, SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING. LET ME FIRST THANK YOU FOR BEING THE FEARLESS LEADERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND AS THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY I'M SO, SO

PROUD TO SEE THAT YOU TRULY DELIVERED YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE TODAY AND SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT. LET ME SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT THE ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS EXPERIENCED WHEN WE, THE MAJORITY OF OUR CLIENTS, YOU KNOW, THE TAF WHO MAY BE COMING FROM THE LOCAL IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY HERE. AFTER THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME OF OUR STAFF AND SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE EXPERIENCED HATE INCIDENTS.

Lee Po Cha: IT COULD GO FROM SMALL TO BIG, BUT LET ME JUST SHARE WITH YOU THAT I'VE SEEN INCIDENTS HAPPEN IN OUR FRONT DOORS, OUR STREET, OUR SIDEWALKS AND THE INCIDENTS HAPPENED IN OUR SCHOOLS AND SO I THINK AS A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS, IT'S A HUGE SETBACK FOR US, BUT I'M SO PROUD TO SEE THAT OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP IS TRYING TO -- THIS IS A TIME WHERE LEADERS WILL PLAY A PROTECTIVE ROLE AND YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT AND DEMONSTRATED THAT. SO THERE'S A TIME WHERE YOU WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE, AND BE CHAMPIONS AND BE CHEERLEADERS AND THIS IS A MOMENT WHERE PROTECTION OF YOUR CONSTITUENCY IS NEEDED AND YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT. THE OTHER PIECE THAT I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY REFERENCE IS, YOU KNOW, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, IT'S A CENTER THAT TAKES A LOT OF THE INCIDENTS AND REPORTS NATIONWIDE AND SINCE THE ELECTIONS THROUGH ABOUT DECEMBER 12TH, IT'S REPORTED THAT WE HAVE OVER 1,000 HATE-RELATED KIND OF INCIDENTS HAPPEN IN OUR NATION AND IT IS ALSO SAD TO SEE THAT AS PROGRESSIVE AS OREGON IS, WE ARE WITHIN THE TOP 10 THAT HAVE THE INCIDENTS COMING IN. AND SO YOU KNOW, IT'S ALSO SAD TO SEE THAT SOME OF THESE HATE INCIDENTS ARE MOTIVATED BY ANTI-IMMIGRANT, ANTI-BLACK, ANTI-MUSLIM, ANTI-LGBT, AND I THINK WE AS A NATION, I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN THE ROLE MODEL FOR THE WORLD OF TRYING TO PROMOTE RESPECT AND REALLY PROMOTE EDUCATION TOWARDS RACE AND NATIONALITIES AND GENDERS AND YOU NAME IT.

I THINK WE HAD BEEN DEVELOPING THE ROLE MODEL AND THE CURRICULUM FOR THE WORLD, BUT YET I THINK THIS IS A SETBACK FOR OUR NATION, BUT IT IS GOOD. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE A PERPENDICULAR -- PERSON LIVING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, VERY PROUD TO BE A PERSON WORKING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I THINK AS OUR VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY, THIS MAY BE A PROUD MOMENT FOR US, AT LEAST TO HAVE THE BASIC RIGHT AND THE BASIC PROTECTIONS FROM OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIPS AND SO I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU TO -- TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THE COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED FOR THE COUNTY SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Alice Perry: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ALICE PERRY AND I'M THE PROTECTOR OF COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS FOR LATINO NETWORK. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS RESOLUTION AND SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT THIS MORNING ABOUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY IS EXPERIENCING AND HOW WE ARE RESPONDING. AS YOU KNOW OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT MONOLITHIC. LATINOS HAVE A VARIETY OF RACIAL BACKGROUNDS, COME FROM MIXED IMMIGRATION STATUSES AND ADDITIONALLY THE ANTICIPATED IMPACTS OF THIS ELECTION ON HEALTHCARE, ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, ON THE DISABLED AND THE LGBT COMMUNITY WILL ALSO IMPACT LATINOS.

BUT BECAUSE IMMIGRATION AND THE ANTI-IMMIGRANT RHETORIC WAS SUCH A BIG PART OF THE ELECTION AND BECAUSE THE SIGNALS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ANTICIPATE THE IMMIGRATION POLICIES WILL BE AND THE CABINET PICKS SIGNALS THAT DEPORTATION OF IMMIGRANTS IS HIGH ON THE PRIORITY LIST AND BECAUSE OF ALL OF THIS CONTINUES TO EMBOLDEN THOSE THAT THRIVE ON HATE, OUR COMMUNITY IS EXPERIENCING TREMENDOUS FEAR AND ANXIETY ROOTED IN A CURRENT REALITY AS WELL AS PROBABLE FURTHER ATTACKS. IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, LATINO NETWORK WORKED TO SUPPORT OUR STAFF AND PROVIDE THEM WITH FURTHER TOOLS TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY. WE PARTNERED WITH OTHER LATINO ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT FOUR COMMUNITY FORUMS, TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC IMMIGRATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS INFORMATION, SOME DACA SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS, TO HEAR COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND NEEDS AND TO COMMIT TO PROVIDING ONGOING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE FAMILIES WE WORK WITH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY ABOUT THE ANXIETY THAT THIS IS CAUSING.

STUDENTS WITH DACA STATUS ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS THEIR INFORMATION. STUDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING BULLYING IN THEIR SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTY. CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS FIVE ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR PARENTS. WE HAVE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT HARASSMENT AT THEIR JOBS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH LATINO ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WHOSE PARTNERSHIPS WE WORKED REALLY HARD TO BUILD OVER THE SUMMER TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING THESE COMMUNITY FORUMS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, SUCH AS KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONSHIPS, AND HOW TO REPORT HATE CRIMES AND BULLYING, ON BUILDING FAMILY SAFETY PLANS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE PARTNERING TO CONDUCT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOPS IN SOME SCHOOLS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY. WE ARE ALSO ENGAGING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO DO PROVIDER TRAININGS AND WORKING WITH SCHOOLS ON HOW TO BE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TO IMPACTED FAMILIES. LATINO ORGANIZATIONS ARE WORKING TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY HOTLINE FOR HATE CRIMES AND



HATE SPEECH AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND SO STAY TUNED FOR THAT. THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE AND PLAYS SUCH A CRITICAL ROLE IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES THAT BUILDS A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. AS COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WE ANTICIPATE THAT YOUR JOB WILL ALSO NOW BE GREATLY IMPACTED. ALREADY OUR WORK, OUR CONSIDERABLE WORKLOADS, HAVE GROWN AS WE RESPOND TO THESE THREATS AND THE COUNTY AND LATINO NETWORK WILL NEED TO STAY NIMBLE AND ABLE TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF POLICIES AND ACTIONS AS THEY ROLL OUT INTO 2017 AND BEYOND. I WAS WITH SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTION. THEY WERE HOPEFUL, BUT ANXIOUS, THEY WERE ATTENTIVE AND ENGAGED AND INTERESTED IN OUR ELECTION PROCESS. THE STAKES WERE HIGH FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Alice Perry: TWO NIGHTS LATER, I WAS WITH THEM AGAIN. THEY WERE FRIGHTENED. BUT THEY WERE ALSO HOPEFUL AND AS WE SPOKE IN-DEPTH, THEY SHARED THE FEAR OF WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN FOR THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN, THE SADNESS THAT SOME OF THEM WERE ALREADY EXPERIENCING AS THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BULLIED. AND THAT WAS ALLEVIATED ONLY BY THE LIGHT OF HOPE BY THOSE ACTS OF KINDNESS AND SUPPORT THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS THEY DIDN'T KNOW CARED BEFORE, SHOWED THAT SUPPORT. AT OUR COMMUNITY FORUMS AS WE SHARED THE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY YOUR STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE CITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, YOU COULD SEE THE VISIBLE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE FEARFUL AND AT THE SAME TIME, OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LONG HISTORIES OF RESISTANCE. AND WE KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES WHOSE RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK OFTEN BECOME THE GUARDIANS OF DEMOCRACY. ACTS OF SOLIDARITY, SUCH AS THE COUNTY RESOLUTION TODAY BRING A BEACON OF HOPE TO BELEAGUERED COMMUNITIES. WHATEVER 2017 BRINGS, SYMBOLICALLY IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S RESOLUTION IS BROUGHT FORTH TODAY, THE DAY AFTER THE WINTER SOLSTICE WHEN THE LIGHT STARTS TO RETURN. LATINO NETWORK AND OUR COMMUNITY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE WELL ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU'RE NEXT, GOOD MORNING.

Nathan Morales: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS NATHAN MORALES. I'M CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT EL PROGRAMA HISPANO. FIRST, I'LL DESCRIBE TO YOU THE IMPACT OF THE POSTELECTION POLICIES AND RHETORIC AND WHAT THAT HAS HAD ON THE CLIENTS THAT EL PROGRAMA SERVES. I'LL TALK TO YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT WHAT OUR PART HAS BEEN TO REMEDY THOSE CONCERNS AND WHAT WE HOPE YOUR PART WILL BE. FIRST OF ALL, WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFECTS OF THE RHETORIC AND THE POLICIES POSTELECTION, I WAS REALLY STRUCK BY

THE NUMBER OF PHONE CALLS THAT I RECEIVED THE DAY AFTER AND PHONE CALLS ESPECIALLY FROM PATRICIA ROJAS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EL PROGRAMA, AND THERE WAS A CONSISTENT MESSAGE WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE PHONE CALLS AND THAT WAS FEAR AND THE LEVEL OF FEAR AND ANXIETY THAT MULTIPLE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASE IN RAILS DRIVEN -- RACIALLY DRIVEN HATE CRIMES, BUT THE ONE THING THAT'S DRIVING FEAR MORE THAN ANYTHING IS JUST THE UNKNOWN. EVERYBODY THINKS THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT THERE'S ALSO A GREAT DEAL THAT WE DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T KNOW HOW BAD THINGS COULD REALLY GET.

Nathan Morales: AND I THINK THAT TODAY'S RESOLUTION FILLS THAT VOID. WHAT EL PROGRAMA HAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO THESE CONCERNS AND TO THIS FEAR ARE VERY SIMILAR TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU ALREADY HEARD THAT LATINO NETWORK IS DOING. AND SO IF THERE IS A BEACON OF HOPE IN ALL OF THIS, I THINK THAT WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROVIDES ALL OF US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A UNIFYING FORCE AND TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER, AND I THINK IF WE DO THAT, THEN WHEN IT COMES TIME TO GET OUR HANDS DIRTY, OUR STRENGTH WILL HOPEFULLY OVERPOWER THAT OF OUR ADVERSARIES. SPECIFICALLY EL PROGRAMA IS ALSO FOCUSED ON VARIOUS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS. WE THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO GET THIS INFORMATION OUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE IT, AGAIN TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THAT FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN AND ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR EVERYBODY WHO WALKS THROUGH OUR DOORS. AND THAT'S WHERE YOUR PART COMES IN. I READ THE RESOLUTION YESTERDAY AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS REALLY STRIKING TO ME ABOUT IT AS CHAIR SMITH ALREADY DISCUSSED WAS THE SPECIFIC LINK BETWEEN THE RESOLUTION AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

AND I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING. SO THEN LAST NIGHT WHEN I WAS COLLECTING MY THOUGHTS AND WHAT IT WAS I WANTED TO SAY, I STARTED TO THINK OF THE CONCEPT OF A SANCTUARY AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SANCTUARY SO OUT OF CURIOSITY I DID WHAT NINE OUT OF 10 PEOPLE DO THESE DAYS AND I PUT THE WORD INTO GOOGLE. AND GOOGLE TELLS ME THAT SANCTUARY, A SANCTUARY IS A PLACE OF REFUGE OR SAFETY. SO THEN MY NEXT QUESTION OKAY WELL, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAFE? AND AGAIN, GOOGLE SAYS TO BE SAFE IS TO BE SECURE FROM THREAT OF DANGER, HARM OR LOSS. AND SO THEN I STARTED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THREATS OF DANGER AND WHAT THREATS OF HARM ARE AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW. AND THERE'S THE OBVIOUS ONE THAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT, WHICH IS THE FEAR OF DEPORTATION ON THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, BUT THEN I STARTED TO THINK ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND THE SERVICES THAT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OURS PROVIDE AND, FOR EXAMPLE, EL PROGRAMA PROVIDES -- WE HAVE A VERY ROBUST

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES PROGRAM. SO THE MESSAGE THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING TODAY TO ME AND THE WAY THAT I SEE IT IS THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS SECURE FROM THREAT OF DANGERS LIKE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE ALSO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS CONSEQUENCES, VARIOUS HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES THAT COME FROM HAVING A LACK OF A GOOD EDUCATION. AND SO AGAIN, I THINK WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS DOING IS IT'S SAYING THAT EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BE SECURE FROM THE THREAT OF THE HARM THAT COMES FROM NOT BEING ABLE TO GET AN EDUCATION. SO IN SUM I THINK REALLY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS EVERYBODY JUST NEEDS TO ASK THEMSELVES IS EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY DESERVES TO BE SECURE FROM THOSE TYPES OF HARMS, FROM ALL TYPES OF HARMS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS YES. THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WE ASK THAT YOU APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION AND WE FULLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE ANOTHER PANEL. IF YOU STAY PLEASE, WE HAVE MORE COMMENTS, WE HAVE ANOTHER PANEL OF SPEAKERS BUT FIRST, WE HAVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE REESE, PLEASE COME UP. AND ACTUALLY TRISHA I THINK WE HAVE ROOM FOR YOUR PANEL AS WELL IF YOU ALL WANT TO COME UP AND SIT WITH THE SHERIFF. GOOD MORNING.

