

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING B**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Jessica Vega Pederson and Loretta Smith present.

Also attending was Marina Baker, Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING. IF YOU COULD TAKE YOUR SEATS, WE ARE GOING TO GET STARTED. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SIGN UP YET, THERE'S A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT. THIS IS OUR SECOND BUDGET HEARING. HI. I'M DEBBY KAFOURY. THIS IS OUR SECOND BUDGET HEARING. LAST WEDNESDAY, WE WERE OUT AT IRCO. WE HEARD FROM MANY RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. NEXT WEEK, WE'LL BE IN GRESHAM. THERE'S STILL TIME IF YOU KNOW FRIENDS OR FAMILY WHO WANT TO TALK TO US OR IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO US NEXT WEEK, WE'LL BE HERE. I'LL LET EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. THIS YEAR IS JUST OKAY IN TERMS OF BUDGET YEAR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE HUGE CUTS. WE DO HAVE TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR BUDGET, BUT THE OUT-YEAR IS NOT LOOKING SO GREAT.

NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE A \$9 MILLION HOLE. THAT WILL BUILD OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS UNTIL WE FACE A \$30 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE LOOKING TO ADD A LOT OF NEW PROGRAMS THIS YEAR. IN FACT, WE'LL BE LOOKING TO CONTINUE THE ONES WE'RE WORKING AND ADJUST ONES THAT RIGHT-HAND TURN WORKING QUITE AS WELL ALWAYS WITH AN EYE ON USING THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS AS BEST WE CAN. BUT WE'RE EXCITED TO HEAR FROM YOU-ALL TONIGHT ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU AS I HAVE PUT TOGETHER THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET, BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF ROOM TO MAKE CHANGES. WE'LL HAVE OUR FINAL VOTE ON THE 31ST OF MAY SHS , SO YOU HAVE TIME TO GET COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS IN IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER TONIGHT'S HEARING. THERE ARE MANY MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THE ROOM. IF YOU WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WILL YOU STAND UP? IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK THESE FOLKS AND THEY'LL ANSWER OR DIRECT YOU TO SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP. WOULD YOU LIKE TO START, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

Commissioner Meieran: GOOD EVENING. I'M THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 1. THAT'S ALL OF THE WEST SIDE OF

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, DOWNTOWN DOWN THROUGH DUNTHORP AND INNER SOUTHEAST. YOU ARE IN MY DISTRICT NOW. WELCOME. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU TONIGHT.

Commissioner Smith: CAN YOU HEAR ME? MY NAME IS LORETTA SMITH, AND I'M THE COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 2, WHICH SERVES INNER NORTH-NORTHEAST PORTLAND, ST. JOHNS AND EVERYTHING FROM ALL THE WAY NORTH OF THE BANFIELD OUT TO 201ST. ACTUALLY, THIS IS GOING TO BE MY LAST HEARING HERE. KIND OF FEELING A LITTLE NOSTALGIC HERE, RIGHT? I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING HERE OVER THE YEARS. YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, SO IT'S BEEN SUCH AN HONOR TO REPRESENT ALL OF YOU, JUST NOW THAT, AND TO BE ABLE TO BE A CHAMPION FOR SOME OF THIS THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT, LIKE OUR SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AND HOMELESS SERVICES, SO I AM GOING TO DO THIS ONE MORE TIME. WE'LL WRAP UP OUR BUDGET. AS THE CHAIR SAID, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD DOWN SOME OF OUR GOOD PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM, WHICH I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR, AND THANK HER FOR HER LEADERSHIP BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT OUR YOUTH HAVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS. THAT'S WHO I AM. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON. I'M THE COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 3, WHICH IS A LOT OF SOUTHEAST AND EAST PORTLAND. THE BOUNDARIES OF MY DISTRICT START AT THE NORTH AT I-84, GOES SOUTH DOWN TO THE BORDER WITH CLACKAMAS. IT STARTS ON THE WEST AT CESAR CHAVEZ AND THEN GOES WEST TO 48. IT IS A SMALL AND MIGHTY DISTRICT.

Commissioner Stegmann: GOOD EVENING. WELCOME. I'M LORI STEGMANN, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 4, EAST COUNTY. I BOAST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT BECAUSE I HAVE THE COLUMBIA GORGE AND MULTNOMAH FALLS. IT IS GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, CORBETT, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I'M HAPPY YOU'RE HERE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US ABOUT HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AS PRUDENTLY, BUT ALSO SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES THE BEST THAT WE CAN. I'M EXCITED TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

Chair Kafoury: OUR BOARD CLERK WILL ANNOUNCE FOUR NAMES AT A TIME. IF YOU CAN COME UP HERE WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED TO THE DESK UP HERE. WE'RE LIMITING EVERYONE TO THREE MINUTES. WE HAVE 35 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. MORE PEOPLE WILL BE MOVED TO SPEAK ONCE THEY START HEARING TESTIMONY. IF YOU CAN PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES SO WE HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR EVERYONE. IF YOU DON'T GET

EVERYBODY OUT YOU SAY TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET YOUR VOICES HEARD.

Board Clerk: THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE 39 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. IF YOU NEED ANY INTERPRETATION SERVICES, WE HAVE THEM AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, VIETNAMESE, SPANISH, AND RUSSIAN. I'LL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. GARRETT, DAN, CATHY, AND DEANDRE. SORRY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN BEGIN WHEN YOU'RE READY.

Deondre Price: OKAY. THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING MY TESTIMONY TODAY. I'M A COUNSELOR IN TRAINING WITH VOA. VOA HAS HELPED ME IN PAYING FOR MY EDUCATION. AT THIS POINT, I HAVE COMPLETED ALL MY COURSE WORK TO BE A CERTIFIED DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR. I EXPECT ALL MY HOURS TO BE CERTIFIED BY JUNE. VOA SUPPORTED ME BY FIRST AS A CLIENT, THEN A MENTOR, AND NOW A COUNSELOR. I WAS RAISED WITH VERY FEW POSITIVE ROLE MODELS TO LOOK UP TO. I GOT INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE AT AN EARLY AGE. WHEN I WAS AT 18, I WAS IN PRISON. I WANTED TO DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT I NEVER HAD SOMEONE TO GUIDE ME ON THE RIGHT PATH.

I WAS ONLY 21 YEARS WHEN I STARTED ATTENDING WEEKLY CPR CLASSES IN PRISON. WHEN I CAME HOME, THEY CONTINUED TO SUPPORT ME IN LEARNING VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND. IT TOOK AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE. AT 25, I WAS HIRED AS A CPR MENTOR THROUGH A GRANT. I WAS A PROFESSIONAL MENTOR FOR OVER FIVE YEARS WORKING WITH VOA AND BRIDGES TO CHANGE. MY GOAL IS TO BE HIRED AS A FULL-TIME CPR COUNSELOR. I BELIEVE CPR AND HEAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST INTERVENTIONS FOR YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE HAD THE SAME UPBRINGING AND LIFE EXPERIENCES I'VE HAD. THE CURRICULUM HELPS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN IDENTITY AND LEARN WHAT IT IS TO BE A MAN. STAFF LIKE MYSELF SERVE AS ROLE MODELS FOR YOUNG MEN STRUGGLING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE WORK HAND IN HAND WITH PROBATION OFFICERS. THESE POS REALLY WORK WITH THESE YOUNG MEN WHEN THEY MAKE MISTAKES RATHER THAN JUST PUTTING THEM IN JAIL. CPR, DOA VOA, AND OTHERS REALLY HELP YOUNG MEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Dan Field: CHAIR KAFOURY, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AT KAISER PERMANENTE. I UNDERSTAND LAST WEEK YOU HEARD ABOUT THE PH.D. INITIATIVE FROM KIMBERLY DICKSON. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO TODAY IN MY BRIEF TIME IS BRING YOU THE KAISER PERMANENTE PERSPECTIVE. WE'RE ONE OF THE MAIN PARTNERS AT

THE THREE TO PH.D. PROGRAM. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE THERE AND EXCITED TO SEE HOW IT CAN TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY. SOME OF YOU HAVE HELPED SECURE FUNDING ALREADY FOR THE THREE TO PH.D. PROGRAM, SO I WON'T GO OVER ANY OF THE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM ITSELF. WHAT I WANT TO DO IS REALLY GIVE YOU THE KAISER PERMANENTE PERSPECTIVE. WE KNOW, AS A PREMIER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, WE GIVE GREAT CARE AT KAISER PERMANENTE. YOU'RE GOING TO GET EVIDENCE-BASED CARE THAT'S GOING TO HOPEFULLY RETURN YOU TO HEALTH IN SHORT ORDER, BUT WE KNOW INCREASINGLY THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. WHEN COMMISSIONER MEIERAN HAS A PATIENT IN FRONT OF HER WHO IS SUFFERING FROM CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND ADDICTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS, THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO OR HER COLLEAGUES CAN DO AT THAT POINT TO TURN THAT PERSON AROUND. IT REQUIRES THAT WE INVEST IN A PREVENTION MODEL THAT CONCORDIAN INITIATIVE OFFERS TO US. IF WE EXPRESS OUR VALUES THROUGH OUR BUDGET AND THROUGH THE DECISIONS WE MAKE HERE TODAY, WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK FURTHER UPSTREAM.

Dan Field: THE KAISER PERMANENTE EXPERIENCE IS, YES, WE INVEST IN THOSE CLINICS. WE INVEST IN THOSE PROVIDERS, BUT WITH THE THREE TO PH.D. PROGRAM, WE SAID WE HAVE TO EXPRESS OUR VALUES AS A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND MOVE THOSE DOLLARS UPSTREAM. THAT'S NOT A MONEYMAKER FOR US. THAT'S NOT A WAY FOR US TO GAIN ADDITIONAL VISIBILITY OR SOMEHOW TURN A PROFIT, IF YOU WILL. WHAT IT REALLY IS US PUTTING OUR DOLLARS WHERE OUR VALUES ARE AND BETTING ON OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE BY SAYING IF WE INVEST IN FAMILIES IN THE EARLY YEARS, THAT WILL PAY OFF DOWN THE LINE. THREE TO PH.D. IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING COMMUNITY RESOURCE NOT JUST FOR THE FAMILIES THAT GET CARE THERE BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO HAVE THAT WELLNESS PROGRAM AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE. IT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY. WE NEED TO ALLOW IT TO SERVE AS A MODEL THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S ALSO A GREAT MODEL OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT'S GOTTEN A BIT OF A BAD RAP LATELY, BUT THESE KINDS OF PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE. THE COUNTY CANNOT DO IT BY ITSELF. KAISER PERMANENTE CANNOT DO IT BY ITSELF. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. THERE'S AN ASK ON THE TABLE FOR \$500,000. THE CITY AND STATE HAVE MADE THE INVESTMENT. WE'RE HOPING WE CAN HAVE THE TRIFECTA WITH THE COUNTY MATCHING THOSE COMMITMENTS AND MAKING INVESTMENT IN OUR FAMILY'S FUTURE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Garrett: HELLO. MY NAME IS GARRETT. I'M WITH MUNICIPAL BROADBAND PDX. IN 2017, INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED AGAINST THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE REPEAL OF NET NEUTRALITY AND VITAL INTERNET PRIVACY REGULATIONS. THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN

GRANTING THEMSELVES THE ABILITY TO BLOCK AND SLOW DOWN CONTENT ON THE INTERNET AS WELL AS SELL OUR BROWSING HISTORIES WITHOUT OUR CONSENT. SINCE THEN, SUPPORT FOR A PUBLICLY-OWNED INTERNET PROVIDER OR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND HAS ERUPTED IN PORTLAND AND MANY OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE U.S. AND WITH GOOD REASON. A RECENT HARVARD STUDY SHOWED ON AVERAGE MULTIPLE BROADBAND OFFERS FAR BETTER SERVICE AT MUCH LOWER COST. COMPANIES, SUCH AS COMCAST, ARE MONOPOLIES, CHARGING EXORBITANT RATES FOR LOW-QUALITY SERVICE. ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY IS AFFECTED BY EXPENSIVE POOR QUALITY INTERNET, BUT LOW-INCOME HOUSES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE HIT HARDEST OF ALL. IN THE MODERN ERA, THE INTERNET IS AN ESSENTIAL UTILITY. WITHOUT IT, KIDS CAN'T DO THEIR HOMEWORK. ADULTS CAN'T APPLY FOR JOBS, EVEN THOSE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WITH BETTER MORE AFFORDABLE INTERNET COMES INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF MULTIPLE BROADBAND.

