

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, November 1, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Commissioners Jessica Vega Pederson and Sharon Meieran present. Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann joined via phone. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY COMING OUT TODAY. TODAY IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8. COMMISSIONER SMITH IS EXCUSED, AND OUR VICE CHAIR, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN IS ON THE PHONE SO YOU MAY HEAR A VOICE. DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 License between the Department of the Army and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office regarding Bonneville Lock and Dam Project.
- C.2 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property as Allowed Under ORS 275.225 to John R Lee Trust.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. PUBLIC COMMENT?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the Board Room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

Board Clerk: YES.. I WILL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND TAKE A SEAT [READS NAMES].

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. THE FIRST THING THAT I WANT TO SAY IS WHY ARE YOU ANTI-UNION? WHAT IS THAT? I USED TO BE A [INAUDIBLE] FOR THE I M -- IEBW. 88 IS TRYING TO UNIONIZE. AND THE PEOPLE I BRAG ABOUT ARE ANTI-UNION? COME ON. I AM GOING TO LET THEM ARGUE IT THEMSELVES, BUT I AM GOING TO SAY ONE MORE TIME. THAT IS A STINKING ROTTEN PHRASE, ANTI-UNION. I USED TO BE AN ACTIVE UNION GUY AND FIGHT ALL THE TIME FOR THE UNIONS. I THOUGHT THAT YOU GUYS WOULD DO THAT. I AM GOING TO SIT AND LISTEN TO THEM BECAUSE THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN I DO. MY PRESENTATION TODAY IS 79. I KNOW THE CHAIRPERSON KNOWS THAT FIGURE BECAUSE SHE'S CALLED IT IN THE NEWSPAPER. WE LOST 79 PEOPLE LAST YEAR, FROZEN TO DEATH ON OUR STREETS! WE SPENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. 79. WE LOST 48 SO FAR THIS YEAR.

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS RIGHT? WOULD YOU GO AND ASK THEM ON THE STREET WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED INSTEAD OF DICTATING BRICK AND MORTARS AND BUILDINGS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR? LOOK AT ME, DAMN IT! LOOK AT ME! YOU ARE MY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT 3. LOOK AT ME WHEN I AM SPEAKING TO YOU. THAT IS RUDE WHEN YOU LOOK DOWN AT YOUR COMPUTER. IT IS RUDE THAT YOU LET PEOPLE DIE. IT IS RUDE THAT YOU INTERRUPT ME I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD COME HERE TODAY AND SMILE. I AM COMING HERE TODAY AND I AM NOT SMILING. STOP TOUCHING ME. GET THE UNION IN. GET THE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. UNDERSTAND THAT VETERAN'S DAY IS REALLY ARMISTICE DAY. THEY CELEBRATED THE END OF THE WAR, THE GREAT WAR TO END ALL WARS. SO YOU ARE GOING TO DO SURE WORDS TODAY ABOUT VETERANS WHEN 20 A DAY ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE. HOW IS THAT FOR A GODDAMN LITMUS STICK. 20 A DAY OF BLOWING THEIR BRAINS OUT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING, JOE.

Joe Walsh: YOU WONDER WHY I GET ANGRY. THERE IS THREE REASONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING. GOOD MORNING.

Kim Ngyuen: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR KAFOURY. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE INTRODUCING YOU WHEN YOU CAME TO THE ATTENTION TO VISIT. I AM THE OLDEST ON CALL THERE FOR THE LAST 23.5 YEARS AND ALSO THE LONGEST ON-CALL.

Chair Kafoury: CONGRATULATIONS.

Kim Ngyuen: I THOUGHT IT AS AN ON-CALL JUVENILE SERVICE SPECIALIST IN 1995. FOR 18 YEARS I WORKED TWO JOBS, ONE WITH PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE SECOND ONE IN DETENTION FOR 18 YEARS.

Chair Kafoury: COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

Kim Ngyuen: KIM NGYUEN FOR 18 YEARS THE TWO JOBS I WORK, I ONLY MISS ONE PAYCHECK FROM THE COUNTY. I FEEL PROUD THAT I WAS ABLE TO WORK SO THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND CO-WORKERS COULD TAKE TIME OFF DOING SICK TIME AND TO BE WITH FAMILY. NEEDLESS TO SAY I HAVE AT TIMES NEGLECTED MY OWN. I ONLY HAVE TWO FRIENDS LEFT AFTER 23 YEARS. THE COUNTY HAD A WRITTEN POLICY THAT EVERY STAFF WOULD BE PAID STEP ONE PAY. FOR THE FIRST 12 YEARS I WAS VERY HAPPY. I WAS MAKING EXTRA MONEY, PUT MORE INTO MY PENSION BECAUSE THE COUNTY COVER MY PURSE AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AS THE COUNTY BUDGET DECREASED AND WE, NOT BEING REPRESENTED AT THE TABLE, THE STAFF, THE STEP WHERE ONE PAID GRADUALLY DECREASED, AND FINALLY WE WERE PAID AT \$2 LESS THAN THE PERMANENT STAFF. T

HAT'S NOT COUNTING ANY STEP INCREASE. MY PAY IS STEP ONE AFTER 23.5 YEARS ON THE JOB. HOLIDAY PAY WAS TAKEN AWAY. I WORK THIS MUCH EVERY SINGLE YEAR. I THINK I MENTIONED THAT THE CHAIR HAD COME TO SEE US EVERY CHRISTMAS AND BROUGHT US THE TREATS THAT SHE MAKES FROM HOME. EVERY CHRISTMAS I WAS THERE. IN 2013 THEY DECIDED TO PETITION THE COUNTY TO JOIN AFSCME LOCAL 88. WE MOBILIZED THAT TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT WAS AN ISSUE OF EQUITY. WE MADE \$2 LESS, EVEN LESS THAN STEP ONE PAY. ALL OF US BUT ONE SIGNED THE UNION. 72 OF US. THE COUNTY DID NOT OBJECT TO OUR PETITION AND VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO RECOGNIZE US AS PART OF THE LOCAL 88-6 BARGAINING TEAM, LOOKS WITH THE REGULAR UNIT, JCSS WORKER. SINCE 2013 OUR PAY WAS RESTORED TO STEP ONE. THE WORK THAT WE DO IS EXTREMELY CHALLENGING. WE DEAL WITH REGULAR OFFENDERS AND ANGRY PARENTS. THEIR JOBS I WOULD NEVER DO WITHOUT IT A UNION SUPPORT. FALSE ALLEGATION, DISFUNCTIONAL WORKPLACE WHERE ON-CALL STAFF IS TREATED WITH LESS THAN RESPECT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WOULD YOU FINISH THE LAST SENTENCE? THANK YOU.

Kim Ngyuen: YOUR ON-CALL STAFF HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC WITH LESS PAY MAKING SACRIFICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION. ALL WORKERS NEED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT THE BARGAINING TABLE. I SUPPORT LOCAL 88 ON-CALL AND TEMP STAFF IN THEIR EFFORTS TO UNIONIZE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Jane Cory: HI. I AM JANE CORY. FOR 20 YEARS I WORKED AS A FULL-TIME YOUTH LIBRARIAN AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY, AND NOW I AM ON-CALL DOING STORYTIMES TO FILL IN FOR LIBRARIANS THAT NEED A SUB. I CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK EVEN AFTER RETIREMENT BECAUSE IT MATTERS. IT MATTERS TO ME AND TO THE PEOPLE THAT I SERVE. KIDS WHO ARE EXPOSED TO BOOKS DEVELOP EMPATHY. THEY DO BETTER IN SCHOOL. KIDS WHO LEARN EARLY HOW TO BEHAVE ALSO DO BETTER IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE. FAMILIES WHO HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT DO BETTER, AS WELL. I WATCHED FAMILY FRIENDSHIPS FORMED AT STORYTIME. SOME OF THEM WERE LIFELONG. I HAVE SEEN IS THE LIBRARY AS A SOCIAL HUB FOR MANY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE LIBRARIANS TEND TO BE HUMBLE BUT I WILL GO AGAINST MY NATURE AND BRAG. FROM THE BEGINNING I WAS INVOLVED IN SPREADING THE WORD TO OTHER LIBRARIANS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LETTING PARENTS KNOW HOW IMPORTANT EARLY LITERACY DEVELOPMENT IS TO THE LIFELONG SUCCESS PRESENTING AT CONFERENCES AND MAKING A VIDEO THAT WAS SHARED WITH EVERY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN OREGON.

I'VE BEEN ELECTED THE CHAIR OF THE OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION AND THE ONLY CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN TO BE ELECTED OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. I HAVE GONE TO D.C. TWICE TO ADVOCATE FOR LIBRARIES IN CONGRESS, WON THE ROAST AWARD, AND THE [INAUDIBLE] AWARD, WHICH IS A BIG DEAL IN OUR ORGANIZATION, AN HONOR I SHARE WITH [INAUDIBLE]. WHEN I WENT ON CALL I WENT FROM THE TOP STEP OF THE PAY SCALE TO THE BOTTOM AS IF THOSE 20 YEARS OF LEARNING AND SHARING WERE OF NO IMPORTANCE. I DON'T NEED THE MONEY. I WORK FOR THE JOY OF SEEING KIDS TOTALLY SUCKED INTO A GOOD BOOK OF PARENTS CONNECTING AND LEARNING FOR ME AND FROM EACH OTHER. MOST OF US ON-CALL WORKERS NEED THE MONEY. I WORKED BESIDE PEOPLE WITH THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE WHO SPENT FIVE YEARS WORKING ON-CALL. WORKING PERPETUALLY AT THE BOTTOM RUNG OF THE LOWEST PAID JOB IN THE LIBRARY, HOPING TO GET HYDROAS A REGULAR -- HIRED AS A REGULAR WORKER. THEY NEED TO GET CREDIT FOR THE HOURS WORKED. THEY NEED TO GET RAISES. THEY NEED TO BE IN THE UNION. PLEASE AGREE TO OUR REQUEST TO BE IN THE SAME BARGAINING UNIT AS REGULAR STATUS LOCAL 88 MEMBERS SO WE CAN HAVE A VOICE IN OUR WAGES AND OUR WORKING CONDITIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Injured And Pissed Off: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSED OFF. YESTERDAY I WAS IN A ROOM THAT HAD A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE IN IT. I ASKED A VETERAN IF HE VOTED. HE SAID YES. THEN I ASKED LYMPH -- HIM IF HE REALIZED THAT DEMOCRACY WAS OVER. I WAS REFERRING TO THE PREVIOUS VOTING DAY. THIS IS A REPUBLIC, AND I COULD APPRECIATE THESE PEOPLE TRYING TO STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS. THE COUNTY WOULD OPPOSE THAT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL COST. MY NAME, AS I SAID, IS INJURED AND PISSED OFF. WHEN I WAS TESTIFYING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON

TRICK-OR-TREAT, THEY HAD A DISTURBANCE. THEY STOPPED THE PROGRAM. I EXPLAINED WHEN THEY CAME BACK THAT I WAS INJURED AND PISSED OFF EVERY PLACE THAT I GO, REFERRING TO THE PERSON THAT WAS CAUSING THE DISRUPTION. THEY EDITED THAT OUT OF TAPE, AND THEY SAY, AFTER I CONFRONTED THEM ABOUT SAYING THAT THE SUBJECT WAS CHANGED AFTER I HAD FILLED IT OUT, THEY DELETED THE NAME OF ED TABOR. HE'S A POLYGRAPH EXAMINER. HE WAS ACTUALLY CONFRONTING ME AS A POLICE CHIEF IN PENDLETON ABOUT MY SERVICE ANIMAL STATUS.

Injured and Pissed Off: I WAS SAYING THAT HE COULDN'T STAND UP TO THE PRESSURES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AFTER THEY INFORMED OF THE LOSS. ACCORDING TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND, IT'S ALL RIGHT TO HAVE THE SAME SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES WITHIN A SIX-YEAR PERIOD AND SEVERELY INJURING THE PERSON AS WELL AS THE SERVICE ANIMAL ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. THEY THINK THAT THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. AGAIN, I AM REFERRING TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING THAT I PROVIDED FOR NOVEMBER 21ST, AND I AM SUPPOSED TO SPEAK THERE. I GOT TO THINKING THAT WITH THAT ADDITIONAL PAPER THAT I PROVIDED OF AUGUST 9, 2006, IT WAS ENTITLED, UNINVITED GUESTS, REFERRING TO ME AND MY SERVICE ANIMAL. IN THE ARTICLE IT STAYED THAT YOU CAN ONLY TALK WITHIN A 30-DAY PERIOD AFTER SPEAKING. AFTER THAT MEETING OF TRICK-OR-TREAT I WENT RIGHT DOWN TO THE PUBLIC -- OR TO THE CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND SIGNED UP. THEY ACCEPTED THAT PAPER. THAT'S ONLY A 21-DAY. I AM WONDERING HOW MANY PEOPLE THAT THEY ALLOWED TO SPEAK SINCE THAT MEETING DATE OF 2006 WHERE THEY TRIED TO SAY YOU COULDN'T TALK THERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING IN.

Injured and Pissed Off: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. STATE YOUR NAME.

Lauren McKenzie: GOOD MORNING. I AM LAUREN MCKENZIE. I WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY AS AN ON-CALL LIBRARY ASSISTANT. THE WORK I DO AS AN ON-CALL LIBRARY EMPLOYEE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS REGULAR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS, INCLUDING BEING THE PERSON IN CHARGE AT BRANCH LOCATIONS. DURING THE FOUR YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN WITH THE LIBRARY, I HAVE WORKED TWO TEMPORARY LIBRARY ASSISTANT POSITIONS, ONE FOR THREE MONTHS AND ONE FOR SIX MONTHS. DURING THAT TIME I WAS FULLY BENEFITED. IN BOTH OF THOSE POSITIONS I PERFORMED EXACTLY THE SAME ACTIVITIES THAT REGULAR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS PERFORM WITH THE SAME RESPONSIBILITIES. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR AND A

HALF SINCE ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FILED FOR RECOGNITION AS PART OF LOCAL 88. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN TIED UP IN COURT. THIS IS UNFAIR. YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION RIGHT NOW TO RECOGNIZE ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY WORKERS AS PART OF LOCAL 88. I URGE YOU TO DO SO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

David Gruber: I AM DAVID GRUBER. I WORK FOR THE AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION. I'VE BEEN A MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS, BOTH AS AN ON-CALL WORKER AND TEMP. I MADE THE TRANSITION FROM TEMPORARY EMPLOY TO LIMITED DURATION EMPLOYEE. TEMPORARY IS WELL ONLY BY ANOTHER NAME. MY DUTIES HAVE NOT CHANGED, BUT UNDER THE CURRENT CONSTRUCT ONE POSITION HAD NO UNION PROTECTION AND NO BENEFITS. THE SECOND HAS BOTH. I LOVE MY WORK BECAUSE IT ALLOWS ME TO DO WHAT I LIKE DOING BEST. BEING OF HELP TO OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. IT GIVES ME LIFE MEANING. DAILY I SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDING THEM WITH INFORMATION, CONNECTING THEM TO THE RESOURCES, AND GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, REALLY HEARD. WHEN I MAKE A TRUE CONNECTION WITH SOMEONE, AND I WANT ABLE TO PROVIDE A RESOURCE THAT REALLY HELPS THEM IN TIME OF NEED IT'S AN INCREDIBLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. I TOOK A CALL FROM A VOLUNTEER FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES. SHE WAS ADVOCATING FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY WHERE THE SINGLE MOTHER WAS INJURED AT HER WORKPLACE AND WAS TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO PAY HER RENT.

THE FAMILY WAS AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS. THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY SAFETY NET PROGRAMMIST ABLE -- I WAS ABLE TO ASSIST THIS FAMILY IN GETTING THEIR RENT PAID. THIS LIFTED A GREAT BURDEN. I FEEL MY OWN WORTH IS DIMINISHED BY THE AGENCY I SERVE. I WORKED AS A TEMP FULL-TIME FOR FIVE MONTHS AND WAS PAID SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN MY CO-WORKERS FOR DOING EXACTLY THE SAME WORK AT THE SAME LEVEL OF COMPETENCY TO OFFER ONE SMALL EXAMPLE, I WORKED DOWNTOWN AND WAS NOT GIVEN THE BENEFIT OF A TRANSIT PASS. IT REDUCED MY MONTHLY INCOME BY \$100. ADD TO THAT NOT GETTING PAID LEAVE, HOLIDAY PAY, ETC. AS AN OLDER WORKER LIVING WITH FINANCIAL INSECURITIES, IS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT. IN ON-CALL AND TEMP POSITION THERE IS NO PADS TO REGULAR EMPLOYMENT. THE PROCESS IS THE COUNTY USED TO HIRE STAFF AS NOT TRANSPARENT OR INTUITIVE, BUT TEMPORARY AND ON-CALL EMPLOYEES. RECOGNIZING ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IS PART OF THE LOCAL 88 GENERAL BARGAINING UNIT WOULD ALLOW CONGRUENCE SE WITH THE VALUES THE COUNTY EXPRESSES. THIS SHOWS A

DISCONNECTION BETWEEN THE STATE VALUES AND THOSE MANATEESED.
THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Cory Erickson: I AM CORY ERICKSON. I AM THE SECRETARY OF OREGON AFSCME COUNCIL 75 AND LOCAL 88. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY ASKING YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE ON-CALL TEMP WORKERS INTO LOCAL 88. AS A SINGLE MOTHER I CANNOT IMAGINE NOT HAVING HEALTH CARE FOR MY CHILD. AS A SINGLE MOTHER I CANNOT IMAGINE THE STRESS OF KNOWING OR NOT KNOWING IF I AM GOING TO BE CALLED INTO WORK. AS A SINGLE MOTHER I CANNOT IMAGINE NOT HAVING PAID TIME OFF TO SPEND WITH MY CHILD. HOWEVER THAT IS SOME OF THE ON-CALL TEMP WORKERS FACE AND GO THROUGH EVERY DAY. TIME AFTER TIME THEY CONTINUE TO COME TO WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WHY? LET ME TELL YOU WHY. THEY COME IN HOPES OF GETTING HEALTH CARE FOR THEIR, FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY COME IN HOPES OF PROVIDING STABILITY FOR THEM, THEIR FAMILY, AND MOST OF ALL FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY COME BECAUSE THEY SEE HOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY VALUES ITS REGULAR EMPLOYEES. THEY COME BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO WORK. THEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE ON-CALL AND TEMP WORKERS FOR LOCAL 88. [APPLAUSE]

Lightning: I AM LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY. BASICALLY WHAT I WANTED TO DO WAS CONGRATULATE GOVERNOR BROWN FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT SHE DID TO BECOME THE GOVERNOR OF OREGON. VERY IMPRESSIVE WORK. AGAIN AS YOU KNOW I MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIASED HERE FOR DR. BUEHLER. I FEEL HE HAS A GREAT POTENTIAL IN THE FUTURE TO POSSIBLY BE GOVERNOR. NOW AGAIN REFERRING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND, THAT IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW, CHAIR KAFOURY, FOR PRESIDENT HUGHES AT METRO. I TALKED TO HIM BRIEFLY BEFORE THIS WAS PASSED ON THE BENEFITS OF THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL, NOT JUST HAVING THAT OPENED IN THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, BUT ALSO THE BENEFITS OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE WORKING ON THAT, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. AGAIN, ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND, WHICH I HAVE STRESSED TO METRO WAS ON THE JOBS, ALSO CREATED ON BUILDING THE NEW APARTMENT BUILDINGS, THE MULTI-FAMILY UNITS. VERY IMPORTANT TO ME TO HAVE THOSE JOBS CREATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. AGAIN, WHEN I FIRST PROPOSED THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, ONE OF MY MOTIVATIONS WAS FOLLOWING SOMEBODY'S WORK THAT THEY DID IN SAN FRANCISCO. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LATE MAYOR ED LEE. I MONITORED EVERYTHING. I WATCHED CLOSE. I GOT UP IN FRONT OF COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, AND I SAID YOU KNOW YOU ALWAYS COMPLAIN ABOUT RESOURCES. WHY DON'T WE DO AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND LIKE THEY