Mike Reese: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AND I REALLY HOPE THAT THE ACTION THAT WE'RE TAKING TODAY CALMS THE FEARS AND CONCERNS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SANCTUARY PLEDGES REFER TO WHETHER LAW ENFORCEMENT BASICALLY IS RESPONSIVE TO ICE DETAINERS. OUR PRIMARY MISSION IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT IS COMMUNITY SAFETY. OUR MISSION DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW. WE HAVE NO BUSINESS IN THE ENFORCEMENT ROLE IN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW, I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. IN ALL OF OUR PUBLIC A LOT OF ROLES, WHETHER IT'S PATROL, INVESTIGATIONS, OPERATIONS OF JAIL FACILITIES, MCSO FOLLOWS STATE LAW AND FEDERAL LAW. AS A RESULT, WE DO NOT USE OUR AGENCY RESOURCES OR PERSONNEL TO ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW, NOR DOES MCSO HOLD PEOPLE PURSUANT TO ICE DETAINERS. WE HAVE MADE THAT A VERY CLEAR POLICY AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE IT. IT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS FEEL COMFORTABLE CALLING 9-1-1. WE WANT THEM TO REPORT CRIMES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROCESSES AS WITNESSES AND VICTIMS WITHOUT FEAR OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENFORCING ICE DETAINERS. AS SHERIFF I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH ALL OF

YOU TODAY AND MAKE CLEAR THAT OUR VALUES AND AS A COUNTY AND AS LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE INCLUSIVE AND WE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TODAY IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THOSE VALUES. THANK YOU.

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

Tricia Tillman: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY AND OFFER INSIGHT ON HOW THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH AND COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES. I'M STANDING IN FOR SHARLENE WHO PREPARED THESE REMARKS AND WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMMENT BEFORE THE SNOW HIT, AND NOW IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SHE SERVES AS THE HEALTH EQUITY POLICY ANALYST WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH A FOCUS ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES. A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE OVERARCHING GOAL OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN IS RELENTLESSLY PURSUING HEALTH EQUITY.

AND YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY TO WORK SPECIFICALLY WITH POPULATIONS WE KNOW SHOULD A LARGER BURDEN OF MULTIPLE POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES, SUCH AS IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS ACCOUNT FOR 14% OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S POPULATION SO THAT'S OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COUNTY. THEY ARRIVE FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND HAVE VARIOUS DESIGNATIONS AS REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS, ASYLEES. I'M GOING TO FOCUS THESE COMMENTS ON THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY AND THAT'S A BIG PART OF HER WORK. THEY HAVE WITNESSED OR SURVIVED AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF WAR RELATED TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES INCLUDING PERSECUTION, TORTURE, LOSS OF SECURITY, VARYING DEGREES OF VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN EXPERIENCE HIGHER LEVELS OF TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH DISTRESS.

MANY HAVE EXPERIENCED DEATH IN THE FAMILY, SOME MAY HAVE BEEN PERPETRATORS WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN WITNESSES TO VIOLENCE AND THERE'S JUST A RANGE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER THAT WE SEE IN THE CHILDREN THAT WE SERVE. THE GENERAL WELLBEING AND SUCCESSFUL ACCULTURATION OF THESE COMMUNITIES CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SHARLENE DOES A LOT OF WORK WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PREVENT UNINTENTIONALLY RETRAUMATIZING INDIVIDUALS. AND FOR FAMILIES, THE STRESS OF JUST INTEGRATING INTO OUR COMMUNITY CAN BE COMPOUNDED THROUGH THAT RETRAUMATIZATION. SHE WORKS IN THREE CAPACITIES, ONE WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, LEADERS AND

COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BUILD ON THEIR ASSETS AND THEIR LEADERSHIP, THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CAPACITY SO WE HOLD THESE TWO TRUTHS OF THE VULNERABILITY OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AND THIS HIGH LEVEL OF STRENGTH AND ASSETS AND RESILIENCE AND TRY TO WORK AND BUILD THAT TO BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY.

Tricia Tillman: SHE ALSO WORKS WITH OUR CLINICAL AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THESE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND THEN THIRD TO SUPPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT THAT IMPROVES THE HEALTH OF WHOLE COMMUNITIES AND I'LL JUST GIVE TWO BRIEF EXAMPLES OF HER WORK, AND THEN TOSHA WILL SPEAK TO THE WORK THAT WE DO TOGETHER WITH OUR CLINICAL SERVICE SYSTEM. FIRST TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS THEIR OWN HEALTH ISSUES IN WAYS THAT ARE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND RESPONSIVE. SHARLENE'S JOB IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY LEADERS TO MOBILIZE THEIR OWN ASSETS TO ADDRESS HEALTH CONCERNS THEY PRIORITIZE. EARLIER THIS YEAR SHE WORKED WITH A NUMBER OF AFRICAN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND WITH AFRICA HOUSE TO PLAN A HEALTH SCREENING TO IDENTIFY CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND JUST THE GENERAL HEALTH, SUPPORT IMMUNIZATION AND HELP PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

SHE'S ALSO WORKED TO SUPPORT TRAINING OF AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND HAS ENGAGED IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE POPULATIONS IN PROVIDING INPUT IN OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN. AND SECOND IN TERMS OF HER WORK IDENTIFYING AND ADVANCING POLICY TO ADVANCE WHOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH, SHARLENE SERVES AS THE STATE REFUGEE DEPUTY COORDINATOR. SHE WORKS ACROSS OUR TRI-COUNTY AREA TO HELP STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS NAVIGATE CHANGES TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. SHE ALSO LEADS THE OREGON REFUGEE PREVENTIVE HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP. THAT WORK SHAPES LOCAL POLICY AND PRACTICE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CONTINUING TO ADVANCE HEALTH FOR THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY. AS PART OF THE INITIATIVE TEAM, THE WORK THAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY AROUND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WE'RE ALSO MAKING SURE THAT INTERNALLY WE'RE UPHOLDING CIVIL RIGHTS LAW, PARTICULARLY AROUND LANGUAGE ACCESS WHICH CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHETHER PEOPLE CAN ACCESS THE SERVICES THEY NEED OR WHETHER THEY END UP BEING DISMINORITY -- DISENROLLED FROM THE SERVICES.

WORKING IN THESE COMMUNITIES HELPS MAKE SURE THAT CLIENTS UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND ENGAGE IN SERVICES WITHOUT FEAR OF IT BEING USED AGAINST THEM IF THEY CHOOSE AT SOME POINT TO BECOME A CITIZEN OR THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE PROTECTED AND NOT TURNED OVER TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, WHICH IS A CONCERN RIGHT NOW. I'LL TURN THIS OVER TO TASHA, WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE

YOU FOR THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH IS IMPORTANT PREVENTION FOCUSED PUBLIC HEALTH WORK. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE IMPACT OF RACISM ON HEALTH IS SIGNIFICANT. AND WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY IN TERMS OF MARGINALIZING AND OTHER-ING WHOLE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES IS BAD FOR HEALTH SO CONVERSELY WE KNOW THAT THAT FEELING OF SAFETY AND BELONGING IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERALL HEALTH. SO IN PASSING THIS RESOLUTION, YOU ARE SAYING TO THE WHOLE POPULATION OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES THAT YOU BELONG HERE, WE VALUE YOU, YOU'RE WELCOME, AND YOU ARE ASSETS AND CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND THAT PROMOTES HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THIS PARTICULAR COMMUNITY AND OTHERS WHO CAN SEE THAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAFE FOR ALL OF US SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Tahsa Delancy: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE INTERIM PRIMARY CARE SERVICES DIRECTOR WITHIN INTEGRATED CLINICAL SERVICES AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I'M GOING TO TALK IN TWO WAYS, I'LL TALK UP A LITTLE BIT. WHAT WE ARE HEARING AT SOME OF THE PRIMARY CARE CLINICS AND HOW OUR PROVISION OF SERVICES ALIGNS WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND HOW WE'RE WORKING ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS, SO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE HEARING ARE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU'VE HEARD PRIOR TO ME. INCREASED ANXIETY, LOSS OF HOPE, LOSS OF SLEEP, THE FEELING THAT THEY CAN'T TRUST THE SYSTEM. IF THEY COME INTO OUR SERVICES, DOES THAT MEAN THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS WILL BE DISCLOSED TO OTHERS? DOES THAT MEAN THEY NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES? SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE HEARING AND WHAT WE'RE DOING TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROVISION OF SERVICES REALLY ALIGNS WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING. ICS HAS BEEN THE GATEWAY FOR REFUGEES AND YOU'LL HEAR ME TALK A BIT ABOUT REFUGEES BECAUSE THERE'S SPECIALIZED WORK WE DO THERE AND WE WORK WITH IMMIGRANTS AS WELL SO WE'RE REALLY THAT GATEWAY FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS INTO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES.

THIS YEAR SO FAR WE'VE SERVED 1,700 AND WELCOMED 1,700 NEW REFUGEES INTO OUR PRIMARY CARE CLINIC TO NEWER THAT THEY RECEIVE THEIR INITIAL HEALTH SCREENING. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL SEE AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 10% OF NEW REFUGEES AND ASYLEES THIS NEW CALENDAR YEAR AND WE'RE WELCOMING THEM, AS WELL. PART OF OUR WORK IS TO PROVIDE THE INITIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENING TO NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES AND ASYLEES SO THEY RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND LANGUAGE THEY NEED IN OUR SYSTEM. WE COORDINATE WITH OTHER ENTITIES, WE'RE SEEING REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS MOVE BEYOND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AREA AND WE WANT TO HELP THEM GET ACCLIMATED TO THE COMMUNITY AND CONNECTED TO A MEDICAL HOME. WE'VE HIRED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT IDENTIFY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SO

THEY HAVE THE LIVED EXPERIENCE AND ALSO, THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE BEYOND OUR PRIMARY CARE CLINIC WALLS. WE ALSO PROVIDE CONSULTATION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLEES. WE'RE ALSO WORKING IN COLLABORATION ACROSS THE SYSTEM SO WITH ICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR IS LOOKING AT THE MATERNAL CHILD MEDICAL HOME AND WE STARTED THAT TO FOCUS ON THE LATINA COMMUNITY.

Tahsa Delancy: WE'VE ALSO STARTED THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE REFUGEE PROGRAM TO REALLY LOOK AT THEIR SCOPE AND HOW THEY ALIGN THEIR SCOPE WITH THE WORK THAT'S HAPPENING, THAT'S PRETTY PROGRESSIVE IN OTHER STATES. SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD SO FAR SURROUND THE STATEWIDE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, POTENTIALLY LOOKING AT FINDING A STATE REFUGEE MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO OTHER STATES. AND ADVANCING AN INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT MODEL FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS SO THEIR NEEDS ARE MET. ALLOCATING MORE FUNDS TO ENSURE REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS CAN RECEIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY ARE SERVED. AND ENSURING TIMELY ACCESS AND ENROLLMENT WITH INSURANCE AND CCOS SO THAT THE LAG TIME DEFINITELY DECREASES. THIS IS SOME OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING TO ENSURE OUR SERVICES ALIGN WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND I'M SO EXCITED AND HAPPY ABOUT THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND KNOW THAT OUR SERVICES REFLECT THAT, AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT THANK YOU. THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING TO TESTIFY. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: WE HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [READING NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?

Zoe Flanagan: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND THE REST OF THE COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS RESOLUTION AND FOR DOING ALL THE WONDERFUL WORK YOU'RE DOING. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. I'LL SAY WHO I AM, I APOLOGIZE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE PORTLAND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION, A VOLUNTEER AND A GRADUATE STUDENT AT PSU, NPP PROGRAM, MASTER'S IN PUBLIC POLICY, SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICY WHICH HAS BECOME FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN I EVER THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE. BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY IS A REAFFIRMATION IN A SENSE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE A LOT, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN A VERY PROGRESSIVE AREA IN TERMS OF POLICY FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. BEFORE

THE ELECTION WE WORKED VERY HARD WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SO THAT THEY COULD SIGN A LETTER SAYING THAT THEY WOULD NOT HONOR ICE HOLDS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT POLITICALLY DRIVEN. THE SHERIFF WAS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION AND STILL CAME OUT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT HONOR THESE. WE ARE ALREADY A PROGRESSIVE TOWN, WE ARE ALREADY A PROGRESSIVE COUNTY AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SYMBOLIC GESTURE THAT YOU ARE HAVING TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO URGE FURTHER ACTION AND FURTHER COLLABORATION, SPECIFICALLY WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COALITIONS LIKE IT -- THE PERC. AS A PROGRESSIVE COUNTY, IT'S VITAL TO OUR SUCCESS TO NOT MESS THIS UP. TO REALLY DO THIS WELL. WE HAVE ALL THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS. WE HAVE THE RIGHT INTENTIONS, THE RIGHT HISTORY, THE RIGHT POPULATION, THE POPULATION THAT WE'VE SEEN THAT ARE AFFECTED ARE POWERFUL, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR CENTURIES. THIS IS NOT NEW TO -- NEW TO THEM. THIS IS NEW TO SOME OF US WHO HAVE NOT HAD TO DEAL WITH THIS TERRIFYING NEW STATE THAT WE LIVE IN AND I HOPE THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COME TOGETHER AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR AFFIRMATION AND JUST URGE FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION AND FURTHER POLICIES THAT ARE NOT JUST WORDS, BUT HAVE STRONG PROTECTIONS BUILT IN. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Romero Sosa: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROMERO SOSA. I BASICALLY REPRESENT ABOUT 300 DAY LABORERS WHO LOOK FOR WORK ON A DAILY BASIS ON THE STREET AND WE HAVE A WORK CENTER AND ALSO I AM PART OF THE RIGHTS COALITION, WE WORK ON ENDING THE UNJUST IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AND TO MAKE POLICIES THAT WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY. TODAY, I'M REALLY PROUD ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION AND LIKE I MENTIONED YESTERDAY, IT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT FOR OUR POPULATION WHERE I WORK BECAUSE WE WORK IN THE PAST YEARS TO STOP DEPORTATION. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL TO STOP FUTURE DEPORTATION AND FOR US IT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT AND VERY SIGNIFICANT TO MOVE FORWARD. ESSENTIALLY FOR US IT'S NOT ONLY A SYMBOLIC THING, ESSENTIALLY FOR US IT'S TO KEEP A CLEAR LINE BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND IMMIGRATION CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT AND THE DECLARATION TODAY FOR ME IS TO REAFFIRM THAT AFTER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION -- TO CONTINUE NOT TO HONOR ICE HOLDS AND TO USE THE RESOURCES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS, IT'S A VERY BIG THING FOR US. AND SO OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT GOING TO BE IN FEAR TO USE THE SERVICES TO COME TO THE LIBRARY AND TO GET HEALTHCARE. SO WHAT I'M SAYING TODAY, JUST I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER LORETTA AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.



