

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, December 19, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Smith: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. CHAIR. I DO HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY, PAUL PHILLIPS, RICHARD KOENIG, JOE WALSH, AND MR. LIGHTNING. WE WILL HAVE TWO MORE AFTER THAT.

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE LAST WEEK, THE 12th, ABOUT MENTAL DISORDERS IN AMERICA, AND I WILL HAND IN THIS PIECE OF PAPER THAT I READ LAST WEEK. EVEN THOUGH I HAVE HANDED IN A PREVIOUS COPY BEFORE. FACT AND FICTION IS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. THIS HERE IS A FICTION, BLIND AND DEAF PEOPLE, I HAVE BEEN TITLED THIS SUBJECT -- ENTITLED THIS SUBJECT AS -- WOULD YOU READ THAT FOR ME? I FORGET. I FORGET THE SUBJECT. EXCUSE ME.

>> SEASON SPIRITS.

>> YEAH, ERIK HOLDER. THIS IS FICTION, A BLIND AND DEAF PERSON, THEY WERE ACTORS. IT IS A VERY GOOD LAUGHABLE MOVIE, BUT ERIK HOLDER IS

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL. I SENT HIM TWO -- SOME FOUR NOTICES CORRESPONDENCE BY MAIL, EVEN REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED, MAIL CORRESPONDENCE AND NEVER HEARD A THING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SO, THEY MUST BE ASSASSINATING JUSTICE. I SAY THAT JUST ICE IS THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION. EVEN A TURD IS 90% WATER. JUST ICE IS MOSTLY WATER. I SENT ERIC HOLDER HIMSELF, TWO PRESCRIPTIONS OF OXYCODONE. I DIDN'T HAVE THE INTENT OF ADDICTING THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL ON OXYCODONE, BUT I DID SEND THAT STUFF, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEVEN DOG ATTACKS. I APOLOGIZED IN THE OHSU AFTER MY HIP SURGERY, AND TWO CARE FACILITIES, REHABILITATION. I WAS THERE FOR SOME 80 DAYS, REHABILITATION, AND THE PACIFIC CREST REHABILITATION. I APOLOGIZE TO ALL OF THE STAFF BECAUSE I WASN'T IN THE SEASON SPIRITS. WITH READING LAST WEEK THIS MENTAL HEALTH DEAL THAT -- IN AMERICA, IT WAS CURRENT 10 YEARS AGO. BUT SATURDAY MORNING, KATU HAD ANNOUNCED THAT 100 TRIMET BUS DRIVERS HAD BEEN ASSAULTED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. SO, I GUESS IT IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER 100 FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. SOMEBODY MIGHT GET KILLED SOMETIME. AND, OF COURSE, I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE FROM MY INJURIES WITH THE BROKEN HIP, TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD. MY TIME IS UP.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, SEASONAL GREETINGS. I TRUST THAT SOME OF YOU REMEMBER ME FROM WHEN I WAS OBJECTING TO DAN STAYTON'S APPOINTMENT TO BOB SKIPPER'S VACANCY. I SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A POOR MOVE PUBLIC RELATIONS-WISE TO INSTALL A SELF-ADMITTED FELON AS THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY, AND I ENDED UP BRINGING YOU THE AUDIO RECORD SO THAT YOU COULD LISTEN TO HIS ADMISSION OF HIS FELONY AND I URGED YOU TO GET THE COURT ORDER. JUDGE -- WHAT WAS HER NAME --

>> Chair Madrigal: COULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

>> PARDON?

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>> FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T MET ME, MY NAME IS RICHARD L. CANIG. AND YOU WERE SITTING IN THE BACK OFFICE AT THE TIME. THE RESULTS OF MY EFFORT TO BAN MR. STAYTON OR GET HIM UNAPPOINTED WAS THAT I WAS BANNED FOR A YEAR. HE BANNED ME THE DAY THAT I WAS HERE AND BROUGHT THE AUDIO RECORD OF HIS ADMISSION. DURING THAT YEAR, JEFF COGAN TOOK OVER FROM TED WHEELER WHEN TED WHEELER WENT SOUTH, AND THEN IN THE LAST WEEK OF MR. STAYTON'S BAN, I GOT A LETTER FROM JEFF COGAN, AND HE SAID THAT I WOULD -- I HAD BEEN OVER TO THE ELECTIONS DIVISION, TRYING TO CLARIFY MY STATUS, AND HE HEARD ABOUT

IT, AND HE WROTE ME A LETTER AND SAID YOU'RE BANNED FOREVER. DON'T EVER COME BACK. AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT QUITE THE WAY IT IS. WE DON'T BAN PEOPLE FOREVER. WE DON'T BAN PEOPLE WITHOUT AN APPEAL PROCESS. MR. STAYTON DIDN'T GET THAT STUFF RIGHT EITHER. BUT JEFF REALLY FAILED ON EVERY -- ON EVERY SCORE. HE DIDN'T GET ANY OF THEM RIGHT. I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY IS THAT GOING TO BE -- IS THAT LIFETIME BAN GOING TO BE A PROBLEM BETWEEN THIS BOARD AND MYSELF? AND I'M NOT ASKING FOR AN ANSWER TODAY. I CAN COME BACK. BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD CHECK THE RECORD FOR YOURSELVES, AND SEE AND THEN I WILL CALL FOR A VOTE NEXT WEEK. I DO HAVE ONE NICE THING THAT WAS WRITTEN BY OUR CURRENT CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO READ THAT. ACCESS MEANS THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME TO ONE OF OUR BUILDINGS, THEY FEEL SAFE. THEY FEEL THEY CAN GIVE INPUT AND FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BEING HEARD. WE CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE IF WE CAN'T -- IF WE CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE, WE CAN'T SERVE THEM. IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID? THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

Mr. Walsh: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I WOKE UP THIS MORNING TO AN EMAIL THAT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PORTLAND POLICE ARE NOW DOING AN INTERESTING EXERCISE. THEY'RE GETTING OUT OF THEIR CARS FOR 15 MINUTES AND THEY'RE TALKING TO THE CITIZENS OF PORTLAND. THAT IS A GREAT IDEA. THAT'S CALLED COMMUNITY POLICING. BUT THEN THERE IS THE LAST PART. THEY'RE NOW REQUESTING PEOPLE TO ALLOW THEM TO SEARCH THEM. GETTING OUT OF THEIR CARS AND THEY'RE SAYING, MR. WALSH, WE'RE HERE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TRUST THAT WE LOST OVER THE YEARS AND WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO TALK TO YOU FOR A LITTLE BIT. HOW ARE YOU DOING THERE, MR. WALSH? BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU GET UP AGAINST THAT WALL BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEARCH YOU. I SPENT NINE YEARS IN THE NAVY FIGHTING FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. TO HAVE A POLICEMAN SUGGEST, ASK, DEMAND, TELL, OH, JUST BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU MIND IF WE SEARCH YOU, BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE SAFE WHEN WE'RE TALKING TO YOU. YOU DON'T DO THAT. YOU DON'T SEARCH ME. I'M TALKING TO YOU. WHY WOULD A POLICE OFFICER THAT HAS A GUN, A STICK, A KNIFE, AND MACE BE AFRAID OF ME? OR ANYBODY ELSE? THE CONCEPT OF POLICE OR COMMUNITY POLICING IS A GOOD CONCEPT. THEY NEED TO GET OUT OF THEIR CARS AND TALK TO PEOPLE. THEY DO. ESPECIALLY IN THE HOT AREAS WHERE THERE IS -- AREAS WHERE THERE IS HIGH CRIME. THEY NEED TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE AND GET THEIR TRUST. WHY POLLUTE IT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT IS ALMOST LIKE IT IS PSYCHOTIC. A MEETING OF TWO POLICE OFFICERS. I HAVE THIS GREAT IDEA. LET'S TALK TO THE CITIZENS OF PORTLAND AND THE OTHER ONE SAYS YES, BUT WE HAVE TO BE SAFE. LET'S SEARCH THEM FIRST. IT'S PSYCHOTIC, IT'S PARANOIA, AND IT'S REALLY A SHAME BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE THE

TRUST OF THE POLICE. WE NEED THAT. WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT. NO MATTER WHICH SIDE YOU ARE ON THE POLICE -- EVERYBODY KNOWS WE MUST TRUST THE POLICE. AND THE POLICE MUST TRUST US. THIS DOESN'T DO IT. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT PORTLAND LIGHTNING THINK TANK. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MORNING IS BASICALLY AGAIN GETTING BACK TO FOUNDATIONS IS THAT WE'RE RUNNING INTO A PROBLEM AGAIN THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY ON THE FUNDING ISSUE, AND THEY'RE LOOKING IN OTHER DIRECTIONS OF PARKS AND VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS WHICH IS GREAT, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO ESTABLISH MORE FOUNDATIONS AND WE CAN DO THIS THROUGH THE REAL ESTATE COMMUNITY, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS THAT WILL BEGIN TO FUND AGAIN LIKE I'VE STATED THE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY. THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THAT. IT DOESN'T COST A DEVELOPER REALLY ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY IF YOU THINK WHAT I'M TRYING TO SUGGEST HERE IS WHEN THEY SELL THEIR CONDOMINIUM THAT THEY DEVELOPED, AND SAY \$1 MILLION AT THE 7% REALTOR'S FEE, WE NEGOTIATE RIGHT UP FRONT WITH THE BROKERAGE COMPANIES, INSTEAD OF DOING THE 7%, 1% IS TRANSFERRED IN TO THE DEVELOPER'S OWN FOUNDATION, WHICH THEY CREATED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING GET A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE OFF THE SIDEWALKS AND INTO HOUSING. AS A VERY SIMPLE IDEA. IT'S AN IDEA THAT PROBABLY HASN'T BEEN USED BY A LOT OF DEVELOPERS OUT THERE, AND IT DOESN'T COST THEM ANY MONEY. THEY CREATE THEIR OWN FOUNDATIONS. EVERY DEVELOPER HAS THEIR OWN FOUNDATION. WHEN THEY ARE BUILDING OUT THESE APARTMENT BUILDINGS, CONDOMINIUMS, THEY CAN EITHER FUND IT OFF OF THE SALES OF THE CONDOMINIUMS, FUND IT OFF THE SALES OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING. AGAIN, JUST ONE PERCENT. IF YOU ARE TALKING SAY \$50 TO \$100 MILLION, THAT STARTS TO ADD UP. I'M NOT TALKING JUST ONE ORIGINAL SALE. I'M TALKING EACH TIME THAT PROPERTY SELLS OR THAT CONDOMINIUM SALES, IT MIGHT SELL ONE TIME THE FIRST YEAR. IT MIGHT SELL YEAR THREE. IT MIGHT SELL YEAR FIVE. WE'RE TALKING ONE PERCENT OFF THAT \$1 MILLION GOING INTO THEIR FOUNDATIONS, ACCRUING, AND THEN ALL OF THE DEVELOPERS GET TOGETHER AS A COALITION AND THEY SAY, HEY, WE'VE GOT 2,000 PEOPLE OUT THERE. LET' DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. LET'S SHOW THE CITY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ADDRESS THE SITUATION, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. WE HAVE SET THESE FOUNDATIONS UP TO DO THAT, TO HELP THE PEOPLE THROUGH THIS CITY THAT NEED THE HELP THE MOST. THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO IT. THEY'RE IN THE POSITION TO DO IT. THEY KNOW HOUSING BETTER THAN ANYBODY IN THIS ROOM. I CAN ASSURE YOU, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS KNOW HOUSING BETTER THAN ANYBODY IN THE CITY. THEY KNOW WHAT IT COSTS TO BUILD THEM. THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR RENTS ARE. THEY KNOW

WHAT THE RENTS ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO. THEY KNOW WHAT THE RENTS ARE IN TEXAS. THEY ARE LOOKING IN DETROIT TO GET THE BEST DEALS OUT THERE BECAUSE THE BANKRUPTCY, THEY KNOW THE BUSINESS. THAT'S WHO WE NEED TO HAVE REALLY FOCUS ON THE SITUATION OF THE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE AND IT IS THROUGH THE FOUNDATIONS AND AS YOU KNOW, WARREN BUFFETT, BERKSHIRE, ALREADY STARTED BUYING UP THE REAL ESTATE COMPANIES RIGHT NOW. HE CAN ASSIST, TOO. INSTEAD OF A 7% FEE, DROP IT TO 6%, AND FUND 1% TOWARD THE HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO MORE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. CHARLES JOHNSON AND SARA HOBBS.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, LADIES, ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. IT IS NICE TO BE IN A ROOM WITH SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE, ALL OF THE WAY TO STATE SENATOR DEMBROW. MY COMMENTS THIS MORNING RATHER AD LIBBED AND A BIT LATE. THEY RELATE TO THE 11th OF DECEMBER, THIS YEAR, AS MS. HOBBS WILL BE TALKING ABOUT, 11th OF DECEMBER, FOUR ATTEMPTED SUICIDES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T DONE A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESEARCH, I'M HOPING THAT YOU ALL AGREE THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON WHAT MANY THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS IN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT IS HARM REDUCTION AND PROTECTING THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS. A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK, UP IN THE BUILDING THAT DOUBLES AS A SMALL JAIL AND A POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU RELEASED A REPORT ABOUT SUICIDE, AND IT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF OUR NEIGHBORS. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THAT PLAN, THERE DID NOT COME AN IMPROVED OR COORDINATED ACTION PLAN FOR SEEING LESS OF OUR NEIGHBORS FEEL SO TRAUMATIZED THAT THEY ATTEMPT TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIFE OR COMPLETE THAT ATTEMPT. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MORE AND MORE CITIZENS WILL BE STEPPING FORWARD TO HELP YOU USE THE POWER YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED INTO TO MAKE EFFORTS TO HAVE A BETTER CITY, COUNTY COORDINATED PLAN TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS SO THAT WE DON'T EVER HAVE ANOTHER DAY WHERE FOUR PEOPLE GET TO THAT EXTREME AND FEEL THAT THEY CANNOT CONNECT WITH THE RESOURCES THAT MIGHT KEEP THEM ALIVE. THANK YOU ALL. AND DESPITE THIS DEPRESSING NEWS, I KNOW YOU ARE DOING MANY GOOD THINGS THAT WILL HELP US HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY.

