

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 19, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Commissioner Sharon Meieran present. Commissioner Lori Stegmann joined the meeting telephonically and was excused at 11:21 a.m. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:42 a.m.

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

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WE ARE GOING TO GET STARTED. GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Reappointment of Serena Stoudamire-Wesley to the Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee for One Year as the Multnomah County Community Representative.
- C.2 Resolution Authorizing the County Chair to Execute a Utility Vault Lease of SW Naito Parkway Right of Way from the City of Portland in Conjunction with the Central Courthouse Project.
- C.3 Resolution Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property as Allowed Under ORS 275.225 to Anthony A. Cerruti.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Broussard: I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, AND MY COMMENTS IS THAT I DROVE HERE FROM NORTH PORTLAND AND I NOTICED WE STILL HAVE PEOPLE ON THE

STREETS, HOMELESSNESS AND WHATEVER. I SAW SOME OF THE NEEDY ON CHANNEL 8, AND WE HAVE TO ATTACK THIS FOLKS BEFORE PEOPLE START DYING AGAIN. WE WENT THROUGH A HORRIBLE WINTER LAST YEAR SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND A DRY PLACE THAT WE CAN PICK THESE PEOPLE UP AND MAKE SURE, MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT HAVING THE SAME SITUATION THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.

Mr. Broussard: I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND THE COUNTY THAT UNLIKE THE CITY THE COUNTY IS DISTRICTIZED. THAT MEANS THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY IS PRETTY WELL, AT LEAST YOU HAVE A PERSON TO SPEAK TO IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS. UNLIKE THE CITY, THEY DON'T HAVE ONE. ONLY ONE, AND THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE MAYOR, UNFORTUNATELY. SO HOPEFULLY THAT MIGHT BE SOME CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE CITY. THAT'S TO THE MAYOR, THAT WE MAY CONSIDER DISTRICTIZING THE CITY, SO CITIZENS, IF YOU WILL, WILL HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW TO CALL AS OPPOSED TO JUST POINTING IT OUT, OUT OF THE CHAIR AND-OR THE MAYOR AS WE SAW ON CHANNEL 8, JUST TWO PEOPLE, IT'S MORE THAN JUST TWO PEOPLE. IT'S TEN PEOPLE. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT SO I WANT TO REMIND YOU LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Saks: GOOD MORNING. I WILL WAIT FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I AM SAM SAKS, A PORTLAND RESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE NO HATE ZONE, A NONPROFIT COMMITTED TO ENDING HATE AND RACISM IN THE COMMUNITY. TODAY I AM HERE TO DISCUSS A PROVEN MODEL FOR HIRING OF DIVERSE CANDIDATES, WHEN HIRING FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. IN 2009 I APPROACHED REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASKED THEM TO SPONSOR HOUSE BILL 3118, ALSO KNOWN AS THE OREGON RULE. HOUSE BILL 3118 REQUIRES THAT EACH OF THE SIX STATE FUNDED COLLEGES INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE QUALIFIED MINORITY CANDIDATE WHEN HIRING A HEAD COACH OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN THEIR SCHOOL. THE BILL PASSED 29-0 IN THE SENATE AND IN 2010 BECAME A STATE LAW. IT'S THE ONLY LAW THAT'S, OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY IN REGARDS TO COLLEGES.

IN 2016 I APPROACHED THE CITY OF PORTLAND WITH SUPPORT FROM COMMISSIONER NICK FISH, WHO IS HERE TODAY AND ASKED FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO ADOPT THE MODEL, THE ROONEY RULE. WE DECIDED TO NAME IT THE CHARLES JORDAN STANDARD, AND IT IS FOCUSED ON BUREAU DIRECTOR HIRE SO ANY TIME THE CITY OF PORTLAND HIRES A BUREAU DIRECTOR AND THEY CONDUCT A SEARCH, THEY MUST INTERVIEW ONE QUALIFIED MINORITY CANDIDATE, ONE QUALIFIED WOMAN, AND ONE QUALIFIED PERSON OF DISABILITY. IT'S MARKED THE FIRST TIME IN THE COUNTRY THAT THE CITY HAS ADOPTED THIS POLICY, AND SINCE THAT TIME PITTSBURGH, THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH HAS ALSO ADOPTED IT, SO I AM

HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE CHARLES JORDAN STANDARD AND THE MODEL, THE ROONEY RULE, IT'S A PROVEN MODEL THAT WORKS IN HIRING DIVERSE CANDIDATES, AND I HAVE SPOKEN TO BEN DUNCAN AND COMMISSIONER SMITH, I BELIEVE THAT SHE WILL BRING THIS FORWARD. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THIS.

Chair Kafoury: I AM SORRY BUT YOUR TIME IS UP. COULD YOU WRAP UP?

Mr. Saks: I WILL CLOSE WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE COUNTY HAS ZERO MANAGERS OF COLOR CURRENTLY SO I THINK THAT THIS POLICIES IMPORTANT AND I THINK IT CAN CHANGE THAT AND HELP WITH DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I AM LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, THE INDIVIDUALS OVERLOOKING THAT FROM CHICAGO HAD A MEETING ON THE AGREEMENT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I STRESSED TO THEM OUT OF CHICAGO IS THAT WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK VERY CLOSE ON WHAT I THINK IS THE INCOMPETENCE OF GOVERNOR BROWN, AND I REALLY HOPE GOVERNOR BROWN DOES NOT GET RE-ELECTED BECAUSE OF HER POSITION ON SENATE BILL 719. WHEN YOU ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR FAMILIES OR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, MAY FILE A PETITION REQUESTING THE COURT ISSUE AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER BASED UPON HEARSAY, BASED UPON NOT A PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION. PUT UP IN FRONT OF A JUDGE, TO PUT THIS ORDER INTO PLACE, TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOW UP AT YOUR HOUSE, ENTER YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT A WARRANT, SEARCH FOR ANYTHING CALLED A DEADLY WEAPON, WHICH YOU CAN LOOK AT THAT DEFINITION, KNIVES, BATS, GUNS, AND IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS, YOU WILL REPEAL SENATE BILL 719.

I WANT THE PEOPLE, THE HOME AUDIENCE TO PULL THIS UP AND REVIEW IT, AND IT'S VERY DETAILED. AND YOU WILL NOT VOTE FOR GOVERNOR BROWN. YOU WILL NOT PUT HER IN POSITION IN OREGON AS THE GOVERNOR. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU REVIEW THIS VERY CLOSE, WHICH I CALL A GUN CONFISCATION BILL, NOT PROTECTION OF SUICIDAL INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE IN THIS BILL ALONE, IT DOES NOT SAY WHAT TYPE OF TREATMENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE OFFERED. THIS IS TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COME INTO YOUR PERSONAL RESIDENCE BASED UPON HEARSAY, EX PARTE, AND INDIVIDUAL THAT YOU WILL NOT SEE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON YOU ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH WITH NO QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO COME IN AND REMOVE ALL WEAPONS OUT OF YOUR RESIDENCE.

IN BOSTON THEY DID THIS IN 2013, 72 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. 72 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN GUNFIRE BECAUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT IS OVERSTEPPING THE BOUNDARIES. WE'RE GOING TO WATCH THIS VERY CLOSE. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO REPEAL THIS, AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT GOVERNOR

BROWN IS NOT THE GOVERNOR IN THE STATE OF OREGON EVER AGAIN. RESPECT PEOPLE'S SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

Mr. Lightning: RESPECT THE DUE PROCESS. DO NOT TAKE THEIR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND GUNS FIRST AND THEN HAVE THEM HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THEM, AND UNDERSTAND GOVERNOR BROWN THAT THIS IS GOING TO COST YOU GETTING RE-ELECTED. ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. REMEMBER SENATE BILL 719 IS THE MOST UNCONSTITUTIONAL, STEPPING ON PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, AND FOR YOU TO SIGN THIS, IT'S APPALLING, AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. AND AGAIN, PEOPLE, REVIEW, SENATE BILL 1719, PULL IT UP, AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN SEARCH THROUGH YOUR HOUSE, THROUGH YOUR BUSINESS, THROUGH YOUR CARS, AND BY THE WAY, THEY HAVE NO WARRANT. THIS BILL ALLOWS THEM TO DO THAT, AND AN OFFICER CAN MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST YOU AND GUESS WHAT, THEY CAN COME TO YOUR RESIDENCE AND GO THROUGH YOUR HOUSE. THINK ABOUT THAT. WE ARE A POLICE STATE, SENATE BILL 719 WILL BE THE DOWNFALL OF GOVERNOR BROWN, ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. TAKE CARE.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING, I AM JOE WALSH, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. TWO ITEMS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT, FIRST ONE, THE JAIL COVERALLS THAT I AM WEARING SIGNIFIES THAT WE PAY OUR PRISONERS IN THE JAIL \$1 A DAY FOR MANUAL WORK, EIGHT HOURS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MY WIFE THE OTHER DAY SHE BROUGHT UP A REALLY INTERESTING CONCEPT. SHE SAID, IF THEY PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE, WHICH IS AROUND \$10 AN HOUR, \$9.75 I THINK IT IS, AND YOU DID 40 HOURS, THAT'S ALMOST \$400 A WEEK, THEY COULD PAY THEIR FINES. THEY COULD PAY ALIMONY. THEY COULD PAY CHILD SUPPORT. THEY COULD PAY ALL OF THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT IN THE SYSTEM HAVE TO DEAL WITH. I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS A GREAT IDEA. WE WOULD GIVE THEM THE DIGNITY. WE WOULD STOP SCREWING OVER THE CONTRACTORS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGE, SO THAT'S THAT. THIS IS NOT GOING AWAY. YOU HAVE TOLD ME THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT. YOU WILL KEEP LOOKING AT IT, I GUESS UNTIL SOMEONE MOVES. THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE. IT IS TERRIBLE, A TERRIBLE THING TO DO, AND THERE IS AN EXCEPTION IN THE OREGON LAW. I KNOW THAT. JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN DO STUFF DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU HAVE TO DO IT.

SECOND ITEM IS THAT IT'S COMING UP ON ONE, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY, AND CONTRARY TO REPORTING I DID NOT CHALLENGE THE MAYOR TO A DUEL. I CHALLENGED HIM TO A DEBATE. I SAID THAT I WILL TAKE YOU ON RIGHT NOW, AND I SLAMMED THE DESK, AND EVERYBODY TOOK IT THE WRONG WAY. I AM A NON-VIOLENT PERSON FOR TWO REASONS. NUMBER ONE I BELIEVE IN IT. NUMBER TWO I AM 75 ON OXYGEN. WHO AM I GOING TO FIGHT? MY DOG MAKES ME NERVOUS. SO ANYWAY, I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT ONE

UNDER R.2, AND I AM WEARING MY REALLY NICE HAT TODAY. I AM TRYING TO BE NICE TO EVERYBODY. I KNOW PEOPLE ARE TRYING IN THEIR OWN WAY. I JUST DISAGREE WITH YOU ON R.1. AND WE WILL CHALLENGE IT. AND I DON'T HAVE A RED LIGHT. ISN'T THAT AMAZING? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: I WANTED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW COMMISSIONER STEGMANN IS OUT ILL BUT ON THE PHONE SO IF YOU HEAR A VOICE COMING FROM ON HIGH, THAT IS COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Ms. Newell: GOOD MORNING, I AM NANCY NEWELL, A RESIDENT FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. THE MOST RECENT ACTIVITY, AND I BET THIS ENTIRE COMMISSION KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT WE NEARLY HAD A MELTDOWN AT THE NUCLEAR HAND AT THE HANFORD RESERVATION PLANT THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW EXIST. THEY THINK BECAUSE WE CLOSED THE TROJAN NUCLEAR PLANT, AND THAT MEANS THE RELEASES TO THE AIR, TO OUR COLUMBIA RIVER, TO OUR DRINKING WATER ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER IS NOW FULL OF RADIATION. THIS PLANT HAS TO BE CLOSED. IT'S REQUIRED TO BE CLOSED, AND I AM REQUESTING THAT YOU CALL IN THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR, WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE DEMOCRATS, TO BE THE ADMINISTRATOR AFTER ENRON WAS TAKEN DOWN AND I HELPED TO DO THAT BY EXPOSING THEIR CORRUPTION, AND THE CEO HONORED TO BE THE MOST ETHICAL BY 500 PEOPLE FROM PORTLAND INCLUDING CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. I MEAN, THIS HAS GOT TO STOP. AND WE HAVE THE RECORD, AND WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER. THE RECORD IN WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER IN THE STATE OF OREGON. I THOUGHT THIS GROUP WAS A PREVENTIVE GROUP BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUS ISSUES OF CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS TO BE OPERATING, THERE IS NO LEGAL REASON FOR IT TO KEEP OPERATING, AND THE NORTHWEST HAS TO STAND UP LIKE WE STOOD UP ON THE TROJAN NUCLEAR PLANT. THE AMOUNT OF JOBS, IF YOU INVITE IN THE CHANCELLOR, THE WOMAN CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY RIGHT AFTER FUKUSHIMA, SAME DESIGNS, ALL WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR PLANTS. THREE OF THEM SHE CLOSED IMMEDIATELY. WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? THERE IS NO PLACE TO PUT THE WASTE. THEY ARE GOING TO PUT IT ON THE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT IT THROUGH OUR LITTLE COMMUNITIES, THROUGH OUR MAJOR CITIES. THEY DON'T CARE. THEY DON'T CARE HOW DANGEROUS THIS STUFF IS.

WHY ARE WE EXPOSING OURSELVES TO A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION THAT IS VIRTUALLY MANIACAL AND CAUSES SO MUCH SUFFERING? AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRYING TO COVER THE COSTS THAT WILL BE IMMEASURABLE, SO I ASK YOU TODAY TO HOLD A HEARING AND INVITE THE CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY, AND I WILL BET THAT SHE WILL COME, AND THE BPA ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD BE LEGALLY REQUESTED TO APPEAR AND EXPLAIN WHY HE HAS NOT CLOSED IT BECAUSE HE'S BEEN REQUESTED TO

CLOSE IT LEGALLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I THINK GOVERNOR BROWN SHOULD TAKE IN IT, I WORKED WITH CHRISTINE IRVIN AND SHE BECAME THE LEAD ON ALL THE ANSWER THERE IS A WE HAVE WHICH WE HAVE TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ALTERNATIVES NOT POLLUTING. THANK YOU.

Ms. Anderson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM AMY ANDERSON, AND TODAY I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER POTENTIALLY AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS REALLY HARD. IN 2010, OFFERED SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY, AND I LOST MY OHP. SO I WENT ONTO A PROGRAM CALLED MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN, WHICH WAS A SEMI-SUBSIDIZED PLAN THAT GAVE ME ACCESS TO THE COUNTY CLINICS, WHICH ARE MY HEART, FOR TEN YEARS THESE PEOPLE HAVE KEPT ME ALIVE. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE GREAT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE WITH MY DOCTORS AND MY SPECIALISTS.

I SEE FIVE SPECIALISTS ON A REGULAR BASIS. I HAVE ONE PCP PATROLLING THAT ENTIRE FIASCO, AND HE'S DONE A HELL OF A JOB. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE LAST WEEK WHEN I OPENED MY LETTER THAT SAYS THAT WE ARE SORRY. YOU CAN NO LONGER SEE YOUR DOCTOR BECAUSE CARE-OREGON IS NO LONGER SUPPORTING THE CLINICS. THEY HAVE SOLD OUR CLINICS TO FAMILY CARE. AND IN ORDER FOR ME TO SEE MY DOCTOR, I HAVE TO SWITCH TO FAMILY CARE, AND I HAVE TO GO TO OTHER CLINICS, AND I WILL LOSE THAT CONNECTIVITY TO MY PARTNERS UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES. THEY TOLD ME THAT I HAD A CHOICE OF EITHER GETTING ONE OF THE LEGACY DOCTORS IN MY BOOK OR I COULD SWITCH MY PLAN.

YOU KNOW THAT I AM GOOD AT WHAT I DO, BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MY LEADERSHIP THAT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THIS OCCURRED. AND WHEN I CALLED CARE-OREGON YESTERDAY THEY SAID OH, WE HAD A CONTRACT WITH CMS TO DO THIS, AND I SAID NOW HOW COME NONE OF MY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIPS KNOWS ABOUT THIS OR DURING A CRISIS WHEN FAMILY CARE AND WITH THE STATE THAT WE ARE SELLING OUT OUR TEAMS, THE PEOPLE THAT WE TRUSTED AND BELIEVED IN, MAY NOT BE THERE FOR PEOPLE COMING UP. BECAUSE SOMEBODY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT THAT SAID CARE-OREGON IS NO LONGER GOING TO SUPPORT ANY OF THE COUNTY HEALTH CLINICS. WHETHER OR NOT THAT INCLUDES SCHOOL BASE, I DON'T KNOW. WHETHER OR NOT THAT INCLUDES MEDICAID, THEY WON'T TELL ME BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY TELL ME ABOUT MY CASE.

SO I BROUGHT THE BOOK, AND IN CASE ANYONE WANTS TO SEE THE EVIDENCE THAT ALL OF THE COUNTY CLINICS HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM CARE-OREGON'S NETWORK, AND WERE SOLD OUT TO FAMILY CARE. NOW MAYBE THAT'S LEGAL, I AM SURE THAT IT IS. BUT I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE AREN'T EVEN GOING TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY GET THAT LETTER. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO KNOW WHO TO CALL BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ON THAT

THE END OF THE PHONE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT CARE-OREGON. THEY CAN JUST TELL YOU WHO IS YOUR DOCTOR AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN THE NETWORK. NOW LET'S SAY THAT I DO THAT, THE PRESCRIPTION COMES, WE HAVE ABOUT P.A.'S AND AUTHORIZATIONS. IT TOOK ME TWO YEARS TO GET AUTHORIZATION FOR A STOMACH DRUG, AND FAMILY CARE IS TELLING ME THAT I HAVE TO DO IT OVER.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU TALK WITH LIZ SMITH CURRY RIGHT IN THE BACK? SHE'S WAVING HER HAND. SHE'S ON MY STAFF. WILL YOU TALK WITH HER ABOUT THIS? THANKS FOR COMING IN THIS MORNING.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Resolution Adopting a Goal of Creating 2,000 Additional Supporting Housing Units by 2028. Presenters: Marc Jolin, Director, Joint Office of Homeless Services; Nick Fish, Portland City Commissioner; Ian Davie, COO, Home Forward; Rachel Post, Public Policy Director, Central City Concern; and Other Invited Guests.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY INVITING NICK FISH, MARK JOLIN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES, AND IAN DAVIE, THE CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER FROM HOME FORWARD TO COME UP. YESTERDAY WE WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN WHAT I BELIEVE IS A GREAT PARTNERSHIP. I WANT TO THANK YOU COMMISSIONER FISH FOR BEING HERE FOR PART 2. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT ONE OF MY BIGGEST PRIORITIES, WHICH IS A MAJOR NEW COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IN FEBRUARY WHEN WE WENT OUT AND COUNTED PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS WE FOUND THAT OUR STRATEGIES OF PREVENTION, HOUSING, AND SHELTER WERE WORKING. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE IN THE SHELTER THAN US SLEEPING ON THE STREETS. THE FOLKS WHO ARE ON OUR STREETS ARE FACING DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. SOME ARE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTIONS IN MENTAL ILLNESS.