DID IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE LOOKED AT ME. I SAID NO, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT. YET -- GET A YES OR NO. YES OR NO. HE PUSHED THAT THROUGH. THAT BLAZED THE TRAIL FOR THE METRO BOND. WE HAVE 910 MILLION COMBINED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT IS HISTORIC WHAT HAPPENED. AGAIN, AT THE END OF THE DAY I AM GOING TO LOOK UP, AND I AM GOING TO THANK MAYOR ED LEE FOR THIS. OUTSTANDING WORK, MAYOR ED LEE. OUTSTANDING WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: SARAH LINDEN, [INAUDIBLE] AND CHARLES BRIDGECRANE.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Sarah Linden: GOOD MORNING, I AM SARAH LINDEN, AN ON-CALL MENTAL HEALTH INVESTIGATOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SINCE AUGUST 2012. I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS MEMBERS OF AFSCME LOCAL 88 AND TO INCLUDE US IN THE BARGAINING UNIT THAT REPRESENTS THE REGULAR MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I'VE BEEN AN ON-CALL EMPLOYEE FOR OTHER ENTITIES IN THE PAST, MOST NOTABLY FOR THE PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM, BUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE ONLY PLACE I WORK IN WHICH THERE ARE NO POLICIES OR PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR ON-CALL EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE REGULAR ANNUAL RAISES AND SOME BENEFITS SUCH AS A BUS PASS, PRO RATED PAY FOR HOLIDAYS, AND RETROACTIVE COST OF LIVING RAISES. THE ONLY BENEFIT WE RECEIVE IS SICK LEAVE. I AM CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF OREGON AS A SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH INVESTIGATORS. I AM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, AND I HAVE MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WORK. BECAUSE OF MY EXPERIENCE IN QUALIFICATIONS, MY SUPERVISOR WORKED HARD FOR MY STARTING SALARY TO BEGIN AT HIGHER THAN STEP ONE OF THE SALARY RANGE. HE ALSO WORKED HARD TO GET TWO MORE RAISES FOR ME IN THE MORE THAN SIX YEARS I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY. THE LAST TIME HE APPROACHED MULTNOMAH COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES HE WAS TOLD THAT TWO RAISES WERE ENOUGH. I WOULD NEVER GET ANOTHER RAISE. AT THE HEARING BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO DETERMINE IF ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE AFSCME LOCAL 88 BARGAINING UNIT, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TESTIFIED THAT ON-CALL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES DO NOT HAVE THE SAME JOB DUTIES AS A REGULAR EMPLOYEE. THIS IS BLATANTLY UNTRUE. MY JOB DUTIES ARE DEFINED BY OREGON STATE STATUTE, NOT BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY H.R. I EVALUATE INVOLUNTARY PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF A ACUITY AND RISK. I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS WHO HAVE DONE THEIR BEST TO ADVOCATE FOR APPROPRIATE

COMPENSATION FOR ME. I APPRECIATE THEIR EFFORTS. HOWEVER I BELIEVE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY STANDS FOR JUSTICE, NOT FOR CHARITY, OR AT LEAST THE EMAILS THAT I RECEIVED FROM MANAGERS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT TELL ME SO. IN THE NAME OF FAIRNESS, I ASKED FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR ON-CALL AND EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ASK YOU TO RECOGNIZE US AS PART OF AFSCME LOCAL 88. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Jeffrey Landon: ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET TO -- AM I ON THE CLOCK?

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

Jeffrey Landon: JEFFREY JOSEPH LANDON. I LIVE IN OLD TOWN. IMAGINE I WAS HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. I AM JUST GOING TO READ IT. IMAGINE, AS A VISIONARY TO BE PATIENT. I UNDERSTAND CHANGE MUST BE INCREMENTAL. THE FACT IS THAT WE HAVE FOUNDATIONAL PROBLEMS FIXING A LEAKY ROOF KEEPS US -- KEEPS THE RAIN OUT, OF COURSE. WHAT MUST BE SO SHORT SIGHTED -- I WANT TO SAY LEAN ON THE VISIONARIES. WE HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT. THERE IS ONE THING THAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, NOT RIGHT NOW, BUT WAWB -- WAPATO. THE VOICELESS, HOUSELESS, OVEN [INAUDIBLE] OVERMEDICATED. YES, WE ARE VOICES BUT WE HAVE A VOICE. THE VOICE IS A DOCTOR THAT CALLS US ILL AND BROKEN. I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ISAAC NEWTON, THOMAS JEFFERSON, TODAY THEY WOULD CALL BROKEN [INAUDIBLE] NEED TO BE MEDICATED. THEY DID NOT DO WHAT THEY DID DESPITE IT BUT BECAUSE OF T WE HAVE GREATER ENERGIES. I AM DIAGNOSED BIPOLAR. SO THESE PEOPLE [INAUDIBLE]. I WANT TO END TODAY AT THREE MINUTES. PDX IS A BREAKING GROUND FOR THE HUMAN. I BELIEVE THAT PORTLAND IS A BIG -- IT REALLY MATTERS FOR WHAT DIRECTION THAT WE ARE ON, AND I SAID I WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR JOB TO HEART AND SAY THAT THIS MATTERS. ON THIS LITTLE BLUE DOT. THE HUMAN MIND IS A FUTURE OF WHAT THINGS COULD REALLY BE. TODAY WHAT SEEMS UNIMAGINABLE -- WHAT WE SEE AS UNIMAGINABLE, WE MUST FIGHT AND WORK WITH EACH OTHER. WHAT REALLY COULD WE DO? WHAT COULD WE REALLY BE? COULD WE TRULY LOVE OURSELVES? COULD WE? [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Jeffrey Landon: IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE ARE BATTLING WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE. CAPITALISM. IN EASTERN PHILOSOPHY WHICH I STUDIED, IT'S MAKE DO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE. I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE, NOT ACHIEVE, ACHIEVE, ACHIEVE, BUY, SPEND, THROW AWAY GOODS. LET'S JUST KEEP IN MIND WE ARE VICTIMS OF WHAT OUR PASTORS TOLD US. WE ARE DEFINITELY -- I SEE GOOD THINGS. THE FUTURE IS FEMINISM.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

>> THANK YOU TO DEBORAH.

Karin Sandwick: GOOD MORNING. I AM KARIN SANDWICK. I WORK FOR THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. I AM ONE OF THE CHIEF STEWARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE ON-CALL EMPLOYEES INTO THE BARGAINING UNIT. IN MY ROLE IN THE LIBRARY PART OF MY JOB IS TO DO THE DAILY DESK SCHEDULES FOR THE EMPLOYEES. WHEN WE USE ON-CALL EMPLOYEES IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN WE USE REGULAR EMPLOYEES. THE WORK -- I DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHETHER THE PERSON IS A REGULAR EMPLOYEE OR AN ON-CALL EMPLOYEE EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF THE ONE WHERE THE CONTRACT IS A BIT DIFFERENT FOR THE TWO CLASSES. I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE PICK UP ON-CALL EMPLOYEES PICK UP 20 TO 40 HOURS A WEEK CONSISTENTLY OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS. WITHOUT IT THEM WE WOULD NOT HAVE SMOOTH OPERATION. THEY ARE AN ESSENTIAL PORTION OF THE WORKFORCE. THEY DESERVE TO BE TREATED IN A MORE JUST MANNER, MORE EQUALLY WITH THE PEOPLE DOING THE SAME WORK. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD CHARLES BRIDGECRANE.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR -- I FORGOT TO SAY, WE ALREADY SEE IT HERE. NOW IT'S BECOMING MORE EVIDENT ACROSS THE RIVER. IN THOSE FIVE STATES AND IN CONGRESS THE FUTURE IS FEMALE. THOSE WORDS HAVE DOUBLE VALUE. THEY ALSO TRIGGER A BUNCH OF MALE CHAUVINIST SNOWFLAKES. WHEN WE SAY THAT, IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER IT'S HUMAN INTUITION OR FEMALE INTUITION. WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS ISSUE FROM AFSCME 88, YOU PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR MARISSA MADRIGAL AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PRESENT YOU WITH ANOTHER REPORT. WINTER IS COMING. THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH ARE COMING. BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR WE CAN HAVE AN AGENDA ITEM THAT JUST TELLS US WHAT WE INTUITIVELY KNOW IS TRUE. INSTEAD OF WASTING HUNDREDS OF SO-CALLED MAN HOURS ON DETERMINING THE COST OF EFFICACY OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF UNION REPRESENTATION FOR THESE WORKERS, WE CAN JUST DO IT. BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR WE CAN BE IN THESE CHAMBERS AND HAVE A VOTE WHERE WE RECOGNIZE ON-CALL WORKERS INSIDE AFSCME LOCAL 88. THERE IS NO REASON TO DRAG IT OUT AND HAVE A LOT MORE BUREAUCRATIC, ADMINISTRATIVE CRAP. IT CAN JUST BE DONE. IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA

TODAY. WHEN YOU REFLECT ON IT, I HOPE YOU WILL SEE IT'S AN AGENDA ITEM FOR ACTION THAT CAN BE RETURNED BEFORE THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY WHILE THAT'S HAPPENING MORE THAN A PERSON PER WEEK WILL STILL BE DYING FOR THE DOMICILE UNKNOWN LIST. SUPPOSEDLY THE FUTURE COULD BE DIFFERENT. FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR WE DON'T REALLY HAVE AN ACTION PLAN THAT WE CAN POINT TO AND SAY CLEARLY THIS IS DIFFERENT AND BETTER. WE WILL REDUCE THE 79 FATALITIES ON THE DOMICILE UNKNOWN REPORT. ALSO WE NEED TO BE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT LOOKING AT THE METHODOLOGY OF THAT REPORT AND MAYBE CREATING SOME COMPANION REPORTS BECAUSE I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK INTO IT TO SEE HOW REALISTICALLY IT ADDRESSES THOSE NUMBERS OR EXCLUDE SUICIDE AND OVERDOSE. IT'S PAINFUL, CHALLENGING WORK, BUT IT CAN BE VERY REWARDING. THAT'S WHY ON-CALL WORKERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED. I AM NOT SURE THAT I SHOULD BE SITTING IN THE ROOM WITH A SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH INVESTIGATOR. I JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO YOU KNOW, WORK ON THOSE TWO THINGS SEEING IF YOU CAN PUT THE AFSCME 88 ISSUE ON THE AGENDA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AND MORE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE DOMICILE REPORTS SO WE CAN DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN DO ADDRESS PEOPLE'S DEATHS, SUICIDES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: MAGGIE AND VICTORIA.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.

Maggie: I AM GOING TO SPEAK FIRST IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I AM MAGGIE. I WILL JUST SAY REAL QUICKLY YES. SO THE SHELTERS ARE KICKING DISABLED PEOPLE OUT INTO THE STREET. THE HOSPITALS ARE KICKING PEOPLE, DISABLED PEOPLE OUT IN THE STREETS. LANDLORDS ARE KICKING PEOPLE OUT IN THE STREETS BY RAISING RENTS. AND THEN YOU HAVE GOT THIS POINT OF CONTACT THING FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT SHOWS HOW MANY WAYS THAT BUSINESS OWNERS AND NEIGHBORHOODS CAN CALL IN AND SAY ANYTHING THAT THEY WANT TO AND FALSELY REPORT ON PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING NOTHING BUT STANDING, SITTING, OR POSSIBLY LYING DOWN IN A TENT. THIS IS ILLEGAL. THIS IS MCCARTYISM. THIS IS A YELLOW STAR. PORTLAND RESCUE MISSION AND SAFE AND UGM, THAT IS A GHETTO. YOU GUYS DON'T WANT ANYONE TO LEAVE THAT GHETTO. YOU JUST WANT THEM ALL TO STAY DOWN THERE. THE OYSTER BAR OWNER, YOU KNOW THAT ALLEYWAY AT 2ND AND ANKENY? THE CITY SOLD TO THE BAR OWNERS DOWN THERE SO THEY CAN HAVE THAT BE PRIVATE. WELL, THE OYSTER BAR OWNER -- THERE IS A HOMELESS WOMAN WHO HAS GOT A JEEP. SHE PARKS IT WHEN. I SEE HER GET UP AT 5:00 A.M. EVERYBODY MORNING TO MOVE HER CAR. WHILE THE OYSTER BAR OWNER CALLS BEFORE HER TIME IS LEGALLY UP AND TICKETS AND HER CAR ENDED UP IN THE TOWING THING. I WOULD LIKE THOSE TICKETS TO BE WIPED OFF AND I WOULD LIKE HER TO GET HER TOWING MONEY BACK BECAUSE SHE WAS LEGALLY PARKED. I SEE WITH MY OWN EYES

HER GET UP EVERY MORNING TO GO AND MOVE HER CAR. IT IS WRONG FOR THE OYSTER BAR OWNERS TO REPEATEDLY CALL -- IT'S ILLEGAL. THERE IS AN OREGON LAW THAT SAYS THAT YOU CANNOT CALL THE CITY SERVICES ABUSIVELY AND REPEATEDLY. YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO A, BETWEEN A 10,000 AND 25,000 FINE. IF I GO IN AND GET THOSE NAMES AND NUMBERS, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE RUNNING THE OTHER WAY. THERE ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS WHO CALL 9-1-1 OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND FALSELY REPORT. THIS IS JUST MCCARTYISM. WHY DON'T WE JUST GET A YELLOW STAR. CLEAN AND SAFE COMES IN TO TARGET EVERY NIGHT AND WRITES THEIR LITTLE REPORT. THERE I AM, YOU KNOW, EATING MY DINNER BECAUSE THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE TO EAT EVEN THOUGH SAFE HAS A KITCHEN. THEY DON'T USE IT. THEY FEED EVERYONE OUT OF GARBAGE BAGS AND BUCKETS.

Chair Kafoury: MY STAFF PERSON RIGHT BACK HERE IS GOING TO STAND UP.

Maggie: YEAH. I HAVE GOT A MAP FOR HIM TO SHOW HIM ALL THE EMPTY UNITS ON THE PERIPHERY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE COUNTY'S SURROUNDING. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Victoria: NOT PREPARED TO SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

Victoria: MY NAME IS VICTORIA. I AM A NURSING SUPERVISOR IN THE HOSPITAL. I MAKE SURE THAT THE PATIENTS HAVE ENOUGH NURSES TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH NURSES TO TAKE CARE OF THE PATIENTS. THIS IS WHAT I DO. THIS IS THE ONLY THING THAT I KNOW REALLY. I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM, FIRST OF ALL, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WORK THAT THEY COULD BE GIVING TO THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK AND WITH DIFFERENT ILLNESS. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE -- THE AMOUNT OF NURSES THAT TAKE CARE OF THEM ARE ENOUGH TO REALLY GIVE ENOUGH CARE TO THEM, YOU KNOW, ALL IN ALL. YOU HAVE ONLY ENOUGH NURSES FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PATIENTS. I KNOW THAT THIS IS DIFFERENT IN OTHER HOSPITALS WHERE THE PATIENTS ARE ALREADY HALF DEAD OR FIGHTING ON, BUT THIS [INAUDIBLE] WHERE I BEGIN TO ANALYZE HOW MUCH WORK I HAVE BEEN DOING AND HOW MUCH [INAUDIBLE] I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I GO TO ALL OF THE STATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL AND MAKE SURE HOW MANY NURSES THAT THERE ARE WORKING FOR HOW MANY PATIENTS. AS MUCH WE CAN DO THIS IN THE -- IN THE --

Maggie: VICTORIA RESIDES IN SAFE. SHE'S A RETIRED NURSE, A FILIPINO, AMERICAN. SHE'S BEEN NATURALIZED SINCE 1968. WE ARE JUST TRYING TO CONNECT HER NOW WITH THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SO WE CAN

HELP HER FIND A PLACE. SHE USED TO BE A NURSE. SHE WORKED FOR SOMETHING LIKE 50 YEARS AS A NURSE. SHE'S VERY OVERLY GENEROUS. SHE GETS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IN THERE. SHE'S VERY -- SHE TRIES TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS SHE CAN. SHE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN SAFE, AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: LIAM WILL COME DOWN AND TALK WITH THE BOTH OF YOU. THANK YOU. WOULD YOU TALK WITH MY STAFF PERSON, MA'AM? THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. WE APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

**R.1 Informational Board Briefing on the FY2020 General Fund 5-Year Forecast.
Presenter: Mike Jaspin, Budget Director & Jeff Renfro, Economist.**

Mike Jaspin: GOOD MORNING. MIKE JASPIN FROM THE BUDGET OFFICE. WE ARE HERE TO PRESENT THE FIVE-YEAR GENERAL FUND FORECAST. OUR AGENDA WILL LOOK SIMILAR TO PAST YEARS. I WILL PROVIDE BRIEF FINANCIAL CONTEXT IN THE FORM OF THREE QUESTIONS. WE WILL TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE ECONOMY. WE WILL LOOK AT OUR THREE MAJOR GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES AND HOW THEY ARE PERFORMING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST WHERE WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT OUR REVENUES LOOK LIKE ONGOING AS WELL AS THE ASSUMPTIONS AND FOLLOW UP WITH ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDS THAT WE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY. SO LAST YEAR WHEN WE WERE HERE PRESENTING THE GENERAL FUND FORECAST WE FOCUSED THE BEGINNING PART ON A NUMBER OF CONTRADICTIONS. WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO EXPLAIN WAS WHY IS THE ECONOMY SO STRONG BUT OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE IS NOT IMPROVING IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMY.

THE SHORT ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT WE HAVE A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. AND THAT DEFICIT IS STILL WITH US TODAY. YOU WILL SEE THAT REFLECTED IN THE NUMBERS TODAY. OUR PERSONNEL COSTS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE FORECASTED TO GO UP 6.59%. THE BIGGEST DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THAT IS THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT WHICH IS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. THAT'S BEING DRIVEN UP BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY AND IN PARTICULAR HOUSING. SECONDARILY OUR PERS COSTS ARE INCREASING AT 2.2% OF THE PAYROLL. THAT'S RELATIVELY GOOD NEWS BECAUSE IT CAN HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER. ON THE REVENUE SIDE PROPERTY TAXES ARE THE LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE. INHERENTLY THEY ARE BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. LAST YEAR THAT GREW AT 3.15%. THERE IS SOME AUDACITIES DUE TO THE DECISIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL, BUT EVEN IF IT GREW WHERE WE FORECAST IT, IT WOULD ONLY BE 4%. THE REASON IT DOES NOT GROW FASTER IS THE OREGON CONSTITUTION, THE ASSESSED VALUE CAN ONLY GROW AT 3%. WHILE WE SEE THE MARKET VALUE OF HOUSES SHOOT UP OVER THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS, MOST OF THE VALUE, WHICH WE BASE OUR TAXES ON, HAS GROWN

AT 3%. WHEN THERE IS NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA IT DOES NOT GO ON THE TAX ROLLS. IT ESSENTIALLY GOES ON AS A MUCH LOWER RATE BASED ON THE CHANGE PROPERTY RATIO.