Ms. Hobbs: FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS SARA HOBBS, AND TO EXPOUND A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT CHARLES IS SAYING, OUT OF THE FOUR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, THREE ACTUALLY COMPLETED. TWO BY FIREARMS, ONE BY FALLING FROM A GREAT HEIGHT. THE FOURTH WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN A TRAUMA UNIT IN PORTLAND. I AM HERE AS ONE WHO BY THE GRACE OF GOD IS NOT A SUCCESSFUL SUICIDE ATTEMPTER. THIS PAST MAY I STRUGGLED WITH

SUICIDAL IDEATION AND WENT TO MY PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER WHO IS AN INTERNAL MEDICINE DOCTOR. SAYING LOOK I'M-- I NEED HELP. HER RESPONSE WAS THE DISTRESS, I'M SORRY, BUT THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS SO BACKED UP YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT THREE TO FIVE WEEKS FOR AN INTAKE APPOINTMENT. THAT WAS NOT A GUARANTEE OF CARE. THAT WAS JUST TO TRY TO GET MY FOOT IN THE DOOR FOR CARE. I AM HERE TODAY TO SAY-- SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THIS COUNTY. PORTLAND RANKS NUMBER 8 NATIONWIDE FOR ITS HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE. NUMBER 8 IN THE ENTIRE NATION. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. BY THE TIME THOSE TWO PEOPLE WHO DIED ON THE 11th PUT THE GUN TO THEIR HEAD AND THE ONE PERSON FELL FROM A GREAT DISTANCE, THE BATTLE WAS LOST. WE NEED TO GET TO PEOPLE UP FRONT AND THREE TO FIVE WEEKS FOR AN APPOINTMENT JUST TO GET THEIR FOOT IN THE DOOR, THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE. I AM VERY FORTUNATE IN THAT I HAVE A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM TO THE INTERNAL MEDICINE CLINIC AT LEGACY GOOD SAMARITAN. I HAVE A GREAT NEURO SURGEON AT OHSU WHO IS HELPING ME WITH THE PHYSICAL PROBLEM THAT AT TIMES HAS DRIVEN ME TO A DEPRESSED STATE, TO A -- CHRONIC PAIN, AND WE HAVE A GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR ME. BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO DON'T, WHO ARE DEPENDENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE? IT'S NOT THERE. I, LIKE CHARLES, DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO PICK UP THE PAPER OR READ THE POLICE BLOTTER FOR ANOTHER DAY LIKE THE 11th. I DON'T WANT LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN MAY THIS YEAR. TO NOT BE ABLE TO GET ACROSS BROADWAY TO GO HOME FROM THE TRAIN STATION BECAUSE SOMEBODY FELL INTENTIONALLY FROM BUD CLARK COMMONS, AND -- CROWDING OUT ON THE STREET, WAITING FOR THE -- TO COME GET THEM. I CAN'T GET THROUGH BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE POLICE RESPONDING TO THE SUICIDE. I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN. AND I WANT TO GET PORTLAND OUT OF THAT HORRIBLE STATISTIC OF BEING NUMBER 8. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND SHARING YOUR STORY. AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, I THINK WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT YOUR PATH AND YOUR STORY. IF I COULD HAVE YOU CONNECT WITH MY STAFFER, CASEY. CASEY COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND?

>> I WOULD LIKE TO. THAT -- AS A SUICIDE SURVIVOR, TRAIN STATION, HOW HAPPY IT WAS RAIL DAY AND I WAS GOING TO GO ON MY LUNCH BREAK AND THAT WAS THE DAY SOMEBODY ENDED THEIR LIVES FALLING FROM THE COMMON, AND I GOT TO BROADWAY JUST 20 MINUTES AFTER IT HAPPENED. THAT'S A VIGIL -- I CAN SEE HIS BODY THERE AND HIS FEET STICKING OUT OF BLANKET BECAUSE HE WAS TALL. THAT IS A VISUAL I DON'T WANT TO SEE. I LOVE PORTLAND, BUT I'M HORRIFIED OF THE FACT THAT IT IS NUMBER 8 IN THE ENTIRE NATION FOR SUICIDE. WE CAN DO ALL OF THE PREVENTION WORK AT THE BACK END, BUT FOR THREE PEOPLE ON THE 11th, IT WAS TOO LATE. WE NEED TO GET IT AT THE FRONT END.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. CASEY RIGHT HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> AND BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO PUT ON RECORD AND THE BROADCAST, ANYBODY WHO IS IN CRISIS, THAT IS THE REASON WE HAVE A 911 SERVICE AND ALSO YOU CAN GET ON TRIMET AND TELL THE DRIVER IT IS AN EMERGENCY AND GO TO ANY EMERGENCY ROOM OR MOST OF THE DAY THERE IS CRISIS SERVICE AT CASCADIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ON DIVISION JUST EAST OF 39th, CESAR CHAVEZ. SO IF YOU ARE HAVING A BAD TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS AND IT SEEMS TO BE A CRISIS, TRIMET WILL GET YOU THERE. YOU CAN CALL 211 OR 911. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>> R-1, PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING, ORDINANCE SECTION 11, COUNTY CODE REFLECTING CHANGES RELATED TO THE VISITOR'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

>>> GOOD MORNING. AS WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, THIS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 11 OF THE COUNTY CODE, PRIMARILY TO REFLECT CHANGES THAT WERE MADE TO THE VISITORS FACILITIES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF PORTLAND AND METRO. AND IT ALSO DOES SOME HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES RELATED TO STRIKING OUTDATED LANGUAGE AND BRINGING THE CODE INTO CLOSER CONFORMITY WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S TRANSIENT LODGING TAX CODE. AND I WILL ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

Chair Madrigal: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, CHAIR MADRIGAL. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. ARE THERE ANY OTHER VOTES THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ON THIS ORDINANCE?

>> NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF. THERE IS WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE VISITOR'S FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT THAT WILL NEED TO BE AMENDED. BUT THAT JUST SPECIFIES THE TERMS OF HOW THE VISITOR'S DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS ESTABLISHED.

Commissioner Smith: HOW OFTEN IS THAT AMENDED?

>> I THINK THAT IT WAS AMENDED IN 2011 BY THE CITY. PREVIOUSLY IT HAD ONLY BEEN ADOPTED WHEN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 2001.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR. I JUST HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK, AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT WORKED ON THIS. I'M SO PLEASED THAT WE REVISITED THIS IGA, WHICH WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS VERY NEEDED, IN MY OPINION. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK ON THAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: WE WILL VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? SECOND READING IS APPROVED AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>> R-2, RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 45.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-2. COULD WE HAVE BARBARA SMITH WARNER, THOMPSON -- AND JAMES WOODS UP TO THE FRONT. WE HAVE NAME TAGS FOR YOU. SO, A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE FILLED A VACANCY IN THE SENATE, AND BY APPOINTING HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DEMBROW -- SENATOR DEMBROW IN THE BACK, HELLO. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. AND SO TODAY WE ARE FILLING HIS SEAT. I'M JUST GOING TO GO OVER SOME OF THE PROCEDURES THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW TODAY. EACH OF THE THREE CANDIDATES, DREW NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE ORDER THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS, ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND THEY WILL SIT HERE IN THIS ORDER. EACH CANDIDATE HAS FIVE MINUTES FOR THEIR INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL THEN ASK QUESTIONS WITH COMMISSIONER WENDT FROM DISTRICT ONE ASKING THE FIRST QUESTION. CANDIDATES WILL ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTIONS IN THE ORDER THAT THEY GAVE OPENING STATEMENTS. EACH CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TWO MINUTE TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION. THEN COMMISSIONER SMITH FROM DISTRICT TWO WILL ASK THE NEXT QUESTION AND FOLLOWED BY COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WITH NUMBER THREE AND SO ON. ONCE WE ROTATE THROUGH THE BOARD FOR ONE ROUND OF QUESTIONS, AT THAT TIME WE WILL DO A TIME CHECK AND SEE IF WE WANT TO DO ANOTHER ROUND OF QUESTIONS OR CONDUCT A STRAW POLL OR SEE IF WE ARE PREPARED TO VOTE TO APPOINT SOMEONE. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE BOARD IS READY TO VOTE, WE WILL MAKE STATEMENTS AND CAST OUR VOTES IN ORDER BY DISTRICT, STARTING WITH DISTRICT ONE. IF THERE IS NO CONCLUSIVE VOTE IN THAT STRAW POLL, THE BOARD WILL DELIBERATE,

TAKE A SECOND VOTE AND CONTINUE. WE MAY ALSO ELECT TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS. IN ORDER TO BE APPOINTED TO THE SENATE DISTRICT, THE CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF THREE VOTES. A FEW MORE NOTES. COMMISSIONERS CAN ASK ANY FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME IN ANY ORDER. ADDRESS THE FOLLOW-UPS TO INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES OR THE ENTIRE GROUP OF CANDIDATES AT THEIR DISCRETION. EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE ASKED EVERY QUESTION BUT A CANDIDATE CAN CHOOSE TO PASS ON ANY QUESTION. COMMISSIONERS MAY ALSO PASS ON ASKING A QUESTION. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. THIS IS A CAREFULLY PRESCRIBED PROCESS WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS?

>> CAN I TEST THE MIC.

>> YES.

>> HOW'S THAT? SPEAK LOUD. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: OKAY. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE BARBARA SMITH WARNER TO OFFER HER INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS.

Ms. Smith Warner: THANK YOU CHAIR MADRIGAL AND FELLOW COMMISSIONERS. AS YOU MENTIONED, MY NAME IS BARBARA SMITH WARNER, HONORED TO SIT BEFORE YOU AS A NOMINEE FOR OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 45 AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH EACH OF YOU DURING THIS PROCESS. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE SHARED WITH ME ABOUT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES AND EACH OF YOUR PRIORITIES. BECAUSE I HOPE TO BE A PARTNER AND ADVOCATE IN SALEM. LET ME BEGIN WITH BRIEF BACKGROUND. A MOM OF TWO KIDS WHO ATTEND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL AND I HAVE BEEN A LABOR AND GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZER FOR MY ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL LIFE. IN MY WORK OUTSIDE OF THE HOME, I CURRENTLY SERVE AS A FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR U.S. SENATOR RON WYDEN, MY JOB IS TO BE A CONDUIT TO THE SENATOR AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ACROSS THE STATE. I HELP TO MAKE SURE THAT LABOR UNIONS, HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ADVOCACY GROUPS ARE IN THE LOOP ABOUT THE SENATOR'S WORK AND IMPORTANTLY, I MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD BACK IN D.C. AS WELL. I'M ALSO AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WITH MY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, PTA BOARD, CLOTHING CLOSET, FOOD PANTRY, AND CHILDREN'S BOOK BANK. MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB AND THE ONE THAT BROUGHT ME HERE TODAY IS AS A MOM. I HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED STRONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WORKED TO ELECT OTHER CANDIDATES WHO SHARED THOSE VALUES, BUT IT WAS AN ABSTRACTION FOR ME UNTIL THE TWO-- MY SON EMMETT AND MY DAUGHTER ELEANOR. NOW AFTER COUNTLESS HOURS VOLUNTEERING IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AND WITH THE PTA, WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DOES IN

SALEM AND TOOLS FOR SUCCESS THAT TEACHERS AND KIDS HAVE OR DON'T HAVE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. MY KIDS ARE IN THE THIRD AND 5th GRADE. WE ARE LUCKY TO GO TO A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVED -- THE MOST INVOLVED AND SUPPORTIVE PARENTS, AND DON'T GET ME WRONG, THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, WE CAN'T MAKE UP FOR 20 YEARS OF CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING AND BAD POLICY THAT IS PRIORITIZING TEACHING TO THE TEST OVER REAL LEARNING. IN ADDITION, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVING BEEN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE HUBS FOR THE NEW STATEWIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES, EAGER TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS IN THAT AREA. THE EARLIER WE START, THE GREATER KINDERGARTEN READINESS IS AND THE GREATER SUCCESS KIDS WILL HAVE IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE. MY OTHER PRIORITY IS HEALTH CARE. LIKE EDUCATION, MY COMMITMENT IS VERY PERSONAL. JUST IN MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY, A SISTER AND A BROTHER WHO HAVE BEEN CRIPPLED BOTH PHYSICALLY, ONE THROUGH AN ACCIDENT AND ONE BY DISEASE, AND FINANCIALLY, BECAUSE OF THE PATCHWORK HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF OUR COUNTRY. I WANT TO MAKE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WORK FOR OREGONIANS BECAUSE I TRULY BELIEVE EVERY PERSON IN OUR STATE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE AND BECAUSE OUR JOB ON HEALTH CARE REFORM IS FAR FROM OVER. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNOR'S TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS WITH THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN TO THE COORDINATED CARE MODEL CAN BE A MODEL FOR FURTHER EFFORTS IN WRAP-AROUND CARE. EXPANDING THAT MODEL TO INCLUDE SERVICES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROVIDES TO SENIORS, VETERANS, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, FOOD ASSISTANCE, A TRUE WRAP-AROUND MODEL WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STRENGTHS AND SYSTEMS THAT THE COUNTY HAS IN PLACE AND PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT FOR THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT YOU SERVE. YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE I WAS NOMINATED FOR THIS POSITION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING UP TO ME, OFTEN AT SCHOOL, SOMETIMES AT THE GROCERY STORE, AND SAYING, HEY, I HEARD ABOUT THIS. YOU KNOW, I AM A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME ISSUES. OH, YOU KNOW, I WORK WITH -- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT I WORK WITH AN EDUCATION POLICY GROUP NATIONALLY AND WE HAVE GREAT IDEAS WE WOULD LOVE TO IMPLEMENT HERE. HEY, DO YOU KNOW I'M INVOLVED WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AT THE STATE LEVEL AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME THINGS THERE. WELL, I HAVE TO SAY, I THINK THIS DEMONSTRATES WHY I WOULD BE A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVANT, YOU, YOURSELF, DON'T NEED TO HAVE ALL OF THE ANSWERS ALL OF THE TIME. WHAT YOU DO NEED IS TO BE COMMITTED TO BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND RESOURCES FROM ALL DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. YOU NEED TO BE EAGER TO LISTEN, EAGER TO LEARN, AND TO LEAD. AND A SENSE OF HUMOR AND A DOSE OF HUMILITY PROBABLY DOESN'T HURT EITHER. IF I AM GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, I LOOK FORWARD TO REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF HOUSE