Garrett: THE MODERN INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE, A PUBLICLY-OWNED BROADBAND SERVICE WOULD PROVIDE, WOULD ATTRACT EMERGING LINES OF BUSINESS SUCH AS TECH FOR DECADES TO COME. DO WE REALLY WANT TO ENTRUST THE DIGITAL THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY TO MALICIOUS INTERNET PROVIDERS, SUCH AS COMCAST, WHO HAVE WORKED AGAINST US TIME AND TIME AGAIN OR DO WE WANT TO JOIN 200 U.S. CITIES IN ESTABLISHING OUR OWN INTERNET PROVIDER? ULTIMATELY, I THINK THIS DECISION WILL BE LEFT UP TO VOTERS. BUT BEFORE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH A BALLOT INITIATIVE, WE NEED A FEASIBILITY STUDY. FOR THIS, WE'RE ASKING FOR \$150,000 ALLOCATED IN THE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY INTO MULTIPLE BROADBAND. WE'RE ALSO ASKING FOR FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND METRO. PLEASE AMEND THIS PROPOSAL AND ALLOCATE \$150,000 TO A FEASIBILITY STUDY INTO MULTIPLE BROADBAND AND TAKE THIS SMALL BUT IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN ESTABLISHING DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE THIS BENEFITS ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Kathey Savos: THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND OTHER MISSION COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING MY TESTIMONY TODAY. I'M WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AND THE DIRECTOR OF RE-ENTRY AND TRANSITION SERVICES. MANY OF MY SUPPORTERS FROM THE CPR PROGRAM ARE HERE TO HIGHLIGHT THE STRONG WORK OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE. VOA WORKS WITH DCJ ON THINGS LIKE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY INJUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE PROGRAM WE RUN. WE REALLY FEEL IT IS A TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH DCJ AND OUR PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. VOA, WE FIRST GAINED OUR EXPERTISE BY OPERATING CPR. IT IS WHAT DEANDRE TALKED ABOUT. WE'VE REPLICATED A SUCCESSFUL PRISON RE-ENTRY PROGRAM.

THIS IS A LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH DCJ. THE PROGRAM IS VERY UNIQUE. IT IS THE ONLY PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES TO HIGH-RISK MEN FROM 18 TO 25. IT IS INSIDE PRISONS, THE COUNTY JAIL, AND THE COMMUNITY WITH A CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR TWO YEARS POST-RELEASE. DATA DEMONSTRATE THAT 50% OF 18 TO 25-YEAR-OLD YEAR OLDS GO BACK. TOGETHER WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'VE BEEN SINCE 2000 WORKING ON THIS PROGRAMMING. WE'VE BECOME MORE INNOVATIVE AND CULTURAL RESPONSIVE BASED ON OUR POPULATION. YOUNG MEN ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO JOIN GANGS. 46% OF OUR JAIL POPULATION ARE YOUNG MEN OF COLOR. 76% OF OUR YOUNG MEN IN PRISON COMING BACK TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ARE MEN OF COLOR. 60% OF OUR YOUNG POPULATION ARE GANG MEMBERS. THE HEAT PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. WE'RE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGING YOUNG GANG MEMBERS IN TREATMENT AND SUCCESS. 100% OF THOSE YOUNG GANG MEMBERS ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE ALSO ADAPTING IT FOR YOUNG LATINOS. WE HAVE DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR YEARS SO FAMILIES CAN THRIVE. ALTHOUGH CPR IS NOT FUNDED IN THE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AS IT HAS BEEN IN PAST YEARS, WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE OTHER AVENUES BEING EXPLORED FOR THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: NOW EVERYONE KNOWS THAT'S THE SEAT THAT GOES FIRST. I SEE YOU GUYS [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: AMY, YOU'RE FIRST.

Public Testimony: I'M FIRST. WE'RE ON? GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. I'M HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE I WANT TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU GUYS DO. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT SEVERAL SHALL I SAY NEW LESSONS ABOUT HOW SYSTEMS WORK AND HOW PROGRAMS WORK HAVE COME TO MY ATTENTION, AND I REALIZE JUST HOW DIFFICULT THE CHAIR'S JOB REALLY IS BEING THE CHAIR OF A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE. I HOPE I SEE YOU AGAIN BECAUSE I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK YOU'VE DONE, AND ALL OF YOU IN SEEING THAT OUR SERVICES ARE CONTINUED AND THAT OUR OFFICER OF -- OFFICE OF CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT IS FLOURISHING, BUT THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S REALLY ON MY HEART THIS YEAR AND THAT IS KNOWING WHAT I KNOW NOW ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY THE COUNTY FILTERS INTO ALL THESE SPECIAL UNIQUE PROGRAMS OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY, I KIND OF WANT TO ASK THAT MAYBE THIS COMING YEAR YOU START REALLY EVALUATING THE ACTUAL OVERSIGHT BOARDS WITHIN THESE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, THE CHAIRS, THE CO-CHAIRS, AND JUST EXACTLY HOW THEIR OVERSIGHT BOARDS WORK ON PROTECTING

YOUR ASSETS AND REVIEWING BECAUSE A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD SOME ANOMALIES. PEOPLE WEREN'T ABLE TO GET SERVED, AND I'M SURE WITH MORE OVERSIGHT AND MORE LOOKING INTO THE ACTUAL STRUCTURE OF THESE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS I THINK A LOT OF OUR WORK COULD BE SIMPLIFIED. I REALLY WANT TO ASK YOU THIS YEAR TO JUST TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MORE INFRASTRUCTURES OF HOW THESE ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTION SO THAT YOUR MONEY IS BETTER SERVED IN THE LONG RUN. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Robert Noche: MY NAME IS ROBERT. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. FELLOW CHAIR AND FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO SOLVE OUR DRUG PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR ADDING MORE DROPBOX TO OUR PARKS. IF YOU HAVE MORE MONEY, PLEASE EXPAND THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. AT THE 60TH MAX STATION, I SAW OVER 15 USED IV DRUG NEEDLES. THAT'S MY SHORT SPEECH.

Barb Christopherson: HI. THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT. I'M BARB, A CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS BEEN IN THE BUSINESS OF WORKING WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FOR MANY YEARS, OVER 35 ACTUALLY. MOST OF MY CAREER HAS BEEN WORKING WITH FAMILIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME TYPE OF ABUSE AND SPECIFICALLY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE MORRIS MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY COUNTERPOINT PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT I WORKED FOR SIX YEARS AND THEN HAVE WORKED IN OTHER PROGRAMS I INITIALLY STARTED IN SALT LAKE CITY. I WORKED IN A HOSPITAL AND DID FORENSIC EVALS. WE BEGAN TO SEE THAT KIDS THAT ACTED OUT SEXUALLY TOWARD OTHER KIDS. THESE WERE NOT JUST KIDS WHO WERE PLAYING DOCTOR OR EVEN THOSE WHO WERE RE-ENGAGING PLAY THROUGH TRAUMATIC PLAY.

THESE WERE KIDS THAT WE SAW COERCION AND SECRETIVENESS AND COVERUPS. WHEREAS THERE WAS A MORE DAMAGING TYPE OF BEHAVIOR GOING ON. WE FOUND THAT CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED BY OTHER CHILDREN CAN HAVE JUST AS DEVASTATING OF IMPACTS REGARDING THE ABUSE AS THEY COULD FROM AN ADULT OR AN ADOLESCENT OFFENDER, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO INTERVENE VERY EARLY. I APPRECIATE THE FUNDING. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN REALLY CHALLENGING FOR THIS POPULATION BECAUSE IT IS A SPECIALIZED POPULATION, AND IT REQUIRES SOMETHING BEYOND GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I KNOW AT THE TIME THAT I FIRST RAN INTO IT WE HAD TO FIGHT. WE HAD A LEGISLATOR IN UTAH WHO HAD A PASSION AND SET ASIDE FUNDS. THE HOSPITAL DIVERTED OTHER FUNDS. THEY WERE BIG ENOUGH. NONPROFITS JUST CAN'T DO IT. WHEN I MOVED TO OREGON IN '94, I WAS REALLY PLEASED TO FIND COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT BECAUSE THE STAFF THERE WAS

INCREDIBLY COMPETENT AND ON A LEADING EDGE OF SERVICES. WE TALKED WITH PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THESE PEOPLE HAD IT DOWN PAT. I WAS EVEN MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE FORESIGHT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR FUNDING SUCH A PROGRAM BECAUSE THAT HAS NOT BEEN MY EXPERIENCE IN MYSELF AND TALKING TO OTHERS IN THE COUNTRY. I WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THAT. I MOVED ON TO ANOTHER COUNTY AGENCY WHERE WE STILL RAN INTO THESE TYPE OF CASES, BUT I'LL TELL YOU THAT THE SERVICES WERE DILUTED WITH LARGE CASELOADS AND INABILITY TO DO THE TYPE OF COORDINATION WITH DHS AND SCHOOLS AND THE COURTS. I JUST WANT TO SAY BE THE SHINING STAR THAT I SAW IN THE PACKET AND CONTINUE FUNDING THIS PROGRAM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING.

Public Testimony: GOOD EVENING. HELLO. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. I'M JOINING BARB THIS EVENING IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT SERVICES BEING CONTINUED TO BE FUNDED. I WORKED THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY NINE AND A HALF YEARS, AND I THINK THAT THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND AS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME IN THIS. THAT IS THAT EARLY INTERVENTION MEANS THAT WE CAN ADDRESS SEXUAL BEHAVIOR BEFORE THERE ARE MORE VICTIMS. THESE CHILDREN ARE IN OUR SCHOOLS. THEY'RE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. UNTREATED THEY HAVE ENGAGED MANY OTHER CHILDREN BEFORE THE BEHAVIOR IS EVEN DISCOVERED. SECOND, WHEN CHILDREN DO ADVANCE TO AN AGE WHERE THEY ARE SUBJECT TO ADJUDICATION, THEIR SEXUAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS DEEPLY IMPACTED. THEY MAY HAVE DEVELOPED SEXUALLY DEVIANT INTERESTS. THEY'RE OFTEN DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH PORNOGRAPHIES AND LIES AND SECRETS AND ALL THE THINGS THAT COME WITH THIS BEHAVIOR. THEY MOST OFTEN FEEL DISCONNECTED FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND PERHAPS MOST DAMAGING, THEY FACE A LIFETIME OF REGISTRATION. IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM FAIR WITHOUT GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR EARLY. A PROGRAM THAT SPECIALIZES IN THIS ISSUE IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

ALTHOUGH I WORKED AS A THERAPIST FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE I CAME TO COUNTERPOINT AND WORKED WITH MANY ISSUES THAT THE FAMILIES -- THESE FAMILIES FACE, I DID NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE BASE TO TREAT THIS AS AN INDIVIDUAL THERAPIST. THE PROGRAM OFFERS THINGS THAT INDIVIDUAL THERAPISTS AND GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES CAN'T OFFER. AMONG THESE RESOURCES ARE PARENTS' PROGRAMS THAT HELP PARENTS KNOW HOW TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH THEIR CHILDREN. THEY ALSO GET TO HEAR FROM OTHER PARENTS WHO ARE DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS NO SMALL THING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN DEALING WITH SUCH A SCARY, PRIVATE, JUST STIGMATIZING-TYPE OF ISSUE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. COUNTERPOINT ALSO WORKS WITH TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS DRAWS FROM MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

HAVING DONE THAT WITH MANY SCHOOL SYSTEMS. THEY'RE ABLE TO OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE AND WORK WITH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A SAFETY PLAN WITHIN SCHOOLS, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS WHERE CHILDREN SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME. PLEASE CONSIDER THE REQUEST.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: IF EVERYONE COULD PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES, I'LL CALL FOUR MORE PEOPLE. [READS NAMES]

Roy Moore: HELLO. HI -- MY NAME IS ROY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THIS PLATFORM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FUNDING. I HAVE A LOT OF GRATITUDE FOR THIS PROGRAM. BEFORE I GO FURTHER, I HAVE FRIENDS WITH ME. CAN I HAVE EVERYBODY STAND UP THAT'S WITH THE MENTORS? THAT IS JUST TO SHOW THAT THIS PROGRAM TRULY DOES WORK. I SUFFERED FROM THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION. I WAS CAUGHT UP IN ADDICTION. MY LIFE WAS UNMANAGEABLE. I CHECKED MYSELF INTO HOOPER. WHEN I DID THAT, I GAVE MYSELF A BREAK. IT ALLOWED ME TO HAVE PROPER MEDICAL STAFF TO DETOX. THEN FROM THERE, I WENT INTO THE MENTORS PROGRAM. THE MENTORS PROGRAM TAUGHT ME HOW TO FIND A NEW WAY TO LIVE. THEY ENCOURAGED FELLOWSHIP. THEY PUT ME IN AN OUTPATIENT PROGRAM WHERE I WORKED WITH A DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR. I HAVE A STAFF OF MENTORS WHO TRULY ENCOURAGE ME.