Andrea Williams: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE SANCTUARY RESOLUTION. I'M ANDREA WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAUSA. WE HAVE WORKED FOR OVER 20 YEARS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF LATINO IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE'VE BEEN A KEY ADVOCATE IN OREGON FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM, DACA, TUITION EQUITY AND DRIVER'S LICENSES. TODAY'S RESOLUTION IS VERY CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON INITIATIVES LIKE THIS FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE FUTURE. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORTS TO BRING THIS BEFORE THE COMMISSION TODAY.

IT'S NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIVES OUT ITS VALUES OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION BY TAKING ACTION TO SUPPORT ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN PARTICULAR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. SO MANY FAMILIES THAT CAUSA WORKS WITH ARE LIVING IN FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY. PRESIDENT ELECT TRUMP HAS PROMISED TO END DACA AND DEPORT TWO TO 3 MILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVE SET DOWN ROOTS, HAVE FAMILIES AND WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE UNITED STATES. AND WE REALLY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO TAKE TRUMP AND THE PEOPLE HE'S APPOINTING FOR THEIR WORD. DESPITE THE HARMFUL IDEAS THAT THE NEXT PRESIDENT WILL IMPLEMENT, WE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN AND MUST ACT ON A DIFFERENT VISION FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL WHAT THE PRESIDENT DOES. BUT WE CAN CONTROL WHAT OUR COUNTY DOES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY, RESPECT AND SAFETY FOR ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS. AS MANY HAVE ALREADY SAID, THE STAKES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH AND WHAT WE DO IN THIS COUNTY CAN SET THE PACE FOR THE REST OF THE STATE IN OREGON. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN OREGON. WE'RE ALSO HOME TO THE LARGEST DACA RECIPIENT POPULATION IN OREGON. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND AN OPPORTUNITY OF SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THE STATE ON POLICIES THAT INTEGRATE AND INCLUDE IMMIGRANTS.

AS MANY HAVE ALREADY SAID I SEE THIS RESOLUTION AS AN AFFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY'S VALUES AND ONE STEP OUT OF MANY THAT WE NEED TO CREATE A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNTY FOR ALL AND I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER CAUSA AND MYSELF AS A RESOURCE AND A FELLOW COLLABORATOR TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES THE COUNTY CAN IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERYONE ARE PROTECTED AND NAME GRANTS CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR BASIC SERVICES AND BASIC NEEDS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A COALITION OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY SUCH POLICIES. SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES INCLUDE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL I.D.'S FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND FUNDING ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THESE ARE JUST TWO PRIORITIES OF MANY THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED AND EXAMPLES OF

WHAT OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE ACROSS THE NATION, INCLUDING JUST RECENTLY L.A. IS PROVIDING \$10 MILLION FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR DEPORTATION CASES. SO WE WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU ON THESE IDEAS AND DISCUSS THESE FURTHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING FOR YOU AND THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Peter Parks: HI, MY NAME IS PETER PARKS, I WORK WITH WORKERS RIGHTS EDUCATION PROJECT. THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS RESOLUTION. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING REALLY NEW TO SAY EXCEPT THAT WORKING WITH VOS, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO SEE IMMIGRANTS IN THIS COUNTRY AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS A RETIRED UNION MEMBER, I SEE WHAT VOZ DOES IS DOING UNION WORK AND ASSURING THAT THEY GET SERVICES AND WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING TO DO FOR THESE WORKERS AND OTHERS IN THE AREA IS VERY IMPORTANT SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Board Clerk: [READING NAMES]

Lore Wintergreen: SHOULD I START? I'M WITH THE EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN. AND I DON'T NEED TO DO BACKGROUND, I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD. WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU IN INSTITUTIONALIZING IT. THE COUNTY HAS ADOPTED THE EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN AND SUPPORTED IT NOW FOR 7 YEARS. WHAT WE DO IS PROVIDE GUIDANCE. WE WORK WITH THE EAST PORTLAND COMMUNITY, WHICH IS EAST OF I-205 TO GRESHAM, CLACKAMAS TO THE RIVER, AND THAT COMMUNITY HAS ASSESSED THAT AN IMPORTANT ROLE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN TAKE IS TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. AND OUR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MADE THAT A STRATEGIC PRIORITY THAT IS A COMMITTEE OF RACE, ETHNIC AND LANGUAGE SPECIFIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THEY DECIDED THAT THIS WAS VERY ESSENTIAL TO THEIR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEIR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH IS BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL. AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AFFECT ALL THOSE ELEMENTS. WHAT WAS INTERESTING IS PEOPLE HAD SUCH HIGH REGARD FOR THAT PROGRAM THAT YOU HAVE INSTITUTED AND INSTITUTIONALIZED AND SUPPORTED FOR SO MANY YEARS, BUT AS WE SAT AT THE TABLE WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MANY DID NOT KNOW THE PROGRAM EXISTED AND WHEN THEY FOUND OUT WERE DESPERATELY WANTING TO BE TRAINED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SO WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM THE BURMESE LANGUAGE COMMUNITY, ARABIC, RUSSIAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY, SWAHILI COMMUNITY, ALL ASTOUNDED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM COULD EXIST AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH IMPORTANT TRAINING AND INFORMATION AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER EXPANSION OF THAT AND TO LOOK TO THE EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN TO SUPPORT YOU IN SEEKING PERHAPS BROADER FUNDS FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. GOOD LUCK. TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS A PROGRAM THAT DOES REACH THE IMMIGRANT REFUGEE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH WE ARE SO CONCERNED IN TERMS OF YOUR RESOLUTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO NEXT? JOE?

Joe Walsh: FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE SUPPORT THIS, OBVIOUSLY. I MEAN, THIS IS A NO BRAINER FOR US. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE CONCERNS THAT THIS IS A PAPER TIGER. WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THAT. THIS GUY HAS ALREADY THREATENED TO WITHHOLD YOUR TAX MONEY. THAT'S WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO. HE'S GOING TO WITHHOLD TAX MONEY FROM THE CITIES, FROM THE COUNTY, FROM THE STATE. AND ARE YOU WILLING TO STAND UP AND SAY OKAY? WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT! OR WE GO TO COURT AND WE BATTLE? AND WE FIGHT? THE ACTIVIST COMMUNITY WILL STAND AND PROTECT THIS BUILDING IF WE HAVE TO AGAINST THE FEDERAL MARSHALS. WE WILL. IT SOUNDS CRAZY. BUT IT'S NOT. THIS IS A POLITICAL TSUNAMI THAT'S COMING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AND MARCH. BY THE END OF MARCH WE WILL ALL BE HERE IN TEARS BECAUSE A LOT OF STUFF IS GOING BY. BYE! WE ARE TERRIFIED THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL BUCKLE. WE ARE TESTIFIED THAT THE CITY WILL BUCKLE. WE ARE TERRIFIED THAT YOU WILL BUCKLE. GETTING ARRESTED IS NOTHING NEW FOR ME. THEY KNOW ME BY MY FIRST NAME AT THE JUSTICE CENTER SO IT'S NOTHING NEW. SO WE'LL FIGHT, BUT WE WANT YOU ALONGSIDE OF US. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BUCKLE. THIS GUY IS INSANE. AND I MEAN THAT. YOU CANNOT EXAGGERATE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A LONG TIME. I AM TERRIFIED. TERRIFIED! SO STAND WITH US, THAT'S WHAT I WANT. DO NOT BUCKLE WHEN IT GETS ROUGH. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Linda Castillo: WOW, TO FOLLOW THAT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. GRAB MY NOTES HERE. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. I PREVIOUSLY HAD THE HONOR TO WORK AT THE COUNTY HERE FOR 17 YEARS, BUT I'M CURRENTLY CO-LEADING WORK AT THE CITY NOW, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AT THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT IN THE NEW PORTLANDERS PROGRAM WITH MY COPARTNER IN CRIME AND THERE WE ARE FOCUSING ON CHANGING POLICIES AT THE CITY BUREAUS AS THEY AFFECT THE INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, IT'S VERY BEAUTIFUL WORK AND THERE WE SERVE ABOUT 70 ETHNIC STREAMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE HALF OF OUR FAMILIES SPEAK SPANISH AND OTHER PORTIONS OF OUR FAMILIES SPEAK 20 PLUS

DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS. IN JANUARY, WE'LL LAUNCH OUR FIRST IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMISSION AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT, BRINGING THOSE FAMILIES TO THE TABLE, TO GUIDE US IN TERMS OF CHANGES AT THE CITY. AND WE KNOW AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR FAMILIES CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE ECONOMY AND VIBRANCY OF THIS REGION AS WE KNOW YOU DO AS WELL SO YOUR RESOLUTION LETS OUR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES KNOW THAT THE COUNTY CARES ABOUT THEM AND THEIR SAFETY AND WELLBEING AND PROTECTION. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THEM, FOR THEM TO FEEL WELCOME, TO FEEL NEEDED, TO FEEL VALUED, THAT THE EFFORTS AND THE INVESTMENTS THEY'VE MADE IN THIS COUNTY ARE IMPORTANT. THIS MEANS SO MUCH TO THE DACA AND THE DAPA FAMILIES AS WELL WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO DEPORTATION AND MANY OF THE COMMUNITY TO ILLEGAL REPATRIATION.

Linda Castillo: RACISM AND MICROAGGRESSIONS AND TO OUR MUSLIM AND ARABIC FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED UPTICKS IN THIS HARASSMENT AND RACISM AND HATE CRIME. THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT OF REGISTRY AND BEING REMOVED FROM OUR COUNTRY, AS WELL. SO I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THIS. WE RECOGNIZE THIS RESOLUTION MAY PUT US ON THE NATIONAL RADAR FOR THE POTENTIAL THREATS OF FINANCIAL DIVESTMENT. IF JURISDICTIONS STAND AS A SANCTUARY CITY OR A COUNTY OR A COMMUNITY SO I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE, BUT YOU MUST STAND TOGETHER FOR OUR VALUES. THAT IS SO IMPORTANT, THAT'S ALL WE HAVE. OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR FELLOW RESIDENTS ALSO VALUE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. THIS NEW RESOLUTION -- AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE WAYS WE CAN COLLABORATE TOGETHER, IMPORTANT WAYS THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION IN A WAY THAT ACTUALLY THEN TRICKLES DOWN TO PARTICULAR ACTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AS WE THINK ABOUT A BROADER CONCRETE SANCTUARY ACTION. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR COURAGE TO SAY NO TO HATE ON BEHALF OF OUR VULNERABLE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND AS WE SAY IN SPANISH, MIL GRACIAS, A THOUSAND THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Holden Leung: GOOD MORNING, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN HEALTH AND SERVICE CENTER. THANKS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED TODAY. I COME HERE AS AN IMMIGRANT. SO I WILL USE THE IMMIGRANT'S PERSPECTIVE TO APPROACH THE COUNTY FOR THESE ACTIONS. I CAME HERE 20 SOMETHING YEARS AGO AS AN IMMIGRANT AND, OF COURSE, LIKE MANY IMMIGRANTS I HAD MY DREAM AND I GREW TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTY OVER THE LAST 20 SOMETHING YEARS AS A SERVICE PROVIDER IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE LAST CENSUS, LAST CENSUS 2010, THERE ARE

47% INCREASE OF ASIANS COMING TO THE STATE OF OREGON AND THEN ONE THIRD OF THOSE IMMIGRANTS, ASIAN IMMIGRANTS CALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOME. SO I APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO SUPPORT EVERYONE. PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW THEIR DREAMS LIKE ME, TO GROW TOGETHER, AND THEN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. WITH THE NEW ELECTED PRESIDENT, THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE IS A LITTLE BIT SCARY. WE STILL ARE POSITIVE BECAUSE LIKE IMMIGRANTS OR REFUGEES WHO LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES, A LOT OF THEM MAY HAVE SOME TRAUMA. THEY MAY HAVE DREAMS BUT THEY ARE REALLY DEDICATED TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR HIGHEST GOALS. SO I APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR TAKING THIS LEADERSHIP TO DECLARE THE COUNTY AS A SANCTUARY, BECAUSE I HAD A CONFERENCE TWO WEEKS AGO IN TORONTO MEETING WITH OTHER PROVIDERS, NATIONALLY SERVING IN CANADA AND AMERICA AND I HAD QUESTIONS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER. THEY ASKED ME ARE YOU PLANNING TO MIGRATE TO CANADA? SO I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THEM, BUT I THINK WITH TODAY'S DECLARATIONS I CAN SEND THEM A COPY. THANK THE LEADERSHIP TO MAKE THIS COUNTY A HOME FOR EVERYBODY, FOR PEOPLE WHO REALLY WORK HARD, WHO REALLY LIKE HAVE THEIR DREAMS AND PASS THEIR DREAMS ON. AND ON BEHALF OF MY AGENCY AND ALSO MY 12,000 MEMBERS, I APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP COUNTY CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO ALLOW US TO MAKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY OUR HOME. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READING NAMES]