DISTRICT 45 AS A PART OF AN ENERGIZED MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAUCUS AND AS AN ACTIVE PARTNER FOR OUR SHARED PRIORITIES. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS AND I HOPE TO EARN YOUR VOTE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. I PREFER JAMIE WOODS -- I WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL FOR MEETING WITH ME OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS. IT WAS A PLEASURE. I KNOW IT IS DIFFICULT TO TAKE TIME OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULE. YOU HAVE A LARGE ORGANIZATION AND I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET TIME ON YOUR PARTICULAR SCHEDULE. I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND ABOUT MY SHORTCOMINGS, THINGS THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN THE COUNTY AND I LEARNED QUITE A BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR FOR A REPRESENTATIVE IN HOUSE DISTRICT 45. I DON'T ENVY WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TODAY. WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE A DECISION ON ONE PERSON TO SERVE THREE TOTALLY DIFFERENT ROLES. FIRST TO BE A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 45. THE SECOND ONE IS TO BE A GOOD ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT DOWN IN SALEM AND THE THIRD TO HAVE A GOOD LEGISLATOR ON A BUNCH OF ISSUES AT THE SAME TIME. I FIGURE BETWEEN THE THREE OF US WE HAVE THIS TOTALLY COVERED. WE WOULD MAKE A PERFECT LEGISLATOR ALL TOGETHER. BUT YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OF US. SO, THE CASE I'M GOING TO MAKE IS THAT NOT THAT I'M PERFECT IN ANY ONE OF THESE, BUT I MAKE A GOOD MIX ON A BUNCH OF ISSUES AND I WOULD BE THE BEST CHOICE FOR IT. HOUSE DISTRICT 45. IT IS A CURIOUS DISTRICT. IT IS PART IN THE WEST AND PART IN THE EAST OF 205. IT HAS ONE OF THE RICHEST ZIP CODES IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A COUPLE OF LAKE OSWEGOS HIDING AROUND IN THERE, AND IT IS ATTACHED TO THE AREA THAT HAS LOW INCOMES, LOW SERVICES, LOW TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. IT IS CRIME RIDDEN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, AND IT IS TWO SIDES. THE TWO SIDES HAVE NEVER QUITE GOTTEN TOGETHER. IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE ATTACHED AND CONNECTED ON THE WEST SIDE AND THOSE WHO ARE DETACHED AND CONNECTED ON THE EAST SIDE, JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE NOMINATING PROCESS THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR POSITIONS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE IN THE ROOM AND I -- EVERYONE STAND UP, AND EVERYONE WHO IS WEST OF 205 TO SIT DOWN. THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A THIRD. BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON STANDING. I KNEW HIM. THAT IS HOW DISCONNECTED THAT OTHER PART OF THE DISTRICT IS. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO FIX. I'M COMING FROM THE EAST SIDE, TO THE WEST, AND FROM BEING HERE I HAVE MANY CONCERNS OF THE WEST AND AT THE SAME TIME CAN ADDRESS THEM. SECOND ISSUE HAS TO DO WITH THE COUNTY. I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ALL. THIS IS WHERE I GET TO SAY I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON HEALTH CARE. I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS. I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON HUMAN SERVICES. LUCKILY BEING LEGISLATOR IS A BIT OF A TEAM EFFORT. IT IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

WE HAVE A POWERFUL CAUCUS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERTS ON THIS. I'M TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE -- MITCH GREENLICK AND I CAN SUPPORT THEM IS WHAT I CAN DO AS MY PLACE SUPPORTING YOU. AND IT COULD BE THINGS LIKE MAKING SURE WHEN I'M LOBBYING AGAINST A TAX EXPENDITURE, EXPLAINING THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW THE TAX EXPENDITURE GETS YOU MORE THAN A DOLLAR WORTH OF A BENEFIT, BUT DOES BETTER THAN SPENDING A DOLLAR ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. I CAN THROUGH ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION, SOME OF THE STUFF HERE IS PREVENTATIVE AND SAVES YOU MONEY ON THOSE THINGS. FINALLY, THE -- LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE. AND I OFTEN TELL MY STUDENTS, I'M AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THAT THE LEGISLATURE DOES IS ECONOMICS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WHAT I DO IN THE CLASSROOM IS EXPLAIN SIMPLE LANGUAGE WITH PERFECT EXAMPLES, WHAT IS THE BEST THING WE SHOULD DO IN THIS CASE. TWO AREAS THAT I FOCUS ON. THOSE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE P-20 THE FULL RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE -- I HAVE 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND CONSERVATION. THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS SOMEONE IN THESE AREAS BECAUSE THEY'RE LOSING THAT EXPERTISE. THEY'RE LOSING PEOPLE LIKE JACKIE, JEWELS BAILEY, SARA IS MOVING OVER TO THE SENATE. WE ARE MOVING A BIT OF THE BRAIN TRUST AND EXPERTISE THERE AND I HOPE I CAN SLIP INTO SOME OF ROLES THERE AND THE ISSUES OF MICHAEL DEMBROW. I HOPE YOU EVENTUALLY DECIDE THAT I AM THE BEST PERSON TO APPOINT AS THE INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 45. THANK YOU.

>>> I AM TOM SINCIC. I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING ON AN IMPORTANT TASK TODAY -- AND FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE NOMINATED. I AM READY TO SERVE IN HOUSE DISTRICT 45 AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE. MY GOALS ARE TO LISTEN AND TO ENGAGE THE VOICES OF THE PUBLIC ACROSS DISTRICT 45 AND TO SHOW THE COURAGE TO ACT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. BEING SEMI-RETIRED, I HAVE TIME AND PLENTY OF ENERGY TO TAKE UP THIS TASK AND APPROVE THE LIFE OF ALL OF OUR GUARDIANS. I BREAK DOWN THE ROLE OF LEGISLATURES INTO THREE PARTS, POLICY MAKING, RULEMAKING OR UNMAKING, ADVOCACY, AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. I AM EXPERIENCED AS A PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER DOING ALL THREE OF THESE THINGS IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS. DISTRICT 45, THE COUNTY, AND THE STATE, CANNOT OPERATE IN ISOLATION WHEN SEEKING TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. IN MY WORK AS A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN A HOLISTIC VIEW OF MY PATIENTS, WHICH INCLUDED THE IMPACT OF RULES AND POLICIES AT ALL LEVELS, BOTH NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE, AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THROUGH LISTENING TO THOSE THAT I HAVE ENGAGED, I HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ACROSS MANY CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS ABOUT THEIR CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING. IN THE PAST, THIS HAS INCLUDED AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUERTO RICAN

COMMUNITY IN THE EAST COAST, RURAL EAST TENNESSEE, IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE, MIGRANT HEAD START BOARD MEMBER, THE INCARCERATED IN THIS COUNTY. I HAVE HAD INTERACTION WITH THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTY. I HAVE WORKED WITH VETERANS FAMILIES, CHILD VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING, YOUTH WORK TASK FORCE PROGRAMS, WORKING FROM EAST SIDE TO ROOSEVELT IN THE NORTH. AT THE THREE HIGH SCHOOLS IN MY DISTRICT. AND WITH KIDS FROM -- WHO ARE HOMELESS IN THE COMMUNITY TRANSITION SCHOOL. I HAVE SPENT TIME WITH VIETNAMESE FAMILIES IN NORTH COLUMBIA VILLA AND SOUTHEAST PORTLAND MENTORING THEIR CHILDREN. I HAVE BEEN TO THE HOMES IN THE CLINIC WORKING WITH AFRICAN REFUGEE PEOPLE. I HAVE TAKEN THIS PHILOSOPHY AND BACKGROUND TO NEIGHBORHOOD, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVELS WITH OUTCOMES. WHILE LEARNING MUCH, PERSPECTIVE THAT I WOULD BRING TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. HOW WILL I, AS A STATE LEGISLATOR, THROUGH POLICY WORK, ADVOCACY, AND WISE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WORK? WELL, YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE SMALL AND LARGE PROJECTS. HERE A FEW EXAMPLES OF WHAT I HAVE DONE. NO TOBACCO POLICY IN THE JAIL. CHANGE THE STATE LAW TO -- MEDICAL RECORDS ACROSS CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. PRENATAL CARE BEGAN IN THE JAIL EARLIER WHEN THE POLICY WAS CHANGED TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY TESTING ON REQUEST AT INTAKE. RESULT OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION THAT I PROPOSED. I USED ACCESS AND EXPANDED FINANCIAL AID FOR KIDS WANTING TO PLAY SOCCER AS A SOCCER BOARD MEMBER. IN 2003, DUE TO THE BUDGET SHORTFALL, FUNDING WAS CUT TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND THE STATE OFFICE CLOSED. I WENT TO WORK WITH OTHERS ACROSS THE STATE ON A BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FROM WHAT WAS A CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT AND FUNDING WAS RESTORED AND THE STATE OFFICE WAS REOPENED. WORKING WITH CHILDREN FIRST AND NOW REPRESENTATIVE TINA KOTEK, THE STATE FUNDING FORMULA PROCESS FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS. LATER IN D.C., I WAS ADVOCATING WITH THEN SENATOR GORDON SMITH AND BARACK OBAMA TO CHANGE FEDERAL FUNDING TO INCLUDE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OREGON BLUE CROSS, BROUGHT THE STATE'S LARGEST INSURERS TOGETHER -- THOSE WERE BEGINNING EFFORTS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIZENS ARE A BENEFICIARY. KAISER FOR THE FIRST TIME IS GETTING MONEY DIRECTLY FOR SCHOOL-BASED CLINIC SERVICES HERE. WHERE IS THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIVE FORCES THAT THE STATE LEGISLATORS MUST FACE? WHAT FORCES ARE AT WORK, BLOCK ADVOCACY TO EQUITY OR BRING RIGHT TO WORK RULES TO THIS STATE -- WHAT PRESUMPTIVE POLICIES OR PREEMPTION POLICIES PRESENT US -- PREVENT US FROM INSTITUTING FUNDING THAT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. WHAT POLICIES, SUCH AS THE COUNTY BAN ON -- ENHANCED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL APPROACH. I'M READY TO TAKE THESE ON. POLITICAL DECISIONS FROM SCHOOL BOARDS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE HERE CREATING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, GETTING KIDS EDUCATED, ESTABLISHING EQUITY FOR

PEOPLE. ADJUSTING CHALLENGES OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS, ADJUSTING WEALTH DISPARITY, PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OTHER ISSUES REQUIRE JOINT EFFORTS. I HAVE EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS AND MINDSET AND READY TO FIND THE MEANS TO WORK WITH ALL OF THESE ENTITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONS WITH COMMISSIONER WENDT ASKING THE FIRST QUESTION.

Commissioner Wendt: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. YOU ARE BRAVE SOULS. APPRECIATE IT. THE FIRST QUESTION YOU HIT ON IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS. OREGON EDUCATION INVESTMENT BOARD HAS IDENTIFIED A GOAL OF BUILDING A UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR INVESTING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION FROM BIRTH TO COLLEGE TO CAREER. HOW WOULD YOU USE YOUR ROLE AS REPRESENTATIVE IN HOUSE DISTRICT 45 TO FURTHER THESE GOALS? I THINK WE START WITH BARBARA.

>> I THINK THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THOSE -- ALL THREE -- HAVING SERVED ON THAT, JAMIE IS CURRENTLY GOING TO KNOW MORE DETAIL ABOUT THIS. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT IS WHAT MY GENERAL IDEAS WOULD BE. I THINK THAT PLAYS DIRECTLY INTO MY PROPOSAL ABOUT WRAP-AROUND. WRAP AROUND IN HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION IS ANOTHER PLACE THAT IT MAKES SENSE, STARTING WITH I WOULD SAY SUPPORTING THE NEW STRUCTURE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES ACROSS THE STATE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS THE HUB. MAKING SURE THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMS LIKE THAT CAN SOMETIMES WANDER OFF OR GO AWAY FROM LACK OF ATTENTION. I WOULD SAY KEEPING THE FOCUS ON THAT, ON THE BIRTH THROUGH PRESCHOOL AGE. MAKE SURE THAT YOU WRAP OTHER PROGRAMS ON EARLY LITERACY THAT ARE ALREADY TAKING PLACE THROUGH THE LIBRARIES HERE. UTILIZING NON-PROFITS LIKE THE CHILDREN'S BOOK BANK AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. INCLUDING THAT. AND ON THE CAREER FRONT, I THINK THAT SOMETHING THAT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT IS WHILE SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S 40, 40, 20 FOR LONG-TERM EDUCATION PROPOSALS, I DO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON THAT PERCENTAGE OF FOLKS WHO ARE NOT GOING TO GO TO COLLEGE AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO -- FOR CAREER AND THE TRADES. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE WITH UNIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT PROVIDE HIGH-SCALE, HIGH-WAGE JOBS. PROGRAMS LIKE THE ONE AT BENSON THAT PROVIDE OTHER, YOU KNOW, SKILLS TRAINING FOR THESE FOLKS SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE A VARIETY OF AVENUES TO SEND -- TO SEND STUDENTS DOWN. I WOULD SAY THE WRAP-AROUND AND MAKING SURE THAT WHAT YOU DO IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FEEDS INTO WHAT THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE DOING IN THE K-8 SITUATION THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN HIGH SCHOOL IS GOING TO PROMOTE GOOD OUTCOMES, WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TOWARDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FOUR-YEAR

COLLEGES, OR TRADE AND -- BROADLY CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU CONNECT ALL OF THOSE AND DON'T THINK ABOUT THE BIRTH TO THREE INITIATIVES WITHOUT THINKING HOW THEY WILL PLAY OUT AT THE VERY END.

>> OKAY. WHY DON'T I START OFF WITH A COUPLE OF THINGS I HAVE DONE ON THESE ISSUES. ACE ACADEMY, WHICH IS PREPARATION FOR STUDENTS THAT SPEND A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME WITH THEIR HANDS. IT IS ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING, IT IS A MODEL THAT WE HAVE IN EAST PORTLAND, AND AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ON PARK ROSE I VOTED TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT IT WITH A GUARANTEED ENROLLMENT SINCE I BELIEVE 2006, WHEN IT WAS INITIATED. WHILE ON THE HIGHER ED COORDINATING COMMISSION, WE MOVED AROUND A COUPLE OF THE RULES THAT MADE IT EASIER FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO PROVIDE TRAINING THAT WAS BEING PROVIDED BY FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS, EXPANDING THE POOL OF TRAINING THAT WAS AVAILABLE. THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WERE IN THE PAST. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD THAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT 40, 40, 20 IS MORE ACHIEVABLE. CHANGING AROUND THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR K-12. A FIXED AMOUNT PER STUDENT. THAT DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN EQUITABLE RESULT ACROSS THE STATE. WE LIVE IN AN AREA THAT HAS RELATIVELY HIGH WAGED BECAUSE WE HAVE HIGH PROPERTY, HIGH COST OF LIVING AND MEANS OUR CLASS SIZE WILL BE LARGER HERE THAN IN OTHER AREAS. CLASS SIZE VARIES CONSIDERABLY ACROSS THE STATE. WE NEED TO CHANGE THE FUNDING FORMULA, A COST SHARING ARRANGEMENT RATHER THAN A PER STUDENT ARRANGEMENT TO MAKE A MORE EQUITABLE RESPONSE TO CHILDREN'S NEEDS. SECOND, INNOVATION IS GOING ON AT THE HIGHER ED LEVELS, PAY IT FORWARD, MICHAEL DEMBROW JUST RIGHT NOW ON A CONFERENCE CALL ABOUT IT. THERE ARE THREE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THERE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WAY HOW WE DELIVER EDUCATION IN THE STATE. FIRST ALLOWS PEOPLE TO TREAT THEIR TUITION EXPENSES BASICALLY AS -- MAKING IT MORE LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE WITH PARTIAL PAY FORWARD. FUND IT BY SECURITIZING IT AND ALLOWING THE PERS FUNDS AND THE BOND FUND -- THE NEW PAY IT FORWARD STREAM. AND THEN FINALLY BY ALLOWING THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO PARTICIPATE, WE CAN CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR TOWARDS STUDENTS. THANK YOU.

