

**East County Courts
Executive Summary for the Schematic Design Package - April 2010**

EXHIBIT H – LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Jeff Cogen
Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Diane McKeel
Commissioner Judy Shiprack
Commissioner Barbara Willer

FROM: Sheriff Dan Staton

DATE: April 16, 2010

RE: Support for East County Court

This memo is to confirm my support for the funding and development of the East Multnomah County Court project.

I share in the opinions of many citizens and public safety stakeholders that there is a tremendous need to build this facility due to the poor and inadequate condition of the existing courthouse. The existing courthouse is antiquated, does not adequately provide judicial processes or accessibility needs of our community. Additionally, there are concerns that this facility does not provide a healthy and safe atmosphere to conduct important business.

East Multnomah County is increasing in population and the proposed location of the new building in Rockwood will benefit both commerce and livability to this area.

MCSO is committed to working with the courts to determine the best staffing plan to afford this new facility with necessary safety. This will be accomplished by utilizing both existing resources and aligning future operations where possible. The impacts that the new facility will have on current county-wide court cases should allow us to align operations differently in order to optimize resources within our existing appropriation.

Citizens and Multnomah County members deserve to work in a facility that reflects the pride and quality of exemplary public safety services we provide every day. I fully support the construction of the East County Courthouse and encourage each of you to also support this project which will benefit our citizens for years to come.



CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1021 S.W. FOURTH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OR 97204-1123

JEAN KERR MAURER
JUDGE

PHONE (503) 988-3846
FAX (503) 276-0962

April 13, 2010

Hon. Jeff Cogen, County Chair
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Deborah Kafoury, Commissioner District 1
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Judy Shiprack, Commissioner District 3
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Barbara Willer, Commissioner District 2
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Diane McKeel, Commissioner District 4
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

re: **Serving The East County With Appropriate Circuit Court Services Housed in An
Appropriate Courthouse Facility – Circuit Court Commitment**

Dear Chair Cogen and Commissioners Kafoury, Willer, Shiprack and McKeel:

Since the early 1960's, Multnomah County has been required under Oregon law (ORS 3.014 is the current version of this statute) to provide a facility and court services to the geographic area described as "east of 122nd Avenue." According to the Center for Population Research, this geographic area encompasses approximately 30 per cent of the total population of Multnomah County, the City of Gresham – Oregon's fourth largest city; it also includes the majority of the county's land mass. Since the east county court services requirement became law, approximately 50 years ago, services in the east county have been provided from "make do" facilities. The most recent of these facilities, in use since 1980, is now a leaky, dry rot and mold invested structure that reflects both the hard economic times we face and the difficulty in making a commitment to building a permanent East County Courthouse. This current facility is so small and limited that there is no ability to offer to the people residing or doing business in the east county the particular circuit court services that will improve the community; there is not even room to offer the minimum services required by statute other than by providing evening hours for court appearances.

For the last 10 years, the circuit court has worked to expand the level of service provided to the east county population. In order to accommodate more services, the traffic violation daily calendar was moved to the evening and pretrial conferences and a community court were created in the day time program for misdemeanor offenses. These programs ultimately crowded out the small claims case calendar. The current facility is so limited that small claims hearings and case mediations could not be

accommodated. A one courtroom facility does not meet the minimum need for court programs for the east county area.

In 2004 planning began for an expanded court facility. At that time a community based group identified a range of services which are appropriate to be provided, and modified in 2005 the statute, regarding court services in Gresham to make clear to the various interests the scope of court work envisioned for the future facility. In 2004, then Presiding Judge Dale R. Koch, after working with those interested in expanded court services in east county, presented the following list of court functions for a three courtroom facility:

1. Misdemeanors (all matters through trial and sentencing)
2. Violations
3. Small Claims (with pretrial mediation)
4. Landlord and Tenant Actions (FED proceedings) (with pretrial mediation)
5. Ex Parte hearings, including Preliminary Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) and Elderly Persons and Persons With Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act (EPPDADA), and Stalking Orders
6. Domestic relations self help center for Self Represented Litigants who are using Oregon Judicial Department self-help domestic relations forms
7. East County document filing for all Civil and Domestic Relations Actions (accepting documents for filing in cases that have been filed at the downtown courthouse)

The circuit court remains committed to providing these services, but the scope of work requires a court facility with more than one courtroom and, within five years, will require more than two courtrooms. In addition, as the court's presence in the east county matures in a permanent courthouse facility, there may be other services to add to this 2005 list.