IT GAVE ME TOOLS TO CONTINUE ON A LIFE TO RECOVERY. BECAUSE OF THAT, I WAS ABLE TO VOLUNTEER. I DID 80 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK GIVING BACK TO A COMMUNITY THAT I TOOK SO MUCH FROM. THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD A BIT OF A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING BECAUSE I SAW WHAT IT WAS LIKE ON THE OTHER SIDE. THROUGH THAT OPPORTUNITY, I WAS ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE CLEAN SAFE PROCESS AND GET MY LICENSE BACK. I HADN'T HAD THAT FOR YEARS. THEN THEY PUT ME IN THE EAC PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS YOU GET A JOB. NOW I AM A STREET-LEVEL GANG OUTREACH WORKING FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I WORK WITH "I AM" ACADEMY WHERE WE GO INTO MCLAREN AND INTERVIEW YOUNG MEN. NONE OF THIS WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PROGRAM THAT I WAS IN, SO I'M TRULY GRATEFUL I WAS GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY. WITHOUT THEM, I WOULDN'T BE WHERE I AM TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M A FATHER TO MY CHILD. I'M A SON TO MY FATHER, AND I'M A FRIEND TO MY FRIENDS. WITHOUT THEM, I WOULDN'T HAVE THAT, SO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Amy Bombgardner: HI, MY NAME IS AMY. FIRST OFF, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I, TOO, SUFFER FROM ADDICTION. A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, I WENT THROUGH HOOPER DETOX

AND WAS INTRODUCED TO A WOMAN WHO INTERVIEWED ME AND GAVE ME SOME HOPE AND ENTERED ME INTO THIS PROGRAM. FROM THERE, I LEARNED HOW TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. I WENT THROUGH OUTPATIENT. I ALSO DID VOLUNTEER WORK AND WAS ABLE TO GRADUATE THAT. NOW I'M SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED THROUGH THE SAME COMPANY. ALSO, MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER HAVE BOTH ENTERED THE PROGRAM, SO IT HAS NOT ONLY SAVED MY LIFE, BUT IT'S SAVED MY FAMILY'S LIFE. I'M FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THAT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Bryant: MY NAME'S BRYANT. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. I'VE BEEN AN ADDICT SINCE I WAS 17. THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL MORE THAN OTHERS. IN DECEMBER, I FINALLY HIT ROCK BOTTOM AND I WENT TO HOOPER DETOX AND GOT INTERVIEWED TO BE IN THE RECOVERY MENTOR PROGRAM. BEEN THERE FOR ALMOST FOUR MONTHS. LIKE ROY SAID, THIS PROGRAM HAS CHANGED MY LIFE A LOT SO FAR. MY FAMILY IS PROUD OF ME. I'M PROUD OF MYSELF. I'VE BUILT A SUPPORT GROUP. I'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS THAT I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE. YEAH, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'D BE WITHOUT THE PROGRAM EITHER RIGHT NOW, SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Antoine: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ANTOINE. I'M HERE TO CELEBRATE MY SUCCESS AND THE SUCCESS OF THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM. IT IS A VERY UNIQUE PROGRAM IN THAT IS A HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM. IT'S ALLOWED ME TO -- LET'S SEE. IT'S ALLOWED ME TO NOT BE HOMELESS HERE IN PORTLAND. THAT'S A DIFFICULT THING BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS HERE IS A HUGE ISSUE. I GOT HERE A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO AND FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF PORTLAND. THROUGH SOME FRIENDS, I WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM. ONCE I WAS IN HERE, I GOT A CASE MANAGER, CARLOS HERE. I JUST WANT TO THANK THEM AND MAKE YOU AWARE THAT THIS PROGRAM IS A GREAT PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN GO FIRST, MA'AM. GO AHEAD.

Carolyn: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS CAROLYN. I'M A RECOVERING ADDICT. THE CIRCUS IS STILL AROUND. YOU NEVER LEAVE BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT RELAPSE. I RELAPSED BACK LAST SUMMER AND FOUND MYSELF HANDCUFFED BY THE POLICE SELLING. THE BEST THING THAT THEY COULD HAVE DONE -- THEY TOOK ME TO AROUND

THE CORNER ON 3RD. AFTER THEY CALLED AND RAN A CHECK ON ME AND TOOK ME TO THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM, EVER SINCE THAT SUMMER, I'VE BEEN IN THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM. I WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE THERE A MONTH AND FINISHED OUT THAT WITH MY CASEWORKER HERE AND ANOTHER CASEWORKER. I ASKED HIM DO I HAVE TO LEAVE. HE SAID NO. YOU KNOW? I SAID, WELL, I'M NOT LEAVING. I'VE BEEN THERE EVER SINCE LAST SUMMER. I'M DOING GOOD, AND I'VE GOTTEN BACK WITH MY HUSBAND. I'M STAYING IN CITY HOUSING. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING A MENTOR TO WOMEN, YOUNG WOMEN IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THAT'S MY GOAL. TODAY I'M CLEAN AND SOBER AND STILL ALIVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Joe Thruphill: HELLO, CHAIRS. GOOD EVENING. I'M JUST HERE TO --

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

Joe Thruphill: MY NAME'S JOE. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM. THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM HAS SAVED MY LIFE BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO STICK WITH ME THROUGH MY STRUGGLES WITH HEROIN ADDICTION. A YEAR AGO, A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, I WAS HOMELESS LIVING ON THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN PORTLAND USING HEROIN EVERY DAY. I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE L.E.A.D. PROGRAM. THEY WERE ABLE TO STICK WITH ME. TODAY I'M NOT HOMELESS. TODAY I'M 60 DAYS CLEAN, AND I OWE IT TO THEM. IF I COULD ASK FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING. YOU CAN GO FIRST, MA'AM.

Sandra Minster: ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, COMMISSIONER SMITH, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. MY NAME IS SANDRA. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE \$175,000 FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY EQUITY STUDY. I HAVE A VERY SHORT STORY TO SHARE WITH YOU. IN 1980, I MOVED TO OREGON TO ATTEND THE COLLEGE HERE IN OREGON. I GRADUATED FROM EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY. I MOVED HERE AS A TEENAGER, THEN BECAME A PARENT TO TWO SONS, AND NOW A GRANDPARENT TO TWO WONDERFUL BOYS. OREGON HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR MANY YEARS. I'M SHARING THIS STORY NOT BECAUSE IT IS UNIQUE BUT BECAUSE IT IS VERY COMMON OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS. AS PER THE U.S. CENSUS, PACIFIC ISLANDERS ARE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AND MOST DIVERSE RACIAL GROUP IN THE U.S. HISTORICALLY, THOUGH THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS HAVE

BEEN GROUPED WITH ASIANS WHEN A SURVEY OR DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS IS PERFORMED FOR HEALTH INFORMATION. THIS IS A PROBLEM. IT IS POINTED OUT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY FOR THE 2015 REPORT CARD FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES. AS THE REPORT SHOWED, THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY IS VERY DIVERSE AND FACES SIGNIFICANT HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL COMBINING THE DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS WITH ASIAN POPULATION UNDER REPORT, THE DISPARITY IS WHAT THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS FACE IN THE COMMUNITY. EFFORTS WERE MADE THOUGH TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. A POSITION FOR A SENIOR POLICY ANALYST AND COMMUNITY LIAISONS OF HEALTH EQUITY INCENTIVE IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS CREATED. TWO WERE HIRED FOR THE POSITION. IN MARCH 2016, THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND COALITION. THE COALITION IS MADE UP OF PACIFIC ISLANDER LEADERS REPRESENTING VARIOUS CULTURES. I JOINED THE COALITION AS THE CHAIRMAN IN DECEMBER 2015. THE COALITION MET WITH CHAIR KAFOURY IN OCTOBER 2017 TO SHARE THEIR STORIES OF DISPARITIES AND ASK FOR FUNDS TO START THE STUDY THAT WAS REPORTED IN 2015. THAT WAS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2014 REPORT CARD ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU JUST FINISH YOUR SENTENCE?

Sandra Minster: YES. CURRENTLY, THERE IS A STUDY ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE \$175,000 THAT'S IN THE BUDGET, THAT'S BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BUDGET, WE WANT THAT TO STAY SO WE CAN FINISH THE REST OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY STUDIES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Sandra Minster: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

Virginia Luka: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS VIRGINIA. I WAS RAISED IN GUAM. I MOVED TO PORTLAND SIX YEARS AGO WHERE I'VE HAD THE HONOR IN SERVING ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES FOR PACIFIC ISLANDER LEADERSHIP. I'M HERE LIKE MY COLLEAGUES HERE TO ASK FOR SUPPORT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDER EQUITY STUDY WITH THE REQUEST OF \$175,000. CURRENTLY, I WORK AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. I'M A MEMBER OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC NETWORK OF OREGON. I SIT ON THE BOARD THAT IS UNITING TERRITORIES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDER ALLIANCE. WE SERVE THE LGBTQIA PACIFIC ISLANDERS HERE IN PORTLAND. AS MY AUNTY SANDRA SAID, IN DECEMBER 2014, MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLISHED THEIR REPORT CARD ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES WHICH EVALUATED 33 HEALTH INDICATORS. FOR THIS REPORT, PI FOLKS WERE LUMPED TOGETHER

AS HISTORICALLY THEY WERE, BUT IN APRIL 2014 RA SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WAS PUBLISHED FOCUSED ON JUST PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES HERE. THAT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ONLY LOOKED AT 11 OF THE 33 INDICATORS, AND THEY DIDN'T LOOK AT THE OTHER 22 BECAUSE BASICALLY THE DATA WAS NOT AVAILABLE. OUT OF THOSE 11 INDICATORS 6 WERE RATED, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES WITH THREE REQUIRING INTERVENTIONS. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 33,000 PACIFIC ISLANDERS LIVING IN OREGON WITH ABOUT 9,000 LIVING RIGHT HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. 59% OF THESE PACIFIC ISLANDERS OVER THE AGE OF 25 DO NOT HAVE MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. 26% OF FOLKS OVER AGE 16 ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND SEEKING WORK. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THIS IS FIVE TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. 63% OF MOTHERS DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PRENATAL CARE DURING THEIR FIRST TRIMESTER. THIS IS THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN THE HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 NATIONAL GOAL. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO ALL TOGETHER, SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET YOUR FULL SUPPORT IN ALLOWING PACIFIC ISLANDERS TO CREATE, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE DATA THAT IS CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND THAT HONORS OUR COMMUNITY AND INFORMS HEALTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AUTHENTICALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Melba Aldart: GREETINGS, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS MELBA. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE STATES FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. I MOVED TO THE STATES IN PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. MY REASON OF COMING TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO VOICE MY SUPPORT ON THE FUND OF \$175,000 FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY EQUITY STUDY. CURRENTLY, I'M INVOLVED ON A PROJECT WHERE I DO SERVICE WITH THE MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY. IT IS CALLED A PILOT STUDY WITH THE COMMUNITY AS SANDY MENTIONED. MYSELF AND A FEW COLLEAGUES FROM THE SAME COMMUNITY GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION THROUGH PERSON-TO- PERSON-TO-PERSON SURVEY METHODS. WE STARTED OUT SLOWLY A FEW MONTHS AGO, BUT PARTICIPATION HAS INCREASED AS RECENTLY AS A FEW WEEKS AGO BECAUSE OF FAMILY RECRUITMENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA. DOING THIS WORK MAKES ME REALIZE HOW BIG MY COMMUNITY IS IN THIS STATE. NOT TO MENTION THE OTHER P.I. COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN THE STATES. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE THE COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE 175,000 SO THE COLLECTION CAN GET STARTED FOR ALL THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Makirusa Perotasano: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M REALLY BAD AT READING EMAILS. MY SISTERS AND AUNTY WORE BLUE TO SYMBOLIZE THE OCEAN. I WORE RED, SO I GUESS I'LL BE THE LAVA AND BRING THE FIRE. AS THEY SAY FROM MY PEOPLE [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE], ROCKS WILL

ROT. WORDS WILL NOT. I KNOW THE WORDS THAT I SAY HERE TODAY WILL STICK WITH EVERYBODY HERE AS WORDS HAVE SO MUCH POWER. I DON'T HAVE ANY DATA, BUT I DO HAVE MY STORY. UNLIKE OUR SPEAKERS BEFORE ME, I'M BORN AND RAISED IN PORTLAND. I'M A PRODUCT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M FROM ST. JOHNS FROM RIGHT IN THAT AREA, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK WITH THE COUNTY. YOU WILL BE MISSED. I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDER ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENT CENTER AT PORTLAND STATE. I'M THE FOUNDER AND COORDINATOR OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT ALLIANCE, AN ORGANIZATION THAT SPANS OVER TWO STATE LINES AND AN OCEAN. MY UPBRINGING IN PORTLAND LIKE MANY MIGRANT COMMUNITIES WAS VERY LONELY AND ISOLATED. MY EXISTENCE AS AN ISLANDER IN PUBLIC SPACES LIKE SCHOOL AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS WERE MARRIED BY PROFILING AND FALLACIES. I WAS OFTEN PUT INTO PROGRAMS FOR OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS BECAUSE OF THINGS LIKE, QUOTE, WELL, MAYBE YOU SHOULD JOIN THIS GROUP WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN KIDS.