>>> I GOT INTO THIS AS ORIGINALLY AS A TEACHER IN AN A CLASSROOM AND SAW THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. THIS IS VERY CLOSE TO MY BELIEF SYSTEM AND WHY I WANT TO BE A LEGISLATOR. FIRST THING THOUGH I DECIDED IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO COME READY TO LEARN FROM THE EARLIEST AGES. AND IT IS NOT ALL JUST ABOUT EDUCATION. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE GOING TO THE SERVICE AS A WRAP AROUND, THAT KIDS FROM TIME OF BIRTH COME BORN HEALTHY AND THEY GO INTO PRESCHOOL HEALTHY AND THEN WHEN THEY GET THERE, HEAD START IS A GREAT MODEL. THEY PROVIDE HEALTH CARE, DENTAL CARE, SOCIAL SERVICES. THESE KINDS OF THINGS. THIS IS THE KIND OF PERSPECTIVE I

WOULD BE BRINGING TO THIS. TO MAKE SURE THAT HEAD START, FIRST OF ALL, IS AVAILABLE TO ALL. LOOK AT THAT FUNDING REALLY CLOSELY. AND IN ADDITION, WHEN PEOPLE GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL, THERE IS THIS COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT. BUT IT IS A WRAP-AROUND. AND THE SUN PROGRAM IS A BIG PART OF THAT. I HAVE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SUN. BASICALLY ANOTHER THING TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF THAT IS A TECHNOLOGICAL UPDATES IN THE CLASSROOM, LIKE AT THE SCHOOL RECENTLY THROUGH A GRANT -- NOT LAPTOPS -- FOR ALL OF THE KIDS. BASICALLY I'VE SEEN ABOUT THE EARLY CHILD LEARNING COUNCIL AND THAT IS REALLY THE PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FOCUS OF ENERGY IS PLACED TO PUT A FOUNDATION ON. AS WE SAID, THOUGH, WE KNOW THAT REGULAR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AREN'T THE FIT FOR EVERYBODY. SO, PROGRAMS, AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FROM YOUTH BUILDERS, BENSON HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE ACE ACADEMY PROGRAM, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, BUT THEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STEM THAT KIND OF THING. THERE IS ALSO A PROGRAM IN THE STATE CALLED ASPIRE, WHICH ONE OF MY KIDS THAT I MENTORED WAS IN. IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT GETS KIDS READY THROUGH A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. BUILDING VOLUNTEER BASIS IS GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THINKING OF THIS WHOLE PICTURE. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SMITH WILL NOW ASK A QUESTION.

Commissioner Smith: GOOD MORNING. JAMIE I WILL START WITH YOU FIRST. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROCESS AND WANTING TO SPEND YOUR LIFE GIVING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GOING THROUGH THAT. AND THE FIRST QUESTION THAT I HAVE FOR YOU, JAMIE, IS WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEGISLATOR?

>> I HAVE A COUPLE OF PASSIONS. ONE IS THAT I GET UPSET WHEN THE STRONG ARM THE WEAK. AND I SEE THAT HAPPENING QUITE A BIT. WHETHER IT IS GOING TO BE THE CONNECTED, THE -- HARMING THOSE THAT ARE DISCONNECTED. I GET UPSET WHEN INSTITUTIONS HARM MY STUDENTS. AND SO IT IS A PASSION OF MINE THAT SOMETHING WHICH SPURS ME INTO ACTION ALL OF THE TIME. IT IS A HABIT THAT I HAVE. AND PART OF IT IS A REACTION THAT I DON'T WANT THOSE THINGS TO HAPPEN TO THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT DID HAPPEN TO ME AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T HAPPEN. THIS IS A PARTICULAR PASSION THAT I HAVE. I ALSO WANT TO FINISH SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I STARTED. COORDINATING COMMISSION AND I WANT TO SEE THEM THROUGH. I WANT TO SEE THE IDEAS THAT WE HAD ON REDUCING TEXTBOOK COSTS FINISHED. I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND DO THEM. AND FINALLY I WANT TO POINT OUT, KIND OF THIS WEIRD PASSION FOR JUSTICE, I'M IN AN UNUSUAL PLACE. I AM NOT A CLASSIC POLITICIAN. I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE HERE. I AM NOT AN EXTROVERT. I'M NOT SOMEBODY WHO TAKES WELL TO BEING IN FRONT OF CROWDS LIKE THIS. I AM NOT

SOMEBODY -- I SIMPLY WANT TO GO AHEAD AND FIX PROBLEMS. THAT IS WHAT I FEEL I AM GOOD AT AND THOSE ARE MY PASSIONS AND THAT IS WHY I DO IT.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO HAVE A QUICK FOLLOW-UP. THE VULNERABLE KIDS THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO HELP THOSE FOLKS AS A LEGISLATOR?

>> WHAT I STARTED IN RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL QUESTION, EQUALIZING THE EFFECT OF EDUCATIONAL SPENDING. WE HAVE LARGE DISPARITIES THAT ARE THERE IN BASICALLY TEACHER SALARIES AND THOSE IMPACT CLASS SIZE. YOU CAN SEE CLASS SIZES WITHIN THE STATE THAT ARE DIFFERENT BY ALMOST A FACTOR OF TWO. AND IT HAPPENS THAT SOME STUDENTS ARE LIVING IN THE WRONG PLACE, MEANS THAT THEY HAVE A CLASS SIZE OF 35. OTHER STUDENTS WILL HAVE A CLASS SIZE OF 20 JUST BECAUSE OF GEOGRAPHY. WE NEED TO TREAT THOSE STUDENTS FAIRLY. THEY NEED TO HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE AND EQUAL DOLLARS DOES NOT MEAN EQUAL CHANCE.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. THOMAS, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEGISLATOR?

>> THIS IS MY TIME TO DO THIS. BEING -- I WAS THINKING, I HAVE DONE A LOT OF VOLUNTEER WORK MY ENTIRE LIFE. MY SCHEDULE OPENED, AND THIS OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG. BUT GIVEN MY BACKGROUND AND WORK WITH FAMILIES FOR BASICALLY MY ENTIRE ADULT LIFE, STARTING IN COLLEGE, I REALIZED THAT IT IS ABOUT THE FAIRNESS OF THE RULES AND HOW THE RULES ARE SET AND WHO SETS THE RULES. AND I WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT. AND WHO THAT ALLOCATES THE RESOURCES UNDER THOSE RULES. WE CAN GO DOWN A LIST OF -- ABOUT RULES THAT JUST DON'T WORK IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. RULES THAT ARE DISCRIMINATORY. THEY'RE NOT THAT FAR IN THE PAST. THEY CAN COME HERE AGAIN. RULES AND POWER THAT COMES IN AND INTERFERES, MONEY AND POLITICS THAT KEEPS US FROM SAY RAISING THE ALCOHOL TAX, REALLY. WE COULD USE THAT TO FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES. WE SAW THE EARLIER TESTIMONY OF THE DAY. THIS IS THE KIND OF THINGS THAT I WANT TO BE WORKING ON, ABOUT PREVENTION. WE HAVE TO START THESE THINGS EARLY. AND GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE. HELP US SAVE DOLLARS AND MAKE WISER USE OF OUR RESOURCES. BASICALLY THERE HAS BEEN RULES IN THIS STATE ABOUT ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION, MARRIAGE EQUALITY. THINGS THAT THE STATE IS GOING TO LOOK AHEAD AT THE PRIVATE SALE OF LIQUOR. RIGHT TO WORK. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO COME UP. AND I WANT TO BE THERE ON THE FOREFRONT. I'M READY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INTEGRATION OF THESE THINGS AND HELP DEFINE THE PRIORITIES UNDER WHICH WE OPERATE. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. BARBARA, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEGISLATOR?

**Ms. Smith Warner:** I GREW UP IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND WHILE I WAS THERE, I HAD THE GOOD AND BAD FORTUNE TO BE THERE WHEN MY NEXT OLDER SISTER WAS IN A CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENT. SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL IN ICU FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS, IN THE HOSPITAL FOR THREE WEEKS, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS AND HAS JUST BEEN BACK HOME SUCH AS IT IS. SHE DID NOT HAVE HEALTH CARE. SHE HAS WORKED A SERIES OF JOBS THROUGHOUT HER LIFE WHERE SHE HAS WORKED THEM LONG ENOUGH TO QUALIFY AND THEN SHE HAS LOST IT FOR VARIOUS REASONS BECAUSE THE COMPANIES HAVE CHANGED OR WHATEVER. SHE IS NOW FACING A LIFETIME OF -- SURE, THERE IS GOING TO BE A SETTLEMENT. THE ACCIDENT WAS NO FAULT OF HER'S. BUT -- WE LEARN ABOUT A THING CALLED POLICY MAXIMUMS, WHERE EVEN THE AMOUNT THAT SHE IS GOING TO GET -- SHE IS GOING TO END IN MEDICAL BANKRUPTCY. AND THIS HAPPENS HOW MANY MONTHS BEFORE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TAKES EFFECT SO THAT -- I HAD SAID TO HER, IF THIS -- BAD ENOUGH THIS HAD TO HAPPEN. COULD IT NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN 2014 WHEN IT IS NOT GOING TO NOW CAUSE FINANCIAL RUIN? AND THEN I CAME BACK HERE AND WHEN THIS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF, I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON HEALTH CARE REFORM? I WAS WORKING ON IT 20 YEARS AGO. AND -- I'M JUST -- I JUST DECIDED THAT I WAS TIRED FOR WAITING FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH IT. AS FAR AS WE HAVE COME AND AS CLOSE AS WE ARE NOW, I'M JUST -- I'M DONE WAITING FOR -- I'VE HELPED OTHER PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR IT, I HAVE BEEN VERY PROUD OF THAT WORK. I WANT TO GO IN AND DO IT. I THINK THE SKILLS I TALKED ABOUT, MY ABILITY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, BUT I'M JUST -- I'M READY TO STAND UP AND DO IT MYSELF AND DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO THAT EDUCATION, OTHER THINGS THAT I CARE ABOUT AND THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THIS COMMUNITY. SO, THAT'S REALLY WHY I'M RUNNING.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR SISTER. AND THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THIS, IF THERE CAN BE ANY GOOD NEWS, IS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, SHE WILL NOT BE PENALIZED FOR PREEXISTING ILLNESSES OR INJURIES GOING FORWARD INTO 2014. SO, WE DO HAVE THAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

>> THANK GOODNESS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: OH, MY GOODNESS, THAT IS HOW INVOLVED IN YOUR ANSWERS I WASN'T PAYING AS MUCH ATTENTION TO MY QUESTION. SO FAR

ALL THREE OF YOU HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT PRIMARILY EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, AND THOSE DO CONSTITUTE TWO MAJOR PARTS OF STATE BUDGETING. A THIRD MAJOR PART OF THE STATE'S BUDGET IS PUBLIC SAFETY. AND STARTING WITH YOU, TOM, I WANTED TO, RATHER THAN ASK A SPECIFIC QUESTION, I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY, EACH ONE OF YOU IN TURN, TO RHAPSODIZE ON THE CONNECTIVITY THAT YOU SEE, IF ANY, BETWEEN THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, PART A AND PART B -- HOW YOU WILL SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY FOR OREGONIANS AS A LEGISLATOR.

>> I'M A SAFETY FIRST GUY. THAT IS THE FIRST PART OF HEALTH CARE BASICALLY IS, YOU KNOW, SAFE PRACTICES IN A PUBLIC WAY, IN MANY WAYS, WHETHER IT BE ON THE ROAD, DRINKING AND DRIVING. USE OF SUBSTANCES. IN FACT, MY THESIS, MASTER THESIS WAS ON CHILD SAFETY AND THE HEADSTART PROGRAM, FIRE SAFETY. HOW EARLY SHOULD KIDS LEARN ABOUT GETTING THEMSELVES OUT OF A FIRE AND PROTECTING THEMSELVES? THE SAFETY ISSUE HAS BEEN HIGH IN MY REGARD. WHAT WOULD I DO AS A LEGISLATOR? I WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT AS AN EXAMPLE THE TEXTING INFORMATION THAT IS COMING UP. WE HAVE HAD SOME LAWS -- TEACHING YOU ABOUT TEXTING AND DRIVING, GREAT IDEA. EDUCATION, ABOUT SAFETY. EVERY DAY WITH KIDS THAT I SEE IN THE CLINICS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CHILD CARE SYSTEM FROM HEADSTART TO SCHOOL, THAT WE TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT SAFETY ASPECTS. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. A LOT OF SAFETY ISSUES HAPPEN IN THE HOME. THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY PUBLIC OUT IN THE WORLD. ISSUES OF FALLS FOR THE ELDERLY, DISABLED -- NURSING HOMES. I HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE ASPECTS AS A LEGISLATURE.

Commissioner Wendt: I APOLOGIZE. MY QUESTION WAS PROBABLY TOO OPEN ENDED. CAN YOU GO BACK, TOM, AND SPEND A MINUTE, WITH PERMISSION OF MY COLLEAGUES, PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE FUNDING FOR THAT PORTION OF PUBLIC LIFE CONSTITUTES ABOUT, YOU KNOW ABOUT A THIRD OF THE STATE'S EXPENDITURES.

**Ms. Smith Warner:** RIGHT, OKAY. SO I'LL JUST START BRIEFLY AGAIN. IF WE CAN KEEP KIDS -- FIRST OF ALL, OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO START WITH AND NOT HAVE -- I HAVE TALKED TO MANY FAMILIES, PEOPLE DEALING WITH VIOLENCE IN THE HOME. WE KNOW ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THINGS THAT GET PEOPLE IN JAIL. I WORKED IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE YEARS, JUVENILE HOME FOR THREE YEARS. ONE OF MY GOALS COMING OUT OF THERE WAS TO WORK AHEAD OF THE GAME. THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO WORK AHEAD OF THE GAME. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING OUT, I UNDERSTAND, ON A NEW BASIS OUT THE PRISON SYSTEM. AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THAT, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT

WE HAVE TO DO TO PROVIDE THEM SERVICES THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS ARE FOLLOWED UP ON, MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE FOLLOWED UP ON. THESE ARE THE CORE ELEMENTS OF A LOT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS. AND, SO, THAT WOULD BE THE THINGS THAT I WOULD THINK ABOUT. BUT ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT A PREVENTION FIRST MODE. MY OWN DAUGHTER WAS IN A CLASS OF GRANT IN 1998. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY KNOWS ABOUT THAT CLASS. CLASS PRESIDENT, CLASS VICE PRESIDENT, TRACK STAR, ALL WENT TO PRISON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND, SO, MAYBE PART OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM -- I KNOW ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE VERY WELL, STILL A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE. HE GOT GOOD TRAINING IN THE PRISON AND HAS COME OUT AND BEEN A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

>> Commissioner Wendt: THANK YOU. BARBARA.