When opened in early 2012, under the 2005 list of services there are estimated to be 35,377 cases, as follows for annual case processing:

Small Claims	4132
FEDs	1935
FAPAs	837
Misdemeanors	3157
<u>Violations</u>	<u>25,316</u>
Total	35,377

At present, Multnomah County "east of 122nd" is increasing in population at a faster rate than the remainder of the County, and it is expected that the case load will continue to grow without any added subject matter jurisdiction due to population increases.

In addition to it being a sign of community commitment, and providing the above listed court services, there are other reasons to build a three courtroom facility in East County. A courthouse facility, when opened, becomes an anchor in a community for legal services, dispute resolution and an information point for collateral contacts for additional personal and business related resources. The East County

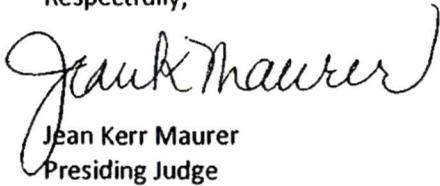
Letter to Chair Cogen and Commissioners Kafoury, Willer, Shiprack and McKeel
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Courthouse, if built, will attract service providers to locate in the same area. There will be a constant stream of court parties, witnesses, and jurors in this facility every day and many of them will not reside in the east county area but will be visiting the area. East County and the Rockwood Neighborhood, through urban renewal, seek to become a safe and attractive destination. The location and functions of the circuit court and the scale of its operation will help Rockwood area achieve its new identity in the county and will provide a steady stream of visiting witnesses to its success. This will not happen overnight, but it will play an important part in the renewal of this area. Finally, in the short run, until there is a new court facility built in downtown Portland, a three courtroom facility in Gresham eases not only the unmet demand for immediate services downtown, but also provides courtroom facilities for some of the three judges who do not have an assigned courtroom in the downtown facility.

The circuit court remains committed fully to the East County Courthouse. The court will ensure that the East County Courthouse is successful in meeting the full program of court services outlined above in providing to the community a fully accessible courthouse with daily services for hearings and trials, court information, court payments and filings, and assistance to parties in domestic relations proceedings through the self help center.

The circuit court is asking each of you now to please support the construction of the East County Courthouse facility, and if possible, to construct it with three courtrooms at opening. The demand for local court services in the east county area will grow both as to the existing offer of services on opening, and by the identification of additional, appropriate services to be added to those. Strong courts build strong communities, and the circuit court is prepared to establish a presence and services in the east county area that will add to the strength of this community.

Respectfully,



Jean Kerr Maurer
Presiding Judge

JKM:lms

c: Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz
Chief Criminal Judge Julie E Frantz
Chief Family Court Judge Nan Waller
Circuit Court Judge Alicia Fuchs
Doug Bray, Trial Court Administrator

To - Peggidy Yates and Multnomah
County Commissioners
from Ron Clemons

March 30, 2010

To: The County Commissioners
Multnomah County
and Peggy Yates - Project Mgr

From: Ron Clemons
East Portland resident and
Centennial Community Assn - Vice Chair

Jonita's meeting at Parklane Church was a very important meeting and one that I, and many, hope will be the catalyst for the final, and once and for all launch, towards approval, on April 22, 2010, by the Commission of this much needed Courts facility. It would be wonderful to see East County finally receive a unanimous favorable vote to show the thousands of residents east of I-205 that we are all important when it comes to community justice.

So let us get this done for the benefit of all concerned. It definitely is time! Thank you.
Sincerely,
Ron Clemons



MICHAEL D. SCHRUNK, District Attorney for Multnomah County

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April 12, 2010

Jeff Cogen, County Chair
Multnomah County Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

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Re: East County Court

Dear Chair Cogen:

Jeff

After years of committee meetings, site planning meetings, public meetings, Board presentations and briefings and the hard work of countless people, it is gratifying to think that we are now poised to begin construction on a new courthouse facility that will serve the good people of East County.

The building of two new functioning courtrooms and a third which could be put into operation quickly, not only relieves pressure from the downtown courthouse by allowing additional East County cases to be heard at the new facility, but also allows for expansion as the need increases in the future.