Makirusa Perotasano: YOUR HAIR KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THEIRS. OR MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE WITH THE LATINO STUDENTS BECAUSE YOUR SKIN LOOKS A LOT LIKE THEIRS. AS WE MENTIONED BEFORE, A LOT OF OUR PAIRINGS WITH ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENTS. WHEN I GRADUATED IN 2000, I LEFT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO MOVE. I CAME BACK IN 2005 TO SEEK A DEGREE FROM PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF BEING IN PORTLAND AGAIN AND WANTING TO BE SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COMMUNITY, I FIND MYSELF LEAVING AGAIN BACK TO THE PACIFIC. A LOT OF MY RESEARCH AND DATA I WAS TRYING TO DO AS AN UNDERGRAD AND DO IN MY MASTER'S PROGRAM, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT HERE. I LEFT BACK TO HAWAII. I ALSO WORKED IN FIJI SO I COULD FIND THE SUPPORT I WAS LOOKING FOR. TWO YEARS AGO, I MOVED BACK TO PORTLAND, BUT THIS TIME I BRING MY FAMILY WITH ME. MY WIFE IS FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. HER MOTHER IS THE PRESIDENT FROM THAT COUNTRY. WE HAVE A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS BEING HERE IN PORTLAND. I SAY HER, I'M SORRY. I'M FROM COLUMBIA VILLA. IT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR ME. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE STORIES THAT WE KEEP TELLING OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, I CAN'T RUN AWAY SOMEWHERE TO COLLECT THAT DATA FOR OUR PEOPLE HERE, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT I HAVE MOVED TO PORTLAND WITH MY DAUGHTER WHO IS 4 YEARS OLD, WHO I HOPE TO RAISE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IN ST. JOHNS. I'VE GOT A LOT OF LOVE FOR NORTH PORTLAND. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS. IF NOT FOR MY COMMUNITY NOW, FOR MY DAUGHTER LATER. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Lilian Ongluna: ALL RIGHT. I GUESS I'M GOING FIRST THEN. MY NAME IS LILLIAN. I AM A PROUD PORTLAND BORN AMERICAN TRAILBLAZER RIP CITY DEVOTEE AND AS SUCH, I, TOO, AM A PRODUCT OF THE FINE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS HAD OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. REALLY, IT'S BEEN ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS SINCE I STOOD IN THIS VERY SPOT AND SAW THIS ROOM TAKEN OVER BY A LION'S DRUMMING, POETS SHARING, PEOPLE SINGING. IT WAS THE FIRST EVER ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CELEBRATION FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT PACIFIC ISLANDER PEOPLE WERE HONORED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN THIS SPACE DESPITE THE FACT THAT HAWAIIANS HAVE BEEN HERE IN MULTNOMAH LAND SINCE THE 1800S. MY OWN COMMUNITY HAS HAD A 31-YEAR CELEBRATION OF OUR CULTURE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I COME HERE HOPING TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT WITH THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY EQUITY STUDY BECAUSE I WOULD HATE FOR THE ONLY TIME FOR OUR PACIFIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THIS AREA TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND HONORED IS ONLY WHEN WE'RE HERE TO ENTERTAIN. AS SOMEBODY WHO GREW UP IN NORTH PORTLAND DISTRICT 2 AND NOW I WORK IN EAST COUNTY HELPING A LOT OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED, I SEE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO STRUGGLE AND NOT BE SEEN, SO I HOPE THAT I HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING SURE THAT THESE STUDIES CONTINUE. I HOPE THAT THE NEXT TIME I AM HERE AS AN ARTIST AGAIN FEATURED AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT I CONTINUE TO HAVE MY SUBJECT MATTER BE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DIASPORA OF MY PEOPLE. I HOPE THAT FOLLOWING THE THEME OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY P.I. CELEBRATION THAT YOU HELP US TO ENLIGHTEN THE PEOPLE HERE BY ENSURING THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY EQUITY STUDY CONTINUES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Dewanna Harris: THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR ALLOWING MY TESTIMONY HERE TODAY. I REPRESENT TRANSITIONAL PROJECTS. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR INVESTMENT IN A HOME FOR EVERYONE AND IN THE WORK OF PROVIDERS DOING WORK ON THE GROUND HELP THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE KEEP THEIR HOMES LAST YEAR AND AVOID EVICTION. THIS YEAR NEARLY 5,000 PEOPLE WILL RETURN TO HOUSING AND THOUSANDS WILL SEEK SHELTER FOR A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP OFF THE STREETS. I'M A LIVING TESTIMONY TO WHAT POTENTIAL CAN BE REALIZED WHEN YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE RIGHT SERVICES. TEN YEARS AGO, I FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS AND DESTITUTE. NOT ONLY DID I HAVE LOW SELF-ESTEEM RESULTING FROM YEARS OF TRAUMA AND ABUSE, BUT MY SELF-WORTH WAS BANKRUPT. I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC, IN PRISON, AND A POOR EXCUSE FOR A MOTHER. WITH THE SUPPORT OF TRANSITIONAL PROJECTS, I WORKED THROUGH MY BARRIERS. I FOUND HOUSING. I GRADUATED COLLEGE. I'M WORKING ON MY MASTER'S,

AND I'M MANAGING OUR MENTOR PROGRAM. MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IS I'M A PARENT TODAY. I'VE BEEN A MOM FOR OVER 24 YEARS, BUT I CAN SAY I'M A PARENT TODAY. I CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD ON THESE INVESTMENTS. IT PROVIDED A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP FOR TONIGHT AND GAIN STABILITY BY HOUSING THE HOMELESS. MAKING SURE WE'RE PROVIDING FLOW THROUGH IS CRITICAL TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. RENT ASSISTANCE AND PLACEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES MAKES THIS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Margaret Scott: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS MARGARET. I'M A DIVISION DIRECTOR WITH MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT PROGRAM. THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE WOULD CUT COUNTERPOINT FUNDING BY 50% APPROXIMATELY. AGAIN TO REITERATE THAT COUNTERPOINT SERVES YOUTH WITH PROBLEM SEXUAL BEHAVIOR ANYWHERE FROM YOUNGER KIDS 6 TO ADD ADJUDICATED ADOLESCENCES. IT WOULD CONTINUE TO FUND THE YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY CHARGED, BUT THE YOUNGER ONES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET TREATMENT. AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS POPULATION, SO THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT PRIVATE INSURANCE WOULD COVER OR THAT MEDICAID COVERS. THIS IS THE ONLY FUNDING FOR THIS KIND OF TREATMENT FOR YOUTH UNDER 12. THAT'S THE POPULATION I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT IS KIDS UNDER 12 WITH SEXUAL BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT TERM.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT SEXUALLY APPROPRIATE PLAY OR EXPLORATION. I'M TALKING ABOUT BEHAVIOR THAT CREATES A VICTIM, USUALLY A YOUNGER AND MORE VULNERABLE CHILD. THESE VICTIMS ARE SCARED AND TRAUMATIZED BY THIS BEHAVIOR. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THESE VICTIMS WILL NEED TREATMENT TO RECOVER FROM THIS ABUSE. THIS VICTIM PERSPECTIVE IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND. I'M SURE THE GOAL IS TO LOOK AT HOW DO YOU SPEND THE MONEY TO REACH THE MOST PEOPLE. I THINK IT IS EASY TO LOOK AT A SMALL PROGRAM LIKE COUNTERPOINT AND SAY THAT MAKES SENSE. THERE'S NOT VERY MANY KIDS. IT'S TRUE. COUNTERPOINT SERVES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 50 AND 60 KIDS A YEAR. 10 TO 20 ARE UNDER 12. IF YOU LOOK AT THEM FROM UNDER A VICTIM PERSPECTIVE, IT LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT. WE CAN ASSUME THEIR INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIORS HAVE CREATED AT LEAST 20 VICTIMS. WITHOUT SPECIALIZED TREATMENT, THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THESE 20 CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIORS AND CREATE MORE VICTIMS. WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT VICTIMS, NUMBERS DON'T REALLY TELL THE WHOLE STORY. THE TRAUMA OF THOSE VICTIMS BEGINS TO WEIGH VERY HEAVILY. AT SOME POINT, IT IS ALSO REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED

TREATMENT DUE TO FUNDING CUTS WILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO BE CHARGED WITH A SEXUAL OFFENSE AT WHICH TIME WE'LL THEN OFFER THEM TREATMENT, WHICH IS GREAT. I CAN ARGUE WE'RE DOING A DISSERVICE TO THESE YOUTH WAITING TO INTERVENE WHEN A CRIME IS COMMITTED. IT WILL DISRUPT THEIR EDUCATION AND ALIENATE THEM FROM THEIR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT SYSTEM. BUT WHAT IS UNCONSCIONABLE IS WE'RE CREATING MORE AND MORE VICTIMS IN OUR SYSTEM. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THE FUNDING FOR COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Kyno Barba: HELLO. I'M NOT ACTUALLY FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M FROM VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, CLARK COUNTY. I MADE MY HOME THERE ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO. I STARTED WORKING AT CLARK COLLEGE, SO I'VE BEEN WORKING IN HIGHER ED FOR A LONG TIME. I'M ADDRESSING OF COURSE THE \$175,000 THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO GO TOWARDS THE DATA COLLECTION FOR OUR PEOPLE FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. WHILE WORKING AT CLARK COLLEGE, I GOT TO MEET A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE. IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, I HAVE SEEN MORE AND MORE PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE ME. I FIND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE COMING TO SEE ME IN MY OFFICE, UNCLE, EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T MET THAT PERSON BEFORE. THEY CALL ME UNCLE BECAUSE THEY KNOW I'M THE ONE PACIFIC ISLANDER ON STAFF THAT THEY CAN COME TO.

AS I BUILD THESE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE STUDENTS AND I HEAR THEIR STORIES WITH, I REALIZE HOW PRIVILEGED I AM AS A HAWAIIAN WHO HAS ALL THE PRIVILEGES TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN HERE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE LIFE. THERE ARE MANY THAT HAVE COME HERE FROM TERRITORIES. I HAVE JUST BEEN NAMED CO-CHAIR OF UNITED TERRITORIES OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS ALLIANCE PDX, WHICH IS AN LGBTQIA-PLUS ORGANIZATION THAT REACHES OUT TO OUR PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY. MY GOAL AT CLARK COLLEGE WAS TO MEET THESE PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENTS, BUT THEN I NOTICED THAT THERE WERE OTHER STUDENTS THAT HAD DIFFERENT PROBLEMS THAT WE NEEDED TO FIND OUT SOLUTIONS FOR THAT DIDN'T -- NOT ONLY DIDN'T FEEL THEY FIT IN AS PACIFIC ISLANDERS BUT ALSO AS THE QUEER AND TRANS COMMUNITY THAT HAVE ANOTHER OBSTACLE TO GET THROUGH. WITH THE DATA COLLECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT ALSO WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE AND HOW WE CAN HELP THEM. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT TO OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE BUT ALSO TO OUR QUEER AND TRANS CITIZENS HERE. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WORK THAT YOU DO, AND I PRAY THAT WE WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN MULTNOMAH. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [CALLING NAMES].

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING.

Colinin Fizitoo: YES, GOOD EVENING. GOOD EVENING, CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. I'M A CASE MANAGER FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, IRCO. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE AND URGE FOR AN INCREASE OF FUNDING FOR OUR GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM. AS OF RIGHT NOW, THE PROPOSED FUNDING THAT WE HAVE IT WOULD ALLOW US TO WORK WITH TEN ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH. THE DATA SHOWED IN 2016/2017 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND YOUTH HAVE CONTACT WITH POLICE 6,600 TIMES. THAT'S MORE THAN THE CAUCASIAN. THAT'S MORE THAN THE HISPANIC. WE ARE GIVEN THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEING PROPOSED? MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ALSO ABOUT EQUITY. WE ARE HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE EQUITY MISSION THAT YOU GUYS HAVE. AND I'M HOPING THEY WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND SHARE EQUITY FUNDING AND RESOURCES WITH OUR COMMUNITY NOT ONLY FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE WITH IRCO'S GANG PREVENTION SERVICES BUT ALSO WITH THE AFRICAN IMMIGRANT. THOSE TWO GROUPS ARE IN NEED OF DESPERATE SUPPORT. ALSO, I GOT THE EMAIL. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH DATA COLLECTION. BUT I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE AND URGE FOR INCREASE OF FUNDING. I'M HERE TO INCREASE THE FUNDING TO 275 SO THAT WAY WE ALL GET COUNTED BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE COUNTED. THIS IS REAL FROM OUR PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY. HEALTH IS A BIG, BIG ISSUE. JUST THE LAST WEEK, I WENT TO TWO FUNERALS. THESE ARE TWO PREVENTABLE DEATHS. ANY GIVEN TIME HERE, SPEAKING FOR MY OWN COMMUNITY, ANY TIME THERE'S HOURS WITHIN THE LAST FIVE FUNERALS, THREE OF THEM ARE EARLY DEATHS PREVENTABLE. THIS FUNDING IS DESPERATELY NEEDED BECAUSE WE'RE HERE, AND WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. WE WANT TO LIVE LONG. I'M A GRANDPA. EVERYBODY BEHIND ME, THEY'RE MY NIECE AND NEPHEWS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Leslie Williams: GOOD EVENING.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING.