>> I WOULD ECHO A LITTLE BIT OF TOM'S PREMISE AS WELL ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO -- DEALING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY IS PREVENTION. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE. EARLY CHILDHOOD, GOOD EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, IS GOING TO DO A LOT OF THINGS TO KEEP PUBLIC -- TO PREVENT FUTURE INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND ALSO, I WOULD SAY THAT A JOB, SOMEONE HAVING A JOB IS ONE OF THE BEST MEASUREMENTS -- ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO, I THINK, TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE SYSTEM IN GENERAL. AND, SO, WHETHER THAT IS, AGAIN, LOOKING -- SUPPORTING VARIOUS JOB TRAINING OPTIONS, GIVING PEOPLE DIFFERENT AVENUES, AND ALSO I WOULD SAY THAT ALSO TIES IN TO HOW YOU DEAL WITH FOLKS WHO ARE COMING OUT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM. I THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT ONE OF THE WORST THINGS ABOUT GETTING INTO THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM IS HOW HARD IT IS TO GET OUT OF IT. WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO RENT AN APARTMENT AFTERWARDS OR GET A JOB OR ANYTHING. IT IS WORTH FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. BUT IT HAS A TRUE AND LASTING IMPACT ON ANYONE COMING OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS LIKE A STRIKE AGAINST YOU. I WOULD SAY MY FOCUS WOULD BE SHIFTING TO NOT BELIEVING THAT OUR JOB IS DONE WHEN WE RELEASE THEM. TO DO WHAT WE CAN, ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES, JOB TRAINING, GIVING THEM THOSE OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT THEY CAN SUCCESSFULLY GET OUT OF THAT SYSTEM AND NOT COME BACK IN IT. AND, AGAIN, TO REEMPHASIZE THAT THE MORE YOU DO ON THE FRONT SIDE TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM GETTING INTO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE BETTER RESULT YOU WILL HAVE NO THE LONG TERM.

>> I'LL GO AHEAD AND START WITH THE EDUCATION COMPONENT, OF COURSE, WHICH THE BETTER THE EDUCATION, THE MORE LIKELY YOU GO AHEAD AND FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, THE LESS LIKELY THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS WITH YOU. COLLEGE WILL DO THE SAME THING. THAT IS THE OBVIOUS CHAIN OF EVENTS. THE OTHER THING THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS IS AN ELEMENT OF THE BULLY PULPIT. THE BULLY PULPIT ALLOWS US TO

SPEAK TO THE CITY COUNCIL, TO SPEAK TO YOU, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE CHANGES IN POLICIES THAT YOU HAVE. A PART OF MY DISTRICT IS, AGAIN, EAST OF 205. SORRY, ALREADY CALLING IT MY DISTRICT. BUT IT IS EAST PORTLAND. BUT IT WAS, IF IT WOULD BE CUT OFF FROM PORTLAND, THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE STATE, IT WOULD BE SOME OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT, MOST CRIME RIDDEN AND ALSO ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE AREAS IN TOWN. THIS KIND OF FOCUS ON CHANGING WHAT YOU AND THE CITY DOES IS A POSSIBILITY FOR A LEGISLATOR. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO. THE OTHER THING THAT HAPPENS THAT IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO ME, IN THE LAST SESSION, THERE WAS AN SB 463 WAS PASSED, DOCUMENTING THE RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN OUR PARTICULAR ENFORCEMENT. AND BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH WILL BE AN ONGOING PROCESS, YOU CAN SEE A GREAT DEAL OF NEED FOR FOLLOW-ON LEGISLATION DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY FIND THERE. THAT IS THE PART I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO, FIXING THIS PARTICULAR DISPARITY THAT IS THERE. THAT'S IMPORTANT. PEOPLE WITHOUT VOICES AGAIN. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> **Vice-Chair McKeel:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION AND THEN I WILL GO INTO MY OTHER QUESTION. BUT I'M JUST INTERESTED -- THEN MY REAL QUESTION. NO, I'M JUST CURIOUS HOW LONG EACH OF YOU HAVE LIVED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 45?

>> I HAVE LIVED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 45 FOR 12 YEARS. ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK IT WAS 45 WHEN I FIRST MOVED THERE.

>> WE LIVE IN THE HOUSE SINCE '99 OR 2000, BUT I'M ONLY RECENTLY -- 47, I WAS REDISTRICTED.

>> I HAVE BEEN THERE 26 YEARS.

>> **Vice-Chair McKeel:** THANK YOU. NOW MY OTHER QUESTION. AND WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT HEALTH CARE, BUT I THINK THAT I DID HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A SPECIFIC, MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND I THINK WE HEARD SOME COMPELLING TESTIMONY THIS MORNING AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUICIDES, AND, YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF IT IS THE COUNTIES THAT TREAT AND FUND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SERVICES FOR OUR MENTALLY ILL. SO, I'M JUST INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU ALL SEE AS THE STATE'S ROLE IN THIS AREA, WHETHER DIRECT SERVICES, FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, OR DO YOU ENVISION A DIFFERENT MODEL ALL TOGETHER? AND ALSO I THINK WHEN WE ALL TALKED, YOU ALL KNOW THAT A FOCUS IN MY OFFICE IS VETERANS. WE KNOW THERE IS A VERY HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE IN THE VETERANS COMMUNITY AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SPEAK TO ALL OF THAT A LITTLE. I SAID IT WAS A LONGER QUESTION.

>> I THINK -- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M NOT SURE I SPOKE WITH YOU ABOUT IT, BUT I THINK THAT WE ARE ONE OF THE OTHER GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS I REALLY THINK THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE PARODY LANGUAGE IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ABOUT THE PARODY BETWEEN MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. BECAUSE IT IS -- IT IS WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY IN IT, IT IS ONE OF THE 10 PARAMETERS OF CARE, AND I THINK THAT WHILE I DO NOT YET HAVE A SOLUTION READY FOR YOU, I BELIEVE THAT -- THAT WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THE FUNDING, WHETHER IT IS THROUGH COVER OREGON, SOME OF IT THROUGH THE CCO AND THE HEALTH CARE AND TRANSFORMATION AT THE STATE LEVEL. I THINK WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE THAT REQUIREMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PARODY IN ORDER TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDING AND TO HELP TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT SO MUCH OF IT IS IMPLEMENTED AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. AND THAT -- AND AT THE SAME TIME, ALSO THROUGH VA, THROUGH THE VA, THROUGH ODDA, STATE LEVEL, MAKING SURE TO INTEGRATE THAT WITH WHATEVER ELSE WE'RE DOING. SO AS I SAID, I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC ANSWER, I HAVE BEEN -- KNOWING THAT THERE IS -- I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO FIGURE OUT A NEW WAY TO LEVERAGE THAT PARODY AND MAKE IT A REALITY AND MAKE IT TRULY IMPACT HERE IN THE COUNTY, WHICH, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY IS WHO IMPLEMENTS THE STATE AND EVENTUALLY THAT FEDERAL POLICY. YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY. IT WILL BE THE MOST CRITICAL TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP YOU DO THAT.

>> IN THE LAST SESSION, THERE WAS A BILL THAT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT. IT WAS SB 823, HAVING TO DO WITH MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND FUNDING FOR A BUNCH OF SERVICES. FUNDING BY CLOSING A COUPLE OF TAX LOOPHOLES AND IMPOSING A 10 CENT TAX ON CIGARETTES AS A POSSIBILITY. SIMPLEST SOLUTION I HAVE TO THAT -- REINTRODUCTION OF THAT PARTICULAR BILL FROM THE HOUSE SIDE. THANK YOU.

>> LIKE JAMIE SAID, IT STARTS WITH FUNDING AND WE GET THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BLOCKING FUNDING, LIKE THE ALCOHOL -- RAISING THE ALCOHOL TAX AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THIS COULD BE A CORE STARTING POINT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE LEGISLATOR TO HELP YOU GET THE FUNDING THAT YOU NEED AND TAKE CARE OF THAT BURDEN THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING. BUT ALONG THOSE LINES, THERE IS OTHER THINGS WHICH IS REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDERS AND HELP SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED. PUBLIC OREGON HEALTH PLAN, OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY LOOKS AT OUTCOME SPACE AND START GOING IN THAT DIRECTION. THERE IS MORE WAYS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH THAN JUST COMING TO THE CLINIC OR TRAVEL FAR. WE KNOW NOW MORE THAN EVER THAT ACTUALLY MENTAL HEALTH VISITS CAN BE DONE ON THE PHONE, THROUGH TELECOMMUNICATION. SO, AGAIN, TECHNOLOGIES TO SERVE RURAL AREAS,

VETERANS, TO SERVE PEOPLE QUICKER AND MORE PEOPLE VIA PHONE CALLS AND GIVING THEM ACCESS AND SUPPORT. SO, THIS WILL BE A REIMBURSEMENT PROBABLY CHOICE TO SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THE PERSON IN THE CLINIC, IF YOU TALK TO HIM ON THE PHONE, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD THING AND THAT IS WORTH SOMETHING. THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF IDEAS THAT I THOUGHT ABOUT. VETERANS ARE A VERY KEY PIECE OF IT. VETERANS FAMILIES. MAYBE TRYING TO SUPPORT VETERANS FAMILIES AHEAD OF TIME BEFORE THEY RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT TO GET THEM MORE READY FOR THE CHANGE THAT IS ALMOST ALL LIKELIHOOD GOING TO HAPPEN IN THEIR LOVED ONE. THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER PART OF SERVICES, KIND OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES, COUNSELING SERVICES THAT THE STATE COULD FUND. SAD PART IS THAT RIGHT NOW, VETERANS WHO ARE OTHER THAN HONORABLY DISCHARGED DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE VA SERVICES. THAT IS AN ADVOCACY THING I THINK THE STATE CAN TAKE ON AND HIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOME TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THAT POLICY.

**Vice-Chair McKeel:** THANK YOU.

>> IT'S MY TURN. I WILL DRILL DOWN A LITTLE BIT ON COMMISSIONER McKEEL'S QUESTION BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE AS A COMMUNITY. EXPERTS ESTIMATE THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE ONLY HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING TO ADDRESS 30% OF THE NEED IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS. AS WE HEARD SO POIGNANTLY THIS MORNING, COVERAGE IS NOT THE SAME THING AS ACCESS. SO, AS A LEGISLATOR, WOULD YOU SUPPORT NEW FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS TO MEANINGFUL NEW FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS TO HELP EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY? STARTING WITH JAMIE.

>> AS I SAID, THAT PARTICULAR BILL PROVIDED TWO NEW FUNDING SOURCES, ONE CLOSING TAX EXPENDITURES AND THE OTHER ONE A 10 CENT TAX ON CIGARETTES. IS THAT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH FOR YOU?

>> I DON'T THINK THAT COVERS IT.

>> HOW DEEP DO YOU NEED? I WILL ADMIT THAT I DON'T HAVE, A, ENOUGH BACKGROUND ON THIS AND I AM A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES RIGHT NOW. I APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS INSUFFICIENT ON SCALE. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>>>SHORT ANSWER, YES. TO LOOK AT CREATIVE WAYS OF FUNDING. AGAIN I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE ALCOHOL REVENUE WOULD BE. WE WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT THAT ALL OF THE WAY TO THE END. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ME. WHEN YOU CUT BACK FUNDING FOR MENTAL

HEALTH IN THE COUNTY, I EXPERIENCED THAT WHEN WE WENT FROM FULL-TIME TO HALF TIME IN THE SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS AND ACCESS IS DIFFERENT THAN FUNDING. WE HAVE TO HAVE A SYSTEM -- WHEN WE TOLD SOMEBODY THEY HAD TO GO TO KAISER, SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT. THAT WAS SAD TO SEE. WE HAVE TO CREATE ACCESS POINTS AND I THINK WE DO THINGS SMART, WE CAN DO MORE, PART OF MORE WITH THE SAME FUNDING. THAT IS, AGAIN, USING A TECHNOLOGIES AND PHONE SERVICES, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOME THINGS SMARTER BUT THAT IS NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS BIG, BIG NEED THAT STARTS AT A FAIRLY EARLY AGE FOR A LOT OF KIDS BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED. ONCE SOMEBODY HAS GOTTEN INTO THINGS LIKE HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, THE INTENSITY OF THE WORK IS GREAT. AND SOMETIMES IN THE CLINIC I WAS VISITING SOMETIMES DAILY WITH A PERSON. SO, WE HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REIMBURSEMENTS ARE THERE. AND ALL OF THOSE SERVICES AND SUPPORT ARE THERE AND THE STATE NEEDS TO COME THROUGH WITH THE FUNDS FOR YOU.

>>> I THINK TOM IS EXACTLY RIGHT ABOUT NEEDING TO MAKE IT SO THAT EVERY MENTAL HEALTH IS PART OF ALL, YOU KNOW, AND MORE AND IF NOT ALL HEALTH CARE INTERACTIONS, AND, YES, I WOULD SUPPORT A MORE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT. I THINK THAT IN THE 2015 SESSION, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE GOVERNOR IS PLANNING ON DOING A BIG PICTURE REVIEW OF REVENUE. I THINK THERE IS NO BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT AS ONE OF MANY BUT CERTAINLY A STRONG PRIORITY AS WE FIGURE THAT OUT. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IN TAX STRUCTURE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE AND THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE, AND THAT NEEDS TO BE A HUGE -- WHEN YOU ARE FIGURING OUT THAT TO BEGIN WITH, MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS A BALANCE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE -- WHO GET THE MOST, ARE PAYING THE MOST, AND THAT IS A REPRESENTATIONAL THING. I THINK THAT WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN 2015, AND, INDEED, I WOULD PRIORITIZE THAT AS PART OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO PAUSE AND CHECK IN WITH MY COLLEAGUES. DO WE FEEL THAT WE'RE READY FOR THE STRAW POLL OR WOULD WE LIKE TO DO ANOTHER ROUND OF QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION. I'D LIKE TO ASK.

>> AND I HAVE ANOTHER ONE AS WELL.

Chair Madrigal: LET'S DO ONE MORE ROUND.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE LIVED A SIGNIFICANT TIME IN DISTRICT 45 AND YOU'RE LONG-TIME

RESIDENTS. THAT WAS GREAT TO HEAR. KNOWING THAT, BARBARA -- IS BARBARA NEXT OR THOMAS? THOMAS, LIVING IN A DISTRICT 22 YEARS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE THE TOP TWO ISSUES, TWO OR THREE ISSUES THAT ARE IN DISTRICT 45?