Once completed, my office will transfer sufficient existing staff and deputy district attorneys to facilitate two full time courtrooms, and move our Gresham Child Support Office and Gresham Neighborhood DA. I believe we can accomplish this without the need for additional positions until such time as the third courtroom becomes operational. At that time, I do foresee a need to re-evaluate whether additional positions would be required. Co-locating our Child Support Office and Neighborhood DA in the same office is not only more efficient, but also enables citizens to view their courthouse as a place where they can achieve a sense of personal and social justice.

The need for a new East County courthouse has been well documented over the years. Those who have either visited or worked in the existing facility know that it is woefully inadequate and that the need grows more intense with each passing month. This is why I am pleased that this project is moving forward and proud that my office has been a part of this effort.

Very truly yours,

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c: Peggidy Yates ✓



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Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Commissioner
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Re: East County Court

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Barbara Willer
Multnomah County Commissioner
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Re: East County Court

Dear Commissioner Willer. *Barbara*

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Diane McKeel
Multnomah County Commissioner
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
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Re: East County Court

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Judy Shiprack
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CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT COST ESTIMATE - OCT 1, 2009										
		OPTION								
		A		B		C		D		
Project Component	Cost/SF	2 Courtrooms		2 Courtrooms + Shell for Future Courtroom		2 Courtrooms + Flexible Community Space/Future Courtroom		3 Courtrooms, including 1 for Flexible Community Use		
		Area	Cost	Area	Cost	Area	Cost	Area	Cost	
Courtrooms	\$318	10,000	\$ 3,180,000	10,000	\$ 3,180,000	10,000	\$ 3,180,000	15,000	\$ 4,770,000	
Phase 2 Courtroom Shell	\$186	0	0	5,000	930,000	0	0	0	0	
Flexible Community Space	\$249	0	0	0	0	5,000	1,245,000	0	0	
Court Support Space	\$265	6,000	1,590,000	6,000	1,590,000	6,000	1,590,000	6,000	1,590,000	
District Attorney	\$255	5,200	1,326,000	5,200	1,326,000	5,200	1,326,000	5,200	1,326,000	
Building Support/Common Area	\$286	3,800	1,086,800	3,800	1,086,800	3,800	1,086,800	3,800	1,086,800	
Building Efficiency Factor	\$212	6,250	1,325,000	7,500	1,590,000	7,500	1,590,000	7,500	1,590,000	
Subtotal Building Costs		31,250	\$ 8,507,800	37,500	\$ 9,702,800	37,500	\$ 10,017,800	37,500	\$ 10,362,800	
Site Development			2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000	
FF&E Allowance			650,000		650,000		700,000		900,000	
Soft Costs	25%		2,789,450		3,088,200		3,179,450		3,315,700	
Contingencies	25%		3,486,813		3,860,250		3,974,313		4,144,625	
TOTAL PROJECT COST			\$ 17,434,063		\$ 19,301,250		\$ 19,871,563		\$ 20,723,125	

SUMMARY SCHEMATIC DESIGN COST ESTIMATE - APRIL, 2010										
		OPTION								
		A		B		C		D		
Project Component	Basis	2 Courtrooms		2 Courtrooms + Shelled 3rd Court		2 Courtrooms + Flex Space / Future Court		3 Courtrooms		
		Area	Cost	Area	Cost	Area	Cost	Area	Cost	
Hard Costs										
Building Cost		30,160 SF	\$ 8,593,509	37,880 SF	\$ 10,579,124	37,880 SF	\$ 10,694,417	37,880 SF	\$ 10,897,378	
Site Development Cost			\$ 1,002,405		\$ 1,002,405		\$ 1,002,405		\$ 1,002,405	
Existing Building Abatement & Recycling			\$ 406,173		\$ 406,173		\$ 406,173		\$ 406,173	
3-Story Configuration (Option D only)									\$ 400,000	
Sub-Total			\$ 10,002,087		\$ 11,987,702		\$ 12,102,995		\$ 12,705,956	
Fees										
Profit & Overhead	2.50%		\$ 250,052		\$ 299,693		\$ 302,575		\$ 317,649	
Contractor Insurance	0.75%		\$ 75,016		\$ 89,908		\$ 90,772		\$ 95,295	
Contractor Bond	0.75%		\$ 75,016		\$ 89,908		\$ 90,772		\$ 95,295	
Building & Site Development Sub-Total			\$ 10,402,170		\$ 12,467,210		\$ 12,587,115		\$ 13,214,194	
Estimating Contingency	12%		\$ 1,248,260		\$ 1,496,065		\$ 1,510,454		\$ 1,585,703	
Construction Contingency	8%		\$ 932,034		\$ 1,117,062		\$ 1,127,805		\$ 1,183,992	
Total Hard Costs			\$ 12,582,465		\$ 15,080,337		\$ 15,225,374		\$ 15,983,889	
Soft Costs:										
FF&E			\$ 460,000		\$ 460,000		\$ 500,000		\$ 661,440	
All other Soft Costs			\$ 2,889,194		\$ 2,935,598		\$ 2,940,019		\$ 2,952,353	
Total Project Costs			\$ 15,931,659		\$ 18,475,935		\$ 18,665,393		\$ 19,597,682	