Mike Jaspin: FOR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY THAT MEANS THAT NEW CONSTRUCTION IS GOING ON THE TAX ROLLS AT 35% OF THE REAL VALUE. THAT'S ACTUALLY UP FROM LAST YEAR WHEN IT WAS 33%. STILL RESIDENTIAL FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY IS GOING ON THE ROLLS AT ABOUT 49% OF THE REAL MARKET VALUE. IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH HIGH POWERED MATH TO FIGURE OUT WHY WE FACE THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT WHEN THE COSTS ARE GROWING NORTH OF 6% BUT THE REVENUES ARE GROWING AT A SLOWER RATE. THIS [INAUDIBLE] DEFICIT. NORMALLY WHAT WE DO WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS IS LOOK AT NEXT YEAR GOING FORWARD. I THOUGHT IT WILL BE WORTHWHILE LOOKING BACKWARDS.

IT'S COVERED UP BY THE CLOSED CAPTIONING. IF YOU -- WHEN WE WERE HERE THREE YEARS AGO DOING THE FORECAST WE SAID THAT FOR FY-2017 YOU WOULD HAVE A SURPLUS OF 16.4 MILLION. IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO START NEW PROGRAMS WITH THAT BECAUSE THAT SURPLUS TURNS INTO A DEFICIT OF ABOUT 6.4 MILLION BY FY-20. HERE WE ARE THREE YEARS LATER TALKING TO YOU. YOU WILL SEE THAT OUR DEFICIT FOR NEXT YEAR IS, INDEED, 6 MILLION AND THAT WILL GROW TO 35 MILLION BY THE TAIL END OF THE FORECAST. THAT GROWS 1.25% A YEAR REGARDLESS OF THE ECONOMY. I WANT TO POINT OUT, WHEN WE BUILD NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WE WILL BE TRYING TO CLOSE THE 6 MILLION GAP. I DON'T THINK THAT WE WANT TO LOSE TRACK OF WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS BECAUSE THAT 34 MILLION GAP WILL BE VERY REAL. WE DON'T WANT TO FIND OURSELVES ESSENTIALLY [INAUDIBLE] BY A THOUSAND CUTS. THE NEXT QUESTION IS HOW LONG WILL THE EXPANSION LAST? THIS IS OUR FAVORITE GRAPH TO SHOW YOU. IT FLEX THE WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS. IT'S THE MOVING AVERAGE AS OF TODAY. THAT STOOD AT 214,000. THAT IS A REMARKABLY LOW NUMBER. IT'S THE LOWEST NUMBER IN MY LIFETIME.

I THINK IT REFLECTS JUST HOW STRONG THE ECONOMY IS. WE ARE ECONOMISTS. ECONOMISTS DEAL IN THE DISMAL SCIENCE. WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW LONG WILL THE ECONOMIC EXPANSION LAST? THIS WILL BE THE -- ONE OF THE LONGEST EXPANSIONS IN HISTORY. THE HISTORY SHOWS US THAT ABOUT 12 TO 18 MONTHS AFTER WE BOTTOM OUT IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS WE ENTER A RECESSION. THERE IS NOTHING THAT SAYS THAT WE HAVE TO. WE NEVER HAVE NOT HAD THAT HAPPEN. THE REASON THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE IT WILL IMPACT OUR BUSINESS INCOME TAX. WHAT YOU WILL SEE LATER IN THE FORECAST IS AS THE ECONOMY HAS STAYED STRONG, IT HAS ALLOWED US TO BUFFER THE COLA INCREASES. IN AN IDEAL WORLD, INFLATION WOULD BE MORE MODERATE. OUR REVENUES COULD STAY IN TRACT AND IN SYNC WITH OUR COST A BIT BETTER. ONE LAST QUESTION. THIS IS RELEVANT WITH THE UPCOMING

LEGISLATIVE SESSION. PERS ALWAYS COMES UP IN THE SESSIONS. WILL OUR PERS RATES LEVEL OUT AND DECLINE AT SOME POINT? THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES. WE ARE, ACTUALLY, FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO THE RECALIBRATION PROCESS THAT IS STARTING TO ENTER INTO THE FORECAST.

Mike Jaspin: I WON'T BE HERE WHEN THAT HAPPENS. IT IS GETTING CLOSER. WHAT I WANTED TO DO WAS TO SHOW YOU THIS GRAPH, WHICH FOR TIER ONE AND TWO EMPLOYEES IS THE REPLACEMENT RATIO FROM WHEN THEY RETIRE. THIS IS REALLY SAYING -- I WILL LOOK AT THE BLUE LINE. IF YOU ARE A 30-YEAR EMPLOYEE AND YOU RETIRED IN 1990 THE PERS BENEFIT WOULD COVER 60% OF YOUR FINAL SALARY. YOU CAN SEE LOOKING AT THAT GRAPH THAT IN THE 1990S IT WAS ONLY 60% TO 70%. IT SHOT UP DRAMATICALLY TO NEARLY 100% IN 2000. THAT'S WHEN THE REFORMS WERE PUT IN PLACE. YOU CAN SEE SINCE THAT TIME THAT IT'S DRIFTED DOWN TO 53% OVER 15 TO 18 YEARS. ONE OF THE -- ALL THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY THAT WE ARE PAYING TODAY AND MOST OF THE INCREASE IN COST IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BENEFITS AND THE LACK OF FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE SYSTEM AND THE ASSUMPTIONS DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. AS WE PAY THAT OFF WE EXPECT OUR RATES TO LEVEL OFF IN THE MID 20S. IN THE FORECAST WE HAVE IT AT ABOUT 22. WHETHER IT'S 2022 OR 2024 IS NOT AS RELEVANT. IT WILL LEVEL OFF. WHEN WE GET TO 2031 IT WILL, ACTUALLY, DECLINE SIGNIFICANTLY. THE FINAL THING THAT I WANT TO POINT OUT WITH THIS GRAPH IS WHEN WE TRY TO QUOTE, "REFORM THE PERS SYSTEM, BECAUSE WE CANNOT RETROACTIVELY TAKE THE BENEFITS FROM PEOPLE THAT HAVE EARNED THEM, IT BECOMES LITERALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY SIGNATURE SAVINGS." YOU CAN SEE THAT THE BENEFITS THAT ARE PROVIDED UNDER THE CURRENT EMPLOYEES ARE BACK INTO A MUCH MORE NORMAL RANGE. WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO JESS.

Jeff Renfro: FOR THE RECORD I AM JEFF RENFRO FROM THE BUDGETED OFFICE. I WILL PROVIDE SOME ECONOMIC CONTEXT BEFORE WE GET INTO THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE COUNTY. SO AS MIKE MENTIONED THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE STRONG. THE FEDERAL RESERVE JUST ABOUT ANYONE ELSE WHO FORECASTS THIS EXPECTS THAT TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. AT THIS POINT THE ECONOMY IS BEING SORT OF ACCELERATED. A BIT OF FUEL HAS BEEN ADDED BY THE TAX REFORM. THE NARRATIVE IS STARTING TO SHIFT A BIT. WE ARE STARTING TO THINK ABOUT WHEN ALL OF THIS MIGHT END. IN THE PRESENT I THINK THAT IT LOOKS EXTREMELY GOOD. UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS AT THE LOWEST LEVEL IN DECADES. HERE IN OREGON WE ARE NOT AT THAT RECORD LOW, BUT WE ARE CLOSE TO IT. THE LAST TIME WE TALKED TO YOU, WE TALKED ABOUT HOW WE ARE SEEING THAT SHOW UP IN WAGE AND INCOME STATISTICS. THAT'S DEFINITELY IMPROVED. I WILL SHOW YOU A GRAPH THAT REFLECTS THAT LATER. THE FLIP SIDE IS THAT BOTH NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY WE ARE STARTING TO SEE INFLATION PICK UP. ON THE WEST COAST IT'S RUNNING SIGNIFICANTLY HOTTER THAN IT

IS IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IS ABOVE 2% AND LOOKS TO BE STRONGLY THERE. THAT MEANS THAT WE EXPECT THE FED TO CONTINUE TO RAISE INTEREST RATES. WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT A BIT MORE LATER. AS FAR AS UNCERTAINTY LOOKING FORWARD, THE FEDERAL DEFICIT FROM A MACK -- MACRO ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE WILL PRESENT CHALLENGES.

Jeff Renfro: IT LOOKS TO BE UNSTAINABLE AT THIS POINT. YOU WOULD EXPECT IN THE FUTURE TO EITHER HAVE CUTS TO SERVICES OR TAX INCREASES THAT ROLL BACK THOSE TAX REDUCTIONS. ALSO IF WE ARE ENGAGED IN THE DEFICIT SPENDING AT THE PEAK OF THE ECONOMIC CYCLE, WHEN WE ROLL OVER INTO A RECESSION, WHEN WE SHOULD BE DEFER SIT -- DEFICIT SPENDING, THERE IS A COUNTER CYCLICAL REACTION. SO FROM A MACRO, ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE THAT'S DEFINITELY A CONCERN. IMMIGRATION POLICY CHANGES, AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS SO LOW, WE ARE CONTINUING TO PULL IN PEOPLE INTO THE LABOR FORCE. IN MIGRATION, IT WOULD HELP THE U.S. ECONOMY AND THE OREGON ECONOMY CONTINUE TO GROW, DEPENDING ON HOW THE POLICY DEVELOPS, THAT COULD PRESENT A CONSTRAINT ON THE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

I ALREADY MENTIONED HIGHER INTEREST RATES. REGULATORY CHANGES BOTH AT THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AND JUDICIAL LEVEL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP. THIS IS ANOTHER GRAPH THAT WE ALWAYS SHOW YOU. WE HAVE THE OREGON UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. WE ARE NO LONGER AT THE RECORD LOW. WE ARE JUST ABOVE THAT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE GRAPHS, YOU SEE IT SORT OF GOING AROUND. SO WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE IS WE ARE CONTINUING TO PULL PEOPLE INTO THE LABOR FORCE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN WORKING. ONE OF THE HOBBIES IN OUR OFFICE IS TO TALK ABOUT THE HELPFUL WANTED SIGNS, THE INCREASINGLY HELP WANTED SIGNS THAT WE SEE IN THE AREA. SO IN SOME INDUSTRIES IT'S BECOMING COMMON TO HAVE EXTREMELY GENEROUS SIGNING BONUSES.

IF YOU DRIVE ON A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE ANYWHERE IN THE AREA, YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE BILLBOARDS. ON THE BACK OF THE AMAZON DELIVERY TRUCKS THERE IS A NUMBER TO TEXT TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT WORKING FOR THEM. THAT LITTLE SQUIGGLE AT THE END OF THAT GRAPH IS THAT IN ACTION. SO EMPLOYERS ARE INCREASINGLY DESPERATE TO HIRE A LARGER LABOR FORCE, AND IT'S STARTING TO SHOW UP IN THE INCOME STATISTICS. SO THIS IS MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR OREGON. TWO THINGS TO NEAT HERE, TRADITIONALLY OREGON LAGS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WE HAVE CAUGHT UP TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. AS YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THAT GRAPH THERE'S BEEN SIGNATURE GROWTH FOR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. THAT HAS CORRESPONDED TO A DECREASE IN THE POVERTY RIGHT HERE. THAT'S CONTINUED. AS WE SEE THE INFLATION, THAT'S TENDED TO EAT INTO THAT

BENEFIT ESPECIALLY AT THE LOWER END OF THE INCOME LEVELS. THE TIGHT LABOR MARKET EQUALS TIGHTER WAGES BUT ALSO INFLATION PEOPLE ARE SPENDING MONEY ON SHELTER. THE BLUE LINE IS THE CASE SHILLER HOME PRICE INDEX FOR PORTLAND. WE CONTINUE TO COOL OFF. WE ARE LOWER THAN WE WERE WHEN WE WERE LEADING THE COUNTRY IN CHANGES IN HOME PRICES. THAT HAS BEEN MATCHED BY MOST OF THE WEST COAST AND EVEN SEATTLE AT THIS POINT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME HAS UNDER DOUBLE DIGIT YEAR OVER YEAR GROWTH. IT IS ONLY SAN FRANCISCO AND LAS VEGAS THAT CONTINUE TO BE GROWING VERY RAPIDLY. OUR OWN LINE IS AFFORDABILITY IN THE AREA, AREA. AS IT COMES DOWN IT'S MORE AFFORDABLE. AS YOU SEE THE INDEX SLOW DOWN AND INCOMES PICK UP, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE HAD IMPROVEMENTS. I WOULD NOT CALL IT AFFORDABLE, BUT IT'S MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Jeff Renfro: WE ARE GOING TO MENTION INTEREST RATES SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION. I THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD SHOW YOU WHAT'S GOING ON. SO THE BLUE LINE IS THE EFFECTIVE FEDERAL FUNDS RATE. THAT'S THE RATE THAT THE FED CONTROLS THAT YOU HEAR ABOUT IN THE NEWS. THE ORANGE LINE IS THE 30-YEAR FIXED RATE MORTGAGE RATE FOR THE U.S. ON THE RIGHT SIDE YOU CAN SEE AS WE ENTER THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THE RATE CRASHED. IT STAYED AT ZERO, OR JUST ABOVE ZERO FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. YOU CAN SEE THE IMPACT OF THE FEDS STARTING TO RAISE THE RATES THERE. SO FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OUR INTEREST RATES ARE STILL EXTREMELY LOW. IT IS AN ISSUE THAT WE ARE TRACKING IS PARTS OF THE ECONOMY HAVE GOTTEN USED TO THE INTEREST RATES AT VERY LOW LEVELS. ANY INCREASE ABOVE THAT IS STILL GOING TO FEEL LIKE -- IT IS GOING TO BE PAINFUL FOR THE ECONOMY. THERE IS THE SOVEREIGN DEBT MARKETS HERE IN THE U.S. THEY COULD REACT NEGATIVELY. RISING INTEREST RATES COULD EFFECT THE INVESTMENT SPENDING.

THAT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACTED ON THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TRACKING. WITH THAT CONTEXT WE WILL MOVE INTO SOME OF THE COUNTY SPECIFIC STUFF. SO THIS IS A TABLE THAT SUMMARIZES THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE MAKING TO THE FORECAST FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, THE FY-2019. THE PROPERTY TAXES WERE REDUCING BY 1.5 MILLION BASED ON LOWER THAN EXPECTED A.V. GROWTH. I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT MORE. THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX WE ARE BUMPING UP BY 2.5 MILLION. I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT MORE. WE ARE INCREASING OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF BEDS USED PER DAY BY THE MARSHALLS FROM 85 TO 93. I WILL SHOW YOU A GRAPH. WE ARE ADJUSTING THE FORECAST BY 1.4 MILLION, WHICH IS JUST ABOUT A QUARTER OF A PERCENT OF OUR REVENUES. AS A REFERENCE POINT WE TRY TO BE WITHIN 2%. SO TO GO BACK TO THE PROPERTY TAXES, TO ORIENT YOU HERE, THE RED LINE IS A REAL MARKET VALUE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE BLUE LINE IS THE ASSESSED VALUE. THE ORANGE LINE IS OUR COMPRESSION RATE. WE DON'T

HAVE THE REAL MARKET VALUE. THAT PART OF THE LINE HASN'T BEEN UPDATED. YOU CAN SEE A LITTLE REDUCTION IN THE GROWTH RATE FOR THE A.V. THERE IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY. WE EXPECTED THE GROWTH TO BE 4%. IT CAME IN AT 3.15%.

Jeff Renfro: THE REASON IS THAT A BUNCH OF STUFF THAT HAPPENED AFTER THE LAST TIME THAT WE TALKED TO YOU WITH THE SPRING FORECAST. THE COMCAST SETTLEMENT CAME INN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. AND IT RESULTED IN A SETTLEMENT PAYMENT FOR THE COUNTY. IT ALSO WAS A REDUCTION IN THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTED TO THE COMCAST OF 240 MILLION. THAT REDUCED OUR A.V. AT THE STATE LEVEL THERE ARE CERTAIN ACCOUNTS THAT ARE CENTRALLY ASSESSED BY THE STATE. EVERY YEAR OUR ASSESSMENT OFFICE GETS A NOTE ABOUT CHANGES IN THOSE ASSESSMENTS. THIS YEAR THERE WAS A COMPLETELY [INAUDIBLE] LEVEL OF CHANGES IN THE REDUCTIONS AND THE ACCOUNTS CENTRALLY ASSESSED. OVERALL WE HAD 800 MILLION IN A.V. REDUCTIONS. SO IF THAT HAD NOT HAPPENED WE WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHT AROUND 4% OR A BIT ABOVE THAT. THE STORY HERE IS REALLY -- IT IS LESS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S MORE ABOUT JUST A.V. DESTRUCTION THAT HAPPENED. WE ARE CONSIDERING THIS TO BE A ONE-FINAL ADJUSTMENT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU WERE NOT WRONG ON YOUR PREDICTIONS.

Jeff Renfro: THAT'S THE TAKE-AWAY TODAY. WE HAVE A PHONE CALL WITH THE STATE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON. IT LOOKS LIKE A ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE DON'T DO THAT AGAIN, GUYS.

Jeff Renfro: ONE THING IS THAT COMPRESSION WENT DOWN JUST A BIT, BUT IT CONTINUES AT WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING THE THEORETICAL BASELINE. THIS IS OUR TRADITIONAL BIT WITH A COUPLE OF ADJUSTMENTS THAT I WILL WALK US THROUGH AGAIN TO ORIENT US. THE RED LINE IS OUR LONG-TERM GROWTH RATE. THE BLUE LINE, WHERE IT IS SOLID, ARE THE ACTUALS. THE DOTTED PORTION ON THE RIGHT SIDE IS OUR FORECAST. THAT ORANGE LINE BELOW IS THE FORECAST THAT WE LEFT YOU WITH IN MAY. THE GREEN LINE IS WHAT WE ARE CALLING THE ADJUSTED FORECAST. BACK IN MAY WE HAD BUDGETED 89 MILLION FOR 2018 BIT REVENUES. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LOWER AT 87 MILLION. WE WERE NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING IN THE BUDGET. THE ACTUAL FOR LAST YEAR CAME IN AT 93.4 MILLION. WE CONTRACT THAT DIFFERENCE BACK TO REALLY ABOUT FIVE LARGE COMPANIES THAT MADE PAYMENTS ABOVE KIND OF ANYTHING THAT THEY HAD DONE IN THE PAST. IN PARTICULAR THERE WAS ONE EXTREMELY LARGE COMPANY THAT MADE IS A PAYMENT THAT ACCOUNTED FOR 5% OF THE REVENUES. THE PAYMENT WAS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE HIGHEST PAYMENT

THAT WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE. THIS IS SO OUT OF LINE WITH WHAT WE HAD SEEN. WE HAVE HAD THE REVENUE DIVISION CALL THEM AND ASK THEM WHAT IS HAPPENING.

Jeff Renfro: SO IT TURNS OUT THAT THEY PREPAID. THEY MADE A PREPAYMENT. THEY, BASICALLY, MADE THEIR 18 AND 19 PAYMENT LAST YEAR. THE GREEN LINE IS OUR EFFORT TO ADJUST FOR THAT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BLUE LINE, IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE FORECASTING A DECLINE FROM 93.4 TO 87.5. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SERIOUS DECLINE. WHEN YOU MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT FOR THAT LARGE PREPAYMENT IT'S MORE LIKE A DECLINE FROM 91 MILLION TO 89.5. IT'S A MODEST DECLINE. AT THIS POINT THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER WE ARE DOWN 12.2% YEAR OVER YEAR. WE EXPECT THAT TO SHRINK AS WE GET FURTHER INTO THE YEAR. WE ARE TAKING THAT AS A SIGNAL THAT THE DECLINE IS TO BE EXPECTED. TO MOVE INTO WHY EXACTLY WE ARE EXPECTING A DECLINE. IN THE PAST WE TALKED ABOUT HOW THE INDUSTRY THAT COVERS DEVELOPMENT AND NEW CONSTRUCTION AND LANDLORD PROFITS MAKES UP A QUARTER OF THE REVENUES THAT HAD GROWN. AS WE HAD GONE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE. AT THIS POINT WE KNOW RENTS ARE DECREASING. THIS IS THE RENTALS IN THE BLUE. PORTLAND HAD THE LARGEST RENT DECREASE IN THE COUNTRY IS GOOD FOR THE RESIDENTS. IT MAKES US NERVOUS ABOUT THE REVENUES. THAT COULD EAT INTO LANDLORD PROFITS, AND IT'S SENDING A SIGNAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE IN A MORE MATURE PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE.