>> TRY NOT TO THINK OF THIS DISTRICT IN ISOLATION PARTLY BECAUSE IT EXTENDS FROM THE ALAMEDA RIDGE AND THE HOTELS ON SANDY BOULEVARD. HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY JUST TO HEAR FROM PARENTS MOSTLY, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EVERYBODY THINKS ABOUT KIDS. PEOPLE TALK ABOUT KIDS. WHEN IT COMES TO KIDS, THEY WANT A GOOD EDUCATION. SO, THAT'S, YOU KNOW, THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. SECONDLY, HEALTH CARE HAS BEEN A TOPIC EVERYWHERE. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IS A CORE PART OF EVERYONE'S FUTURE. SO, I -- I WOULD SAY ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT FLOAT THROUGH AND AROUND DISTRICT 45, ALL OF THE THINGS MENTIONED HERE, I WOULD THINK THAT THOSE ARE CLEARLY FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE TALKED TO THAT --

>> Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GET MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THAT. WE CAN SAY EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE ARE HUGE ISSUES STATEWIDE. SPECIFIC TO YOUR DISTRICT, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN TERMS OF DELIVERING SERVICES, AND SO I'M TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SOME OF THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU THINK NEED TO BE ADDRESSED?

>> OKAY. I WILL GO BACK TO THE PARK ROSE AREA, WHICH IS IN THIS DISTRICT, WHICH I HAVE WORKED IN THIS PAST WEEK. ADDRESSING THE SCHOOL DROP-OUT THING, WHICH MEANS GIVING MORE VOLUNTEERS AND RENTERS, ASPIRE PROGRAM, EXTENSION OF THE KIND OF THINGS THAT SUPPORT STUDENTS SPECIFICALLY IN SCHOOLS. AND, AGAIN, WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK, EASY ACCESS FOR CONTINUING SERVICES WHERE KIDS DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL AROUND. I MEAN, RIGHT NOW, AGAIN WITH THE SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES, ONCE SCHOOL IS OUT, EAST COUNTY, RIGHT? AND THAT IS A LONG WAYS -- THAT IS A LONG WAYS TO GO. EVEN THOUGH IT IS AVAILABLE. SO, I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD SEE IS JUST CREATING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MAYBE VIA THINGS LIKE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES, AND MAYBE ENHANCING THE SUN PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE WRAP-AROUND FOR SCHOOL SERVICES. ONGOING THREATS EVERY TIME. SUN IS BEING CUT. SUN IS BEING CUT. PEOPLE PANIC OVER THAT. AND THERE ARE, A LOT OF SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT THAT HAVE SUN PROGRAMS. SO, I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART SPECIFICALLY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. BARBARA.

>> I THINK IN GENERAL I WOULD SAY MUCH LIKE MY PRIORITIES, I DO ALSO BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE ARE KEY. AND THEN MORE BROADLY, AND I APOLOGIZE IF I'M GOING BROADER INSTEAD OF MORE NARROWLY, BUT I THINK ECONOMIC FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND ALL THAT THAT INCORPORATES. I THINK THIS IS BOTH WHETHER YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT GRANT PARK, ARGA, PARK ROSE, THIS CROSSES THE SPECTRUM REGARDLESS OF YOUR INCOME. I THINK EVERYBODY IN ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT IS CONCERNED ABOUT KIND OF ALL ASPECTS OF THAT. HOUSING SECURITY, JOB SECURITY. HOW SAFE ARE WE IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU KNOW, QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, AND HOW EVERYTHING THAT WE -- AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM -- WELL, THAT'S THE PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION. ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE CONNECTED. I THINK IT IS HARD TO PULL OUT JUST ONE OF THEM. AND I THINK THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO THAT ONE SMALL THING CAN HAVE -- TO JUST DEMONSTRATE THAT RIPPLE EFFECT. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED STORE TO DOOR, GROCERY SHOPPING AND HOME DELIVERY FOR SENIORS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY. I HAVE VOLUNTEERED WITH THEM OFF AND ON FOR YEARS. AND THAT SMALL SERVICE OF DELIVERING GROCERIES TO SOMEONE WHO CAN'T CARRY A GALLON OF MILK HOME ANYMORE, THE IMPACT THAT THAT HAS, NOT ONLY ON THAT PERSON, BUT ON THEIR COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THAT IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN STAY IN THEIR HOME, WHO IS NOT GOING TO HAVE TO GO IN A NURSING HOME OR ANYTHING ELSE. THEY STAY IN THEIR HOME, WHICH MEANS THEY CAN CONTINUE TO BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH OR BE EYES AND EARS THERE. THEY CAN CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER AND BE A PART OF THAT COMMUNITY. THAT ONE SMALL THING, YOU KNOW, CONTRIBUTES TO ALL OF THOSE ELEMENTS OF THEIR ECONOMIC SECURITY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. JAMIE.

>>I'M GOING TO GO BROADER ON THIS AND I'M GOING TO FIRMLY PUT ON MY EAST PORTLAND HAT. AND I WILL SAY THAT IN GENERAL, IT WOULD BE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND JOBS. THE SPECIFIC PART TO GET TO IS INEQUALITY, AND MOSTLY IT IS COUNTY AND CITY FORGETTING THAT LITTLE STRIP OF LAND EXISTS, AND THE EXAMPLE THAT IS MOST FREQUENT IN THE NEWS RIGHT NOW IS ABOUT THE WATER BOARD AND HOW THE WAYS THAT THEY HAVE LAID OUT WHERE THE DISTRICTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AND TOTALLY FORGOT, OH, YEAH, THERE ARE FOLKS IN TOWN OUTSIDE OF PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THAT IS A BIT OF A SHOCK. BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT SOMEBODY FROM THAT AREA WOULD HAVE POINTED OUT IMMEDIATELY AS BEING A PARTICULAR PROBLEM. I CAN LOOK AT YOUR OWN EQUITY MAP. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND LOOK THROUGH THERE AND SEE THINGS ABOUT YOUR PARTNERSHIPS THAT DON'T EXTEND THAT FAR OUTSIDE OF 205. SUBSIDIZED HOUSING CLUSTERED WHERE YOU NEEDED IT 20 YEARS AGO BUT NOT NECESSARILY TODAY. THERE WAS BATTLES WHEN I WAS ON THE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEES ABOUT SUN SCHOOLS AND

WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO US IS THAT YES, THE POPULATION MOVED, BUT THE SUN SCHOOLS WERE NEVER GOING TO CLOSE. DELAYING OPENING IN EAST COUNTY WHERE IT DESPERATELY NEEDED AND MADE US FEEL LIKE TWO OF US IS WORTH ONE OF THEM AS FAR AS SUN SCHOOLS GO. THE AMOUNT OF INEQUALITY IS PARALYZING ALMOST TO THE AREA. THIS IS THE PART WHICH IS HUGE. AGAIN, THIS IS ONLY HALF OF THE DISTRICTS THAT WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT HERE. THE REST SIMPLE THINGS LIKE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND JOBS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: YES, I DID HAVE A FOLLOW-UP. I APOLOGIZE A LITTLE BIT FOR STEWING IN THIS BECAUSE I REALIZE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NOBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT, AND I WANT TO TAKE US BACK TO THAT. HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE, A LARGE PART OF OUR BUDGET EXPENDITURES GOES TO WHAT WE CALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM AND IT INCLUDES FACILITIES FOR INCARCERATION OF BAD PEOPLE WHO WILL VICTIMIZE YOU IF THEY ARE IN THE COMMUNITY OR WHO HAVE VICTIMIZED PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. THESE ARE REAL PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, AND THEY ARE ADDRESSED, AND ONE OF YOU WILL BE SHORTLY IN THE LEGISLATURE AND REALIZE THAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PROCESS, FULLY A THIRD OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES GO TO THE, WHAT WE CALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM. IT IS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND IT DEALS WITH ISSUES THAT ONE OF YOU OR PROBABLY AT SOME POINT ALL OF YOU WILL BE WALKING DOOR TO DOOR AND YOU WILL FIND THAT REAL PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUES LIKE GANG INVOLVEMENT, GUN VIOLENCE, I.D. THEFT, SEX TRAFFICKING, ILLEGAL DRUG MANUFACTURE AND SALE, ELDER ABUSE -- THESE ARE ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH IN THE REAL WORLD. AND WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW WILL YOU GO ABOUT PROTECTING THE FUNDING THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECEIVES TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PIECE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM? AND I FORGET WHERE WE'RE STARTING. BARBARA. THANK YOU.

>> AGAIN, NOT HAVING BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE, I'M NOT YET COMPLETELY, YOU KNOW, I'M CERTAINLY NOT AN EXPERT ON THE BUDGETING PROCESS, HOWEVER, I THINK THAT MY ANSWER WOULD CONTINUE TO BE KIND OF HOW I OPERATE, WHICH IS TO FIGURE OUT THE -- WHICH IS BASICALLY TO LOOK FOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE ANY OTHER RESOURCES THAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT WHAT YOU DO. I MEAN, WHAT -- I THINK I SAID THIS EARLIER, BUT WHAT -- THE COUNTY ISN'T AN ENTITY OF ITS OWN. IT IS NOT SOME SPECIAL INTEREST THAT GOES DOWN TO SALEM LOBBYING FOR THINGS. THE COUNTY IS THE IMPLEMENTER OF STATE POLICY. THIS COUNSEL IT IS AND ALL OF THE COUNTIES ARE. THAT'S HOW THIS -- THE STATE IS STRUCTURED. AND SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AS THE IMPLEMENTER OF

THESE STATE LAWS, WE NEED TO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE WHOLE -- THE STATE CAN'T JUST CREATE UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR YOU GUYS, AND EXPECT YOU TO ACHIEVE THEM. I BELIEVE THAT YOU NEED TO LOOK FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER IT IS FEDERAL GRANTS OR, YOU KNOW, HONESTLY I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS BUT IT IS TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE MORE RESOURCES SO THAT YOU CAN DO THE JOB HERE THAT THE STATE, THE LEGISLATURE, IS ASKING YOU TO DO BY PASSING THESE LAWS. YOU ARE THE IMPLEMENTERS. YOU NEED THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

>> I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND FOCUS ON THE PARTS OF THAT SYSTEM THAT I FIND COST EFFECTIVE, PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION. THIS IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A PUNISHMENT SYSTEM THAT IS HERE. WE NEED TO TURN THESE FOLKS INTO FUNCTIONAL ADULTS. I DON'T HAVE A BACKGROUND ON THIS ONE, BUT I EXPECT I WILL BE SCHOOLED QUITE WELL ON THIS VERY SOON. WHETHER I AM APPOINTED THIS POSITION OR NOT. I HAVE A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS CURRENTLY ENTERING THE PENAL SYSTEM AND WILL BE LEAVING IN A COUPLE OF YEARS AND I WILL LEARN FIRSTHAND HOW THIS WORKS. THANK YOU.

>>I GO THERE WITH THE INTENTION OF RECOMMENDING MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WOULD HOPE TO BE LOBBIED HARD BY THE COUNTY FOR THINGS THAT YOU NEED IN THIS AREA. ONE THING TO THINK ABOUT IS WHETHER THERE COULD BE, FIRST OF ALL, FUNDING, YES, AND THEN DECIDE WHERE IS THE BEST USE OF THOSE FUNDS. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MIGHT CHANGE WOULD BE WHETHER WE WOULD DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA, FOR ONE THING, AND NOT HAVE AN EXPENDITURE THERE THAT MIGHT HELP SHIFT DOLLARS TO OTHER MORE INTENSE, YOU KNOW, CRIMES WHERE THERE IS VICTIMS. THAT WOULD BE A VERY GOOD THING. MAYBE THERE WILL BE EVENTUALLY. THE HEMP LAW HAS ALREADY PASSED IN THE STATE. MAYBE THE FEDS WILL BUDGE AND START GROWING HEMP FOR PRODUCT AND THERE WILL BE SOME TAXES AND REVENUE COMING IN THAT WAY. IT IS A LONG-TERM VISION, BUT WE DO NEED TO THINK ABOUT THINGS AND PROTECTION OF PEOPLE. MAYBE THERE ARE SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO PROTECT ELDERS FROM ELDER ABUSE. MAYBE A CRIME THROUGH THE PHONE. I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHETHER IT WAS TECHNOLOGY THAT WE COULD USE TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY FROM GETTING PRANK BAD PHONE CALLS, VICTIMIZED. I GET THOSE CALLS NOW. I AM IN THAT AGE GROUP. WELL, WHAT DO YOU DO? SO, SOME ASSISTANCE TO GIVE PEOPLE SOME PROTECTION. MAYBE, THAT IS NOT WHAT I CAN SAY ABOUT IT FIRST, BUT I WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE ADVOCATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE LEGISLATURE.

>> THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT, NOT A QUESTION. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU WOULD BE REPRESENTING MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND TO ALL OF YOU, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE SEND A LOT OF TAXES DOWN TO SALEM AND WE DON'T GET A LOT OF THOSE DOLLARS BACK. WE ACTUALLY SUBSIDIZE OTHER COUNTIES. SO WHEN WE ARE ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT ADVOCATING FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, LEVERAGING NEW TAXES AS WITH THE MARIJUANA OR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM, YOU KNOW, FEDERAL, PRIVATE PLACES, THE FACT STILL REMAINS THAT ONE OF YOU WILL BE A STATE REP. AND SO YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE CURRENT FUNDING SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING DISTRICT 45. LIKE UNEMPLOYMENT, GANG INTERVENTION, SENIOR ABUSE. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN. IN THE FUTURE, WE DON'T WANT TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE PEOPLE THINK THAT WE'RE JUST A BIG COUNTY AND WE'RE THE BIG DOG AND WE CAN TAKE SOME OF THEIR RESOURCES. BECAUSE WE HAVE A HUGE NEED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO NEED OUR SERVICES, LIKE MENTAL HEALTH AND SOME OF THE SUN SCHOOL PROGRAMS. WE NEED YOU ALL TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL NEED YOU TO GO AND ADVOCATE AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE PART OF A LARGER SYSTEM, BUT THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU ALL TO BE OUR ADVOCATE DOWN THERE. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER WENDT.