Leslie Williams: I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE HIGHLAND HAVEN. TO CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH KAFOURY AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TONIGHT. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH FOR YOUR WORK IN DISTRICT 2. YOUR WORK IS NOT GOING UNNOTICED. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHLAND HAVEN YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SUPPORT. WE'RE ASKING A ONE-TIMELINE LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET OF \$25,000 TO SUPPORT THE NEWLY FORMED HIGHLAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. THIS ACADEMY WAS FORMED IN

HONOR OF THE LATE REVEREND DR. W.D. HARDY JR. IN HONOR OF HIS LOVE, COMMITMENT, AND PASSION FOR YOUTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS GIFT WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE HIS LEGACY AS WELL AS BUILD UP ON THE GREAT WORK HE ACCOMPLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE ACADEMY IS SLATED TO OPEN IN JUNE 18, 2018. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO OPEN ON TIME. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST AND LET US KNOW YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WAS INSPIRED BY THE WORK AND LEGACY OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED DR. HARDY AND THE WORK HE STARTED WITH COACHING BOYS INTO MEN, WHICH ALSO WE DID LAST YEAR WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHICH HELPED YOUNG MEN BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS WITH A POSITIVE SENSE OF MASCULINITY. THE YOUNG MEN WERE AGES 18 THROUGH 21. WE HAVE ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE A TEAM AMBASSADORS FOR THE EVERS ACADEMY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. WE SEE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH OTHERS.

Leslie Williams: OUR MISSION AND GOALS ARE SIMILAR. FOR BLACK MALES, THEY PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SUCCESS. WE'RE TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF PROMISING YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH DYNAMIC COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS WHICH CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT OF SELF-DIRECTED AND EMPOWERED INDIVIDUALS. OF COURSE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU KNOW YOUR MISSION TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE QUALITY SERVICES PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND PROMOTES A HEALTHY, SAFE, AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY FOR ALL. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE A-TEAM IS TO ASSIST THE AMBASSADORS WHO ARE OUR YOUNG MEN IN MAKING INTERNAL CHANGES WITH AN OUTCOME OF INCREASED POSITIVE SELF-ESTEEM AND OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN THE WAY THEY VIEW THE WORLD. I HAVE WITH ME TONIGHT TWO MENTORS, ELDER CHARLES, RAISE YOUR HAND, AND OF COURSE MINISTER CARLOS WHO WILL BE SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT. THERE IS ONE MENTEE FROM THE COACHING BOYS TO MEN. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS QUOTE. IF I AM TO LEAVE A LEGACY, WHAT DO I REALLY WANT THAT LEGACY TO BE? IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A BUILDING, AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE WEALTH. I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE BEHIND YOUTH WHO ARE EMPOWERED TO BE CHANGERS, WORLD CHANGERS. AS A WOMAN OF FAITH, JEREMIAH 29: 1 29:11. FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS OF I THINK OF YOU, SAYS THE LORD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Carlos Crosey: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS CARLOS. I'M FROM TEXAS. I LIVED HERE FROM 90 TO 97, WENT BACK HOME, AND CAME BACK HERE FOUR YEARS AGO. I JUST WANT TO GIVE BACK TO A COMMUNITY I HELPED TEAR UP BACK IN THE 90S. LIKE THIS BROTHER SAID ABOUT COLUMBIA VILLA. I REMEMBER I COULDN'T GO IN COLUMBIA VILLA, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT -- STAND UP, ALL THREE OF Y'ALL. NOW I KNOW PEOPLE HAD A LOT OF MEN, A LOT OF

GROWNUPS. A LOT OF US GROWNUPS, WE WENT THROUGH STUFF, RIGHT? WE WERE BROKEN, BUT WE HAD TO BE REBUILT, RIGHT? OUR MISSION IS TO NOT LET THEM BREAK. OUR MISSION IS TO NOT LET THEM BE THE GANG MEMBERS. WE WANT TO STOP THEM BEFORE THE GANG MEMBER HAPPENED? WE'RE COACHING BOYS INTO MEN. Y'ALL CAN SIT DOWN. WE'RE COACHING BOYS INTO MEN LAST YEAR. THAT WAS MY FIRST TIME MENTORING. I KIND OF TOOK ON TO IT. I KIND OF LIKED IT. PLUS, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK. SOME OF THE CURRICULUM WE TAUGHT ON WAS -- WE TAUGHT THEM ATTITUDE, TEMPER, RESPECT, PEER PRESSURE, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, SELF-WORTH, AND THEN HOW TO TREAT WOMEN. WE TAUGHT THEM THROUGH DISCUSSIONS, ROLE-PLAYING, ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS, AND PROJECTS. SOME OF THEIR GRADES IMPROVED. SOME OF THEIR MIND-SETS CHANGED. SOME OF THEIR ATTITUDES CHANGED. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. I'M JUST THANKFUL FOR BEING PART OF THIS BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE THIS COMING UP. NOBODY TAUGHT ME NOTHING. WELL, I AIN'T GOING TO SAY NOTHING, BUT I WASN'T TAUGHT CERTAIN THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. TEACHING ME HOW TO BE A MAN. I HAD TO LEARN IN THE STREET. THAT AIN'T THE WAY TO LEARN IT. WE WANT TO TEACH THEM BETTER THAN THAT. THAT'S MY TIME. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Suzanne Vodry Casalles: HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS SUZANNE. I'M A FINANCIAL EDUCATOR AND ASSET BUILDING SPECIALIST AT PORTLAND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT INITIATIVES OR PCRI. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, PCRI IS A LOW-INCOME HOUSING ORGANIZATION. WE ARE A HUD-CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCY, COUNSELING PEOPLE TO GET MORTGAGE READY SO THEY CAN PURCHASE HOMES. WE ALSO HAVE A REALLY EXCITING INITIATIVE CALLED PATHWAY 1,000 THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY STARTED WHERE WE ARE WORKING TO BRING PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED THROUGH GENTRIFICATION THROUGH HOME OWNERSHIP AND LOW-INCOME RENTAL POSSIBILITIES. I AM HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING A PROGRAM THAT IS TITLED CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ASSET BUILDING, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT I HAVE BEEN HELPING ADMINISTER WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM IS UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WHERE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES HAVE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TOWARDS ASSET BUILDING, TOWARDS BEING ABLE TO DEAL WITH THINGS THAT ARE EMERGENCIES. SOME OF THE THINGS WE LIKE TO POINT OUT IS IF YOU LOOK AT HOME OWNERSHIP, 41% OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES OWN THEIR HOMES. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THIS PROGRAM IS WORKING TO SORT OF HELP CHANGE THOSE NUMBERS A LITTLE BIT. LAST JULY, HBI, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MYSELF CAME TOGETHER TO START TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO. WE WANTED TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM BASICALLY GIVES ONE-TIME UNRESTRICTED

BENEFITS TO EITHER PREGNANT OR WOMEN WHO HAVE JUST GIVEN BIRTH, AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. ON TOP OF THAT, WE BRING THEM TOGETHER INTO A CLASS WHERE WE TALK ABOUT BASIC FINANCIAL EDUCATION. THINGS LIKE BANKING, TAXES, CREDIT BUILDING, BUDGETING. WE ALSO SORT OF PLANT THAT SEED OF HOW IMPORTANT HOME OWNERSHIP CAN BE FOR THEM IN THEIR FUTURE. THIS PROGRAM HAS DONE MORE THAN JUST EDUCATE WOMEN THOUGH. IT HAS ALSO GIVEN THIS COMMUNITY THAT HAS TRULY BEEN DECIMATED THROUGH GENTRIFICATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND BUILD COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN, TO HAVE PEOPLE COME INTO THE ROOM, MEET EACH OTHER, TALK ABOUT WHAT THE RESOURCES, TOOLS, THINGS THEY CAN DO ARE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR FUNDING THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Kyle Farrel: HI. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KYLE. I AM A FORMER INTERN AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE UNIT. IN THE UNIT I LEARNED A BUNCH OF USEFUL THINGS IN REGARDS TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. THAT IS THAT THESE PRIMARILY WOMEN ARE VICTIMIZED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THEIR TRAFFICKERS. THEY'RE ESSENTIAL CAPTIVES IN THEIR LIFE. WHAT I HAVE SEEN IS THAT THIS ISN'T SOMETHING ON THE MOVIES WHERE YOU SEE A PROSTITUTE ON THE STREET CORNERS. IT'S MOVED INTO THE NEW ERAS OF ONLINE AND MEETING TO COMBAT IT. NEEDING TO FIGHT AGAINST IT AND TO HOPEFULLY TRY TO END WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY MODERN-DAY SLAVERY. COMING FROM PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, WE WERE TOLD ABOUT THIS UNIT. I LEARNED ABOUT IT MY SOPHOMORE YEAR IN COLLEGE, AND I KNEW I WANTED TO GET INVOLVED. GOING THROUGH THE INTERNSHIP, I HAVE DISCOVERED I WANT TO DEVOTE MY CAREER, MY FUTURE CAREER PATH, TO ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. I BELIEVE THAT OTHER STUDENTS AND OTHER PEOPLE CAN LEARN THAT AS WELL. HOPEFULLY WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT, IT CAN STOP. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Adrian Livingston: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. REALLY GLAD TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO LEND MY VOICE IN SUPPORT OF SAVING THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT POSITION. I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU ALL SHARE THE CONCERN OF --

Board Clerk: COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

Adrian Livingston: ADRIAN LIVINGSTON. I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THAT. SORRY. JUST THE FACT THAT YOU SHARE THE CONCERN OF THIS POSITION

BEING CUT, I KNOW THAT I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT IS SURPRISED THAT WE'RE EVEN HERE TONIGHT BEING THAT THIS IS A POSITION THAT COULD BE TERMINATED, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE KNOW MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE LEARNING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND WANTING TO FIGHT IT. IT IS INCREASING. THE FACT THAT IT IS ACTUALLY ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK, I'M JUST SURPRISED. TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY CONNECTION. MY ROLE IS TO HELP EDUCATE, EQUIP, AND ENGAGE THE CHURCH AND FAITH COMMUNITIES AS TO WHAT THIS ISSUE IS AND HOW WE CAN HELP THEM INTERNALLY WITH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WORKING WITH YOUTH AND CHURCHES. ALSO OUTSIDE. WHAT CAN YOU DO? HOW CAN WE HELP YOU GET ENGAGED AND JUST PARTNERING, COLLABORATION, NETWORKING, ET CETERA? A PART OF THAT IS I HAVE A PODCAST. I INVITED MOLLY TO COME ON AS A SUBJECT-AREA EXPERT. SHE DID THAT. IN FACT, TOMORROW, I WILL BE AT A PSU CLASS PRESENTING. ONE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS IS TO LISTEN TO HER INTERVIEW. AS I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THIS AREA, EDUCATION IS HUGE.

Adrian Livingston: PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT SO THEY CAN DETERMINE AND DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AS WELL AS PREVENTION. WITH THAT, I JUST REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO JUST LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THIS POSITION. AMEND THE BUDGET SO WE DON'T HAVE TO BE CONSIDERING, WOW, THIS ROLE MIGHT BE GONE. THE OTHER THING IS WE KNOW THAT THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN OUR AREA IS HUGE, . THE CITY OF PORTLAND WANTS TO ADDRESS IT. I KNOW THE COUNTY WANTS TO ADDRESS IT. WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, IN THEIR BUDGET, THEY HAVE PUT AN INCREASE IN THEIR POLICE UNITS OUT ON THE STREET BECAUSE OF THAT. WITH THE HOMELESS SITUATION, IT IS ALSO TIED TO SEXUAL TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION. WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE INTERNAL. I GET YOUR NEWSLETTERS. I LOVE WHAT YOU SAID IN THIS LAST ONE. YOU SAID ABOUT THE COUNTY, THROUGH ITS MANY LINES OF WORK, THE COUNTY SPREADS ITS VISION OF A COMMUNITY WHERE ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP CAN FIND IT. IT DIDN'T SAY OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM OR INSIDE THE SYSTEM. THE FACT IS WE HAVE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM THAT NEED HELP AND PEOPLE INSIDE THE SYSTEM THAT NEED HELP. WITH THIS POSITION OF THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT, THAT IS SO CRITICAL TO HELPING THOSE THAT ARE VICTIMS. I JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SAVE THIS POSITION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Casey Trayhan: HELLO. HI MY NAME IS CASSIE. I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AS WELL AS A REGISTERED NURSE HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON. I BEGAN MY WORK WORKING WITH SEXUALLY A LY I BEGAN MY WORK WORKING WITH SEXUALLY A LY EXPLOITED YOUTH. DURING THE TIME MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS ESTABLISHING THEIR RESPONSE TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, I HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT AS A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. I

COFOUNDED A VILLAGE FOR ONE, WHICH SERVES THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS FOR OUR YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 25. IN 2017, I WAS VOTED ON TO THE OREGON STATE LEVEL HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE. IN 2018, THIS GROUP BEGAN LOOKING AT WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE GOING TO BE. THOSE PROFESSIONALS IDENTIFIED THE TOP TWO NEEDS AS HOUSING FOR THESE SURVIVORS AS WELL AS LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR ORGANIZATION IS NOT A CONTRACTED SERVICE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WE DO NOT DIRECTLY SERVE THIS COUNTY AS A WHOLE, BUT I'M HERE THIS EVENING BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE YOUTH WE SERVE. THE ABUSE OF OUR YOUTH DOES NOT KNOW COUNTY LINES. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER AS A WHOLE, AND THAT INCLUDES THIS POSITION. YES, THEY ARE SASSY AT TIMES AND OVERALL A CHALLENGING POPULATION TO TRACK DOWN AND IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR.