DELTA FROM OCT ESTIMATES			(\$1,502,403)		(\$825,315)		(\$1,206,169)		(\$1,125,443)	
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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 4/22/10

SUBJECT: East Co Courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R 13

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson

ADDRESS: PO Box 1531, Gresham

CITY/STATE/ZIP: 97030

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: NO

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

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4. If written documentation is presented, please furnish one copy to the Board Clerk.

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MEETING DATE: 4/22

SUBJECT: EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CTZ (ECJC)

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-13

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM
NAME: Representative NICK KAHL

ADDRESS: 1616 NE 16TH WAY #215

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM, OR 97030

PHONE: _____ DAYS: (3) 953-3034 EVES: _____

EMAIL: rep.nickkahl@state.or.us FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: ECJC

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 4/22/10

SUBJECT: E. County Court Facility

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-13

FOR: AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Mayor Shane Bemis

ADDRESS: 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Gresham, OR 97030

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Support moving project into final design phase

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: N/A

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: JUSTICE CENTER

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: MIKE WEATHERBY (Mayor Mike Weatherby)

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 826

CITY/STATE/ZIP: FAIRVIEW OR 97024

PHONE: DAYS: 503-674-6212 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: JUSTICE CENTER

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R13

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: DAVE FULLER

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Courthouse Proposal

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Matthew Wand for City of Troutdale

ADDRESS: 612 SW 25th Cir

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Troutdale OR 97060

PHONE: _____ DAYS: (503) 666-7114 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 4/22/10

SUBJECT: County Court House

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-13

FOR: AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Norm Thomas THOMAS

ADDRESS: 2751 SW Clare Ct

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Troutdale OR 97060

PHONE: DAYS: 503 402-3382 EVES: 503 667-4320

EMAIL: nthomas1@ci.troutdale.or.us FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: EAST COUNTY COURTS

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JOSH FUHRER

ADDRESS: 1332 NW BIRSDALE AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM, OR 97030

PHONE: DAYS: 503-869-1810 EVES: SAME

EMAIL: josh.fuhrer@greshamoregon.gov FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMISSIONER TO APPROVE THE EAST COUNTY COURTS PROJECT

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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April 21, 2010

Hon. Jeff Cogen
County Chair
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner District 1
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Barbara Willer
Commissioner District 2
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Judy Shiprack
Commissioner District 3
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

Hon. Diane McKeel
Commissioner District 4
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214

RE: East County Courthouse Facility

Dear Chair Cogen and Commissioners Kafoury, Willer, Shiprack and McKeel:

This letter expresses the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce's strong support for the construction of the East County Courthouse facility with three courtrooms. The Chamber recognizes this project as critical to support the need for citizens of East Multnomah County to address their legal needs and requirements.

The Chamber sees that this facility would fulfill a commitment, a promise and a need for this growing community. The proposal is environmentally friendly, reducing unnecessary trips downtown to the courthouse and will help support and promote mass transit options.

Not only will this proposal help ease court congestion at the current courthouse in Gresham, which is totally inadequate in room size and from a physical perspective, a new facility will bring several benefits to the East County area, including attracting service providers and consumers to our city, who do not reside in the area, but will shop locally during their time spent here for court matters.

Again, the Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the proposal to construct the East County Courthouse. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bob McDonald
President
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce

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SUBJECT: east county courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Judy Edwards - Multnomah Bar Association

ADDRESS: 620 S.W. 5th Ave. Suite 1220

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97204

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: judy@mbabar.org FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: East County Courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-13

REPRESENTATIVE OF

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Gresham Chamber of Commerce - ?

