

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 9, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

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

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 ORDER Authorizing Designees of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MOVED, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

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.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE SIGNED UP. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, COME FORWARD AND HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG X. A COUPLE OF CONCERNS I HAVE AGAIN IS ON PEMBINA BUILDING THE STORAGE FACILITY FOR PROPANE AT TERMINAL SIX. WE HAD A MEETING ON THAT. THAT IS GOING TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THEIR FINAL APPROVAL. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAD IS THAT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE LEVEE THAT IS -- WHICH IS CONSIDERED MARINE DRIVE, THE TWO TRAVEL LANES, THAT IS GOING THROUGH THERE, AND ALSO SOME OF THE RAIL TRANSPORTATION, PERTAINING TO THE LEVEE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY CONCERNS FROM ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON THAT SITUATION. ONE OF THE REASONS I SAY THAT IS THAT THERE CURRENTLY TRYING TO BRING THE LEVEE UP TO NEW ORLEANS FEDERAL STANDARDS. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO MEET THAT STANDARD, ESPECIALLY WHEN THESE WERE BUILT MANY, MANY YEARS AGO. I HAVE SOME CONCERNS ON THAT. AND I WANT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK TO SEE IF THEY THINK THAT SITE BEING PROPOSED WOULD WORK OUT. ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IF PEMBINA DOES GET APPROVED, I WANT THEM TO PURCHASE THE WAPATO JAIL, AS A STAGING AREA -- YOU WILL HAVE 500, 800 WORKERS COME IN ON THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE. I THINK THAT COULD ALSO OFFER HOUSING, AND I THINK THE MONEY YOU WILL SAVE BY DOING THAT WITHIN THE TIME YOU BUILD YOUR PROJECT WAPATO JAIL WILL PAY ITSELF OFF. ISSUE NUMBER TWO, UBER AND LYFT IN DISCUSSIONS TODAY ENTERING THE MARKET AT CITY HALL AT 2:00. AGAIN, I THINK UBER AND LYFT CAN CREATE A WAY TO COME INTO THE MARKET. THEY WILL SATURATE THE MARKET. NO CAPS ON HOW MANY DRIVERS THEY CAN HAVE OUT THERE. I WANT THEM TO THINK ABOUT A WAY THAT THEY CAN LIFT UP THE CURRENT OLD SCHOOL CAB COMPANIES AT THE SAME TIME, ENTER THE MARKET, ADD VALUE TO THEIR CURRENT COMPANIES, AND WHEN THEY GET READY TO DO THEIR IPO, WHICH THEY WILL DO ON YEAR SEVEN, YEAR EIGHT, EVERYBODY WILL LIFT UP AND VALUE AT THE SAME TIME. THERE IS WAYS TO DO THAT. I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON THAT, AND, AGAIN, I WILL BE AT THE MEETING AND COMMUNICATING TO YOU ON SOME PLANS TO LOOK AT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. THIS MORNING I GOT AN EMAIL FROM ERAM, WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF R2D2. HE WAS EXCITED THAT SEATTLE PASSED THREE ORDINANCES YESTERDAY, I THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY, CONCERNING THE HOMELESS, AND THEY WERE VERY POSITIVE, AND APPARENTLY -- I HAVEN'T READ THEM YET. I WILL READ THEM WHEN I GO HOME, I THINK, TONIGHT. WELL MAYBE TOMORROW. WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING TONIGHT. BUT,

ANYWAY, HE WAS EXCITED. AND IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT SEATTLE WOULD DO THAT. SO, THEN MY QUESTION IS WHERE THE HELL ARE WE? THIS IS A PROGRESSIVE CITY AND A PROGRESSIVE COUNTY, AND YET WE'VE ASKED YOU TO PASS THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE HOMELESS, AND YOU GET EXCITED AND THEN YOU IGNORE IT. THE CITY COUNCIL DOESN'T PASS IT. THEY GET EXCITED, BUT THEY IGNORE IT ALSO. AND THE JUDGES SITTING IN THIS ROOM, THEY MUST BE GETTING TIRED OF SEEING HOMELESS PEOPLE COMING BEFORE THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE HOMELESS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WE HAVE TWO TO 3,000 PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS. UNTIL WE GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN SAY EVERYBODY HAS SHELTER, WOULD YOU LEAVE THE HOMELESS ALONE, AND TELL THE PORTLAND POLICE TO STOP ARRESTING THEM. WE GOT REPORT THAT THEY'RE DOING IT AGAIN, THE SWEEPS DOWN AT THE WATERFRONT. I NOTICE BECAUSE I CHANGE BUSES ON HAWTHORNE BRIDGE THAT ON EAST SIDE IS GETTING CROWDED AND CROWDED, WHICH MEANS THEY'RE MOVING THEM FROM THE WEST SIDE AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE ON THE EAST SIDE. SO YOU HAVE A VESTED INTEREST TO TELL THE CITY OF PORTLAND WOULD YOU LEAVE THE HOMELESS ALONE UNTIL WE SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WHO IS NEXT?

Mr. Stull: BARRY JOE STULL. I FOUND OUT, ALTHOUGH I DO FILL OUT A FORM WITH MY NAME SPELLED CORRECTLY, SOMEHOW IT WAS TRANSCRIBED WRONG. THAT GIVES ME ANOTHER AKA. B-A-R-R-Y, J-O-E, S-T-U-L-L. ONE YEAR AGO TODAY, APRIL 9th, 2014, MAXINE FITZPATRICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PCRI, NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING LANDLORD STANDING IN FRONT OF APARTMENT FIVE AT 4066 NORTHEAST GRAND AVENUE. I KNOW THAT APARTMENT WELL. I WAS RESIDING THERE AS A TENANT WITH A DISABILITY WHEN PCRI FILED A 30 DAY NO CAUSE EVICTION CASE AGAINST AN EXPRESSED STATUTORY PROHIBITION. NOW, MR. BRAY HERE, TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR, KNOWS THAT I KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT THAT TYPE OF THING. OREGON SUPREME COURT CASE, STULL VERSUS HULK -- DEFINES THE ACT OF FILING A CASE, PRESENTING IT TO THE COURT CLERK WITH THE INTENTION THAT IT CAN BE FILED. PCRI, 30-DAY NO CAUSE WAS UNDER ORS 90.427, IN PARENTHESIS TWO. IF WE GO OVER A COUPLE OF CHAPTERS TO 105, WE CAN SEE 105.120, LANDLORD MAY NOT BRING OR FILE THE 30-DAY NO CAUSE WHEN THE RENT IS PAID AS MINE WAS IN AUGUST OF 2005. OCTOBER 2006, PCRI DESTROYED 4,775 WORTH OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS. I HAD ONE ELECTRIC PIANO WORTH OVER \$1,000. STRANGE TO ME, THE PLACE IS CALLED KAFOURY COURT AFTER GRETCHEN KAFOURY, LIKE MYSELF, SHE HAD A DEGREE IN MUSIC. IMAGINE HOW TOPSY-TURVY MY WORLD IS WHEN I COME IN HERE AND I TELL YOU THAT THIS LANDLORD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOLICITED FUNDING FROM THE OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR THE TIME IT WAS BEING KEPT INTENTIONALLY VACANT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN TELL YOU ALL THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY HEARD. COMMISSIONER BAILEY HEARD

ME UPSTAIRS WHEN WE HAD THE -- OH, WAIT, I GET THAT WRONG EVERY TIME. A HOME FOR EVERYONE, THAT'S HEADED UP BY A FELLOW NAMED MARC JOLIN, WHO YOU MIGHT KNOW, I SUED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR VIOLATING THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WHEN HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOIN AND I HAVE MY HOUSING NOW. SO I'M GOING TO WIN. I AM GOING TO WIN. AND YOU ARE ALL ARE GOING TO BE THE LOSERS YOU CONTINUE TO BE IF YOU THINK YOU CAN COME HERE AND PUT ON THE AIRS THAT YOU'RE TRYING WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT ALL TRYING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Stull: MY PLEASURE.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE'RE AGAIN HAVING TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, IN THE SHADOW OF WHAT HAS BEEN IN THE HEADLINES RECENTLY. WE KNOW THAT HOWEVER MUCH GOOD INTENT AND WHATEVER EFFORT AND MONEY YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT INTO IT, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL SLEEPING ON THE STREET AND ONE DIED, ALL OF THE MAJOR NEWS OUTLETS HAVE A DEATH UNDER MORRISON BRIDGE. NOT A BEAUTIFUL EXPENSIVE MARKET FILLING THE BRIDGEHEAD, BUT THE DEAD BODY OF A NEGLECTED AND ABUSED NEIGHBOR OF OURS, WE SHOULD ALL FEEL A LITTLE SHAME AND REGRET. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE RELEASED THAT NAME. LAST WEDNESDAY, AT THE SAINT ANDRE -- RED DOORS DOWNTOWN CHAPEL, DOZENS OF NAMES WERE READ. SO FAR WE HAVEN'T HAD A MAJOR NATURAL DISASTER CRISIS WHERE HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS WILL DIE FROM LACK OF SERVICES IN ONE DAY. WE DON'T HAVE THE 147 NOT JUST A NUMBER TRAGEDY LIKE THEY HAD IN KENYA. THERE WILL BE A GROUP COMING AROUND THROUGH PORTLAND, A GROUP FROM MEXICO, WHERE IN ONE DAY, 43 STUDENTS, WERE DISAPPEARED, MOST LIKELY KILLED. SO FAR WE DON'T HAVE THOSE HUGE SINGLE INCIDENT TRAGIC NUMBERS. BUT WE DO HAVE A TRAGIC DISGUSTING HISTORY OF DEATH OF POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE. DYING UNDER BRIDGES, PEOPLE WHO DIE THE DAY OR THE DAY AFTER THEY WERE CHASED AROUND BY THE POLICE. NOT LITERALLY CHASED AS IN RUNNING AWAY, BUT JUST SOMEBODY COMPLAINED THAT THEY WERE SLEEPING ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STREET AND SO THE POLICE CAME AND CHASED THEM OVER TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET. THAT IS NOT A VERY EFFICIENT USE OF TAX DOLLARS. WE NEED TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, A PLACE WHERE PORTLAND DOESN'T TALK ABOUT BEING PROGRESSIVE, BUT TALKS ABOUT BEING HUMANE SO THAT PEOPLE CAN COME IN OFF THE STREET AND LAY THEIR HEADS DOWN. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, OF COURSE, PARTIALLY RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS IS JOBS. HUGE TRANSITION BETWEEN COMING OFF THE STREETS AND GETTING A RELIABLE JOB. AT 6:00 P.M. THIS EVENING,

WHERE ALL OF THE DEMOCRATS GET TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THEIR SO-CALLED VICTORIES IN THE GALLERIA BALLROOM, PORTLAND HILTON, A -- PARTICIPATING IN A PUBLIC FORUM. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM THAT CAN TO CROSS OVER THE RIVER A LITTLE BIT BEFORE 6:00 P.M. AND GO INTO THE GALLERIA BALLROOM DOWNTOWN IN THE PORTLAND HILTON, AND HAVE HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT UNEMPLOYMENT REALLY LOOKS LIKE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WHAT STEPS WE CAN TAKE AND THE ANSWER CERTAINLY IS NOT TO LET SENATOR WYDEN FAST TRACK THE PPT -- I HOPE PEOPLE THAT HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH HIM WILL BE LETTING HIM KNOW THAT. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE MORE PERSON.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Entwistle: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR. I WAS LISTENING TO A PROGRAM TODAY, AND THERE WAS A MAN SPEAKING THAT'S LIVING IN SEATTLE RIGHT NOW. AND HE SAYS, YOU KNOW, HE LIVES IN PORTLAND, BUT HE GOES TO SEATTLE AND HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO HOMELESS FOLKS ON THE STREETS AROUND THE BUSINESSES AND SUCH. HE COULDN'T FIND ANY. AND THEY HAVE TENT CITIES OR WHATEVER THAT THEY HAVE THERE. BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE NOT BEING PUSHED AROUND AND HARASSED. AND ANOTHER THING IS A MYTH ABOUT HOMELESS FOLKS BEING DRUG ADDICTED AND HOMELESS FOLKS BEING MENTALLY ILL. YOU KNOW, THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE FOR A FEW OR FOR SOME. BUT THAT'S NOT THE STANDARD FOR ALL OF THEM. OKAY. THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED TRAUMA THAT PEOPLE GO THROUGH, AND WHEN THE POLICE ARE MOVING YOU BACK AND FORTH FROM HERE AND THERE, THAT'S PRETTY TRAUMATIC. NOW, HAVE YOU GUYS EVER MOVED? HAVE YOU EVER MOVED FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER? WHEN YOU HAD TO ACTUALLY MOVE? THAT'S KIND OF TRAUMATIC, ISN'T IT? IMAGINE HAVING TO DO THAT EVERY DAY AT 6:00 IN THE MORNING. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY FOLKS CAN REALLY TAKE THAT ON A DAILY BASIS BEFORE THEY BREAK. AND WHEN THEY BREAK, THEY JUMP OFF OF BRIDGES, AND THAT'S NOT RIGHT. WE SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWING THAT. OKAY. BUT IN OUR NARCISSISTIC SOCIETY, WITH CAPITALISM AS KING, THAT SEEMS TO BE KIND OF LIKE THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR FOLKS AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE. BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT TO HELP AND THEY'RE UNABLE TO HELP BECAUSE OF JUST LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE CITY, LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE COMMUNITY. THEY JUST WANT TO KEEP THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE. AND THAT'S WRONG. BECAUSE WE NEED TO CHANGE. WE NEED TO START MOVING FORWARD. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A PROGRESSIVE CITY. IF WE WERE SUCH A PROGRESSIVE CITY AND SUCH, WHY DO WE HAVE AN OFFICE OF EQUITY? AND WHY DO WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE JUMPING OFF OF BRIDGES EVERY YEAR AND COMMITTING SUICIDE? IF WE'RE SO PROGRESSIVE AND WE'RE SO GOOD,

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING AND WHY IS SEATTLE DOING BETTER THAN PORTLAND? THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

R.1 Board Briefing and Public Comments on Central Courthouse Project – Project Approval Status, Public Outreach and Due Diligence Results. Presenters: JD Deschamps, Central Courthouse Project Manager; Mike Pullen, Public Affairs Coordinator; and Mike Day, Day CPM – Owner’s Representative.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, I WANT TO CLARIFY THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING AS WELL. WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Deschamps: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS JD DESCHAMPS, THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE NEW CENTRAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE DUE DILIGENCE WORK THAT WE DID OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD VOTED ON DECEMBER 18th ON A PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITE. I WILL BE GOING THROUGH WITH OUR TEAM, SO WITH ME, I HAVE MAKE DAY -- MIKE DAY, OWNER'S REP AND MIKE PULLEN, COMMUNICATIONS. OUR AGENDA TODAY IS AN UPDATE OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. MIKE PULLEN WILL DISCUSS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH, AND THEN MIKE DAY WILL BE GOING THROUGH THE DUE DILIGENCE THAT WE PERFORMED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, GEOTECHNICAL TRAFFIC. WHEN WE WERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD IN DECEMBER, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH THOSE AND SEE IF WE HAVE ADDRESSED THOSE. FROM AN UPDATE POINT OF VIEW, THE VERY POSITIVE NEWS IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT HAVE APPROVED OUR APPLICATION FOR FUNDING, AND THEY ARE A 50/50 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY. THAT'S EXCITING NEWS. THE OTHER PART OF GOOD NEWS IS PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE WEST QUADRANT PLAN, WHICH INCREASED THE HEIGHT ON BOTH THE PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITE TO 325 FEET. SO, THOSE ARE THE STEPS WE HAVE MADE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AND GOOD STEPS FORWARD.

Mr. Pullen: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MIKE PULLEN WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, HERE TO SUMMARIZE WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE TWO COURTHOUSE SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE HAD PRETTY ROBUST PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT. TWO OPEN HOUSES, MANY OF YOU WERE AT THE FIRST ONE HERE IN JANUARY, AND THEN ONE THE NEXT WEEK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER AT THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE. ABOUT 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED

THE TWO OPEN HOUSES. WE ALSO HAD AN ONLINE SURVEY FOR FOLKS WHO COULDN'T ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSES, AND NEARLY 400 PEOPLE TOOK THE SURVEY. WE ALSO REACHED OUT TO ABOUT 14 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS, PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT WE THINK WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL US SOME THINGS ABOUT THESE TWO SITES. AND A NUMBER OF INTEREST GROUPS, AND I WILL BE GETTING INTO A SUMMARY OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT WE HEARD FROM THOSE GROUPS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

TO SUM UP THIS OUTREACH, A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS DECISION YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE IN THE NEXT WEEK. A BIG PROJECT, NOT SURPRISING A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE OPINIONS ABOUT IT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE PREFERRED SITE, WHICH IS AT THE HAWTHORNE WEST BRIDGEHEAD, WHAT PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT THAT IN GENERAL, IT IS A CENTRAL LOCATION, HIGHLY VISIBLE, AND IT IS ALREADY OWNED BY THE COUNTY. SO IT HAS A COST ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER SITE. WHEN IT COMES TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE PREFERRED SITE, IT'S PRIMARILY ABOUT THE IMPACT TO ADJACENT BUSINESSES, AND THERE IS TWO BUSINESSES, TWO BUILDINGS ON THE BLOCK THAT ALREADY EXIST THAT WE WOULD BE SHARING IT WITH. WHEN IT COMES TO THE ALTERNATE SITE, WHICH IS THE -- CALLED BLOCK 128, SURFACE PARKING LOT BETWEEN THE KOIN TOWER AND THE PORTLAND MARRIOTT, GENERALLY THE PRO AND CON SENTIMENTS WEREN'T AS STRONGLY CONVEYED OR STRONGLY HELD. AND IT -- WHEN IT WAS FAVORED, THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SAYING THAT IS A BETTER SITE WERE OFTENTIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUSINESSES NEAR THE PREFERRED SITE. NEXT SLIDE.