ACROSS THE RIVER THEY ARE SEEING A SIGNATURE DECLINE IN PERMITS. LAST YEAR WE DID SEE A REDUCTION IN THE REVENUES FROM THAT SECTOR. WE ARE EXPECTING THAT TO CONTINUE, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR OUR REDUCTION IN OUR OVERALL FORECAST. I WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR 20 WE BUMPED UP THE FORECAST. WE ARE FLATTENING OUT OUR PATH BACK TOWARDS OUR LONG-TERM GROWTH RATE. IF WE DO HAVE A RECESSION, WE ARE PROBABLY NOT BEING CONSERVATIVE ENOUGH. WE ARE TRYING TO SORT OF HEDGE THAT. OUR THIRD BIGGEST REVENUE SOURCE IS MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES. WE HAVE NOT SHOWN YOU THIS GRAPH IN A WHILE. THEY ARE JUST GROWING VERY STEADILY. IT IS AT LIKE 2% TO 4% A YEAR. WE WANTED TO BRING THIS BACK TO YOUR ATTENTION. WE EXPECT OUR REVENUES FROM THIS AREA TO BE ABOVE 30 MILLION. THESE TRACK VERY CLOSELY TRAFFIC INTO PORTLAND AIRPORTS. DURING THAT PERIOD WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES WERE GROWING RAPIDLY, TRAFFIC INTO PDX WAS GROWING AT A DOUBLE DIGIT. THAT SLOWED DOWN TO 2% TO 4% FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES. THEY HAVE SLOWED DOWN ACCORDINGLY. LASTLY, I SAID THAT WE WERE BUMPING UP THE U.S. MARSHAL REVENUE FORECAST. WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, THERE WAS A PRETTY SIGNATURE BUMP-UP IN THE BED USAGE TO 115 BEDS IN JUNE. THAT'S CONTINUED SO FAR IN THE CURRENT YEAR. WE BUMPED IT UP TO 93. THAT IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER

THAN THE 120 THAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THIS IS GOING TO FALL BACK DOWN TO SOMETHING MORE LIKE THE LEVEL THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE WATCHING AND WE WILL UPDATE YOU AGAIN ON IT.

Jeff Renfro: THAT'S THE REVENUE SIDE. WHEN WE COMBINE THAT WITH THE EXPENDITURE SIDE, WHICH I WILL GET INTO MORE, WE GET OUR OVERALL DEFICIT IN THIS CASE. AS I HAVE SAID, AS I REFERENCED WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE PROPERTY VALUES ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GROW. THAT'S GOING TO START TO SLOW DOWN. WE'RE IN A MORE MATURE STAGE. IT'S A EUPHEMISM FOR WE ARE GETTING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT A RECESSION. THE SIGNATURE CHANGES THAT WE HAVE MADE, AS MIKE SAID, IT'S THE BIT AND OUR COLA ASSUMPTIONS. THEY HAVE OFFSET EACH OTHER. THEY WERE 4.5 MILLION. AS YOU LOOK AT THE TABLE BELOW, OUR FORECAST WE EXPECT A DEFICIT OF 5.9 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2020. THAT GROWS TO OVER 34 MILLION BY THE TIME THAT WE GET TO 2024. THAT DEFICIT MEANS THAT OUR DEFICIT GROWS BY ABOUT A PERCENT EVERY YEAR. THIS IS A TABLE THAT IS TOO BUSY THAT WE SHOW YOU. IT'S FOR A REFERENCE. IT'S ALL OF OUR REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS. TO DIVE DEEPER INTO THE EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS, THESE ARE A MAJOR COST DRIVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020. INFLATION AT THIS POINT, WE ARE EXPECTING TO BE 4%. THAT IS THE CEILING OF ALL THE LABOR CONTRACTS. EVEN IF WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HIGHER, THIS IS WHERE WE WOULD END UP.

WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT MORE. AS MIKE MENTIONED WE EXPECT OUR LABOR COSTS TO BE 6.5%. TO BE UP BY 6.5%. MEDICAL DENTAL, GO UP BY 2%. I AM HIGHLIGHTING THAT. WE EXPECTED IT TO GO UP BY SIX. THAT'S THE ONE PIECE OF GOOD NEWS. PERS I WILL TALK ABOUT MORE IN A BIT. WE ARE INCREASING OUR RATES BY 2.22%. THE ONE OTHER THING TO NOTE HERE IS TRADITIONALLY FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES, WHICH FOR THE COUNTY IS US PAYING NONPROFITS AND OTHER PEOPLE TO DO WORK FOR US. FOR THEIR INCREASE WE HAVE USED THE COLA. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT INCREASE IN CONTRACTUAL SERVICES WILL BE 4%. AS A RULE OF THUMB FOR EVERY 1% INCREASE IN CONTRACTUAL SERVICES THAT CORRESPONDS TO \$700,000. THIS IS A POLICY DECISION FOR ALL OF YOU TO MAKE. TO GET BACK TO THE COLA, THIS GRAPH COMPARES THE INFLATION, THE CPIW FOR PORTLAND TO THE US CITY AVERAGE AS A WHOLE. THE BLUE LINE IS A COMBINATION OF OUR OLD CPIW PORTLAND-SPECIFIC MEASURE. IT CONVERTS TO THE WEST SIZE A THAT THE COUNTY CONVERTS TO ON THE RIGHT SIDE. THE THING TO NOTE IS THAT 2013, 2014, AND DEFINITELY AS WE GOT INTO 2016 WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN PORTLAND AND ON THE WEST COAST STARTED TO DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. YOU CAN TRACK THAT BACK TO HOUSING PRICES AND RENT INCREASES ON THE WEST COAST. THAT HAS BEEN RUNNING FAR AHEAD OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. WE HAD A COLA OF 3.6% FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE ARE EXPECTING 4% FOR 2020. IT

COULD COME DOWN A BIT. IT'S VERY UNLIKELY IT WILL COME DOWN IN ANY SIGNATURE WAY. AS MIKE ALLUDED TO, AS WE HAVE MULTIPLE YEARS OF HIGH COLAS, IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE COUNTY TO DEAL WITH. TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE PERS, BECAUSE OF THE STRONG STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE IN THE PAST, THE COUNTY'S UNFUNDED LIABILITY CAME DOWN. WITH THAT -- WHAT THAT MEANS FOR US IS BECAUSE RATES ARE [INAUDIBLE] WHICH I WON'T GO INTO, IT DOES NOT MEAN MUCH FOR THE CURRENT YEAR BUT THAT OUR PADS -- PATH LOOKS BETTER.

Jeff Renfro: WE WOULD ASSUME OUR LAST PERS INCREASE WOULD HAPPEN IN 2024 AS A RESULT OF GOOD STOCK MARKET RETURNS. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE LAST INCREASE WILL HAPPEN IN 2022. THE REASON THAT OUR INTERNAL RATES ARE GOING UP BY 2.2% IS PARTLY DUE TO THE ACCOUNTS WE HAVE SET UP. WE ARE ASSUMING WE WILL USE THAT COMCAST SETTLEMENT AND ALSO THE OVER COLLECTION TO SET UP A FOURTH ACCOUNT, WHICH WILL CONVERT THAT SETTLEMENT INTO ONGOING EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS. WE ALSO FACTORED IN THE ACCOUNTS THAT WE HAVE SET UP. IF WE HAD NOT SET UP THE ACCOUNTS, OUR PERS INCREASE WOULD HAVE BEEN 4.44%. THAT'S A COINCIDENCE THAT THAT'S DOUBLE WHAT IT IS. OUR CURRENT ASSUMPTION IS THAT WE HAVE 3.5 OR 4%. WE NEED TO INCREASE THAT BEFORE WE HIT THE PEAK. IT IS RELIANT ON STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE. GIVEN WHERE WE ARE, I WOULD BET THAT 2022, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S OUR FORECAST RIGHT NOW, WE ASSUME THAT THAT'S THE LAST INCREASE. I WOULD BET THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ONE IN 2024. AS MIKE SAID WE ARE GETTING TO A POINT THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT 2031, WHEN WE EXPECT OUR RATES TO GET BETTER. WE ALSO WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW ASSUMPTIONS INCLUDED IN THE FORECAST. THE ERP WORK DAY GOES LIVE JANUARY 1. WE HAVE INCORPORATED AN ADDITIONAL 125 MILLION OF ONGOING ERP SUPPORT INTO THE FORECAST. WE ARE ALSO ASSUMING THAT WE WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL 1.25 MILLION IN ONE-TIME ONLY ERP SUPPORT IN 2020.

I JUST MENTIONED THE COMCAST SETTLEMENT WHERE WE ARE ASSUMING THAT IT IS GOING TO FUND OUR FOURTH PERS SITE ACCOUNT. RELATED TO OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS, WE ARE ASSUMING -- WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE THAT WE DID NOT BORROW EVERYTHING THAT WE NEEDED. WE ASSUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SECOND DEBT ISSUANCE THAT NEEDED TO TAKE PLACE. A CHANGE THAT WE HAVE MADE IS THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED THE ASSUMPTION WE WILL USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE OLD COURTHOUSE TO AVOID THAT SECOND DEBT ISSUANCE. THAT IS SAVING US 800,000 IN ONGOING EXPENSES THAT WE WOULD HAVE IN THE BUDGET. IT'S MAKING THE DEFICIT BETTER. AND CONSISTENT WITH THE FACT ONE WE ARE USING 5 MILLION FROM THE EXISTING MCCOY SALE PROCEEDS TO OFFSET A MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT FOR FIVE YEARS. WE ARE MENTIONING LABOR CONTRACTS HERE BECAUSE LAST YEAR WHEN WE SPOKE WITH YOU ABOUT THE 75% OF THE COUNTY HAD

OPEN LABOR CONTRACTS. IT'S A MUCH SMALLER PERCENT. WE EXPECT THE OPEN CONTRACTS TO BASICALLY SETTLE WITHIN THE RANGE THAT WE EXPECT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW. AND THE LAST ONE ON THERE IS ONE-TIME ONLY, WHICH I WILL MOVE INTO. THIS, AND THE NEXT TWO SLIDES ARE A LIST OF ONE-TIME ONLY PROGRAMS THAT EXIST IN THE CURRENT BUDGET IN 2019. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THESE ARE GOING AWAY. AS YOU LOOK AT THIS. IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT'S NOT GOING AWAY, THAT WILL I CAN MA OUR FORECAST WORSE.

Chair Kafoury: OH, WAIT, THERE IS MORE.

Jeff Renfro: I WILL GO THROUGH SLOWLY SO EVERYONE CAN TAKE A QUICK LOOK. OKAY. SO THIS GETS US TO OUR ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDS. TO SKIP AHEAD HERE TO THE PUNCH LINE. I WILL GO BACK TO MORE DETAIL. WE EXPECT THERE TO BE 15.9 MILLION IN ONE-TIME ONLY AVAILABLE FOR 2020. PER BOARD MILLIONS WE WOULD SPLIT THAT INTO JUST SHORT OF 8 MILLION FOR THE FACILITY PROJECTS. THE REMAINING 8 MILLION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BE ALLOCATED. AS I SAID EARLIER WE ARE ASSUMING WE WILL NEED 1.25 MILLION FOR ONE-TIME ONLY ERP SUPPORT. WHEN YOU TAKE THAT OUT THAT LEAVES YOU WITH \$6.7 MILLION REMAINING TO BE ALLOCATED. I WANT TO RETURN TO THIS AND HIGHLIGHT IS THE BIGGEST PORTION OF THE ONE-TIME ONLY IS TRADITIONALLY THE BWC THAT GETS ROLLED OVER. SO WE'RE STARTING WITH 15.3 MILLION IN BWC. THE BIGGEST PORTION OF THAT IS 8.7 MILLION IN DEPARTMENTAL UNDERSPENDING FROM 2018. WE ARE ADDING ON TOP OF THAT THE REVENUES THAT CAME IN ABOVE WHAT WE EXPECTED, IN PARTICULAR THAT 4.4 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL BIT REVENUES. THAT 8.7 MILLION IN DEPARTMENTAL UNDERSPEND IS QUITE A BIT LESS THAN WHAT WE HAVE SEEN. IT WAS 14 MILLION THE YEAR BEFORE. IF ONE LARGE COMPANY HAD IT -- HADN'T MADE A BIG PAYMENT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSER ON THE REVENUE FORECAST.

THAT WOULD HAVE LEFT YOU WITH QUITE A BIT LESS BWC, WHICH WOULD HAVE MEANT LESS ONE-TIME ONLY. AS WE GO FORWARD WE WOULD EXPECT DEPARTMENTAL UNDERSPENDING TO SHRINK, WHICH MEANS THE ONE-TIME ONLY AVAILABLE WILL SHRINK WITH IT. CONTINGENCY. AT THIS POINT IT IS VERY BORING. YOU HAVE THE 1.5 MILLION WE ALWAYS SET ASIDE, THERE IS ONE EARMARK THAT'S LEFT OUT THERE. \$150,000 FOR THE MUNICIPAL BROAD BAND. I WILL HIGHLIGHT THE RISK. WAGE PRESSURES, INFLATION, WE HAVE SAID IT OVER AND OVER. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WATCH INFLATION IN PERS. AT THIS POINT THE HIGHER INFLATION IS BEING DRIVEN BY HOUSING PRICES AND ENERGY PRICES. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THOSE MARKETS RIGHT NOW, HOPEFULLY INFLATION WILL COME DOWN SOON. IT LOOKS POSITIVE. WE WILL KEEP TRACKING IT. THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE SESSION THIS YEAR. IT COULD CHANGE OUR OUTLOOK. OUR NORMAL EUPHEMISM, UNCERTAINTY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THE CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT CYCLE CHANGES. AS WE ENTER A PERIOD IN

WHICH THERE ARE NOT AS MANY NEW CRANES GOING UP, NOT AS MANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT OUR GROWTH RATE, IT'S ALSO GOING TO IMPACT OUR REVENUES. SORT OF AN UNKNOWN IS THE IMPACT OF RISING INTEREST RATES. WE WILL SEE HOW THE ECONOMY REACTS TO THAT. ANY ONE THING GOING BADLY -- WE CAN PROBABLY WEATHER IT. IF WE SEE A CONFLUENCE OF INCREASED PERS COSTS, IF WE GET A RECESSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IF MONETARY POLICY CHANGES, IF IT EFFECTS THE ECONOMY NEGATIVELY, AND THAT COMBINED WITH THE NORMAL DEFER SIT, WE WOULD BE IN A BAD PLACE. WE ARE RAISING OUR FORECAST FOR THE YEAR BY 1.4 MILLION. THAT IS ABOVE A QUARTER OF OUR REVENUES. YOU STILL HAVE THAT 1.5 MILLION OF CONTINGENCY AVAILABLE. WE ARE EXPECTING A DEFICIT OF 5.9 MILLION IN 2020. THAT GROWS TO 34.1 MILLION BY 2024. THAT MEANS THAT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WE NEED 30 TO 35 MILLION OF NEW REVENUE OR PROGRAM REDUCTIONS. FOR ONE-TIME ONLY WE EXPECT TO HAVE 15.9 MILLION. THAT IS 8 MILLION FOR CAPITAL. 6.7 MILLION TO BE ALLOCATED AFTER ADJUSTING FOR THE ERP. AND INFLATION, PERSONNEL COSTS AND THE TIMING OF THE NEXT RECESSION.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FORECAST, WE ARE GOING TO CALL YOU THE BAD NEWS TEAM. QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RECESSION PATTERN CHART AND WHEN WE ARE DUE FOR A RECESSION, IT'S REMINDING ME OF WHAT WE SEE WHEN WE GET THE UPDATES ON THE EARTHQUAKE FREQUENCY CHART. I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE PERS PLANNING AND WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THE STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE ASSUMPTIONS YOU MADE IN TERMS OF THE STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE KNOWING THAT WE ARE OVERDUE FOR A RECESSION?

Mike Jaspin: WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY. IF I WAS REALLY GOOD AT THAT I WOULD NOT BE HERE. WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THERE IS THE PERCENT EARNING RATE OF 7.2%. THAT IS THE ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTION. THAT'S COME DOWN FROM 8% OVER THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. GIVEN WHERE WE ARE WITH THE STOCK MARKET THIS YEAR, IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE PERS WILL RETURN TO 7.2%. AND IF THERE'S A RECESSION MOST LIKELY THEY WILL NOT MAKE THAT IN THE NEXT YEARS. OVER THE LONG TERM THAT WILL EVEN OUT BUT THAT WOULD MEAN THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY SEE THEM NEED TO MAKE UP THE RATES IN THE NEXT BIENNium.

Jeff Renfro: HOW THIS IS ALL INCORPORATED INTO THE FORECAST, IF YOU LOOK AT THE LAST TWO YEARS OF THE FORECAST, BECAUSE WE ARE ASSUMING WE HIT THAT LAST INCREASE IN 2022. 2023 AND 2024 THE INCREASE IN THE DEFICIT IS ACTUALLY A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN IT IS IN THOSE PREVIOUS YEARS, BECAUSE WE ARE ASSUMING SMALLER COST IN PERSONNEL INCREASES. SO RIGHT NOW PERS IS TELLING US THAT 2022 WILL BE THE LAST ONE, IF THAT CHANGES THEN WE'LL UPDATE OUR FORECAST.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THAT WAS ACTUALLY ANOTHER QUESTION THAT I HAD, WHY THERE WAS SUCH A BIG JUMP FROM FY2021 AND FY2022, BUT IT'S BECAUSE THE PERS.

Mike Jaspin: IT'S PERS. ALSO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BIT CHART, FROM 2020, TO 2021, WE ARE AGGRESSIVE AT GETTING BACK TO THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL TREND. BY 2021, THERE'S A CHANCE OF A RECESSION SO WE WANT TO BE MORE CONSERVATIVE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson:: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Meieran: : THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS.

Mike Jaspin:THANK YOU.

R.2 Appointing the Board of County Commissioners as the Multnomah County Board of Health. Presenters: Rachael Banks and Bernadette Nunley; Invited testimony: Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Member(s).

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2.

Rachael Banks: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEIERAN AND VEGA PEDERSON. I AM RACHAEL BANKS, YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, AND I AM HERE WITH BERNADETTE NUNLEY FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND [INAUDIBLE] ARE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH WE CALL [INAUDIBLE]. SO WE ARE SO EXCITED TO TALK TO YOU TODAY TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION TO CONVENE THE BOARD OF HEALTH AS THE GOVERNING BOARD AND TO APPOINT THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THAT ROLE. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER FROM TUESDAY'S BRIEFING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND WE ACT AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY. WE DO THAT BY CREATING CONDITION THAT IS FOSTER HEALTH FOR EVERYONE, MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE DO THAT THROUGH THINGS LIKE CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, WORKING WITH POPULATIONS ACROSS OUR LIFE COURSE, AND IMPLEMENTING INTERVENTIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS THAT ARE CRUCIAL ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE LIKE EARLY CHILDHOOD, ADOLESCENCE, AS WELL AS PREGNANCY, AND THROUGH CREATING A SYSTEM WHERE WE TRACK DATA, MONITOR THAT, AND CREATE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS UNFAIR IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT WE CARE ABOUT.