SOME HAVE SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS. AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CYCLING ON AND OFF THE STREETS FOR YEARS. WE KNOW THAT A JAIL BED OR THE WAITING ROOM OF AN EMERGENCY ROOM ARE NOT THE PLACES TO OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES. PEOPLE NEED A HOME. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOESN'T ALWAYS COME WITH ALL OF THESE SERVICES. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT HAS THE INTENSIVE SERVICES THAT PEOPLE NEED TO STAY HEALTHY AND STABLE AND SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED. AND THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM, MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, WE ARE ALREADY PAYING FOR APARTMENTS LIKE THESE. WE NEED MORE. IT WILL BE EXPENSIVE. BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT I HAVE LEARNED WORKING ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT AND THE

CENTRAL COURTHOUSE THAT IF YOU SET A VISION, YOU CAN FIND THE FUNDING. ONCE THAT VISION IS WITHIN SIGHT WE WILL FIND THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO BUILD IT. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN? THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS ISSUE AND THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH ME ON THIS RESOLUTION THIS MORNING.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU CHAIR. I, TOO, AM VERY HAPPY THAT WE'RE HERE WITH OUR PARTNERS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MAKING THIS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT. LIKE CHAIR KAFOURY SAID OUR PROGRESS ON SHELTER, HOUSING, AND PREVENTION HASN'T BEEN EXPERIENCED EQUALLY BY EVERYONE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY. THOSE WHO REMAIN UNSHELTERED OR UNREACHED BY THE SYSTEM ARE PEOPLE THAT I SEE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FREQUENTLY. THEY ARE PEOPLE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THEY ARE PEOPLE CYCLING IN AND OUT OF OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THEY ARE PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC PHYSICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OR COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS. THEY ARE OFTEN THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HOUSING IN ORDER TO GET HEALTHY AND STAY HEALTHY, BUT THEY MAY NOT BE HEALTHY ENOUGH OR STABLE ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY GET AND SECURE THE HOUSING AND THEN MAINTAIN IT.

IT'S KIND OF A CATCH 22. IT FEELS LIKE THAT REALLY OFTEN. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT IS OUT THERE THAT CAN HELP US GET OUT OF THAT CYCLE, BREAK THE CYCLE, THE CATCH 22. HOUSING CAN BE THE FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH AND FOR SAFETY, FOR STABILITY AND RECOVERY, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S PAIRED WITH THE RIGHT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. WE KNOW IT WORKS. I AM PROUD WE'RE LISTENING AND TAKING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM RESEARCH EVIDENCE, FROM OUR POINT IN TIME COUNT DATA, FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO DO THIS WORK DAY IN AND DAY OUT, AND THAT WE'RE MAKING THIS COMMITMENT TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER FISH.

Commissioner Fish: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY. I WOULD ACTUALLY SAY THAT I AM GRATEFUL TO BE HERE TODAY. YESTERDAY THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO 2000 NEW UNIONS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. I WAS PROUD TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION WITH MAYOR WHEELER AND COMMISSIONER CHLOE EUDALY. IT BUILDS ON A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY, HOME FORWARD AND COMMUNITY NONPROFITS. I BELIEVE THE COUNTY AND THE CITY HAVE A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO SET A BOLD VISION AND TO GET THE JOB DONE. WE HAVE SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN THAT WHEN WE LINK ARMS WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS. 11-BY-13, PRESERVING OVER 700 AT-RISK HOMES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THE DISABLED. OPERATION 305, LAUNCHING THE FIRST COORDINATED EFFORT TO

END VETERAN'S HOMELESSNESS. THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

Commissioner Fish: CHAIR KAFOURY I AM SO PROUD OF THE ACTIONS THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN TO ADDRESS OUR HOUSING CRISIS. OPENING NEW SHELTER BEDS. EXTENDING THE HOUSING STATE OF EMERGENCY. ENACTING HISTORIC RENTER PROTECTIONS, AND MAKING SIGNIFICANT NEW AND I HOPE ONGOING INVESTMENTS IN THE JOINT OFFICE. YOUR ACTION TODAY IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. WE ARE HAVING A BIG COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. IN FACT, THE COUNTRY IS HAVING THIS CONVERSATION. THE INCREASE IN VERY VULNERABLE PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE HAS CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS. THE MOST RECENT POINT IN TIME COUNT SHOWED THAT WHILE MORE PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM THE STREETS TO SHELTERS, CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS ALSO IS UP. AND ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE REPORT EITHER A MENTAL ILLNESS, AN ADDICTION, OR SOME COMBINATION THERE-OF.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN ARE THE HARDEST TO HOUSE, FACE THE GREATEST BARRIERS, AND ARE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF DYING ON OUR STREETS. AND THEY ARE CAUGHT IN A COSTLY, INEFFICIENT, AND FAILED SYSTEM. SO WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FOR MANY PEOPLE, A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD IS NOT ENOUGH. THAT TO BE SUSTAINABLE THEY ALSO NEED INTENSIVE SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THEIR OTHER LIFE CHALLENGES INCLUDING MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION. AND THAT'S WHERE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMES IN. DEEPLY AFFORDABLE AND SAFE HOMES PAIRED WITH INTENSIVE SERVICES. TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESSES THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER OVER THE PAST YEAR. HELPING HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MOVE FROM THE STREETS TO HOMES. AND YOU ARE A POISED TO MAKE A NEW COMMITMENT TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. NOW THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO HEATHER LYONS, HAS IDENTIFIED A NEED OF OVER 2,800 NEW PERMANENTLY SUPPORTIVE HOMES. THAT'S A BIG NUMBER.

THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION CALLS FOR 2000 NEW UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OVER THE NEXT DECADE. I VIEW THIS AS A BASELINE, NOT A CEILING. BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. IT WON'T SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS NOR END HOMELESSNESS. IT WILL MAKE A HELL OF A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. TO CRAFT AND ADVANCE THIS VISION WE ASSEMBLED THE A TEAM. THE BEST OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THE CITY AND COUNTY JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOME FORWARD, THE STATE OF OREGON, CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND SO MANY MORE. THIS RESOLUTION DIRECTS OUR PARTNERS TO COME TOGETHER AND DEVELOP A ROAD MAP FOR ACCOMPLISHING OUR GOAL.

Commissioner Fish: THAT INCLUDES IDENTIFYING EXISTING AND NEW RESOURCES TO FUND THE VITAL SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IN PARTICULAR BUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS RESOLUTION. I WANT TO THANK THEIR STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I WANT TO THANK MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE MARC JOLIN AND THE JOINT OFFERS TO HELPING US TO SHAPE THIS VISION. I WANT TO THANK HEATHER LYONS AND THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THE LOCAL LEVEL HAS BEEN MAKING THE CASE FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. I WANT TO THANK CENTRAL CITY CONCERN FOR HOSTING THE SUMMIT THAT A NUMBER OF US ATTENDED IN SEPTEMBER. THE SUMMIT THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER EXPERTS AND HELPED US TO REFINE OUR VISION. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION TODAY. WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT ALL THE DETAILS BUT WE KNOW THIS, THE TIME FOR BOLD ACTION IS NOW. PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON US. I URGE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE HONOR OF APPEARING BEFORE YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Davie: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS IAN DAVIE, THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT HOME FORWARD, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SHARON, EXCUSE ME, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, ACROSS THE RIVER AS WELL, COMMISSIONER FISH, COMMISSIONER EUDALY AND THE MAYOR. I HAVE TO SAY THAT IT'S COMFORTING TO SEE SOME FAMILIAR FACES BEFORE ME TODAY. ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN AT RECENT HOME FORWARD EVENTS AND HAVE WORKED WITH AND HEARD THE STORIES OF MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, SO I THINK THAT WE CAN SINCERELY SAY THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EFFORT, AND I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT AT THE OUTSET TO SAY THAT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS A PROVEN STRATEGY. AS A COMMUNITY WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE, AND WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DELIVER THESE KINDS OF SERVICES AND THIS SORT OF HOUSING, AND I WILL GIVE SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF THE THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT EXAMPLES IS THE BUD CLARK COMMONS, AND BUD CLARK COMMONS IS A PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMMUNITY THAT PAIRS NOT ONLY DESIGN ELEMENTS BUT STAFFING, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STAFFING, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES STAFFING THAT MEETS SOME OF THE NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND A COUPLE OF PRINCIPLES ARE IMPORTANT THERE. THOSE ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF HOUSING FIRST AND HARM REDUCTION MODEL. I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER AS WE WORK THROUGH THESE EFFORTS. IN SOME CASES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. SO SOMETIMES YOU WILL SEE A TENANT-BASED MODEL

SUCH AS SHELTER PLUS CARE OR THE BASH SERVICES AND THE V.A. ASSISTANCE THAT SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS. THOSE ARE PAIRED WITH MOBILE PLACEMENT, RETENTION, AND CLINICAL SUPPORTS, AND THEY ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO LIVE IN OFTEN UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, IN ALREADY EXISTING PRIVATE MARKET UNITS.

Mr. Davie: IN SOME CASES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS THE RECOVERY HOUSING THAT WE SEE THAT PAIRS AN ENVIRONMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY OF PEERS, SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND CONNECTION TO OUTPATIENT ADDICTION SERVICES. SO WE SEE THAT THERE REALLY ARE A RANGE OF NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SERVICES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE, AND UNFORTUNATELY JUSTIN COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY BUT HE WAS AT THE CITY COUNCIL HEARING YESTERDAY AND GAVE VERY COMPELLING AND EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY THAT I THINK IS A REAL TESTAMENT TO THE SERVICES AND WHAT THEY CAN PROVIDE WHEN HOUSING IS PROVIDED AND WHEN THE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTS A HOUSING FIRST MODEL. HE TALKED ABOUT DECADES OF ADDICTION AND HOMELESSNESS AND BEING ABLE TO OVERCOME THOSE ONCE HE WAS HOUSED AT THE BUD CLARK COMMONS. AND AS A FURTHER TESTAMENT HE'S AN EMPLOYEE ON OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF AT HOME FORWARD, AND I CAN SAY THAT HE'S PROVIDING SOME VERY POSITIVE SERVICES IN ANOTHER WAY.

SO NONE OF THESE APPROACHES IS WITHOUT CHALLENGES. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS THE ABILITY TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES. THE ONE THING THAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT THERE IS NOT A TECHNICAL FIX THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. THERE IS NOT A MAGIC CURE, THERE IS JUST A NEED TO SCALE UP THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT TO BEAR, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT THIS EFFORT IS ABOUT. WE HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF FOCUS AND WE HAVE A LOT OF PARTNERS ACROSS OUR VERY SYSTEMS. WE TALKED TO PEOPLE IN HOMELESSNESS AND IT'S REALLY TIME TO LEAN INTO THIS WORK AGAIN. WE ALSO NEED TO EXPAND AND WE NEED TO KEEP LEARNING AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE PERSISTENT RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT EXIST AMONG FOLKS EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND PEOPLE IN HOMELESSNESS. IT'S A HUMANE AND COMPASSIONATE APPROACH BUT AS THE COMMISSIONER ALLUDED TO IT IS COST EFFECTIVE. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN SHELTER BEDS, THAN JAIL BEDS, AND THAN STAYS AT THE STATE HOSPITAL, TIME IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, AND WE ALL GAIN WORKING TOGETHER TO ALIGN THE RESOURCES AND SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS THIS GAP.

WE WILL TAKE A LOT OF WORK FROM HOMEFORWARD AND GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS. THE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, HOME FORWARD, WE'RE EAGER TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE ANOTHER PANEL OF FOLKS. DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THEM?

Mr. Jolin: I WOULD BE HAD THAT EP TO. SO GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MARC JOLIN THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES, AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE WHO CAN TALK TO THE POWER OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THEY ARE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SOME OF THEM HAVE USED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, SO I WANT TO INVITE THEM UP.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Post: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. COMMISSIONER SMITH, STEGMANN AND VEGA PEDERSON. FOR THE RECORD I AM RACHEL POST, AND I AM THE PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN WHERE I'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS WORK SINCE 2001. IN 2002 WHEN THE U.S. COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS PILOTED 11 CHRONIC HOMELESS TEAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, I SECURED PORTLAND'S GRANT, WHICH IS AWARDED TO CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. I THEN MOVED TO DENVER WHERE I OVERSAW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE OF THE OTHER 11 HOUSING SITES FOR 2.5 YEARS. I AM HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY RELIEF THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND ARE RECOMMITTING THEIR EFFORTS TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE WITH THE GREATEST BARRIERS. THOSE WITH SERIOUS BUT ADDRESSABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS, CONDITIONS WHICH OFTEN OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR THOSE LIVING ON OUR STREETS. SECURING FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WILL REQUIRE OUR BEST THINKING.

WE WILL NEED TO ADOPT DATA DRIVEN MODELS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WHEN WE COORDINATE TRAUMA INFERRED AND INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT WITH PEER MENTORS, ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND PRIMARY CARE, AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT THAT WE NOT ONLY SEE REDUCTIONS IN HOSPITALS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM COSTS, BUT WE ALSO SAVE LIVES. THERE IS AN ABUNDANT LITERATURE ON HOUSING FIRST, COST SAVINGS, AND PORTLAND ALSO HAS GAINED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE COST SAVINGS OF RECOVERY HOUSING, IN ONE PSU STUDY, CCC'S TRANSITIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING REDUCED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY OVER 33,000 PER PERSON IN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD. MORE RECENTLY CCC DOCUMENTED THAT THOSE GOING THROUGH THE TRANSITIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING ACCRUED ABOUT ONE-THIRD THE HEALTH CARE COSTS OVER A YEAR, COMPARED TO THOSE WHO SOUGHT TREATMENT AS USUAL WITHOUT RECOVERY HOUSING.

THEY WERE ALSO THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND TEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CONNECT TO THE OLD TOWN

CLINIC FOR PRIMARY CARE. DATA OFTEN CONTRIBUTES TO KNOWLEDGE, AND WE KNOW THAT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BASED ON CLIENT CHOICE MUST DRIVE HOW WE DESIGN THESE NEW UNITS WITH SERVICES. EXPERIENCE ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO KNOWLEDGE. LAST FRIDAY I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE ALONG WITH TWO OF CCC'S CLEAN START MANAGERS WHO TRAVEL ALL OVER PORTLAND COLLECTING GARBAGE FROM HOMELESS CAMPS.

Ms. Post: AS YOU MAY KNOW NEARLY HALF OF THE CCC'S WORKFORCE ARE PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND SO IT WILL NOT SURPRISE YOU TO HEAR THAT ONE OF OUR CREW MANAGERS RAN INTO ONE OF HIS FORMER STREET ASSOCIATES WHO ASKED HOW IT WAS THAT HE'S NOW IN RECOVERY AND EMPLOYED AND HOUSED. THEY VISITED FOR A WHILE THE CLEAN START MANAGER GENTLY ADVISING HIM HOW HE, TOO, COULD GET HELP AND FIND HIS WAY INTO RECOVERY. THE EXCHANGE ENDED AS MANY THAT I HAVE WITNESSED OVER THE YEARS FROM SKILLED OUTREACH WORKERS WITH THE GIFT OF A CIGARETTE AND A PHONE NUMBER LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE ENGAGEMENT. OUR CREW MANAGER, A RECOVERING HEROIN ADDICT, SHARED WITH ME HE HAD SERVED TEN YEARS THIS PRISON AND THREE YEARS AGO HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE HOUSING RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM AFTER BEING IDENTIFIED BY THE PORTLAND POLICE AS ONE OF THE CITY'S TOP DRUG OFFENDERS ON THE STREETS.

UPON GRADUATING FROM H.R. AND UTILIZING THE CCC'S EMPLOYMENT ACCESS CENTER, HE EVENTUALLY SECURED HIS CURRENT POSITION, MOVED INTO AN OXFORD HOUSE AND WAS PROUD TO HAVE JUST PURCHASED A NEW TRUCK. HE SPOKE WITH PRIDE ABOUT HIS THREE YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RAISING THEM TO KNOW THEIR FATHER AS A HEALTHY, PRESENT, AND RESPONSIBLE PARENT. PEOPLE IN RECOVERY DOING THIS WORK WALK ON WATER AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED. THEY ARE OFTEN TIMES THE BRIDGE BETWEEN HOPELESSNESS AND HEALTH AND SOMETIMES LIFE AND DEATH. IN A RECENT CONVENING OF, BY CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OF THIS COMMUNITY'S GREATEST THINKERS ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS, CHAIR KAFOURY, YOU INSPIRATIONALLY REMINDED US ALL IF WE CAN DEDICATE FUNDING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE, THEN SURELY WE CAN DEDICATE FUNDS TO 2000 NEW UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

THIS DECLARATION REMINDED ME OF THE QUOTE," BRIDGES ARE METAPHORS FOR EVERYTHING IN LIFE. THE BRIDGE IS NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, IT IS ABOUT CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR COMMUNITY WILL PROSPER WHEN OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONNECTED TO HOUSING, HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP."

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Foster: GOOD MORNING TO YOU COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES. I AM CAMERON FOSTER. I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE INSIGHT OF MY LIFE AND MY STORY. I EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS WITH MY FOUR CHILDREN, AND IN THE PAST, IN THE LAST 14 MONTHS I HAVE GONE FROM THAT HOMELESS EXPERIENCE TO SITTING IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY TO GIVE YOU SOME INSIGHT OF WHAT I HAVE SEEN. I AM A HOUSING COORDINATOR AT SELF ENHANCEMENT, INC., ONE OF THE COMMUNITY NONPROFITS HERE WORKING WITH SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING TO ME TODAY AND EXPRESSING TO YOU HOW IMPORTANT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS TO THESE VULNERABLE FOLKS. AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW SCI IS A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AGENCY, AND WE WORK WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

IN THE WORK THAT I DO I OFTENTIMES SEE FAMILIES WHO WILL UTILIZE THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR A NIGHT TO GET OFF OF THE STREETS, AND DON'T ADDRESS OR GET TO A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER UNTIL THEY ARE HOUSED AND ARE SETTLED IN A BIT. IT TAKES SOME TIME FOR THE FEAR OF RETURNING TO HOMELESSNESS TO GO AWAY AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU IT ALMOST NEVER GOES AWAY. WORKING WITH THOSE FAMILIES CLOSELY ONCE THEY ARE HOUSED IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT SUPPORTIVE SERVICE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING FOR THOSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS AND THOSE FAMILIES AND SINGLES REALLY WORKS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LIVE A HEALTHY AND STABLE LIFESTYLE, TO WORK AT WHATEVER CAPACITY THEY ARE ABLE TO GAIN ANY RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY MAY NEED, ANY ALCOHOL AND DRUG RESOURCES OR MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES THAT WE CAN CONNECT THEM TO, BUT THERE IS THE NEED FOR THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, FOR THE SUPPORTIVE PIECE.

THAT CASE MANAGEMENT PIECE THAT WORKS CLOSELY, DEVELOPS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE. IT ALLOWS THEIR TRUST TO BE BUILT SO THAT WE CAN BE IN THEIR LIVES AND HELP THEM TO GET TO THAT PLACE, SO I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS LISTENING TO ME TODAY, AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD IN THE COUNTY AND IN THE CITY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR YOUR TESTIMONY THIS MORNING.

Ms. Rojas: PATRICIA ROJAS, EL PROGRAMA HISPANO, GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR OPENING THIS CONVERSATION AND TO NICK FISH AND THOSE AT THE CITY COUNCIL WHO ARE TAKING THIS BOLD STEP FORWARD TO HAVE A CROSS JURISDICTIONAL SOLUTION, AND CHOOSING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AS THE PRIMARY STRATEGY. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS STRATEGY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION FROM TALKING ABOUT A PROBLEM TO TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE, AND TO TALKING ABOUT A THRIVING COMMUNITY AND

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THIS STEP FORWARD.

Ms. Rojas: I AM HERE TO SHARE OUR STORY, ORGANIZATIONALLY OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THIS IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY, AND SUCCESSFULLY, AND IT HAS BEEN TRANSFORMING LIVES. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN NEEDING ARE MORE OF EACH OF THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE THAT WE KNOW WORK. WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSTABILITY DOES NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT HAPPENS SYSTEMICALLY BECAUSE THERE ARE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY HOUSING, AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED, AND WE HAVE A UNIQUE SITUATION WITH THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR WHERE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMIC BARRIERS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING SEEN AS HOMELESS, AND IT'S THROUGH THE SERVICES, THROUGH THE CASE MANAGEMENT AND THE RELATIONSHIP BUILDING THAT HAPPENS WITH PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH, ACCESS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME. BUT FUNDAMENTALLY IT'S ABOUT THE TRUST AND THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE WALKING THROUGH THE JOURNEY.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST STEP OF SAYING THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY ARE GOING TO BE WALKING THIS JOURNEY WITH THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S A HUGE COMMITMENT, IT'S COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND I COMMEND YOU FOR TAKING THIS STEP. AND I HOPE THAT WE SEE MORE REGIONAL PARTNERS COME TO THE TABLE BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL SEE A STATE OF OREGON THAT PUTS PEOPLE FIRST AND IS LOOKING TO TRANSFORM THE FUTURE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE JUST A VERY SHORT PERSONAL STORY, WHICH IS RECENTLY MY FATHER WAS DISPLACED, AND, IN TEXAS, AND HE'S ELDERLY, LOW INCOME, DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, AN IMMIGRANT, AND THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT I WORK WITH EVERY DAY. I AM NOT REMOVED FROM THIS EXPERIENCE. HE'S LIVING WITH ME NOW. HE'S COURAGEOUS IN DOING THIS. THIS IS NOT EASY FOR HIM. HE'S A VERY INDEPENDENT MAN, AND I AM PROUD OF HIM FOR TAKING THIS STEP. HE REALLY WANTS TO BE INDEPENDENT. HE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A LIFE WHERE HE FEELS HE HAS PURPOSE AND HAS A PLACE. MY COMMITMENT TO HIM PERSONALLY IS I AM GOING TO HELP YOU GET THERE. HE'S ON A FIXED INCOME, LOW INCOME, AND THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF OPTIONS.