ADDRESS: 701 N.E. Hood

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Gresham, OR 97030

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-260-8468 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: MUST BE BOB McDONALD
PRESIDENT

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: X

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SUBJECT: East County Court House

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-13

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: TRAVIS STOVALL - EAST METRO ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

ADDRESS: PO BOX 422

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM OR 97030

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 970.506.1493 EVES: SAME

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Support moving forward with building Courthouse.

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SUBJECT: East County Courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jean DeMaster

ADDRESS: 12350 SE Rowell

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: DAYS: 503 548-0722 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Support the East County Courthouse

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: East County Courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Joe D. Nuhn

ADDRESS: 1385 NE 49

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Port, OR.

PHONE: DAYS: 503-282-1072 Cell EVES: 503-208-1398

EMAIL: Joe@ProjectCleanSlate.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: R-13 East County Courts

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JOHN BILDSON

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1172 GRESHAM OR 97030

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-250-2584 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: This project has already come a long way. And it won't go away. Please approve it now so we can move forward with our lives!
Thanks

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SUBJECT: Courthouse

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R13

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Dina DiNucci

ADDRESS: 17934 SE Clay

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97233

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: dina @ parkplacecoffee.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: COURT HOUSE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: LORI STEGMANN

ADDRESS: 788 SF WENDY LN

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM OR 97080

PHONE: DAYS: 503-667-7971 EVES: 503-618-0197

EMAIL: LSTEGMANN@FARMERS AGENT.COM FAX: 503-666-8110

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

SUPPORT OF COURTHOUSE IN ROCKWOOD

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 4/22/10

SUBJECT: East County Court

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Ron Clemenson

ADDRESS: 840 SE 156 Pl.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 252-3383 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Courts / Rockwood

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CTR

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: TOM LEWIS

ADDRESS: 1333 S. E. 148TH

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PD X 97233

PHONE: DAYS: 503 3475715 EVES: _____

EMAIL: GAMODATO @ AOL.COM FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: SUPPORT

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: NO

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SUBJECT: Court House in Rockwood

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Louis Bowerman

ADDRESS: 17844 SEDWISION ST

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97236

PHONE: DAYS: 503-679-9212 EVES: _____

EMAIL: Bowerman1941@yahoo.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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SUBJECT: East County Justice Center

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Vance Hays

ADDRESS: 16035 SE Main St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland 97233

PHONE: DAYS: 503 253 4728 EVES: 503 253 0546

EMAIL: Vancehays@juno.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: support east county justice center
construction

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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Testimony in support of the East County Courthouse
4/22/10

My name is Jean DeMaster and I represent Human Solutions which is located at: 12350 SE Powell, Portland, Oregon.

Human Solutions focuses on services to people living in Mid to East Multnomah County--these are people who live between 5 and 20 miles from the Multnomah County Courthouse in Downtown Portland. This is an inconvenience, a problem, and a difficulty---at best if you have a car. However, thousands of low-income people in East Multnomah County do not have working vehicles. And, people in East Multnomah County also have limited access to public transportation in the North-South corridors. The result is huge problems and significant obstacles for thousands of low-income people who need to utilize the services of the Multnomah County Court system.

For example, a mother of two young children needed to file a restraining order against an abusive husband in a domestic violence situation. If she did not have a car, she might need to walk with her two children for a mile or more to the nearest bus stop and then take two or three buses to get to the current downtown courthouse. The amount of time she would need---and the problems she would encounter for herself and her children---might be enough to stop her from seeking the restraining order----putting herself and her children in danger.

While an East County Courthouse would not offer all of the services of the Courthouse in downtown Portland, it would go a long way toward providing fair access to the Court system for people living in Mid and East Multnomah County. Since low income people are less likely to have working vehicles, this issue of fairness is accentuated for low-income people in Mid and East Multnomah County. I encourage your support of the East County Courthouse.

There is no question that the Courtrooms now located in Gresham are no longer adequate. I encourage you to authorize the development of an East Court Courthouse adequate to meet the needs of the people in Mid and East Multnomah County---especially low income people.

Multnomah County Commission
East County Court Bldg Proposal
At Rockwood/Gresham Site
The Vote April 22, 2010

Comments in Favor by Ron Clemenson
Vice Chairman Centennial Community Assn /East Portland

Good morning I am Ron Clemenson resident of East Portland where my wife Jan and I have lived in our home since 1967. We are both active in Centennial Community Assn. for the last 13 years and I am Vice Chairman with focus on public safety issues among others.