AT THE OPEN HOUSES, AS I MENTIONED, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER. VERY WELL ATTENDED BY FOLKS WHO USE THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE, SUCH AS ATTORNEYS WHO DO A LOT OF BUSINESS THERE. EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN THE COURTHOUSE TURNED OUT IN BIG NUMBERS WHEN WE HAD THE EVENT AT THE COURTHOUSE. WE SAW A LOT OF FOLKS WHO WORK NEAR THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE -- PARDON ME, WORK NEAR ONE OF THE TWO SITES, AND THEN WE ALSO SAW A LOT OF CONSULTANTS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT AND HOPE TO BE WORKING ON IT. THE PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSES WAS TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH ALL OF THESE GROUPS ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS THAT THE TEAM HAD IDENTIFIED. HOW THE BUILDING MIGHT MASS ON EITHER OF THESE SITES, INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. A LOT OF INFORMATION GOING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THESE TWO SITES. IT WAS REALLY VALUABLE FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE PROJECT TEAM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY. ABOUT 400 PEOPLE SHARED THEIR VIEWS WITH US IN THIS ONLINE SURVEY. WHEN IT CAME TO THE PREFERRED SITE, THE TOP THINGS WE HEARD FROM PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THEY LIKE, HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD IS CLOSE TO A LOT OF PLACES YOU WOULD WANT YOUR COURTHOUSE TO BE CLOSE TO. THE JUSTICE CENTER.

THE EXISTING CIVIC CENTER DOWNTOWN, LAW FIRMS WHERE THEY'RE ALREADY BASED. THEY ALSO -- A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKED IT AS A VERY ACCESSIBLE SITE. WE KNOW IT IS ON TWO BUSY STREETS, NAITO AND MADISON. MADISON HAS GREAT TRANSIT SERVICE, A GREAT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTE AND THIS IS SEEN AS A PLUS BY A LOT OF PEOPLE. THE FACT THAT IT IS A VISIBLE SITE, GATEWAY TO DOWNTOWN, SEEN FROM THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER, WAS A POSITIVE THING. WHEN IT CAME TO NEGATIVES ABOUT THE PREFERRED SITE, WE HEARD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC. WHILE IT IS ACCESSIBLE, SOME PEOPLE ALSO THOUGHT THERE IS A LOT OF TRAFFIC. THERE THIS MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. IMPACTS TO BUSINESSES. THOSE WERE ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON THE VERITABLE QUANDARY RESTAURANT, A BELOVED RESTAURANT BY MANY. AND SOME PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AESTHETICS ISSUE, ABOUT LOSING WHAT HAS BEEN A GREEN SPACE FOR SEVERAL DECADES, THE GRASSY AREA NEXT TO THE RESTAURANT THAT WOULD NO LONGER BE THERE. WITH ALTERNATE SITE, THE THINGS PEOPLE TENDED TO LIKE ABOUT IT WERE THAT IT IS ALSO CLOSE TO SOME OF THE SAME INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS PART OF OUR CIVIC CENTER DOWNTOWN. PEOPLE SAID TRAFFIC ISSUES COULD BE LESS THERE. A LITTLE MORE OUT OF THE WAY OF THE BUSY STREETS. AND ACCESS ALSO WAS SEEN AS A GOOD THING THERE. WHEN IT CAME TO THE NEGATIVES ABOUT THE ALTERNATE SITE, ONE OF THE TOP ONES WAS COST BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOESN'T OWN THAT SITE. IT WAS SEEN BY SOME AS BEING FARTHER AWAY FROM DESTINATIONS, PLACES LIKE THE JUSTICE CENTER, AND THEN THERE WERE ALSO CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY BECAUSE OF THE DRIVEWAY INTO THE KOIN TOWER BASEMENT GARAGE, WHICH CREATES SOME ISSUES AT THAT SITE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

WE ALSO, AS I MENTIONED, REACHED OUT TO A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE THOUGHT WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL US SOME THINGS ABOUT THESE TWO SITES. AND THESE FELL INTO THREE GROUPS. THE FIRST WERE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AT EITHER SITE. WE REACHED OUT AND HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF THEM. WE ALSO REACHED OUT TO INTEREST GROUPS AND THREE OF THEM WERE TRANSPORTATION RELATED. AND THE FOURTH WAS THE PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE, WHICH IS OFTENTIMES HAS COMMENTS ABOUT THINGS HAPPENING DOWNTOWN. WE REACHED OUT TO A FEW OTHERS WHO, FOR EXAMPLE, DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DECIDED THEY DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO TAKE A STAND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND THEY -- SOME OF THEIR BOARD MEMBERS CAME TO OUR OPEN HOUSES. WE REACHED OUT TO TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES THAT HAD A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS TO TELL US, AND THAT WAS TRIMET AND THE PORTLAND BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, WHAT DO WE HEAR FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS? WELL, WHEN IT CAME TO THE INTEREST GROUPS, WE WERE ENCOURAGED THAT TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVOCATES, THEY GENERALLY LIKE THE PREFERRED SITE. AS I MENTIONED, IT IS ON A VERY ACTIVE

TRANSPORTATION ROUTE, ALL OF US WHO CROSS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE SEE HOW MANY BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ARE THERE. WHAT WE HEARD FROM THEM WAS, YOU KNOW, PUTTING BIG IMPORTANT BUILDINGS ALONG THIS ROUTE IS A GOOD THING. LIKE THIS BUILDING ITSELF WHERE WE ARE TODAY. IT IS EASY TO GET HERE. SO, THEY LIKE THAT. THEY SAID WHEN IT COMES -- IF WE DO GO WITH THE PREFERRED SITE, HOW THE BUILDING FACES MADISON STREET, THE BUSY BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTE IS AN IMPORTANT DESIGN CONSIDERATION. DON'T PUT A DRIVEWAY THERE. DON'T PUT ANYTHING THAT CONFLICTS WITH THAT MOVEMENT. CONSTRUCTION PLANNING FOR TRAFFIC WAS SOMETHING THEY -- ESPECIALLY THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE, THAT WAS THEIR MAIN THING. LET'S MAKE SURE IF WE BUILD ON THAT SITE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING AND MIKE DAY WILL EXPLAIN A LITTLE ABOUT HOW THE TEAM WOULD DO THAT IF WE DO CHOOSE THAT SITE. AND ANOTHER INTERESTING THING TO US, WAS THAT PEOPLE SEE THAT IF WE GO WITH THE PREFERRED SITE, IT COULD LEAD TO OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD HELP ACTIVATE TRANSPORTATION DOWNTOWN IN THE AREA. A COMMON ONE WE HEARD ABOUT, POTENTIAL CROSSWALK AT JEFFERSON STREET ACROSS NAITO. AND SORT OF A THEME WE HEARD, PREFERRED SITE, WHILE THE RESTAURANT IS VERY POPULAR AND OFFICE BUILDING, IT IS KIND OF A QUIET AREA. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO GET FROM THERE TO WATERFRONT PARK. IF WE HAD A COURTHOUSE THERE, A REASON TO ADD A CROSSWALK WHICH WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY TO GET PEOPLE FROM DOWNTOWN INTO WATERFRONT PARK. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. ALTERNATE SITE, STAKEHOLDERS LARGELY SAW THE KOIN DRIVEWAY AS PART OF THAT BLOCK THAT WOULD BE NEGATIVE, SORT OF A DEAD ZONE -- DEAD SIDE OF THE BUILDING ON THE SOUTH SIDE. NEXT SLIDE.

WHEN WE REACHED OUT TO THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS, OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES WAS THE RESTAURANT, VERITABLE QUANDARY. MET WITH THEIR OWNER, DENNY KING. TO HIM, HIS TOP ISSUES, IF WE ARE GOING TO GO WITH THE PREFERRED SITE ARE HOW HE CAN KEEP HIS RESTAURANT OPERATING AS IT CURRENTLY DOES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND AFTER. MAKING SURE THAT THIS PROJECT DOESN'T MAKE IT HARD FOR HIM TO HOLD ON TO HIS STAFF, WHO HE HAS A LOT OF STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN THERE A LONG TIME. ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF HIS BUILDING, WHICH I THINK IS 110 YEARS OLD, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AS A TALL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED NEAR IT. AND THEN HE LET US KNOW THAT THAT PATIO SPACE THAT HE USES DURING THE SUMMER, THAT LEASED FROM THE COUNTY, IS A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT FOR HIS BUSINESS FOR HIM TO REMAIN PROFITABLE. SO, HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE, IF WE GO WITH THE PREFERRED SITE, HE DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING BECAUSE IT WILL REALLY AFFECT HIM AND HIS RESTAURANT. WE HEARD FROM SOME OTHER NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING THE SHORNSTINE COMPANY, AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT GROUP, WHICH OWNS THE

ALTERNATE SITE, BLOCK 128. THOSE TWO COMPANIES HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PARKING ASSETS IN THE AREA, TRAFFIC, AND HOW COMPATIBLE THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE GIVEN THE CURRENT USES ON THE PREFERRED BLOCK. WE REPLIED TO BOTH OF THOSE COMPANIES WITH INFORMATION THEY ASKED FOR. ANOTHER THING WE HEARD FROM NEIGHBORS WAS SOMETHING YOU JUST WOULD HEAR ABOUT ANY BIG CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMING TO YOUR AREA, CONCERNS ABOUT NOISE DURING CONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC, LIKE WE HAVE HAD -- THE MARRIOTT HOTEL NEARBY, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO THEM THAT THEIR GUESTS CAN COME AND GO DURING OUR PROJECT, WHICHEVER BLOCK WE CHOOSE, THAT THEIR DELIVERIES CAN COME AND GO. AND I THINK MIKE DAY WILL TALK A LITTLE ABOUT HOW THAT DEFINITELY WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE BUILD INTO THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN.

A COUPLE OF OTHER ISSUES. WE HEARD ABOUT A LOT OF FOLKS SAY THAT THE GREEN SPACE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO HAWTHORNE BRIDGE RAMPS AT THE WEST END OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE IS AN IMPORTANT ASSET. IT IS GREEN SPACE NOW WITH A NICE LARGE TREE AND PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT REMAIN IF IT CAN. AND ALSO SOME COMMENTS WE HEARD ABOUT HOW IT IS IMPORTANT HOW THE COURTHOUSE WILL MASS ON THAT PREFERRED SITE, IF THAT IS WHAT IS CHOSEN, AND PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT HOW THEY DO LIKE THE VIEWS IN AND OUT OF DOWNTOWN. THE COURTHOUSE WOULD OFFER VIEWS TO A LOT OF COURTHOUSE USERS, OBVIOUSLY, ALSO, FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING. AND MY LAST SLIDE, TALKING TO THE TWO TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES.

BASICALLY NO FATAL FLAWS AT EITHER OF THE SITES FOR THE TWO TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES. TRIMET TOLD US THAT EITHER SITE WOULD WORK WELL FOR TRANSIT. DURING CONSTRUCTION, THEY SAID THERE WOULD BE MORE ISSUES AT THE ALTERNATE SITE DUE TO A CURRENT BUS STOP ON -- THAT'S ON THAT BLOCK SERVED BY A NUMBER OF LINES. ANOTHER INTERESTING THING TO NOTE, THIS YEAR, TRIMET WILL REROUTE FOUR OF THE EIGHT BUS LINES THAT USE THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE TO THE NEW LIGHT RAIL BRIDGE. AFTER THIS SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE A DECLINE IN BUS TRAFFIC ON THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE. THOSE WILL JUST BE THE ROUTES THAT COME UP FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY. THE ROUTES THAT COME FROM EAST PORTLAND WILL STILL USE THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE. PORTLAND TRANSPORTATION ECHOED WHAT WE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE ADVOCATE GROUPS FOR TRANSPORTATION, THAT THE PREFERRED SITE OFFERS SOME INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD KIND OF ACTIVATE THIS CORNER OF DOWNTOWN. AND THEY ALSO TOLD US THAT OUR CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC PLAN WILL BE A KEY AT EITHER SITE. SO, BASICALLY NO FATAL FLAWS IDENTIFIED FROM THE PUBLIC INPUT AND MOST CONCERNS ABOUT THE PREFERRED SITE COMING FROM SUPPORTERS OF THE RESTAURANT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DOES ANYBODY HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PIECE OF OUR -- THANK YOU.

Mr. Day: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THE NEXT PIECE TO OUR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING REALLY IS THE TECHNICAL WORK THAT OUR TEAM HAS DONE SINCE OUR SEPTEMBER BRIEFING. TAKE AND FRAME THE COMPONENTS OF THAT AND REALLY IDENTIFY ARE THERE FATAL FLAWS -- AGAIN, WITH BOTH SITES LOOKING AT BOTH SITES. GO TO THE RISKS WITH THE SITES, WHAT ARE THE ISSUES AROUND THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY OWNERS, PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES, AND DEVELOPING A PATH FORWARD AS FAR AS NEXT STEPS AS PART OF THAT DUE DILIGENCE. WE WILL BE SHARING A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON THAT AND THE CONTEXT OF THIS. AS PART OF THAT, WE HAVE ENGAGED WITH A TEAM OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS, SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WITH THE TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PBS, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, WAS THE TEAM THAT DID THE DUE DILIGENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOTECHNICAL WORK. DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES CAME IN AS PART OF OUR TEAM DOING THE TRAFFIC, PARKING, TRANSIT, IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR BOTH SITES. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THOSE TWO CONSULTANTS FROM A PEER REVIEW STAND POINT ON THE SEISMIC AND STRUCTURAL, WITH SEFT ENGINEERING, A SEISMIC AND STRUCTURAL EXPERT, AS PART OF THE GEOTECHNICAL TEAM REVIEWED THE STRUCTURAL IMPLICATIONS OF BOTH SITES AND HOW THE SITES FROM A STRUCTURAL STANDPOINT MIGHT BE BUILT, WHAT WERE THE RISKS, ETC. SO, AGAIN, WE HAVE A TWO-SITE PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH OUR DUE DILIGENCE ON. OF COURSE, THAT SITE DUE DILIGENCE REALLY LOOKED VERY CLOSELY AT ALL OF THE ISSUES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL, GEOTECHNICAL, AND TRAFFIC.