SO THE WORK THAT WE DO IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION IS CORE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THE AUTHORITY COMES FROM OREGON LAW. THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY, FOR THE HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, WHICH IS MYSELF, AND THE ACTIVITIES CONTAINED WHEN IN. THE BOARDS OF HEALTH DO THIS IN THREE WAYS. ONE IS CREATING A HEALTH VISION, A COUNTY-WIDE HEALTH VISION, AND THE OTHER IS SETTING POLICY GOALS, CREATING SYSTEMS THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR MAXIMUM HEALTH, AND INSURING THAT ENVIRONMENTS ARE CONSTRUCTED IN A WAY THAT THE EASY CHOICES ARE A DEFAULT CHOICE, SO THE EASY, OR THE HEALTHY COLLIDES IS A DEFAULT CHOICE SO THAT THE HEALTHIEST CHOICE IS THE YES, YES, EASIEST CHOICE IN THE PLACE THAT IS WE LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND STUDY. FINALLY THE BOARDS OF HEALTH PROMOTE HEALTH AND PREVENT DISEASE THROUGH INFLUENCING OTHER AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS TO CREATE POLICIES AND SYSTEMS CHANGE EITHER ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND-OR IN THEIR OWN JURISDICTIONS. I WILL PAS IT OVER TO BERNADETTE TO TALK ABOUT THE LEGAL SPECIFICS, AND WE WILL HEAR FROM SOME ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM MCPHAB.

Burnadette Nunley: THANKS. I WOULD LIKE TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE LEGAL PIECE OF WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. LIKE RACHAEL SAID, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY. THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY TERM AND IT'S ACTIONS ARE DEFINED IN STATE LAW. IN SOME WAYS WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STATES. OREGON HAS SET THIS UP AS A COUNTY FUNCTION. THE ROLE FOR THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY IS TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS. THE LAWS IS A DEFINED TERM IN THE STATUTE. AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY, THERE ARE THREE ROLES THAT YOU HAVE. YOU DEVELOP THE POLICIES AND GOALS, YOU ADOPT THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE DOES SAY RULES AND THE FEES AND THE PENALTIES.

IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO WALK THROUGH A QUICK EXAMPLE, THAT BEING THE TOBACCO RELICENSING, WHICH IS A RECENT EFFORT THAT THE BOARD TOOK. THERE WAS AN OVER-ARCHING POLICY THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH PASSED AT THE TIME TO END ONE OF THE EFFORTS IN THAT POLICY. IT WAS TO REDUCE UNDER AGED ACCESS TO TOBACCO. AND SO TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER YOU PASSED AN ORDINANCE TO SET UP A TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING SCHEME. AND THEN THERE WERE RULES THAT ESSENTIALLY SHOWED HOW A TOBACCO RETAILER WOULD BECOME LICENSED, AND THEN SET UP THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS. THERE WAS A FEE THAT WAS PASSED THAT SO A TOBACCO RETAILER WOULD GET A LICENSE THAT HAD A SPECIFIC FEE. AND THEN WHEN THOSE RETAILERS HAVE VIOLATED THE CODE AND THE RULES, THEN THERE'S A CIVIL PENALTY PROCESS TO ENFORCE THAT ORDINANCE.

Burnadette Nunley: SO WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY IS TO AS RACHEL SAID TO NAME THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY, THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Rachael Banks: SO IN THE BOARD OF HEALTH WORK, THIS IS A QUICK TIMELINE OF WHAT WE WOULD BE GOING THROUGH. IT'S RIGHT NOW INITIALLY ORIENTING THE BOARD AND SOLIDIFYING THE LEGAL AUTHORITY. WE'LL COME BACK IN FRONT OF YOU ALL NEXT WEEK TO SHARE DATA ON THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND HARD AND ALSO SOME OF THE DISPARITIES WE'RE SEEING IN OUR COMMUNITY AT VARIOUS POINTS. HEARING COMMUNITY VOICE THAT INCLUDES THIS WINTER HEARING FROM COMMUNITY POWER CHANGE AND THE ADOPTION OF CHIP OR THE COMMUNITY POWER CHANGE OR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN. AS A FRAME WORK GUIDING DECISIONS FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH. AND THEN DIVING DEEPER INTO SOME OF YOUR INTERESTS BASED ON THE DATA AND THINGS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE US EXPLORE COMING BACK IN THE SPRING, REALLY HEARING FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD WITH POLICIES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE FOR ADDRESSING SOME OF THE NEEDS THEY SEE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THEN ALSO THE DIVISION AS WELL, AND ULTIMATELY SETTING HEALTH POLICY VISION AND THE CORRESPONDING ACTIONS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE SOMETIME IN THE SUMMER. SO WE HAVE BUILT A FINE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'VE SEEN IN THE PAST, AND THOSE AND BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ENSURING CLEAN WATER, VACCINATIONS, USING TOOLS LIKES MAS VACCINATIONS FOR PREVENTION AND OUTBREAKS. BUT THE CHALLENGES WE'RE SEEING NOW, THESE MODERN DAY CHALLENGES WILL REQUIRE US TO USE AND ENHANCE OUR TOOLS, THINGS LIKE ASSESSMENT AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, SAVVY AND PRECISE EQUITY ANALYSIS, PARTNERSHIPS IN POLICIES, AND THOSE ARE ALL THINGS YOU HAVE SHOWN, YOU KNOW HOW AND ARE WILLING TO DO. SO WITH THAT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL IN THE NEXT YEAR AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH. AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MISS SUSANNE AND MISS TYRA.

Susanne: HELLO. TODAY I'M SITTING HERE AS THE CURRENT CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD AND TYRA BLACK IS THE COCHAIR. I AM PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT EQUITY, AND ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TODAY BY YOUR INTEREST IN ACTIVATING THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. I THINK IT OFFERS US A MEANS TO INCREASE CAPACITY FOR CONSIDERING HEALTH EQUITY IN ALL POLICY GOING FORWARD. TYRA AND I ARE HERE TODAY TO BRING YOU A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR INTEREST. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVATION OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. WE IDENTIFY WITH SEVERAL BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY. WE FEEL REGULAR BOARD OF HEALTH BRIEFINGS WILL HELP YOU BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND ALLOW YOU

TO DETERMINE YOUR KEY ROLE IN MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEALTH STATEWIDE. AN ACTIVE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE POSITIONED NOT ONLY TO MORE EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS AND ISSUES AS THEY OCCUR, BUT IT WILL ALSO OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROTECT US FROM PREVENTIBLE HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON POPULATION HEALTH. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES OF GREAT POTENTIAL, INCLUDING COMMUNITY POWERED CHANGE, THE COMMUNITY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN OR CHIP RECENTLY DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF MANY MONTHS OF DELIBERATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. AN ACTIVE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL ENABLE THE WORK OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION THROUGH ITS LEADERSHIP AND AUTHORITY. MCPHAB IS ONE OF MULTIPLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS WORKING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY ON HEALTH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO INFORMING YOU ON HOW OUR COMMUNITY VOICE GUIDES AND INFORMS THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH. THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD URGES YOU TO APPROVE COMMUNITY POWERED CHANGE, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AND TO ACTIVATE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER COMMENTS? YOU'RE UP THERE IN THE CHAIR.

Tyra Black: I'M TYRA BLACK, ONE OF THE -- A COCHAIR. AND I AM JUST -- I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THE EXCITEMENT WE FEEL ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR ACTIVATING THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND HOW WE CAN USE THAT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR POLICY PRIORITIES AND CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. I'M HOPING TO READ THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMATION TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE HAD SUCH A GREAT BRIEFING, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE BECAUSE I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING IS SETTING UP A PARTNER BETWEEN THE BOARD AND YOU -- PUSHING FORWARD SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO I THINK THIS IS A GREAT START.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU. I AGREE, THAT WAS SUCH AN EXCELLENT BRIEFING THAT YOU GAVE US ON TUESDAY, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. AND PARTICULARLY SUSANNE AND TYRA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. ARE THERE OTHER MCPHAB MEMBERS IN THE AUDIENCE AT ALL? WE THANK YOU AS WELL. I LOVE THE NAME MCPHAB, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE FAB. AND YOU JUST DO SUCH EXCELLENT WORK AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONVERSATION AND AS I MENTIONED ON TUESDAY, I SO MUCH APPRECIATE THE BIGGER FRAMEWORK WE'RE SUPPORTING IN PUBLIC HEALTH, AND --

WHICH THIS RESOLUTION SUPPORTS. SO THAT FOCUS ON DATA USING THE PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTICULARLY ACTING BOLDLY TO GO WHERE NO COMMISSION HAS GONE BEFORE. NO. SORRY. I'M A "STAR TREK" FAN, I CAN'T HELP IT. [LAUGHTER] I APPRECIATE THE CHAIR'S LEADERSHIP AND THE BOLDS IN OF HER VISION. PUBLIC HEALTH DOES PERMEATE PRETTY MUCH VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING WE DO AT THE COUNTY, AND IT REALLY IS ABOUT EQUITY AND JUSTICE. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT STEPS AND LOOKING -- HEARING THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BRIEFING, THE REACH KICKOFF, AND THEN ALSO THE CHIP PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION THAT WILL COME UP IN DECEMBER. THANK YOU AGAIN.

Chair Kafoury: ONLY A DOCTOR WOULD SAY SHE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH PRESENTATION. REALLY? THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS, WE HAD A REALLY THOROUGH BRIEFING ON TUESDAY ABOUT THIS. WHILE AS WE TALKED ABOUT IT'S NOT AN EARTH-SHATTERING CHANGE WE'RE MAKING TODAY, IT'S REALLY JUST KIND OF PULLING OUT THE HIGHLIGHTER PEN AND HIGHLIGHTING TO THE PUBLIC THIS IS THE DIRECTION WE'RE GOING. IT WILL ALLOW US TO BE MORE PLANFUL AND THOUGHTFUL AS WE LOOK AT THE DATA, WE MAKE DECISIONS AND POLICY CHOICES ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD, AND I JUST REALLY WANTED TO CALL OUT MCPHAB AND THANK YOU GUYS FOR COMING THIS MORNING AND IT REALLY MEANS A LOT. AND YOUR LETTER WAS WONDERFUL. IT WAS JUST SPOT-ON IN HOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER MOVING FORWARD. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HANGING IN THERE. IT'S BEEN A LITTLE ROCKY THIS PAST YEAR, I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER MULTNOMAH COUNTY -- ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD, ALSO OUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, AND I'M JUST REALLY GLAD THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO THIS TODAY, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT'S SHOWING YOU AND SHOWING THE COMMUNITY THAT WE VALUE THIS PIECE OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GREAT WORK THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THE NEXT YEAR. SO THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Tyra Banks: I WOULD. BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2, APPOINTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS A, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS. B, MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROVIDES THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION WITH GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION FOR ITS PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES. C, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY TO CREATE A LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OVER THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH

ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES, ONE, TO CREATE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, AND NAME THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AND TWO, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL HAVE ALL AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY UNDER OREGON LAW. ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

Chair Kafoury: AWESOME. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.3 Resolution Affirming Support for Environmental Justice and Encouraging the Adoption of an Environmental Justice Policy and Prepare an Environmental Justice Snapshot. Presenters: John Wasiutynski, Sam Baraso, Jae Douglas, Huy Ong, Mary Peveto.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY, I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE BRINGING THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. IT WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE FIRST POLICY PROPOSALS THAT WAS BROUGHT TO ME WHEN I TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY OF 2017, AND SINCE THEN, SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD A ROBUST AND THOUGHTFUL PROCESS AS WE CRAFT THIS IMPORTANT POLICY. SO FIRST AND FOREMOST, I DO WANT TO THANK THE STAFF THAT HAS BEEN INTEGRAL IN THEIR INCREDIBLY HARD WORK ON THIS RESOLUTION. SO JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, SAM, FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, WE'VE GOT JAY HERE, AND ANDREA HAMBERG FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE JENNY AND KATHERINE THOMAS WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND HAYDEN MILLER ON MY TEAM HAS BEEN PUTTING MANY HOURS INTO THIS WORK.

I ALSO WANT TO TAKE MANY OF THE OTHER COUNTY STAFFERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ALONG THE WAY, AS THIS RESOLUTION WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF BEING DEVELOPED. THE RESOLUTION IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP FOR OUR COUNTY, AND IT IS A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR BROADER CAMPAIGN TO DECONSTRUCT WHITE SUPREMACY AND TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE INSTITUTION. I THINK TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION WE MUST LOOK REALLY BACK IN TIME TO THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATION AND OUR OWN COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THE LAND WE SIT ON TODAY, AS WELL AS LAND THAT THE FIVE OF US COLLECTIVELY REPRESENT, WERE ORIGINALLY THE HOME LPPEDZ,

VILLAGES, AND TERRITORIES OF THE "INDIANA JONES" TRIBAL NATIONS -- THE INDIGENOUS TRIBAL NATIONS OF THIS NATION. THESE LAND WERE CREDED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A -- THAT DECIMATED NATIONS ACROSS THE CONTINENT. LATER IN OUR HISTORY, NUMEROUS LOCAL LAWS AND PRACTICES WERE PUT INTO PLACE THAT LIMITED THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE OF COLOR TO LIVE, WORK, LEARN, PRACTICE SPIRITUALITY, OR PLAY. THESE RACIST TOOLS WERE USED TO SEGREGATE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ON LANDS THAT LED TO THEIR DISPROPORTIONATE EXPOSURE TO NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS. THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES OF THIS. THE SETTING OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND AND VANPORT, WHICH EXPOSED GENERATION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO POOR AIR QUALITY AND IN THE CASE OF VANPORT, LED TO 15 DEATHS AND THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS BEING DISPLACED DURING THE 1948 VANPORT FLOODS.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THESE RACE-BASED EXCLUSIONARY POLICIES INCLUDE ONE OF OUR MOST SHAMEFUL MOMENTS M IN OUR NATION, THE INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THESE ARE SOME EXAMPLES LOCALLY. FOR ME PERSONALLY, WHERE MY FAMILY IS FROM IS NORTHWEST INDIANA, MY FAMILY CAME UP FROM MEXICO TO WORK IN THE STEEL MILLS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA, AND THAT WHOLE REGION WAS REALLY, YOU KNOW, USED BY THE STEEL INDUSTRIES WITHOUT MUCH CONSIDERATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON THE LAND AND THE COMMUNITIES WHO LIVED THERE. IT WAS ALSO USED FOR WORK WITH OIL REFINERIES AND THE IMPACTS OF THAT ON THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE HAPPENING TODAY. THERE WAS JUST IN THE LAST YEAR THERE WAS THE REALIZATION THAT A HOUSING PROJECT THAT HAD BEEN BUILT WHERE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE LIVING WAS BUILT ON LAND THAT HAD BEEN POLLUTED AND HAD HEALTH HAZARDS FOR THAT COMMUNITY.

SO IT'S HAPPENING -- IT HAPPENS HERE IN OUR REGION, BUT IT HAPPENS TO COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SO THAT'S -- ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THIS IS SO PERSONALLY IMPORTANT TO ME. THE BRIGHT SIDE IS SEVERAL DECADES AGO A NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENT ACROSS TO DECONSTRUCT THESE MISSIONS. THE FOUNDERS OF THIS MOVEMENT BEGAN REFERRING TO IT AS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS PRIMARILY LED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR, HAVE BUILT A STRONG MOVEMENT FOCUSED ON RE ORIENTATING POLICIES THAT HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO INEQUITABLE FOUNDATION. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS FORMED COUNTLESS ADVOCATES ACROSS THE NATION HAVE LED TO HISTORIC PROGRESS, INCLUDING THE 1994 FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER, 12898 ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE 1996 PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZING. AND HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY OUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ARE BUILT UPON OUR PRIOR AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO DECONSTRUCT WHITE

SUPREMACY AND BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE INSTITUTION, INCLUDING THE 2008 HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE, THE 2008 AND 2012 EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS, THE 2018 WORK FORCE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN, AND THE 2018 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN. AND ALL OF THAT LEADS US TODAY TO THIS RESOLUTION. WHEN I WAS APPOINTED AS THE BOARD LIAISON, I IMMEDIATELY JUMPED AT THE CHANCE TO DRAFT THIS RESOLUTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. WE SET OUT FIRST TO LEARN WHAT WE WERE ALREADY DOING WELL, AND WHERE WE COULD FIND AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: FOR MONTHS, STAFF MET WITH MOST COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THROUGH THAT PROCESS, WE HEARD COMMON INTERESTS IN SEVERAL AREAS. CREATING BETTER DEMOGRAPHIC AND RESOURCE DATA, OR RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION, MORE INCLUSIVE AND ACCOMMODATING FACES FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, COMMUNITY DEFINED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE METRICS, AND A BROAD DESIRE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRINCIPLES. AFTER THAT, WE TOOK OUR FINDING AND DISCUSSION TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR STAFF MET WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOPEFUL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OREGON, BEAR DAY, LATINO NETWORK, THE COALITIONS OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, NAYA AND NEIGHBORS FOR CLEAN AREA, AMONG OTHERS. OUR PARTNERS PROVIDED VALUABLE FEEDBACK THROUGH THIS PROCESS. ONE ISSUE THAT KEPT ARISING WAS THE DESIRE TO SEE BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY DECONSTRUCT ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE WITHOUT OVER TAPPING OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO HEARD FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS A DESIRE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO BE ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED FOR THE TIME THEY TAKE TO ENGAGE WITH US WHEN THEY REQUEST FEEDBACK.

I APPRECIATE THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY OUR PARTNERS IN SHAPING THIS RESOLUTION, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THESE CONVERSATIONS AS WE PROGRESS TO IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS RESOLUTION TAKES TWO CONCRETE STEPS. FIRST, IT DEFINES AND COMMITS OUR INSTITUTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. IT ALSO DEFINES A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THIS RESOLUTION MAKES IT CLEAR TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT IT IS THE PRIORITY TO VET POTENTIAL POLICIES WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL BE IMPACTED, THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THEM, AND TO RESPOND TO THE FEEDBACK EVEN WHEN IT MAY SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS. AND SECONDLY, IT ENCOURAGES THE CHAIR TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AND PRODUCE AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SNAPSHOT. I'LL LET JOHN, SAM, AND JAE GO INTO DETAILS, BUT IN SHORT IT WILL SHOW WHAT WE

ARE DOING WELL, WHERE WE NEED TO DO BETTER AND WHERE WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR INFLUENCES TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY A KEY COMPONENT OF THE SNAPSHOT WILL BE THE INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE KNOW THIS RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS IS NOT PERFECT, NO POLICY EVER IS, BUT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO START TODAY AND REALLY ENGAGING WITH OUR PARTNERS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND INTERNALLY ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRINCIPLES. IT IS A MEANINGFUL AND IMPACTFUL STEP IN OUR ONGOING STRUGGLE TO BUILD A STRONGER AND MORE EQUITABLE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FOR ALL. AND NOW I'M HAPPY TO PASS IT ON TO OUR FIRST PANEL.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

John Wasiutynski: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SAM AND I ARE BACK WITH SUITS ON THIS TIME, AND -- [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: TWICE IN ONE WEEK!

John Wasiutynski: WE BROUGHT JAE WITH US AS WELL. EVERYONE IS WEARING SUITS TODAY. IT'S A REFLECTION OF HOW IMPORTANT THIS RESOLUTION IS. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR OFFICE'S LEADERSHIP, AND GIVE A RENEWED SHOUT OUT TO HAYDEN AND ALL THE WORK HE'S PUT INTO THIS FOR -- AS WELL AS THE LEADERSHIP THAT SAM AND JAE HAVE SHOWN IN DEVELOPING THESE -- THIS RESOLUTION TODAY. I CAN'T RATE ENOUGH HOW MUCH -- HOW IMPORTANT THIS RESOLUTION IS FOR ME PERSONALLY AND THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY. I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT MILEPOST IN THE JOURNAL FOR HOW WE UNDERSTAND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND REALLY ROOTING IT WITHIN THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AS WE'VE HEARD IN PREVIOUS PANELS AND AS THE BOARD OFTEN HEARS, WE REALLY NEED TO RETHINK HOW WE DO POLICY AND ORIENT OURSELVES AROUND EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO LET THE OTHER PANELISTS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND WE'LL CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENTATION.