Casey Trayhan: HOWEVER, THEY ARE SOME OF THE MOST RESILIENT GRACIOUS HUMAN BEINGS I'VE EVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING. THEIR STORIES ARE HEART WRENCHING AND STOMACH TURNING AS MOST OF THEM BEGIN AS MINORS AND CONTINUE IN THEIR LIVE AS ADULTS AND OFTENTIMES END UP IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THEIR STORIES ARE OFTENTIMES -- HAVE A LINING OF HOPE WHEN THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE REALITY IS THAT MOST OF US WILL EITHER FACE A SEXUAL ASSAULT OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL FACE A SEXUAL ASSAULT WITHIN OUR LIFETIME. A SINGULAR ACT OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE CAN BE LIFE CHANGING. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR YOUTH IS THAT THEY'RE NOT SOLD FIVE TIMES A A DAY. THEY CAN BE SOLD UPWARDS OF 15 TO 30 TIMES IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD. THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT ALONG WITH THE OTHER ENGAGED LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE KEY NOT ONLY TO ARREST AND PROSECUTIONS BUT ALSO SURVIVOR SAFETY AND SUPPORT. I DON'T FEEL SAFE RAISING ME THREE DAUGHTERS IN A COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T FIND IT IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THE WORK THAT WE'VE WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET HERE TO HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS A PARENT IN THIS COMMUNITY, I'M ASKING YOU TO CONTINUE FUNDING THIS CRITICAL ROLE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Joel Shaprio: I'M JOEL. I DON'T WANT TO COMMIT THE FAUX PAS OF NOT GIVING YOU MY BACKGROUND, BUT MY TIME IS SHORT. I HAVE SPENT THE LAST NINE YEARS OF WORKING ON THE ISSUE OF SEX TRAFFICKING. I'VE WORKED AS AN ADVOCATE ON LEGISLATE POLICY WITH A COALITION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SALEM TO CHANGE THE POLICIES THERE. AS AN ATTORNEY, I REPRESENT VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. I PROVIDE PRO BONO ADVICE TO A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. I HAVE FIRSTHAND WORKED WITH THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT TO TRY TO CONNECT THAT WORK WITH VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. FOR

EXAMPLE, MAKING SURE THAT A VICTIM WHO IS IN CUSTODY, THAT THEY'RE AWARE OF HER MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS AND THAT SHE'S ABLE TO GET THE MEDICATION THAT SHE NEEDS. SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS DROPPING OFF A PAIR OF EYEGLASSES TO THE JAIL SO THAT THIS PERSON IS ABLE TO READ. THEN COORDINATING THE TRANSITION OUT OF CUSTODY BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS WHERE SO MANY PROBLEMS HAPPEN FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY STABILITY TO HELP SUPPORT THEM. THAT IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT ON AN INDIVIDUAL LEVEL, BUT I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IT FROM A POLICY LEVEL. IN AROUND ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, I TALK ABOUT IT AS A TRAFFICKER, BUYER, AND A VICTIM.

Joel Shaprio: WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK AT MAKING IT EASIER TO GO AFTER TRAFFICKING AND BUYERS THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE PART WHERE WE'VE BEEN REALLY LACKING IS PROVIDING THE CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR VICTIMS SO THEY CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO TRANSITION OUT OF THE LIFE AND HAVE SOME STABILITY. THAT IS VERY, VERY HARD. TO BE HONEST, AS PUBLIC POLICY PEOPLE IN A SYSTEM, WE HAVEN'T DONE A VERY GOOD JOB OF THAT. I THINK THE IN-JAIL SERGEANT POSITION IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THAT CONTINUUM, AND IT IS ONE THAT CANNOT BE PROVIDED BY ANYONE ELSE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY CANNOT FIND A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT'S GOING TO BE IN THE JAIL PROVIDING THIS TYPE OF WORK. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DELEGATED TO THE CITY OR THE CITY. FOR THOSE REASONS, I THINK IT IS UP TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DECIDE WHETHER THIS IS A PIECE OF THAT CONTINUUM THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE. IF NOT, IT IS GOING TO BE PART OF THE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS THAT WE'RE REALLY LACKING THAT IS GOING TO SEND A BAD MESSAGE. IT IS GOING TO BE BAD IN TERMS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK THAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. I HOPE YOU CAN RESTORE THIS FUNDING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] FORMER COMMISSION DIANE, WILL YOU PLEASE COME UP? YOU'RE NEXT ON THE LIST.

Chair Kafoury: DO YOU WANT TO CALL THREE OTHER FOLKS TOO?

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Diane Mckell: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DIANE MCKEEL. I AM HERE TONIGHT TO TESTIFY ON FUNDING FOR THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT. IN 2009, THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN COLLABORATIVE WAS FORMED WITH NUMEROUS PARTNERS TO BUILD A SYSTEM OF PREVENTION AND SERVICE FOR ADVOCATES AND VICTIMS AND STRONGER PUNISHMENTS FOR TRAFFICKERS AND BUYERS. WE NOW HAVE A VERY STRONG SYSTEM IN PLACE WHICH HAS GROWN WITH EACH PASSING YEAR. ELIMINATING THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT POSITION

WOULD HURT THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE HEARD MANY TIMES HOW CRITICAL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT IS TO THE WORK OF ALMOST ALL THE PARTNERS IN THE COLLABORATIVE. THIS POSITION PROVIDES OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNS. OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, 40 INTERNS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE 8,000 HOURS, WHICH IS ALMOST THE EQUIVALENT OF FOUR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN ONE YEAR. TALK ABOUT RETURN ON INVESTMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, LAUNCHING CAREERS FOR THESE STUDENTS WHICH WILL SUSTAIN THE WORK OF FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERSECTS MANY OF THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU CARE ABOUT -- MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, OUR YOUTH, COUNTY COUNTYWIDE ADVERSE IMPACT. AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE LIKE TO SAY WE SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE. I CANNOT THINK OF ANYONE MORE VULNERABLE THAN A CHILD BEING BOUGHT AND SOLD FOR SEX. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Elena Erera: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ELENA. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN LETTING ME SPEAK. ALSO SUPPORT FOR THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT POSITION. I'VE CONTINUED ON FOR A YEAR DEVOTING SOME TIME BECAUSE I FIND IT VERY CRITICAL AS AN INTERN, COMPLETING THIS INTERNSHIP, WHICH HAS ALLOWED ME TRAINING, WORKING WITH THE VARIOUS AGENCIES. I'VE WORKED WITH ONE -- ONE OF THE SKILLS I'VE ACQUIRED IS ANALYZING POTENTIAL PATTERNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS VICTIMOLOGY AND GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. I WAS ALLOWED TO GO TO A RECENT CONVICTION WHICH GAVE ME A SPARK IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND EMBRACED IT. THAT'S WHERE I'M NOW EMPLOYED BECAUSE OF THIS POSITION. OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS ARE VITAL, ESPECIALLY WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO ACQUIRING ANALYTIC SKILLS TO IDENTIFY TRAFFICKING, I ALSO WORK WITH MOLLY IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKED YOUTH WITH THE DHS PROGRAM AND ALSO POTENTIAL TRAFFICKERS. I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE ARE SOME GAPS THAT WITHOUT THIS POSITION YOUTH AND OUR TRAFFICKERS WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. IN ADDITION, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS COLLEGE GRADUATE INTERNSHIPS ARE A FOUNDATION FOR OUR CAREERS. WITH SKILLS, IT IS VITAL FOR FUTURE EMPLOYERS AND TO MAKE US PRODUCTS ON RETURN -- AS SAID, RETURN THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH POSITIONS INTO THE COMMUNITY SO WE CAN IMPACT INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY LOW-INCOME YOUTH AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ACTUALLY COME FROM NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE THE ONE I CAME FROM, SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Allie Roseworld: MY NAME IS ALLIE. I'M A FORMER INTERN OF SERGEANT MOLLY HOOD. I GAINED INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE AND GAINED AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S TAKING PLACE IN MY COMMUNITY AS WELL AS HOW I CAN BETTER PROTECT MYSELF AND THOSE AROUND ME. MY TIME WITH

SERGEANT HOOD DEVELOPED A ONE-OF-A-KIND HUMAN TRAFFICKING DATABASE. IT IS SHARED WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES STATEWIDE AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING STATES. SHARING THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOSTERS -- IT HELPS FOSTER CONNECTIONS AND BUILD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. I BELIEVE SERGEANT HOOD'S POSITION IS VITAL FOR THE OVERALL SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY AS SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST A NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS BY IDENTIFYING PEOPLE OF INTEREST AND PROVIDING VERIFIABLE INTEL. UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DATABASE AND THE POSITION ITSELF IS ONE OF A KIND, ELIMINATING IT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE COMMUNITY AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SERGEANT HOOD WORKS TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND ADVOCACY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. THROUGH HER WORK, MOLLY IS ABLE TO DOCUMENT AND IDENTIFY GENERATIONAL ABUSE, IDENTIFYING THE DEEPLY-ROOTED TRAUMA THAT SURVIVORS AND TRAFFICKERS ENDURE. AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ADVOCACY FOR THEIR NEEDS. I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUND THIS POSITION AND ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO DO THE GOOD WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Kelly Russell: HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS KELLY. I'M AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. I TEACH ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. I WORK AS AN ADVOCATE/I.T. PERSON/GARBAGE REMOVAL EXPERT AT A NONPROFIT AS ANY GOOD NONPROFIT KNOWS. THAT IS KIND OF THE NAME OF THE GAME. I'VE HAD A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AND KIND OF A UNIQUE CAREER THAT HAS GIVEN ME A LOT OF INSIGHT INTO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK THAT POSITION OF IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT PROVIDES TO THE COUNTY AND THE ISSUE AS A WHOLE BP WHOLE. I STARTED OUT AS A JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER. WHAT I WAS AMAZED BY IN THAT TIME WAS THAT I SAW KIDS MOVING ACROSS THE RIVER, BACK AND FORTH CONSISTENTLY THAT WERE BEING TRAFFICKED AND EXPLOITED OUT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND PUT TO WORK IN OTHER COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF OREGON. WHAT I FOUND MOST IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE WORK I DID WAS THE RELATIONSHIPS I WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH WITH THE YOUTH IN CUSTODY AND ESTABLISH A RAPPORT. IN THESE SITUATIONS THERE WAS NEVER A FORMAL PLACE TO BE ABLE TO COLLECT THAT INFORMATION OR BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERS TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INTELLIGENCE THAT I RECEIVED AS A DETENTION OFFICER. I ALWAYS THOUGHT IF THERE WAS ONE PIECE THAT I FEEL LIKE CONTINUALLY MISSING IN THE CONTINUUM OF CARE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN IDENTIFYING OFFENDERS THAT WE DO IT IS IN THE JAILS. WE HAVE KIDS THAT AGE INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM THAT HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIZED FOR YEARS ON END. THESE KIDS HAVE BEEN RAPED REPEATEDLY. THEY'VE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. THIS HAS GONE ON FOR YEARS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. WHEN

WE FAIL TO IDENTIFY THEM WITH THEIR POINTS OF CONTACT WITH THE SYSTEM, THEY DO AGE INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM. WHEN WE DON'T HAVE PEOPLE IN THE ADULT SYSTEM THAT CAN MAINTAIN TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES AND TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSES TO THIS ISSUE, THEN WE'RE FURTHER VICTIMIZING THEM. IN THESE SITUATIONS, I CAN TELL YOU I HAD AN EXPERIENCE WITH A 13-YEAR-OLD CHILD THAT WAS RAPED BY A TRAFFICKER. I WALKED INTO A ROOM WHERE THIS 13-YEAR-OLD WAS SUCKING HER THUMB AND HOLDING ON A GIANT RATTLE BY HANDLE AND WAS CRYING. AFTER 24 HOURS OF SITTING WITH THIS YOUTH, I WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP ENOUGH RAPPORT FOR HER TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE NICKNAME OF THE TRAFFICKER. AT THAT TIME, IN 2008, 2009, THERE WAS NO RESOURCES FOR ME TO GO ANYWHERE WITH THAT INFORMATION. TODAY, I WOULD CALL MOLLY AND SAY, HEY, I'VE GOT A MONIKER. I'VE GOT A NICKNAME. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT? 9 TIMES OUT OF 10 SHE WOULD SAY YES BASED ON THE INFORMATION SHE'S COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS. I CAN'T STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK THAT WE DO. IT GIVES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SURVIVORS TO HAVE A RESOLUTION, TO MAINTAIN SOME SORT OF EMPOWERMENT IN HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE. I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POSITION IN THE WORK THAT WE DO.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING.