Dara Snider: GOOD MORNING, I'M A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER, BUT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT SO I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS -- CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M DARA SNIDER, A SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE GREATER YWCA OF PORTLAND. WE'RE A FAR REACHING PROGRAM WORKING IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO ELIMINATE RACISM, EMPOWER WOMEN AND PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DIGNITY FOR ALL. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE 8,000 PEOPLE WE SERVE ANNUALLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALONE. WE TAKE MANY APPROACHES TO THE WORK OF KEEPING ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS SECURE FROM HARM, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS OR DOCUMENTATION. WE PROVIDE TRAININGS THAT EXAMINE THE WAYS IN WHICH WE HOLD BIASES TOWARDS WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR AND OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE FOREIGN BORN. WE DO LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY WORK AND ARE MEMBERS OF NUMEROUS COALITIONS TO ENSURE OUR POLICIES MATCH OUR VALUES OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND ENSURE THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED BY OTHER PEOPLE'S DECISIONS ON THEIR LIVES AND FAMILIES ARE BEING HEARD SOME -- AND INFORM OUR STRATEGY. DESPITE THE NONPARTISAN NATURE OF OUR WORK, OFTEN THE CONVERSATION AROUND RACE CAN BE DEEMED AS PARTISAN. NO MATTER HOW RESIDENTS VOTED IN NOVEMBER, WE ARE ALL AFFECTED BY THE RHETORIC THAT HIT AN ASTRONOMICAL RATE THIS ELECTION. THE

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER INDICATES THAT SINCE THE ELECTION, OVER 1,000 HATE CRIMES HAVE BEEN REPORTED NATIONALLY, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE ANTI-IMMIGRANT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AT THIS TIME, STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND CENTERS RECOMMIT THEMSELVES TO PROVIDING SAFETY AMONGST THESE COMMUNITIES THAT AT THIS TIME ARE FEELING EXTREMELY VULNERABLE AND UNWELCOME. I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS RESOLUTION. AT THE YWCA, BOTH STAFF AND CLIENTS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED AND LIVING IN FEAR DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF THESE RACIST EVENTS AND NARRATIVES. IMAGINE LIVING IN TERROR THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL ARRIVE HOME TO AN EMPTY HOUSE BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN DETAINED, THAT YOUR FAMILY CAN NO LONGER ACCESS FOOD, SHELTER OR MEDICAL CARE SAFELY, THAT SCHOOL IS NO LONGER A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN, OR REMAINING IN OR RETURNING TO A VIOLENT RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE YOU DOUBT THAT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES KEEPING YOU SAFE ARE STILL AVAILABLE OR SAFE FOR YOU. I PERSONALLY HOLD HALF OF THE IDENTITIES THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE TARGETED IN THIS CURRENT AGE AND CAN ATTEST TO THE REALITY OF THESE FEARS AND THE URGENCY OF PASSING THIS RESOLUTION. CONSIDER THAT IN PORTLAND, 1 IN 5 PEOPLE ARE FOREIGN BORN. GIVEN ALL OF THIS, THE YWCA FULLY SUPPORTS THIS RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY AND REMAINS RESOLUTE THAT IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES THE VERY LEAST WE CAN DO IS ASSURE ACCESS FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US, A COUNTY DEDICATED TO BEING A PLACE WHERE WE CAN ALL THRIVE AND BE STRONGER TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, AND WE HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER SOON. GOOD MORNING.

Robert Gordon: ROBERT GORDON AND JUST HEARD ABOUT THIS LAST NIGHT. SO I THOUGHT WELL SEE IF I CAN COME DOWN HERE AND EXPRESS AN OPINION. I THINK IT SENDS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE ILLEGAL, WHICH MEANS EVERYBODY THAT'S FROM OUT OF THIS COUNTRY SAYS HERE'S A PLACE WE CAN GO SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE TRAVELING FROM WHATEVER STATES THROUGH WHATEVER OTHER STATES TO GET HERE WHICH MEANS THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF MORE CRIMINAL ACTION BEING COMMITTED IN OTHER STATES BEFORE THEY GET HERE. WE HAVE A VAGRANT PROBLEM HERE CURRENTLY. CAMPS DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER CRIMES AND WE HAVEN'T SOLVED THIS. THERE'S A LOT OF REGULATIONS THAT ARE BEING BROKEN THERE, WHY AREN'T THOSE BEING ENFORCED? THE SHERIFF THAT WAS HERE SAID HE HAS NO BUSINESS IN FEDERAL LAW AND WON'T BE ENFORCING ANY ICE HOLDS. WELL DOES THAT MEAN IF SOMEONE IS GOING 45 MILES PER HOUR IN A SCHOOL ZONE, HE'S NOT GOING TO ENFORCE THAT? BECAUSE THAT'S CITY OF PORTLAND, NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOU NEED TO ENFORCE THE LAWS. AND NOT ONLY ENFORCE THEM, YOU NEED TO

RESPECT THE LAWS. I HEARD YOU SAY EQUITY MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. YOU NEED TO HAVE A SPECIFIC, SPECIFIC MEANING FOR IT. I HEAR THIS TALK ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND RESIDENTS. IF YOU'RE AN IMMIGRANT, YOU'RE HERE LEGALLY. WELL, THERE WAS THE FIRST NATIONS THAT WERE HERE BEFORE ALL OF US AND HOW THEY GOT HERE THAT'S ANOTHER STORY TOO, BUT IF YOU'RE AN IMMIGRANT OR RESIDENT, THAT MEANS YOU'RE HERE LEGALLY. AND THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A RESIDENT OR, YOU KNOW, YOU GOT HERE LEGALLY. THIS SENDS A MESSAGE TO EVERYBODY THAT WENT THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS OF REAL IMMIGRATION THAT YOU'RE A STUPID FOOL, IT'S LIKE WHATEVER YOU DID, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT, LOOK AT ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE. THEY DON'T HAVE TO RESPECT THE LAWS. WHY DID YOU? THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Jackie Mercer: GOOD MORNING. VERY HONORED TO BE HERE AND I THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING. AND I THINK IT'S A TESTAMENT TO YOU ALL THAT PEOPLE WERE HERE AND CAN EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS, THEIR FEARS, THEIR FEELINGS, FROM WHATEVER PERSPECTIVE THEY HAVE BECAUSE YOU'VE ALWAYS SHOWN PEOPLE HONOR AND RESPECT AND SO YOU GET THAT BACK AND I'M VERY TOUCHED BY THAT. I THINK PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN VERY ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE NEEDS, ABOUT THE FEARS, I KNOW THAT THE FEARS CAN BE FED ON AND PEOPLE CAN BECOME EVEN MORE FRIGHTENED AS THINGS PROGRESS AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN 20 OR SO YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE AND WORKING WITH THE COUNTY -- I FORGOT TO SAY I'M JACKIE MERCER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE SO I'M A LITTLE RUSTY. BUT ANYWAY, I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT I CAN'T REALLY ADD TO THE NEED, BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS I JUST REALLY AM GRATEFUL AND I HAVE SO MUCH RESPECT FOR EACH OF YOU FOR THE COURAGE, FOR YOUR HONOR AND YOUR DIGNITY IN TAKING CARE OF HUMAN BEINGS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, FROM WHEREVER THEY ARE AND HAVING THE COURAGE TO STAND UP AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT AND I WANT TO JUST SAY ALSO THAT NARA STANDS WITH YOU AND WE STAND WITH EACH OF THE PEOPLE HERE AND WITH THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT EVERYBODY REPRESENTS. AND SO WE ARE ALSO DOING THIS LITTLE THING AT OUR NEW YEAR'S POWWOW, A TWO-HOUR PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND HEALING AND SO I INVITE EACH AND EVERY PERSON HERE TO COME AND SPEND THAT TIME WITH US, 2:00 AT THE CONVENTION CENTER AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PRAYERS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, MANY FAITHS, MANY PEOPLE, AND EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO COME AND ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS EFFORT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR? THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND OR DOUBT THAT THE FEARS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TODAY IN THIS COUNCIL ROOM, ON THE TELEPHONE, IN E-MAILS, IN OUR COMMUNITY, THAT IT IS A DIRECT CORRELATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE UGLY, NASTY, DIVISIVE, RACIST RHETORIC THAT WE HEARD DURING THIS CAMPAIGN HAS CAUSED A LOT OF PAIN TO PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND FOR ME, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, OKAY? AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT EQUITY LOOKS LIKE. EQUITY LOOKS LIKE US OPENING OUR DOORS TO A WOMAN AND HER KIDS WHO NEED TO RUN AWAY FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HAVING OUR DOORS OPEN TO THEM. EQUITY LOOKS LIKE BEING ABLE TO USE OUR HEALTH CLINICS AND OUR DENTAL CLINICS IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS IS. THAT'S WHAT EQUITY LOOKS LIKE, EQUITY LOOKS LIKE MAKING SURE THAT OUR CHILDREN WHO USE OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND OTHER PROGRAMS THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THAT WITHOUT US REPORTING THEM TO IMMIGRATION. THAT'S WHAT EQUITY LOOKS LIKE. EQUITY LOOKS LIKE WHAT THIS BOARD LOOKS LIKE RIGHT HERE. AND SO FOR ME, I HAVEN'T HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP SINCE NOVEMBER 8TH. PEOPLE CALL ME, THEY E-MAIL ME ALL TIMES OF NIGHT ABOUT BEING AFRAID AND SO WHAT TODAY IS ABOUT, IT'S NOT JUST WORDS. THIS IS JUST NOT WORDS.

AND IT'S MORE THAN JUST BEING SYMBOLIC. SINCE 2012, WHEN WE DID THE JAIL HOLD ORDINANCE, THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED INTO THIS COMMUNITY WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. WE GET CAUGHT UP IN OUR OWN LITTLE BUBBLE AND WE THINK PEOPLE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT WE'RE DOING, BUT THEY'RE NOT AND SO THEY HAVE TO BE REMINDED EVERY NOW AND AGAIN, AND SAY LOOK, WE ARE A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT, WE ARE A PLACE THAT YOU CAN COME AND YOU CAN USE OUR SERVICES, IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK OR HUNGRY AND YOU NEED TO USE OUR CLINICS AND YES IF YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME SHELTER BECAUSE YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM A SITUATION THAT'S DANGEROUS, WE WILL NOT REPORT YOU. THAT'S WHAT EQUITY LOOKS LIKE TO ME. SO I'M GOING TO URGE ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES UP HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND I DON'T THINK ME AND THE CHAIR THOUGHT TWICE, WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE BACKLASH OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. IT PROBABLY DAWNED ON US THIS MORNING THAT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE SOME SORT OF IMPACT, BUT WE DIDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT THAT AS AN OPTION FOR US NOT TO DO THIS TODAY. SO I DO WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING. EVERYBODY FOR SPEAKING UP, IT'S REALLY HARD. WE ASKED FOR THIS JOB UP HERE. YOU ALL DIDN'T. IT TAKES COURAGE TO COME AND PUBLICLY EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS. NO MATTER WHAT SIDE OF THE AISLE YOU'RE ON OR WHICH SIDE OF THIS ISSUE YOU'RE



ON, IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE AND I THANK YOU AND YES, JOE, I WILL BE STANDING WITH THIS COMMUNITY NO MATTER WHAT. AND ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ME, THEY KNOW ONCE I GET ON SOMETHING, I'M NOT MOVING IF I SUPPORT IT. I'M WITH YOU. SO I GOT YOU.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

Commissioner Bailey: AMEN. [LAUGHTER] IT'S HARD TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE AFTER THAT. BUT I WOULD SIMPLY ADD THAT JOE YOU BRING UP A REALLY GOOD POINT. AND THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE ALREADY STARTED. THREE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WON'T BE HERE IN THE FUTURE AND OBVIOUSLY, IT WILL BE A DECISION THAT'S MADE BY THE FUTURE BOARDS, BUT THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE STARTED NOT JUST AT THE COUNTY, BUT BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT TIME. BUT YOU CAN'T THROW HUMAN BEINGS UNDER THE BUS JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THREATENED. AND I KNOW THAT I'LL BE BACK TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR STANDING STRONG ON THIS POLICY IN THE FACE OF WHATEVER THREATS MAY COME. AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND I GUESS I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, I HOPE THAT REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY SEE THIS AND COME HERE. AND I HOPE BECAUSE WE ARE A SANCTUARY, WE DO PROVIDE A SAFE PLACE, AND I THINK IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT.