IF IT WASN'T FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THIS THAT HE CAN FIND COMMUNITY IN I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WOULD DO. SO I KNOW THAT HE'S NOT ALONE, AND WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE IN HIS BOAT. I HOPE THAT WE CAN, AS A COMMUNITY, TELL HIM AND MAKE THIS COMPLIMENT TO MY FATHER AND ALL OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SIGNIFICANTLY AT RISK, VERY VULNERABLE TO SAY YOU ARE NOT GOING TO WALK THIS JOURNEY

ALONE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMITMENT. SIMILAR PROUD TO DO THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. I KNOW THAT COMMISSIONER FISH HAS TO LEAVE SO I WANTED TO GIVE HIM A THANK YOU. WE WOULD NOT BE TALKING ABOUT THIS TODAY WERE IT NOT FOR HIS STEADFAST COMMITMENT AND CONTINUAL PUSHING AND PRODDING AND LOVING. THANK YOU.

Ms. Thompson: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. I AM AMY THOMPSON. I AM THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE RECEIVING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES. HER NAME IS ISABELLA. UNFORTUNATELY SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. SHE'S NOT FEELING WELL SO SHE DID GIVE ME PERMISSION TO COME, AND SHE RECENTLY WROTE A LETTER ABOUT THE SERVICE IS THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED IN HER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM SO I WANTED TO READ THAT LETTER TO YOU. IT SAYS TO "WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MY NAME IS ISABELLA, AND I HAVE BEEN HOUSED WITH HOPE, WHICH IS THE NAME OF THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM. I HAVE BEEN HOUSED WITH HOPE ALMOST A FULL YEAR, WRITE THINKING LETTER BECAUSE I GOT A SATISFACTION SURVEY FORM IN THE MAIL TO FILL OUT. HOWEVER I DID NOT FEEL THAT THE SURVEY REALLY CAN CONVEY WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS DONE FOR MY LIFE. THERE HAS BEEN COUNTLESS TIMES I REFLECTED ON MY SERVICES SAYING TO MYSELF, IF ONLY I COULD DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY I WOULD.

NINE YEARS WENT BY AND CHANGE SEEMS ONLY TO BE A DAY DREAM. I WENT TO TREATMENT FOR THE SECOND TIME WANTING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WANTING ONE LESS WINTER ON THE STREETS, AND IF THAT MEANT STAYING SOBER AND TAKING SUGGESTIONS, I WAS WILLING. THAT IS WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED TO MY CASEWORKERS FOR HOPE. I WAS SCREENED AND ACCEPTED AS A HOPE CLIENT. MY CASEWORKERS ARE NATALI MARTIN AND LESLIE BIGBACK. THEY ARE WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH. BECAUSE OF THEM AND ALL WHO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES FOR HOPE I HAVE A LIFE WORTH LIVING. THIS PROGRAM IS AMAZING. TODAY I GET THAT CHANCE TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. EACH DAY I WAKE UP SOBER BY CHOICE AND GRATEFUL. TODAY I AM WORKING ON COMPLETING MY GED. I AM A CERTIFIED CARPENTER. I HAVE COMPLETED AN INTERNSHIP WITH MERCY CORPS, ANOTHER AGENCY THAT HELPED ME IN MY JOURNEY. I AM ALSO NOW A RENTWELL INSTRUCTOR FOR OTHERS WHO NEED HELP TO OVERCOME HOUSING BARRIERS. I AM SO BLESSED TO HAVE A WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT ME. THIS EXPERIENCE IS LIFE CHANGING. FOR ME IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING. THANK YOU ALL THIS ARE A PART OF THIS."

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU AND PASS ON OUR THANK YOU FOR HER TO ALLOW HER STORY TO BE SHARED.

Mr. Bouneff: GOOD MORNING, I AM CHRIS BOUNEFF, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE STATE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS. NAMI IS A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION, WE HAVE 15 CHAPTERS ACROSS THE STATE. WE ARE ALL PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR BOTH. OUR MISSION IN LIFE IS TO PROVIDE FREE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR ALL PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS. OUR OTHER PIECE IS ADVOCACY, WHICH IS WHAT BRINGS ME HERE TODAY, AND IN AN UNUSUAL POSITION IS I AM NOT HERE TO PERSUADE YOU TO DO ANYTHING BECAUSE YOU ARE DOING IT. USUALLY WE ARE SCREAMING AND YELLING. IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY COOPERATE AND TAKE THIS ON.

AT THE STATE LEVEL IN 2012 AS WE SURVEYED OUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUE FOR US TO PURSUE, HOUSING WAS CONSENSUS NUMBER ONE, STARTING IN THE 2013 SESSION, AND IN 2015 AND 2017 WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING 25 MILLION FROM OUR STATE LEGISLATURE TO USE AS AN INCENTIVE FUNDING TO BUILD THIS HOUSING THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IN ADDITION TO OTHER HOUSING THAT SERVES INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. COMING OUT OF THE 15 SESSION THERE WAS 10 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR THE PORTLAND METRO AREA TO USE ON THIS. THE PORTLAND METRO AREA WASN'T READY YET. DID NOT HAVE THE PARTNERSHIPS IN PLACE TO GO AFTER THAT FUNDING, SO IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING TODAY THAT WE SEE THIS AS HAPPENING AND GOING TO HAPPEN, SO THE NEXT TIME THAT WE AS AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION ARE SUCCESSFUL, THAT THE PARTNERSHIPS ARE HERE READY TO GO AFTER THAT FUNDING TO HELP COBBLE THE PROJECTS TOGETHER BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THEY ARE NOT EASY.

IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND IT TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY AND IT TAKES A LOT OF FUNDING, AND IT TAKES A LOT OF COOPERATION TO BRING THESE TOGETHER. SO WE HAVE A VERY SUPPORTIVE AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO SEE OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SERVING THIS AREA, COMING TOGETHER ON THIS. I WILL BE REMISS IF I DON'T SAY SOMETHING THAT VEERS AWAY FROM THE SUBJECT WHICH IS THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN IN A VACUUM. IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND A LOT OF ENERGY AND A LOT OF FUNDING, AND WITH OUR POPULATION ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO KNOW IS YOU CANNOT BUILD YOUR WAY OUT OF OUR PROBLEMS. WE NEED THE TIME AND THE ENERGY AND THE FUNDING TO CHANGE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. FROM A LOT OF OUR POPULATION BY THE TIME THAT YOU SEE THEM ON THE STREETS AND TALK ABOUT THESE TYPES OF SOLUTIONS, THERE'S BEEN A LONG CHAIN OF FAILURE WHERE WE COULD HAVE INTERVENED AND PREVENTED THEM. AND THAT'S VERY TRUE FOR OUR POPULATION SPECIFICALLY IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS.

WE DO KNOW THAT IF WE CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM, THAT WE CAN CLOSE DOWN THE PIPELINE THAT IS PUSHING PEOPLE INTO OUR

STREETS. THEY CAN LIVE HEALTHY LIVES ON A NORMAL LIFE TRAJECTORY, SO IN THE BACK OF OUR MINDS OR THE FRONT OF OUR MINDS AS THIS WORK GOES ON, I HOPE THAT WE ALSO CONTINUE OUR HEALTH CARE REFORMS AND THAT WE TAKE THOSE EFFORTS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY DOVETAIL TOGETHER SO THAT WE ARE COOPERATING ON ALL FRONTS IN HELPING PEOPLE AVOID HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Marshall: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MIKE MARSHALL, AND I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OREGON RECOVERS IN FAVOR OF BUILDING 2000 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. OREGON RECOVERS IS AN INCLUSIVE STATEWIDE COALITION COMPRISED OF PEOPLE IN RECOVERY AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, UNITING TO TRANSFORM OREGON HEALTH CARE TO ENSURE, TO ENSURE WORLD CLASS PREVENTION, ADDICTION TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OREGONIANS SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION. IT IS OUR GOAL WITHIN FIVE YEARS OREGON WILL BE KNOWN AS THE RECOVERY STATE. THAT WILL BE NO SMALL FEAT. THE MOST RECENT FINDINGS OF MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA RANKED OREGON 49TH. ALMOST DEAD LAST IN ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TREATMENT.

AS A CONSEQUENCE ALMOST 10% OF THE OREGON POPULATION SUFFER FROM ADDICTION. ECO-NORTHWEST ESTIMATES IT COST THE OREGON TAXPAYER 5.9 BILLION ANNUALLY, AND NOT SURPRISINGLY OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED, WE EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF YOUTH INCARCERATION IN THE COUNTRY, AND AS YOU WELL KNOW WE HAVE, WE HAVE HAD TO DECLARE A HOMELESS STATE OF EMERGENCY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS OREGON HAS FAILED TO SOLVE THE ADDICTION ISSUES, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WE TREAT ADDICTION AS AN ACUTE DISEASE AND NOT A CHRONIC DISEASE THAT REQUIRES A CONTINUUM OF CARE. IN ESSENCE WE PROVIDE SURGERY TO THE PATIENT BUT NOT POSTOP CARE OR SUPPORT, NOT SURPRISINGLY IF NOT MOST OF THE PATIENTS WE TREAT RELAPSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO SUPPORT AFTER THE FIRST 28 DAYS OF TREATMENT OR 90 DAYS OF TREATMENT, WHETHER IN A RESIDENTIAL OR OUT-PATIENT.

WHAT THE STATE OF OREGON NEEDS, WHAT THE STATE OF OREGON NEEDS TO DEVELOP IS A RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEM OF CARE THAT PROMOTES A TREATMENT MODEL THAT REFLECTS THE LIFE STAGES OF THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION, SPECIFICALLY THAT MEANS THAT WE NEED SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, TREATMENT ON DEMAND AND POST-TREATMENT RECOVERY SUPPORT. THE CREATION OF 2000 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN ESSENCE UNITS THAT PROVIDE DAILY SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS AND RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION IS CRITICAL TO THE STATE'S DEVELOPMENT OF A RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEM OF CARE.

Mr. Marshall: IT'S EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF SUPPORT ARE ROBUST AND ADEQUATE RELATIVE TO THE DAILY NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN RECOVERY. WE ALL KNOW THE OLD ADAGE, AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE. THERE IS NO CURE FOR ADDICTION. THERE IS ONLY TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS BY DESIGN RELAPSE PREVENTION. 2000 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WILL NOT ONLY SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY BUT IN FACT, WILL SAVE THE LIVES OF OREGONIANS. OREGON RECOVERS IS WORKING TO GET OUR STATE GOVERNMENT TO DESIGN A NEW PARADIGM FOR SUPPORT AND RECOVERY. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN BUILDING THAT RECOVERY SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE BUT THERE IS NO REASON TO WAIT FOR THAT DIRECTION. OREGON RECOVERS URGES A YES VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Mr. Karp-Evans: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I AM JOHN KARP-EVANS, THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM, OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. TO MY RIGHT I HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND ARE NOW IN PERMANENT HOUSING AND HAVE AGREED TO SHARE A SNAPSHOT OF THEIR STORIES AND HELP THEM GET THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Burton: I AM SCOTT BURTON, I AM 41 YEARS OLD, SUFFERED FROM BIPOLAR SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER. I HAD A MENTAL BREAK IN 2000 AFTER WORKING LONG HOURS AND TRAVELING THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WORK OF BROADCAST SYSTEMS INTEGRATION. I ENDURED HOMELESSNESS FOR ONE YEAR BETWEEN 2014 AND 2015. IN 2015 BEING INCREDIBLY SLEEPLESS AND NOT EXERCISING GOOD JUDGMENT I WAS ARRESTED ON BURGLARY AND ONE FELONY FOR ENTERING A HOUSE TO RETRIEVE MY BELONGINGS. I WAS ARRESTED OUTSIDE AND TAKEN TO JAIL. I WAS TRANSFERRED TO OREGON STATE HOSPITAL WHERE I WAS GIVEN FURTHER TREATMENT FOR SEVERE SYMPTOMS OF SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER AND OVERWHELMING AUDITORY AND VISUAL HALLUCINATIONS. UPON A PLEA BARGAIN OF NO CONTEST AND A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS OF PROBATION I WAS RELEASED TO STP WHERE HE COULD BE CONNECTED WITH COMMUNITY WRAP-AROUND SERVICES WITH THE HELP OF STAFF.

I HAVE ESTABLISHED AN EXCEPTIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESIDENTS, STAFF AND MY CASE MANAGER FROM MENTAL HEALTH COURT WHICH I ATTEND ONCE A MONTH. MY CASE IS MONDAY BY TIM BARNHART, AMBER AND JOHN FROM THE STAFF HAVE GIVEN ME EVERY AVENUE OF SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR HOUSING. WHILE I WAS THERE I WAS PLACED ON A

FEW HOUSING LISTS THAT CAME UP, AND ONE MORNING EARLY AMBER MADE ME GET OUT OF BED AND SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER ONE, WHICH I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS THAT I NEEDED TO BE ON ANOTHER HOUSING LIST. I HAD BEEN ON ONE. SHE SAID THAT WE HAVE YOU ALSO HAVE A PLAN B.

Mr. Burton: WE TALKED TO THE HOUSING OFFICE OF CENTRAL CITY CONCERN AND I FILLED OUT A NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX. I WAS 12TH, AND WHEN IT OPENED I WAS ABLE TO MOVE INTO THE APARTMENT THAT NO ONE HAD LIVED IN. THIS IS WHERE I CURRENTLY LIVE DUE TO AMBER. THROUGH THE WORKING CARE I'VE BEEN GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH MY LIFE HERE AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM STP, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SERVICES, AND SEVERAL OTHER WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT ASSISTED ME ALONG THE WAY. BEING GIVEN PERMANENT HOUSING BY CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY BY STP HELPED ME TO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM STABILITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT I PERMANENTLY THINK THAT AMBER, TOM, KELLY, AND JUDGE ALBRECHT FOR THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACHIEVING BETTER AIMS AND STABILIZING MY LIVELIHOOD HERE IN PORTLAND. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Shelton: GOOD MORNING. I AM ELIJAH SHELTON, AND I AM 26 YEARS OLD. I STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION. I WAS HOMELESS FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE I GOT IN TROUBLE AND SENT TO THE OREGON STATE HOSPITAL. CENTRAL CITY CONCERN INVITED ME TO STAY AT THE STP PROGRAM, WHICH I WAS GLAD TO DO. THE STAFF DID EVERYTHING THAT THEY COULD TO SUPPORT ME THROUGH MY RECOVERY AND MADE SURE THAT ALL OF MY APPOINTMENTS THAT I HAVE MADE TO THEM, THEY SET ME UP WITH PRIMARY CARE, MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICE WITH THEM. I RECEIVED AND THEY STARTED WORKING ON A PERMANENT HOUSING PLAN. THE STP STAFF SHOWED MY PAST DID NOT DEPICT MY FUTURE AND COULD NOT STOP MY GROWTH. THEY TAUGHT ME THAT BEING OPEN ABOUT WHAT IT WAS, GOING ON IN MY LIFE WAS AN, WASN'T AN OK THING BECAUSE I NEEDED TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS.

THEY GOT ME INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, BY VOLUNTEERING THROUGH THE VOLUNTEER CORPORATION PROGRAM, WHILE AT STP, THEY LET ME KNOW ABOUT THIS LIST. I GOT UP ONE MORNING AT 4:00 A.M. TO STAND IN LINE IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER DUE TO MY DEDICATION I GOT ON THE SECTION 8 WAIT LIST FOR ANKENY SQUARE APARTMENTS THROUGH THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. WHEN I GRADUATED STP I MOVED TO BRIDGES TO CHANGE. I WAS ENSURE ABOUT THIS MOVE BUT THEY HELPED ME THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND ALLOWED ME TO STAY INVOLVED WITH STP AS AN ALUMNI. EVEN THOUGH I WAS NOT THERE I STILL HAD THEIR SUPPORT. THE WAIT LIST THAT I WAS ON WITH CCC MOVED AND IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS I WAS AT THE TOP.

Mr. Shelton: WHEN I GOT THE LETTER I WAS NOT SURE WHAT TO DO. AT THIS POINT I WENT TO STP FOR HELP AND THEY WALKED ME THROUGH THE PROCESS. DUE TO THE TROUBLE I'VE BEEN IN, I WAS DENIED AT FIRST, AMBER WALKED ME THROUGH THE APPEAL PROCESS AND I WON. TODAY I AM HOUSED IN RECOVERY HOUSING AT ANKENY SQUARE APARTMENTS AND GRATEFUL EVERY DAY. TODAY I HAVE BEEN CLEAN AND SOBER FOR TWO YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS, AND I AM STILL ENGAGED WITH THE MONEY FOR MY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AND I AM WORKING ON GAINING EMPLOYMENT SO I CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE MY LIFE. HAVING PERSONAL HOUSING AND AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE BUILDING HAS GIVEN ME A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND CONTINUED TO REACH MY GOALS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING THIS MORNING. ONE LAST PANEL? GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Gonzales: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM KATE GONZALES, THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT THE OREGON JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER. WE REPRESENT CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED OREGONIANS AND ALSO ADVOCATE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. I AM HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE HOUSING RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU. ON A PERSONAL NOTE I WILL JUST SAY WHAT AN HONOR IT IS, ALWAYS, TO PRESENT BEFORE THIS ALL WOMEN BOARD. WOMEN AND JUSTICE PROJECTS, MANY OF THE WOMEN WE SERVE STRUGGLE TO FIND SAFE SHELTER AND STABLE HOUSING. THROUGH OUR WORK WITH OUR CLIENTS WE SEE THE REALMS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY AND HOUSING ARE DEEPLY INTERTWINED.

VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUCH AS THOSE SLEEPING OUTSIDE, THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, THOSE SUFFERING FROM TRAUMA OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, TOO FREQUENTLY END UP IN OUR LOCAL JAILS OR OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS WHEN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COULD BE A MUCH MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND HUMANE ALTERNATIVE. INCREASING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, MANY OF WHOM WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED CAN BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OREGONIANS HOUSED BEHIND BARS. WE ARE PLEASE TO SEE THE DECREASED RELIANCE ON JAILS AND BELIEVE THAT THE COST SAVINGS RESULTING FROM LOWERING INCARCERATION RATES SHOULD BE REDIRECTED TOWARDS SMARTER COMMUNITY SUPPORTS.

OUTSIDE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, SUCH AS THIS CREATION OF 2000 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS OVER ROUGHLY THE NEXT DECADE. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE BUDGETS ARE MORAL DOCUMENTS, AND SO ON BEHALF OF OJRC WE THANK YOU FOR SPENDING WHERE IT MATTERS, AND REDUCING OUR RELIANCE ON JAIL AND IT'S BEEN EXPANDING FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mr. Ko: GOOD MORNING. I AM ANDY KO FROM PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE AND WANTED TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS SMITH, VEGA PEDERSON, AND IF YOU ARE STILL ON THE LINE COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, MEIERAN. AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER SOON. THE SOLUTION THAT ENSURE JUSTICE, EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, HEALING, AND SAFETY. WE DO THIS BY ADVANCING STRATEGIES AND ADVOCATING FOR STRATEGIES THAT ACHIEVE SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES, PREVENT CRIME, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VICTIMS AND PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES SO IT'S APPROPRIATE TO BE SPEAKING HERE WITH YOU TODAY ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION AND EFFORT IN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. ONE THING THAT I APPRECIATED WAS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY SORT OF ENCOURAGE RATHER THAN ADVOCATE, BUT IN SOME WAYS I THINK THAT OUR ROLE HERE IS TO SAY A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE HOUSING THEY BECOME MORE VULNERABLE TO CRIME.

