

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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MEETING DATE: 4-26-12

SUBJECT: PSU Urban Renewal District

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Support & COMMENT

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FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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MEETING DATE: 04/26/2010

SUBJECT: PDC ED URAC

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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MEETING DATE: 4/26/2012

SUBJECT: Education Urban Renewal Area

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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April 26, 2012

I'm Bob Wright, a retired Portland native, living in the West End of Downtown. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners on the potential inequitable use of funds from the public treasury. The Education Urban Renewal Area plan describes a dynamic and synergistic education, business, public, private development model that may benefit Portland in the future. However, securing mandatory long-term funding to execute this plan by using Chapter 457 of the Oregon Revised Statutes is certainly questionable and at least inappropriate. The fundamental intent of this law is to correct a blighted urban condition that is detrimental to the safety, health or welfare of the community. Defining this area or even a part of it as stagnant, unproductive and blighted is a long stretch and is detrimental to the public's confidence in its elected officials. Other, more incremental funding lines must be found for this urban economic development plan.

Should funding still be sought under ORS Chapter 457, the Education Urban Renewal Area plan must at least be delayed. Public schools are facing obvious crisis budget levels. The impact is most severe in school districts serving underprivileged children for large, income-limited populations. The forced diversion of millions of dollars away from the county treasury will only exacerbate the problems faced by school districts now and into the foreseeable future. Improvement in the economy cannot be forecast with any certainty. I strongly encourage you to delay the Education Urban Renewal Area plan until the economy improves in fact, and tax revenues are sufficient to support quality education of our neediest young people. Thank you.