Commissioner Shiprack: I SO MUCH AGREE WITH BOTH OF MY COLLEAGUES ON WHAT THEY'VE SAID SO FAR. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A SILVER LINING, WE MAY BE EXPERIENCING THAT RIGHT NOW. JACKIE I'M LOOKING AT YOU AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY TENURE HERE WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS YOUR SKEPTICISM AS I SELF-REPORT THAT I HAVE NO NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY AND THANK YOU FOR THAT SKEPTICISM. THAT'S A HUGE COMPLIMENT. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THANKFULLY, WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE NAME OF THE HOLIDAY WE VIEW AS THANKSGIVING THAT THE ORIGINAL NATIVES OF THIS COUNTRY WERE GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO HELP THE IMMIGRANTS SURVIVE THEIR FIRST WINTER. THE HOST ETHIC IS A PART OF THIS NATION, TO BE A HOST, TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED, TO HAVE EMPATHY, TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE, WE ARE ALL IMMIGRANTS HERE AND WE NEED TO RELY ON ONE ANOTHER FOR OUR SURVIVAL. AND SO TWO OTHER COMMENTS, ONE IS THAT FEAR REALLY IS SOMETHING THAT FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ON WHAT WE DON'T HAVE. AND I'VE EXPERIENCED SOME TURNOVERS, I DON'T THINK ANYONE AS DRAMATIC AS THIS ONE, BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT LIVING IN GRATITUDE REMINDS US THAT WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED GOOD THINGS IN THE PAST, EVEN WHEN WE DIDN'T EXPECT THEM AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE. AND JUST IN CASE THAT IS NOT THE CASE, I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THIS WONDERFUL BOOK BY

ALICE WALKER CALLED THE SECRET OF JOY AND HERE COMES THE SPOILER. RESISTANCE IS THE SECRET OF JOY. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND YEAH RESISTANCE IS THE SECRET OF JOY.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR THAT. THAT'S A GREAT MESSAGE. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED SO ELOQUENTLY ABOUT OUR VALUES HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY, ALL THE TESTIMONY HAS BEEN SO COMPELLING AND, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF -- THERE WAS TALK OF THE FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN. I THINK WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST HEART-BREAKING ASPECTS FOR ME IS THE CHILDREN AND THE STUDENTS THAT ARE FACING THESE FEARS. AND I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT SEVERAL OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EAST COUNTY WHO, AS WE KNOW, IS A VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY OUT IN EAST COUNTY HAVE PUT FORWARD STATEMENTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS THAT ARE THERE. I THINK TODAY ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE STRENGTH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR COLLECTIVE VOICES AND AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY SAID WE MIGHT NOT BE SITTING UP HERE AS COMMISSIONERS, BUT WE STILL HAVE VOICES AND THEY WILL BE HEARD. I THINK ALSO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK POINTED OUT THE HISTORY OF US ALL BEING IMMIGRANTS AND YOU KNOW, MY GRANDPARENTS IMMIGRATED FROM ITALY AND THEY WERE NOT PARTICULARLY WELCOME AT THE TIME THAT THEY CAME. SO YOU KNOW, THIS HAS GONE DOWN FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE THE RECIPIENTS OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THEIR NON-ACCEPTANCE AND SO WE NEED TO HONOR THAT AND TO SPEAK UP ABOUT THAT. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING TODAY AND FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE WITH US YOUR STORIES, YOUR FEARS, AND YOUR NEEDS AND YOUR IDEAS. OUR COUNTY SERVICES WORK BECAUSE OF YOU, BECAUSE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR TRUST. I TOO -- I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, I WAS WITH FAMILIES ON ELECTION NIGHT AS WE WERE CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC HOUSING BOND MEASURE THAT PASSED AND FAMILIES WERE TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR TEARS OF JOY QUICKLY TURNED TO TEARS OF SORROW AS THEY WERE FEARFUL FOR THEIR LIVES AND I DON'T PROFESS TO UNDERSTAND OR TO BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE THOSE EXPERIENCES, EXCEPT THAT I CAN SAY I AM STANDING WITH THEM. THIS BOARD HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMMITTED TO THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE COMMUNITY TRUST, SAFETY, AND STABILITY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS. EVERY INDIVIDUAL, EVERY CHILD AND EVERY FAMILY HAS A HOME HERE IN

MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IMMIGRANTS OF ALL NATIONS HAVE MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR HEALTH SYSTEM, OUR DIVERSITY AND EQUITY WORK AND THE OVERALL WELFARE OF OUR COUNTY. I AM DEDICATED TO DOING MY PART TO ENSURING THAT FAMILIES NOT ONLY STAY TOGETHER, BUT THRIVE AND LIVE WITHOUT FEAR. ACROSS OUR NATION, CITIES, COUNTIES AND COLLEGES ARE SPEAKING OUT IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AND OFFERING TO SERVE AS A SANCTUARY. WHEN WE USE THE LANGUAGE OF SANCTUARY, WE DO SO IN SOLIDARITY WITH THESE MOVEMENTS THAT HAVE SOUGHT AND CONTINUE TO SEEK EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE. FOR ME, IT'S LESS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE AND MORE ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHAT WE DO. WE NEED TO FIGHT AGAINST HATRED THAT AIMS TO TEAR US APART AND SET US AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND WE NEED TO PERSEVERE AGAINST VIOLENCE WHICH RUINS LIVES AND SCARS OUR FUTURE.

Chair Kafoury: AND ONLY TOGETHER CAN WE STAND UP AGAINST THESE FORCES. THE LANGUAGE THAT WE USE TODAY IS ONLY ONE PIECE OF THIS FIGHT. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK AND UNCERTAINTY AND CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T ALLAY EVERY FEAR AND WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT WE CAN AFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF OUR STAFF AND THE POLICIES OF THIS COUNTY WHICH ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY. WE WILL NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THAT. THE CONVERSATION DOESN'T STOP TODAY. IT JUST BEGINS HERE. TODAY'S STATEMENT, TODAY'S ACTION AS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP, BUT IT'S THE ACTIONS THAT FOLLOW THAT WILL TRULY SHOW OUR VALUES AND OUR COMMITMENT. WE WILL NOT BE CONTENT TO SIT BY AND LET THINGS HAPPEN. WE WANT TO WORK ALONGSIDE ALL OF YOU, OUR COMMUNITY, TO ENSURE THAT OUR WORST FEARS ARE NOT REALIZED. COMMISSIONER SMITH WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?

Commissioner Smith: YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. RESOLUTION DECLARING MULTNOMAH COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS ACROSS THE NATION, RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS HAVE CONTINUED TO SPUR AND BUILD A CLIMATE OF HATRED, BIGOTRY AND DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS MANY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS HOME TO INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT A MYRIAD OF RACES, ETHNICITIES, AND NATIONALITIES, INCLUDING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GROUPS HAVE EXPRESSED FEARS REGARDING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES, SUCH AS HEALTH CLINICS, LIBRARIES, HOMELESS SHELTERS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, AND PROGRAMMING. THE DETERIORATION OF TRUST IN ONE ASPECT OF GOVERNMENT JEOPARDIZES TRUST IN OTHER ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF OTHER COUNTY SERVICES. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES: THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES THE PUBLIC'S DEEP CONCERN REGARDING WHETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ACCESSING GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND SERVICES. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH ORS 181A.820. AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW IN REGARDS TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION DETAINERS. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEKS TO REAFFIRM AND DECLARE ITS COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND RESPECT FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY ENSURING AND AFFIRMING THEY ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE ACCESSING COUNTY RESOURCES AND SERVICES REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] [APPLAUSE] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

Chair Kafoury: AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE MORE BUSINESS TO DO. LINDA? THANK YOU.

**R.4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) 31691 with Oregon Department of Transportation for Funding of NE 238<sup>th</sup> Dr: NE Halsey St. to NE Glisan St. Project. Presenter: Riad Alharithi, Road Engineering Manager**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON.

Riad Alharithi: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RIAD ALHARITHI, ROADWAY ENGINEERING MANAGER.

Chair Kafoury: DO YOU WANT TO HOLD ON FOR A SECOND? IF PEOPLE COULD TAKE THEIR CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE, WE'RE STILL DOING OUR BUSINESS HERE, THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONTINUE.

Riad Alharithi; GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RIAD ALHARITHI, ROADWAY ENGINEERING MANAGER FOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE'RE REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODOT AND THE COUNTY. THE AGREEMENT IS TO REPLACE AN EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND ODOT. THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT IS TO SWITCH THE PROJECT TO CERTIFICATION PROJECT, WHICH MEANS THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO OWN THE CONTRACT WITH THE CONSULTANT AND THE CONTRACTORS, AND WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE CONTROL OF THE PROJECTS. ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS? BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, BUT BECAUSE THIS IS ABOUT 238TH AVENUE, WHICH IS IN A PRIORITY PROJECT, I'M VERY HAPPY TO

SEE THIS COMING FORWARD AT MY LAST MEETING. AND I SUPPORT THIS AGREEMENT, IT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO DO BETTER WORK AROUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE 238. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED.

Riad Alharithi: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR WAITING.

**R.5 Ordinance Amending County Land Use Code to Apply City of Portland Mass Shelters and Housing Zoning Code Amendments to the Urban Pockets and Declaring an Emergency. Presenter: Michael Cerbone, Planning Director**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.5.

Michael Cerbone: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS MICHAEL CERBONE, THE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE WITH ME PHIL FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND, HE'S A CITY PLANNER AND THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PROJECT. THIS IS PART OF AN IGA WE HAVE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO CEDE AUTHORITY FOR LAND USE PLANNING TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE CITY'S SERVICE AREA AND IT'S IN REFERENCE TO SHELTERING AND HOUSING AND IT IS PART OF WORK THAT THEY HAD INITIATED IN MARCH TO TRY TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO SITING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SHELTERING AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. IN THE INTERESTS OF BREVITY, I WILL LET YOU GUYS HAVE QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: THIS JUST APPLIES TO THE URBAN AREA?

Michael Cerbone: YES, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, JUST APPLIES TO THE URBAN POCKETS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE URBAN SERVICE AREA SO FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH, THAT WOULD BE WEST HAYDEN ISLAND, AND THEN COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL YOU HAVE THE LARGER AREAS OF THE URBAN POCKETS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND WHEN WILL THIS TAKE EFFECT?

Michael Cerbone: SO THIS WENT BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 2ND FOR THE HEARING AND THEY VOTED ON NOVEMBER 9TH SO IT ACTUALLY TOOK EFFECT DECEMBER 9TH.

Chair Kafoury: OH, GREAT.

Michael Cerbone: AND THEN YOUR ADOPTION WOULD TAKE EFFECT BASED ON THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU ADOPT IN THE URBAN POCKETS.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY.

Michael Cerbone: THANK YOU, CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY WAS THERE A -- YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP.

Wayne Lignis: I DID.

Chair Kafoury: WE DIDN'T GET IT.

Board Clerk: I'M SORRY.

Chair Kafoury: WE DON'T HAVE THE FORM.

Board Clerk: OKAY.

Wayne Lignis: I DIDN'T HAVE THE ITEM NUMBER AT THE TIME. OKAY. RECENTLY -- I'M WAYNE LIGNIS BY THE WAY, RECENTLY I REPORTED CITY TEAMS SENT A UNION -- FOR A ZONING CODE VIOLATION. ZONING CODE REQUIRES THAT THEY BE OPEN EIGHT HOURS A DAY BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. NONE OF THEM DO IT. FOR THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THEY SUCK UP, THEY PROVIDE 50 PLASTIC CHAIRS TO SERVE THE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN. THEY HAVE AN ADJACENT DAY ROOM THAT SITS COMPLETELY UNUSED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, IT'S ANOTHER THING TO FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE. AND THAT MAKES FOR A MISERABLE EXPERIENCE. BEFORE THE DAYS OF MAYOR HALES, PORTLAND GOT BY WITHOUT MUCH RELIANCE ON SHELTERS BECAUSE PEOPLE HAD FREEDOM OUTSIDE, TO DEVELOP TRUST WITH ONE ANOTHER AND GAIN THE SENSE OF CONFIDENCE. NOW, THESE THINGS MORE THAN JUST -- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT STAYING FED AND WARM. IT'S THESE THINGS THAT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MISERABLE EXPERIENCE OF ONE WHERE SOME KIND OF HAPPINESS IS ATTAINABLE, BUT WE'RE TRANSITIONING TO MORE OF A SHELTER BASED SYSTEM FOR VARIOUS REASONS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT BEING WITHOUT PROPERTY IS NOT A CRIME. AND SHELTERS

ARE NO SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, SHELTERS EQUATE TO CURFEWS FOR FULL GROWN ADULTS, LAY DOWN, SHUT UP AND WAIT TO GET KICKED OUT AT 6:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING. OUT OF RESPECT FOR THIS AND BUNKER HOUSES ON THE FREE RENTAL MARKET, I WANT TO POINT OUT THREE THINGS ABOUT THIS ZONING CODE POSTED. ONE IS THAT THERE'S A -- THERE'S A HUMONGOUS FLAW IN OUR ZONING CODE, IT MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN GROUP LIVING AND MASS SHELTER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Wayne Lignis: PER THE DOCUMENT THUS POSTED, THIS IS A DISTINCTION THAT ONLY AROSE IN THE EARLY '90S. IT'S AS IF WE'RE RESTRICTING THIS INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE USE OF CHARITY. SECONDLY, GROUP LIVING CODE REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 333-SQUARE-FOOT PER PERSON. I DON'T SEE NO REASON WHY THIS SHOULDN'T BE CUT IN HALF. WE HAVE 150 SQUARE FEET STUDIOS ON THE FREE RENTAL MARKET. NEW GROUP LIVING ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO 15 BEDS. I DON'T SEE WHY THEY SHOULD BE HELD TO ANY STANDARD OTHER THAN MISSIONS. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AND I COULD GO FURTHER INTO THAT, BUT WE'RE LIMITED ON TIME. BUT I DO HOPE THAT THESE AIM TO HELP THE HARBOR OF HOPE PROJECT GO THROUGH BECAUSE CENTRALIZATION GIVING PEOPLE A PLACE TO GO ARE PART OF POSITIVE THINGS. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO IN PORTLAND DURING THE DAY, BUT I CAUTION YOU. THIS COULD JUST WELL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT OF OPENING THE FLOODGATES FOR EVERYONE WITH GOOD INTENTIONS TO OPEN UP THEIR OWN LITTLE PRIVATE SMALL-SCALE SHELTER AND IT'S GOING TO FRAGMENT THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND HOMELESS ARE GOING TO BE DIVIDED AND CONFUSED ABOUT WHERE TO FIND RESOURCES. THIS IS KIND OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORTLAND RIGHT NOW.