HOMELESS PEOPLE TEND TO BE THE HIGHEST LEVEL VICTIMS OF CRIME. IN TERMS OF THEIR SURVIVAL ACTIVITIES THEY ENCOUNTER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MORE FREQUENTLY. IN TERMS OF THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO ADDRESS MENTAL ILLNESS, TO ADDRESS DRUG DEPENDENCE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS. MUCH, MUCH MORE SEPARATED FROM SOCIETY AND ON THE FRINGE OF SOCIETY THAN THE REST OF US, AND ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS THE THINGS THAT MANY OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED. SO I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU BY MAKING A FEW CONNECTIONS TO THINGS THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW YOU ARE DOING. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSIONS, SOMETHING THAT WE STARTED ADVOCATING FOR IN MY ORGANIZATION IN 2014, STARTED UP IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. AND VERY MUCH A NEED FOR HOUSING IN THAT PROGRAM. A PROGRAM THAT IS A HARM REDUCTION, ORIENTED ALTERNATIVE TO CRIMINALIZATION.

I ALSO WANTED TO SORT OF ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COUNTY IS ALSO ABOUT TO RECEIVE OR HAS ANNOUNCED THE MCARTHUR FOUNDATION'S GRANT, SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE. IT'S NOT REALLY A COINCIDENCE THAT IT'S CALLED THAT. SO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS WELL. AND ALSO I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS IS THERE IS A THREAT OF HARM REDUCTION OF THAT, THE THEORY GOING THROUGH EVERYTHING YOU FOLKS ARE DOING AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, I HEARD HER SPEAK AT THE COTA TREATMENT SERVICE THIS IS WEEK, AND IT WAS AMAZING. SO FANTASTIC, FANTASTIC, FANTASTIC TALK. AND SO I ALSO WANTED TO SAY IN TERMS OF THE WAY THAT WE FEEL ABOUT THIS AND THE LAST ENCOURAGEMENT IS THAT MY STAFF, ABOUT HALF OF US STARTED OUR CAREERS DOING HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY, PREVENTION ADVOCACY IN HOUSING WORK, AND WE HAD ONE

PERSON WHO WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Ko: WE HAD ANOTHER WHO PROVIDED HEALTH SERVICES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE. MYSELF, I STARTED MY CAREER REPRESENTING HOMELESS FAMILIES AS A LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY. THIS IS IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT STUFF AND THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN LACK OF ADEQUATE HOUSING AND THE WORK THAT WE DO NOW, AND WE FEEL THAT THIS EARLY, SO GREAT, KEEP GOING, AND WE LOVE WHAT WE'RE HEARING AND WE WISH YOU LUCK AND OFFER YOU ANY SUPPORT THAT WE CAN OFFER IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Jolin: WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER INVITED GUESTS. I AM NOT PLANNING TO SPEAK ON THIS OTHER THAN TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESOLUTION ITSELF THAT HAVEN'T BEEN ADDRESSED, I AM HAPPY TO DO THAT NOW.

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

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PRESENTERS FOR COMMENT AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING HOUSING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION. WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS NOT THE RESULT OF A SINGLE SET OF ISSUES, AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IMPACTS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ALIKE. WE ALSO KNOW A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH LIKE THE RESOLUTION THAT YOU ARE PUTTING BEFORE US IS DEFINITELY NEEDED TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO A SERVICE DELIVERY ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SUPPORTIVE, EFFECTIVE, AND GIVES NOT JUST HOPE BUT ALSO GOOD RESULTS. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

Commissioner Meieran: I COVERED MOST OF WHAT I WANTED TO SAY IN MY REMARKS AT THE BEGINNING, BUT JUST WANTED TO REITERATE THAT THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS A PROVEN STRATEGY. IT WORKS. IT SAVES LIVES. AS AN ADDED BONUS IT SAVES MONEY AS WELL. IT'S A WIN-WIN, AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM SO MANY PEOPLE, I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK FOR SHARING THEIR STORIES TODAY. SO POWERFUL, REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMING FORWARD. THIS MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE, SO I AM SO GRATEFUL TO THE CHAIR FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS, AND ALSO TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND MY COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE RIVER AT CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AS WELL TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. SO, AND TO MARC JOLIN AND TO SO MANY BUT THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PRESENTERS AND FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES FOR TALKING ABOUT THE WAY THAT THIS ACTION THAT WE ARE TAKING TODAY IS GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WORK, WHETHER IT'S IN THE CORE OF HOUSING OR IN ALL THE OTHER WAYS THAT LACK OF HAVING A HOUSE TOUCHES PEOPLE'S LIVES. I WANT TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL ESPECIALLY COMMISSIONER FISH FOR WORKING ON THIS AT THE CITY LEVEL AS WELL. I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE EXAMPLES OF REALLY HOW WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS THE CITY AND COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS CAN HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THAT. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE STATE GET INVOLVED IN THIS. WE ARE MAKING A HUGE COMMITMENT HERE WITH 2000 UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OVER TEN YEARS, BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT DOES NOT FILL THE ENTIRE NEED. THERE IS STILL MORE, AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE STATE STEP UP AND HELP US FILL THAT GAP AS WELL AS THE NEED THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

DURING MY TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN A COMMISSIONER I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SOME OF THE DIFFERENT SHELTERS THAT WE HAVE SET UP. WE HAVE DONE GREAT WORK IN CREATING MORE TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR PEOPLE TO HELP ADDRESS THE NEED BUT WE KNOW WITH WINTER COMING WE'RE GOING TO BE OVERCAPACITY. ONE OF THE REASONS, AND WE DEFINITELY KNOW THAT WE SAW PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS SO IN ORDER TO GET PEOPLE INTO THE HOUSING THAT THEY NEED AND TO IMPACT THAT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS WE HAVE TO MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS, AND I REMEMBER SITTING WITH ANDY MILLER AND TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR JUSTICE TYPE OF HOUSING AND IN ORDER TO GET AT THOSE FOLKS WHO HAVE THE HARDEST TIME GETTING OFF THE STREET SO I AM REALLY SO PROUD WE ARE TAKING THIS STEP TODAY AND WANT TO DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS A SUCCESSFUL THING AND TO AGAIN TO HELP FILL THE GAPS WHERE WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES AND REALIZING THAT HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT BECOMES A REALITY.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC FOLKS SIGNED UP BUT I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS COME FOR THIS ISSUE AND THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. I THINK THAT THERE IS A COMMON THREAD THROUGHOUT ALL, ACTUALLY ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND UNDERLYING THAT FACT WITH THE LACK OF HOUSING AND WHETHER IT'S ENOUGH RENT SUBSIDIES TO GET YOU THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME OR WHETHER IT'S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF IT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I AM GOING TO PREEMPT, I THINK, SOME OF OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS WHO ARE GOING TO SAY YEAH, WELL AND GOOD BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AND I WILL BE THE FIRST TO SAY IT IS NOT ENOUGH.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A FIRST STEP, BUT NOT ENOUGH, AND I HOPE THAT PEOPLE COME FORWARD AND TELL US THAT THEY WANT MORE. THAT THIS IS ONLY THE DOWN-PAYMENT. THE FIRST STEP IN THE INVESTMENT THAT WE NEED TO MAKE AS A COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SO VERY VULNERABLE ON THE STREETS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY MONTH A LITTLE LATER IN OUR AGENDA, AND I THINK THAT THOSE TWO ISSUES AS WELL RUN VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER, AND I DO KNOW GROWING UP HERE IN PORTLAND MY MOTHER OFTEN OPENED UP OUR HOME AS A PLACE FOR WOMEN WHO WERE ESCAPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHO HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, AND THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE TERM HOMELESSNESS AND WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE LIVING WITHOUT A HOME. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING AGAIN. FOR THE RECORD I AM JOE WALSH, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE, AND YOU DID TAKE THE WIND OUT OF MY SAIL. HOWEVER I WILL REPEAT IT. THE WAY THAT WE SEE THIS IS A POSITIVE MOVE, AND WE AGREE WITH YOU. IF YOU SAY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST STEP OR A SECOND STEP, HOW WE SEE YOU GUYS, AND HOW WE SEE THE COUNCIL ACROSS THE RIVER IS SPRINT RUNNERS IN A MILE RACE. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TEN YEARS? AND YOU DID 2000 BEDS. I WOULD SAY THAT'S A SUCCESS? WHAT HAPPENS? WE SUBMIT TO YOU IF YOU END UP AT SQUARE ONE AGAIN, LIKE WE DID WITH THE TEN-YEAR PLAN, THE PEOPLE OF PORTLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL NOT GIVE YOU ANOTHER DIME. WE HAVE GIVEN YOU 258 MILLION TO PLAY WITH. WE HAVE GIVEN YOU LOTS OF OTHER MONEY THAT YOU ARE MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE CITY AND THE JOINT TASK FORCE OR THE JOINT, WHATEVER THEY CALL THEMSELVES. WE SCREWED OUT THE PLAN AND ARGUED AND WE WERE THERE OVER AND OVER AGAIN AS I SAID YESTERDAY, TO THE COUNCIL WARNING THEM. WE WARNED THEM WHEN THEY STARTED IT WAS WRONG.

WE WARNED THEM WHEN IT WAS HALF WAY THROUGH IT WAS WRONG. WE ARE SAYING TO YOU, IF YOU HAVE 5,000 PEOPLE ON THE STREET, AND YOU ONLY PUT OUT MONEY FOR 2,000, HOW THE HELL DO YOU SUCCEED? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? THE OTHER ISSUE THAT WE HAVE, AND I AM REALLY TRYING HARD NOT TO GET THE RED LIGHT, IS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ADVOCATES. WE ARE NOT ADVOCATES. WE ARE ACTIVISTS. WE THROW ROCKS. WE DON'T TRY TO SMOOTH THINGS OUT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ADVOCATES COMING BEFORE YOU, AND THE FIRST THING OUT OF THEIR MOUTH SHOULD BE I AM HERE TO PUT MYSELF OUT OF A JOB. I NEVER HEAR THAT. IF I WAS GOING TO HAVE A GIFT FOR THE HOMELESS THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SAY.

Mr. Walsh: EVERY MORNING I WOULD GET UP AND THAT WOULD BE MY GOAL. TO FIRE MYSELF BECAUSE THE PROBLEM DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE BECAUSE

WE SOLVED IT. ALL OF THESE NONPROFITS HAVE TWO AGENDAS. ONE TO SURVIVE. ONE TO SERVE THE CLIENT. AND A LOT OF TIMES THE FIRST ONE GETS IN THE WAY OF THE SECOND ONE. AND THAT IS A PROBLEM THAT NOBODY FACED EVER BECAUSE WE ARE NONPROFITS AND WE ARE WRONG BECAUSE SOME OF THEM SUCK SO THERE'S THE RED LIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Miller: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. I, FOR THE RECORD I AM ANDY MILLER, THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SOLUTIONS. AND I GUESS THAT I WILL START BY SAYING THAT A I WILL NOT CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUAL EITHER. B I WANT TO LET JOE KNOW THAT INDEED WE HAVE JUST STARTED A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AT HUMAN SOLUTIONS AND THE FIRST QUESTION WE ASKED OURSELVES WAS HOW CAN WE PUT OURSELVES OUT OF BUSINESS SO WE REALLY ARE TRYING AGGRESSIVELY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE KNOW YOU ARE, TOO. SO I AM HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN SOLUTIONS, ONE OF YOUR PARTNERS IN EAST PORTLAND AND EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND TO SAY THANK YOU FOR CONTINUALLY PRIORITIZING ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND STRATEGIC APPROACH WHICH WITH THIS RESOLUTION INCLUDES ONE OF THE MOST CORE COMPONENT PIECES OF ANY EFFECTIVE PLAN, AND THAT IS AN AGGRESSIVE GOAL AROUND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

I AM GOING TO SKIP A LOT OF MY PREPARED REMARKS ABOUT WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT, YOU HEARD LOTS OF TESTIMONY. THE FIRST POINT OF EMPHASIS IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AS AN AGENCY THAT DEVELOPS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IT IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT FORMS OF HOUSING TO DEVELOP. REALLY THAT IS BECAUSE IT INVOLVES AT THE PROJECT LEVEL BRAIDING TOGETHER A NUMBER OF FUNDING SOURCES THAT OFTEN DON'T WORK WELL TOGETHER. SO WHAT I WOULD ASK OF YOU AND YOUR COUNTERPARTS OF CITY COUNCIL IS TO PUSH FOR FLEXIBILITY AND FOR WAYS TO MAKE THOSE RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE THE SERVICES, TO COORDINATE WITH THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND THE CAPITAL DOLLARS NEEDED TO CREATE EVERY UNIT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SO WHEN IT COMES TIME TO IMPLEMENT THIS AND YOUR PROCUREMENT FOLKS SAY WE CANNOT DO THAT PUSH WE WILL NEED THAT PUSH. PUTTING THAT WORK ON THE PROVIDERS, ON THE DEVELOPERS, MAKES IT VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO DO. WE SPEND MOST OF OUR TIME RUNNING AROUND TRYING TO MAKE THESE RESOURCES WORK TOGETHER. SO THE UPSTREAM WORK IS CRITICAL.

MY SECOND POINT OF EMPHASIS THAT I THINK THAT OTHERS SPEAKERS HAVE SPOKEN TO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PLAN ADDRESSES THE HIDDEN POPULATION OF FAMILIES. MUCH OF OUR PUBLIC DIALOGUE RECENTLY HAS BEEN ABOUT STREET LEVEL HOMELESSNESS, AND THERE ARE OBVIOUS

REASONS WHY THAT'S OUR FOCUS. IT'S THE MOST VISIBLE FORM. THE MEDIA AND THE NEWS ARE COVERING IT ON A REGULAR BASIS.

Mr. Miller: TYPICALLY WE DON'T SEE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES HOMELESS ON THE STREETS. WE KEEP THAT POPULATION HIDDEN BY KEEPING THAT POPULATION SECURE IN A SHELTER SYSTEM THAT IS A NO TURN-AWAY SYSTEM, AND I THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO FUND THAT NO TURN-AWAY SYSTEM. IT HAS A DOWNSIDE, AND THAT DOWNSIDE IS THAT THE FAMILY POPULATION, LARGELY REMAINS AN UNTOLD STORY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. SO THE NEED FOR AMONG FAMILIES IS CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT IS A STRATEGY THAT DOES HAVE A DIMENSION THAT APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO FAMILIES AND AS ONE OF YOUR CORE SHELTER PROVIDERS WE SEE THAT NEED EVERY DAY, AND IT'S GROWING, AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE, AND I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL IN THE FORM OF A DEBATE TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER TIME. WHEN WE HAVE THAT DUEL/DEBATE MARC JOLIN CAN BE ON THE TEAM AND HE CAN HELP YOU. HE CAN TALK ABOUT THE CONTRACT THAT YOU HAVE WITH SOME BIG DATA PROCESSING COMPANY TO CREATE HMIS WHICH I THINK MEANS HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. IF HE COULD PUNCH IN 036-3805 OR ANY OTHER NUMBER TO GIVE YOU AN INDIVIDUAL PROFILE, THAT'S NOT HOW THAT SHOULD WORK. WHAT HE SHOULD BE DOING IS GETTING TOGETHER WITH GEORGE AND THE HOME FORWARD PEOPLE AND PRINT THESE THINGS OUT AND BRING YOU THE SPREADSHEET LIST THAT SAYS PERSON NUMBER 363805 HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE SYSTEM FOR SEVEN YEARS AND SPENT TWO MONTHS IN A SHELTER, ONE MONTH HOUSED AND SIX OF THE REST OF THE YEARS LIVING ON THE STREETS. WE DON'T KNOW HOW.

THIS IS TALKING ABOUT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SO WE HAVE TO TRIAGE THESE PEOPLE. YOU CAN WALK RIGHT NOW INTO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, FIND A BUNCH OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT SIT AT A TABLE, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. TELL THEM THE TRUTH. HEY SCUM BAGS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HOUSE YOU UNTIL YOU GO THROUGH THE OREGON STATE HOSPITAL AND HAVE A VIOLENT EPISODE. I'VE BEEN IN A COUPLE PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES VISITING PEOPLE. I AM SEMI-FUNCTIONAL AND NOT SAME I AM HOMELESS OR NOT BECAUSE THERE ARE STIGMA AND PROBLEMS THAT GO ALONG WITH THAT BEING PUBLIC AND MEDICAL SITUATIONS, BUT WHAT I HAVE HEARD IS THAT THESE GUYS HERE, BEN FRANKLIN PROBABLY THE BEST THING I CAN DO WITH THEM IS BUY A PACK OF SYRINGES. GET IN LINE, CREATE AN INCIDENT. THAT PUTS ME THROUGH MCDL. I HAVE HAD THIS NUMBER FOR A LONG TIME. BUT MY SITUATION IS NOT THE WORST.

Mr. Johnson: THE REASON COMMISSIONER FISH CAME HERE, I THINK HE WOULD ADMIT IT, EVERYBODY CAN HAVE PTSD EVEN IF THEY GET PAID 100,000 TO BE A CITY COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONER FISH CAPE HERE BECAUSE ONE OF THE CDCS, I THINK REACH BUT I COULD BE WRONG, CONSPIRED WITH US TO MURDER KARYNE LEE BATTS. I DON'T THINK THAT SHE HAS BEEN DEAD A YEAR. PROBABLY A LOT OF PEOPLE TYPE PORTLAND PARKING INTO THEIR SEARCH ENGINES. THAT'S A PRACTICAL PRAGMATIC THING TO DO. THE REAL THING TO DO IS TO ADD THE WORD "HYPOTHERMIA." HYPOTHERMIA PORTLAND PARKING. CURRENTLY BATTS, THE MOST NOTORIOUS ONE BUT THERE WAS A WOMAN AT A BUS STOP WITH A STILLBORN BABY. A LOT OF FLAMES HAVE COME UP AND WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK AND I APPRECIATE YOU PREFACING THE REMARKS, WE GOT PREEMPTED BY THE CHAIR THAT THERE IS MORE WORK TO DO AND WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO LEVERAGE TO JOIN IN THIS FIGHT. LET'S SPREAD THE HOPE. THANK YOU LADIES.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE TWO MORE. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING AND REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. ASPIRATIONAL DREAMS, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? WELL AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND WHEN I SAT IN FRONT OF COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, AND I SAID IF MAYOR LEE IS GOING TO DO A 300 MILLION BOND WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE IT UP TO THIS POINT? WE LIKE TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT. RESOURCES. YOU WANT THIS TO HAPPEN? RESOURCES! ROLL OUT \$125 MILLION BOND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY. METRO, MY GOOD FRIEND PRESIDENT HUGHES SAT ALONGSIDE OF YOU IN THIS VERY ROOM, PUSHED THAT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL, THE BEST I COULD DO. DID YOU PUT IT THROUGH MR. HUGHES? YES, YOU DID. THAT'S YOUR LEGACY. CONGRATULATIONS.

NOW, I'M ASKING YOU 250 TO COME IN WITH ANOTHER \$125 MILLION BOND. YOU CAN MATCH THE CITY OF PORTLAND. NOW, WE'RE TALKING. NOW, WE'RE TALKING REAL MONEY. REAL THINGS TO GET DONE. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. RESOURCES. STEP UP TO THE TABLE, DON'T DREAM, SHOW YOU CAN COME UP WITH THE MONEY. SHOW ME THE MONEY! TALK IS CHEAP. WE NEED THE RESOURCES. AND BY THE WAY MR. PHIL KNIGHT IF THESE GREAT COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR AND THE MAYOR CAN DO THIS, I'M ASKING YOU TO MATCH ANOTHER \$500 MILLION. I DON'T THINK THEY CAN DO IT, MY GOOD FRIEND. AND BY THE WAY, I AGREE WITH YOU, SIR. A DOCTOR NEEDS TO BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR. A DOCTOR NEEDS TO BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR. JUST DO IT. JUST DO IT! BE THE REAL DEAL AND GET IT DONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Entwisle: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVEN, I HAVE A LITTLE ISSUE WITH THE HOMELESS. JUST THE ENTIRE CONGLOMERATE HERE. LET'S REWIND HISTORY A LITTLE BIT. LET'S GO BACK ABOUT 35 YEARS. THERE WASN'T ANY

HOMELESS PROBLEMS LIKE WE HAVE TODAY. WHY IS THAT? ECONOMICS CHANGED. I DON'T HEAR ANYBODY TALKING ABOUT ECONOMICS. I HEAR PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, PEOPLE BEING ADDICTED ON DRUGS THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HOMELESS AND NOBODY TALKS ABOUT ECONOMICS. NOBODY TALKS ABOUT HOW THE MEAN SPIRITED SOCIAL CONSERVATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN IN CHARGE FOR 35 YEARS. NOBODY TALKS ABOUT THAT. WHY DON'T THEY TALK ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE THAT'S THE REASON WHY. AND WHAT ABOUT THE WAY THAT YOU GUYS AND EVERYBODY VOTES OKAY?