Commissioner Wendt: I HAVE A QUESTION THAT FOLLOWS UP ON COMMISSIONER SMITH'S COMMENT. STYLE, HOW DO YOU WORK, HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CAUCUS AND COMMITTEES AND ACROSS THE AISLE WITH PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT POLICY IDEAS. IF YOU COULD TALK ABOUT A COUPLE OF SPECIFIC STREAMS THAT YOU WOULD BRING TO THAT WORK AND ADVOCACY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> OKAY. I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WALKING ACROSS THE AISLE AND I'M VERY GOOD ABOUT TALKING TO PEOPLE. I'M A TEACHER BY TRAINING. THAT IS WHAT IT IS THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DID AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IS THAT WE HAD LIKE AN INCOMING, LIKE A LESSON ON EDUCATION FOR ALL INCOMING LEGISLATORS. AND IT WAS THROUGH THAT THAT WE GAVE THEM THE STORY ABOUT THE BIG BUBBLE THAT WAS COMING THROUGH THE BABY BOOM IN THE 1970s. EVERYONE WAS THERE. AND I EXTEND THE OFFER OUT TO EVERYONE OF THEM TO EXPLAIN THE FUNDING FORMULAS AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND GETTING AT THOSE INDIVIDUAL STORIES THAT ARE THERE. IT DOESN'T PROVIDE A BARRIER FOR ME. AND I FEEL THAT AS LONG AS WE CAN COME TO SOME AGREEMENT ON FACTS, WE CAN COME TO SOME KIND OF

COMPROMISE ON APPROACH. I WILL ALSO SAY THAT IN MY -- ON MY OWN SCHOOL BOARD, MY VICE CHAIR WAS A REPUBLICAN, AND WE WORKED TOGETHER VERY WELL. I HAD A REGULAR CALLING SCHEDULE THAT I WENT THROUGH. I SCHEDULED IT. THEY KNEW THEY WOULD RECEIVE EVERYONE OF THEM A SINGLE PHONE CALL FROM ME A WEEK IF NOTHING WAS GOING ON, AND THEY WERE GOING TO RECEIVE MULTIPLE PHONE CALLS IF SOMETHING SERIOUS GOING ON. DEEP COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE ALL AROUND YOU ON TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND THAT IS WHAT I INTEND TO DO WHEN I GET THERE.

>> LISTEN AND LEARN, HEAR WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY, GATHER LOTS OF INFORMATION AND UNDERSTAND THE TRUST IMPACT OF EVERY DECISION THAT I CAN -- THAT COMES MY WAY. THE CHOICE AROUND DECISION, HOW IT MIGHT IMPACT SOME PLACE ELSE, AND IN THIS CASE, HOW IT MIGHT COME BACK TO DISTRICT 45 OR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHETHER IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO LOOK TO GET RID OF THINGS WE DON'T NEED DOWN THERE IN TERMS OF POLICIES, LOOK AT THINGS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, BUT TO -- I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS -- AT THE TIME, IT WAS -- THERE WAS A LOT OF SIDEDNESS IN IT BEFORE. AND TO HAVE PEOPLE SEE THE BENEFIT FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS MY GOAL. AND THE BOTTOM LINE, HOWEVER, THEY DO AT POINTS STAND ON PRINCIPLE AND WILL STAND UP AS A CERTAIN POINT AFTER I'M DONE LISTENING TO SAY THIS IS MY VOTE BASED ON OFTEN IN THE END IF IT NEEDS TO BE PRINCIPLE.

>> I THINK MY WORK STYLE AND LEADERSHIP STYLE ARE PRETTY SIMILAR, WHICH IS THAT I'M A CONVENER. I AM A PERSON WHO REACHES OUT AND SEEKS OUT PEOPLE TO INVOLVE, YOU KNOW, BACK IN THE DAY WHEN I WAS A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, MY FAVORITE THING IS EVERY TIME SOMEBODY CAME IN, I WOULD NEVER JUST SAY, HEY, CAN YOU STUFF THESE ENVELOPES? I WOULD SAY, SO, HERE IS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK. FOCUSING ON THIS. TODAY WE'RE SENDING LETTERS TO EVERYBODY WHO THE CANDIDATE SPOKE TO AT THE DOOR LAST WEEK. IT AS FOLLOW-UP LETTER, TALKING TO THEM ABOUT THE ISSUES THEY WANT AND THAT IS HOW YOU -- THAT IS HOW YOU GET PEOPLE INVESTED IN WHAT THEY'RE DOING, YOU EXPLAIN TO THEM AND DEMONSTRATE TO THEM THAT WHAT THEY DO MATTERS. AND SO THAT -- THAT HAS JUST ALWAYS BEEN HOW I OPERATED. AND AS FAR AS THE BIPARTISANSHIP GOES, YOU KNOW, I SPENT THE LAST FIVE YEARS WORKING FOR RON WYDEN, AND IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT MAN KNOWS HOW TO DO IT IS BIPARTISANSHIP. I HAVE LEARNED WATCHING HIM THAT -- THAT IT DOESN'T DO YOU MUCH GOOD TO ONLY TALK TO PEOPLE YOU AGREE WITH ABOUT ISSUES. YOU NEED TO FIND OTHER PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THE SAME ISSUES AS YOU AND SIT THEM DOWN. YOU NEED TO FIND COMMON GROUND. AND YOU NEED TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS. BECAUSE THAT IS HOW THINGS WORK IN THE LEGISLATURE. THAT'S HOW THINGS WORK IN MOST OF LIFE IS THAT IF YOU

CAN DEVELOP -- IF YOU CAN RESPECT EACH OTHER, DEVELOP COMMON GROUND AND WORK ON THOSE RELATIONSHIPS, YOU CAN REALLY ACHIEVE -- YOU CAN ACHIEVE SO MUCH.

>> Chair Madrigal: I DON'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, IF IT IS OKAY WITH MY COLLEAGUES, LET'S TAKE A BRIEF TWO MINUTE RECESS. LET EVERYONE GET A DRINK OF WATER AND COME BACK FOR A STRAW POLL. BACK IN TWO MINUTES.

Chair Madrigal: RIGHT NOW IS A STRAW POLL. I'LL ASK MY COLLEAGUES -- I WILL STATE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE. AND IF YOU COULD SHOW BY A SHOW OF HANDS, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SUPPORT THAT CANDIDATE. WE WILL GO THROUGH ALL THREE. IF THERE IS A CANDIDATE THAT HAS AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SUPPORTING THEM, THEN WE WILL WALK THROUGH THE BOARD AND HAVE EACH BOARD MEMBER STATE WHO THEY'RE SUPPORTING AND PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT. ONCE WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THAT PROCESS, THEN WE WILL ACTUALLY MOVE THE MOTION TO APPOINT. SO, AGAIN, THIS FIRST STRAW POLL IS JUST A SHOW OF HANDS FOR EACH PERSON. SO, WITH THAT, WOULD THOSE COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING BARBARA SMITH WARNER RAISE THEIR HAND. I THINK WE CAN STOP THERE. SO, WITH THAT, COMMISSIONER WENDT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

Commissioner Wendt: WELL, I THINK YOU SET THIS UP WELL AT THE BEGINNING, COLLECTIVELY YOU'RE ALL INCREDIBLY IMPRESSIVE AND SERVE THE VAST NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT WELL. IT IS THE UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE TO VOTE FOR ONE OF YOU GIVEN ALL OF THE TALENT THAT SITS IN FRONT OF US. A COUPLE OF THINGS STRUCK ME THAT BOTH TOM AND JAMIE TALKED ABOUT THAT I AM HOPEFUL BARBARA YOU TAKE WITH YOU IN THIS PARTICULAR ROLE. JAMIE, YOU TALKED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES IN THE DISTRICT AND I THINK THOSE SYMBOLIZE WHAT THE CHALLENGES ARE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A WHOLE. A GROWING MOVEMENT EAST AND SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES AND WHOEVER SERVES IN THIS ROLE HOPEFULLY CARRIES THAT VOICE WITH THEM TO SALEM AND ADVOCATES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S SHARE OF THOSE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS ISSUES. TOM, YOUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE IS TREMENDOUS, AND THAT HOLISTIC VIEW OF KIDS AND FAMILIES AND HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THEIR NEEDS IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE A FOCUS IN FEBRUARY AND WILL CERTAINLY BE A FOCUS IN THE 1517 SESSION. I'M HOPEFUL THAT THOSE ATTRIBUTES CARRY FORWARD AS WELL. BARBARA, I THINK YOUR ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE INTENSE AND DEEP. I HAVEN'T MET A PERSON YOU DON'T KNOW AND WHO DOESN'T TALK ABOUT YOUR FIRED UP ENERGY TO TACKLE SEEMINGLY ANY ISSUE. I THINK SOMEONE'S QUOTE WAS THAT YOU RUN THE SCHOOL. SO MAYBE THE PRINCIPAL KNOWS THAT, MAYBE NOT. I THINK THAT GO-TO SPIRIT IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL IN SALEM AND NOT LOSING FOCUS ON THE ISSUES FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE

ISSUES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE AND THANK ALL THREE OF YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TODAY.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS WAS SUCH A TOUGH DECISION AND TOUGH VOTE. IT WAS ACTUALLY TOUGHER THAN THE SENATE VOTE. I WAS SO IMPRESSED AND INSPIRED BY YOU ALL'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOES ON DOWN IN SALEM AND HOW TO MAKE IT RELEVANT FOR US HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND JUST THE FACT THAT YOU COULD COME HERE IN FRONT OF ALL OF THESE PEOPLE AND EXPRESS WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEGISLATOR AND WHY YOU WANT TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY WAS HUGE. SO, THIS WAS REALLY A TOUGH VOTE. I'M NOT SURE HOW TOUGH IT WAS FOR OTHERS, BUT I KNOW THAT IT WAS REALLY TOUGH FOR ME AS I WAS LOOKING DOWN AT YOUR RESPONSES TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AND THINKING ABOUT THE WORK ETHIC THAT YOU ALL POSSESS, I THINK IT WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, IT IS A TESTAMENT TO OUR PCPs FOR BRINGING THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE SO PREPARED TO GO DOWN TO SALEM. I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY WITH EITHER ONE OF YOU. SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, BARBARA SMITH WARNER, I KNOW YOUR WORK FIRSTHAND. I KNOW YOUR WORK ETHIC. I KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT THE ISSUES AND BEING ENGRAINED INTO THE COMMUNITY THE WAY THAT YOU ARE IS JUST AN AMAZING ASSET TO HAVE GOING DOWN TO SALEM. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR KIDS. WONDERING HOW THAT IS GOING TO FIT INTO YOUR BUSY LIFE-STYLE IS ANOTHER ISSUE. BUT FOR ME, I THINK THERE WAS A CLEAR CHOICE THAT SOMEONE WHO IS ABLE TO GO INTO A -- INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE, BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES, TELL WHY IT IS IMPORTANT, AND CONSENSUS. I WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR YOU SAY IS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE CONSENSUS AND THAT YOU'RE A TEAM BUILDER AND THAT YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO EVERYBODY. I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE DIVERSE VOICES IN OUR POLITICS, AND I THINK YOU GET IT. YOU DEMONSTRATED IT OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BE OUR ADVOCATE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT'S WHY I'M SUPPORTING YOU.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: YES, THANK YOU. A LONG TIME AGO, I SAT IN FRONT OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT TO THE OREGON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. AND SO I REALLY DO UNDERSTAND WHERE EACH OF YOU IS COMING FROM AND I SO MUCH APPRECIATE THE LEVEL OF TALENT, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, INTEREST, AND JUST THE BACKGROUND THAT EACH ONE OF YOU HAS BROUGHT TO US TODAY. IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING. YOU KNOW, IF THIS WERE A JOB SHARE, WE WOULD HAVE A GREAT TEAM TO SEND TO SALEM TO

REPRESENT HOUSE DISTRICT 45. BUT IT IS NOT. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT BARBARA, I THINK YOU GOT ME FROM YOUR FIRST STATEMENT WHERE YOU LISTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMOR AND HUMILITY. AND HANG ON TO THOSE. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED THEM IN YOUR FUTURE JOB. AND TOM AND JAMIE THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I EXPECT THAT YOU WILL BE A PART OF TEAM DISTRICT 45 AS WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE.

**Vice-Chair McKeel:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR WANTING TO RUN FOR THIS POSITION. I KNOW THIS ISN'T AN EASY VENUE TO APPEAR IN, AND I ALSO APPRECIATE YOU ALL MEETING WITH US INDIVIDUALLY AS WELL TO LEARN OUR PRIORITIES AS WELL. YOU ALL DISPLAY IMPRESSIVE KNOWLEDGE AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID. ALL THREE OF YOU ARE VERY AMAZING AND APPRECIATE YOU WANTING TO HAVE THIS POSITION. JAMIE, I APPRECIATE YOU POINTING OUT AS COMMISSIONER WENDT SAID THAT YOUR DISTRICT IS VERY DIVERSE AND CERTAINLY THAT EASTERN PART OF IT, YOU KNOW, AS I REPRESENT EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I CERTAINLY IDENTIFY WITH THAT DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT, AND, SO, AGAIN, HOPE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BARBARA, AS YOU GO DOWN THERE TO THE -- FOR OUR OTHER EAST -- ALL OF OUR COUNTY. TOM, YOUR WORK IS VERY IMPRESSIVE. I WAS IMPRESSED WITH YOUR VOLUNTEERISM. I PEOPLE UNDERESTIMATE THE SKILLS THAT YOU GAIN AND WHAT IT MEANS TO VOLUNTEER, ALONG WITH ALL OF YOUR OTHER KNOWLEDGE. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT WORK AS WELL. BARBARA, I KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT EDUCATION AND HEALTH BEING KIND OF YOUR PRIORITY ISSUES, BUT I LIKE THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE OR INJUSTICE THAT EXISTS IN YOUR DISTRICT AS WELL AS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND THAT YOU FOCUS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, TOO, THOSE ARE SO IMPORTANT. SO, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. AND MY VOTE IS FOR BARBARA SMITH WARNER.

Chair Madrigal: I AM GOING TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES AND JUST SAY THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT VOTE FOR ME. ONE OF THE HARDEST ONES SO FAR IN MY SHORT TIME IN THIS SEAT. TOM, I KNOW FIRSHTHAND HOW EFFECTIVE YOU CAN BE. I HAVE WORKED WITH YOU AND WATCHED WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO OVER THE YEARS. I'M SO IMPRESSED WITH YOUR PASSION AND YOUR -- THE WAY THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO ARTICULATE THE ROOT CAUSES FOR SOME OF OUR SOCIAL ILLS AND THE CARE -- I MEAN, YOU REALLY HAVE DEDICATED YOUR LIFE TO GETTING AHEAD OF THE ISSUES AND HELPING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN LEAD HEALTHIER, MORE PROSPEROUS LIVES. I WISH THIS WAS A JOB SHARE. AND BARBARA, YOUR STYLE, YOUR COLLABORATION, YOU KNOW, I THINK IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED IN SALEM, AND I THINK THAT YOU WILL BE A POWERFUL ADVOCATE AND BRING DIPLOMACY TO WHAT IS A VERY DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT AND I KNOW THAT THAT YOUR ROLE AS A MOM AND AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER WILL FUEL YOUR DECISIONS THERE AS ALL OF US WHO ARE PARENTS, IT DOES FOR US. AND, JAMIE, I DIDN'T -- I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BEFORE THIS, BUT I'M JUST SO

IMPRESSED AND GLAD THAT YOU'RE OUT THERE SHAPING YOUNG MINDS AND REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU TAKING A RISK AND PUTTING YOURSELVES OUT THERE TO BETTER THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS -- THIS HAS NOT BEEN A CAKE WALK FOR ANY OF YOU, I KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONALISM AND GRACE WITH WHICH YOU HAVE CONDUCTED YOURSELVES. SO, WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT --

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE APPOINT BARBARA SMITH WARNER TO BE THE INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE IN HOUSE DISTRICT NUMBER 45.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

Chair Madrigal: OPPOSED? BARBARA SMITH WARNER IS APPOINTED HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 45. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Madrigal: WOULD YOU CARE TO MAKE A STATEMENT, REPRESENTATIVE?