Jae Douglas: GOOD MORNING. MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, I AM FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS DR. JAE DOUGLAS, YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR. AND PROUD MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION. IT'S VERY TIMELY WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING WITH MY BOSS AND WITH YOU NEWLY ESTABLISHING YOURSELF AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH. I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT. AND IN THIS DISCUSSION THIS MORNING. AND I JUST PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP COMMISSIONER, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR

EFFORTS AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS -- FOR ME PERSONALLY, I'VE SPENT MY CAREER AND MY LIFE DEDICATED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH MY FORMAL TRAINING AND ALL MY WORK, AND THE LAST 14 YEARS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND HAVE SEEN THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AS A PRINCIPLE COMING TO BEAR ON THE WORK THAT WE DO, HOW WE ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, AND HOW WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS. SO REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION.

Sam Baraso: HELLO, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS SAM BARASO. I'M EXCITED AND PROUD OF THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN TAKING THIS ACTION HERE TODAY. I THINK IT STANDS FOR A LOT IN TERMS OF SHOWING WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO AND SHOWING WHAT OTHERS AROUND US CAN DO TOO. SO I THINK WE HAVE MORE TO SAY, AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO JOHN AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

John Wasiutynski: WE WANT TO START OUR PRESENTATION TODAY WITH THIS FAMILIAR FRAMEWORK, THIS PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK THAT'S BEEN PIONEERED BY THE WORK OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THIS IS REALLY JUST TO SHOW ALTHOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH IS DICTATED BY CERTAIN FACTORS THAT ARE PERSONAL TO THEM, A LARGE MAJORITY OF SOMEONE'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IS REALLY DICTATED BY FACTORS OUTSIDE OF THEMSELVES. AND TO PUT THIS PRETTY SIMPLY, EXPOSURE TO POLLUTION IS BAD FOR PEOPLE'S HEALTH. AND WE KNOW FROM THE RESEARCH THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AND THE RESEARCH THAT'S BEEN DONE NATIONALLY THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF POLLUTION IN OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT EQUAL. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN PARTICULAR ARE BURDENED BY HIGHER LEVELS OF EXPOSURE TO AIR, WATER, AND SOIL POLLUTION, AND WE CAN LOOK TO NATIONAL EXAMPLE LIKE THE FLINT WATER CRISIS OR A LOCAL EXAMPLE, LIKE THE DISTRIBUTION OF AIR QUALITY IMPACTS WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITY TO SEE HOW PRONOUNCED THAT IS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THEN JAE, DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

Jae Douglas: I'LL JUST ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS, THANKS. I USED TO HAVE A BOSS WHO USED TO SAY, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN AN UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. WE KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE. AND THIS MODEL IS THE -- IS KNOWN AS THE SOCIOECOLOGICAL MODEL, WE USE IT -- RELY ON IT VERY HEAVILY IN PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I THINK WHAT IT ARTICULATES IS THE WAYS THAT OUR SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS EXIST AND INTERACT TO PRODUCE WHAT WE REFER TO AS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. THERE IS SIMPLY AN INEXTRICABLE LINK BETWEEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. AND SO AS WE TALK TODAY, YOU'LL SEE IN THAT MODEL SOME OF THE WAYS THAT FOLKS ARE EXPOSED TO TOXICS, FLINT WATER CRISIS IS AN EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A SUPERFUND SITE RIGHT IN

OUR MIDST HERE. SO WE KNOW THERE ARE TOXICS EXPOSURES HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EXTENDS BEYOND SIMPLY EXPOSURE PATHWAYS TO TOXICS. THERE ARE BUILT -- THEY'RE OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT, AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE CREATE HAVE EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES. SO IT'S A GREAT SHORTHAND WAY TO TALK ABOUT IT. SAM IS GOING TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING FOR US ON SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND HOW DO WE BEST UNDERSTAND IT.

Sam Baraso: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON TOUCHED A LITTLE BIT ON THIS, AND I HOPE TO GO A LITTLE DEEPER. FIRST, FOR US WE DEFINE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AS THE EQUAL PROTECTION FROM INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH HAZARDS, BURDENS, AND BENEFITS. FOR US WE BREAK THIS DOWN IN TWO PIECES. THE FIRST IS -- THE TERM WE USE IS PROCEDURAL JUSTICE. SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT THERE IS ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, WHICH WILL GO INTO FURTHER IN THE NEXT SLIDE. THE SECOND IS ABOUT ENSURING THAT EVERYONE ENJOYS THE SAME DEGREE OF PROTECTION AND BENEFIT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ACKNOWLEDGING BOTH CURRENT AND PAST IMPACTS. NOW, HISTORICALLY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE HAS BEEN ABOUT PROTECTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS AND IMPACTS, AND WHAT YOU SEE IS IT'S MOVED TO MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT ALSO EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF -- ALL THE GREAT THINGS WE DO, PARTICULARLY RELEVANT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES, WE DEFINE THOSE AS MINORITY, LOW-INCOME, TRIBAL, AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES SUCH AS THOSE WHERE THEY'RE DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBERS OF YOUTH, ELDERLY, THOSE WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES OR THOSE WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ OR GENDER NONCONFORMING. FOR US WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PROCEDURAL JUSTICE, IT'S A RECOGNITION ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS RELIANT ON MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH WE WORK, LEARN, PRACTICE, AND PLAY. WE DEFINE MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS REQUIRING WELL ATTEMPTED ATTEMPTS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SPACE WHERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE INPUT, ASK QUESTION, RAISE CONCERNS REGARDING POLICIES THAT WILL AFFECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. DECISION MAKERS MUST FACILITATE INVOLVEMENT BY THOSE MOST IMPACTED. THOSE SPECIFIC THINGS WE START TO IDENTIFY HERE, ENSURING FORCE IS EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE MOST IMPACTED, THIS MAY BE PROVIDING INFORMATION, ENSURING TRANSLATION, WHEN RELEVANT AND MAKING SURE JARGON IS NOT TECHNICAL. REMOVING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION AND TAKING MEASURES TO RECOGNIZE THOSE

MOST IMPACTED BY OUR DECISIONS ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND PROVIDE INSIGHT THAT BRINGS BENEFIT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

Sam Baraso: SO WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS LATER ON IS THAT PART OF THESE EFFORTS ARE REALLY TEASING OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO ACTUALLY REMOVE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION, HOW DO WE GO ABOUT DOING THIS, WHICH IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING WE'LL SPEND A DECENT AMOUNT OF TIME MOVING FORWARD AND TEASING OUT. THE THIRD PIECE ABOUT THIS IS ENSURING MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE WITH SUPPORTS IN PLACE FOR THOSE MOST IMPACTED. AS WE TALK ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S ROOTED IN A HISTORY OF RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM, AS JOHN STARTED TO TEASE OUT, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT TO SOME OF THE THINGS COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MENTIONED. WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS THE FLOODS CAUSED BY THE VANPORT FLOODS.

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WASN'T AFRICAN-AMERICAN, BUT IT COMPOSED 45% OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. SO DON'T NEED TO SAY MUCH MORE HERE, BUT REFLECTS THE SITING AND A WHOLE HOST OF DECISIONS, IT WAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERN, OR TRAVESTY. THE SECOND IS THE RED LINING YOU SEE HERE, WHICH RESULTED IN PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS BEING PLACED IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND WITH A DISPROPORTIONATE EXPOSURE TO POLLUTION. A LOT OF THIS POLLUTION COMES FROM CURRENT AGE, SWAN ISLANDS TRANSLATES TO WHAT WE'LL SEE TODAY MOVING FORWARD. THIS NEXT PIECE IS WHAT YOU SEE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE I-5 HIGHWAY. IN SOME PLACES THERE WAS ABOUT TWICE AS WIDE AS THREE BLOCKS WIDE, AND SOME PLACES IT - - WHAT IT DID IS DECIMATED A COMMUNITY AND LED TO LEGACY EFFECTS IN TERMS OF EMISSIONS, DIESEL POLLUTION PM AND CREATE THE DISPLACEMENT AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND AS WELL AS OUR JEWISH POPULATION IN SOUTH AND NORTHWEST DOWNTOWN.

THIS IS SOME OF THE -- THIS MAP IS FROM OUR -- IT'S A MAP PRODUCED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND IT REFLECTS WHERE WE HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE EXPOSURE TO DIESEL PM. WHERE WE HAVE THAT EXPOSURE, IT COINCIDES WHERE WE HAVE GREATER POPULATIONS OF COMMUNITIES OF LOWER AND LOW-INCOME POPULATION. SO WHAT THIS SHOWS IS A LOT OF OUR WORK MOVING FORWARD IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING DIESEL POLLUTION, MITIGATING DIESEL POLLUTION, MUST TAKE THESE CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT AND ANY SOLUTION HAS TO BE -- IT HAS TO REFLECT THESE HISTORICAL IMPACTS. NEXT SLIDE IS GOING MORE INTO CURRENT. THIS COMES FROM OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND OUR 2015 UPDATE. THIS MAP REFLECTS WHAT YOU SEE HIGHLIGHTED IS LOW-INCOME -- OUR LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS VIA CENSUS

TRACK DATA, INITIALS SORT OF THE SIDEWALKS IN THAT AREA. THAT INFORMATION STOPS AT THE BOUNDARIES BUT WE KNOW IT EXTENDS INTO THE REST OF OUR JURISDICTION IN EAST MULTNOMAH.

Sam Baraso: SO IT'S SOMETHING TO ACKNOWLEDGE AS FAR AS OUR CURRENT SCENARIOS. THIS REFLECTS FREQUENT TRANSIT SERVICE. YOU SEE THE SAME SCENARIO PLAY OUT WHERE YOU HAVE LESS TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE EASTERN PORTIONS OF OUR COUNTY, THOUGH NOW WE HAVE A FREQUENT TRANSIT LINE ALONG 122ND. LASTLY, I THINK THIS SLIDE WAS REALLY TRYING TO TIE TOGETHER THE FACT THAT WHILE WE HAVE COMMUNITIES MOVING AROUND, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO -- FOR US TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT APPLIES, BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH WE HAVE A CHANCE AT REALLY GETTING A GRASP OF WHAT ARE OFTEN REALLY CHALLENGING ISSUES THAT HAVE MULTIPLE FACETS AT PLAY. AND SO WE BELIEVE THROUGH MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IT'S OUR ABILITY TO GET BOTH BETTER INFORMATION, BUT CRAFT BETTER POLICIES THAT BOTH KEEP PEOPLE INVESTED IN WHAT WE'RE DOING, BUT ALSO BRING US MORE HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS TO THESE CHALLENGES.

SO I'M GOING TO TOUCH OFF A LITTLE BIT OF THE PROCESS, I KNOW COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON ALREADY CHATTED ABOUT IT, JUST SO WE REITERATE WHAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH IN DEVELOPING THIS RESOLUTION, WE WORKED WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS AS WELL AS OTHERS IN CONNECTING AND EXPLORING WHAT OTHER ACTIONS HAPPEN RELEVANT TO THE COUNTY. SO WHAT ARE WE -- WHAT ARE ALL THE GOOD THINGS WE'RE DOING, BUT WHAT ARE JURISDICTIONS DOING, WHETHER IN NEW YORK CITY, WHETHER IN SEATTLE, OR WHETHER IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. WE CONVENED INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO TEASE OUT AND FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE WE DOING WELL CURRENTLY, AND HOW CAN WE LOOK AT THOSE OTHER ACTIONS AND DO SOME OF THOSE THINGS BETTER. WE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR EXTERNAL PARTNERS, AND THESE INVOLVE ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS AS WELL AS GROUP CONVERSATIONS.

AND THEN WE DRAFTED A COUNTY POLICY AND HAD A SIMILAR GO BACK WITH OUR INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND EXTERNAL, AND WE INCORPORATED FEEDBACK FROM COUNTY LEADERSHIP INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS IN BRINGING WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY. THERE'S A RANGE OF FEEDBACK, BUT I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS SORT OF OUR BEST REFLECTION OF HOW DO WE BRING BACK ALL OF THAT FEEDBACK AND CREATE SOME ACTIONABLE ITEMS SO THAT WE CAN BOTH AFFIRM THESE PRINCIPLES BUT ALSO MOVE FORWARD IN ADDRESSING HOW WE IMPLEMENT THESE PRINCIPLES THROUGH OUR WORK. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO JAE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOME OF THOSE GOOD THINGS THAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING.

Jae Douglas: THANK YOU. THIS IS NOT OUR FIRST RODEO. WE'VE BEEN WORKING AT THIS FOR A WHILE. I WAS ACTUALLY IN A MEETING A COUPLE WEEKS AGO JUST WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOOKING AT TIME LINE OF ALL OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING SINCE THE '90S. EARLY '90S ON UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THIS IS JUST A HIGHLIGHT OF A FEW REALLY SEMINAL PIECES OF WORK THAT HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE COUNTY. FIRST THE HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE, BACK -- IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 2007, WAS RELEASED IN 2008, THE FOCUS OF THAT MEETING -- OF THAT REPORT WAS TO DEVELOP A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS OF HEALTH EQUITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

THEY IDENTIFIED 18 FULLY 18 DIFFERENT AREAS. I'M GOING TO SORT OF CALL OUT A FEW OF THEM. SPECIFICALLY THE EFFECTS OF RACISM AND INEQUITY, OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT, THE EFFECTS OF HOUSING, ACCESS TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND NUTRITION, AND ALSO I'LL CALL OUT FOR MYSELF, ONE AREA THAT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY NAMED, BUT COMMUNITY TOXICS THAT WE ARE -- OUR COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE. SECOND ITEM UP THERE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS. WE'VE HAD TWO VERSIONS PUBLISHED ABOUT THAT. THE FOUR PS OF THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS, PEOPLE, PLACES, PROCESSES, AND POWER. I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO DECISION-MAKING POWER AS WE ARE ENDEAVORING AS A COUNTY TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF OUR PEOPLE. THE EQUITY -- THE RACIAL INEQUITY -- THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES REPORT PUBLISHED IN 2014 DID HIGHLIGHT A PERSISTENT DISPARITIES WE SEE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO CALL OUT ONE THING IT DID, IT ALSO DESCRIBED WHICH IS THE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE.

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES DEFICITS, BUT IT'S ALSO THE KNOWLEDGE, THE WISDOM, AND THE COURAGE AND THE STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE AND WHAT THEY BRING TO OUR CONVERSATIONS AND OUR DECISION MAKING. AS YOU WELL KNOW, WE HAVE A RECENT NEW BODY OF WORK SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO OUR WORK FORCE, AND THE SPECIFIC -- THE FOUR AREAS OF ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE, HOW WE PROMOTE AND DEVELOP OUR STAFF, HOW WE RETAIN OUR STRONG WORK FORCE, AND HOW WE BRING NEW PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY INTO OUR WORK FORCE, ALL VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR PROCESS. AND THEN FINALLY, THIS IS NOT THE LAST THAT WE'LL SEE OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THROUGH A COMMUNITY POWERED CHANGE TO ADDRESS ACCESS AND THE PRIORITIES TO -- ABOUT ACCESS TO LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE, NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES, AND FOR ALL ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY WAYS, AND TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE FOR EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT. THESE ARE ALL LAUDABLE AND STRONG EFFORTS, AND THAT WE KNOW THAT THIS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

RESOLUTION WILL SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL LENS WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR COMMUNITIES. I THINK JOHN, YOU AND I WILL BE TALKING -- DO YOU WANT TO GO?

John Wasiutynski: SURE. WHAT -- ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE RESOLUTION TODAY IS THIS CONCEPT OF DEVELOPING AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SNAPSHOT. SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS SPECIFICALLY IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE DISTRIBUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL JUSTICE THAT EXISTS BOTH IN THE COUNTY POLICY MAKING BUT ALSO WITHIN THE DISTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AND BURDENS. GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING. AND THIS IS -- AS CONCEIVED TODAY, IT'S A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, IT BUILT ON A LONG HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO DIVISIONS, I'M REALLY THANKFUL TO HAVE JAE AND HER COLLEAGUES IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, JAE HAS BEEN A MENTOR TO ME IN THIS WORK, AND I THINK THAT IT BUILDS ON OUR WORK ON THE -- WITH THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF HEAT AND HEAT-STRESSING EVENTS ARE A FACTOR WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY THAT WE'VE PARTICIPATED IN OVER THE YEARS, AND OF COURSE OUR COLLABORATION ON AIR QUALITY THAT'S BEEN AN EMERGING AREA OF ACTIVITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. SO THERE'S A LONG HISTORY I THINK HERE FOR US TO BUILD ON AS WE KIND OF LAUNCH INTO THIS WORK. AND IT'S GOING TO BE TAKING PLACE IN PARALLEL WITH OTHER BODIES OF WORK WE'RE BOTH COMMITTED TO, NOTABLY THE UPDATE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN, THE 2020 UPDATE TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, SO I SEE THIS WORK HAPPENING IN PARALLEL, BUT ALSO BEING SUPPORTIVE OF OTHER EFFORTS THAT ARE GETTING -- GEARING UP IN THE SAME AREA, THAT SORT OF TOUCH ON THE SAME AREA.

Jae Douglas: SO ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION IN PARTICULAR, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS WORK IN AN ONGOING WAY, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORKS, JOHN. WE VERY MUCH VALUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND WE BRING A PARTICULAR PERSPECTIVE AND RESOURCES TO THIS WORK. THE FIVE AREAS WHERE WE WILL BE PUTTING A LOT OF OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON DATA GENERATION AND CAPTURE, ON QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS, SPECIFICALLY LINEAR AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS, AND MODELING, QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS, SPECIFICALLY AROUND SOME AREAS WE'RE WE'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT, SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, BUT THROUGH STRATEGIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY-BASED PARTIES TORE RESEARCH, ETC. ALSO IN THE AREAS OF PLANNING AND POLICY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN SPECIFICALLY IN OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION, AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS ONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUT I'M JOINED BY COLLEAGUES NOT JUST MY BRILLIANT STAFF, BUT COLLEAGUES WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION SPECIFICALLY

TAMIKA WHO HEADS UP OUR WORK AROUND CHRONIC DISEASE, HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE, WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACET OF THIS WORK, AND ALSO DR. FRANK FRANKLIN WHO IS THE HEAD OF OUR COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGY SERVICES WHO IS HELPING TO SET THE STANDARD FOR HOW WE MANAGE AND REPORT ON DATA. SO I'M SUPPORTED FROM ALL SIDES WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WORK.