Mr. Entwisle: HOW DOES YOUR VOTE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOMELESSNESS THAT WE HAVE OUT HERE TODAY? AND THE MEAN SPIRITEDNESS AND THE RACIST MEAN SPIRITEDNESS FROM THE SOCIAL CONSERVATIVES, ANYBODY THAT'S A SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED IS PRETTY MUCH RACIST. YOU MAY NOT THINK SO, BUT YOU MAY NOT BE THE ONE THAT'S MEAN SPIRITED IN THE FACE OF OTHER FOLKS, BUT YOU MIGHT BE VOTING IN THE WAY THAT IS VIOLENT TOWARDS PEOPLE. YOUR VOTE IS VIOLENCE. AND THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT THE SHELTERS, SHELTERING SYSTEMS. YEAH, PEOPLE NEED TO GET OFF THE STREET, I AGREE. WE NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF THE WEATHER, YES. BUT IN THE SHELTERS YOU HAVE NO INDEPENDENCE AND THAT HURTS MENTALLY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY. ALSO, SOME OF THIS HOUSING THAT WE HAVE, THAT WE WANT GET PEOPLE INTO REAL QUICK, IT'S SLUMLORD HOUSING.

YOU'VE GOT BED BUGS, COCKROACHES, YOU'VE GOT 40 PEOPLE USE ONE RESTROOM ON A ONE FLOOR OF A BUILDING. AND THEN YOU HAVE A JANITOR THAT DOESN'T DO ANY CLEANING ON THE WEEKENDS. THAT GETS PRETTY BAD, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TRY TO GET A JOB, YOU TRY TO GET CLEANED UP, YOU ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING. BUT IF YOU'RE SCRATCHING BED BUGS, WHEN'S THAT GOING TO GET FIXED? I THOUGHT THAT WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO BE ON THE AGENDA, BUT NOBODY TALKS ABOUT IT, NOBODY TALKS ABOUT THAT, EITHER. I DON'T MIND TALKING ABOUT IT BECAUSE I LIVE IT. I SEE IT. AND I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET THAT AREN'T MENTALLY ILL, THAT AREN'T DRUG ADDICTED, THAT ARE THERE FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ONLY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY? I'M LOOKING UP AT THE CEILING HOPING THAT YOU WILL MAKE A COMMENT.

Commissioner Stegmann: SO I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, PERHAPS PROBABLY FOR MARK AND I KNOW THAT MAYBE HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IN NINE MONTHS WHEN HE COMES BACK THAT WE'VE ADDRESSED SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE IS ARE WE THINKING THAT THESE WILL BE 2,000 BRAND-NEW UNITS OR WOULD THESE BE

UNITS THAT ARE ALREADY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE WOULD SIMPLY BE ADDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO?

Mr. Jolin: COMMISSIONER THIS IS MARK. THE ANSWER IS IT WILL LIKELY BE A COMBINATION OF BOTH. SOME NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SOME SCATTERED SITES, USE OF VOUCHERS. I THINK EXACTLY WHAT THE RATIO WILL BE IS PART OF THE CONVERSATION WE'LL HAVE AS WE PLAN THIS PROCESS. IT WILL ALSO DEPEND ON WHAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR THE FUNDING RESOURCES THAT WE'LL BE USING TO CREATE THIS CAPACITY.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY THAT'S VERY GOOD. I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH A LANDLORD WHO HAS THE URBAN LEAGUE EXISTING ON THEIR PROPERTY FOR ABOUT 30 UNITS AND I KNOW THAT WHEN I TALK TO LANDLORDS, THAT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST COMPLAINTS THEY HAVE IS THAT THEY TELL ME THEY ARE NOT SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND SO I THINK IF WE COULD LOCATE SOME OF THOSE LANDLORDS THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ON SITE, I THINK THAT WOULD BE A WIN-WIN SO I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN ACTIVELY SEEK OUT THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. ARE WE DOING MORE OF THAT, MARC?

Mr. Jolin: YES. THE PROVIDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DOING HOUSING PLACEMENT ARE BRINGING COMMONLY SERVICES ON SITE. WHETHER WE HAVE PERMANENT STAFF ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES IN A COMPLEX TYPICALLY DEPENDS ON HOW MANY UNITS ARE BEING USED AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO AGAIN AS WE GO TOWARDS PLANNING OUT THE 2,000 UNITS, THAT WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION. HOW MUCH ARE WE DOING ON A KIND OF SCATTERED SITE MOBILE SUPPORT SERVICE BASIS AND HOW MUCH ARE WE DOING FACILITY BASED?

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY AND SO THE OTHER QUESTION IN EAST COUNTY WE HAVE WHAT I CONSIDER AND MANY ACCIDENTALLY AFFORDABLE UNITS. AND SO I WORRY ABOUT THE DISPLACEMENT THAT LET'S SAY WE'RE NOT ABLE TO BRING ON ADDITIONAL BRAND-NEW UNITS, AS MANY AS WE WOULD LIKE. ARE WE GOING TO END UP KIND OF DISPLACING PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY IN ACCIDENTAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING? AND SO I JUST I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE ANSWER IS, BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL LOOKING AT THAT, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE IF WE DON'T BUILD A BUNCH OF UNITS AND WE'RE GOING TO PUT MORE SERVICES AT EXISTING UNITS, THEN ARE WE DISPLACING THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY THERE?

Mr. Jolin: I APPRECIATE THAT CONCERN AND WE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO BE DISPLACING FOLKS FROM UNITS. SO AS WE LOOK AT HOW TO FIND THE CAPACITY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE VERY CAREFUL FOR.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY GOOD. AND THEN MARC IF YOU COULD JUST CLARIFY. SO AS I RECALL AND I'M SORRY I'M A LITTLE BIT FUZZY BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE BIT UNDER THE WEATHER, BUT PART OF A HOME FOR EVERYONE, ISN'T THAT PART OF THAT MISSION IS TO CREATE SOME MORE HOUSING? SO I'M JUST WONDERING HOW IS THIS RESOLUTION DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING AT A HOME FOR EVERYONE?

Mr. Jolin: SO HOME FOR EVERYONE AS A PLANNING BODY HAS ABSOLUTELY BEEN TACKLING THIS. IN FACT, WE HAD A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORK GROUP THAT'S BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES ON THIS WITH THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO MAKE THE CASE FOR THE NEED FOR THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT IS NOW IN THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE US. AND THEN THE JOINT OFFICE DOES SUPPORT AN INVENTORY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH SOME OF OUR BUDGET RESOURCES, HOME FORWARD HAS SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS, THE HOUSING BUREAU DOES SO WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 3,300 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ALREADY OPERATING INSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THAT CAPACITY IF WE'RE ABLE TO PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY SO IT'S RAMPING UP THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 UNITS?

Mr. Jolin: YES.

Commissioner Stegmann: SO WE DIDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT FUNDING VERY MUCH AND I DID SEE SOMETHING IN THERE ABOUT METRO AND AGAIN, I KNOW, WE'RE JUST IN THE PLANNING STAGES, BUT CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN GENERAL? IS IT A BOND? IS IT METRO GOING OUT WITH A BOND OR HAVE WE GOTTEN THAT FAR?

Mr. Jolin: WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT THAT FAR. THE REFERENCE TO METRO IS THAT WE'VE APPLIED TO METRO FOR A GRANT TO DO A SIMILAR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AROUND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NEED AND STRATEGIES IN THE METRO AREA SO COMING TOGETHER WITH WASHINGTON AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY AND ALSO OUR REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO LOOK REGIONALLY AT THE NEED AND HOW WE MIGHT MEET THAT NEED. THERE'S ALSO A SIMILAR CONVERSATION I THINK AS YOU HEARD HAPPENING AT THE STATE RIGHT NOW THAT THIS WILL INTEGRATE INTO. SO WE DO KNOW THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THAT TO GET TO 2,000 UNITS WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO FIND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF NEW RESOURCE. PART OF WHAT WE'RE CHARGED WITH IN THIS RESOLUTION TO BRING BACK IN OUR PLAN IS SOME EXPLORATION OF WHAT POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISMS WE MIGHT EXPLORE AS A COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FULLY FUND THE 2,000 UNITS AND THE ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES OF THAT.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY I THINK 2,000 UNITS WHILE THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF UNITS AND I KNOW THE CHAIR I MENTIONED TO YOU THAT THAT'S JUST THE BOTTOM FLOOR, BUT I'M JUST WONDERING HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH 2,000 UNITS? AND 10 YEARS SEEMS LIKE A REALLY LONG TIME AND I'M AFRAID WHAT OUR HOMELESS POPULATION WILL LOOK LIKE 10 YEARS FROM NOW AND THAT 2,000 UNITS ARE NOT GOING TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR SUFFICIENT. CAN YOU JUST TALK ABOUT HOW YOU GOT AT THAT NUMBER AND THAT TIME PERIOD?

Chair Kafoury: WE'VE GOT A LOT MORE ON THE AGENDA TOO SORRY COMMISSIONER STEGMANN I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANT ANSWERED. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME REALLY BRIEF ANSWERS THAT I DON'T THINK ARE GOING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS FULLY. THIS IS A FRAMEWORK THAT WE WILL BE FLESHING OUT, MARC AND HIS TEAM WILL BE BACK TO US WITH MORE DETAILS AND I'M HAPPY TO HAVE HIM COME BY YOUR OFFICE. WE HAVE LIKE SEVERAL OTHER REALLY MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS THIS MORNING TO GET THROUGH.

Commissioner Stegmann: SURE, NO PROBLEM. I KNOW THERE'S NOT SPECIFIC ANSWERS BECAUSE WE'RE JUST IN THE PLANNING STAGES, BUT I MEAN, I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE RESOLUTION, AND I THINK THIS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANYBODY ELSE HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR. JUST AS A SUGGESTION, THE COMMISSIONER FROM L.A. COUNTY, THEY PASSED A HOMELESS MEASURE IN 2016, \$1.2 BILLION HOMELESS MEASURE, AND I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND SEE WHAT L.A. COUNTY DID, HOW THEY DID IT, TO USE THEM AS THE GOLD STANDARD IN TERMS OF HOW TO GET SOMETHING LIKE THIS PASSED SPECIFICALLY FOR HOMELESSNESS. I HEAR COMMISSIONER STEGMANN LOUD AND CLEAR AND WE ALL SUPPORT THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, BUT WE JUST DON'T SEE THE MECHANISM ON HOW IT'S GOING TO GET PAID FOR. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SUSTAINABLE THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S BUDGET, WHICH IS \$1.8 BILLION, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE TOTALLY SUSTAINED THROUGH THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S BUDGET SO WE NEED TO COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO PAY FOR IT. WE ALL KNOW WHO AND HOW AND WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE HOMELESS, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO BE VERY REALISTIC AND HAVE A STRATEGY TO PAY FOR IT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.2 Board Briefing on Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative with the Annie Casey Foundation. Presenters: Deena Corso, Juvenile Services Div. Dir. and Nate Balis, Dir., Juvenile Justice Strategy Group; and Other Invited Guests.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEM. I WANT TO REMIND FOLKS WE ARE RUNNING A LITTLE BIT BEHIND SCHEDULE THIS MORNING SO PLEASE TALK FAST. NOT TOO FAST.

Ms. Corso: ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS DEENA CORSO AND I AM THE JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. I AM JOINED TODAY BY NATE BALIS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY GROUP FOR THE ANNIE CASEY FOUNDATION AND MARY IS GOING TO DRIVE I GUESS ON THE COMPUTER HERE. SO I'M REALLY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY, AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND PARTICULARLY OUR JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE AS WELL AS OUR LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ANNIE CASEY FOUNDATION. HAVING BEEN HIRED BY THE JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION IN 1991 I'VE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE TRANSFORMATION OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY. SO THIS MORNING, I'M GOING TO PROVIDE A VERY HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE MULTNOMAH JOURNEY AND THEN NATE'S GOING TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ROLE NATIONALLY AS WELL AS THE FUTURE OF THE INITIATIVE.

SO THIS SLIDE JUST PROVIDES SOME HISTORICAL CONTEXT TO FRAME THE CONVERSATION. SO 25 YEARS AGO IN 1992, THERE WAS A WHOLE LOT GOING ON THAT WASN'T GREAT IN OUR DETENTION FACILITY. WE HAD A FEDERAL LAWSUIT THAT IDENTIFIED UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT. WE HAD CHRONIC OVERCROWDING. WE HAD A LACK OF MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVES IN LIEU OF DETENTION. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY REAL DATA TO TELL US WHO WAS IN OUR FACILITY, WHY WERE THEY THERE, HOW LONG WERE THEY THERE AND WE WEREN'T WORKING VERY COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR SYSTEM PARTNERS. SO BACK IN 1992, MULTNOMAH COUNTY BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST SITES TO JOIN WITH THE ANNIE CASEY FOUNDATION IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE. SO THIS SLIDE TALKS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT JDAI IS.

QUICKLY I WILL JUST SAY IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK THAT JURISDICTIONS USE TO DETERMINE WHICH YOUTH ARE IN DETENTION, FOR WHAT REASONS, WHICH IS IN THE CONTROL OF POLICY MAKERS IF THEY ATTEMPT A SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE AND SPECIFIC STRATEGIES THAT ARE LISTED ON THIS SLIDE. THE EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES OUTLINED HERE GUIDE THE WORK OF JDAI JURISDICTIONS LIKE OURS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON SAFELY REDUCING RELIANCE ON SECURE DETENTION. AND NATE WILL PROBABLY SAY A LITTLE BIT MORE SO A LOT OF WORDS ON THERE, BUT WE'LL SKIP OVER THAT FOR

THE MOMENT. SO THIS SLIDE SHOWS WHY DETENTION REFORM IS RELEVANT. ACCORDING TO RESEARCH, MANY YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT MOST AGE OUT.

Ms. Corso: UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND RISK-BASED DECISION MAKING ARE CRITICAL TO ENSURING ONLY THE RIGHT YOUTH ARE SERVED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND/OR REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES IN RESPONSE TO THEIR DELINQUENCY. DETENTION ITSELF IS A RISK FACTOR FOR FURTHER PENETRATING INTO THE SYSTEM. DETENTION MAKES IT MORE LIKELY YOUTH WILL BE CHARGED, ADJUDICATED AND REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME AT THE POINT OF DISPOSITION, WHICH IS OUR WORD FOR SENTENCING. IF YOU'RE REMOVED FROM YOUR HOME, THAT MAKES IT MORE LIKELY YOU'LL USE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, LESS LIKELY YOU'LL COMPLETE SCHOOL, HAVE A STRONG EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OR HAVE ENDURING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. SO WHAT WE DECIDE TO DO AT THE POINT OF ARREST IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT TO DETAIN A YOUTH HAS POTENTIALLY LIFE-ALTERING CONSEQUENCES.

IT REALLY GOES BEYOND WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE OVERCROWDING IN OUR DETENTION CENTERS. IT GOES TO THE WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR KIDS IN THE FUTURE. SO THIS HAS GOT A LOT OF WORDS ON IT, TOO. THIS IS KIND OF THE MEAT AND THE POTATOES HERE A LITTLE BIT SO IT WOULD TAKE WAY TOO LONG TO DESCRIBE EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS SO THIS IS SORT OF SOME HIGHLIGHTS. THE YOUTH OF AN OBJECTIVE RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT TO DETERMINE WHO SHOULD BE IN DETENTION AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF AN ARRAY OF ALTERNATIVES HAS BECOME PRETTY COMMONPLACE OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS, BUT WHEN WE STARTED IN 1992 IT WAS PRETTY MUCH UNHEARD OF. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ALSO A MODEL FOR PRACTICES LIKE THIS MEETING WE CALL THE 11:00 MEETING, WHICH IS A MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS THAT TAKES PLACE.

WE HAVE EXPEDITED CASE PROCESSING, WHICH IS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT REDUCES INEFFICIENCIES AND IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR YOUTH IN THAT IT REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES IN BETWEEN WHEN AN ACTION OCCURS AND WHEN THE CONSEQUENCE IS IMPOSED, WHICH WE KNOW FROM ADOLESCENT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE A RECEPTION CENTER THAT'S ACTUALLY A MODEL THAT JURISDICTIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY HAVE IMPLEMENTED. IT WAS PIONEERED HERE ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO BECAUSE WE HAD 1,200 TO 1,500 YOUTH WHO WERE BEING BROUGHT TO DETENTION EVERY YEAR BY POLICE FOR NON-DETAINABLE OFFENSES. OBVIOUSLY, DETENTION IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE.

Ms. Corso: THE RECEPTION CENTER IS ABLE TO ASSESS THEM AND GET THEM CONNECTED WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES, THEM AND THEIR FAMILY SO THIS

IS A HUGE SUCCESS THAT WE'VE HAD IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN REPLICATED IN OTHER PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE'VE IMPLEMENTED THE COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM, WHICH TAKES LOW-LEVEL FIRST-TIME YOUTH WHO HAVE COMMITTED FIRST-TIME OFFENSES AND DIVERTS THEM COMPLETELY OUT OF THE SYSTEM AND SENDS THEM TO CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. WE HAVE A SANCTIONS GRID THAT HELPS INFORM HOW PROBATION VIOLATIONS ARE ADDRESSED AND ACTUALLY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING THAT MORE ROBUST AND PROVIDING MORE ALTERNATIVES AS WE SPEAK. AND WE HAVE A JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL THAT WORKS COLLABORATIVELY, ALL THE SYSTEM PARTNERS, TO OVERSEE AND PUSH TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE DOWN THE PATH OF OUR DEFINITION REFORM EFFORTS.

SO NONE OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WOULD BE AT ALL IMPRESSIVE IF THEY WERE HAPPENING AT THE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. SO THIS SET OF INDICATORS ASSURES YOU THAT EVEN THOUGH WE ARE DETAINING FAR FEWER YOUTH THAN WHEN WE BEGAN 25 YEARS AGO, CRIME HAS, IN FACT, DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. SO WHAT WE SEE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND NATIONALLY IS THAT WE'RE SMARTER ABOUT WHO WE DETAIN AND FOR HOW LONG, YOUTH HAS BETTER OUTCOMES AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS IMPROVED. SO I'M NOT GOING TO SAY MORE. I'M TRYING TO BE FAST UNLESS THERE'S SOMETHING ON HERE THAT'S REALLY PIQUING YOUR INTEREST.

Chair Kafoury: IT'S ALL INTERESTING.

Ms. Corso: WELL, YOU'VE GOT THE POWERPOINT, YOU CAN WATCH IT IN YOUR LEISURE. SO IN 1994 WE ACTUALLY HAD CAPACITY TO DETAIN UP TO 96 YOUTH IN OUR DETENTION FACILITY ON ANY GIVEN DAY AND TODAY, WE ONLY FUND 38 BEDS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY YOUTH SO WE ARE PLACING FAR FEWER YOUTH IN DETENTION THAN WE DID WHEN WE BEGAN THIS WORK. IN ADDITION, YOU'LL SEE THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT WE COMMIT TO THE YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HAS ALSO DRAMATICALLY BEEN REDUCED. AND THE BOTTOM GRAPH THERE, THOUGH, YOUTH OF COLOR THAT CONTINUE TO BE BROUGHT TO DETENTION AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO ON, WHAT THE BOTTOM GRAPH IS SHOWING YOU IS THAT YOUTH OF COLOR NOW ARE DETAINED AT THE SAME RATE THAT WHITE YOUTH ARE DETAINED ONCE THEY ARE BROUGHT TO OUR DOORS.