AND SEATTLE SEEMS TO HAVE TRIED IT, WHEN I GO TO SEATTLE THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. I FIND A COUPLE OF GOOD WELL PUT TOGETHER SHELTERS THAT I CAN GET INTO, AND THEN I HAVE TO GO LIKE TWO MILES AWAY TO SOME SHELTER THAT I CAN GET INTO AND ONCE I MAKE IT PAST THE CRACK DEALER RUNNING AROUND THE BLOCK, I FIND IT'S MORE LIKE SQUATTING IN AN ABANDONED PROPERTY WHERE A FINGER SIZED ROACH BOPS OUT AND MOLD IS SO THICK YOU CAN'T BREATHE. SO CENTRALIZATION AND GIVING PEOPLE A LARGE-SCALE DAY ROOM IS A GOOD THING BUT FRAGMENTATION IS BAD. THIS ZONING CODE FAILS TO MAKE THE DISTINCTION IN ITS INTENT TO PRODUCE ONE OUTCOME VERSUS THE OTHER. IT'S JUST SHOOTING IN THE DARK. IT COULD GO EITHER WAY SO I'M SAYING SEND IT BACK. SEND IT BACK AND LET THEM REWRITE, THAT AND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN GROUP LIVING AND MASS SHELTER NEEDS TO BE RECONSIDERED.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY ABOUT THE CONFUSION, THANKS FOR COMING.

**R.6 Budget Modification DCJ-11-17 Appropriates \$101,410 to the Fed/State Fund through an Intergovernmental Agency (IGA) with Washington County, Oregon. Presenter: Kim Bernard, DCJ Research & Planning Manager**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Scott Taylor: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, SCOTT TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. JOINING ME IS RACHEL, ACTING CHIEF OF OUR RESEARCH AND PLANNING DIVISION. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE DASHBOARDS THAT GIVE ME THE ABILITY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR ORGANIZATION, ON A READY, ONGOING BASIS AND FOR THE REST OF MY ORGANIZATION TO BE ABLE TO PULL UP AND SEE. WE WERE RECENTLY TALKING TO OUR PEERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY BECAME VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE HAD DEVELOPED AND AFTER THEY DISCUSSED IT LOCALLY THEY CAME TO US AND ASKED US IF WE COULD DEVELOP A SIMILAR TEMPLATE FOR THEM. WE WORKED WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THEY ARE WISHING TO GIVE US THE FUNDS TO CREATE BOTH A PERSON AND THE ABILITY TO MOVE THE SAME TYPE OF -- SO THAT'S THE SHORT VERSION.

Chair Kafoury: DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? APPARENTLY, WE LIKE IT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.8 Recognition of Service of Commissioners Jules Bailey, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel. Sponsor: Chair Deborah Kafoury. Presenters: Chair Deborah Kafoury and Staff**

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. WHO'S GOING TO START OUR -- GREAT. ARE WE READY?

Board Clerk: IT'S NOT WORKING FOR ME.

Chair Kafoury: UH-OH. THE BIG REVEAL, COME ON. OH, WELL. LET'S MOVE ON. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Shiprack: : WE'RE NEVER GOING, MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS MEETING LAST INTERMINABLY.

Chair Kafoury: SURELY THERE'S A BACKUP SOMETHING AROUND SOMEWHERE.

Board Clerk: THERE IT GOES.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK THAT THEY'RE LEAVING RIGHT IN TIME BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS OBVIOUSLY FALLING APART. [LAUGHS]



>> I'M READY WHEREVER YOU ARE.

Chair Kafoury: BEFORE WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE VERY GRATEFUL PUBLIC, WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

Chair Kafoury: I'M GOING TO ASK PEOPLE TO COME UP AND GIVE THEIR COMMENTS, TO TESTIFY IF PEOPLE WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BUT BEFORE PEOPLE COME UP WE HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST ON THE LINE. KIND OF LIKE THAT SHOW "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" RIGHT? HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR US?

Jeff McKeel: YEP, I SURE CAN.

Chair Kafoury: YOU HAVE SOME COMMENTS THAT YOU WANTED TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE AUDIENCE AND SOMEONE SPECIAL?

Jeff McKeel: ABSOLUTELY. WELL, FIRST OFF, I'LL INTRODUCE I'M JEFF MCKEEL, I'M DIANE MCKEEL'S SON, HERE IN TEXAS WHERE IT'S 75 DEGREES. I WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF MY BROTHER, RYAN AND MY SISTER AMANDA, TO SAY JUST A FEW BRIEF THINGS ON BEHALF -- TOWARD MY MOTHER AND SEEK YOUR IN ACTUAL GENERALS FOR A MINUTE WHILE I DO THAT. I WANTED FIRST TO POINT OUT THAT -- FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF GROWING UP OUT IN EAST COUNTY, THAT MY MOTHER, WHO WAS A STAY AT HOME MOTHER FOR ALL OF US THREE KIDS GROWING UP, JUST DID THAT AS IS VERY, VERY DEDICATED, WITH A VERY QUIET DIGNITY. AND SO SHE RAISED US TO BE -- ALL OF US TO THINK OUTSIDE OF OURSELVES AND THINK SELFLESSLY AND TRY TO BE GOOD CHILDREN AND GOOD PEOPLE AND GOOD WITH EVERYONE ELSE THAT WE EVER CAME ACROSS IN OUR LIVES.

SO, WHEN SHE -- AS WE ALL GOT OLDER, WENT ON TO DO OTHER THINGS, IT DIDN'T SURPRISE ME THAT SHE WANTED TO HELP OTHERS THE WAY THAT SHE HELPED US. AND SO, WHEN SHE DECIDED TO RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AS SHE CARRIED OUT HER RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST BIT THAT SHE DID SO IN THE SAME WAY THAT SHE RAISED ALL OF US KIDS TO TRY TO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER. SHE DID THAT FOR THE PEOPLE OF EAST COUNTY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN GENERAL. I JUST WANTED TO PASS ALONG TO HER AND TO EVERYBODY THERE THAT WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF HER, AND THAT SHE'S EVERYTHING YOU WOULD WANT IN A PUBLIC SERVANT. GOD BLESS YOU, MOM, THANKS FOR EVERYBODY YOU'VE DONE. AND I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S TIME TODAY. GOD BLESS YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO, MOM. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE TIME. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING MY MOM HAS DONE,

THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE BOARD. APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I LOVE YOU. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU JEFF FOR MAKING US ALL CRY.

Jeff McKeel: IT'S A SKILL THAT IS HONED OVER THE YEARS. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, HONEY. TELL MY GRAND BABIES I LOVE THEM, TOO.

Jeff McKeel: I WILL DO. THEY'RE NAP NAPPING RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, FOLKS, TO COME UP AND GIVE YOUR APPRECIATION TO OUR COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR ALL OF US. ANYONE? FROM THE WAY, WAY BACK.

Jimmy Brown: I WOULD SAY GOOD MORNING BUT I DO BELIEVE WE ARE IN THE AFTERNOON. EXCUSE KNEE WHILE I CUE UP. GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD, AGAIN, MY NAME IS JIMMY BROWN AND I AM PLEASED TO SAY I AM STILL A STAFF MEMBER OF COMMISSIONER SMITH. [LAUGHTER] IN MY CAPACITY AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE IN DETAIL THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION BROUGHT FORWARD BY COMMISSIONERS MCKEEL, SHIPRACK AND BAILEY. I HAVE WATCHED YOU TOIL THROUGH BUDGET PROCESS THE PAST THREE YEARS WORKING TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRAM, SERVICES AND BUDGETS MATCH THE NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS STAND THE LOCAL BUSINESS ECONOMY. I'VE WATCHED YOU TAKE UNCOMFORTABLE POSITIONS BUT NECESSARY POSITIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BECAUSE THE NEEDS WERE THERE, THE COMMUNITY NEEDED YOUR VOICE TO SUPPORT WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT JUST WHAT IS EXPEDIENT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, WONDERFUL TO HEAR YOUR SON, I POINT OUT YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR ADVOCACY FOR OUR VETERANS' COMMUNITY. MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, BUT WHO LOST THE ATTENTION OF THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY. YOU BECAME THEIR VOICE AND THEIR CHAMPION. AND I POINT OUT YOUR SUPPORT TO CRIPPLE THE ABILITY OF TAN INDUSTRY THAT EXPLOITS OUR MOST MEMORABLE, MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, YOUNG WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN ROBBING THEM OF THEIR SAFETY, THEIR INNOCENCE ON THE BELIEF THAT NO ONE CARED. THEY WERE WRONG, YOU CARED. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I'VE WATCHED YOU OVER THE YEARS WORK ON BEHALF OF THOSE CAUGHT UP IN THE CLUTCHES OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT TREATED THEM IN MANNER THAT DEFIES EXPLANATION. WARS ON DRUGS, WARS ON POVERTY, FEAR MONGERING,

DEMONIZATION, LEFT THEM WITHOUT VOICE. THESE ARE THE DREGS OF SOCIETY. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE CAUSED US TO BE AFRAID. YOU HAVE PUSHED FORWARD WITH DISCUSSIONS AND CHALLENGES US AS I SAY, READ THE TEA LEAVES, ALSO KNOWN AS THE DATA. AND TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON WHAT THE DATA TELLS US NOT ALWAYS POPULAR, BUT ALWAYS NECESSARY. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, NEWEST COMMISSIONER HERE, ALTHOUGH I WAS IN RETIREMENT WHEN YOU CAME TO WORK WITH THIS AUGUST BODY, I ENJOY THE CONNECTION TO THE ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND YOUR FOCUS ON LIVABILITY AND INCLUSION THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD. YOUR PASSION AND STABILITY BROUGHT A STRONG SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THIS GROUP AND YOU WILL BE MISSED. IN CLOSING, BECAUSE I COULD GO ON AND ON AND ON, I MUST SAY THAT MY 40-PLUS YEAR IN PUBLIC SERVICE HAS BROUGHT A NUMBER OF REVELATIONS, THIS LAST ONE IS PROBABLY ONE OF MY MOST IMPORTANT. ELECTED OFFICIAL BRINGS MUCH TO THE TABLE AS THEY MOVE THROUGHOUT THE HALLS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. BUT THEY ARE FULLY ACTUALLIZED BECAUSE OF THEIR STAFF. AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO STAND UP. MATTHEW, MICHELLE, ADAM, MEAGAN, WALTER, HENRY, ERIC, SHAWN, KATE, ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE WORKED TREMENDOUS HOURS, I SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: DO WE STILL -- ARE THE WHY DON'T THEY COME OUT START GETTING READY, STEVE WILL TALK, WE'LL CUT TO THEM.

Steve March: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COMMISSIONERS AND FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS STEVE MARCH, COUNTY AUDITOR. EACH HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH -- PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH TWO OF YOU WHILE YOU WERE ELECTED COMMISSIONERS FOR NOW ALMOST SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS. I'VE KNOWN JEWELS AND HIS FAMILY FOR A LONG TIME, 1996 I THINK. BUT I'M ALWAYS AMAZED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS HERE AND HOW EACH OF YOU BRING SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO THE TABLE. BUT IT ALL FITS TOGETHER. YOU'VE HAD A DISCUSSION ON TOPICS THAT ARE DIVISIVE BUT HAVE COME OUT WITH REALLY POSITIVE RESULTS. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. I WISH YOU THE BEST IN THE FUTURE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. JUST CLARIFY ARE THEY COMING OUT NOW? THEY'RE GOING TO SET UP WHILE WE CONTINUE. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

Claudia Black: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION I'M CLAUDIA BLACK, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR I HAD NOT INTENDED TO SAY ANYTHING BUT I COULD NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS. IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE TO WORK FOR YOU TO REPRESENT YOU IN THE LEGISLATURE, YOU HAVE MADE MY JOB SO EASY BECAUSE OF THE VALUES THAT YOU ALL HAVE. AND THE DIFFERENT AREAS THAT EACH OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, JULES WAS THE LEVEE, THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT FOR A LONG

TIME. IT SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE YOU'VE PROVIDED GREAT GUIDANCE ON THAT. I SHOULD SAY COMMISSIONER BAILEY. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS CHANGED BECAUSE OF YOUR PASSION FOR IT AND YOU DO ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS. AND YOU CAN BE A TOUGH CUSTOMER AT TIMES, BUT IT'S VERY OF APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP OVER THE YEARS HAS REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE ON THAT. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, AGAIN, YOUR PASSION FOR VETS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, YOUR PASSION FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, THE YOUTH HAS CARRIED LONG AND FAR AND I JUST WANT TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU, HOW MUCH -- HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOU'VE MADE IT, EVEN THOUGH I LIVE IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY YOU'VE MADE IT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. I'M SO PROUD TO REPRESENT ALL OF YOU AND THANK YOU AND GODSPEED, AS A SAILOR I SAY, FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE] IS.