REALLY STARTING WITH KIND OF SPRING-BOARDING FROM THE OPEN HOUSES IN LATE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE SLIDES THAT WERE SHARED PUBLICLY WITH THE VARIOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC THAT WE HAD BACK IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. WHAT IS INTERESTING ABOUT THE PREFERRED SITE, OF COURSE, THAT YOU HAVE THE ISSUES OF THE QUEUING AND THE TRAFFIC AND CONCERN WITH THAT ACTIVATION OF -- AS MIKE MENTIONED, THAT NORTH EDGE ON THE EAST/WEST ROUTE WITH MADISON GOING ON TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT THOSE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES WERE BEING ADDRESSED FOR BOTH BIKE AND PED TRAFFIC AS WELL AS THE TRANSIT ACROSS THE BRIDGE. WE WILL GET INTO MORE DETAIL ON THAT AS WELL AS THE QUEUING AND THE CAPACITY ISSUES WITH PEOPLE COMING INTO THE BUILDING THAT ARE WALKING AND ACCESSING THE BUILDING. NORTHWEST EDGE OF THE PREFERRED SITE IS THAT ACTIVE FOCAL POINT OF WHERE PEOPLE WILL BE COMING INTO THE BUILDING AND WILL BE GOING INTO MORE DETAIL ON THAT. THIS, AGAIN, THE NEXT FEW SLIDES AND THE CONCEPTS, RENDERING, AND HOW MIGHT THIS BUILDING LOOK AS IT MASSES ON THE PROJECT? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE ADJACENT -- THE VQ SPECIFICALLY, AND JEFFERSON STATION AND WHAT DOES THAT CIRCULATION LOOK LIKE AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING THOSE CONCERNS WITH QUEUING AND CAPACITY - - THERE IS A GOOD TRANSITION SPACE INTO THE BUILDING AND PLENTY OF CAPACITY FOR PEOPLE AS THEY COME IN THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS TO ACCESS THE COURTHOUSE. NEXT SLIDES REALLY ARE AGAIN JUST THE VISUAL RENDERINGS OF THAT KIND OF -- WHAT THAT VISUAL IMPACT MIGHT BE COMING ACROSS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD. THE FLOOR PLAN YOU SEE, THE FIRST FLOOR, THAT SHOWS IN PLAN VIEW WHAT THAT ENTRANCE MIGHT LOOK LIKE. THESE ARE NOT DESIGNS, BUT WHAT THAT CAPACITY IS FOR BRINGING PEOPLE IN OFF OF THE STREET SO THAT THEY'RE NOT TRAILING OUT ON THE STREET WHERE THERE COULD BE POTENTIAL TRAFFIC CONCERNS AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE HERE. AGAIN, GOING THROUGH THAT SAME PROCESS WITH THE ALTERNATE SITE, YOU'VE GOT THE AERIAL VIEW HERE WHICH SHOWS THE OVERALL SITE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SURFACE PARKING WITH THE KOIN TOWER PARKING ENTRANCE ON THE SOUTH END OF THAT SITE. AND, AGAIN, JUST HOW DOES THAT FIT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE? WHAT DOES THAT RENDERED BUILDING LOOK LIKE? BOTH BUILDINGS NOTABLY DO LEND THEMSELVES FROM THE COURT'S PERSPECTIVE AND LAYOUT TO AN L SHAPE. WHEN WE DID -- WHEN WE LOOKED AT A PROTOTYPE, REFERENCE DESIGN PROCESS, IT DID LEND ITSELF TO AN L-SHAPED CONFIGURATION. SINCE BOTH SITES DO HAVE INTERESTING CONSTRAINTS WITH THE KOIN TOWER SITE HAVING THE PARKING ACCESS, AND, OF COURSE, THE PREFERRED SITE HAVING THE JEFFERSON STATION AND VERITABLE QUANDARY, THE TEST DID GO THROUGH THAT SERIOUS DUE DILIGENCE, HOW DOES THIS LAY OUT AND FIT ON TO THE SITE?

HERE YOU CAN SEE THERE IS THIS KIND OF L-SHAPED CONFIGURATION. THERE IS THE ACCESS ISSUE THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE KOIN TOWER, AS MIKE MENTIONED, THERE IS A SECURITY CONCERN WITH THAT PUBLIC ACCESS AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE MANAGING AND LOOKING AT THAT AS A CONSTRAINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SITE. AND AGAIN ADDRESSING AT THE SURFACE STREET LEVEL, QUEUING OF PEOPLE COMING OFF OF THE STREET. THE ENTRANCE, WHICH WE WILL TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IN CONTRAST TO THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE, STREET IMPACTS ARE MITIGATED. AND THAT IS THE CASE FOR BOTH THE PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITES. LET'S TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT JUST THE SPECIFICS OF THE SITE FEASIBILITY, DUE DILIGENCE, INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL, GEOTECHNICAL, TRAFFIC, PEDESTRIAN, BIKE, PED, PARKING, CONCERNS WITH IS THERE A FLOODPLAIN ISSUE AND WE WILL GO THROUGH THAT HERE. THIS IS A REALLY INTERESTING GRAPHIC THAT IS, YOU KNOW, AN AERIAL VIEW OF BACK IN, I GUESS IT WAS PROBABLY 10 PLUS YEARS AGO WHEN FIRST AND MAIN WAS DEVELOPED. WHICH IS KIDDY CORNER DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PREFERRED SITE. IT DOES SHOW A REAL LIFE EXAMPLE OF A RECENT PROJECT IN THE

DOWNTOWN CORE OF A HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY ONE OF OUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS WHO WE MET WITH AND JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WERE THE LOGISTICAL ISSUES AROUND CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAINING A SAFE WORK SITE IN A DOWNTOWN SETTING, AND PARTICULARLY IN A SETTING DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PREFERRED SITE AND WHAT WERE THE THINGS THAT WE LEARNED FROM THAT? WERE THERE IMPACTS TO SAFETY, HOW WERE THE BIKE AND PED ACCESS MAINTAIN? AND IN ESSENCE, THOSE CORRIDORS THAT -- ON MAIN AND ON MADISON THAT ARE GOING EAST AND WEST, YOU CAN SEE HERE VISUALLY HOW THOSE CORRIDORS WERE MAINTAINED THROUGH THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION, ALONG WITH THE TURN LANE OFF OF MADISON AND ON TO THE SOUTHBOUND OF FIRST AVENUE AND ALLOWING FOR THAT TURN LANE WITHOUT DISRUPTION TO THE EAST/WEST TRAFFIC. SIMILARITIES THAT WE WILL BE, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS NOT THE EXACT SITE OF THE PREFERRED SITE, THERE IS SOME CONTEXT HERE THAT IS KIND OF IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE WHEN IT COMES TO TRAFFIC, PUBLIC SAFETY, HOW YOU MAINTAIN A SAFE JOB SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION. JD, WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO ADD TO THAT? I GUESS THE STAGING -- ONE OTHER THING, TOO, WITH THE PREFERRED SITE. THERE IS THE TRIANGLE LOT, WHICH IS THE NORTH BLOCK, THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD SITE, COUNTY OWNED.

SO, THERE IS OPPORTUNITY THERE FOR STAGING, ACCESS FOR BRINGING IN THE CONCRETE MIXERS, TO PUMP THE CONCRETE TO THE BUILDING. A NUMBER OF THINGS ONCE WE GET OUR TEAM FULLY FORMED WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND ARCHITECT AND REALLY DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE LOGISTICS OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THE BUILD PIECE, THOSE WILL BE ADDRESSED. THIS IS OF COURSE A BENEFIT TO THE PROJECT WITH HAVING THAT ADDITIONAL STAGE IN THE LAY DOWN AREA. WE DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY WITH THE ALTERNATE SITE. THE LOGISTICS WITH THE ALTERNATE SITE ACTUALLY DO PRESENT SOME CHALLENGES FROM A CONSTRUCTION STAGING AND LAY DOWN AREA. HERE WE HAVE AN INTERESTING GRAPHIC ANALYSIS BY OUR TRAFFIC ENGINEERS DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES. WHAT I WANTED TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO IS THE BULLET TWO, OR SYMBOL TWO, WHICH REPRESENTS THAT CORNER WHERE MADISON AND FIRST INTERSECT EACH OTHER. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT PIECE BECAUSE IT IS THE NODE THAT ACTIVATES THAT NORTHWEST EDGE AS PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE COMING TO THE COURTHOUSE SITE. THE STATISTICAL DATA AND INFORMATION THERE THAT IS OF RELEVANCE HERE IS WHEN THE STUDY WAS DONE OF TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH, WHICH WAS AT PEAK TIME, FROM 4:00 TO 5:30, APPROXIMATELY 94% OF THE TRAFFIC THAT WAS ENTERING OFF OF MADISON AND HEADING EASTBOUND WAS GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH WITH FIVE TO SIX PERCENT THAT WERE TURNING TO THE RIGHT. THOSE NUMBERS REPRESENT THE QUANTITY OF CARS OVER THAT 90 MINUTE PERIOD. THE 74 CARS THAT WERE TURNING RIGHT AT THAT INTERSECTION, THAT'S ONE OF

THE THINGS FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY THAT YOU LOOK AT AS DOES THAT FALL WITHIN THE THRESHOLDS OF CITY STANDARDS FOR INTERSECTIONS AND ARE THERE CONCERNS? THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER STUDY RESULTS CAME BACK WITH THE CONCLUSIONS THAT WERE WELL WITHIN THOSE STANDARDS OF SAFETY IN TERMS OF THAT CROSSWALK PATHWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS AS IT RELATES TO THE PUBLIC TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT ACROSS THAT INTERSECTION.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK YOU TALKED, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, BECAUSE THERE IS A DEDICATED TURN LANE, THAT IT WON'T CONCLUDE WITH A BACK-UP OF TRAFFIC ON MADISON.

Mr. Day: YES, THANK YOU. THAT IS CORRECT. THE ADDED TURN LANE, DOES PROVIDE FOR THAT SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THAT BACK-UP ON MADISON.

Mr. Deschamps: WITH HALF OF THE BUSES NO LONGER TAKING THAT STREET AS OF DECEMBER, THAT WILL BE A BIG HELP OF BACKING UP TRAFFIC. THAT WILL BE ELIMINATED.

Mr. Day: RIGHT, RIGHT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE AND WITH BOTH THE PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITES. PART OF THE TASK OF OUR TEAM WITH THE PROGRAM, LET'S APPLY BEST PRACTICES. BRING THE -- ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE USING 21ST CENTURY BEST PRACTICES AND BRINGING THEM OFF OF THE STREET. THAT IS PART OF THE PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED AND WILL BE BROUGHT OFF OF THE STREET SO THAT, AGAIN, IT IS AN IMPACT THAT IS GOING TO GO AWAY WHICH TRIMET AND THE TRANSIT MALL HERE -- THAT IS A BIG BENEFIT WITH THE MOVE TO EITHER THE PREFERRED OR ALTERNATE SITE. OVERALL CONCLUSIONS, NO FATAL FLAWS FROM A TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS STAND POINT AT EITHER SITE. NEW COURTHOUSE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ALTER DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC. IT IS A REPLACEMENT COURTHOUSE. SERVICES ARE MOVING APPROXIMATELY FOUR BLOCKS FROM THEIR CURRENT LOCATION TO EITHER THE PREFERRED OR ALTERNATE SITE. OF COURSE, THE TRAFFIC MITIGATION ISSUES THAT WILL BE OF CONCERN DURING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ADDRESSED AS WE ENGAGE WITH OUR CONTRACTOR AND ARCHITECTURAL TEAM IN THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROJECT AND WE DIG INTO THE WEEDS OF MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED SO THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND THEN IN OPERATIONS. PARKING IS ALWAYS A CONCERN IN ANY DOWNTOWN CORE AREA. PART OF THE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS DID REVIEW A PARKING REVIEW. DUE DILIGENCE AND CONCLUSIONS THERE WERE THAT THERE IS REALLY NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EITHER SITE. THAT IS REALLY THE GRAPHIC THAT REPRESENTS NOT COMPREHENSIVELY ALL OF THE PARKING, BUT THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE STRUCTURED PARKING OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATE SITE AND THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE SITES. SO, REALLY WASN'T ANYTHING

CONCLUSIVE IN THE WAY OF POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. IT IS A DOWNTOWN SITE. THE ONE THING THAT I WOULD ADD IS THAT THERE -- OUTSIDE OF THIS PARKING STUDY PIECE, LAST FALL WE DID DO A SURVEY THAT LOOKED AT HOW DO PEOPLE GET TO THE COURTHOUSE? APPROXIMATELY 65% OF PEOPLE THAT DO ACCESS AND GO TO THE COURTHOUSE ARE EITHER WALKING, USING SOME FORM OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WHETHER THAT IS TRIMET OR BUS LINES, CARPOOL, OR BICYCLING. SO, IT IS A GREAT TESTIMONY TO OUR CITY AND OUR COMMUNITY AS TO USING ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE HERE. RE-ENFORCING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND PARTICULARLY THAT NORTHERN EDGE OF THE PREFERRED SITE BUT ALSO FOR THE ALTERNATE SITE HOW YOU MAINTAIN GOOD PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH THESE AREAS FOR BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS. THE CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS PLAN THAT WE WOULD DEVELOP WITH OUR CONTRACTOR WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THESE TYPES OF ISSUES AND THIS JUST PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU WOULD ADDRESS THAT, PARTICULARLY AT THAT MADISON NORTH EDGE OF THE PREFERRED SITE. HERE IS JUST A GRAPHIC OF ALL OF THE VARIOUS MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, AND, AGAIN, REFLECTING ON MY EARLIER COMMENT WITH HOW PEOPLE ACCESS THE COURTHOUSE, MIKE'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON THE WHOLE BIKE AND PED GROUP SEEING THE PREFERRED SITE AS A BENEFIT. IT IS A STRONG CORRIDOR FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, AND REALLY IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, FRANKLY, WITH TRIMET AND PBOT, THERE WERE A LOT OF BENEFITS THAT WERE SEEN WITH THE PREFERRED SITE FROM A PUBLIC ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION STANDPOINT. ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE FOR BOTH SITES, BIG PICTURE HERE IS THE ASSESSMENT IS THAT BOTH SITES DIDN'T COME BACK WITH ANYTHING CONCLUSIVE THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT WE HAVE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR ISSUES OR CONCERNS WITH EITHER SITE.

AS PART OF GOOD DUE DILIGENCE, YOU ALWAYS HAVE MONEY YOU SET ASIDE IN A RESERVE IN CASE YOU DO HAVE AN EVENT THAT COMES UP AND YOU UNCOVER SOMETHING UNFORESEEN AND THAT IS JUST PART OF BEST PRACTICES WHEN YOU DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE ON ANY SITE. GOOD NEWS HERE, NO SOIL CONTAMINATIONS. BOTH SITES APPEAR TO BE CLEAN SITES. GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION -- AND THAT JUST REALLY SUMMARIZES A MUCH LARGER REPORT FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH. THE SOIL CONDITIONS ON BOTH SITES AND SIMILARLY ON THE SITE, THE FIRST AND MAIN SITE, IS VERY INDICATIVE OF WHAT YOU HAVE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THERE IS A LAYER OF SOIL THAT IS POTENTIALLY LIQUEFIABLE THAT WAS ENCOUNTERED WHEN WE DID OUR BORINGS WHICH APPLIES TO BOTH SITES. THE WAY YOU STRUCTURALLY AND SEISMICALLY ADDRESS THOSE IS WITH A DEEP FOUNDATION SYSTEM USING AN AUGER PILE OR DRIVEN PILE SYSTEM THAT ESSENTIALLY BRIDGES THAT SOFT STONE OR THAT LIQUEFIABLE ZONE. WHEN YOU THINK OF THE STRUCTURAL SYSTEM, AND THIS IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE ON THE COLLABORATIVE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING, A RECENT PROJECT

DEVELOPED ON THE SOUTH WATERFRONT. YOU PENETRATE THAT SOFT LAYER, GO DOWN INTO THE BEDROCK, AND THAT PROVIDES STABILITY TO RESIST ANY FORCES IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THERE IS A SEISMIC EVENT. FROM A STRUCTURAL STANDPOINT, NO FATAL FLAWS AND OUR LOCAL CONTRACTING COMMUNITY AND DESIGN COMMUNITY IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THESE TYPES OF DEEP FOUNDATIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE COMMON PRACTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY. LASTLY, 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, ALWAYS A CONCERN WITH THE WILLAMETTE RIVER AND POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING AND WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE. THIS FEMA REPORT AND VISUAL SHOWS THAT BOTH THE PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITES WELL ABOVE THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN. THE ELEVATION -- ROUGHLY 44 FEET IN ELEVATION, 44 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. AS AN EXAMPLE IN CONTEXT, BACK IN 1996, WHEN WE HAD THE '96 FLOOD, THE PEAK ELEVATION IN THAT GENERAL AREA WAS IN THE RIVER AT 28.6 FEET, ROUGHLY. WHEN YOU DO THAT COMPARISON, YOU CAN SEE WE'RE WELL ABOVE THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. NO CONCERN AGAIN WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL OF WATER INFILTRATION INTO THE BUILDING. AGAIN, CONCLUSIONS HERE. BOTH PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITES, WE DID NOT UNCOVER ANY FATAL FLAWS OR RISKS THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EITHER SITE. AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE PREFERRED SITE.