Ms. Corso: SO IN 1994 IF YOU WERE A YOUTH OF COLOR, 10% MORE OF THE POPULATION OF YOUTH OF COLOR WERE DETAINED THAT WERE BROUGHT TO DETENTION THAN WHITE YOUTH, AND THEN IN 2004, THAT PERCENT WAS 2% AND BY '14 WE SAW THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH OF COLOR WHO WERE ADMITTED TO THE DETENTION WAS EQUIVALENT TO THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITE YOUTH THAT WERE BROUGHT TO THE DETENTION THAT WERE DETAINED.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: IS THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION?

Ms. Corso: IT'S A PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO ARE BROUGHT TO DETENTION. SO THIS IS REFLECTING ARE WE USING OBJECTIVE ADMISSION CRITERIA TO DETAIN YOUTH? SO YOU'RE NOT MORE LIKELY IF YOU'RE A YOUTH OF COLOR TO BE DETAINED, BUT WHAT'S HAPPENING STILL IS THAT MORE YOUTH ARE COMING TO DETENTION TO BEGIN WITH. SO WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS SYSTEMICALLY, THIS IS TALKING ABOUT THAT POINT WILL YOU BE HELD IN DETENTION OR RELEASED FROM DETENTION WHEN THE POLICE BRING YOU TO OUR DOOR?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE ARE TWO TRACKS. THE FOLKS WHO ARE DETAINED THAT ALL YOUTH ARE DETAINED AT THE SAME LEVEL, BUT WHERE THE DISPARITIES COME IN AT IS WHO ACTUALLY STAYS?

Ms. Corso: THE DISPARITY IS WHO'S BEING BROUGHT TO OUR DOOR. IF 100 WHITE YOUTH COME TO OUR DOOR AND WE DETAIN 50 OF THEM, IF 100 YOUTH OF COLOR COME TO OUR DOOR, WE'RE DETAINING 50 OF THEM, BUT THE PROBLEM IS WE HAVE MAYBE 100 YOUTH OF COLOR AND 50 WHITE YOUTH. THAT'S WHERE YOU GET THE DISPARITIES, RIGHT? THAT THE NUMBERS ARE DISPARATE COMPARED TO THE POPULATION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Smith: RIGHT AND SO THE ISSUE IS IT'S THE ECOSYSTEM AGAIN, IT'S YOUTH OF COLOR ARE BEING PICKED UP AT A HIGHER RATE THAN NON-YOUTH OF COLOR SO THERE IS A DISPARITY IN TERMS OF WHO'S DETAINED AND WHO STAYS BECAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE DISPARITY. SO I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE FOLKS TO SAY IT'S APPLES TO APPLES. IF YOU BRING IN 50 WHITE YOUTH IN AND 50 BLACK YOUTH IN WE HAVE A 5.8% POPULATION RATE COMPARED TO NON-WHITES. THE DISPARITY IS IN BRINGING THEM IN.

Ms. Corso: ABSOLUTELY. AND IN OTHER DECISION POINTS IN THE SYSTEM, AS WELL.

Commissioner Smith: THE ECOSYSTEM IS REALLY SCREWED UP.

Ms. Corso: RIGHT. YES. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK YOU'RE BOTH SAYING THE SAME THING, WHICH IS THAT THE DISPARITY EXISTS IN WHO'S BEING BROUGHT TO US. WE ARE WORKING AND HAVE MADE VERY GREAT PROGRESS ON WHO IS KEPT.

Ms. Corso: YES. I KNOW IT'S CONFUSING BECAUSE WE TALK ABOUT OUR DISPARITIES ALL THE TIME AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO WALK AWAY

THINKING THERE AREN'T DISPARITIES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS IS JUST ONE PARTICULAR INDICATOR THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

Commissioner Smith: AND MANY OF THESE FOLKS GO TO THE ADULT SYSTEM SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE ADULT SYSTEM YOU'VE GOT 24% AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND YOU'VE GOT A 5.8% POPULATION GROWTH I MEAN SO SOMEWHERE IN THE SYSTEM, PEOPLE ARE BEING OVER-POLICED, OVER-SENTENCED. THEY'RE GETTING SOME SORT OF DISPARITY ALL THROUGH THE ENTIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT ECOSYSTEM, AND IT'S JUST NOT YOU, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE FOLKS WHO COME, WHO MEET THE CRITERIA, BUT I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR AND NOT CONFUSE FOLKS THAT THERE IS HUGE DISPARITIES IN THE SYSTEM.

Ms. Corso: RIGHT YES AND I HAVE A SLIDE IN A SECOND THAT'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE NUMBERS ARE DROPPING WHICH IS GOOD. THE DISPARITIES ARE NOT NECESSARILY DROPPING. SO QUICKLY I WILL JUST SAY ON THE NEXT SLIDE, MARY, THAT THIS HAS REALLY PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR BUDGET AS WELL, IF WE'RE DETAINING FEWER YOUTH, WE'RE SAVING MONEY AS WELL AS DOING RIGHT BY KIDS AND FAMILIES SO IF WE WERE STILL DETAINING YOUTH AT THE RATE WE WERE PRIOR TO OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF JDAI, WE WOULD HAVE HAD 472 MORE ADMISSIONS LAST YEAR AT A COST OF \$2.14 MILLION. SO IT'S SIGNIFICANT.

OH, I GUESS I ALREADY HAD THIS SLIDE THAT SHOWS THE NUMBERS, BUT I'M MOVING EVEN FASTER THAN I THOUGHT I WAS. SO IN OUR COUNTY, AS THE JDAI MODEL SITE WE HAVE SERVED AS A LEARNING LABORATORY FOR JURISDICTIONS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TO COME AND VISIT US AND LEARN ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING HERE SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE WHAT FITS FOR THEM AND IMPLEMENT THEM IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. TEENS COME FROM ALL OVER THE NATION AND SPEND TWO DAYS WITH US HEARING FROM NOT ONLY OUR DIVISION, BUT ALSO OUR STAKEHOLDERS TO LEARN HOW WE DO BUSINESS AND OVER 3,000 JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICIALS, JUDGES, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS HAVE COME TO LEARN ABOUT OUR WORK. SO I'M GOING TO USE THAT TO SEGUE OVER TO NATE.

Mr. Balis: GREAT. GOOD MORNING. IT'S REALLY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS NATE BALIS, I COME FROM THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION IN BALTIMORE AND WITH THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME THAT I HAVE WITH YOU, I MAINLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHY DETENTION REFORM HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS BEEN MEANINGFUL TO THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. THERE'S OBVIOUSLY MUCH TO BE PROUD OF THE LOCAL EFFORTS HERE AND AS COMMISSIONER SMITH TALKED ABOUT THERE'S STILL MUCH TO DO AND IMPROVE UPON HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT STRUCK ME THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN JUST HOW MEANINGFUL WHAT HAPPENED HERE HAS BEEN TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

Mr. Balis: NOW, I WON'T REPEAT THE BASICS, BUT IT'S WORTH REPEATING BRIEFLY WHY THE ANNIE CASEY FOUNDATION HAS INVESTED IN THIS WALKER. THE CASEY FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED MANY YEARS AGO BY JIM CASEY ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF UPS, AND IT'S NAMED AFTER HIS MOTHER. OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR ALL KIDS. GIVEN OUR US ROUTES, IT'S PROBABLY NOT SURPRISING THAT WE'RE VERY DATA DRIVEN AS THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS ACROSS ALL OF OUR WORK AND THE DATA TELL US THAT WAY TOO MANY OF OUR NATION 'S KIDS, PARTICULARLY YOUTH OF COLOR, ARE AT HIGH RISK OF NOT MAKING IT INTO ADULthood EQUIPPED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. OUR APPROACH TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IS TO ZERO IN ON CHILDREN FACING THE GREATEST OBSTACLES AND TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS THAT WILL HELP IMPROVE OUTCOMES AT SCALE.

VERY OFTEN, THAT MEANS TACKLING THE PUBLIC SYSTEMS THAT TOUCH SO MANY FAMILIES AND WHICH IF HELPED TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES HAVE AFFECT MANY YOUNG LIVES. FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS THAT'S MEANT A LARGE AND EXPANDING COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REFORM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW WITHOUT ANY DOUBT IS THAT LOCKING KIDS UP IS ONE OF THE SUREST WAYS TO RUIN THEIR CHANCE S FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE. EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT TRAUMA AND BRAIN SCIENCE FOR THE PAST TWO DECADES HAS CONFIRMED AND UNDERScoreD THE TERRIBLE TRUTH ABOUT INCARCERATION. BEING CONFINED IN JAIL AND PRISON-LIKE SETTINGS SURROUNDED BY TROUBLED PEERS, CUT OFF FROM FAMILY AND MISSING OUT ON EDUCATION EXPERIENCES THAT PREPARE YOUTH FOR LIFE IS A PERFECT STORM OF CONDITIONS TO DRIVE KIDS FURTHER OFF TRACK, RATHER THAN HELPING THEM FIND THEIR WAY FORWARD.

THAT'S WHY ALL OF THE CASEY FOUNDATION'S WORK IN JUVENILE JUSTICE IS FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE THAT THE FEWEST NUMBER OF KIDS POSSIBLE AND ONLY THOSE WHO TRULY POSE AN IMMEDIATE RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY ARE CONFINED AND THAT THOSE WHO ARE CONFINED, IT'S DONE SO IN HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S BEEN THE SPIRIT OF JDAI ALL OF THESE YEARS AND WHILE ALL OF THAT MAY SEEM INTUITIVE TODAY , WHEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY BECAME ONE OF FIVE ORIGINAL JDAI SITES IN 1992 THE COUNTRY WAS IN A VERY DIFFERENT PLACE WHEN IT CAME TO HOW WE TALKED ABOUT KIDS, HOW WE TALKED ABOUT PUNISHMENT AND INCARCERATION.

Mr. Balis: IN FACT, PART OF WHAT'S SO STRIKING ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS OF JDAI IS THAT AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OTHERS BEGAN TO FIND SUCCESS IN KEEPING YOUTH AND SAFELY KEEPING YOUTH OUT OF DETENTION, THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE S WERE RUNNING SO COUNTER TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. IN THE 1990S AS JDAI WAS GAINING MOMENTUM HERE AND ELSEWHERE, DEMONSTRATING THE WISDOM THAT YOUTH COULD BE SAFELY KEPT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES , VIRTUALLY EVERY STATE IN THE

COUNTRY PASSED LAWS MAKING IT EASIER TO GIVE YOUTH ADULT TIME FOR ADULT CRIME. HERE IN OREGON, MULTNOMAH COUNTY WASN'T TWO YEARS INTO JDAI BEFORE THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE 11 GUARANTEEING THAT SOME YOUTH WOULD SPEND YEARS LOCKED UP, 2,000 KIDS IN THE STATE OF OREGON LOCKED UP FOR MANY YEARS FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AS CHILDREN IN THE NATIONAL FERVOR ABOUT SUPER PREDATORS AND ZERO TOLERANCE MADE IT ALL THE MORE CRITICAL AND IMPRESSIVE TO SEE THE KINDS OF EFFORTS AND INNOVATION HERE IN PORTLAND AND ESPECIALLY THE RESULTS.

THE NEXT SLIDE. SO AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, OTHER JURISDICTIONS WERE FOLLOWING MULTNOMAH'S LEAD AND SOON AFTER THAT WE BEGAN SENDING DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES HERE TO PORTLAND. AND YOU JUST HEARD THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS HOSTED LITERALLY, LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PRACTITIONERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, ADVOCATES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO SAFELY REDUCE THE RELIANCE OF CONFINEMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO MAKE THE VOYAGE TO PORTLAND FROM JUST ABOUT EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTRY LEARNED FROM PEOPLE WHO I SUSPECT ARE COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO THE CITIZENS OF YOUR COUNTY AND EVEN TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND YET SOME OF THEM ARE LEGENDS IN THE WORLD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS FOR WHAT THEY HAVE TAUGHT TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE.

I'M SURE IT WON'T SURPRISE YOU WHEN I SAY THAT THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS INHERENTLY CONSERVATIVE. I DON'T MEAN POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE, BUT RISK AVERSE. PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES RARELY HAVE THEIR FEET HELD TO THE FIRE BECAUSE THEY WENT THE LOCK THEM UP ROUTE FOR A KID. IF THEY GO THE OTHER WAY, THEY MAY BE AT RISK. SO WHILE JDAI MAYBE VERY PRACTICAL, A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO JUVENILE DETENTION, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT WAS AN EASY SAIL TO NEW JURISDICTIONS WHO WERE GOING TO TAKE THIS ON, EVEN AFTER SITES SIGN UP, THERE ARE MANY NAYSAYERS WHO ARE QUICK TO CRITIQUE WHAT MAY FEEL LIKE ABSTRACT REFORM CONCEPTS AND IDEAS AND I SAY ALL OF THAT BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THE POWER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S EARLY SUCCESS AND WORK HOSTING OTHER JURISDICTIONS COMES INTO PLAY. IT'S ONE THING FOR THE ANNIE CASEY FOUNDATION TO PRODUCE A PUBLICATION SPEAKING TO THE WISDOM OF COLLABORATION AND DETENTION ALTERNATIVES.

Mr. Balis: IT'S QUITE ANOTHER THING FOR THEM TO COME TO PORTLAND AND LEARN FROM PRACTITIONERS ABOUT THE 11:00 MEETING OR THE RECEPTION CENTER. THESE ARE PRACTICES AND ALTERNATIVES THAT COUNTLESS OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE COPIED. YOUR PEOPLE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY GAVE OTHERS THE CONFIDENCE AND IDEAS THAT COULD HELP KEEP THEIR KIDS OUT OF DETENTION, TOO. EVEN FOR THOSE WHO NEVER CAME TO PORTLAND FOR A SITE VISIT AND I WAS ONE OF THEM BACK IN MY

JURISDICTION WHEN I STARTED JDAI IN 2005 IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WE WERE INFLUENCED BY THE WORK HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS WE HEARD OTHERS COME BACK AND TELL THEIR STORIES ABOUT HOW THEY CAME TO PORTLAND AND WHAT THEY LEARNED AND BECAUSE OF ALL THE PUBLICATIONS TALKING ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS HERE. ALL OF WHICH IS TO SAY THAT ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER SITES THE WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS A LEARNING LABORATORY FOR OTHERS NOT BECAUSE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS PERFECT, BUT BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MUCH TO LEARN AND IT WAS SO IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY FOR OTHERS TO LEARN.

THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS CATALYST FOR THE GROWTH AND RESULTS OF JDAI. AND SO THE RESULTS ARE PRETTY ASTONISHING. THE FIRST SLIDE WITH THE MAP HAD FIVE DOTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THIS IS WHAT OUR MAP LOOKS LIKE NOW OF PLACES DOING JDAI. NATIONALLY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 300 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS DOING JDAI ACROSS 39 STATES. THERE ARE 93,000 FEWER YOUTH ADMITTED TO DETENTION COMPARED TO BASELINE YEARS. IT AMOUNTS TO 1.4 MILLION FEWER DAYS IN DETENTION PER YEAR. WE CONTINUE TO ADD NEW PLACES AND CONTINUE TO BUILD OFF THE LESSONS LEARNED AND TAUGHT HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO I JUST WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING I'M AWARE OF SOME OF THE RECENT CHALLENGES HERE IN PORTLAND, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES AMONG THE DETENTION POPULATION.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS NOT ALONE IN ITS STRUGGLES TO REDUCE RACIAL DISPARITIES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH THAT WAS CERTAINLY WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT DURING YOUR COMMENTS BEFORE. AS HIGHLIGHTED IN A RECENT SENTENCING PROJECT ANALYSIS, NATIONALLY BLACK YOUTH ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN THEIR WHITE PEERS TO BE CONFINED. SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, RACIAL DISPARITIES HAVE GROWN IN 37 STATES, OREGON INCLUDED, EVEN AS THE NUMBER OF CONFINED KIDS HAS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY. WE ALSO SEE THAT LENGTH OF STAY IS UP HERE AND THAT THERE ARE MORE YOUTH IN CUSTODY FOR PROBATION VIOLATIONS. NOW, THE SOLUTIONS TO THESE CHALLENGES ARE NEVER EASY, BUT MANY OF THEM ARE AT THE FINGERTIPS OF LEADERS RIGHT NOW AND THEY KNOW IT AND WE'RE ALD SPEAKING ABOUT THEM.

SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES OF JDAI AND I THINK OFTENTIMES WHEN WE TEACH JURISDICTIONS THESE EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'VE COME ON FROM ON HIGH SOMEWHERE THAT THEY DROPPED TO THE EARTH, BUT THEY DIDN'T. THEY WERE FORMED RIGHT HERE, THEY CAME FROM LEARNING HOW TO DO THIS RIGHT. SO WE LEAD WITH COLLABORATION BECAUSE IN A SYSTEM WITH SO MANY PLAYERS, SELDOM ARE PROBLEMS SOLVED AND REFORMS SUSTAINED WITHOUT A CONTINUED FOCUS ON COLLABORATION AND THAT MUST INCLUDE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THAT'S THE WISDOM OF THE 11:00 MEETING. SITES FOCUSED ON OBJECTIVE ADMISSIONS BECAUSE HAVING AND FOLLOWING AN

OBJECTIVE SCREENING TOOL CAN HELP ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY REMAINS THE STANDARD FOR ENTRY INTO DETENTION. WE HIGHLIGHT SPECIAL DETENTION CASES PRECISELY BECAUSE DETENTION IS USED FAR TOO QUICKLY AS AN OPTION FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE CHALLENGING HOME LIVES, MAYBE HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND WHO BREAK RULES THAT THE SYSTEM HAS PLACED UPON THEM, BUT WHO DO NOT IN ANY WAY ENDANGER PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mr. Balis: SITES WORK ON EXPEDITED CASE PROCESSING BECAUSE KIDS SHOULD NOT BE IN KING ANY LONGER THAN NEEDED TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN THE DETENTION CENTER DEPENDS AS MUCH ON HOW QUICKLY WE GET THEM THROUGH THE BACK DOOR AS THE FRONT. SITES NEED EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION THAT CAN KEEP YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY WHILE AWAITING TRIAL AND DISPOSITION. THOSE ALTERNATIVES ESPECIALLY NEED TO BE APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE TO YOUTH OF COLOR AND IN SITES MOST VULNERABLE, COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND ALL OF THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN SITES USE DATA. DISAGGREGATED BY RACE AND ETHNICITY TO ADJUST AS THINGS CHANGE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE OUR PARTNERS HERE ALREADY TAKING SOME OF THESE STEPS.

WE KNOW FROM A QUARTER CENTURY OF THIS WORK THAT JURISDICTIONS FREQUENTLY FACE CHALLENGES, SEE SPIKES IN THE DETENTION POPULATION, THEY LOSE TRACK OF KEY INDICATORS OR GENERALLY SUFFER WHAT SOME CALL REFORM FATIGUE. BASED ON 25 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP , WE ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL REDEDICATE ITS EFFORTS TO SAFELY REDUCING THE USE OF SECURE DETENTION. AGAIN, IT'S TRULY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Balis: AND ONE LAST THING FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL OF THIS WORK, WE HAVE A WONDERFUL WEBSITE, JDAICONNECT.ORG. ANYONE CAN JOIN AS WELL AS TO GO TO THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION WEBSITE AT ACF.ORG.

Chair Kafoury: CAN WE GO BACK TO THIS? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. REALLY REMARKABLE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE. REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE HAVE BEEN OVER THAT 25-YEAR PERIOD THE REDUCTIONS. I DID HAVE A QUESTION, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE PLACE TO DISCUSS THAT OR WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT LATER, BUT NOTING OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS THE INCREASE IN DISPARITIES, PARTICULARLY AMONG AFRICAN-

AMERICAN YOUTH AND I'M SORRY I HAD TO STEP OUT A LITTLE EARLIER, YOU MIGHT HAVE ASKED ABOUT THIS.