John Wasiutynski: EXCELLENT. AND I JUST WANT TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO THE ROLE WE CAN SEE THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY OF PLAYING REALLY CONNECTING AND WORKING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, HUY IS HERE AND OPAL IS HERE , AND SO WE APPRECIATE OUR ONGOING COLLABORATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OPAL, WHO ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVOCATING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STATE, REALLY. AND THEN REALLY LOOKING ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT, NOT JUST THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ABOUT YOU ALL DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS AND LIFTING UP THE WORK THAT'S ALREADY BEING DONE THAT SHOULD BE NOTED FOR THE COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICES. CONTINUING OUR BROAD LOOK ACROSS THE NATION TO FIND AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS ABOUT WHAT BEST PRACTICES WE SHOULD BE EMBRACING AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS WORK, AND THEN ALSO WAYS WE CAN DO BETTER. SO THIS IS SORT OF A PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TOOL THAT WE'RE HOPING THAT WE CAN DELIVER BACK TO THE BOARD. SORT OF BUILDING ON THAT LEGACY, I WANTED TO NOTE A COUPLE, THESE AREN'T THE ONLY EXAMPLES HERE. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE SPECIFIC ONES. THE 2015 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, WE DEVELOPED EQUITY METRICS IN THAT PLAN, WE DID IT IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE --

Chair Kafoury: I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT REAL QUICK. WE HAVE SEVERAL MORE LENGTHY, ALL GREAT, BUT IF YOU COULD SPEED --

John Wasiutynski: OKAY. GOT IT. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REALLY MOVING FROM A CONSULTATION TO CO CREATION, AND I'LL JUST HIT ON THESE OTHER ONES. THESE OTHER --

Chair Kafoury: WE REMEMBER THOSE AWFUL EVENTS.

John Wasiutynski: THOSE ARE OTHER NOTABLE THINGS. I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR FRIENDS AT DCHS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO THE CULLY FIRE, AND THE USE OF THE DATA MART TOOL, WHICH ALLOWED US TO HAVE A CULTURE SPECIFIC RESPONSE IN AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SETTING. SO THAT IS THE END OF OUR PRESENTATION. WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS NOW. AND PROBABLY PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE ANOTHER PANEL, BUT WE'LL SEE IF THERE'S QUESTIONS -- WAIT, STAY. SMILE. JUST KIDDING. QUESTIONS FOR THIS PANEL BEFORE WE HAVE THE OTHER COME UP? OKAY. GREAT. NOW YOU CAN GO.

John Wasiutynski: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: NEXT PANEL.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE HAVE MARY PEVETO AND HUY ONG COMING DOWN.

Chair Kafoury: HELLO. THANKS FOR COMING.

Mary Peveto: THANK YOU. HELLO CHAIR KAFOURY AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS. IT'S REALLY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS MARY PEVETO, PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORS FOR CLEAN AIR, AND CURRENT CHAIR OF THE AXI ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION. WHICH I'VE HAD A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE FOR ALMOST SIXTH YEARS. THEY ARE FINALLY KICKING ME OFF. AND I CAN'T SAY THAT THERE'S PROBABLY ONE THING, IF YOU CAN CLAIM A LEGACY FROM CHAIRING THE AXI, I THINK THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE THE THING THAT I REALLY LOOK TO IN TERMS OF THE WORK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOME HISTORY ON IT. BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A REALLY LONG TIME. WHILE WE PRESENTED THIS INFORMAL ASK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN 2016, THERE WAS A LONG HISTORY PRIOR TO THAT, AND IT WAS ACTUALLY THE HISTORY OF AXI ITSELF TAKING A LOOK AT ITSELF, A REAL INTEREST AND DESIRE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY AND A REAL INTEREST AND DESIRE TO RECRUIT A MORE DIVERSE REPRESENTATION ON THE AXI.

AND REALIZING THAT WE HAD A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO MAKE IT A WELCOMING AND GOOD SPACE FOR A MORE DIVERSE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS. AND WE DID A LOT OF WORK. I WILL SAY, WE DID A LOT OF INTERNAL WORK AROUND THE ISSUE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY AND INCLUSION. AND IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT WORK, AND I THINK OUT OF THAT IS WHERE THIS RESOLUTION STEMMED. MEANWHILE, ALSO AS A SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR ON THE AIR TOXIC, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UTILIZE A LENS OF EXPOSURE TO POPULATIONS OF COLOR IN ITS RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES HEALTH REPORT WHERE IT LOOKED AT DIESEL POLLUTION AND LOOKED AT THE -- WHERE THAT WAS HAPPENING AND WHO WAS -- WHO IT WAS IMPACTING IN THE 2014 REPORT, AND SEEING THE REALLY CLEAR DISPARITIES THAT EXIST. SO THERE WAS A SENSE THAT THE COUNTY REALLY BRINGS A REALLY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT POLICY AND WAYS THAT WE GOVERN OUR ENVIRONMENT IN A REALLY IMPORTANT WAY. AND SO FROM THAT THE WORK, I WILL BE REALLY HONEST, WHEN COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON

CAME ON TO THIS, IT REALLY WAS HER COMMITMENT AND HER INTEGRITY, HER AUTHENTIC DESIRE TO SEE THIS HAPPEN THAT I THINK MAKES IT AS STRONG AND IMPORTANT AS IT IS TODAY. BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT REAL COMMITMENT, IT REALLY COULD BE A VERY MEANINGLESS PROCESS.

Mary Peveto: SO WE BECAME AWARE THAT WHILE WE WERE ABLE TO UTILIZE EJ LENS IN AN OBVIOUS WAY AROUND ASIA POLLUTION, THERE WERE OTHER INTERSECTIONAL ISSUES THAT WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER, LIKE TRANSPORTATION POLICY, AND CERTAINLY IN THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE SENSE THAT WE WERE REALLY LACKING A POSITION FROM THE COUNTY THAT WAS STRONG, THAT WAS REALLY POINTED REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ON THINGS THAT WERE INTERSECTIONAL, THE HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, OTHER LAND USE ISSUES, AND SO IT BECAME EVEN MORE URGENT I THINK FOR US TO SEE THE COUNTY SEE THIS THROUGH. SO I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOLKS, AND PARTICULARLY COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON HAS DONE ON THIS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE COMMITMENT AND THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH YOU TOOK THIS ON, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT HONESTLY THIS ISN'T AN END POINT IN ANY WAY. THIS IS ACTUALLY JUST A FRAMEWORK FOR A START. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD TO SEE THIS MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Huy Ong: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS HUY ONG, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPAL, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OREGON. WE BUILD POWER -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND WE'RE PRETTY GOOD AT IT, ACTUALLY. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT, DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE ENGAGING IN DECISION MAKING ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM HAVE BEEN CORE TO BUILDING POWER NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES. THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES THE NECESSITY TO AFFIRM THAT IMPACTED COMMUNITIES ABSOLUTELY NEED TO BE A PART OF AND GET ACCESS TO WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE AND THE PLACES WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, LEARN, PRACTICE SPIRITUALITY, AND PLAY. THIS IS NOT JUST TO CORRECT HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENTAL RACE ITCH, BUT TO CREATE A PATHWAY FOR INTENTIONAL REDRESS FOR CURRENT DISPARITY AND PREVENT FUTURE HARM. WE'RE GROUNDED IN EJ PRINCIPLES OF MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT AND BUILDING DEEP RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO GROW TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A HEALTHIER AND MORE JUST COMMUNITY. THE RESOLUTION IS A BEGINNING. WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON AIR QUALITY, TRANSIT JUSTICE, ACCESS TO GREEN SPACE, AND A VARIETY OF OTHER INTERSECTIONAL ISSUES. WE HAVE HAD DISAGREEMENTS AND CHALLENGES, BUT THOSE ARE HEALTHY TENSIONS AND WE SHOULD EMBRACE THOSE TENSIONS AS PROGRESS. WE MUST GO FURTHER, OUR COMMUNITIES NEED ACCESS TO ACTUAL POWER AND DECISION MAKING BODIES. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS NOT JUST ABOUT

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES, IT'S ABOUT LEVERAGING INSTITUTIONAL POWER TO ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS.

Huy Ong: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENTS ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA VCH, AND THIS IS A START. EVERY DEPARTMENT, EVERY PERSON WHO WORKS FOR THE COUNTY SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE TO EJ PRINCIPLES. THERE MUST BE MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK IS OFFERED DIRECTLY AND UNFILTERED TO DECISION MAKERS AND THERE MUST BE A MEANS TO TEST WHETHER THAT FEEDBACK LEADS TO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. WE ENCOURAGE MORE DEPARTMENTS AT THE COUNTY TO FOLLOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THERESE TWO COURAGEOUS DEPARTMENTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS A POSSIBLE PATHWAY TO THOSE ENDS. OUR COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND ORGANIZE MORE PEOPLE INTO THESE EFFORTS. WE WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT OUR ENGAGEMENT ISN'T TOKENIZED AS PART AFTER DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CHECK BOX. DEI AND EJ ONLY HAS MEANING WHEN THERE'S REAL ACCESS TO POWER. WE HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT BE THAT CHECK BOX AND I KNOW MANY OF THE COUNTY KNOW THAT. WE WANT TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT HAVE THOSE DECISIONS HONORED. FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MY AMAZING STAFF, TO THE MEMBERS OF BUS RIDERS UNITE, AND OUR YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE. WHEN YOU FOLLOW FRONT LINE LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO ORGANIZING DIRECTLY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, YOU GET BIG WINS LIKE WE HAD ON TUESDAY. STOPPING HATE, STOPPING MISOGYNY, AND BUILDING UP PATHWAYS TO A NEW, JUST ECONOMY. LET'S GET TO WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY --

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY TO HELP US MOVE TO A BOARD ADAPTED PLAN BUT ALSO FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR REALLY STRONG WORK AND LONG-TERM WORK IN BRINGING IT TO THE POINT WE ARE TODAY. I DO THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS IS LIKE CREATING THE SNAPSHOT OVER 18 TO 24 MONTHS, IT SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME, BUT WE HAVE TO DO OUR UPDATE OF OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN BETWEEN NOW, SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THESE PRINCIPLES ADOPTED TO HAVE THIS FRAMEWORK IN PLACE SO AS WE GO FORWARD WHERE THAT WORK AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE WORK WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING BETWEEN NOW AND THE SNAPSHOT, THAT WE HAVE THESE PRINCIPLES AT OUR CORE. SO WE CAN DO ALL OF THAT WORK WITHIN THERE. SO YOU ALREADY MENTIONED THE VICTORY TUESDAY NIGHT ABOUT THE PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY FUND AMONG OTHERS, AND I THINK THAT WAS SUCH A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW ENVIRONMENTAL WORK NEEDS TO BE COMING FROM

COMMUNITIES TO HAVE SOLUTIONS, AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION THAT IS A COMMUNITY CREATED, AND THAT THE PUBLIC IS SUPPORTING THAT. SO WE'RE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO THIS IS A REALLY GREAT DAY, AND I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK WE HAVE A PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Board Clerk: YES, CHARLES CRANE JOHNSON.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. CHARLES BRIDGE CRANE JOHNSON. UNFORTUNATELY IN THE WHITE HOUSE WE HAVE A MAN WHO IS PRETTY MUCH LIMITED TO ONE OR TWO-SILL PER WORDS, SO IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT DECONSTRUCTING, HOW WE MUST DECONSTRUCT WHITE SUPREMACY. IT NEEDS TO BE, SOMEHOW THE MESSAGE NEEDS TO GET THROUGH TO THAT BUILDING. SMASH RACISM. THEY CAN'T PROCESS DECONSTRUCTING WHITE SUPREMACY, TOO MANY SYLLABLES. SO SMASH RACISM. STOP IT. STOP BEING A RACIST. IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE HUY UP HERE. ALL THE TRI-MET BOARD MEETINGS, IT'S GREAT TO SEE PROGRESS ON THE FRONT OF CHANGING FACES AMONG THE CONSTITUENCY THAT GOVERNOR BROWN HAS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD. ON THE HEELS OF THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND VICTORY, IT'S GREAT TO SEE THIS HAPPENING AT THE COUNTY WITHOUT US HAVING TO GO THROUGH A VOTE.

AND YOU THINK BETWEEN THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND, WHICH WILL TAKE TIME TO CONNECT WITH ITS FUNDING SOURCES, AND THIS, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF BETWEEN THOSE TWO PROGRAMS WE CAN SEE PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY PART OF OPAL'S YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTION MOVE INTO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WHERE THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN PLANNING, AND THAT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS ONE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE YES ON IN A FEW SECONDS, AND THE PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY FUND CAN MOVE LEADERS INTO PROGRAMS THAT REALLY PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH A STRONG GROUNDING INTO SYNTHESIS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND PH PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE WITH URBAN PLANNING DEGREES, SO WE CAN ELIMINATE THESE DISPARITIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE THAT ARE PART OF THE WHITE PRIVILEGE I GREW UP WITH, AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY ABOUT DISMANTLING THAT, BECAUSE WE'RE BRINGING EVERYBODY UP TO THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THERE ARE NOT POLLUTION GET GHETTO AND PLACES WHERE WE PUNISH POOR PEOPLE BY EXPOSING THEM TO TOXINS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, JOHN AND SAM, AND JAY JAE AND HUY AND MARY, AND PARTICULARLY HAYDEN, I KNOW HE DID A TREMENDOUS ACTION AMOUNT OF WORK ON THIS, AND ESPECIALLY COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, JUST SO APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE, AND HOW MUCH WORK YOU'VE DONE TO BRING THIS FORWARD. SO THANK YOU. ALSO REALLY APPRECIATE THE DEDICATION TO SUCH A THOUGHTFUL AND MEANINGFUL PROCESS OF ENGAGEMENT, AND THAT MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT AS WE ARE MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. IT WAS ALSO REALLY GREAT TO HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY, WHERE WE'VE BEEN, BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT AND ALSO THE IMPLICATIONS FOR WHERE WE CAN MOVE TO IN THE FUTURE. SEEING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON THE LAND AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE LIVED THERE IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP SEEING. I REALLY LIKED JOHN, YOU EXPLAINED THE WHOLE THING AND KIND OF BOILED IT DOWN TO SPLOASH TO POLLUTION IS BAD FOR PEOPLE, AND THAT THAT EXPOSURE IS INEQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED IN OUR COUNTY. SO I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEPS IN THIS PROJECT. IT'S GREAT IT WAS REALLY SORT OF SYNCHRONIZE AT THEOUS HOW THIS ALIGNED WITH THE PRESENTATION ABOUT OUR BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORK THAT WE WILL BE DOING IN THE FUTURE AS WELL. SO I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS, AND JUST THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM AS WELL FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WORK ON THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S ALSO YOU FORGOT THE LAST WEEK'S ADOPTION OF THE JRG REPORT, I THINK WE KNOW THIS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS ANOTHER CRITICAL COMPONENT OF AN EMERGING SUITE OF STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE TAKING HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE HISTORIC INEQUITIES THAT HAVE BURDENED PEOPLE OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO ESCAPING THAT THE POLICY DECISIONS THAT WE'VE MADE IN THIS COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST 150 YEARS HAVE E. POSED PEOPLE OF COLOR DISPROPORTIONATELY TO THE DANGERS OF POLLUTION AND THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT RESULT FROM THAT EXPOSURE. THE PRINCIPLE HERE IS CLEAR. WE SHOULD NOT MAKE POLICY FOR OUR COMMUNITY, BUT WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WHETHER IT IS OUR HUNDRED PERCENT RENEWABLES BY 2050 POLICY, OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, OR OUR RESPONSE TO CRISIS IN THE COMMUNITY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A STRONG LEGACY OF ACTION TO BUILD UPON, AND THANKS TO THIS RESOLUTION, WE HAVE A MANDATE TO ACT. AND INCORPORATE THESE PRINCIPLES INTO HOW WE DO BUSINESS. THANK YOU AGAIN EVERYONE WHO CAME TODAY, AND EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. AND EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO PARTICIPATE, BECAUSE AGAIN, THIS IS A LOT OF WORK AHEAD, AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO DOING IT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES]

THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANKS. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A FEW THINGS OUT OF ORDER DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THIS MEETING AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME. SO WE'RE GOING TO DO R.6 NEXT.

R.6 Proclamation Recognizing the Observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2018, in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District 1. Presenters: Invited Community Members & Members of County's Veterans Task Force.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Commissioner Meieran: FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY VETERANS TASK FORCE IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, WE HAVE A PANEL WHO WILL SHARE BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES VETERANS AND PEOPLE WITH THE HISTORY OF MILITARY SERVICE AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF VETERANS WHO WE ARE HONORING TODAY. AFTER THE PANEL, WE'LL HAVE TIME FOR MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO ASK QUESTIONS FROM OUR PANELISTS AND WE'LL ALSO READ OUR VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION. BEFORE OUR PANELISTS START, CAN YOU STAND IF YOU ARE A VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER OR SOMEONE WITH A MILITARY HISTORY? HISTORY OF SERVICE? [APPLAUSE] IF YOU'RE A FAMILY MEMBER OR HAVE A LOVED ONE WHO HAS SERVED AS WELL? [APPLAUSE] AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. FINALLY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ANY MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS TASK FORCE WHO CAME TODAY. ARE YOU -- I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU ARE HERE TODAY. IF SO, YOU CAN STAND. [APPLAUSE] OKAY. AND NOW WE CAN TURN TO OUR PANELISTS. WE HAVE CHRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DO GOOD PORTLAND. WE HAVE NAPOLEON HODGEERS, OUTREACH DIRECTOR AND EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK VETERANS. OR NAB VETS. WE HAVE DENISE, COCHAIR OF THE VETERANS EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP HERE AT THE COUNTY. AND PETE PEREZ, MULTNOMAH COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER. YOU CAN GO AHEAD. I DON'T KNOW WHO IS SPEAKING FIRST. I THINK PETE IS SPEAKING LAST, BUT THAT'S ALL I KNOW. LET'S GO ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Chris Ioso: THANK YOU, CHAIR, THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS, I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION TO COME AND SPEAK. HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE? I'M THE WORSE PUBLIC SPEAKER BUT I'M ALWAYS ASKED TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE AT THE ST. JOHNS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ON FRIDAY, I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS. RIGHT, DEPOSIT NEWS? THANK YOU. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DO GOOD MULTNOMAH, WE WERE FOUNDED IN 2015. AS A VETERAN I FOUND THE NEED TO SERVE VETERANS LIVING ON THE STREETS, A VERY VERY LOUD CALL TO ACTION. THE LAST POINT IN TIME COUNT, THERE WERE JUST SHY OF 12% OF THE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCES

HOMELESSNESS IDENTIFIED AS VETERANS AND OF THAT 12%, 34% ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. WE STARTED A NON-PROFIT AND WE OPENED A SHELTER ON 2015 VETERAN'S DAY EXTREMELY MODEST TRAUMA INFORMED AND INTENTIONAL FOR 13 IS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AND WE WERE ASKED BY THE JOINT OFFICE THE FOLLOWING YEAR IF WE WOULD EXPAND OUR OPERATION. THE FOLLOWING YEAR WE OPENED UP ANOTHER SHELTER. 25 MALE IDENTIFYING VETERANS. WE SERVE 40 AND PARTNER WITH OTHER COUNTIES TO DO TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AS WELL. SO I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION FOR PARTNERING WITH THE JOINT OFFICE FOR ALLOWING DO GOOD MULTNOMAH TO DO THIS WORK. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK. WHILE I HAVE THIS MIC AND I HAVE THIS CHAIR, I WILL ASK THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY INVEST MORE IN VETERANS. THIS WORK IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME AND IT'S NEEDED. AND NOT ONLY EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND NOT ONLY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BUT WE NEED TO INVEST IN VETERAN COMMUNITIES FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND I'D LOVE TO SEE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAKE THAT CHARGE AND INVEST IN OUR VETERANS TO BUILD VETERAN'S SPECIFIC HOUSING AND VETERAN'S SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

Denise Holtrup: HELLO. I'M AN EMPLOYEE WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR 14 YEARS. I WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY OF HUMAN SERVICES. I SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1987 TO 1991. I AM CO-CHAIR -- I'M GOING TO BRIEFLY SHARE ABOUT OUR GROUP. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW -- MOST IMPORTANT TO KNOW OUR GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL EMPLOYEES. VETERAN STATUS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO JOIN. THE CORE FUNCTION OF OUR GROUP IS TO PROVIDE CONNECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES WHO ALREADY HAVE A STRONG CONNECTION FORGED THROUGH OUR MUTUAL SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OR THROUGH FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ARE KINDRED SPIRITS. WE OFFER INFORMAL MENTOR SHIP TO NEW EMPLOYEES TRANSITIONING FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO WORK LIFE. WE SHARE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE VETERAN COMMUNITY ABOUT BENEFITS, RESEARCH PROJECTS AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT VETERANS. WE HAVE ATTENDED EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES AND RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THE MEMORIAL DAY. WE HAVE VETERAN JOB FAIRS. AND WE REMAIN AT THE READY TO ASSIST AT FUTURE VETERAN JOB FAIRS WHEN ASKED. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY PASSION FOR THE VETERAN'S EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP AND HERE IS MY BOLD BID. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN VERG, SEARCH VE VERG TO MAKE THE CONNECTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

Pete Perez: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS PETE PEREZ. AS A 20 YEAR UNITED STATES ARMY RETIREE, I AM HONORED AND PRIVILEGED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ACTIONS. TODAY'S PROCLAMATION AND SUNDAY'S OBSERVANCE ARE TRULY HONORABLE AND HOLD A PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR MYSELF. IN 1997 I DECIDED TO BEGIN A PATH I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER WALK. OVER THE PAST

TWO DECADES, I VISITED MANY LANDS AND DEPLOYED MANY TIMES. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF TRAINING, COACHING AND CARING AND MENTORING MY FELLOW SOLDIER AND THE MILITARY LEADERS OF TOMORROW. MOST IMPORTANTLY OVER THE YEARS, I HAD THE HONOR TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO TODAY I'M PROUD TO CALL FAMILY. CURRENTLY, I'M A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER FROM THE AGING DISABILITY SERVICE DIVISION. OUR OFFICE PROVIDES ADVOCACY, RESOURCES FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. ENSURE THEY RECEIVE ALL THE BENEFITS THEY ARE ENTITLED TO. WE ALSO PROVIDE REFERRALS TO RESOURCES RANGING FROM HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION TO NAME A FEW. ALSO VETERANS CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THE ONES THEY LOVE. FOR ME, THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS AN EXTENSION OF MY SERVICE AS I CONTINUE TO CARE FOR MY FELLOW SOLDIER, SAILOR, AIRMAN AND MARINE. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Napoleon Hodges: MY NAME IS NAPOLEON HODGES AND I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE APPRECIATION --

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU SPEAK A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE?