Mr. Deschamps: OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE WILL RETURN TO THE BOARD NEXT THURSDAY FOR A VOTE ON SELECTION OF THE FINAL SITE. WE WILL BE ISSUING THE RFPs FOR THE ARCHITECT ON APRIL 17th. THEY WILL BE DUE MAY 11th. CMGC, ISSUED JUNE 1st. FINAL SELECTION FOR THE ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR IN JUNE AND START FINAL DESIGN IN THE FALL. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: IT SOUNDS EXCITING. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT AND A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. JD I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE DUE DILIGENCE REPORTS, GEOTECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING. AND MIKE AND MIKE THANK YOU SO MUCH. I SPENT THE GREATER PART OF MY EASTER SUNDAY LOOKING AT ALL OF THOSE EIGHT REPORTS FROM THE PREFERRED SITE TO THE ALTERNATE SITE. AND LET ME TELL YOU, IT WAS VERY ENJOYABLE. [LAUGHTER] INITIALLY, ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES AND CONCERNS I HAD WAS AROUND PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, OUTREACH. AND I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC OUTREACH THAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE. AND SO THAT KIND OF SET ASIDE THAT CHECKMARK. AND THE OTHER PIECE, WHILE I WAS READING, I LEARNED MORE ABOUT -- GROUNDWATER LEVELS AND ALL OF THAT STUFF. WE TOUCHED ON IT A LITTLE BIT. COULD YOU GIVE US A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE VQ BUILDING DURING THE

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS -- VQ BUILDING DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

Mr. Day: THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION. WE DIDN'T GET INTO GREAT DETAIL AS TO THE MEANS AND METHODS BY WHICH THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS WOULD BE PROTECTED FOR THE VQ OR JEFFERSON STATION OR FRANKLY EVEN FOR THE ALTERNATE SITE WITH HOW THAT STRUCTURE WOULD BE KEPT SAFE. WHEN YOU ARE WORKING AT A DOWNTOWN SITE, URBAN CONTEXT LIKE THIS, OR EVEN IN AN ANOTHER SITE, AND YOU HAVE ADJACENT BUILDINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO BUILD AROUND AND PROTECT, YOU FIRST HAVE TO DIG DOWN BEFORE YOU GO UP. BOTH JEFFERSON STATION AND THE VQ HAVE A BASEMENT ELEMENT TO THOSE BUILDINGS, I BELIEVE. AND, SO, THEIR FOUNDATIONS ARE A LITTLE BIT DEEPER. OUR EXCAVATION AND OUR DIG PIECE, WHEN WE GO DOWN, BEFORE WE GO UP, IS GOING TO BE ROUGHLY 13 TO 15 FEET. SO, AS WE DO DIG DOWN, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- AND WHEN WE ENGAGE WITH OUR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING TEAM AND CONTRACTOR, WHICH IS THE NEXT PHASE, WHICH WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT WHAT ARE THE TECHNIQUES FOR HOW WE PROTECT THOSE BUILDINGS FROM THEIR FOUNDATION STANDPOINT. HAVING PERSONALLY BEEN THE CONTRACTOR IN MY PRIOR CAREER AND WORKED ON OCCUPIED CAMPUS SITES, SETTINGS WHERE WE'RE BUILDING NEW BUILDINGS NEXT TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN HOSPITAL CONFIGURATIONS WHERE AN EMERGENCY ROOM HAS TO MAINTAIN ITS OCCUPANCY THROUGH THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PHASE, I USE THAT AS AN ANALOGY, BECAUSE IT IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR. YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONS AND THEY CAN'T EVER SHUT DOWN. AND, SO, THERE ARE TECHNIQUES CALLED SOIL NAILING AND UNDERPINNING AND THINGS THAT ESSENTIALLY, IN ESSENCE THINK OF IT AS A WAY TO CREATE A SEPARATION, ISOLATION, ALMOST A MOAT EFFECT, WHERE YOU CREATE THAT SEPARATION. THEIR FOUNDATION SYSTEMS ARE PROTECTED. THAT ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR ENGINEER, PARTICULARLY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND CONTRACTOR, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE LOGISTICS OF THAT WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING THAT FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT AND INSURANCE AND RISK STANDPOINT. WITHOUT GOING INTO THE MINUTIA AND DETAIL --

Commissioner Smith: YOU DO HAVE A PLAN TO BE SURE THAT THE BUILDINGS ARE PROTECTED. THANK YOU FOR THAT. LASTLY, ONE THING THAT I ALWAYS LOOK AT AND WE DIDN'T TOUCH UPON ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE OVERALL REPORT SAID THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOOD FOR TRAFFIC TO ENGINEERING, BUT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES THAT THEY DID IDENTIFY. AND WERE WE ABLE TO COME UP WITH DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND TO MITIGATE SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS IN THE SUMMARY?

Mr. Day: FROM AN OVERALL BUDGETING STANDPOINT, COMMISSIONER, WE HAVE LOOKED AT BOTH SITES AND DONE KIND OF THAT RISK ASSESSMENT

AS TO, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE ALTERNATE SITE BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY CONCERNS AND SECURITY CONCERNS WITH A PUBLIC GARAGE ACCESS ADJACENT TO A NEW BUILDING, THERE ARE HEIGHTENED CONCERNS WITH THAT. WE HAVE A BLAST MITIGATION CONSULTANT THAT WE RETAINED THAT LOOKED AT BOTH SITES TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS AND WE DID TEASE THOSE ISSUES OUT AND LOOKED AT THOSE AS PART OF THE SITE DUE DILIGENCE. THAT WOULD BE ONE EXAMPLE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE WOULD BE THE DEMOLITION, AND COMPARING THE DEMOLITION ON SITE A TO SITE B. ALL OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WE LOOKED AT AS PART OF THE SITE DUE DILIGENCE, WHETHER IT WAS BLAST MITIGATION, DEMOLITION, HOW YOU DEAL WITH AND PROTECT THE ADJACENT BUILDING STRUCTURES, THOSE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT WE HAVE ADDRESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BUDGET.

Commissioner Smith: AND JUST TO MAKE ME FEEL OKAY BEFORE NEXT WEEK, CAN YOU FOR THE RECORD PUT IN SOME OF THOSE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT WE MAY COME -- THAT WERE NOT ORIGINALLY LOOKED AT PRIOR TO THE REPORT COMING OUT THAT WE CAN PUT IN FOR THE RECORD SO THAT WE KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES THAT THEY ADDRESSED IN THE REPORTS?

Mr. Day: I GUESS I WOULD SAY THAT WHILE THE BUDGETING PROCESS THAT WE HAVE GONE THROUGH AND THE DUE DILIGENCE ON THE BUDGET, WHICH IS COMPREHENSIVE BUT STILL PRELIMINARY, THE ONE THAT -- THE ONE THING THAT REALLY DID STAND OUT IS THE BLAST MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY REQUIRED. AND, SO, AGAIN, WITH OUR BLAST MITIGATION CONSULTANT, THE PREMIUM COST FOR THE ALTERNATE SITE, WE FELT WAS POTENTIALLY IN THE RANGE OF \$3.5 MILLION PREMIUM, AND IT COULD BE MORE. AND, AGAIN, WITH OUR CONTRACTOR COMING ON BOARD LATER THIS YEAR, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER COMING ON BOARD LATER THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE ABLE TO REALLY GET INTO THE DETAILS AND PEEL BACK THOSE LAYERS AND LOOK VERY SPECIFICALLY AT THOSE. SO, FROM A PRELIMINARY STANDPOINT, ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, THE ALTERNATE SITE DID HAVE THAT ADDITIONAL RISK FROM A BLAST MITIGATION STAND POINT THAT WE WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS TO PROTECT THE NEW COURTHOUSE SHOULD THAT SITE BE SELECTED.

Commissioner Smith: THE BIGGEST PART, AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE LEARNED THIS AS I HAVE BEEN HERE, BECAUSE I AM NO CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT EXPERT. CHANGE ORDERS ARE AN ISSUE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE REPORT AND WE DON'T COME BACK AND SAY, YOU KNOW, WOW, WE DIDN'T, YOU KNOW, HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THIS. I THINK THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR THE COURTHOUSE THAT WE SUGGESTED IN THE PAST IS RIGHT IN LINE TO WHAT WE WANT TO SUPPORT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THE ANALYSIS, COST ANALYSIS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE GEOTECHNICAL

REPORT THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE ISSUES. YOU KNOW, WITH THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT THAT YOU HAVE TO USE. MORE SO THAN WE THOUGHT BEFORE CHANGES, CHANGE ORDERS, THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT DRIVE ME CRAZY. WE HAVE SEEN SOME OF THAT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE HERE CURRENTLY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT. I THOUGHT THAT THE INFORMATION, IT REALLY GAVE ME PAUSE AND SAID THIS LOOKS GOOD. BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE DOLLARS DOWN.

Mr. Day: WE WILL FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Bailey: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY FROM YOUR PRESENTATION ON BOTH SITES, THERE IS PROBABLY -- ON BOTH THE PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SITE FOR DIFFERING REASONS, THERE IS LIKELY THE NEED TO HAVE AN L-SHAPED STRUCTURE, IS THAT CORRECT?

Mr. Day: THAT'S CORRECT.

Vice-Chair Bailey: ON THE PREFERRED SITE, CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THAT UNUSED PORTION OF ACCESS ON TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE AND WHAT IT MIGHT TAKE TO LOOK AT REMOVAL OF THAT STRUCTURE AND IF YOU FACTORED THAT INTO YOUR ANALYSIS?

Mr. Day: CAN YOU --

Mr. Pullen: THE CLOSED RAMP, I THINK.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THAT'S CORRECT.

Mr. Day: EXISTING CLOSED RAMP -- SURE, THE EXISTING CLOSED RAMP IS BUILT ON A BASICALLY EARTH BERM AND SO THAT EXISTING CLOSED RAMP IS DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED AS PART OF THE SITE DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Pullen: IT IS NOT A STRUCTURE, WHICH MAKES IT CHEAPER TO REMOVE THAN IF IT WERE SOLID CONCRETE LIKE A BRIDGE.

Vice-Chair Bailey: GOT IT. AND THAT IS FACTORED INTO THE COST AND ANALYSIS.

Mr. Day: IT IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE. IT IS A BACKHOE AND A TRUCK. CONTRACTOR HERE TO GIVE ANSWERS ON PRICE.

Chair Kafoury: NOT READY FOR THAT YET. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Smith: I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THAT, I ASKED ABOUT THAT CLOSED RAMP WHAT IT WOULD COST, AND YOU SAID IT WAS NOT -- THERE WAS NO ISSUE. MAYBE WE HAD A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE QUESTION I WAS ASKING, ABOUT THE RAMP.

Mr. Day: I DON'T THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH IT. MINOR DEMOLITION ITEM THAT IS PART OF THE SITE DEVELOPMENT MUCH LIKE THE SURFACE PARKING LOT OF THE ALTERNATE SITE, WHICH IS A PAVED PARKING LOT, MINOR DEMOLITION ELEMENT OF THE SITE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SITE. WHEN THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT BEFORE WE EVEN KNOW WHAT THE SITE IS, WE DO ACCOUNT FOR THOSE TYPES OF DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Pullen: I THINK I CAN ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION. THERE WAS A PRIOR PLAN ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO THAT LOOKED AT RELOCATING THE WESTBOUND HAWTHORNE BRIDGE RAMP, WHICH WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE. IT IS A STRUCTURE. IN THE ORDER OF \$10 MILLION OR PLUS. THAT IS NO LONGER PART OF THE PLAN. SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET CONFUSED ABOUT THE -- WHICH RAMP WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THE ONE THAT IS CLOSED IS VERY LOW COST TO REMOVE.

Commissioner Smith: AND THAT WAS MY QUESTION, I THINK, WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS THE OTHER DAY. I SAID HOW MUCH WAS THE RAMP GOING TO COST TO REMOVE? BECAUSE THEN I-- WHEN YOU ALL GAVE ME THE NUMBERS, I COULD FACTOR THAT IN TO WHAT THE DIFFERENT SITES WERE GOING TO COST US. AND IF IT WAS REALLY THE MOST EFFICIENT PLACE TO HAVE THE COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Pullen: YES, AND THE EXISTING CLOSED RAMP WOULD BE A VERY LOW COST THING TO REMOVE. SO IT IS ALMOST AS EASY AS THE SURFACE PARKING LOT.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY. MAKE ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT THIS. GIVE ME A PRICE RANGE ON HOW MUCH THAT COSTS.

Mr. Pullen: JD?

Mr. Day: THIS IS THE EXISTING, VACATED RAMP THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ON THE PREFERRED SITE.

Commissioner Smith: RIGHT.

Mr. Day: I THINK THAT THE DEMOLITION COSTS FOR THAT ARE GOING TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$100,000 TO \$200,000. THAT WILL BE CONFIRMED AS WE GO THROUGH -- ONCE WE GET OUR CONTRACTOR ON BOARD AND WE LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT WHAT THAT DEMOLITION IS. AGAIN, IT IS NOT A STRUCTURE, PER SE. IT IS A PAVED ABANDONED ROAD ESSENTIALLY BUILT UP ON EARTH.

Commissioner Smith: RIGHT.

Mr. Day: IT IS A HARD SURFACE THAT HAS TO BE EXCAVATED.

Commissioner Smith: THIS IS NOT A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR AFFAIR HERE.

Mr. Day: NO, IT IS NOT. A VERY MINOR ISSUE.

Chair Kafoury: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DUE DILIGENCE YOU ARE DOING AROUND BOTH SITES. YOUR PUBLIC OUTREACH AND YOUR PLAN TO CONTINUE THAT PUBLIC OUTREACH IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND ALSO FOR THE VERY REGULAR UPDATES THAT YOU COME AND GIVE TO EACH OF US. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR US AND IT IS A VERY GOOD PROCESS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. SO, THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK? WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THIS.

Commissioner Shiprack: IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Chair Kafoury: YES.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WILL JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN APPRECIATION OF THE DETAILED PRESENTATION THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US THIS MORNING.

Mr. Day: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE ARE GOING TO ASK PEOPLE TO HOLD THEIR COMMENTS TO TWO MINUTES EACH.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FIVE SIGNED UP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME COME FORWARD. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: DOUG, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BEGIN?

Mr. Bray: GOOD MORNING. MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. I AM DOUG BRAY. UNTIL DECEMBER 31st, 2014, I WAS THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED TO WORK WITH THE COURT ON THIS PROJECT AS AND CONTINUE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT -- AS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU BEFORE, I THINK THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD IS, AS OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY, COUNTY COMMISSION HAS TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS AS ANY DEVELOPER IN THE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR WOULD MAKE ABOUT HOW IT USES THE PROPERTY IT OWNS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF THE COINCIDENCE THAT WE HAVE NOW OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION, WHICH CREATED A PATH FOR FUNDING THE PROJECT, AND THE SUPPORT THAT THIS BOARD HAS GIVEN TO THE PROJECT. THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS ALSO REQUIRE SOME VISION AND THE VISION I THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE IS WHERE YOU WANT TO BE IN FIVE YEARS WITH THIS PROJECT, AND I THINK THAT THE -- I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF YOUR PROJECT TEAM TO DEVELOP THE PREFERRED SITE. IT IS THE BEST SITE, I THINK, FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT'S PURPOSES, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COUNTY, NOT JUST IN FIVE YEARS WHEN IT OPENS, BUT ALSO FOR THE NEXT 50 TO 100 YEARS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walden: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS GUY WALDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION. THE DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE, SEISMICALLY UNSAFE, NOT CONSTRUCTED TO MEET PRESENT DAY NEEDS IN CAPACITY AND SECURITY. WE APPEAR TO BE ON THE VERGE OF BUILDING A NEW DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. A PRIORITY OF THE MULTNOMAH BAR IS SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO THE CURRENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR GETTING US TO THIS POINT. WE APPRECIATE HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS AND PART OF THE COURTHOUSE USERS GROUP. ONE CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IS THAT OF TRAFFIC AT THE PROPOSED SITE. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT A PROFILE OF THE MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SHOWS 73% OF LAWYERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN AND OVER 50% OF THOSE ARE WITHIN JUST A FEW BLOCKS OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD LOCATION. IN ADDITION NOW THAT E-COURT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THERE IS NO LONGER THE NEED TO HAVE LAWYERS OR STAFF COME TO THE COURTHOUSE TO FILE DOCUMENTS. THAT IS ALREADY CUTTING DOWN ON TRAFFIC AND REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GO INTO THE BUILDING EACH DAY. THE MBA BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE PREFERRED SITE LOCATED AT THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD. THE PROXIMITY OF THE SITE TO THE JUSTICE

CENTER WILL HELP REDUCE OPERATIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH PRISONER TRANSPORT, SINCE THE LOCATION OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A TUNNEL BETWEEN THE COURTHOUSE AND JUSTICE CENTER. AND THAT WOULD NOT BE AN OPTION AT THE BACK-UP SITE. CENTRAL LOCATION IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS CLOSE TO LAWYERS AND LAW FIRMS, AS WELL AS MASS TRANSIT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT THROUGH TO COMPLETION AFTER DECADES OF DELIBERATION AND ACTION THAT WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD LOCATION. SHOULD ALSO ADD TO THE EXTENT THAT THE MBA CAN ASSIST THE VQ DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS, WE WILL, WE WILL HELP PROMOTE THE RESTAURANT TO OUR MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Dahlin: GOOD MORNING. I AM ERIC, A LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIR OF THE MBA NEW COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COURTHOUSE USERS GROUP. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO WHAT MR. WALDEN SAID ABOUT HOW MUCH THE MBA APPRECIATES THE COUNTY REACHING OUT TO THE BAR AND MAKING THE BAR AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS PROCESS. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT THE POINTS THAT MR. WALDEN MADE BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT IT IS IMPORTANT I THINK TO THE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE THAT WE HAVE A BUILDING THAT REFLECTS HOW IMPORTANT JUSTICE IS TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND BY HAVING NOT JUST HAVING A NICE BUILDING, BUT A BUILDING THAT MAKES PEOPLE WALK IN AND FEEL LIKE THEY'RE A PART OF DIGNIFIED PROCESS AND HAVING A SITE THAT IS IMPORTANT. I THINK HAVING SUCH A PROMINENT SITE, SUCH AS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD, REALLY SPEAKS TO THE COUNTY'S DEVOTION TO JUSTICE, AND I THINK THAT SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK WALKING INTO THE BUILDING GET THAT FEELING. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL FOR PUSHING THIS THROUGH. THIS HAS BEEN A MATTER THAT HAS BEEN UNDER ADVISEMENT, MATTER FOR DISCUSSION FOR 40 YEARS. DESPITE THE BEST INTENTIONS OF SO MANY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE YOU, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. IT IS FINALLY HAPPENING NOW. THANK EACH ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO THIS PROJECT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE HAVE NO POSITION ON EITHER SITE. HOWEVER, DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS, WE WERE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESTAURANT AND THE PRIMARY SITE. AND THE REASON THAT WE WERE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, WE DO

DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE A LOT. WE KNOW THE AREA. WE KNOW THE TRAFFIC. WE HAVEN'T DONE STUDIES, WE DON'T HAVE BULLET POINTS. BUT WE JUST HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING ON THE BRIDGE. SO, WE KNOW THE TRAFFIC. WE ALWAYS PUT SOMEBODY ON FIRST AVENUE AND MADISON BECAUSE YOU HAVE TWO THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON THERE. YOU HAVE THE TRAFFIC COMING DOWN FIRST STREET AND THEN YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TURN ON FIRST FROM MADISON, THINK IT IS. I DON'T HAVE A MAP. ANYWAY, WHEN YOU SEE THE DATA THAT THEY PUT UP, THE 74 -- LOOK VERY LOW. AND THAT'S TRUE ABOUT THE TURNING. BUT IF YOU TAKE THAT TRAFFIC AND PUT IT TOGETHER WITH THE TRAFFIC THAT IS COMING DOWN FIRST, WE KNOW THAT FROM PROTESTING DURING RUSH HOUR, BOTH OF THOSE ARE BACKED UP. FIRST AVENUE IS BACKED UP NOW. SO, IF YOU BUILD THIS SITE ON A PRIMARY SITE, DON'T KID YOURSELF. YOU ARE GOING TO ADD DRAMATICALLY TO THE TRAFFIC. THE OTHER THING THAT CAME UP IN DISCUSSIONS WAS AT THE END -- ONE OF OUR PEOPLE SAID, WELL, I HOPE THEY BUILD IT PRETTY SOON BECAUSE THE PORTLAND BUILDING IS GOING TO FALL DOWN ON TOP OF THE COURTHOUSE AND THE COURTHOUSE, ACCORDING TO THE STUDIES IS NOT VERY STRONG. SO, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE ALL OF OUR JUDGES. GOING TO PUT THEM IN A BAD MOOD. SO, PLEASE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE ANY SLEEP OVER THE PRIMARY OR SECONDARY, AS YOU CALL IT ALTERNATIVE, BUT WE WOULD ALSO JOIN THESE GOOD GENTLEMEN AND SAY MOVE IT. LET'S GO. SO, IT'S UNUSUAL FOR US TO COME AND JOIN WITH LAWYERS. SO, IF INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE IS JOINING WITH THESE GOOD LAWYERS, THEN IT MUST BE GOOD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE TWO MORE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. MR. LIGHTNING AND CHARLES JOHNSON.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. I'M GLAD THAT THE MBA DIDN'T -- THE FINE FOLKS AT KAFOURY McDOUGAL SO WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST. SINCE THERE IS NO ARCHITECTURAL PLANS YET, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET IN THE BACK ROOM WITH TINA AND CHIP SHIELDS AND MERGE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE BLOCK U PROGRAM. YOU GUYS HAVE A LITTLE STAIN ON YOUR RECORD ABOUT BUILDING PLANNING, BECAUSE OF THE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS UP AT BLOCK U NEXT TO THE BUD CLARK COMMONS. PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO TRAVEL THE WHOLE LENGTH OF DOWNTOWN. LOT OF DEFENDANTS AND PLAINTIFFS, LOW INCOME PEOPLE SERVED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. YOU GOT PERMISSION TO BUILD 325 FEET, JUDGES LIKE VAULTED CEILINGS -- COURTROOM 602, WHERE SOME FINE WORK HAS BEEN DONE, AND NO VAULTED CEILINGS. THE POINT IS WE DON'T NEED TWO STRUCTURES. PEOPLE CAN GO TO ONE STRUCTURE, FIND A BRILLIANT

ARCHITECT AND PUT THE MONEY INTO IT. THE OLD COURTHOUSE IS COMING DOWN, SOLD OFF EVENTUALLY, THAT WILL CREATE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY. BLOCK U, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DEALING WITH HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS NEXT TO BUD CLARK COMMONS. YOU CAN BUILD WHAT WOULD BE A 30-STORY BUILDING IF THERE IS NO VAULTED CEILINGS IN THE COURTROOMS ON THE VARIOUS FLOORS. PUT THE PEOPLE TOGETHER IN ONE NEW MULTNOMAH COMMON SERVICES BUILDING WHERE PEOPLE CAN HOPEFULLY, LESS DEFENDANTS WILL HAVE TO GO TO AS WE REDUCE CRIME RATES AND MORE PEOPLE CAN GET BETTER HEALTH. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG X. HAWTHORNE SITE IS THE SITE TO CHOOSE. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 325. I WANT THAT TO BE LOOKED AT, AND POSSIBLY GO UP TO AS HIGH AS 450. YOU HAVE A 50/50 MATCH AT THIS TIME. I WANT ROOM TO BE DESIGNED ON THIS TO GO UP HIGHER. I WANT TO UTILIZE ANY SPACE WE CAN USE FOR FUTURE USE. ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS ON THIS VQ, IN MY OPINION, IF I WAS DOING THE PROJECT, I WOULD GO EMINENT DOMAIN AND REMOVE THE BUILDING. I DON'T WANT THOSE BUILDINGS THERE. I THINK IT IS GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. WHY YOU'RE BEING SO KIND IS BEYOND THE SITUATION. THEY CAN RELOCATE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. WE NEED TO BUILD THIS ON THE FULL LOT. WE NEED TO BUILD THIS BUILDING THAT WILL BE LOOKED AT FOR MANY YEARS FORWARD AS ONE OF THE BEST BUILDINGS EVER BUILT. YOU ARE GETTING THE RIVER VIEWS THERE, WHICH I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH. WE HAVE TO HAVE MORE ACCESS OVER THE WATERFRONT PARK. AGAIN, I'M ASKING PEMBINA TO BUY WAPATO JAIL SO WE CAN FUND MORE MONEY FROM THAT SALE INTO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE PUT UP FOR SALE AND FUND ALL OF THE MONEY INTO THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. AGAIN, THIS HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD SITE IS THE BEST SITE. AND WE SHOULD HAVE AMPLE FUNDS TO DO IT AND WE SHOULD NOT RESTRICT OURSELVES ON THE HEIGHTS AND VQ, BE GLAD YOU'RE THERE. YOUR LEASE IS GOING TO RUN OUT. AND IF I WAS DOING THIS PROJECT, I WOULD DO IMMINENT DOMAIN AND I WOULD REMOVE YOU OUT OF THAT LOCATION AT THIS TIME TO HAVE THE COURTHOUSE IN YOUR PLACE. THANK YOU.

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

Commissioner Smith: ONE LAST COMMENT. I WANTED TO SAY, YOU KNOW, WE VOTED ON THIS, AND IT IS OUR, YOU KNOW, THOUGHT THAT THE PREFERRED SITE IS WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COURTHOUSE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE FOLKS WHO USE THE COURTHOUSE, THAT THEY'RE SAFE, AND THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE COURTHOUSE, THAT THEY'RE SAFE. AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO MOVE

THE COURTHOUSE AND THAT'S WHY I PLAN TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ANSWER DOUG BRAY'S COMMENTS ABOUT OUR VISION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. I THINK WE'RE PRETTY CLEAR WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN FIVE YEARS, AND THAT IS WALKING INTO, THE DOORS OPENING ON A BRAND NEW COURTHOUSE. THANK YOU.

R.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-08-15 HR Wellness Grant. Presenter: Travis Graves, Central Human Resources Director.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-2. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Graves: TRAVIS GRAVES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR. HERE TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL FOR A \$20,000 GRANT FROM ACTUALLY IPMAHR, INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS PUBLIC SECTOR HUMAN RESOURCES. NOT OFTEN THAT HR GETS TO COME FORWARD WITH A GRANT REQUEST AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL. WE FEEL VERY FORTUNATE THAT THE GRANTOR GAVE THAT TO US. WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS IS PILOTING A DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC WELLNESS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. AS YOU GUYS ARE AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN DOING COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS FOR OUR WELLNESS PROGRAM. WE KNOW EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS HAS A UNIQUE CULTURE, UNIQUE NEEDS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, FOLKS THAT, MANY OF THEM EAST COUNTY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME WELLNESS FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE. WE CHOSE THAT AS THE PILOT. THIS GRANT HELPS SUPPORT WELLNESS STAFFING TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM ON A GRASS ROOTS DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT THEY'RE STARTING AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IT. WE'RE REALLY PLEASED THAT ANOTHER PIECE OF IT AS WE GET TO GO TO THE ACTUAL NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE AND PRESENT OUR RESULTS. SO, IT IS A SMALL AMOUNT BUT IT MEANS A LOT TO US. HERE TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, TRAVIS. I AM SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE OUT IN EAST COUNTY AT DCS. WE HEARD THAT VERY, VERY CONSISTENTLY. WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME RESOURCES. WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME ABILITY. SO

VERY PLEASED ABOUT THAT. DID YOU SAY THE PILOT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY?

Mr. Graves: UH-HMM.

Commissioner McKeel: WHAT KIND OF THINGS ARE YOU DOING --

Mr. Graves: WHAT OUR GRASSROOTS GROUP OF EMPLOYEES, A CREATE YOUR FUEL YOUR FIRE CAMPAIGN. EACH WEEK FOCUSING ON DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WEEK THEY WILL EAT BETTER. ONE WEEK THEY WILL DRINK MORE WATER. ONE WEEK THEY WILL WALK MORE. AND A TRACK IT AND A PRIZE DRAWING AT THE END. THEY DID A KICK-OFF WITH HEALTHY BREAKFAST AT THE ENTIRE ALL-STAFF MEETING AND IT GOES ON FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS AND THEN A WRAP UP. WE HAVE ABOUT 25% PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH I THINK IS A REALLY GOOD NUMBER FOR THAT DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENT? ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-51-15: Adding a New Full-Time Finance Supervisor Position in the Department of County Human Services. Presenter: Rob Kodiriy, DCHS Finance & Business Services Director.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Bailey: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-3.

Mr. Kodiriy: GOOD MORNING. THIS PROJECT MODIFICATION REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR ADDING A FULL-TIME PERMANENT SUPERVISOR POSITION. NEW POSITION IS PART OF THE REORGANIZATION THAT IS TAKING PLACE AS OF APRIL. AND IT IS IN THE PROGRAM OFFER 25002 BUSINESS SERVICES. THIS WILL ALLOW THE DIVISION TO MEET THE CHANGING DEMANDS AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO PROVIDERS AND INTERNAL CLIENTS, I MEAN THE DCHS DIVISION STAKEHOLDERS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS POSITION WILL BE TO SUPERVISE THE PLAN, AND EVALUATE THE WORK FLOW -- MONITORING THE DEPARTMENT'S GRANTS, COORDINATE PLAN, DIRECT THE ACCOUNTING, YEAR-END CLOSING, AUDIT REQUESTS, AND ACTIVITIES AND ACT AN IS A LIAISON BETWEEN DCHS AND

ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING CENTRAL FINANCE. AS A BACKGROUND, CURRENTLY DCHS HAS ABOUT 60% OF THE BUDGET FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES. WE HAVE ABOUT 100 FUNDING STREAMS, THAT INCLUDES FEDERAL GRANTS, STATE AWARDS, FEDERAL AWARDS, ONE-TIME AWARDS AND ETC. WE OPERATE ABOUT 19 INFORMATION SYSTEMS. NOT ALL OF THOSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARE FINANCIAL, HOWEVER, MAJORITY OF THEM DO FLOW INTO DUE PROCESS FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND THEY NEED TO BE RECONCILED. THAT IS IN ADDITION TO OUR CENTRALIZED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY. AND THE LAST YEAR, DCHS HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY, AND IN 2008 AND '13 WHEN WE DID THE ANALYSIS, EVEN WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, EVEN WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION MOVING OUT, WE ANTICIPATE AN 8% ADDITIONAL GROWTH ON TOP OF THE 2015 LEVEL FOR DCHS. SO, NO STAFFING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS, MULTIPLE AUDITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-'13 THAT SUPPORT THIS NEED. OTHER REASONS INCLUDE THE CHANGES IN FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS AND YOU MAY BE AWARE OF SOME OF THE FEE POLICY CHANGES THAT ARE COMING. CHANGING PRINCIPLES, ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. AND ALSO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DCHS STRATEGIC PLAN AND ALSO AS PART OF THE SUCCESS PLANNING AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS IN ADDITION TO THIS I WANT TO SAY IS THAT CURRENTLY ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THIS POSITION WILL BE DOING IS QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE REPORTING THAT WE PRODUCE TO OUR FUNDING AGENCIES, FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, BECAUSE THOSE REPORTS DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE FUTURE FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVE, THEREFORE, THOSE REPORTS, QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR THOSE REPORTS IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. THE IMPACT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IS NEUTRAL. AND THE ANNUALIZED IMPACT IS \$96,000, IN TERMS OF THE FISCAL YEAR '16 BUDGET, THIS POSITION IS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY CAN'T THIS WAIT UNTIL THE BUDGET PROCESS? WE ARE ABOUT TWO MONTHS OUT? YOU ARE ASKING ME TO MAKE A DECISION ON 2016 BUDGET BY MODIFYING THIS BUDGET. AND THAT, FOR ME, IS NOT ENOUGH. I MEAN, I THINK THIS CAN WAIT UNTIL THE BUDGET CYCLE.

Mr. Kodiriy: WE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, WE THOUGHT ABOUT WAITING. THE ISSUE IS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE TRANSITION WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE, AS WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE REORGANIZATION, WE ARE GOING THROUGH THE YEAR-END CLOSING. SO, THE VOLUME AND THE BODY OF WORK IS SO IMMENSE, THEREFORE, WE THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND THEREFORE, WE DECIDED -- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Commissioner Smith: WHEN DID WE VOTE ON THE REORGANIZATION OF DCHS AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT? A COUPLE MONTHS AGO?

Mr. Kodiriy: CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION?

Commissioner Smith: WHEN WE VOTED TO SUPPORT THE CHANGE OF DCHS AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE KNEW THAT WE WERE GOING TO DO THIS. AND MY SENSE IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR IT THEN. IT IS NOT GOING TO -- FOR ME, WHAT IF THIS PARTICULAR POSITION IS STRUCK OUT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE NEW AND INNOVATIVE, RIGHT, THIS POSITION? IS IT A NEW POSITION, TOTALLY NEW POSITION THAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR?

Mr. Kodiriy: WELL, IT'S --

Commissioner Smith: WHAT I'M SAYING, WHAT IF IT IS STRICKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET. WE ARE PAYING FOR SOMETHING FOR TWO MONTHS. NOT THAT I DON'T THINK WE NEED THIS. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. MY THING IS IT IS TWO MONTHS OUT BEFORE THE BUDGET. I DON'T WANT A BUNCH OF MODIFICATIONS TO COME BEFORE ME TO MODIFY THE BUDGET THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING ON FOR THE NEXT MONTH AND A HALF. IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS.

Chair Kafoury: COULD WE HAVE MARISSA MADRIGAL, COO, PLEASE?

Ms. Madrigal: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MARISSA MADRIGAL, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. I BELIEVE WHEN WE CAME TO YOU, FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE GRAPPLED WITH WAS WHAT TO DO WITH THE DCHS BUSINESS UNIT. THAT UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY COMPLEX FINANCIAL STUFF AND IN DOING THE TRANSITION, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE COULD MAINTAIN THE WORK LOAD AND THERE HAD BEEN SOME ISSUES IN AUDITS WITH OUR ABILITY TO DO THAT. WE WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT QUICKLY.

Commissioner Smith: IS THIS GOING TO BE A CONTRACT? IT'S GOING TO TAKE US WEEKS TO EVEN HIRE SOMEONE TO DO THIS JOB, AND I JUST THINK -- I DON'T WANT A FLOOD OF MODIFICATIONS AND WE'RE RIGHT IN BUDGET CYCLE. I MEAN, IT'S ASKING ME TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS '16 BUDGET AND YOU ALL NEED TO WAIT FOR THE BUDGET. THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY-EMERGENCY.

Ms. Madrigal: WELL, I WOULD BEG TO DIFFER BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS FLOWING THROUGH THE DCHS --

Commissioner Smith: YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR THIS MONTHS AGO.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

Commissioner Smith: I'M TALKING TO OUR COO. THIS IS MY CONCERN. IT MAY NOT BE THE BOARD'S CONCERN. THIS IS MY CONCERN. BECAUSE WHAT I SEE HERE, WE'RE GOING TO GET MODIFICATION AFTER MODIFICATION. LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE BUDGET CYCLES SO WE CAN MODIFY BECAUSE AGAIN, THIS ACTUAL PIECE COULD BE STRICKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET.