Ms. Corso: HAPPY TO DO THAT HERE OR THERE. THE SHORT ANSWER OF THAT IS THAT I'VE BEEN PRESENTING VERY SPECIFIC DATA AROUND VERY SPECIFIC POPULATIONS OF PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. I'M HAPPY TO DRILL DOWN WITH YOU SEPARATELY ABOUT WHY THOSE TWO THINGS MIGHT FEEL DISCONNECTED.

Commissioner Meieran: WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE IN DISPARITIES OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IT BEGS THE QUESTION FOR ME OF WHY AND WHAT WE'RE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

Chair Kafoury: AND TO TAKE WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH AND BOTH OF YOU WHO HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS, BUT WHILE WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN THE PAST 25 YEARS THAT THIS JUST SHOWS THE LATEST DATA, IT SHOWS THAT YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN INTENTIONAL FOCUS. YOU CAN'T JUST CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND EXPECT THAT IT'S GOING TO WORK AND THE REASONS THAT WE HAVE BACKTRACKED, THERE ARE MANY AND THEY'RE COMPLEX. THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE THE FACT THAT IT'S HAPPENED AND THAT WE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE THIS PARTNERSHIP. IF NOT ONE JURISDICTION OR ONE PERSON OR ONE P.O. THAT'S GOING TO MAKE THE CHANGE.

IT'S GOING TO BE ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER AND RE COMMITTING, I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE HAVING THIS PRESENTATION TODAY IS TO RE COMMIT OURSELVES TO WHY WE JOINED THIS EFFORT IN THE FIRST PLACE AND TO TALK ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THIS EFFORT, BUT AGAIN KNOWING THAT YOU CAN'T JUST CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE HAVE TO BE REALLY INTENTIONAL AND FOCUSED AND HAVE EACH ONE OF OUR PARTNERS RECOMMIT AND SET GOALS AND MEET THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

Ms. Corso: THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL. [LAUGHTER]

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I KNOW YOU HAD TO RUSH THROUGH A LOT OF THINGS, BUT I THINK THIS WAS A REALLY IMPORTANT STEP THAT WE TOOK BACK IN THE 90S AND IT'S PAYING OFF AND THEN ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN FOLLOW UP IS KNOWING THAT THERE ARE SO MANY STATES THAT ACTUALLY HAD HARSHER PENALTIES FOR YOUTH PASSED THROUGH BALLOT INITIATIVES OR LAWS I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF WE'VE SEEN ANY CHANGE IN THAT SINCE THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM HAS BECOME MORE PREVALENT DURING THAT TIME. WE CAN FOLLOW UP AFTERWARDS ON THAT.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ONE SCHEDULED YET, BUT TO HAVE A PRESENTATION WHERE WE TALK ABOUT. THIS WAS A NICE OVERVIEW OF THE PAST, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE PRESENT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO THAT HERE TODAY, BUT TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE SPECIFIC GOALS THAT WE HAVE SET FORWARD AND WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT BECAUSE IT IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE WITH A LOT OF PARTNERS AND I DON'T WANT TO GLOSS OVER THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND IT'S CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT TO THOSE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WHO ARE AFFECTED SO HAVING A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION, GOING THROUGH THE SPECIFIC FIVE-YEAR DATA AND WHAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DO AND HAVE ALL OF OUR PARTNERS HERE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

Ms. Corso: WE CAN GET THAT SCHEDULED.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.

R.3 Proclamation Proclaiming October 2017 as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County. Presenters: Rose Bak, Co-Director, DCHS Youth and Family Services Division; Tawna Sanchez, Director of Family Services, Native American Youth and Family Center; and, Pam Haan, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. THANK YOU ALL FOR WAITING PATIENTLY. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING THINGS ON OUR CALENDAR THIS MORNING AND SO APPRECIATE YOU WAITING BUT THIS IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

Ms. Bak: GOOD MORNING, ROSE BAK, CO-DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M GOING TO FOREGO MY POWERPOINT AND SOME OF MY REMARKS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND OUR PANELISTS ARE ABLE TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. BRIEFLY, BEFORE WE START, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MANY OF US ARE WEARING PURPLE TODAY AND I WANT TO NOTE THERE'S TWO REASONS PEOPLE ARE WEARING PURPLE. OUR PRISM, WHICH IS OUR EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP FOR IDENTIFYING FOLKS WHO ARE LGBTQ HAVE ASKED FOLKS TO STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING AND IT'S ALSO THE NATIONAL DAY TO WEAR PURPLE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SO WE PROUDLY WEAR PURPLE ON BEHALF OF BOTH CAUSES THIS MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: WE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS VERY WELL HERE.

Ms. Bak: GOOD WORK. WE'RE HERE TO COMMEMORATE THE 30TH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND ALTHOUGH THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT JUST TO REFLECT ON HOW FAR WE'VE COME, AS CHAIR KAFOURY REFERENCED EARLIER. 30 YEARS AGO THERE WERE VERY FEW SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE'VE COME SO FAR FROM EVEN 10 YEARS AGO. WHILE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS OUR HELP, THE RANGE AND DEPTH OF SERVICES THAT WE HAVE ARE FAR SUPERIOR THAN ANYTHING WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST, PARTICULARLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHERE WE'RE BLESSED TO HAVE A SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES HOMELESSNESS, CRISIS RESPONSE, MEDICAL CARE, AND PARTNERSHIP FROM THE COURTS, HEALTH, WELLNESS, ETC.

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE DOING SO MUCH WORK, OREGON IS STILL ONE OF THE HIGHEST STATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE THIS AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER TO CELEBRATE HOW FAR WE'VE COME AND TO REFLECT ON THE WORK WE NEED TO DO GOING FORWARD WHEN I WAS PREPARING THE BOARD PRESENTATION FOR TODAY, WE HAD 27 DEATHS THAT WERE DOCUMENTED IN OREGON DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE'RE AT 28 SINCE I SUBMITTED THAT PRESENTATION LAST WEEK AND WE'RE WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION ON THE 29TH SO WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE AND TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. [SILENCE]

THANK YOU. I'VE GOT TWO GUESTS JOINING ME THIS MORNING. WE HAVE TAWNA SANCHEZ WHO IS JOINING US FROM NAYA AND ALSO, WE'VE GOT PAM HAAN, THE CHAIRPERSON OF OUR FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL AND JOINING US FROM LEGAL AID OF OREGON AND I'LL START WITH TAWNA THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMING TODAY.

Ms. Sanchez: YES FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS TAWNA SANCHEZ, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER AND THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 43 HERE IN PORTLAND. SO I JUST WANT TO START OUT KIND OF WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY, THE NAYA FAMILY CENTER IS OVER 43, 44 YEARS OLD AT THIS POINT IN TIME, BUT WE GOT OUR FIRST MAJOR PIECE OF FUNDING FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN 1996 AND IN 1999, WE ACTUALLY WERE AWARDED OUR FIRST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING, TECHNICALLY, DIDN'T START UNTIL JANUARY OF 2000, WHICH WAS VERY EXCITING. AND PEOPLE ASKED US THAT QUESTION WHY WOULD YOU PUT A D.V. PROGRAM IN A YOUTH PROGRAM? THE REALITY OF IT IS, OF COURSE, THAT YOUTH ARE THE SADLY ENOUGH NUMBER ONE KIND OF RECIPIENTS OF THE STRUGGLES THAT HAPPEN WHEN THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATIONS.

Ms. Sanchez: THEY SUFFER THROUGH LOSS OF EDUCATIONAL TIME BECAUSE SOMETIMES, THEY'RE AT HOME TAKING CARE OF OTHER SIBLINGS WHEN MOM OR DAD IS IN JAIL AND SOMEONE HAS TO DEAL WITH THAT ON A MONDAY MORNING. SOMETIMES, THEY'RE VICTIMS OF THAT VIOLENCE THEMSELVES. SO IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO US TO BRING THIS TYPE OF WORK INTO THE WORK THAT WE DID AT NAYA FAMILY CENTER. LET ME JUST ALSO SAY OTHER CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS WERE ALSO FUNDED AT THAT POINT IN TIME, MOST OF THOSE D.V. PROGRAMS DIDN'T HAVE THEIR OWN SHELTERS. SO IT WAS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE IN A COLLABORATIVE MODE WITH THE SHELTERS THAT EXISTED AT THE TIME AND REALLY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN THE WORK THAT WE DID BECAUSE WHAT WE KNEW IS THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR DIDN'T ACCESS THE SYSTEM AT THE RATE OF OTHER FOLKS, OF WELL EUROPEAN FOLKS, LET'S JUST PUT IT THAT WAY. IT WAS A STRUGGLE.

WE HAD A HARD TIME REALLY COMMUNICATING AND GETTING PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT AROUND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ACCESSING THOSE SERVICES. SO WE'VE DONE SOME AMAZING WORK OVER THE YEARS. WE'VE BEEN IN HUGE PARTNERSHIPS OVER THE YEARS TO REALLY HELP OTHER D.V. AND S.A. PROGRAMS, SUPPORT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, CRISIS LINES AND SUPPORT SERVICES AND ACCESSING SHELTER AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS. I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT AND RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S BEEN A LONG JOURNEY, AN AMAZING JOURNEY AND WE'RE VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS BECAUSE WHAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US I THINK IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF OBVIOUSLY THE MANY THINGS THAT YOU'VE JUST HEARD RECENTLY, OBVIOUSLY, CHILDREN WHO END UP IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, FAMILIES WHAT HAPPENED UP HOMELESS BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THIS HAS BEEN A LOT OF TIME AND A LOT OF WORK, AND I THINK OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTY, WE'VE GROWN SO MUCH AND WE'VE BROUGHT IN SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE SERVICES CONTINUING. WE HAVE TO KEEP BUILDING AND BUILDING OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THAT.

SO THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE IN THAT IN TERMS OF OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORK. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A DEFICIT WITHIN OURSELVES AS D.V. PROGRAMS IS RECOGNIZING, AS I SAID, DIFFERENCES IN TERMS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, BUT ALSO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND WE HAVE BEEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW WITH WHAT IS NOW CALLED THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT, ESSENTIALLY WORKING TO HELP OURSELVES GET BETTER ACCLIMATED TO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE SUPPORT VICTIMS IN PARTICULAR WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT WHO ARE IN A WHEELCHAIR OR WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES?

Ms. Bak: OR ANY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY IN SOME WAY, SHAPE OR FORM. SOME OF THOSE ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AND WE'VE HAD TO DO SOME REAL AMAZING WORK TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE DO THAT DIFFERENTLY? BECAUSE OUR SYSTEM ISN'T DESIGNED THAT WAY. WE HAVE SUCH A MULTITUDE OF PROCESSES THAT THEY DON'T REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO THOSE TYPES OF THINGS. AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AT WHO WE ARE NOT SERVING AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE DO THAT DIFFERENTLY?

SO THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT PIECES. I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TODAY, BUT I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT, THAT AS PARTNERS IN THIS PROCESS WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO MAKE SURE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ANYONE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE ANYONE WHO'S A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT DESERVES THAT FROM US AS PARTNERS IN THE PROCESS. NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE PAM HAAN, SUPERVISING ATTORNEY AT LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON WHO'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES AND OUR FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

Ms. Haan: CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, IT'S AN HONOR TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY TO SHARE SOME BRIEF REMARKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION. I'M THE CURRENT CHAIR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL, THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE FOR WHICH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION. FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, WE'VE BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES , INCLUDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HEALTHCARE, VICTIM SERVICES, ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEGAL SERVICES. WE WORK TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE AND IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS.

BY MAPPING UNMET NEEDS AND COORDINATING RESPONSES TO ADDRESS THEM. BRINGING KEY PLAYERS TOGETHER TO BUILD PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING. ADVISING POLICY MAKERS WITHIN LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, COURTS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES ABOUT POLICY ISSUES AND RESOURCE NEEDS AND ADVOCATING FOR SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. AND BY PROMOTING AWARENESS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES.

Ms. Haan: AS A STAFF ATTORNEY, AND NOW SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WITH THE PORTLAND REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, IT'S BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEEDINGS AND CUSTODY AND DIVORCE MATTERS FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES. WE'RE UNIQUE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS THE

ONLY NONPROFIT LAW FIRM THAT PROVIDES FREE REPRESENTATION TO LOW-INCOME SURVIVORS IN FAMILY LAW CASES AND OTHER LEGAL AREAS. ASSISTING SURVIVORS TO ACHIEVE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND ECONOMIC SAFETY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF THE CORE MISSION OF LEGAL AID. IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTING SURVIVORS IN FAMILY LAW CASES OUR OFFICE ASSISTS THEM TO ACHIEVE SAFETY BY HELPING THEM ASSERT THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS IN HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, EMPLOYMENT , AND INCOME MAINTENANCE MATTERS.

OUR OFFICE SERVES APPROXIMATELY 1,000 SURVIVORS EACH YEAR AT THE GATEWAY CENTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES WHERE WE HAVE A STAFF MEMBER PROVIDING LEGAL CONSULTATIONS FOUR DAYS A WEEK. IN ADDITION THROUGH THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS WE'VE RECEIVED DIRECT REFERRALS FROM A NUMBER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICE PROVIDERS. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN DETERMINING WHETHER SURVIVORS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SEPARATING FROM THEIR ABUSIVE PARTNERS.

FEAR OF LOSING CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN AND LACK OF ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE ARE TWO OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS FACING SURVIVORS AND PREVENTING THEM FROM ACHIEVING SAFETY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE ARE BARRIERS THAT LEGAL SERVICES CAN HELP THEM ADDRESS. HOWEVER, OREGON STUDIES ESTIMATE THAT ONLY 15% OF THE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICE NEEDS FOR LOW-INCOME VICTIMS ARE MET. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEING A STRONG SUPPORTER OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY HAS ALLOWED US TO SERVE THOUSANDS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS OVER THE YEARS AND HELPED THEM EVEN THE PLAYING FIELD WHEN FACING THEIR ABUSERS IN COURT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOUR PROCLAMATION TODAY.

Ms. Bak: THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE NAYA AND LEGAL AID SERVICES ARE TWO OF OUR PARTNERS AND WE HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF PARTNERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY, SOME WHO WERE AND COULDN'T STAY. WE ALSO HAVE QUITE A FEW COUNTY STAFF WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THIS WORK. WE HAVE 15 STAFF IN YOUTH AND FAMILY WHO DO EVERYTHING FROM TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYEES AND PARTNERS TO MANAGING CONTRACTS, LEADING SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS AND DOING DIRECT SERVICE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT WE HAVE A PERSON WHO IS WORKING IN THE JOINT OFFICE FOR HOMELESS SERVICES ON THE SHELTERS AND WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH HER.

Ms. Bak: WE ALSO HAVE COUNTY STAFF AND ANIMAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, THE COURT SYSTEM AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH US AND ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN'S OFFICE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US VERY CLOSELY ON THESE ISSUES AND I WAS HOPING WE COULD HAVE ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND STAFF JUST STAND FOR A MOMENT.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE STAND SO WE CAN GIVE YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
[APPLAUSE]

Ms. Bak: SO IN THE INTEREST OF TIME I'LL JUST ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GET TO THE PROCLAMATION?

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANTED TO GIVE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN A CHANCE TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AS WELL. SHE'S SPONSORING THIS.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY BOTH ON THE PANEL AND IN THE AUDIENCE. I SEE A LOT OF FAMILIAR FACES AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING SO MUCH WORK ON THIS ISSUE EARLIER THIS WEEK I SAW NEWS ABOUT A MURDER IN TURNER, OREGON I UNDERSTAND IT IS LIKELY A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE. AND I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT MAKE A PROCLAMATION AS ROSE SAID EARLIER EVEN A WEEK IN ADVANCE AND COUNT ON THE NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR EVEN THAT WEEK SPEAKS TO THE CONTINUED URGENCY AND GRAVITY OF THIS ISSUE. ALTHOUGH IT SOMETIMES FEELS TO ME LIKE HERE WE HAVE KIND OF A FUN, BUT ENDLESS PARADE OF AWARENESS MONTHS AND COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS IN THE BOARD ROOM, OFTEN WE'RE DOING PROCLAMATIONS AND THE THING IS PROCLAMATIONS LIKE THIS ONE TODAY REMIND ME OF HOW POWERFUL AND NECESSARY IT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS.

I WISH WE DIDN'T LIVE IN A TIME WHERE WE NEEDED A FLOOD OF HASH TAGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS REAL AND PERVASIVE AND DAMAGING. I WISH WE WERE NOT FACING A STEADY STREAM OF THREATS TO TITLE NINE, TO DACA AND A OTHER POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT HAVE MADE SO MUCH PROGRESS IN HELPING PROTECT SURVIVORS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. BUT IT'S CLEAR WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK OF RAISING AWARENESS. I'M GLAD ALL OF THE COMMISSIONER S HERE ARE WEARING PURPLE WITH ME TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY IN RAISING THIS AWARENESS.

Commissioner Meieran: BY RAISING AWARENESS WE NOT ONLY CONTINUE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THESE ISSUES, BUT WE MAKE RESOURCES VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE CONSISTENTLY REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO VIOLENCE AND TO

SUPPORT SURVIVORS. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. REALLY APPRECIATE IT. AND FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU AND ALL OF THOSE IN THE ROOM TODAY DO IN OCTOBER DURING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND EVERY OTHER SINGLE DAY OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION? NO? QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD.

[Ms. Bak read the Proclamation into the record.]

Chair Kafoury: I THINK OUR THEME FOR THE DAY IS LOOK AT THE GREAT WORK THAT HAPPENED SO FAR BUT LOOK HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS COME TODAY. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR WAITING THROUGH OUR LONG MORNING OF IMPORTANT TUBS BUT ALSO FOR THE WORK YOU DO AND THE COMMUNITY AND HERE AT THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT SURVIVORS ACROSS OUR COUNTY KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. THERE IS HOPE. AND THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE TARGETED AND STRUCTURED FOR THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ FOR COMING THIS MORNING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.4 Intergovernmental Agreement between MCSO and the City of Gresham, regarding Shared Senior Police Technician Services. Presenter: Chief Deputy Jason Gates, MCSO.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. DON'T HURRY, JUST MOSEY ON DOWN. WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME. [LAUGHTER]

Chief Deputy Gates: I WAS WAITING FOR A FORMAL INVITATION.

Chair Kafoury: OH, SORRY.

Chief Deputy Gates: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. JASON GATES, THE SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF DEPUTY, HERE REPRESENTING SHERIFF REESE THIS MORNING. SO WE'RE HERE TO BRIEF YOU, TO TALK WITH YOU TODAY ABOUT SOME WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING WITH THE GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CLOSING A SERVICE, INTERNAL SERVICE GAP THAT WE HAVE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, INVOLVING WHAT'S TECHNICALLY CALLED A SENIOR POLICE TECHNICIAN, BUT MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS A CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN OR CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR.

Chief Deputy Gates: SO A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR IS EQUIPPED AND TRAINED TO COLLECT AND PROCESS EVIDENCE, EVIDENCE-BASED PHOTOGRAPHY AT CRIME SCENES, FINGERPRINTING, AND CAN ENGAGE IN THE TECHNICAL COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE AND PREPARE SAID EVIDENCE AND TESTIFY ON THAT EVIDENCE IN PRESENTATIONS AND PROSECUTION. CURRENTLY WITH OUR SMALL DETECTIVE'S UNIT WE HAVE OUR DETECTIVES PERFORMING THOSE DUTIES AT PRESENT.

THESE TASKS ARE AN ANCILLARY DUTY OBVIOUSLY TO WHAT THEIR NORMAL DUTIES WOULD BE. THIS INCREASES THE TIME THAT'S INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATING A CRIME AND PROCESSING THE SCENE, CREATES INEFFICIENCIES OF SCALE AND REFERENCE TO THE SIZE OF THE DETECTIVE UNIT AND WHAT WE'RE PAYING THEM TO DO, AND SO FOR INSTANCE AN OVERTIME HOUR IS APPROXIMATELY \$85 FOR A DETECTIVE WREST ONLY APPROXIMATELY \$52 FOR A CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN SO SAVINGS PER HOUR, \$33 PER HOUR DIFFERENCE.