Lorie Stegmann: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONER ELECT FOR DISTRICT 4. I HADN'T PLANNED ON SPEAKING EITHER BUT I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT. I WANTED TO THANK EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE IT IS ON YOUR SHOULDERS THAT THE NEXT COMMISSION STANDS. I APPRECIATE THE WORK, I'VE BEEN AN INSURANCE AGENT, COMMISSIONER BAILEY, FLOODS, THAT'S IMPORTANT THING TO BE WARY OF. FOR PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHERHOOD IN OUR FAMILIES AND HOW IMPORTANT MEN ARE IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THAT LEADERSHIP ROLE. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I LOVE THE LEED PROGRAM AND YOUR STAND ON MAKING MORE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE AS OPPOSED TO A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. AND SO I HOPE TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS THERE AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, I REMEMBER COMMISSIONER MCKEEL BEING INVOLVED WITH OUR SORE OPTIMIST WHEN WE FIRST STARTED TALKING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SHE TOOK THAT AND RAN WITH IT JUST THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT SHE HAS HAD ON THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE. I AM SO PERSONALLY GRATEFUL FOR AND SO MUCH MORE AWARE AND EDUCATED ABOUT THE TRAVESTIES THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY. AND OF COURSE, HER CARING FOR OUR VETERANS, OF COURSE, WE HAVE TO HONOR OUR VETERANS. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR PASSING THE TORCH AND I HOPE I CAN DO HALF AS GOOD A JOB AS EACH ONE OF YOU HAS DONE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: SINCE OUR INVITED GUEST WILL HAVE TO LEAVE WE'LL LISTEN TO SOME MUSIC, FIRST COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WILL INTRODUCE THEM THEN HAVE COMMENTS FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH US TODAY, THEY'RE MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY. AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK WHEN WE WERE SCHEDULED TO HAVE THIS MEETING, SCHOOL WAS STILL IN SESSION. BUT TODAY, NO. SO THEY ARE TAKING TIME OFF OF THEIR BREAK TO

PERFORM FOR US AND IT HAS BECOME A REAL TREASURE TO HAVE THEM HERE EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING PERSONAL AT THIS POINT. THAT IS THAT MY OLDEST GRANDDAUGHTER TURNED 16 TODAY. AND SHE STARTED WITH PROGRAM IN PORTLAND CALLED, MUSIC TOGETHER. AND AS A 12-YEAR-OLD SHE WAS ACCEPTED TO THE PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM AT JULIARD. AND AS A 15-YEAR-OLD SHE WAS ACCEPTED TO STUDY WITH THE PEARLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM SO SHE IS A HAPPY PRODUCT OF MUSIC EDUCATION AND I'M SO VERY, VERY PROUD OF HER. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS REFLECTS ON EVERYONE MUCH THE YOUNG MUSICIANS HERE TODAY. I AM PROUD OF YOU. AND I WOULDN'T HEAR YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Raul: THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME WITHOUT A MICROPHONE. JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY SAY MY NAME IS RAUL I'M THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY. THIS IS OUR TOP STRING ENSEMBLE. THIS IS ONE OF OUR TEAMS. OUR TOP STRING ENSEMBLE. WE HAVE THREE SHORT PIECES FOR YOU. ONE FROM VENEZUELA. ONE FROM ARGENTINA. IT'S A TANGO. THEN WE FINISH WITH A HOLIDAY PIECE THAT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE. THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

[PERFORMANCE]

Raul: THE NEXT PIECE, THIS GROUP PERFORMED LAST NIGHT. TOTALLY DIFFERENT PROGRAM THAN THIS. THEY'RE GREAT. ONE OF THE SPECIAL GUESTS AT THE CONCERT WAS -- [INAUDIBLE] OUR LAST PIECE YOU'LL HEAR SPECIAL GUEST, SHE'S GOING TO PLAY THE PIANO BUT THE SLEIGH BELLS. WHEN YOU SEE KATE LIB GO UP YOU'LL KNOW. THERE IS A MOMENT IN THE SONG, EVERYBODY TO GIVE ONE CLAP WITH ME. I'LL DIRECT THAT. FOR THE TIME BEING, HERE IS THE TANGO. [APPLAUSE]

[PERFORMANCE]

Raul: FOR THIS NEXT PIECE. GO LIKE THIS. YOU CLAP. [ MUSIC ] [APPLAUSE]

Raul: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THAT WAS AMAZING. YOU ARE VERY INSPIRING AND WONDERFUL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING A DAY OUT OF YOUR VACATION TO COME PLAY FOR US. WE REALLY VERY MUCH ENJOYED IT. IT WAS A PERFECT SEND OFF FOR OUR OUT GOING COMMISSIONERS WHO, I KNOW, HAVE ENJOYED THE TIMES THAT YOU'VE ALL COME TO PERFORM FOR US BEFORE. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Raul: THANK YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT WAITING.

Chair Kafoury: NOW BEFORE WE GO TO HAVE LUNCH I WANTED TO OFFER OUR COMMISSIONERS A CHANCE TO SAY A FEW WORDS IF THEY WANTED. AND WHAT POLITICIAN DOESN'T WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS. SHALL WE START WITH YOU DISTRICT 1.

Commissioner Bailey: IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW A PERFORMANCE LIKE THAT. IT'S MEANINGFUL THAT THAT WAS A PERFORMANCE THAT WAS HERE ON MY LAST BOARD MEETING, THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, FOR GETTING THAT SET UP AND THANK YOU TO DIANA NOR ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP, IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT I WAS PART OF AT ONE TIME IN MY LIFE. ALTHOUGH I WAS NEVER GOOD ENOUGH TO BE PART OF A GROUP LIKE THAT. BUT IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A FRONT ROW SEAT FOR THAT TREAT, SO THANK YOU. I GUESS OVERWHELMINGLY I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO, BUT I WANT TO START WITH MY STAFF. WITH MEAGAN, HENRY, WALTER, CHRISTINE, WHO IS PART OF MY STAFF. WHO HAVE REALLY BEEN THE FORCE THAT HAS MADE ANYTHING THAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED IN OUR OFFICE POSSIBLE. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO SAY THANK TO YOU MEAGAN WHO HAS BEEN MY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MANY YEARS. AT THE LEGISLATURE NOW AT THE COUNTY. AND COMMISSIONER-ELECT YOU SAID WE STAND ON SHOULDERS.

THE SAYING WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS, MY STAFF ARE MY GIANTS AS SHORT AS WE ALL ARE. AND IT IS REALLY WITH GOOD STAFF THAT GOOD THINGS HAPPEN, SO, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES. THIS HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE BOARD TO BE PART OF. AND I HAVE A PHOTO OF ALL OF US TOGETHER THAT I HAVE FRAMED AND THAT I'M BRINGING TO MY NEW OFFICE SO IT CAN REMIND ME OF ALL OF YOU. I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM YOUR PASSIONS, AND FROM THE DEDICATION THAT EACH OF YOU BRING TO THIS JOB. SAY WANT TO SAY THANK TO YOU THE DEPARTMENTS FOR EVERY STAFF PERSON, EVERY FRONT LINE WORKER AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THIS IS A LAYER OF GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES PEOPLE IN A WAY THAT REALLY NO OTHER GOVERNMENT DOES. AND THAT HELPS PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE MOST IN NEED. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO COME TO WORK EVERY DAY WHO CAN PROBABLY MAKE MORE MONEY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHO CAN DO OTHER THINGS WITH THEIR TALENTS WHO COME HERE AND SACRIFICE AND WORK HARD TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY THAT'S GRATEFUL. AND THEN LASTLY AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY I WANT TO THANK MY CONSTITUENTS. WE DON'T SIT IN THESE CHAIRS BECAUSE THEIR OURS, WE SIT IN THESE CHAIRS BECAUSE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN US, ELECT US, TRUST US AND ASK US TO SERVE THEM. AND THEN WE MOVE ON FROM THESE CHAIRS AND HAND THEM OVER TO THE NEXT PERSON. AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I TAKE FOR GRANTED NOR SHOULD ANY OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED, ESPECIALLY NOW. AND SO TO THE PEOPLE THAT PUT THEIR FAITH IN ME, I HOPE THAT I LIVED UP TO THOSE EXPECTATIONS, AT LEAST ON SOME DAYS. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THIS CHANCE. SEE YOU ALL SOON. I'M NOT GOING AWAY. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Shiprack: WELL, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JULES, SAW A LITTLE FRIGHTENING THAT YOU STARTED OFF THANKING YOUR STAFF BECAUSE THE ONLY TIME THAT I FEEL THAT I MIGHT POSSIBLY LOSE IT IS THANK THANKING MY STAFF AND I HAVE JUST GROWN SO ATTACHED TO MICHELLE AND MATTHEW AND ADAM, WHO LEFT -- WELL, HE LEFT ANY WAY BEFORE -- AND KEITH, WHO ALSO LEFT. ALLISON, WHO WAS HERE EARLIER, I MEAN, THESE ARE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE SO INTENSE AND SO IMPORTANT AND, YOU GUYS, STOP IT, I'M JUST LIKE IN THAT LIGHT. I WANT TO ALSO MENTION THAT COMING IN TO THIS OFFICE WAS NOT AN EASY THING FOR ME TO ARRIVE HERE AT FIRST, TOOK A LOT OF WORK, LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HAD -- I'M LOOKING AT THAT TIME YOU BOB, BACK THERE.

THERE WERE A LOT -- I HAD A LOT OF FRIENDS WHO WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP ME, I FELT THAT I OWED THEM SOMETHING TO HAVE GOTTEN HERE AND I FEEL THAT IT DIDN'T HURT EITHER THAT WE STARTED OFF WITH BLESSINGS FROM PHILLIP. THERE WAS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THAT IN THAT VIDEO AND I DO FEEL VERY BLESSED. I WANT TO SAY THAT ANYTHING THAT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ASIAN HEALTH SERVICE CENTER, HIGH POINT OF MY SERVICE HERE. THE DAY THIS BOARD VOTED TO PLAN A NEW COURTHOUSE AND TO LEAVE THE OLD COURTHOUSE FOR ANOTHER DAY. THAT WAS A BIG DEAL. THAT WAS THE MOMENT THAT WE BROKE THE GRIDLOCK ON BUILDING A COURTHOUSE AND WE'RE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD. BEFORE THEN, GRETA RUBRIC'S CUBE IT BECAME A REAL PROJECT THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON. I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THAT FOR EVERY PUBLIC BUDGET HEAR CAN WE EVER HELD THAT WERE LIKE SOME OF THEM WEREN'T AS LONG AS THIS BOARD MEETING. ALL OF THAT WONDERFUL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR PROCESS, ALL OF THAT TRUE INSPIRATION FROM THE PEOPLE WHO USE OUR SERVICES, TO PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT WE DID.

EVERY HEARING THAT HAD TO DO WITH THE SUN SCHOOL PROGRAM. THE FACT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND, THAT WE WERE CHOSEN BY THE BASILON STUDY GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN SHAVER PORTLAND WHICH HAD TO DO WITH THE INTERFAITH BETWEEN MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE AND THE POLICE. THE FACT THAT WE WERE CHOSEN BY THE MCARTHUR TO BE PART OF THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE ALL OF THOSE WHAT WORKS CONFERENCES, ALL OF THESE PERFORMANCES BY THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY AND BRAVO WHICH BECAME JUST SORT OF A HAPPY -- THAT IS SEE'S CHOCOLATE NOT THE ONLY HAPPY HABIT. THAT REALLY, TRULY, I DO THINK THAT MUSIC IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO WORLD PIECE. I DO THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AND SOMEBODY NEEDS TO PUT THIS PAGE IN THEIR BOOK FOR THE FUTURE, TO ACTUALLY CONDUCT FILIBUSTER AT A COUNTY BOARD MEETING, BUT WE'LL LEAVE THAT FOR THE FUTURE AND JUST A LITTLE WARNING TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO, THANK YOU. THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS RUN,

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND I SIT DOWN EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE AND WE GO OVER THE LIST. COMMISSIONER -- CHAIR KAFOURY WHO STARTED OFF AS COMMISSIONER WITH US. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THAT LIST IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN MY MIND AS I CONTINUE TO BE A PROUD MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. THANKS VERY MUCH. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR THE MUSIC THAT IS OUR -- YOU'VE DONE THAT EIGHT YEARS FOR US, HAVEN'T YOU WITH THE MUSIC? MOST OF THOSE. BUT THANK YOU, IT'S ALWAYS A LOVELY, LOVELY WAY TO END THE BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, THE VIEWERS MY GOSH, YOU GUYS DO SUCH AMAZING WORK ON ALL THOSE. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU SO MUCH. FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY WHO MY HUSBAND, MIKE, IS HERE TODAY. I THINK ANY OF YOU THAT KNOW ME KNOW THAT MY FAMILY MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME. AND YOU HEARD MY SON, NOT GOING TO CRY. YOU HEARD MY SON, JEFF, AND ACTUALLY MY DAUGHTER AMANDA WAS HERE EARLIER, SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO WORK SO SHE HAD TO LEAVE THIS WAS OVER.

ALSO MY SON, RYAN, FLEW UP FROM SAN FRANCISCO LAST THURSDAY FOR THE BOARD MEETING THAT WAS CANCELLED. BECAUSE IT WAS CANCELLED KIND OF LATE HE DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADJUST HIS FLIGHT SCHEDULE TO REBOOK. HE AND MY SON-IN-LAW WILL BE HERE TONIGHT, THEY'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH US SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT AS WELL. ANYWAY, IT'S JUST BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AND SERVE ALONGSIDE OUR EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO ARE JUST THE BEST. AND TOGETHER WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SAID WE SORT OF GO OVER OUR EIGHT YEARS, SO THINKING BACK OVER THE EIGHT YEARS WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, WE'VE OPENED TWO NEW LIBRARY BRANCHES. ONE IN TROUT DALE AND ONE IN KENTON. WE ASKED THE VOTE TURNOVERS APPROVE A LIBRARY DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR OUR BELOVED LIBRARIES AND THEY STEPPED UP WITH THEIR APPROVAL.