We are all here today to discuss a matter of justice and a building project that houses matters of the courts and those who go there to do their business and the judges, their staffs, attorneys, police who work there. The old court house in downtown Gresham has long ago seen it's day and begs to be torn down. Facts we all know so well.

The new court house site at 185th and SE Stark, owned by the County, is a great site for all concerned and it begs to be built for ALL THE RIGHT REASONS!

It will sit on a main street of travel SE Stark It is a block from Light Rail/MAX It is on a bus line and is accessible by car from all directions from Corbett down to I-205 and from Marine Dr. north to the Clackmas County line. It will have convenient parking space and most important, a building that will do justice to and for Justice matters.

Secondly, it is not only going to benefit all the above named people, in East County, but it will also relieve pressure for those same named people who might otherwise have to travel to the downtown Portland Courthouse. This court also generates money from fines and fees for Multnomah County as citizens who go there usually must pay for their indescressions, etc. (My speed ticket was received by mail a few years back with the photo radar picture of me behind the wheel, was too good to deny responsibility and the judge and I agreed and I paid up!)

Third, Rockwood/Gresham needs such a vital linchpin building to retain existing businesses that have been hanging in there all these years and those who will come to this business area. And with that comes much needed jobs for many people both in the contruction phase of the courthouse and from new businesses that will come.

Since the arrival of Light Rail/MAX, outer east has grown in leaps and bounds, as multiple dwelling housing has mushroomed. All this, part of the Cities, County planning for growth in a ever growing population. Thus, the need now for new job opportunities for residents and to help reduce crime activities and to support efforts by crime prevention folks like Teri Poppino and Roseanne Lee at ONI and the police officers who are making a difference even as we meet here today, ie. Sgt John Scruggs of recent tv fame and his Neighborhood Response Team of Portland Police and officers as well from Gresham PD>

So Multnomah County Commissioners, this vote today should be a unanimous YES VOTE for all these reasons and for Multnomah County, it's citizens, it's employees and for you as our elected officials. I rest my case--- and let's do this today and get the ball for construction rolling post haste. Time is money and we cannot waste either, not one day more! Thank you and again. Please do this unanimously with 5 Yeses.

Ron Clemenson



✓ Copy: Judy Shipreck

Rockwood Business Coalition

18709 SE Stark,

Portland, OR 97233

www.rockwoodbusinesscoalition.org

April 21, 2010

Chair Jeff Cogen
Multnomah County Commission
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Cogen & Fellow Commissioners,

We write to you collectively as local businesses united through the Rockwood Business Coalition. For six years Rockwood businesses have focused many hours on working with the County to find a mutually beneficial plan to bring a Justice Facility to the neighborhood. Many times over these years the County has presented their plans to our constituents and many times we have questioned the feasibility of the plan and whether it was realistic to bring the project to Rockwood.

Fiscal responsibility is indeed a concern that the County must address. Our members have dedicated their time to stay apprised of this project and the current financial projections. We believe, as do many of your County staff and consultants, this project is financially achievable. But financial feasibility CANNOT be the ONLY consideration for this project.

Integrity and honor of our County government and community responsibility must also be a factor in your decision. The County purchased a large amount of property in our commercial district and, in turn, vacated three businesses. As you know, this is an Urban Renewal area and the evacuation has decreased the tax increment revenue in Rockwood for three years. Our business community has accepted the additional blight to the area and waited patiently on the word from the County that the space would be replaced with a court facility.

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We respect the County's need to make financially responsible decisions. However, budget decisions cannot be made in a vacuum, but must be carefully balanced with the effects on the community, promises made, and the effect on those constituents who support you.

Moving forward on the scaled down courthouse proposal is not only about budget numbers or a building. It is not only providing vital services to an area of your district that has often been neglected. Approving this project sends a strong statement that the many years that Rockwood businesses and residents have partnered with the County in the Justice Facility vision will not end by the County leaving Rockwood with a blighted empty lot and broken promises.

Sincerely,

Dina DiNucci, Chair
Rockwood Business Coalition
Owner, Park Place Coffee

Lori Stegmann, Vice-Chair
Rockwood Business Coalition
Owner, Stegmann Insurance

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