ENTERING INTO THIS IGA WOULD REALIZE GREATER EFFICIENCIES IN THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS, ASSIST IN THE PROBABILITY OF PROSECUTION, AND WORK AS A GOOD EXAMPLE IN PARTNERSHIPS THAT RESULT IN GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF THE PUBLIC'S MONEY. THE COST, IT'S COST NEUTRAL, WILL BE NEXT YEAR AS WELL. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR COST SHARING WOULD AMOUNT WOULD BE ABOUT 54,000. WITH THAT SAID WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION IN LOOKING AT THIS IGA.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE IGA IS APPROVED.

R.5 Notice of Intent (NOI) to Apply for the FY 2022-24 ODOT Local Bridge Program for Morrison Bridge Improvement Project, Hawthorne Bridge Improvement Project, Stark Street Bridge Replacement Project. Presenter: Jon Henrichsen, Bridge Program Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Mr. Henrichsen: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, AND COMMISSIONER, I AM JON HENRICHSN, THE MANAGER IN THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. I AM HERE TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THREE CAPITAL PROJECTS. TWO REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN OUR BRIDGE PROGRAM AND ONE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN OUR ROADS PROGRAM. THE BRIDGE PROGRAM IN 2015 COMPLETED A 20-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN. THE TWO REHABILITATIONS WE'RE SEEKING FUNDING FOR, ARE THE NEXT TWO UNFUNDED PROJECTS.

Mr. Henrichsen: THE NEXT ONE IS THE MORRISON BRIDGE REHABILITATION. THIS PROJECT WOULD ALLOW US TO DO STRUCTURAL REHABILITATION, OR CONCRETE REHABILITATION ON THE EAST AND WEST APPROACHES OF THE BRIDGE, AND STEEL REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS ON THE WEST APPROACH, AND REPAINT THE STEEL GIRDERS ON THE WEST APPROACH TO THE BRIDGE. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO REPLACE THE MOTORS THIS OPEN AND CLOSE THE BRIDGE, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR \$21 MILLION TO FUND THIS PROJECT. THE SECOND REHABILITATION THAT WE ARE SEEKING FUNDING FOR IS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE. THE BRIDGE DECK IS WORN DOWN TO THE REINFORCING STEEL IS SHOWING THROUGH IN MANY PLACES, CAUSING THE BRIDGE TO DETERIORATE MORE RAPIDLY.

THIS PROJECT WOULD ALLOW US TO DO STRUCTURAL RENOVATIONS ON THE BRIDGE DECK AND THEN DO A CONCRETE OVERLAY TO PROTECT IT FOR THE FUTURE AND PROVIDE A BETTER DRIVING SURFACE FOR THE PUBLIC. THE THIRD PROJECT WE ARE SEEKING FUNDING FOR IS THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STARK STREET BRIDGE IN EAST COUNTY. THE BRIDGE HAS A SUFFICIENCY RATING OF 47.9 WHICH MAKES IT ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT FUNDING. IT IS NARROW AND CANNOT ACCOMMODATE TRUCKS TURNING OFF. THEY GET HUNG UP ON THE RAILINGS AND DAMAGE TO IT AND IT IS A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM FOR THE MAINTENANCE CREWS. THE DECK IS WORN OUT. THE SIDEWALKS ARE SITTING ON ROTTING TIMBERS.

THIS STRUCTURE IS INADEQUATE FOR LARGER TRUCKS AND GETS A FAIR AMOUNT OF THE TRAFFIC. IT ALSO DOESN'T HAVE ANY FACILITIES FOR CYCLISTS, AND IT'S HEAVILY USED BY PEOPLE TRAVELING OUT TO THE GORGE. THE EXISTING BRIDGE ALSO IS ON AN EMERGENCY ROUTE AND NOT SEISMICALLY RESILIENT. A NEW ONE WOULD ACCOMMODATE ALL MODES OF TRAFFIC AND WOULD BE BUILT TO SEISMIC STANDARDS. FOR THAT PROJECT WE'RE SEEKING ABOUT \$14 MILLION. IF ANY OF THESE FUNDS THAT WE REQUESTED ARE AWARDED TO US THERE IS A 10% MATCH REQUIRED WITH THEM. THE FUNDS FOR THAT MATCH IS AVAILABLE IN THE BRIDGE AND ROAD PROGRAM. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. HOW MANY BRIDGES DO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR? 26, 29?

Mr. Henrichsen: THE BRIDGE PROGRAM, THE SIX BIG ONES DOWNTOWN, AND THE SAUVIE ISLAND WHICH IS NOT DOWNTOWN AND 25 IN EAST COUNTY.

Commissioner Smith: OK. SO APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 32 BRIDGES THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

Mr. Henrichsen: YES.

Commissioner Smith: SO DO WE HAVE A LIST OF THE BRIDGES, A VARIETY LIST OF WHICH BRIDGES SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO BE REPAIRED AND USED IN THIS KIND OF FORMULA? FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT'S GOING TO BE APPLYING FOR THIS GRANT. IS THIS THROUGH ODOT?

Mr. Henrichsen: YES, SO ODOT HAS A LOCAL AGENCY BRIDGE PROGRAM, AND IT HAS TWO COMPONENTS. ONE IS BIG BRIDGES OVER 37,000 SQUARE FEET WHICH ARE LIKE THE ONES THAT WE HAVE DOWNTOWN AND ONE FOR SMALL BRIDGES, WHICH IS MORE LIKE THE ONES THAT WE HAVE IN EAST COUNTY. SO WE COMPETE MOSTLY FOR THE, BY OURSELVES FOR THE BIG BRIDGE MONEY BUT THE STATE COMPETES FOR THE SMALL BRIDGE MONEY.

Commissioner Smith: SO WOULD THIS BE CONSIDERED BIG BRIDGE MONEY OR LITTLE BRIDGE MONEY?

Mr. Henrichsen: THE TWO REHABILITATIONS ARE BIG BRIDGE AND THE STARK STREET IS LITTLE BRIDGE MONEY.

Commissioner Smith: OK SO DON'T WE HAVE A LIST OF REPAIRS THAT NEED TO BE ON THE DIFFERENT 32 BRIDGES AND WHAT'S NUMBER ONE THROUGH FIVE, WHERE ARE THEY ON THE LIST?

Mr. Henrichsen: SO FOR THE BRIDGE PROGRAM WE HAVE A CAPITAL PLAN THAT LISTS ALL OF OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WE NEED TO COMPLETE ON THE LARGE BRIDGES, AND IN THE ROADS PROGRAM THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE CAPITAL PLAN TO DEVELOP THAT LIST THAT WOULD SAY WHAT BRIDGE GETS REPAIRED FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD. THIS BRIDGE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY BRIDGE IN EAST COUNTY THAT'S SUFFICIENCY RATING MAKES IT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING, SO THAT'S WHY WE WERE SEEKING FUNDING FOR THIS.

Commissioner Smith: SO IT'S PROBABLY NUMBER ONE.

Mr. Henrichsen: NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST I THINK.

Commissioner Smith: CALLIE LOVE IS MY POLICY ADVISOR. COULD YOU WORK WITH HER AND GIVE US A LIST OF THE BRIDGES. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY BACKGROUND TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS THE MOST APPROPRIATE BRIDGES TO BE PUT INTO THIS QUEUE FIRST. BUT I BELIEVE YOU, THIS IS THE 47%. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHERE WE'RE AT IN TERMS OF WHAT BRIDGES NEED WHAT BECAUSE I'M NOT TOTALLY CLEAR ON HOW WE IDENTIFY WHICH BRIDGES WE, WE ARE GOING TO ACTUALLY GET REPAIRED.

Mr. Henrichsen: CERTAINLY. I CAN PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I AM VERY EXCITED. I THINK IT'S LIKE PLAYING A GAME OF CHICKEN WHEN YOU DECIDE WHICH CAR IS GOING OVER THAT BRIDGE FIRST SO IT'S SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED TO FIX SO GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. LET'S ALL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED WE GET THIS FUNDING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

R.6 Multnomah County Charitable Giving 2017 Campaign Kick Off. Presenters: Kristie Lopresti, Camille Buchanan, and Jay LeVitre.

Chair Kafoury: THE LOVELY AND TALENTED CAMILLE IS GOING TO BE PRESENTING TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FIRST TIME, ALONG WITH HER ABLE COHORTS IN CRIME HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TODAY. AND I LOVE THE T-SHIRTS.

Ms. Lopresti: WE WOULD LIKE TO DO A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO MARISSA MADRIGAL, WHO HELPED US TO GET THESE SO WE CAN BE VISIBLE TO OUR DEPARTMENTS SO THEY KNOW WHO WE ARE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT, WELCOME.

Ms. Lopresti: IT'S BEEN A MORNING. BOY. IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW ALL OF THAT. BUT GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS MY SEVENTH YEAR, AND I AM CO-CHAIR WITH CAMILLE ON THE CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN. AND IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE I ANNOUNCE THE 2017 KICK-OFF EVENT.

Chair Kafoury: WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

Ms. Lopresti: SORRY, KRISTIE LOPRESTI. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 11 CERTIFIED AND VERY DIVERSE FUNDS AND FEDERATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR. THEY ARE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF OREGON. BLACK UNITED FUND. WORK FOR ART. COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES. UNITED WAY OF THE COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE. SUNSHINE DIVISION. MRD FOUNDATION. ALL HANDS RAISED. EARTH SHARE. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. GLOBAL IMPACT. I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL AND AM CONSTANTLY AMAZED AT THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE GENEROSITY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES. LAST YEAR WE RAISED NEARLY 127,000, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL EXCEED THAT THIS YEAR. WE HAVE TWO TABLE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR.

ONE IS ACTUALLY UPSTAIRS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR ON THE ECO-ROOF, BUT IT'S RAINING A BIT SO WE ARE INSIDE, SO JOIN US AFTER THE EVENT, AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS SO THAT YOU CAN ENJOY THE PIZZA AND MEET THE FUNDS

AND FEDERATIONS. THE SECOND EVENT WILL BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE LINCOLN BUILDING, AND THAT WILL BE NEXT WEDNESDAY THE 25TH. AND FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M. THE FUND AND FEDERATIONS WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEY ARE HAPPY TO DO IT. AND WE ALSO HAVE A WRITE-IN OPTION FOR STAFF WHO WISH TO DONATE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR CHOICE, AND 100% OF THE DONATION WILL GO TO THE CHARITY AND THERE ARE NO ADMIN COSTS AND THAT'S REALLY THE COURTESY OF THE UNITED WAY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND GIVING OPPORTUNITY, AND WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CAMILLE.

Ms. Buchanan: I AM CAMILLE BUCHANAN, ONE OF YOUR STAFF, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND WORK ON CONSTITUENT RELATIONS AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME WORKING ON THE CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN. I LEARNED ABOUT IT LAST YEAR SO I KIND OF FIGURED THAT, I THINK I WANTED TO SHARE A BIT MORE OF MY WHY, LIKE WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT AND WHY, WHY GIVE THAT ALL. AND I AM SURE WE CAN ALL RELATE TO THIS. IT IS VERY EASY FOR US TO GET CAUGHT UP IN OUR LIVES OF OUR SCHOOLS AND JOBS AND WHATEVER OUR KIDS AND OUR DAILY LIVES THAT IT'S EASY TO FORGET ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH DIFFERENT TIMES, STRUGGLE, GOTTEN A HANDOUT FROM THE COMMUNITY OR A PERSON OR A PROGRAM SO I FEEL LIKE IF YOU ARE ON THE OTHER END AND YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT SOMEBODY WHY WOULD YOU NOT DO THAT.

MARCO WAS THE CO-CHAIR LAST YEAR RIGHT BEFORE I CAME ON. WHEN HE STEPPED AWAY IT WAS TO ME A GREEN LIGHT OF IF I CAN HELP OUT, WHY WOULD I NOT DO IT? WE HAVE HAD A NATURAL DISASTER, GLOBALLY NATION-WIDE AND RIGHT HERE IN OREGON WITH THE GORGE FIRE SO WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO FEEL DONOR FATIGUE, BEING ASKED TO GIVE MORE, IN SPITE OF WHAT'S GOING ON SO WE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SO WE'RE NOT ASKING ANYBODY TO GIVE WHAT THEY DO NOT HAVE. IF YOU ARE NOT IN A PLACE OF WHERE YOU CAN GIVE OR IT WOULD ENDANGER YOUR SECURITY WE ARE NOT ASKING THAT. BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA, THE WAY I TRY TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M GETTING NERVOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN, AM I THINKING TOO MUCH?

Chair Kafoury: YOU ARE DOING GREAT.

Ms. Buchanan: I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THAT LIFE CAN BE HARD SO IF PEOPLE CANNOT GIVE, PLEASE DON'T, BUT IF YOU ARE, JUST REMEMBER THAT WE GO THROUGH HARD TIMES AND EVERYBODY CAN USE HELP. CAN I SHARE ONE OF THE TWO OF THE ONES THAT I WANTED TO HELP OUT? OK. SO TWO OF THE ONES IS BLACK UNITED FUND AND THE OTHER IS GLOBAL IMPACT. AND I AM A COUNTY RESIDENT HERE BUT I HAVE A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND SO IF I CAN HELP PEOPLE GET CLEAN

WATER OR MEDICATION, WHY WOULD I NOT DO THAT? THINK BEYOND YOURSELF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mr. Levitre: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM JAY LEVITRE AND I AM THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES. I AM NEW TO THE COUNCIL BUT FROM SERVICE WITH ANIMAL SERVICES AND YEARS OF SERVICE WITH LOCAL NONPROFITS I HAVE SEEN THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF GIVING CAMPAIGNS LIKE MULTCO GIVES. SPEAKING TO YOU AT THE END OF A VERY LONG MEETING WITH A VERY HEAVY AGENDA, IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU CARRY THE WEIGHT OF OUR COMMUNITY ON YOUR SHOULDERS. YOU ARE SHOULDERING THOSE BURDENS AND SOLVING THOSE PROBLEMS IN COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFITS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED THAT HELP, AND YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

FOLLOWING UP WITH THIS, I THINK IT'S THE PERFECT CAP WE ARE ASKING WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM FOR ALL THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES LIKE HAVING A SIGNIFICANTLY DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF YOUTH OF COLOR IN OUR PRESENCE AND POLICING AND PEOPLE IN POVERTY AND HURTING. THERE IS SO MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP, AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN WITH THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. WITH THIS PROGRAM, MULTCO GIVES, WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THOSE LOCAL NONPROFITS WITH THE REVENUE SOURCE THAT THEY CAN DEPEND ON FOR IMPORTANT SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY. I LOOKED INTO WHAT A SINGLE DONATION FROM A MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE COULD DO WITH THE LISTING OF SOME OF OUR FEDERATED CHARITIES, AND AN EXAMPLE OF ONE GIFT COULD FILL A SUNSHINE DIVISION FOOD BOX FOR A HUNGRY FAMILY IN NEED.

ONE GIFT COULD ENROLL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF COLOR IN A SCHOLARSHIP WRITING WORKSHOP THROUGH THE BLACK UNITED FUND. SUPPORT WEATHERIZATION FOR A FAMILY IN THE CULLY NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INSPIRE YOUNG ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS THROUGH ARTS, EDUCATION, AND CULTURAL GROUPS, SUPPORTED BY WORK FOR ART. YOU CAN EVEN SAVE A LIFE OF A DOG OR A CAT BY DESIGNATING A GIFT THROUGH THE UNITED WAY TO SUPPORT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES. YOU CAN GIVE TO ANY CHARITY THAT YOU WANT TO. VISUALIZE THE COMBINED IMPACT OF OUR 5,000 EMPLOYEES WHO MAY CHOOSE TO DONATE THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN AND THE LIVES THAT THEY WILL CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

NOW THE BENEFITS OF THE MULTCO GIVE CAMPAIGN, TRANSCEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE DONATIONS WE RAISE. WE ARE SENDING A MESSAGE THAT WE ARE UNIFIED AND COMMITTED TO SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS AND THEIR CAUSES, AND THIS IS WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE CARE ABOUT. THIS IS, THESE ARE THE ISSUES THAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH IN THESE LONG

MEETINGS. WE ARE DOING OUR PART TO WEAVE AND STRENGTHEN THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CULTURE AND THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR HELP. WE ARE TAKING THE LEAD IN PROMOTING PHILANTHROPY AND CHARITABLE GIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY WHICH INSPIRES OTHERS TO GIVE. THE MANY DEVELOPERS WHO COULD HAVE A TURN OF HEART TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS, WHO COULD CONTRIBUTE. WE ARE UNIFYING OUR EMPLOYEES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS FOR COMMON CAUSES. WE DO DIFFERENT THINGS.

Mr. Levitre: WHOEVER YOU ARE. WHATEVER JOB YOU DO, WHETHER YOU ARE MANAGEMENT OR PART OF A UNION, WE COME TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ALL HAVE A MUTUAL STAKE IN THESE ISSUES. WE ARE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYEES TO GIVE, WHICH BRINGS A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND SATISFACTION AND CAN IMPACT MORALE AND OVERALL RETENTION. I JUST WANT TO SAY CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MULTCO GIVES AND THE WORK YOU ARE DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITY HERE.

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

Commissioner Smith: ONE COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. YOU DID A GREAT JOB CAMILLE, EVERYBODY DID.

Chair Kafoury: DOES SOMEBODY WANT TO TALK ABOUT MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE EVENT GOING ON UPSTAIRS, BECAUSE IT INVOLVES PIZZA?

Ms. Lopresti: CURRENTLY UPSTAIRS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR THERE IS A PIZZA EVENT AND NINE OUT OF THE 11 MAJOR FEDERATIONS ARE HERE TODAY TO TALK TO THE EMPLOYEES AND TALK ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION. THEY HAVE SOME ITEMS TO GIVE OUT WITH THEIR ORGANIZATION NAMES ON THEM AND WE WILL ALSO BE DOING AN EMPLOYEE RAFFLE FOR ITEMS THAT THEY DONATED TO US SO WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF THESE T-SHIRTS THAT WE RAFFLE OFF AS WELL AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THESE. IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT WE, WE ARE COORDINATED AND WE ARE VISIBLE TO THE STAFF AND OUR DEPARTMENT. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AFTER THIS MEETING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING YOU GUYS. YOU WERE ALL WONDERFUL AND IT'S SO IMPRESSIVE TO ME THAT THE STAFF AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO WORKS SO HARD EVERY DAY TO HELP PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THEN GO HOME AND TAKE THEIR HARD EARNED DOLLARS AND DONATE TO THE, SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE WORK WITH EVERY DAY. VERY IMPRESSIVE TO ME, AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE A LITTLE COMPETITIVE AND TRY TO BEAT OUR GOAL FROM LAST YEAR. WE CAN DO IT ALL TOGETHER. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME ON THE AGENDA FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. YES.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU. I KNOW I AM GETTING IN THE WAY FROM US AND PIZZA AND I HOPE THAT THERE IS SOME LEFT BUT I WANTED TO ANNUAL, AS ROSE BAK MENTIONED WE ARE WEARING PURPLE FOR A COUPLE REASONS AND ONE OF THOSE IS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE BULLYING EXPERIENCED BY KRIS LGBTQ PLUS YOUTH, AND WE GET TO WEAR THE COLORS BUT IT'S ALSO A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTIONS, WHAT CAN WE BE DOING TO REDUCE THIS KIND OF BULLYING AND TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY FEELS SAFE, WELCOMED AND LOVED. ESPECIALLY WITH THE LGBTQ PLUS YOUTH TO HELP THEM FROM HARASSMENT AND BIGOTRY. WE ARE SEEING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT WE HAVE ENCOURAGING NAME CALLING AND PURSUING BAD BEHAVIORS, AND WE SEE THAT GO THROUGH SOCIETY.

I HAD A FRIEND WHO SHARED A STORY WITH ME WHERE HE WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS AND SOMEONE DROVE BY HIM AND SHOUTED A TERRIBLE SLUR AT HIM JUST BECAUSE OF HIS PERCEIVED ORIENTATION. SO THIS IS HAPPENING EVERY DAY TO PEOPLE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE FEEL SAFE, WELCOME AND LOVED AND BY WEARING PURPLE WE ARE SHOWING THAT, BUT TO GO BEYOND THAT AND SEE HOW WE CAN MAKE THIS A PART OF EVERY DAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 12:26 p.m.

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