Ms. Madrigal: AND YOU'RE CORRECT, IT COULD BE CHANGED. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONE KEY RECLASSIFICATION THAT WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE IN ORDER -- IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THE WORK AND THAT EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE BEFORE THE JULY 1st TRANSITION, SO HAVING THE BUSINESS UNIT READY TO BE SPLIT INTO TWO, PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW. WE DO. WE CAN DO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT, I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S GONE INTO THIS AND I KNOW THAT IT IS PHILOSOPHICALLY ALIGNED BETTER TO HAVE DECISIONS MADE DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. I ALSO KNOW THAT SOMETHING -- THINGS COME UP THAT ARE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR BUSINESS PRACTICES AND THEREFORE, I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED?

Commissioner Smith: AYE.

Chair Kafoury: THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Mr. Kodiriy: THANK YOU.

R.4 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming April 7, 2015 as County Day of Recognition for National Service in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack, D-3. Presenters: Khela Singer, ADVS Community Access Program Coordinator; Ercilla Aquillon and Oscar Casey, Senior Foster Grandparent Volunteers; and Rebecca McGillicuddy, Team Leader with the AmeriCorps Vista Program.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Bailey: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M REALLY DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE POSITIVE WORK THAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY EVERY DAY, NOT JUST ON APRIL 7th. I GUESS I WAS THINKING IF WE SPED ALONG WITH OUR AGENDA TODAY REALLY, REALLY FAST WE MIGHT GET HERE BY APRIL 7th BUT I WAS WRONG. AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH MAYBE THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY OF COUNTIES CELEBRATED THIS ON APRIL 7th, WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE PARTICIPANTS, IN PARTICULAR TODAY FROM THE COUNTY SUPERVISED SENIOR CORE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND HONOR THEIR WORK. YOU ARE SO READY TO JUST TAKE IT AWAY. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU.

Ms. Singer: WELL, HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE AMAZING WORK THAT VOLUNTEER DO THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE, SO WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTY AMERICORPS VISTA MEMBERS AND SENIOR CORPS MEMBERS --

Board Clerk: I'M SORRY, COULD I GET YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

Ms. Singer: I'M KHELA SINGER AND I WORK WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU'RE SO EXCITED.

Ms. Singer: I KNOW. AND SO YEAH, I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE NATIONAL SERVICE THAT HAPPENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. A LOT OF OUR NONPROFITS AND SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE SERVICE THAT INDIVIDUALS DO AT ALL DIFFERENT POINTS IN THEIR LIFE. TODAY, WE HAVE TWO SENIOR CORPS MEMBERS WITH YOU, AND A VISTA MEMBER WHO WILL BE SHARING HER EXPERIENCE DURING HERE AND WE HAVE THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OREGON VOLUNTEERS, OUR COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND SERVICE HERE WITH US, AS WELL. IN THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM WE HAVE 70 VOLUNTEER WORKING. THEY ARE ALL 55 AND OLDER, AND ARE GIVING A MINIMUM OF 15 HOURS EVERY WEEK, SOME GO UP TO 40 HOURS EVERY WEEK WORKING ONE ON ONE WITH CHILDREN TO HELP THEM SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE. OUR VOLUNTEERS DID 50,000 HOURS LAST YEAR, IN THAT ONE PROGRAM, AND THEY'VE MENTORED OVER 700 CHILDREN EACH AND EVERY YEAR AND THAT'S HELPING THEM LEARN TO READ, HELPING THEM KNOW THAT THERE'S A CARING ADULT THERE IN THEIR LIFE EVERY DAY, EXCITED TO SEE THEM IN SCHOOL EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS AND A LOT OF WAYS SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY. OUR PROGRAM -- WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE PROGRAM OVER 10 YEARS, SOME OVER 20 YEARS, ERCI HAS BEEN IN OUR PROGRAM OVER 20 YEARS. LAST YEAR, WE HAD A VOLUNTEER RETIRE WHO HAD GIVEN OVER 30 YEARS IN AN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WORKING WITH ONE KID AFTER THE OTHER EVERY 20 MINUTE AND THEY SOMETIMES GOT TO MEET THEIR CHILDREN NEXT GENERATION IN HER SCHOOL. SO WE WORK PLACING VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOLS, HEAD STARTS, PRESCHOOLS, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, THE PROVIDENCE CENTER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN, SUMMER PROGRAMS. WE'RE YEAR ROUND VOLUNTEERING TO INCREASE THAT SUCCESS AND OUR VOLUNTEER ALSO BENEFIT TREMENDOUSLY. WE'VE BEEN LURK A LOT ABOUT VOLUNTEERISM RECENTLY AND HOW IT HELPS DECREASE DEPRESSION, INCREASE HOW LONG EVERYONE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO BE WITH US AND THE HAPPINESS AND JOY THAT THEY GET WORKING ONE ON ONE WITH KIDS IN BETTERING OUR COMMUNITY AND MOST OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WORK IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS. SO IT'S REALLY FANTASTIC. SO AGAIN, NATIONAL SERVICE BUILDS COMMUNITY WHILE MAKING SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AND I'M EXCITED TO INTRODUCE GRANDPA OSCAR AND GRANDMA ERCI WHO WILL SHARE ABOUT THEIR SENIOR CORPS EXPERIENCE AND REBECCA WHO WILL SHARE ABOUT HER VISTA EXPERIENCE.

Mr. Casey: MY NAME IS OSCAR CASEY. I'M ONE OF SIX FOSTER GRANDDADS AND WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, I FIGURED THIS IS JUST A BUNCH OF WOMEN PLAYING, YOU KNOW, TEACHER'S AIDE, AND I REALLY WASN'T INTO THE PROGRAM BUT I GOT TALKED INTO IT. LIKE KHELA WAS SAYING, I WAS DEPRESSED, I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING, I WAS JUST SITTING AROUND AT THE HOUSE AND I GOT TALKED INTO THE PROGRAM. AND WHAT I FOUND BEING IN THIS PROGRAM IS THAT THEY HAVE CLASSES WE CAN TAKE. WE DON'T MAKE THAT MUCH MONEY, \$2.50 AN HOUR, FOR 15 HOURS. SO IT'S NOT A LOT OF MONEY. SO ANY FREE CLASSES WE CAN GET IN COLLEGE OR ANY PLACES YOU CAN TAKE, I TAKE THEM PERSONALLY. AND I'VE LEARNED THAT A CHILD FROM AGE 1 TO 8 IS THE MOST IMPRESSIONING YEARS FOR CHILDREN. I HAVE THE SAME EIGHT KIDS FOR THREE YEARS. I JUST STARTED THE PROGRAM. I GOT THEM FOR LIKE ONE YEAR. THREE YEARS YOU HAVE THE SAME KIDS. YOU GET TO TRAIN THE SAME KIDS, SEE WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO AT THE START OF THE PROGRAM AND WHAT THEY CAN AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM. I EVALUATE MYSELF, TEACHERS EVALUATE HOW GOOD, YOU KNOW, I'VE DONE WITH THESE CHILDREN. IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE A GRANDKID AND YOU'RE ALL HAPPY THE FIRST GRANDKID, I'M GOING TO DO THIS WITH THE GRANDKID AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENS, THEY MOVE, YOU KNOW, YOU LOSE YOUR JOB. WELL, FOR THREE YEARS, I GET THAT EXPERIENCE WITH THESE KIDS. AND IT'S GREAT. AND IT HELPED MY DEPRESSION AND I'LL BE DOING THIS FOR A LOT MORE YEARS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Aquillon: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERCILLA AQUILLON. I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE NOW BECAUSE IT IS FOR THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL TO CALL ME GRANDMA ERCI, AND I AM 82 YEARS OLD NOW, AND I'VE BEEN IN THE

PROGRAM BECAUSE ONE LADY AND I WENT TO THE DOCTOR ONCE AND I SAW ONE LADY THERE, SHE ASKED ME, SHE SAY ARE YOU RETIRED? I SAY YES. WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER YOU RETIRE? I SAY NOTHING. SHE SAY ARE YOU INTERESTED TO DO SOMETHING? I CAME INTO THE PROGRAM. AND SHE SAID WE DON'T MAKE GOOD MONEY BUT WE HELP A LOT AND I SAID MAYBE IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'M FRUSTRATED TO BE HOME ALL THE TIME DOING NOTHING AND NOT THE SAME WHEN YOU'RE WORKING, AFTER YOU RETIRE IT'S HARD. AND I JUST STARTED. THE FIRST SCHOOL I WENT TO, BROOKLYN SCHOOL. I WORK IN THERE FOR SEVEN YEARS. AND THEN MY TEACHER, THE SCHOOL CLOSED. AND MY TEACHER WANTED TO TAKE ME TO THE NEW SCHOOL. SHE BEEN TRANSFERRED. BUT THE SCHOOL DO NOT PERMIT TO HAVE ANY FOSTER GRANDPARENTS THERE. I SAY I'M SORRY, I CANNOT DO IT. THEN ANOTHER TEACHER REQUESTED ME, SHE SAID I WANT THIS GRANDMA IN MY SCHOOL! AND THEN I WENT TO GROUSE SCHOOL IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND, TOO, AND STAY THERE FOR THREE YEARS. AND I FEEL SO BAD WHEN I MOVE TO SOUTHWEST PORTLAND, NO, NORTHWEST PORTLAND, NORTHWEST? SOUTHWEST PORTLAND, YES, I'M SORRY. AND I TELL HIM, I SAY WELL, I DON'T THINK IT'S EASY FOR ME TO RIDE BUSES AND COME ALL THE WAY TO SOUTHEAST PORTLAND. I HAVE TO MOVE THERE AND FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO GO. AND HE SAID OH, I AGREE WITH YOU, GRANDMA BUT I'M GOING TO MISS YOU A LOT BECAUSE MY CHILDREN LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. AND THEN MY BOSS, YOU KNOW, SHE SAID ARE YOU GOING TO FIND A PLACE FOR YOU TO STAY? YES, I THINK SOMEONE IS GOING TO LIKE YOU THERE. AND THEN THEY FIND A JOB AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND I SAID WELL OKAY, I'M GOING TO BE THERE. AND THE TEACHER SAY WELL, WE WANT TO TRY YOU HERE. IF YOU DO OKAY, WE'LL GIVE YOU OTHER WORK, WE CAN LET YOU KNOW. I'VE BEEN NINE YEARS ALREADY THERE. [LAUGHTER] YES, AND ABOUT THE PROGRAM, VERY GOOD TO BE IN THIS FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S LIKE HE SAID, WE DON'T MAKE A LOT OF MONEY BUT IT'S A GOOD BENEFIT FOR US, AND ESPECIALLY, YOU KNOW, OUR SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN. I'M WORKING WITH THE KINDERGARTEN KIDS, THEY ALL LOVE ME, THEY ALL ASK ME FOR HELP. AND I'M STILL MARRIED, MY HUSBAND IS 91 YEARS OLD. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN OF MY OWN, I HAVE THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND THEY'RE ALL IN COLLEGE RIGHT NOW, YEAH. AND I TELL MY HUSBAND, I SAY YOU RETIRED, I'M RETIRED, TOO, BUT I WORK. IT'S TOO BAD FOR ME TO STAY HOME. I RATHER KEEP DOING SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, SERVING THE OTHER KIDS. AND THEN THIS PROGRAM GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, THE STAFF APPRECIATED MY HELP AND RESPECT ME. I LIKE WHEN THE CHILDREN AND THE STAFF CALL ME GRANDMA ERCI BECAUSE IT MAKE ME FEEL A PART OF THE MCKINLEY FAMILY. THE STAFF IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ME AND HELP THE CHILDREN FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE SCHOOL. I ENJOY THIS. I CAN HELP THE CHILDREN BE SUCCESSFUL. IT'S REALLY GREAT THAT GRANDMOTHERS CAN STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE CHILDREN'S LIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Aquillon: HOPEFULLY, YOU UNDERSTAND MY ENGLISH, IT'S TOO BAD.

Ms. McGillicuddy: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, MY NAME IS REBECCA MCGILLICUDDY AND I'M THE AMERICORPS VISTA LEAD. WE ARE BASED OUT OF MERCY CORPS NORTHWEST IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND. VISTAS ARE STATIONED AT NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE FIVE PORTLAND METRO VISTAS AND THE REST ARE SCATTERED AROUND OREGON. OUR VISTA MEMBERS PROJECTS FOCUS PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES. BEFORE I TALK ABOUT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM, I KIND OF WANTED TO GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT WHAT VISTA IS AND HOW IT STARTED. SO VISTA STANDS FOR VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA. IT'S THE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM DEDICATED TO ENDING POVERTY THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. THIS HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION AND WAS ACTUALLY BASED OFF AN IDEA THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD. IN 1965, PRESIDENT JOHNSON LAUNCHED THE FIRST ANTI-POVERTY VISTA PROGRAM WITH JUST 20 MEMBERS. SO THIS REALLY GOES TO SHOW THAT VISTA HAS A REACH HISTORY AND AFTER 50 YEARS STILL CONTINUES TO THRIVE AS A SUCCESSFUL ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM. SO WHY DO I SERVE? A LITTLE BACK STORY. I COME FROM A FAMILY OF VISTA ALUMS. I WATCHED AS MY BROTHER AND SISTER DEVELOPED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, AND A SENSE OF INDIVIDUALITY AND BOTH REALLY CREDIT THEIR YEARS AT VISTA FOR THESE POSITIVE CHANGES. IT'S IN THE CARDS THAT I WOULD FOLLOW SUIT ONCE I GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY. I SERVED MY FIRST YEAR AS A VISTA IN ROSEBURG, OREGON. I'M FROM A SMALL TOWN IN VIRGINIA, SO VISTA GAVE ME THAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE SOMEWHERE I HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE. I WAS A COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND I PROMOTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT. MY BIGGEST PROJECT DURING MY YEAR WAS THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN THAT ENDED UP PROVIDING SUSTENANCE FOR 14 FAMILIES IN A LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ALSO HAPPENED TO BE IN A FOOD DESERT AND SAW LITTLE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD. I RAISED THE FUNDS, RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS AND ASSISTED IN FINDING A MANAGER THAT COULD TAKE ON THE TASKS THAT I COULDN'T AND THUS THE COMMUNITY GARDEN THRIVES ON TODAY. NOW IN MY SECOND YEAR, I GET TO SHARE MY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES WITH OUR CURRENT MEMBERS AND WORK TO ENSURE THAT THEY BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM JUST AS I DID. SO WHY IS VISTA IMPORTANT? VISTA IS IMPORTANT FOR A MYRIAD OF REASONS. IT LAUNCHES PASSIONATE PEOPLE INTO AN IMPACTFUL POSITION, HELPS YOUNG ADULTS GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR AND IMPACTS THE LIVES OF THOSE AFFECTED OR LIVING IN POVERTY. IN ONE YEAR, OUR VISTA MEMBERS IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA RAISED \$65,000 IN CASH OR GRANT DONATIONS AND \$22,000 IN

IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR \$87,000. THEY RECRUITED 34 VOLUNTEER AND HELPED SECURE 2,940 VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND HELPED TO ENROLL 96 PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, VISTA ENABLED ME TO DO MEANINGFUL WORK WHILE DEVELOPING MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS WHICH I STILL USE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR LETTING ME SHARE MY STORY AND SPEAK ON A TOPIC THAT IS SO NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SHOULD WE READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. [READ PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

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

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OUR WORK IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE VOLUNTEERS THAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH US AND MANY OF OUR SENIORS BRING WITH THEM A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE, THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY ENRICHES ALL OF OUR LIVES AND I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND ALL OF YOU WITH THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT YOU PLAY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING TODAY, FOR SHARING YOUR STORY, FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. IT IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU ARE THE BACKBONE OF MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE IN THE COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I LOVE THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT THING GOING ON! [LAUGHTER] I THINK THAT INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTION IS SO, SO IMPORTANT AND I CERTAINLY LOVE HEARING THAT THE SENIOR POPULATION IS A GROWING RESOURCE BECAUSE YES, WE ARE. FOR ME, I LEARN SO MUCH FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE PART OF MY LIFE, TOO. SO I THINK THAT'S A REAL TWO-WAY STREET. AND OSCAR, WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT 1 TO 8 BEING THE MOST IMPACTFUL YEARS FOR OUR CHILDREN, ABSOLUTELY. AS I READ, I REALLY, REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THOSE EARLY YEARS ARE AND SO THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND YOU'RE 82 YEARS OLD? I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT! THAT'S AMAZING. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU. SO ANYWAY, I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS. I'M HAPPY TO BE PARTNERS IN THIS WITH NACO, DOING THIS ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AS WELL, EVEN THOUGH I GUESS WE KIND