Yung Ho: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT COMMUNITY TENANTS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US BACK. WE WERE JUST ALL SPEAKING TO YOU LAST WEEK. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE SUPPORTED AND HAVE BEEN CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE KIND OF WORK WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THROUGH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN TO ADVOCATE FOR TENANTS IN VERY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS. OUR TENANT EDUCATION PROGRAMS I THINK OF A LOT AS A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. OFTENTIMES, TENANTS DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND THEY'RE STUCK IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY MAY TOLERATE SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. THEY MAY DEAL WITH A LOT OF HEALTH ISSUES BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO AFRAID TO ASK FOR REPAIRS OR THEY'RE AFRAID THEIR LANDLORD WILL RETALIATE AGAINST THEM. THERE AREN'T A LOT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AVAILABLE SO THEY STAY WHERE THEY'RE AT BECAUSE THEY'RE FEARFUL THEY CAN'T FIND SOMETHING ELSE. I'M GOING TO SHARE A COUPLE OF STORIES WITH YOU. IN ADDITION TO A LOT OF EDUCATION WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AS WELL, WE HAVE A HOTLINE. ONE OF THE TENANTS WE SPOKE TO -- AND I WON'T SAY ANY NAMES -- WAS IN EAST

COUNTY. WE MET THIS TENANT THROUGH OUR WORK WITH EVICTIONS PREVENTION COUNSELING AT THE COURTHOUSE. SOMETIMES WE'RE THERE. E WE JUST LET TENANTS KNOW THERE'S A HOTLINE THEY CAN CALL TO CONNECT WITH OUR RESOURCES. THIS TENANT WAS A VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS A FAMILY WITH -- SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY WITH A DISABILITY, AND WAS THERE FOR A 72-HOUR NONPAYMENT OF RENT NOTICE. THEY WERE VERY WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE COURTHOUSE. IT IS A VERY INTIMIDATING PLACE. THE LANDLORDS AND THE LAWYERS ARE THERE SUITED UP.

Yung Ho: THE TENANTS ARE THERE IN THEIR REGULAR EVERYDAY CLOTHES, SO IT CAN BE A VERY INTIMIDATING PROCESS, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO CONNECT THEM WITH SOME RESOURCES AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT AND LET THEM KNOW HOW THEY CAN NEGOTIATE WITH THE LANDLORD THAT DAY. JUST HAVING THAT SUPPORT AND KNOWING THAT THERE'S AN ADVOCATE THERE CAN BE REALLY HELPFUL AND EMPOWERING. THE NEXT STORY THAT I WANT TO SHARE IS ABOUT A TENANT THAT I SPOKE TO JUST LAST WEEK. SHE HAD SOME REPAIR ISSUES. THEY WERE PRETTY SEVERE. SHE HAD NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE TO HER. THEY HAD MOLD AND DRY ROT IN THEIR HOME. HER DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM WINDOW HAD -- THERE WAS A LEAK IN THE HOME IN THE WALL MOST LIKELY. IT WAS SO EXTREME THAT MUSHROOMS WERE GROWING IN THE WINDOW. WE CONNECTED HER TO THE CITY INSPECTIONS TEAM AND OTHER RESOURCES. SHE WAS SURPRISED THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT SHE COULD DO ABOUT IT, THAT SHE COULD HOLD THE LANDLORD ACCOUNTABLE. WITHOUT PROGRAMS THAT WE RUN AT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS, SUCH AS THE HOTLINE, SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THOSE RESOURCES AND ADVOCATE FOR HERSELF. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE]

Daisy Quinonez: HI. GOOD EVENING, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS DAISY. I'M A TENANT EDUCATION COORDINATOR WITH THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS. I HAVE BEEN IN THIS ROLE FOR ABOUT A YEAR. I GREW UP HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO I'M ALSO A PRODUCT OF A LOT OF YOUR SERVICES. THANK YOU. I'M A FORMER MULTNOMAH COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONER AS WELL. WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE EMPOWERING TENANTS' RIGHTS EDUCATION TO TENANTS WHO ARE MOST DEEPLY IMPACTED BY OUR HOUSING CRISIS, SO NAMELY FAMILIES OF COLOR, FOLKS ON FIXED INCOMES, FOCUS LKS WITH DISABILITIES. OUR RENTERS RIGHTS HOTLINE ALLOWS US TO QUICKLY RESPOND TO TENANT'S NEEDS. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME RECENT SUCCESSES WE'VE HAD. I WAS RECENTLY ABLE TO HELP A TENANT OVERTURN A HOUSING DENIAL AND HELP MOVE HER FAMILY INTO A HEALTHIER AND MORE STABLE HOUSING THROUGH WORK FROM OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. I'VE ALSO WORKED WITH A NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME TENANTS THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY GET HUNDREDS OF THEIR SECURITY DEPOSIT MONEY BACK THROUGH OUR SUPPORT. WE'VE

ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH DOZENS OF TENANTS, AND WE'VE HELPED THEM PUSH BACK AGAINST ILLEGAL OR INVALID TERMINATION OR EVICTION NOTICES. TENANT EDUCATION ALLOWS US TO ADDRESS HOUSING STABILITY THROUGH THE TENANT EDUCATION WORK THAT CAT PROVIDES. WE'VE HELPED THOUSANDS OF TENANTS ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS AND MAINTAIN STABLE AFFORDABLE HOMES. NONETHELESS, WE CAN'T HELP ALL TENANTS BECAUSE WE HAVE LIMITED FUNDING AND LIMITED CAPACITY, BUT AGAIN I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE PROVIDED US THUS FAR AND ASK YOU TO AT LEAST MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Joy Jackson: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR, FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY. MY NAME IS JOY. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING A CHAMPION AND A SUPPORTER OF THE TPT PROGRAM WHICH IS TENANT PROTECTION WITH THE CAT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS. YOUR SUPPORT REALLY PROTECTS ALL TENANTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OREGON. YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED ME. I WAS A VICTIM OF NO CAUSE EVICTION. ME AND MY CHILDREN WAS ABOUT TO BE DISPLACED FROM OUR HOME, FROM THEIR SCHOOL. I WAS ABOUT TO HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, I WAS ABLE TO GO TO CAT. THEY EMPOWERED ME AND HELPED ME LEARN MY TENANT'S RIGHTS. I WAS ABLE TO FIGHT BACK AND NOT BE DISPLACED FROM MY HOME BECAUSE OF WHAT I LEARNED FROM THEM. NOW I'M ABLE TO HELP TENANTS WITH THE SAME TYPE OF ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT THEY FACE WITH THESE LANDLORDS EVERY DAY. ONE TENANT I WAS ABLE TO HELP, SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AS WELL. SHE WAS IN A PLACE WITH RATS. SHE COMPLAINED AND COMPLAINED AND COMPLAINED. SHE WAS GIVEN A NO CAUSE EVICTION. I WAS ABLE TO SIT DOWN WITH HER AND HELP HER WRITE A LETTER, REFER HER TO FAIR HOUSING COUNSEL, GOT HER FREE ATTORNEY SERVICES THROUGH OUR PROGRAM, AND NOW SHE'S ABLE TO STAY IN HER HOME. I'M SORRY I GET EMOTIONAL ABOUT THESE TYPE OF THINGS, BUT IT IS A SERIOUS TYPE OF ISSUE THAT IS GOING ON IN OUR COUNTY. I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU GUYS ARE CHAMPIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT AND HELP ALL OF THE TENANTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OREGON FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS THROUGH TPT PROGRAM AND CAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Ashley Goodfriend: HELLO. HI NAME IS ASHLEY. I DIDN'T PUT MY LAST NAME ON IT BECAUSE EVEN WHEN I WRITE OUT THAT IS PRONOUNCED GOODFRIEND, PEOPLE -- IT IS SPELLED PRETTY STRANGELY. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE SPEAKING WITH YOU TODAY. I HAVEN'T SPOKEN PUBLICLY FOR A LONG TIME. I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE. I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT. I'M MAINLY HERE ON BEHALF OF A FRIEND BUT ALSO

PAST VICTIMS AND PAST, CURRENT, AND FUTURE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING THAT END UP IN THE SYSTEM. GROWING UP IN SALEM, AT 11 YEARS OLD, THE UNDERGROUND PORTLAND CHILDREN'S RING CAME DOWN AND TRIED TO RECRUIT ME AT 11. THEY RECRUITED ALL OF MY FRIENDS. AT 13, A FRIEND RAN AWAY. SHE WAS IN THE CHILD PROSTITUTION RING FOR THREE MONTHS. GROWING UP, I'VE KNOWN COUNTLESS PEOPLE, BOTH WOMEN AND MEN. A LITTLE STORY ABOUT MY FRIEND SABRINA. IN 2005, I WAS SO EXCITED. I WAS 21. I MOVED TO PORTLAND. GOT MY FIRST APARTMENT. I WENT OUT TO GET GROCERIES. I FOUND MY FRIEND ON A SIDEWALK BARELY ABLE TO SIT UP, TRYING TO SELL HERSELF FOR DRUGS AND MONEY FOR DRUGS. IN TALKING WITH HER, I LEARNED WHAT I NOW KNOW IS A CLASSIC RUSE. A GUY POSES HIMSELF AS A BOYFRIEND. ONCE THERE'S TRUST, HE INTRODUCES DRUGS. SHE'S ADDICTED TO HEROIN. THIS IS ALSO A GIRL WHO WOULDN'T EVEN SHOW HER KNEES IN PUBLIC. EVEN STOCKING KNEES. HERE SHE IS SELLING HERSELF. I TOLD HER THE NEXT TIME I SAW HER I WAS GOING TO GIVE HER HELP. I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME. GAVE HER THE HELP. SHE WENT. SHE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AND MOVED IN WITH HER MOTHER AND SPOKE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON BEHALF OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS GOING GREAT UNTIL I RECONNECTED WITH HER ON FACEBOOK RECENTLY. SHE'S A HEROIN USER AGAIN AND A METH USER. SHE WENT TO PRISON. SHE WASN'T IN THERE VERY LONG. THE SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE ONLY PLACES THAT A PIMP CANNOT REACH THEIR VICTIMS. THIS IS CRITICAL TO HAVE THIS. I'LL END BY SAYING ANYONE CAN BE A SABRINA. [APPLAUSE]

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Paloma Norris York; HELLO. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUNDS SO FAR. IT'S A CRUCIAL ENDEAVOR, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN ENSURE THAT THIS BECOMES A REALITY TO COUNTERACT THE HARSH REALITY THAT IMMIGRANTS FACE EACH AND EVERY DAY. THE UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION FUNDING FOR REMOVAL DEFENSE IS THE MOST TANGIBLE WAY THE COUNTY CAN LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES. I.C.E. IS INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE AND ITS ACTIVITIES THREATEN MORE AND MORE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES EACH DAY. I.C.E. IS OUT OF CONTROL. I'M A VOLUNTEER FOR COWSA. I'M ALSO A VOLUNTEER LEGAL OBSERVER FOR THE ACLU, AND I PERSONALLY OBSERVED A GROUP OF I.C.E. AGENTS SWARM A U.S. CITIZEN SIMPLY BECAUSE HE LOOKED HISPANIC AND HAD USED THE COURTHOUSE. THE IMPACT ON IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY IS SIGNIFICANTLY JEOPARDIZED BY I.C.E.'S AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY. THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS IMMIGRANTS, EVEN CHILDREN AND TEENS, TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN COURT IF THEY CANNOT PAY FOR AN ATTORNEY. WE NEED A UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SO THAT HAVING AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOURSELF ISN'T BASED ON YOUR FINANCIAL NEED AND THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT DEPORTED JUST

BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR AN ATTORNEY. IMMIGRANTS. IN ONE STUDY, HAVING A LAWYER INCREASES AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHANCE OF SEEKING AND OBTAINING RELIEF FROM DEPORTATION BY AS MUCH AS 50%. IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION ARE OFTEN UNLIKELY TO EVEN APPLY FOR RELIEF FROM DEPORTATION SUCH AS AN ASYLUM THAT PRESERVES FAMILY UNITY AND KEEPS CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS. I'M ALSO A VOLUNTEER OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL IMMIGRATION OFFICE. I WORK ON CASES WHERE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR VISAS. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASYLUM. THEY QUALIFY FOR THESE. BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE AN ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH THEM TO HELP THEM USE THESE PROGRAMS THAT THEY QUALIFY FOR AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR, THEN THEY IMMEDIATELY GET DEPORTED AND ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. I SEE EVERY DAY WE HAVE MORE UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH COMING TO PORTLAND. THEY'RE UNACCOMPANIED EITHER BECAUSE THEIR HOME COUNTRIES ARE SO VIOLENT THAT THEY HAVE LEFT AND TRAVELED ON THEIR OWN OR THEY HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE NEED REPRESENTATION, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Brian Setzler: COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS BRIAN. I CAME OUT TONIGHT TO ALSO SUPPORT UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND OUR NEIGHBORS GET SUPPORT IN THAT AREA. I'M ALSO A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. JUST A QUICK STORY ABOUT THE COMPLICATIONS OF THAT. I REMEMBER TAKING A COURSE ONE TIME ON ETHICS AND HEARING ABOUT AN ATTORNEY, SOMEBODY CAME INTO THEIR OFFICE ON THE 28TH OF DECEMBER. IT WAS AN IMMIGRANT NEEDING HELP WITH A FORM. THE FORM LOOKED REALLY SIMPLE. THE ATTORNEY NEEDED IT IN BY 12:31. THE ATTORNEY WAS NOT AN IMMIGRANT LAWYER. LOOKED AT THE FORM, THOUGHT I CAN CHECK THE BOX BECAUSE THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO FIND ANYBODY THIS LATE IN THE DAY, DID IT, AND DID THE PAPERWORK WRONG AND COST THAT PERSON THEIR CASE. HOW COMPLICATED THAT IS, AN ATTORNEY EVEN GOT IT WRONG. I'M A CPA. ONE THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE HERE AS I HEARD ALL THESE STORIES TONIGHT, THEY'RE TERRIFIC. WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THIS COUNTY IS GREAT. WE NEED MORE COUNTY. AS I PREPARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAX RETURNS EVERY YEAR, AT THE TOP OF THE FORM THERE'S AN ADDITION FOR OWNERS' SALARIES BACK TO THE NET OF THE BUSINESS. FOR CORPORATIONS AND OUT OF TOWN BUSINESSES, THERE'S NO OWNER HERE, SO THERE'S NO ADD-BACK. ADD-BACK MAYBE YOUR HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEE. TOP EXECUTIVES MAKING OVER X, SOME TYPE OF THING THAT A COMPANY LIKE COMCAST. THERE'S LOTS OF CORPORATIONS IN THIS TOWN THAT DO NOT HAVE OWNERSHIP HERE. THEY'RE NOT TAXED THE SAME. LOCAL OWNERSHIP HAS TO ADD-BACK THEIR TOP EXECUTIVE SALARY, WHICH IS OFTEN THEIR OWNERS. THEY PAY 2.2% ON THAT. IT ENDS UP BEING A TAX ON LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES. I THINK

THAT CAN BE CORRECTED BY LOOKING AT THE TAX FORM AND BRINGING IN A LOT MORE REVENUE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Barb Reinish: HI, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS BARB. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT CONTINUED SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR PEER-DELIVERED SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY FOR BRINGING ON BOARD PEER SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PREVIOUS FUNDING AND ADDING ANOTHER MEMBER FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY BECAUSE AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, I WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO GO TO PEER APOCALYPSE ON THE COAST THIS YEAR. IT IS A STATEWIDE CONFERENCE FOR PEER LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION. IT INCLUDED OVER 500 PEOPLE, INCLUDING PEOPLE FROM -- THAT'S HIM, RIGHT? INCLUDING PEOPLE FROM ACTUALLY OTHER STATES IN THE COUNTRY, MINNESOTA, MARYLAND, ET CETERA, OR DELAWARE ACTUALLY. PEERS ARE DIFFERENT FROM COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN THAT THEY HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE IN EITHER RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, OR BOTH. THE STANDARD EXAMPLE FOR THE POSITIVITY AND HOW PEERS CAN HELP PEERS -- A GREAT EXAMPLE IS 12-STEP PROGRAMS, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, FOR EXAMPLE. I WANT TO SAY OUR COUNTY HAS A STRONG PEER-DELIVERED SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH REQUIRES TRAINING AND TRAINERS AND SUPERVISORS. I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING THE PEER-DELIVERED SERVICES IN OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Emmy Ritter: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS EMMY RITTER. I'M DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT RAPHAEL HOUSE OF PORTLAND. I'M HERE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MULTNOMAH COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WHICH IS PART OF THE TRICOUNTY DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK. WE ARE HERE TO THANK YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR MAINTAINING FUNDING ACROSS OUR SYSTEM, OUR LIFE-SAVING SYSTEMS, AND SPECIFICALLY FOR EXTENDING FUNDING TO THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS, THE INCREASED CAPACITY FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT TO FOCUS ON THE HIGH-RISK OLDER ADULTS, AND THE GATEWAY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM WHICH. SPEAKING AS A RAPHAEL HOUSE STAFF MEMBER, WE HAVE THAT PERSON COME FROM GATEWAY AND PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOTH AT GATEWAY AND COME INTO SHELTER AND WORK WITH OUR SURVIVORS WITHIN SHELTER. IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE SERVICE. ALSO THE -- I CAN'T SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF SUPERVISED VISITATION SERVICES OF THE SAFETY FIRST. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AROUND THAT. WE WILL BE

TALKING TO YOU MORE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE ARE JUST ONE-TIME -- ARE JUST FOR ONE YEAR. WE HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER SUPPORT FOR THOSE SERVICES. THANK YOU. THAT'S REALLY ALL I'M HERE FOR, BUT I WILL ALSO IS SAY THAT RAPHAEL HOUSE IS IN A VERY UNIQUE POSITION TO BE HERE. WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE IN-JAIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT PROGRAM, WE HAVE A SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAM WITH RAPHAEL HOUSE THAT WE JUST RECENTLY ADOPTED. THE ADVOCATES THAT HAVE COME TO US HAVE BEEN IN THE FIELD, IN THE COMMUNITY, FOR TEN YEARS AND HAVE WORKED WITH THIS PROGRAM FOR MANY OF THOSE YEARS AND FIND IT TO BE VITAL AND INVALUABLE IN TERMS OF THEM BEING ABLE TO ADVOCATE AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND CATCHING THEM EARLY BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY GET DEEP INTO THEIR LIFE. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD -- AND I DON'T KNOW PROFESSIONALLY YET BECAUSE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A CHANCE TO, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE AN AMAZING PROGRAM. I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT. YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM OUR ADVOCATES NEXT WEEK TO TALK MORE ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THAT PROGRAM, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: OUR LAST GROUP. [READS NAMES]

Sheila Golden: HI, EVERYONE. I'M SHEILA GOLDEN. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE TO SPEAK TO YOU AFTER -- THE REASON I'M HERE HAS ALREADY BEEN TALKED ABOUT AND ADVOCATED FOR. I WAS KIND OF WORRIED THAT IT WOULDN'T COME UP, WHICH IS WHY I SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE. I AM A MEMBER OF AN ACLU VOLUNTEER GROUP CALLED FREEDOM CITIES. WE ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. WE'VE BEEN GOING ON FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF. I, AMONG OTHER PEOPLE IN MY GROUP, HAVE ACTUALLY HAD SOME CONTACT WITH ALL OF YOU LAST YEAR, ASKING YOU TO ADOPT THE ACLU FREEDOM CITIES NINE-POINT PROGRAM. WE FELT THAT WE HAD A REALLY GOOD RESPONSE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MUCH BETTER THAN OTHER PLACES THAT I WILL NOT NAME. I FEEL THAT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE REALLY ON BOARD WITH PROTECTION OF IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT AND LOOKED AT IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO WHAT ARE THE GREATEST VULNERABILITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. AS HAS BEEN SAID IN THE LAST ROUND OF PEOPLE, THE GREATEST VULNERABILITY OF SO MANY OF OUR IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE HERE DON'T REALIZE THEY HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION IN IMMIGRANT MATTERS AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE THAT REPRESENTATION. THERE ISN'T ALWAYS. WE NEED TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR RIGHTS BECAUSE I.C.E. IS TRYING TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE NOT HERE WITH DOCUMENTATION HAVE NO RIGHTS AND THAT'S NOT TRUE. EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO DUE PROCESS, AND DUE PROCESS INVOLVES LEGAL REPRESENTATION. AS ONE OF THE

PEOPLE WHO WAS SITTING RIGHT HERE JUST SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO, IT MAKES A GIGANTIC DIFFERENCE TO BE REPRESENTED VERSUS NOT BEING REPRESENTED. MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROCESSED OVER 600 PEOPLE LAST YEAR ON IMMIGRATION CLAIMS. A MINORITY OF THEM, LESS THAN 30%, HAD LEGAL REPRESENTATION. STUDIES IN OTHER PLACES HAVE SHOWN, AS THE LADY IN BLUE SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO, 4% OF IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE UNREPRESENTED STILL ARE ABLE TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES BASED ON SELF-REPRESENTING, WHEREAS IMMIGRANTS WITH REPRESENTATION CAN GO UP TO AS MUCH AS 48% ARE ABLE TO STAY. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF WAYS IN WHICH IMMIGRANT LAW CAN HELP THEM, AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE WAYS ARE UNLESS THEY HAVE REPRESENTATION. SO, I KNOW THAT OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN FUNDING THIS PARTICULAR PLAN. IT'S BEING RUN BY THE OREGON, OREGON READY, WHICH IS A COALITION. THE ACLU IS PART OF THE COLLISION. COALITION. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING BASICALLY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Natalie Paravicini: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS NATALIE. I'M A DOCTOR. I'VE BEEN A DOCTOR FOR AT A CLINIC FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS, UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF PUBLIC DEFENSE FOR THE POPULATION. THE LEVEL OF DISPLACEMENT, THE FEAR THAT THESE PEOPLE LIVE IN IS UNBELIEVABLE. KIDS DON'T DARE GO TO SCHOOL SOMETIMES. WHEN THEIR FAMILY IS DEPORTED, SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONE NEEDS TO GO. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW OFTEN I HEAR FROM TWO WEEKS SOMEBODY HAS BEEN KILLED, MURDERED, ATTACKED. IT IS REALLY SERIOUS. THIS GOES TO DISPLACEMENT. I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THE SERGEANT FOR SEXUAL ABUSE. WE FOCUS SO MUCH ON WAR AND FIGHTING CRIME. I THINK THAT THE MONEY IS MUCH BETTER SPENT ON WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY. THE TYPICAL CASES YOU SPENT \$5,000 IN PREVENTION VERSUS \$30,000 ON A KID IN JAIL. THE MONEY THAT YOU SPEND IN STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY, PUBLIC DEFENSE, AND THE IN-JAIL SERGEANT, GIVES YOU MUCH HIGHER REVENUE AND MUCH MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK. I KNOW THAT BUDGETS ARE TIGHT, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH YOU TO INCREASE THAT. BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM THAT IS VERY PROGRAM AND COST-EFFECTIVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Elizabeth Britt: HI. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING PREPARED. I DON'T COME REPRESENTING ANY GROUPS OTHER THAN PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'VE LIVED HERE LONG ENOUGH TO BE VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT MANY ISSUES, BUT TONIGHT I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND ASK YOU TO PLEASE FIND SOME WAY TO FIND UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION FOR IMMIGRANTS. I GOT AN EMAIL FROM SOME GROUP, I

DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH GROUP IT WAS, AND THEY TOLD ME ABOUT THIS, AND I SAID WOW THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. AND THEY SAID WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN AND TALK ABOUT SO HERE I AM. ALL I DO IS REPRESENT A FACTION OF THE POPULATION THAT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ALSO WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. AND WE KNOW THERE IS MONEY OUT THERE, COMCAST HAS A LOT OF MONEY AND IT'S TIME TO START MAKING PEOPLE PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE. SO THAT WE CAN BETTER SUPPORT THE MANY PEOPLE WHO SPOKE TONIGHT AND REPRESENT THE POPULATION THAT'S IN NEED. I'M VERY PROUD THAT WE ARE A SANCTUARY CITY SO I THINK REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO HELP IS LIKE A NO BRAINER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. ALRIGHT, DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE A LAST COMMENT THAT THEY WANT TO LEAVE US WITH. AS I SAID YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME NEXT WEEK, WE WILL BE IN GRESHAM AND OUR PHONES, OUR EMAILS AND OUR STAFF ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT, THIS WAS A GREAT TURN OUT. WE HEARD A LOT OF GREAT TESTIMONY AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO STAYED UNTIL THE BITTER END. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

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