

October 15, 2009

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners Kafoury, Cogen, Shiprack and McKeel:

We are writing to encourage you to support our friend and colleague Lew Frederick for State Representative, House District 43.

We feel that Lew is unique in how well he knows this diverse, changing community, and in how well this district knows him. Lew carried HD 43 in his campaign for County Commissioner three years ago, and has talked with thousands of its residents, before, during and after that campaign.

As a reporter, Lew portrayed North/Northeast Portland in a way that didn't hide its flaws, but also didn't give in to stereotypes. It was good for the community to have Lew in the newsroom.

As a Director of Public Information for the Portland Schools, Lew's job was to facilitate the school district's communication to the community, but he also carried information back from the community to the district. He helped ensure that the student voice became part of the decision making process. It was good for the community to have Lew in the school administration.

As a candidate, Lew took the time to learn about the needs and priorities of the people in our neighborhoods, which are not always the same as the ones you read about in the paper. He brought our issues into the debate. It was good for the community to have Lew a part of that campaign.

As a communications consultant, Lew has facilitated authentic communication from the community to the Portland Development Commission, and backed it up with documentation. He carried the message that we want economic development to make life better for working people and the people who wish they were working. It is good for the community to have Lew consulting with public agencies.

As a volunteer with the Democratic Party, Lew helped bring more people into the political process. That has been good for the community too.

It will be even better for the community to have Lew take our voice, and our vote to Salem.

Please vote to appoint Lew Frederick State Representative, House District 43.

Respectfully,

Lorenzo Poe, Jr.

Sen. Avel Gordly

Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee

Charles McGee, III

Baruti Artharee

Roy Jay

Bruce Watts

Sharon Hennessee

Johnell Bell