OF MISSED THE DAY A LITTLE BIT, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, WAS IT THE SEVENTH? YEAH, ANYWAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, AS WELL. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL COMING FORWARD TODAY. IT IS OUR HONOR TO CELEBRATE YOU AND THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW, WE GET TO VOTE ON THE PROCLAMATION. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? GUESS WHAT? IT PASSED! [APPLAUSE]

R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-53-15: Requesting General Fund Contingency Transfer in Support of Home for Everyone FY2015 Placement Goals. Presenters: Mary Li, Manager Senior, Community Services Division and Marc Jolin, Director, Home for Everyone Initiative.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner McKeel: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Ms. Li: GOOD MORNING, MARY LI COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND I AM JOINED HERE IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD WITH MARC JOLIN, OUR HOME FOR EVERYONE INITIATIVE DIRECTOR. AND WE'RE HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A CONTINGENCY REQUEST FOR RENT ASSISTANCE IN THIS FISCAL YEAR THROUGH JUNE 30th, SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS AND HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN HOUSEHOLDS. THE BACKGROUND ON THAT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR WORK WITH HOME FOR EVERYONE AND I KNOW ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE INCREDIBLE PLANNING AND CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL WORK THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING, WE HAVE SET A NUMBER OF VERY AMBITIOUS GOALS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY RELATE TO VETERANS AND ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE PLACING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS EVERY MONTH AND IT IS AN ASSERTIVE TIMELINE. WE ARE WORKING QUITE CLOSELY WITH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO STAFF UP TO THE EXTENT THAT WE NEED THEM TO STAFF UP IN ORDER TO ACCESS LONG-TERM BENEFITS TO WHICH THESE VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS ARE ELIGIBLE. RATHER THAN HAVE VETERANS WAIT AND CONTINUE TO LIVE ON THE STREETS, WE ARE REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF RENT ASSISTANCE TO BE ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY PLACE THESE VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ENSURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE BOARD ADOPTED GOAL OF VIRTUALLY ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS BY

DECEMBER 2015 AND MAKE SURE WE'RE ON TRACK WITH THAT WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE ACCESS TO THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS. SO THERE IS A BILLION ACCESS TO THESE FUNDS. THE OTHER POPULATION THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO ACCELERATE OUR HOUSING PLACEMENTS IS WITH THE HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. WE ARE SEEING EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE IN OUR WARMING CENTER. AS YOU KNOW, WE OPERATE THE WARMING CENTER FOR SIX MONTHS OUT OF EVERY YEAR. WE'VE EXTENDED THAT BY SIX WEEKS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN CAN BE IN THE WARMING CENTER TO FINISH THEIR SCHOOL YEAR WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE A TRANSITION THERE. AND EVEN WITH THAT EXTENDED CAPACITY AND THE EXTENDED LENGTH OF SERVICE, WE ARE SEEING NUMBERS IN THE WARMING CENTER IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS THAT ARE DOUBLE WHAT WE NORMALLY WOULD EXPERIENCE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AND WE HAVE NEVER SEEN THE NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE SEEN, UPWARDS OF 130 FOLKS AND WE'VE BEEN IN OVERFLOW MANY, MANY NIGHTS IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY. WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING. BUT THE SHEER TRUTH OF IT IS WITH THE BOARD'S POLICY DIRECTIVE THAT WE DON'T TURN ANY FAMILY WITH A CHILD AWAY, AND THAT WE DON'T RETURN FAMILIES TO THE STREET ONCE WE CLOSE THE WARMING CENTER, WE ARE IN DIRE SITUATION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO HOLD THOSE TWO COMMITMENTS. IN ORDER TO HAVE A BRIDGE ON THESE ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDS, HOME FORWARD HAS MADE AVAILABLE 120 SECTION EIGHT VOUCHERS, WHICH IS A PERMANENT HOUSING SUBSIDY. IT'S A REFLECTION OF THE BENEFIT OF OUR SHARED GOVERNANCE WITH HOME FOR EVERYONE. BUT WE NEED TO GET THESE FUNDS IN AND HOUSED WHILE WE'RE ACCESSING THOSE 120 VOUCHERS SO THIS RENT ASSISTANCE WILL ALLOW US TO GET THEM PLACED, GET THEM OUT OF THE WARMING CENTER AND THEN BE ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE 120 VOUCHERS. SO IN EACH CASE, WE ARE ASKING FOR THESE RENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO ACCELERATE AND INCREASE THE RATE AT WHICH WE ARE HOUSING VETERANS AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN HOUSEHOLDS IN ANTICIPATION OF LONG-TERM SUBSIDY AND LONG-TERM RESOURCES THAT WE KNOW ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM BUT ARE NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT IN THIS MOMENT. WE EXPECT THAT ALL FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED BY JUNE 30th. THIS IS NOT AN ONGOING REQUEST SO WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO EITHER LINK THESE FAMILIES UP TO THE PERMANENT SUBSIDIES AND MORE FULLY SERVE THEM BY JUNE 30th AND THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS IS THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST FOR A SIMILAR AMOUNT IS ALSO BEING MADE TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, SO THAT THEY ARE IN PARTNERSHIP FOR THESE TWO HOUSEHOLDS AND FOR THESE TWO TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS, AND FOR THESE TWO PRIORITY POPULATIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ARE YOU HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS?

Mr. Jolin: I THINK MARY PROVIDED MORE OR LESS THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE WOULD HAVE PROVIDED AROUND THE VETERANS PIECE BUT I'M HAPPY TO

ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. I DO THINK AROUND OUR VETERANS PLAN AND THE COMMITMENT WE'VE MADE, WE'VE TAKEN AN "ALL HANDS ON DECK" APPROACH. THIS REQUEST IS PART OF AN INITIATIVE WITHIN OUR INITIATIVE TO REALLY OPEN THE DOORS TO HOUSING UNITS FOR VETERANS. IT IS OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE, THAT WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE UNITS THAT WE NEED. WE HAVE THE LONG-TERM VOUCHERS. WE'RE STRUGGLING TO HAVE THE STAFFING SUPPORT AND THEN THE UNITS IN OUR COMMUNITY AVAILABLE. AND SO THE RESOURCE HERE WILL ALLOW US TO ASK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HELP US AS MARY WAS SAYING HOUSE SOME OF THE VETERANS WHO ARE OUT THERE NOW AND ALSO TO CREATE SOME BETTER INCENTIVES FOR OUR LANDLORDS TO STEP FORWARD AND MAKE VACANCIES AVAILABLE. WE'RE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEADERSHIP ABOUT THEIR MEMBERS. I MET WITH THE POLICY COUNCIL OF OREGON ON THE ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS YESTERDAY TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT HOW THEY MIGHT PRIORITIZE UNITS FOR US. THIS RESOURCE BECOMES AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF HELPING DELIVER ON THAT EFFORT THAT WE ARE MAKING RIGHT NOW TO FIND UNITS FOR SOME OF THE VETERANS WHO HAVE THE RESOURCE TO RENT BUT DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE RIGHT NOW.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR? I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE YOU SAYING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE 120 IF THIS MONEY IS SECURED TODAY? BEFORE JUNE 30th?

Ms. Li: SO THE 120 ARE THE VOUCHERS THAT WE'VE BEEN ALLOCATED FROM HOME FORWARD. WE ARE GOING TO DO OUR BEST TO UTILIZE ALL 120 OF THOSE VOUCHERS BEFORE JUNE 30th. WE MAY NOT GET EVERYBODY LEASED UP BY JUNE 30th BECAUSE THE PROCESS FOR A SECTION EIGHT VOUCHER IS TIME CONSUMING. IT'S PART OF WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR THE BRIDGE FUNDING OUT OF CONTINGENCY, SO THAT WE GET THE FAMILY PLACED, WE GET RENT ASSISTANCE, GETTING THEM STABLE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, WE'RE FILLING OUT THE PAPERWORK AND GETTING THEM INTO THE VOUCHER AND THE LONG-TERM SUBSIDIES. SO I CAN'T TELL YOU WE'RE --

Commissioner Smith: THAT'S OUR GOAL? WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY QUALIFIED FOR THE SECTION EIGHT VOUCHERS AND THEY'RE READY TO GO AND THERE ARE FAMILIES IN OUR WARMING CENTER TODAY AND SO I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THIS IS WHAT A REAL EMERGENCY LOOKS LIKE IN A MODIFICATION. THIS RIGHT HERE. THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS.

Ms. Li: YES. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, THANK YOU. AND MARC, THANK YOU FOR SPENDING TIME WITH MY CHIEFS OF STAFF TO EXPLAIN MY QUESTIONS AROUND THIS AND I THINK I BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ISSUE IS WITH THESE FUNDS. SO JUST SO I'M CLEAR AND YOU EXPLAINED IT, I WANT EVERYONE HOUSED AND, YOU KNOW, THE VETERANS ARE NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART SO I DEFINITELY WANT THOSE VOUCHERS UTILIZED. AM I UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE VETERANS WHO HAVE THE VOUCHER IN HAND BUT THE FLEXIBLE FUNDING IS NOT THERE AROUND -- TO PLACE THEM AND THE V.A. IS NOT STAFFED UP WITH THE CASE WORKERS YET?

Mr. Jolin: YES. SO THERE ARE DEFINITELY -- WE HAVE ALLOCATED TO OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW ABOUT 446 VOUCHERS. OF THOSE, 370 ARE LEASED UP. THERE ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 38 VETERANS WITH VOUCHERS IN HAND OUT SEEKING RIGHT NOW IS THE WORD THAT THE V.A. USES. SO WE HAVE THE FLEXIBLE DOLLARS THAT YOU ALL HAD ALLOCATED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET, THAT'S \$300 PER VETERAN AND THAT ALLOWS THE V.A. WORKER TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AND APPLICATION FEES AND THINGS THAT THE PROGRAM DOESN'T ALLOW THEM TO PAY FOR. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS A MORE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT THAT REALLY ALLOWS A NONPROFIT HOUSING PARTNER TO TAKE SOMEONE WHO IS VASH ELIGIBLE, THEY'RE ELIGIBLE, AND TO PAY THE FIRST MONTH'S RENT AND KEEP THEM IN HOUSING, COVER SEVERAL MONTHS' RENT UNTIL THE WORKER CAN BE ATTACHED. IT ALSO ALLOWS THE V.A. TO MORE AGGRESSIVELY ADDRESS PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN ON A VASH VOUCHER, YOU CAN'T DO EVICTION PREVENTION WITH IT, WE DIDN'T BUDGET THAT ORIGINAL PROJECT BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE VETERANS CYCLING BACK INTO HOMELESSNESS. IT ALLOWS THE V.A. TO DO MORE IN TERMS OF HAVING FLEXIBLE RESOURCES. IT ALSO ALLOWS OUR PARTNERS TO DO MORE AND IMPORTANTLY TO OFFER LANDLORDS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE V.A. AND OUR COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO IS THE HOME FOR EVERYONE GROUP INITIATIVE OR I DON'T KNOW WHO'S THE RIGHT PERSON TO LOOK AT THIS, BUT THE QUESTION I HAVE IS DO WE NEED TO BE ALLOCATING MORE FUNDING IF HOUSING IS SHORT, WE KNOW WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HOUSING, WE'RE LOOKING TO INCENTIVIZE LANDLORDS AT A HIRE LEVEL THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST, CORRECT? SO DO WE NEED TO BE LOOKING DIFFERENTLY AT OUR FLEXIBLE FUNDS OR IS THIS AN ISSUE OF HOME FOR EVERYONE THAT THEY'LL BE TALKING ABOUT? IF WE NEED MORE MONEY, AND NOT HAVING BUDGET MODIFICATIONS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT? THAT'S MY QUESTION.

Mr. Jolin: SO THE ANSWER FROM THE HOME FOR EVERYONE PERSPECTIVE IS THAT THE VETERANS PLAN, THE PLAN TO END VETERANS HOMELESSNESS DIDN'T CONTEMPLATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN THIS FISCAL YEAR ORIGINALLY BUT WHEN WE SAW THAT WE WERE FALLING BEHIND IN OUR

MONTHLY PLACEMENT NUMBERS AND THAT THE V.A. WASN'T ABLE TO STAFF UP AS QUICKLY AS WE HAD HOPED, THEY'RE MAKING SOME SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT WE NEEDED TO FIND SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCE THIS YEAR. THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THAT HE ISN'T COUNTY OR THE CITY, IT'S JUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS PRESENTED WITH THAT FOR NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF THE KINDS OF DYNAMICS THAT WE'RE FACING HERE, WE EXPECT TO BE PRESENT AND WE'VE GOT SUCH A SHORT TIMELINE THAT, AT LEAST IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS WE'RE GOING TO NEED BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR V.A. AND THE WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.

Ms. Li: LET ME ALSO ADD THE OTHER PIECE I HERE IS THERE'S A BOTH STRATEGY THAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT IN THE INITIATIVE. ONE IS WE NEED FLEXIBLE SERVICE DOLLARS TO MAKE OUR HOUSEHOLDS FINANCIALLY COMPETITIVE IN A VERY TIGHT REAL ESTATE MARKET. SO THERE'S VERY LITTLE VACANCY. LOTS OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE TO LANDLORDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE DEBT OR THEY HAVE EVICTION. WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEM FINANCIALLY MORE ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, LOOKING AT YOU COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I KNOW THIS IS HURTING YOU, BUT THERE IS THAT STRATEGY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE TO INVEST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, RIGHT? SO WE'VE GOT A TIGHT RENTAL MARKET, WE NEED TO MAKE OUR HOUSEHOLDS COMPETITIVE OR ATTRACTIVE IN THAT TIGHT RENTAL MARKET AND WE HAVE TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE STRATEGIES THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN HOME FOR EVERYONE AND BOTH OF WHICH TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF A DIFFERENT PATH, IF YOU WILL, BUT ABSOLUTELY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SIDE OF THIS EQUATION IS A PART OF THE AGENDA AND BEING TALKED ABOUT AND STRATEGIZED ON THE SAME TAME AS THE FLEXIBLE SERVICES DOLLAR.

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LONG-TERM ISSUE IS ADDRESSED, BECAUSE I WANT OUR VETERANS HOUSED AND I DON'T WANT US TO RUN UP AGAINST THIS AGAIN THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING TO INCENTIVIZE THE LANDLORDS AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S TWO PATHS GOING HERE BUT WE'RE WORKING ON A SHORT TIMELINE WITH GETTING OUR VETERANS HOUSED BY THE END OF 2015. SO THAT'S JUST MY QUESTION AROUND, IF THIS IS THE SHORT-TERM FIX, WHAT'S OUR LONG-TERM FIX?

Mr. Jolin: IT'S A HELPFUL REMINDER THAT WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS BUILDING A SYSTEM OF CARE FOR VETERANS THAT IS ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL VETERANS WHO BECOME HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WHEN WE SAY WE'RE ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT? WE'RE BUILDING A SYSTEM THAT CAN SERVE EVERY VETERAN WHO BECOMES HOMELESS WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO GET OFF THE STREET QUICKLY. IT DOESN'T MEAN

WE'RE NEVER GOING TO SEE ANOTHER VETERAN BECOME HOMELESS BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT TO GET HELP FOR MONTHS OR YEARS ON THE STREETS. WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT CAN TAKE CARE OF THEM. SO THAT MEANS THAT IT'S NOT A ONE-TIME THING. WE'RE SCALING THIS SYSTEM UP, AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN TO GET THERE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN ONGOING NEED THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE. WE MABLE IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VETERANS WHO BECOME HOMELESS TO SCALE IT DOWN, BUT THE UNDERSTANDING IS THIS IS A COMMITMENT WE'RE MAKING OVER THE LONG TERM TO SERVE VETERANS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU AND I APPRECIATE THAT COMMITMENT.