WE COMPLETED THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHICH HAS BECOME A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ROCKWOOD. WE'VE MOVED SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FORWARD INCLUDING THE BRIDGE. THE CREATION AND ADOPTION OF THE EAST METRO CONNECTIONS PLAN WHICH IS IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR EAST COUNTY PROJECTS. THESE FROM LAST WEEK, I SAID YESTERDAY WE BROKE GROUND ON THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, BUT THAT WAS A WEEK AGO. AND WORK ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS UNDERWAY. YOU SAW IN THE VIDEO THE FOLKS OUT OF OUR OFFICE THAT HAVE BEEN OUR VETERANS AND OUR -- AND ENDING THE COMMERCIAL



SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. THOSE HAVE BEEN -- YOU SAW ALL THE PEOPLE THAT SPOKE, BOTH OF THOSE HAVE BEEN AMAZING COLLABORATIVES OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER DOING GRASS ROOTS WORK ON BOTH OF THOSE EFFORTS AND SITTING DOWN TOGETHER AND LOOKING FOR WHERE WE NEED TO GO NEXT. WE'VE ALSO STAYED FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN EAST COUNTY AS SAID, WE HAVE THE LARGEST INVENTORY OF DEVELOPABLE LAND IN THE COUNTY AND THROUGH OUR WORK ON THE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM HEADED BY BOBBY LEE, WE HAVE FOCUSED ON TWO LARGE INDUSTRIAL PIECES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE PORT OF PORTLAND. ONE IN TROUTDALE ONE IN GRESHAM. YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PROJECTS -- I FORGET WHAT IT'S CALLED NOW.

Commissioner McKeel: BUT GOING OUT ON THE PROPERTY. RUMORED TO BE AMAZON. BUT, ANYWAY, NOT ONLY HAVE WE BEEN FOCUSED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE LANDS WITH GOOD FAMILY JOBS BUT WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS TO HAVE THE TRAINED WORKFORCE READY FOR THOSE JOBS. AND WE'RE ALSO VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT -- WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE FORMATION OF THE THEME COLLABORATIVE THROUGH THEIR PARTNERSHIP THEY JUST BECAME THE -- HAVE RECEIVED DESIGNATION FOR EAST METRO THEME HUB AND ALL OF THAT WITH THANKS TO TARA WHEN SHE WAS WORKING IN MY OFFICE, BROUGHT THAT TOGETHER IN EAST COUNTY. CERTAINLY ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR US IS THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HALLSY. THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT PARTNERS IN EAST COUNTY AND IT'S WHERE OUR COUNTY CROPS RESIDES AND IT WILL STAY THERE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF APPRECIATE PRODUCE THAT GOES TO THE SNOW CAP FOOD BANK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY AMAZING STAFF, ERIC, SHAWN, KATE.

NOTHING GETS ACCOMPLISHED IN OUR OFFICE WITHOUT THEM. IT'S EASY FOR ME TO GET THE CREDIT, BUT WE KNOW WHO DOES THE WORK, REALLY. I JUST SO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU. AND MARY MARGARET IS HERE WHO WORKS IN MY OFFICE FOR AWHILE, TOO, THANK YOU, MARY MARGARET, APPRECIATE THAT. THEY ARE SUCH AMAZING PEOPLE. I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHERE ALL OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT THINGS AND I KNOW THAT. ERIC AND I DID A WALK DAY BEFORE ON THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE, THE LAST WALK IN MY WALKING SHOES, MY WEDNESDAY WALKING SHOES. I SAID TO HIM AS WE WERE GOING ACROSS I SAID, YOU KNOW, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO KIND OF HIT ME ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY AND I'M GOING TO WAKE UP AND SAY, I DON'T GET TO GO IN TODAY AND SEE ERIC AND SHAWN AND KATE. ANYWAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD. IT'S JUST BEEN COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND CHAIR COULD FOREPREAND I ALL CAME ON THE BOARD AT THE SAME TIME IN A VERY DIFFER CULT BUDGET TIME. WE WERE ABLE WITH OUR CHAIRS, TED WHEELER'S

LEADERSHIP AT THAT TIME TO WEATHER THIS STORM, YOU CAN SEE WE'VE EVENED OUT THE BUDGET AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN AND TO GROW WITH OUR BUDGET. SO COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO WORK WITH YOU VERY LONG BUT IT'S CERTAINLY BEEN A PLEASURE. ESPECIALLY AROUND BUDGET TIME, YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP AND ALSO YOUR ADVOCACY FOR THE UNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER THAT IS HUGE. I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE OPENING EARLY JANUARY, THAT'S GOING TO BE VERY, VERY BIG. COMMISSIONER SMITH, YOU AND YOUR ADVOCACY FOR OUR YOUTH WITH SUMMER WORKS AND OUR SENIOR CITIZENS, WHICH I APPRECIATE. AND ALL YOUR WORK AROUND MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO APPRECIATE THAT. CHAIR KAFOURY, YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE BRIDGE AND CARRYING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK YOUR WORK AROUND PUBLIC SAFETY WHICH YOU ARE RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR. SO I THINK THAT IS WONDERFUL AND AMAZING. IT'S BEEN SUCH A JOY SITTING NEXT TO YOU. I REALLY ENJOYED THAT. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AND MY CONSTITUENTS, TOO. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE DISTRICT 4 ON THIS BOARD AND REPRESENT THE CONSTITUENTS OF EAST PORTLAND, GRESHAM, WOOD VILLAGE, UNINCORPORATED, BONNEVILLE DAMN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner McKeel: NOW THE ROAST WE PREPARED? KIDDING. WHERE DO YOU BEGIN ON THIS. BUT I JUST WANT TO THANK ALLFUL YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DOING THIS JOB FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS, YOU ALL HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR EIGHT YEARS, WE'RE ELECTED OFFICIALS PRIOR TO THIS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS ALL THE HARD WORK AND THE LONG DAYS AND HOURS THAT YOU ALL HAVE WORKED BUT IT HAS BEEN REALLY GREAT TO SERVE WITH YOU. JULES, I WISH I COULD HAVE SERVED A LITTLE BIT LONGER WITH YOU. IT'S BEEN GREAT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER. YOUR STAFF IS GREAT. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BORROW HIM FROM TIME TO TIME. JUST SOMEBODY WHO IS VERY LOYAL AND HAS A LOT OF INTEGRITY. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE HELPED ME MOVE FORWARD. TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE, NOT JUST IN DISTRICT 2 BUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN GENERAL. CHAIR KAFOURY I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT YOU EVEN THOUGH WE'RE GOING TO BE THE --

Chair Kafoury: I'M NOT LEAVING.

Commissioner Smith: IT'S BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH YOU, TOO. BECAUSE THE NICE THING ABOUT THIS BOARD IS WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE KIND OF ARE VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HAS BEEN A LEADER ON HOMELESSNESS MORE THAN YOU HAVE, OTHER THAN YOUR MOM. IT'S BEEN GREAT TO LEARN SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON. I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING SOME GREAT THINGS WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I CAN SAY, TOO, LIKE COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SIT NEXT TO YOU. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU. I'M GOING TO MISS YOUR COMMENTARY BECAUSE IT'S VERY UNIQUE. IT IS SO REAL AND

RAW. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M ALSO GOING TO MISS ABOUT YOU AND DIE TAN GOING TO ALC AND NACO. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK IS TRULY KNOWN NATIONAL FLEE, I DON'T GO ANYWHERE AS A COMMISSIONER AND LET PEOPLE KNOW I'M FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, THEY ASK ME ABOUT JUDY. BUT I TELL YOU I WAS NEVER SO PROUD OF YOU A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, WE WERE AT A NACO MEETING AND SHE DIDN'T TELL ME, BUT SHE DID A OPENING FOR OUR FUTURE NACO PRESIDENT, ROY BROOKS. I WAS TELLING ROY LAST NIGHT, HE'S IN TEXAS, WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS COUNTY THING, YOU BETTER GET JUDY TO BE RIGHT NEXT TO YOU. I SAID, SHE WILL BE, BUT YOU ARE SO ELOQUENT, I WAS SO PROUD TO SAY THAT YOU WERE ONE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, I THINK THE INTRODUCTION OF ROY BROOKS, WHO IS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN TARRANT COUNTY IN FORT WIT, AFRICAN AMERICAN, SHE WORKED WITH HIM FOR YEARS.

Commissioner Smith: SHE GAVE THIS STANDING OVATION OF AN INTRODUCTION FOR HIM WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT TO VOTE FOR HIM FOR PRESIDENT. HE WILL BE THE PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR OF NACO WHICH WAS GREAT. I WILL MISS YOU, MISS YOUR COUNSEL ON THAT. IT'S BEEN REALLY GREAT SERVING WITH YOU. I'VE LEARNED A WHOLE LOT. I WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME TO LOOK AT YOU BECAUSE I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO, SO MUCH. I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU. IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, REALLY, YOU KNOW, GIVING ME THE COURAGE TO DO THIS. SAYING I THINK YOU CAN DO. THAT I SIT HERE TALK ABOUT YOU FOREVER AND A DAY ALL THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOU'VE HAD. EVERYBODY'S TALKED ABOUT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, THE VETERANS, ONE OF THE REALLY, REALLY NICE THINGS IS THAT I CAN HEAR IT IN MY EAR. I KNOW THE QUESTION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ASK, EVERY SINGLE TIME. WELL, WHAT ABOUT EAST COUNTY. I CAN SAY IT, I'M GOING TO SAY IT FOR SOMETIMES, TOO. BUT I'M GOING TO MISS YOU, I WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO COMMISSIONER MCKEELS YOU GOT TO KNOW HER HUSBAND, MIKE. MIKE IS EQUALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND HE'S AROUND, HE SHOWS UP, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN REALLY NICE TO SEE YOU ON THE SCENE WITH THE COMMISSIONER. ACTUALLY I THOUGHT SHE HAD HER OWN PHOTOGRAPHER BECAUSE SHE WAS ALWAYS TAKING HER PICTURE. BUT IT'S BEEN GREAT. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU ALL. I WISH YOU WELL. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: I KNOW I'M STANDING BETWEEN YOU AND THE FOOD SO I'LL BE BRIEF. SO MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID ABOUT OUR OUT GOING COMMISSIONERS THAT IT'S HARD TO ACTUALLY -- NOT HARD FOR ME TO THINK OF FEW OTHER TIDBITS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN MENTIONED BUT SAY TO COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE LEVEE READY COLUMBIA WOULD BE YOUR SIGNATURE OPENING ON YOUR VIDEO.

Commissioner Bailey: I STILL REMEMBER -- DO WE HAVE LEVEES?

Chair Kafoury: THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN ON NOT -- WHAT IS NOT ALWAYS THE MOST GLAMOROUS SOUNDING ISSUES BUT YOU'VE REALLY SUNK YOUR TEETH IN AND WORKED VERY HARD AND TURNED IT DASH DERRICK AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. REALLY I THINK THAT AS YOU HEARD FROM THE FOLKS IN THE VIDEO THEY WOULDN'T BE WHERE THEY ARE TODAY WITHOUT THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. I KNOW THAT WHATEVER TASK YOU'VE TAKEN ON YOU'VE DONE AN AMAZING JOB AT THAT TIME. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS ABOUT YOU. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, YOU GET TALL THE ACCOLADES FOR YOUR WORK ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR THAT YOU MAKE EVERYONE LAUGH ALL THE TIME AND SOMETIMES, WE AREN'T QUITE SURE WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BUT THEN YOU ALWAYS DO MANAGE TO BRING IT BACK AROUND SO THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. MANY PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A MENTOR TO ME IN THIS POSITION AND I HAVE SO MUCH VALUED YOUR INSIGHT, YOU REALLY PUSH ME TO DO THINGS THAT OFTEN I DON'T WANT TO DO.

AND BE A BETTER PERSON THAN I AM. AND A STRONGER LEADER THAN I REALLY AM DEEP INSIDE I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GUIDANCE. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SIGHT BE OBVIOUS TO US IN THE AUDIENCE, LISTENING TO YOU HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY BECAUSE YOU BRING THAT SAME PASSION FOR YOUR FAMILY TO ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I HOPE -- I KNOW THAT THEY APPRECIATE YOU AND WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE BUT THE WAY THAT YOU HAVE JUST REALLY FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL STAFF, BUT ALL THE 5,000 PLUS STAFF AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE CONSTANTLY COMPLIMENTING THEM, ADMIRING THEM, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR WORK AND I THINK IT'S REALLY SHOWS WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE AND HOW WONDERFUL AND CARING YOU ARE. I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL. IT'S GOING TO BE MUCH DIFFERENT AROUND HERE, WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU ALL, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT WHEN WE HAVE IMPORTANT THINGS LIKE GRAND OPENINGS, WE WILL HOPEFULLY SEE YOU ALL BACK BECAUSE WE'VE GOT COUPLE COMING UP SOON.

Commissioner Shiprack: COUNTS ON IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. STAFF, ONE LAST TIME. I'D LIKE TO HAVE ALL OF THE STAFF STAND UP FROM THE THREE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES BECAUSE I THINK AS COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ALL THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU SO, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] NOW WE EAT. BEING THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER. AND SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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