**Ms. Smith Warner:** JUST A SHORT ONE. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU AGAIN. THIS REALLY WAS -- WHAT A GREAT LEARNING PROCESS. IT HAS BEEN JUST A TINY TASTE OF THE HUGE LEARNING CURVE THAT I KNOW AWAITS ME, AND ONE OF THE THINGS AS I HAVE BEEN TALKING TO PEOPLE WHEN I DECIDED TO DO THIS WAS THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M THE MOST EXCITED ABOUT, IS JUST GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT SO MANY MORE -- JUST THE THINGS YOU GUYS KNOW, JUST AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, THINKING, WOW, AND GETTING MY HANDS AROUND THAT AND THE STATE LEVEL STUFF, I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT OPPORTUNITY. I'M VERY EXCITED TO GO DOWN AND BE THAT ADVOCATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO UTILIZING BOTH OF THESE GENTLEMEN. I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A TIME BOTH TODAY AND WHEN WE APPEARED BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEMOCRATS WHEN I -- EVERY TIME -- MANY EVERY TIME YOU BOTH SPOKE I HAVE LEARNED THINGS FROM YOU AS WELL AND HAVE JOTTED DOWN THINGS, OH, WHAT A GREAT IDEA, AND JOTTED THAT DOWN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO UTILIZING BOTH OF YOU AS RESOURCES BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE JUST AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT GREAT RESOURCES THERE ARE IN THIS DISTRICT. AND I THANK ALL OF YOU AND I THANK THE BOARD AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU WELL IN THE LEGISLATURE.

>> CONGRATULATIONS.

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>> THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: OKAY. WE'RE DONE WITH THAT PART. THANK YOU. AND NOW YOU WILL PLAY US SOME MUSIC.

>> WE HAVE ONE MORE ITEM.

>> WE DO. IT IS A VERY BIG DEAL.

>> DID YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK SO THAT THEY CAN SET UP?

>> WHY DON'T WE TAKE A BREAK SO THAT THEY CAN SET UP.

>> Chair Madrigal: WE WILL BRIEFLY RECESS.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, YOU JUMPED THE GUN. I'M SO EXCITED. I WANT TO WELCOME OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING. THERE TRULY IS GREAT REASON FOR EXCITEMENT IN THE BOARD ROOM THIS MORNING. THIS IS THE LAST PART OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING FOR 2013. AND I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD ADJOURN FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR ON A VERY HIGH NOTE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE ON A NOTE. THANK YOU. AS IT WASN'T INTENDED. AS MY COLLEAGUES KNOW, I'M THE REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL'S LIAISON TO THE BOARD, AND I ALSO SIT ON THE RIGHT BRAIN INITIATIVES GOVERNING COMMITTEE. I AM A FAN AND AN ADVOCATE AND A BELIEVER IN THE DIFFERENCE THAT MUSIC MAKES IN ALL OF OUR LIVES. AND IN SEPTEMBER, THE ENTIRE BOARD WAS BRIEFED ABOUT THE WORK THAT BOTH OF THE PROGRAMS WHO ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTING TO US TODAY ARE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY. DURING THE PRESENTATION, BRAVO AND THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY BOTH PROVIDED TESTIMONY ABOUT THEIR MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS. AND AT THAT TIME, BECAUSE SCHOOL WAS IN SESSION, THE CHILDREN WERE NOT ABLE TO GIVE A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT THEY WERE LEARNING. BUT WITH HOLIDAYS, SCHOOL BREAK, THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE AN ADDITIONAL LITTLE BREAK AND JOIN US TODAY. SO, SETH TRUBY IS GOING TO CARRY ON FROM HERE. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

>> THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SETH TRUBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRAVO YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE BACK HERE WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE CHILDREN ARE A PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT. IT IS A GLOBAL REVOLUTION THAT USES MUSIC INSTEAD OF GUNS, USES VIOLINS INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE. THAT MAY SOUND LIKE HYPERBOLE OR A GRANDIOSE STATEMENT. ONE OF THE GRANDMOTHERS OF OUR STUDENTS WAS SHOT

LAST MONTH. I'M PLEASED TO TELL YOU SHE RECOVERED FULLY. SHE CAME TO VISIT US EARLY THIS WEEK. YESTERDAY THE SCHOOL WHERE WE WORK, BRAVO ROSE PARKS ON SHUTDOWN, ON LOCKDOWN BECAUSE OF POLICE ACTIVITY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS A VERY PRESENT REALITY IN THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN. AND THE OTHERS IN THE BRAVO PROGRAM. AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT STARTED IN VENEZUELA IN 1975, 50 COUNTRIES, 100 PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES. WE'RE THE FIRST IN OREGON. IT HAS TAUGHT US THAT YOU CAN GO INTO THESE NEIGHBORHOODS, REBUILD COMMUNITIES, PROVIDE HOPE THROUGH THE POWER OF MUSIC. THESE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LEARNING MUSIC -- THEY GOT THEIR INSTRUMENTS ON OCTOBER 1st. SO, THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN PLAYING FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS. AND I THINK GIVEN THAT AMOUNT OF TIME, WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE IS PRETTY REMARKABLE. THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BUT WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR. I HOPE YOU LISTEN TO SOME OF THE MUSIC THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING TOGETHER.

>> MAY I ASK A QUESTION, WHAT AGE GROUP --

>> 2nd AND 3rd GRADERS FROM ROSA PARK SCHOOLS. SHE IS GOING TO INTRODUCE -- I THINK WE HAVE A WARM-UP PIECE TO PLAY FIRST, DON'T WE? DID I FORGET OUR WARM-UP PIECE AND THEN YOU GET TO INTRODUCE EVERYONE. \M\M [APPLAUSE]

>> HI, THIS IS JULICIA. SHALL I SAY IT FOR YOU? FIRST, WE'RE -- FIRST WE WILL BE DOING TWO PIECES THAT I THINK MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH. \M\M [APPLAUSE] \M\M [APPLAUSE]

>> HI, SCALES ARE IMPORTANT FOR LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT. OUR NEXT SONG IS GOING TO BE USING THE B SCALE. [APPLAUSE] \M\M [APPLAUSE]

>> HI, MY NAME IS GABRIEL, THREE HOLIDAY FAVORITES. [APPLAUSE] \M\M \M\M \M\M [APPLAUSE]

Ms. Reagan: HI, MY NAME IS BONNIE REAGAN, I'M A PHYSICIAN AND THIS IS WHAT I HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK ON IN MY RETIREMENT YEARS. THIS IS -- BRINGS TOGETHER THE LOVES OF MY LIFE IN TERMS OF MUSIC AND HELPING PEOPLE AND CHILDREN. I DO WANT TO INTRODUCE MARK WOODWARD, OUR AMAZING CONDUCTOR, TEACHER, EVERYTHING. [APPLAUSE]

>> HE HAS BEEN MARVELOUS BRINGING THE CHILDREN TOGETHER AS YOU CAN SEE. THESE ARE 12 OF THE 40 CHILDREN IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE HAVE 144 CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE LEARNING GENERAL MUSICIANSHIP AND WILL GET VIOLINS IN JANUARY AND WILL BE GETTING READY TO COME TO THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEXT YEAR. AFTER THIS YEAR, THESE CHILDREN WILL BE IN 3rd AND 4th GRADES,

EXPANDING TO 4th GRADE AND 5th GRADE ON TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WE WILL KEEP SUPPORTING THESE CHILDREN AND TEACHING THEM MUSIC AS LONG AS WE CAN THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEARS. SO, THIS IS A LONG, LONG TERM PROJECT. WE HOPE TO BE NOT ONLY IN ROSA PARKS SCHOOL BUT LATER ON IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OREGON. WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR SOURCES OF FUNDING BECAUSE THIS IS A REALLY BIG PROJECT. OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING IT IN OTHER STATES. IT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. AND IT IS ALSO BEING DONE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. AND WE HAVE ONE MORE SONG TO PLAY HERE.

>> HI, MY NAME -- OUR LAST SONG IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITES. PLEASE ENJOY THIS ONE. [APPLAUSE] [CHILDREN SINGING] THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND THIS LAND IS MY LAND, FROM CALIFORNIA TO THE NEW YORK ISLAND. FROM THE REDWOOD FOREST, TO THE GULF STREAM WATERS. THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND ME. AS I WAS WALKING A RIBBON OF HIGHWAY I SAW ABOVE ME, THAT ENDLESS SKYWAY. I SAW BELOW ME A GOLDEN VALLEY, THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND ME. I ROAMED AND RAMBLED, I FOLLOWED MY FOOTSTEPS, TO THE SPARKLING SANDS OF HER DIAMOND DESERTS. AND ALL AROUND ME A VOICE WAS SOUNDING THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND ME. [APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> IF I COULD JUST SORT OF CARRY ON HERE WHILE OUR NEXT PRESENTATION SETS UP. SO, BRAVO ORCHESTRA MEMBERS LEAVE THE STAGE, I JUST WANT TO ASK EVERYONE TO HOLD TIGHT BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER PERFORMANCE COMING UP. ARE YOU READY? THAT'S GREAT.

>> I'M DIANA SCROGGINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- THANK YOU FOR INVITING US BACK. WE HAVE 450 STUDENTS IN OUR ORGANIZATION AS YOUNG AS AGE 5 THROUGH THE SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND WHO WE HAVE TODAY IS A GROUP CALLED MISFITS. ALL OF THESE STUDENTS ARE IN OUR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. THIS IS A SELF-RUN GROUP. ALL OF THESE STUDENTS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO, AND ALSO HAVE COMMITTED TO KIND OF BEING THE FRONT FACE OF THE ORGANIZATION TO COME OUT AND ADVOCATE FOR THEIR MUSIC. AND, SO, IT IS JUST REALLY FITTING TO BE HERE WITH BRAVO. WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND, IN FACT, WE WILL HAVE ONE OF OUR STRING GROUPS VISITING ROSA PARKS THIS SPRING AND THEY WILL PERFORM AND TALK WITH THE KIDS AND PROVIDE A VISION TO WHAT THE NEXT STEP IS MUSICALLY WITH AN ENSEMBLE. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE ROLE WE CAN -- WE CAN PLAY IN THIS WHOLE MOVEMENT TO REALLY MAKE THE ARTS

ACCESSIBLE IN THE GREATER PORTLAND AREA. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US. THEY ARE JUST GETTING ORGANIZED, AS YOU CAN SEE. I WILL SAY THAT AT METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY, ORCHESTRA, BAND, AND JAZZ, OUR MISSION TO MAKE MUSIC AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE. A WAY WE DO THAT IS PROVIDING THAT DIVERSITY OF MUSICAL STYLE SO THAT KIDS INTERESTED IN JAZZ HAVE A HOME. KIDS INTERESTED IN BAND HAVE A HOME, AND THEN ORCHESTRA AND STRINGS. SO, IT IS QUITE A VIBRANT PLACE ON SATURDAY'S WHEN WE REHEARSE. OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR IS ANDRES LOPERA AND HE IS ALSO CONDUCTING THIS GROUP. HE CONDUCTS OUR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AS WELL.

>> HELLO EVERYBODY. NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS ANDRES LOPERA, I CAME FROM COLUMBIA TWO YEARS AGO NOW, TO PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAVING THE AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THESE PHENOMENAL MUSICIANS AND -- WE ARE EXCITED BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS HUGE FAMILY OF 450, 460 STUDENTS, AND WE HAVE ALL LEVELS HERE FROM BEGINNING TO ADVANCED, AND WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE TODAY IS -- A SMALL GROUP, IT IS CALLED -- STANDING FOR MYSELF. IT IS -- METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY. THEY WILL PLAY TODAY -- SWING SYMPHONY NUMBER 4. THE CURIOUS POINT ABOUT THIS MUSIC IS THAT HE WROTE IT WHEN HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD. SO, AND YOU ARE GOING TO -- WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS, TO SEE WHAT OUR YOUTH CAN DO. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THERE IS A 12 -- [INAUDIBLE] -- SO JUST TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE GREAT -- WE'RE GOING TO PLAY FOR YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> SO, THIS IS A LITTLE EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE DO -- SOME AND SEE OUR ORGANIZATION. WE ARE REALLY, REALLY GLAD THAT YOU GUYS INVITED US HERE. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY IN PORTLAND AND JUST KEEP IMPROVING AND KEEP COLLABORATING WITH FANTASTIC GROUPS LIKE BRAVO. WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER ALSO HELPING EACH OTHER AND JUST BEING THAT PARTNERSHIP THAT I THINK IS GREAT, KIDS GROWING IN PORTLAND. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING US HERE.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE A COMMENT AND THAT IS THERE ARE -- THERE IS LUNCH IN THE ROOM BEHIND THE BOARDROOM. AND I GOT SOME EAGER LOOKS FOR THAT. AND THERE ALSO SOME LITTLE GIFTS FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR ALL OF OUR PERFORMERS TODAY SO THE MUSICIANS, PLEASE FIND ME. SURPRISES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Madrigal: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?

>> CHAIR, ONE COMMENT, NOT NECESSARILY TO THE PERFORMANCE, BUT AS WE LOOK TO THE HOLIDAYS LATER TODAY, CITY COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN AND I HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE, DONATING BLANKETS, MONEY, FOOD

FOR THE WARMING SHELTER. PEOPLE CAN CALL 211 TO FIND OUT WHERE IN THEIR LOCAL AREA THEY CAN DONATE. AS YOU GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS, PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE AND STRETCH YOURSELF AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

>> CHAIR.

>> I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND WHAT A DELIGHTFUL END TO OUR YEAR HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. THIS IS THE MOST AWESOME WAY TO END A YEAR. WE HAVE HAD AN UP AND DOWN YEAR, AND I WILL TELL YOU, WE'RE SO EXCITED AND SO IMPRESSED ABOUT HOW EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG ONES AT ROSA PARKS, THE FOCUS THAT THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A VIOLIN. DID YOU KNOW THAT I PLAYED THE VIOLIN WHEN I WAS YOUNGER? [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: WELL I TELL YOU WHAT, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T WANT THAT. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. YOU ALL ARE GREAT AND THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN THIS MORNING.

Chair Madrigal: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AS WELL. THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO END OUR LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. AND TO THE YOUTH WHO CAME HERE TODAY BOTH FROM BRAVO AND THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY, YOU BOTH GAVE ME CHILLS AND WHEN YOU WERE PLAYING, I FELT -- IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL I WANTED TO CRY. SO, YOU KNOW WHEN MUSIC IS REALLY GOOD, IT GIVES YOU A PHYSICAL REACTION. I JUST -- I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. THAT WAS JUST INCREDIBLE. THANK YOU. SO, IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, NO FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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