Commissioner Shiprack: I AM SO SORRY, COMMISSIONER. I DON'T MEAN TO PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY, THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN. BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GOING TO STAND BY AND WATCH BUT I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IF WE WERE TO APPLY OUR UPSTREAM LENS TO THIS, WE WOULD HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTION WHERE ARE ALL THESE HOMELESS VETS COMING FROM? AND I THINK THAT FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO BUILD AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING PLAN TO END VETERANS HOMELESSNESS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT WE DO BECAUSE WE'RE RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO AS VERY YOUNG PEOPLE WERE LIKELY TRAINED UP, RELOCATED TO A DESERT OR A JUNGLE SOMEWHERE, ASKED TO DO THINGS THAT I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE DOING, SEEN THINGS THAT I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE SEEING, BEING SUBJECTED TO THINGS THAT I CAN'T IMAGINE BEING SUBJECTED TO, AND THEN RELEASED BY THE FOLKS WHO HAD INITIALLY SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH THEM INTO OUR COMMUNITY WOUNDED. AND I JUST FIND IT VERY FRUSTRATING AT THIS STAGE TO BE TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGNED UP TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHEN THEY ENLISTED PEOPLE. AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS REASONABLE OR FAIR FOR ME TO ASK THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MY DISTRICT WHO PAY PROPERTY TAXES AND IT IS APRIL 9th. SO ALSO ARE GOING TO BE WRITING SUBSTANTIAL CHECKS, TO TAKE CARE OF A SOFTWARE PROBLEM WHEN, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE ALL ATTRIBUTE A LOT OF THE CHECKS THAT WE WRITE TO THE HARDWARE THAT PAYS FOR THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTY, BUT THE SOFTWARE, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PERFORMING THESE SERVICES ARE RETURNED WITH ALL KINDS OF REAL PROBLEMS, AND THEN THEY NEED TO HAVE ALL OF THIS DOWNSTREAM EFFORT TAKEN. WHERE ARE ALL THE VETERANS COMING FROM? WHERE ARE ALL THE HOMELESS VETERANS COMING FROM? IT'S SO UNLIKE US TO BE DOWNSTREAM THIS FAR TAKING CARE OF A PROBLEM THAT REALLY IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO BE TAKING CARE OF AND I'M THE FIRST ONE TO JUMP UP AND DOWN AND SAY THIS IS NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S SPEECH TO BE MAKING. WE DON'T DO DIPLOMACY AT THIS LEVEL BUT I THINK

ALSO FOR US TO BE FASHIONING A MASTER PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF VETERANS PROBLEMS IS PROBABLY NOT APPROPRIATE, EITHER. ALL OF THAT BEING SAID, ALL OF THAT FRUSTRATION COMING OUT HERE TODAY, OF COURSE I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS AND, OF COURSE, SOMEBODY HAS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS. BUT I DO THINK THAT AS RESPONSIBLE AS WE ARE TO THE HARDWARE OF OUR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE, WE OUGHT TO REALLY PROBABLY BE PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SHOWING UP IN OUR HOMELESS SHELTERS HAVING SERVED THEIR COUNTRY.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP AND ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I AM PROUD TO SERVE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN ACT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IMMEDIATELY IN PEOPLE'S LIVES AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO. AND WE'RE MAKING A VERY CLEAR STATEMENT THAT NOT ONLY ARE PEOPLE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT ALSO THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD ON OUR COMMITMENTS THAT WE'VE MADE TO VIRTUALLY END CHRONIC VETERANS HOMELESSNESS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SAFETY ON THE STREETS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, AND THEN TO TAKE THAT NEXT STEP OF HOW WE PLAN TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS AND I AM THRILLED THAT THE HOME FOR EVERYONE COMMITTEE HAS BROUGHT FORTH A VERY CLEAR AND COGENT PLAN WITH STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE NOW AND THAT LEAD INTO STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE IN THE FUTURE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE GOALS BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE THAT COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC AND WE'RE GOING TO STICK BY IT. I'M VERY EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY AS WE EMBARK ON THIS EFFORT.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION. ARE YOU WORKING WITH THE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ALSO GETTING THEIR VETERANS IN THEIR ORGANIZATION AS A PART OF THIS 120 VOUCHERS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE GIVING AWAY? THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK VETS? THEY HAVE A LOCAL CHAPTER HERE.

Ms. Li: OKAY. AT LEAST ON THE HOMELESS FAMILY SIDES WE HAVE NOT MADE THAT CONNECTION BUT WE WILL CERTAINLY FOLLOW UP. BECAUSE OF THE COMMITMENTS FROM THE HOME FOR EVERYONE BOARD, WE HAVE SAID TO ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE GO THROUGH, SCRUB YOUR WAITING LISTS, SCRUB YOUR QUEUES. ANY VETERAN-RELATED HOUSEHOLD COMES TO THE TOP, MOVES FORWARD SO YES IN TERMS OF THOSE 120, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE HOMELESS FAMILIES QUEUE TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE'S ANY SERVICE RELATED MEMBER IN THOSE HOUSEHOLDS THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO GO ON THE FAST TRACK.

Commissioner Smith: WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR, AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE A HIGH HOMELESS RATE AND PARTICULARLY IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

VETERANS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE NAB VETS ARE ALSO INCLUDED. THEY WERE THE FOLKS THAT CAME HERE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO THAT WE GAVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR, FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WE BROUGHT A BUNCH OF THOSE FOLKS. I DO HAVE CONTACTS WITH THEM. AND THE SECOND PIECE IS IN TERMS OF INCENTIVIZING, WHAT DO WE DO TO INCENTIVIZE PROPERTY OWNERS?

Mr. Jolin: SO ONE EXAMPLE IS THAT RIGHT NOW, A LANDLORD WITH A VACANT UNIT PROBABLY LEASES THAT UP WITHIN HOURS, GIVEN HOW TIGHT THE RENTAL MARKET IS. WHEN WE ASK THEM TO WORK WITH US WITH A PROVIDER WITH THE V.A., IT CAN OFTEN TAKE DAYS AND SOMETIMES, WEEKS TO GET A UNIT FILLED BECAUSE THERE'S PAPER WORK TO GET DONE AND INSPECTIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S A COST TO THAT LANDLORD. SO WE CAN USING A RESOURCE LIKE THIS COMMIT TO THAT LANDLORD IF THEY'LL WORK WITH US, WE'LL HELP COVER THE EXPENSE THAT THEY INCUR IN HAVING THAT UNIT VACANT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. IF WE HAVE SOMEONE GO INTO A HOUSING UNIT AND IT DOESN'T WORK OUT AND THEY LEAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DAMAGES, UNPAID RENT OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, WE HAVE A RESOURCE TO HELP MAKE THAT LANDLORD WHOLE IN THAT SITUATION.

Commissioner Smith: AND YOU PUT THAT IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT OR IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU SET UP WITH THE LANDLORD PRIOR TO THEM MOVING INTO THE UNIT?

Mr. Jolin: IN TERMS OF THE DAMAGES? TYPICALLY, THERE'S A GUARANTEE LETTER OF SOME KIND THAT GOES TO THE LANDLORD THAT SAYS IN THE EVENT THERE IS DAMAGE BEYOND WHAT THE DEPOSIT WOULD COVER, WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE IF YOU GIVE US EVIDENCE OF THE COST WE'RE ABLE TO COVER UP TO X AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL COSTS. IT CAN BE A LETTER. IT'S TYPICALLY NOT IN THE LEASE BUT IT'S USUALLY A LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROVIDER THAT BROUGHT THE PERSON AND THE LANDLORD.

Ms. Li: IN ADDITION THERE'S ALSO THEN RESOURCES OFFERED TO THE LANDLORD FROM THE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT SAYS IF THERE'S BEHAVIOR OF THE HOUSEHOLD THAT'S PUTTING THE OTHER UNITS IN JEOPARDY OR DISTURBING THE LIVABILITY, YOU THE LANDLORD DON'T HAVE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS THE SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM, WHAT ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR? YOU CAN CALL ME, RIGHT I HAVE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND I WILL COME TALK WITH THE HOUSEHOLD, TALK WITH YOU AND HELP GET THEM HOOKED UP TO WHATEVER THE SERVICE NEED IS. MANY LANDLORDS ARE WILLING TO RENT BUT THEY'RE NOT SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND WANT TO KNOW THEY HAVE THAT BACKUP, AS WELL. SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE OFFER, AS WELL.

Mr. Jolin: ONE OF THE EXCITING THINGS ALONG THOSE LINES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TRYING TO IMPLEMENT IS A RESPONSE AFTER HOURS BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF PROVIDERS AND THE CASE MANAGERS TYPICALLY WORK MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 TO 5:00, NOT EXCLUSIVELY BUT THERE ARE INCIDENTS HAPPENING IN RENTAL PROPERTIES ON THE WEEKENDS AND IN THE EVENINGS, AND OFTEN A LANDLORD DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE THEY CAN CALL IN THAT SITUATION AT THOSE TIMES. SO SEATTLE HAS A VERY ROBUST PROGRAM WHERE A LANDLORD CAN CALL THE NUMBER AND SOMEONE WILL COME TO THE SITE. IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT TENANT'S USUAL CASE MANAGER BUT SOMEONE WHO CAN PROBLEM SOLVE THE SITUATION. WE'RE LOOKING TO BE ABLE TO OFFER SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO LANDLORDS WHO ARE RENTING TO VETERANS. IF THAT WORKS WELL, IT'S A SERVICE THAT WE COULD EXPAND MORE BROADLY.

Commissioner McKeel: I HAD ONE OTHER COMMENT. COMMISSIONER SMITH YOU ASKED ABOUT NAB VETS AND I WANTED -- THEY'RE ON OUR E-MAIL LIST FOR OUR VETERANS TASK FORCE HERE AT THE COUNTY, WHERE MARC PRESENTED ON THIS LAST MONTH OR MONTH BEFORE AND THEY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VETERAN STAND DOWNS, BOTH THE ONE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THEN OUR EAST COUNTY ONE, AS WELL.

Commissioner Smith: GOOD, THANK YOU.

Mr. Jolin: AND I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR STAFF TO GET THE CONTACT INFORMATION BECAUSE WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM AT OUR OPERATION 424 MEETINGS WHERE IS A LOT OF THIS ENDING HOMELESSNESS WORK IS HAPPENING.

Commissioner Smith: GREAT, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU. AND I WANT TO JUST TELL COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK THAT I SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH THE LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I THINK THAT MARC AND MARY HAVE HEARD ME RANTING, WANTING TO MARCH UP THE HILL TO TALK WITH FOLKS AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ABOUT AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, OUR HAVING TO CARRY THE WATER FOR THEM AND PAVE THE WAY BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, WE AREN'T GOING TO SIT BY AND WATCH THESE VETERANS LIVE A LIFE THAT THEY DON'T DESERVE. ON THE FLIP SIDE, THOUGH, I WANT TO SAY THAT OUR EFFORTS IN BEING SO RESPONSIVE WITH OUR FLEXIBLE FUNDS HAVE RESULTED IN MORE VASH VOUCHERS COMING OUR WAY. NOT ALL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE AS RESPONSIVE AS WE ARE AND SO BECAUSE WE'RE ABLE TO LEASE UP THESE UNITS WITH THESE VASH VOUCHERS, THEN WE GET MORE AND ONCE WE GET SOMEBODY HOUSED WITH A VASH VOUCHER, IT'S THE GOLDEN TICKET. WHILE IT IS MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR US UP FRONT, IN THE END, I THINK

WE DO BENEFIT FROM OUR ABILITY TO GET THESE FOLKS IN HOUSING. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW TO MY COLLEAGUES, I KNOW THAT THIS IS DIFFICULT. THIS IS NOT A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY BUT IT IS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE A LARGE INVESTMENT BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN COOPERATION WITH OUR PARTNERS TO END OR IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO CUT IN HALF THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS. AND THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS FAMILIES WHO ARE DOUBLED UP AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL AT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL NEXT MONTH THAN LAST MONTH BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME. SO THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION. I SPOKE MORE OFTEN TO CITY COUNCIL WHERE THE CITY HAS A STAFF OF OVER 30 ATTORNEYS AND I KNOW THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HERE HAS DONE A FEW GOOD THINGS. BUT TO GET JUSTICE FOR VETERANS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LITIGATE AGAINST THE V.A. AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY'RE SCREWING US, THEY'RE SCREWING VETERANS, THEY'RE SCREWING YOU. SO IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION BUT TOO MUCH MONEY GOES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WE NEED STRONGER ADVOCACY TO GET LESS OF THAT MONEY GOING INTO KILLING MACHINES AND MORE INTO SAVING THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS. MOSTLY, THOUGH, FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE OF THE FAMILIES. THE HOMELESS FAMILIES. AND YOU CAN'T FIX A PROBLEM IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE PROBLEM IS COMING FROM. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE A STUDY OR YOU COULD SKIP THE STUDY AND YOU COULD ALL PILE INTO A VAN AND GO OVER TO THE TALLEST BUILDING AND ASK THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF WELLS FARGO TO SIT WITH YOU UNTIL RANDY STUMP, THE PRESIDENT OF WELLS FARGO FLIES UP AND FIGURES OUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH THESE VACANT HOUSES BESIDES CREATE A CASH COW FOR LANDLORDS WHO ARE GOING TO HOUSE AND VETERANS AND DISTRESSED FAMILIES. I REALIZE THERE ARE FEDERAL REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO FORCE YOU TO DO JUST THAT, TO FUND SLUMLORDS, TO PUT MONEY INTO OVERSIGHT TO PREVENT SLUMLORDS TO BE THE HOUSING FOR POOR FAMILIES AND STUFF LIKE THAT. BUT YOU NEED TO WORK AGGRESSIVELY WITH THE MAJOR BANKS WHO HAVE MADE PEOPLE HOMELESS, WHO ARE ENGINEERING AN ECONOMY WHERE WE HAVE THIS TRAGIC, DOUBLY TRAGIC STORY OF VETERANS AND PARENTS AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A STUDY NOT ONLY TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE BOOTED OUT OF MAJOR BANK HOMES BUT TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY MORE OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, THE WOMEN I SEE SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS WHEN I WALK UP AND DOWN THE STREETS, HOW MANY OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY PARENTS BUT HAVE HAD TO ABANDON THEIR CHILDREN TO LIVE WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS WHEN THEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINING THEIR FAMILIES? SO IT'S VERY HARD WORK BUT I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING BUT JUST REMEMBER, KEEP PUSHING, THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: ONE MORE PUBLIC TESTIMONY, BARRY JOE STALL.

Mr. Stull: THANKS, AGAIN. MY NAME IS BARRY JOE STULL. I WAS HELPING A GAL, MEG GARCIA. SHE'S A VET. SHE HAD A SIX-YEAR AIR FORCE RESERVE STINT THAT SHE HAD SIGNED UP FOR AND AFTER FOUR YEARS, HER 5-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND HER 19-YEAR-OLD SISTER WERE KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND SHE LEFT THE SERVICE, ENDURED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AS WE MIGHT IMAGINE IF WE HAD TO ENDURE THAT. SO CHAIR KAFOURY, I'M NOT JUST GIVING YOU A HARD TIME ABOUT 4066 NORTHEAST GRANBY BEING VACANT, THAT'S EMBLEMATIC AND I'M SORRY IF MY PROFESSIONALISM AS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST HITS HARD BUT THESE THINGS DO HIT HARD. SO BEING RESOURCEFUL, I OBTAINED MY HOUSING AS I MENTIONED, MY LAWSUIT WITH JOIN. I THINK MARC AND I ARE ON GOOD TERMS NOW, THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE A SETTLEMENT. SO ANYHOW, I HAVE PROVISIONS WHERE I'M ALLOWED TO HOST HOUSE GUESTS AND I HOSTED MEG GARCIA AND WE WENT -- FIRST, WE WENT TO THE SOUTHWEST OAK MAX STOP, THE VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER AND THEY SAID GO UP TO THE V.A. HOSPITAL AND I SAID OKAY, MEG LET'S GO, WE GOT ON THE NUMBER EIGHT BUS, TAKES ABOUT 15 MINUTES AND WE WERE UP THERE. WE WENT TO WHERE WE WERE DIRECTED. WE WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE OTHER PLACE. WE GOT A TICKET, NUMBER 126. I REMEMBER. AND THEY SAID IT WILL BE ABOUT A 45-MINUTE WAIT. SO WE WENT BACK TO THE OTHER PLACE, ORDERED UP HER MEDICAL RECORDS, SHE HAD BEEN AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL, I'LL WRAP THIS UP. WE GOT BACK OVER TO THE OTHER PLACE WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO GET HER I.D. THE COMPUTER WASN'T WORKING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS THIS MORNING.

Mr. Stull: IF I COULD JUST FOLLOW THIS UP.

Chair Kafoury: FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

Mr. Stull: I WILL. SO WHAT I SAID TO MEG THE NEXT DAY CAN WE GO UP TO THE V.A., SHE SAID THE COMPUTER'S NOT WORKING. ONCE BURNED, TWICE SHY. WE HAVE TO TAKE SOME OF THE FRUSTRATION OUT OF THIS. I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: COULD I MAKE A FINAL COMMENT, PLEASE, ON THIS AGENDA ITEM? I KNOW THAT THE V.A. HAS THEIR ISSUES, AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT I SERVE AS THE VICE CHAIR ON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES VETERANS COMMITTEE AND THESE ARE EXACTLY THE ISSUES THAT WE WORK ON AND ADVOCATE FOR AT A NATIONAL LEVEL. AND I ALSO

WOULD CONTEND THAT WE ALL OWE OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE. THEY DO IT FOR EACH ONE OF US.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THAT REMINDER. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE -- [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. ALL RIGHT, NOW, WE HAVE TIME FOR COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR COLLEAGUE COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR AN AWARD SHE WON THIS MORNING AT POIC, THE CARE LEADER AWARD AT THE BREAKFAST THIS MORNING. SO CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S A WONDERFUL HONOR. AND I ALSO WILL REMIND EVERYONE WE'RE DOING THE DIAPER AND BABY WIPE DRIVE ALL THIS MONTH TO BENEFIT SNOW CAP AND THOSE FAMILIES THAT CAN'T AFFORD THOSE ITEMS FOR THEIR YOUNG ONES AND THAT THEIR BENEFITS DON'T COVER. SO YES. ALL MONTH. WE'RE HERE. DIAPERS, BABY WIPES.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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