Napoleon Hodges: I'D LAKE TO ECHO THE THANKS FOR THE INVERY -- INVITATION DOWN HERE. WE STARTED IN THE 60S WHEN THE BLACK VIETNAM VETERANS WERE RETURNING. AND THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO GET THE ASSISTANCE THEY EARNED THROUGH THEIR MILITARY SERVICE. SO THEY STARTED AN ORGANIZATION FOR THEMSELVES AND SINCE THEN, WE'VE GROWN TO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND WE BASICALLY WOULD HELP ANY VETERAN OR FAMILY MEMBER THAT WALKED THROUGH THE DOOR. WE ARE THE DUAL PURPOSE ORGANIZATION. WE DO PROVIDE THE VETERAN SERVICES BUT ALSO WE'RE A NON-PROFIT THAT WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THINGS SUCH AS HOUSING, FOOD, CLOTHING, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, ET CETERA. SO BESIDES BEING INVESTED IN THE METRO AREA, WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS SINCE 2006 AND WE'VE BROUGHT IN OVER \$20 MILLION TO THE PORTLAND OREGON METRO AREA WITH THREE VOLUNTEERS AS VSOS AND ONE PERSON ANSWERING THE PHONE. SO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP US OUT, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I WORK WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, I'D LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME AND WATCH THE PARADE NEXT WEEK MONDAY OR MARCH DURING THE PARADE. IT STARTS AT 9:00. AND BASICALLY, IT'S A GOOD TIME AND PEOPLE DO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE VETERANS AND HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: ARE THERE OTHER SPEAKERS?

Commissioner Meieran: I DON'T THINK SO. Lawrence Russell: I JUST LIKE TO GIVE MY EXPERIENCE. I ACTUALLY LIVED IN OKLAHOMA. I WAS IN THE SERVICE. I

GOT OUT, STARTED A BUSINESS, CAME HERE. BUT I HAVE TO SAY DIDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO. I WANTED TO GET INTO THE WORKFORCE. WORKED AT U.S. BANK. CAME HERE. BUT I HAD A LITTLE CHALLENGE KNOWING WHICH WAY TO GO TO GET THOSE BENEFITS THAT I EARN IN THE MILITARY. AND I DID GO TO NASVAT AND THEY HELPED ME OUT. I'M A HOMEOWNER AND THE BALL STARTED ROLLING. THAT IS WHY I'M A MEMBER OF VERG. I'M PROUD TO SERVE. I'M PROUD OF THE VETERANS THAT SERVE AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Meieran: I THINK, PETE, WOULD YOU DO THE HONORS?

Pete Perez: RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2018 IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS IN 1954 CONGRESS FORMALLY CREATED VETERAN'S DAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL-AMERICAN VETERANS WHICH HAD BEEN CELEBRATED AS A LEGAL FEDERAL HOLIDAY SINCE 1938. B, MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY SERVED AS VETERANS INCLUDING WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE IDENTIFY WITH ALL SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER BRAVE INDIVIDUALS. THE DIVERSITY IS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH THAT MAKES OUR ARMED FORCES STRONGER AND MORE VIBRANT. VETERAN'S DAY IS A TIME FOR VETERANS TO HONOR EVERY SERVICE MEMBER. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AMERICANS HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO DUTY AND SERVED THEIR COUNTRY. D, TODAY WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSIVITY AND EQUITY IN HOW WE SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY. SEEKING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES SO WE CAN ADDRESS THE FULL INTERSECTIONALITY OF THEIR LIVES. E, ESTIMATED 44,378 VETERANS WHO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR SERVICE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE RESPECT AND SUPPORT THAT ALL VETERANS HAVE EARNED INCLUDING IMPROVED ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, BENEFITS, HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER WORKS WITH VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN EFFORT TO RECEIVE STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS. THE VETERAN'S EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP PROVIDES SUPPORT AND IDENTIFIES RESOURCES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS OR MARRIED OR RELATED TO A CURRENT OR FORMER SERVICE MEMBER. MULTIPLE OR OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SERVE VETERANS THROUGHOUT THEIR PROGRAMS. G, MULTNOMAH COUNTY VETERAN'S TASK

FORCE WAS CONVENED IN 2010 BY COMMISSIONER DION MCKEEL TO ASSESS AND IDENTIFY THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TODAY, THE TASK FORCE BRAND IS A GROUP SERVING ASK SUPPORTING VETERANS TOGETHER TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND FIND SOLUTIONS. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONS OBSERVING VETERAN'S DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2018, ALL VETERANS ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD BE REMEMBERED AND HONORED.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: JUST BRIEFLY. I JUST WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR BEING HERE TODAY TO HELP US RECOGNIZE VETERAN'S DAY AND PASS THIS RESOLUTION. FOR ALL OF US, WE HAVE OUR FRIENDS, OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED. AND THIS IS A CHANCE TO HONOR THEM. AND I ALSO APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF REALLY HAVING VETERANS WHO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE TO DO WORK IN THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND IN THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE RELATING TO PEOPLE AND SERVING THEM IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. AND I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY OUR APPRECIATION TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HERE HELPING LIFT UP THIS WORK. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU, AGAIN. THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE, SHARING YOUR STORIES AND THE WORK THAT YOU DO. INVOLVED WITH THE VETERAN'S TASK FORCE HERE AT THE COUNTY. PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN TO OUR COUNTRY AND THE SERVICES THEY CONTINUE TO WORK ON GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY HERE. SO THANK YOU, AGAIN.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. I ALWAYS APPRECIATE THIS AND WE GET TO TALK TO NOT ONLY FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE OF SERVING IN OUR MILLITARY ALSO ENJOY HEARING FROM OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THOSE WHO HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE COME BACK TO SHARE THEIR STORIES. THANK YOU, ALL, FOR COMING. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING FORMER COMMISSIONER DIANE WHO IS PASSION AL ABOUT MAKING SURE VETERANS GOT THEIR SAY IN WHAT'S GOING ON. AND THE TASK FORCE THAT YOU ARE SERVING ON NOW. AND CHRIS, WE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU OUT. WE LOVE PARTNERING WITH YOU. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO AND YOUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS THE NEXT STEP. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. YAY. DO WE HAVE A QUICK PHOTO? EVERYONE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY FORCES PLEASE COME FORWARD. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PHOTO. NEXT, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE R.4.

R.4 Resolution Modifying Multnomah County's Agreement to the City of Portland's Multiple Unit Limited Tax Exemption ("MULTE") Program. Presenter: Matthew Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau, Assistant Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVED AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECOND. APPROVAL OF R.4. THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT AND WAITING THIS MORNING. WE APPRECIATE IT.

Dorie Vanbockle: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DORIE. I'M HERE FROM THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. I MANAGED OUR DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES PROGRAM INCLUDING THE TAX EXEMPTION AND SEVERAL OTHER COMPONENTS FOR PROMOTING AFFORD ABILITY WITHIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CRASS THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WITH ME TODAY ALSO IS JESSE CONNOR. AND WORKED WITH OUR PROGRAM STAFF TO WORK THROUGH ANY OF THE DIFFERENT CHANGES AS WE ARE MAKING THINGS WORK TO PROMOTE AFFORDABILITY. SO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT GOES A LITTLE BIT INTO DETAILS. I'LL TRY TO RUN THROUGH IT QUICKLY BUT HAPPY TO DRILL DOWN WHEREVER YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. FOR A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND INITIALLY. IN FEBRUARY OF 2017 THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM MANDATING AFFORD ABILITY IN PROJECTS WITH OVER 20 NEW UNITS. AS PART OF THAT, THE CURRENT LIMITED TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED AS ONE OF THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES PROVIDED THE PROJECTS PROVIDE WITH AFFORDABLE UNITS ON SITE. WE CAME BEFORE YOU TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE APPROVED THROUGH THE PROGRAM. TO ACCOMMODATE ANY SURGES IN DEVELOPMENT CYCLES AND MAINTAINING THE \$3 MILLION A YEAR CAP.

ALSO IN MARCH OF 2018, CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED THE USE OF THE MULTI PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS WHO GOT VIN VESTED IN ORDER TO INCENTIVIZE ADDITIONAL AFFORD ABILITY COMING FORWARD. AND NOW THAT BRINGS US TO WHERE WE ARE HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU. TO FURTHER APPROVE THAT AND THEN WE'RE SLATED TO GO TO CITY COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON AS WELL. AHEAD OF THE ZONING CODE CHANGES IS -- PERMITTING ACTIVITY AHEAD OF THE CHANGE BROUGHT FORTH. AN ESTIMATED 19,000 PERMITS WERE PERMITTED AHEAD OF THE ZONING CHANGES TAKING EFFECT IN FEBRUARY OF 2017. AND IN AN EFFORT TO CAPTURE SOME AFFORD ABILITY THAT WOULDN'T BE CAPTURED BY THEM BEING SUBJECT TO THE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, THE MULTI IS A GOOD TOOL OR WAY FOR US TO HAVE PARTICIPATION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. WHEN THE PROGRAM IS ADOPTED BY THE CITY IN MARCH, WE'VE CONTINUED TO LOOK AT IT AND MAKE SOME REFINEMENTS TO WHAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE AVAILABLE. SO RATHER THAN HOW IT WAS ADOPTED FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING, WE WOULD GO BACK TO HOW THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN EFFECT OVER THE COUPLE OF DECADES THAT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT VARIATIONS OF

IT. IT'S A 10 YEAR TIME FRAME AVAILABLE CITY WIDE. WITHIN THIS USE OF THE PROGRAM THERE WOULD BE A \$3 MILLION CAP THAT'S IN PART OF THE OVERALL ROLLING \$15 MILLION CAP.

Dorie Vanbockle: SO IT'S NOT ALLOCATING ANY ADDITIONAL ALLOW ANSWERS WITH WHAT WE ALREADY AGREED TO. THE REVENUE ON A PARTICULAR PROJECT. MEANING THOSE WHO WOULD BE USING THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SMALLER LESS EXPENSIVE PROJECTS. HOPEFULLY, PRESUMABLY THEN ACHIEVING BASICALLY MORE UNITS FOR THE COST OF THE REVENUE TO PROVIDE THE EXEMPTIONS. SO, AGAIN, NO ADDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACTS WE HADN'T ALREADY ASSUMED BY USE OF THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE REFINED TO CAP THE USE FOR HOUSEHOLDS AFFORDABLE TO 60% OF THE AREA INCOME RATHER THAN HAVING AN ADDITIONAL OPTION. AND JUST A NOTE THAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO WITH THE CAP, THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA PROJECTS DON'T GO AGAINST THE CAP THAT'S IN PLACE. SO THE 19,000 UNITS REFERRED TO HAVE CONTINUED TO MOVE FORWARD OR FALL OUT OR BE REFINED INTO WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO MOVE FORWARD. WE ESTIMATE THERE'S STILL ABOUT 8400 UNITS NOW IN ABOUT 42 PROJECTS THAT MAY BENEFIT FROM USING THIS PROGRAM. AND SO THAT COULD RESULT IN -- IF WE HAD 20% OF THOSE AVAILABLE AS AFFORDABLE IF ALL OF THEM MOVED FORWARD.

OBVIOUSLY, WE DON'T EXPECT FOR ALL OF THOSE PROJECTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM NOR WOULD FIT WITHIN THE CAP. IT DOES MAKE THE AVAILABILITY STILL FOR MANY PROJECTS. WE HAVE HAD A HANDFUL OF DEVELOPERS INTERESTED MOVING FORWARD ASSUMING THIS PASSES. SO AS FAR AS THAT PIPELINE OF PROJECTS LEFT, THEY ARE DISPERSED ACROSS THE CITY WITH ABOUT A THIRD OF THEM WITHIN THE CENTRAL CITY. THERE'S NOT BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DENT INTO THAT ROLLING FIVE-YEAR CAP OF \$15 MILLION. THERE'S ABOUT \$11 MILLION REMAINING IN THE CURRENT CAP OVER THAT ROLLING FIVE YEAR PERIOD. AND TO QUICKLY LOOK AT WHAT THE EXPENSE ON A PER UNIT BASIS AVERAGING WHAT'S IN THE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING. WE ESTIMATE ABOUT \$10,000 A YEAR PER AFFORDABLE UNIT WHICH RESULTS IN \$833 PER MONTH. AND THAT IS THE TAX FOR ALL TAXING JURISDICTIONS. ABOUT A THIRD OF THAT IS FROM THE CITY AND ANOTHER FROM THE COUNTY AND ANOTHER THIRD FROM ADDITIONAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS. AS FAR AS THE DISCOUNT BETWEEN WHAT THOSE AVERAGE MARKET RENT. IS ABOUT \$2,000. I KNOW WE'VE HEARD ABOUT SOME DROPPING. WE'RE NOT SEEING AS MUCH OF A DECREASE IN MODERATELY PRICED UNITS. SO IT'S BEEN ABOUT \$1700. 60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME RENT IS 8 TO \$900 FOR A ONE BEDROOM. ABOUT \$1100 DISCOUNT THAT TENANTS WOULD RECEIVE. THERE'S ALWAYS A FOCUS TO TRY TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, PORTLAND AND THAT'S CERTAINLY A GOAL OF BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. BEYOND THE 30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. ALSO THE 60 TO 80% HOUSEHOLDS STILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT

NEED AS FAR AS THE NUMBER OF UNITS PROVIDED BY THE MARKET. WE'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS FROM YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE MAYOR 'S OFFICE AND THANK YOU AND THE STAFF FOR BRINGING -- FOR WORKING ON THIS. I DID HAVE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MULTI PROGRAM. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF THE EXEMPTION. BUT I'M SUPPORTING IT TODAY. IT DOES REQUIRE DEVELOPMENTS TO MAKE UNITS AFFORDABLE THAT THE 60% MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATHER THAN 80%. ANYONE DEVELOPMENT CAN RECEIVE WHICH I APPRECIATE. SO THANK YOU, AGAIN.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: YEAH, AND I ALSO WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR SUPPORTING THIS POLICY. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR A WHILE. AND GOOD DIALOGUE IN TERMS OF QUESTIONS AND CHANGES AND MAKE SURE WE WERE STRENGTHENING THE POLICY. FOR ME, ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE THINGS ABOUT THIS, WE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE ANYWAY TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THOSE UNITS. AND THAT I THINK IT'S TOUGHER TO MAKE AFFORD ABILITY WITHIN THE CENTRAL AND INNER EAST SIDES. AND WE SAW A LOT OF THE BUILDINGS POTENTIALLY THAT COULD BE USING THIS ARE IN THOSE AREAS. SO I KNOW THOSE ARE CLOSER TO JOBS, CLOSER TO -- MORE FREQUENT TRANSIT ACCESS. THESE ARE PLACES WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE ONE PERSON. GWEN BALDWIN.

Gwen Baldwin: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION. I SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OREGON SMART GROWTH. HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE COUNTY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND ON THE MULTI PROGRAM. OREGON SMART GROWTH IS A COALITION OF DEVELOPERS, INVESTORS COMMITTED TO WALKABLE LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY, SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE. OREGON SMART GROWTH APPRECIATES THE WILLINGNESS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PARTNER WITH US IN LOOKING AT WAYS TO ADD AFFORDABILITY TO PRE-INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE 100% MARKET RATE UNITS. OUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN CANTED. WE'VE ARRIVED AT A PROGRAM THAT MAY INCENTIVIZED FAMILY-SIZED APARTMENTS FOR THOSE MAKING 60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME OR LESS. THE PROPOSED REVISION TO THE MULTI PROGRAM IS VERY LIMITED IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT OF THE REVENUES. THE MAJORITY INVESTED PROJECTS HAVE

ALREADY MOVED TO PERMITTING AND NO LONGER ELIGIBLE. NOR ARE PROJECTS MORE THAN \$500,000 ANNUALLY OR FEWER THAN 20 UNITS. WE DO BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM REVISION IS IMPORTANT FOR OPPORTUNITIES MAY EXIST FOR THE REMAINING PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE. I WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIR AND HER POLICY ADVISOR FOR ALL THE WORK TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE HOUSING NEEDED AT ALL LEVELS OF AFFORDABILITY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU ARE THERE?

Commissioner Stegmann: I AM HERE, CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT OR QUESTION?

Commissioner Stegmann: JUST A COMMENT. I WANTED TO THANK THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I FEEL LIKE WE'VE REACHED A REALLY GREAT COMPROMISE. AND AS HAS BEEN SAID, I THINK IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT WE'RE ENCOURAGING MORE THREE AND FOUR-BEDROOM MULTI-FAMILY UNITS. I JUST WANTED TO HAVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I KNOW WE'VE HAD ON-GOING CONVERSATIONS AND I'M SO PLEASED WE'VE REACHED AN AGREEMENT.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS. THANK YOU, CITY OF PORTLAND TEAM. THANK YOU, LIAM FROST. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING BUT WE'RE HERE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. ALL RIGHT. WE ARE GOING TO -- DO I NEED TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE? MOTION TO POSTPONE OUR 6 TO A TIME NOT YET DETERMINED.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I MOVE TO POSTPONE.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO POSTPONE R-5. SORRY, IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING. AND NOW IT'S AFTERNOON. WE WILL POSTPONE THAT TO A TIME WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AT A FURTHER DATE.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: AND WE ARE AT THE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NONAGENDA ITEMS. ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 12:19 p.m

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