

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Supporting the Housing Authority of Portland's HOPE VI Application to Revitalize Hillsdale Terrace Apartments

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. It is the policy of Multnomah County to provide supportive social and community services to the most vulnerable people in our community – the elderly, people with disabilities, and very low-income families with children.
- b. In November 2010, the Housing Authority of Portland will apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$18.5 million HOPE VI Grant to redevelop the severely distressed Hillsdale Terrace Apartments Complex (Hillsdale Terrace). Hillsdale Terrace is a 60-unit public housing development in the Multnomah Village neighborhood of Southwest Portland.
- c. The current residents of Hillsdale Terrace struggle to gain access to educational, employment and social services. Currently, there are 239 residents in Hillsdale Terrace. All families are very low income and live below federal poverty levels. Less than one-third are currently employed. More than half the households are comprised of single parents and the majority of children are under the age of 12.
- c. The three overarching goals of this redevelopment are: (1) Promote economic stability and family self-sufficiency through access to job training and career advancement; (2) Support youth to excel at all they do; and, (3) Create a healthy, sustainable and well connected community.
- d. The Housing Authority will redevelop Hillsdale Terrace to include 129 units, including 7 home ownership and a mix of family-sized and one and two bedroom units to house an estimated 413 residents. The redevelopment will include a community room with indoor play area, a classroom for adults and children, a Head Start Classroom, a community kitchen, a community garden, computer lab, and more.
- e. Multnomah County provides various services to support low-income families, seniors, and those with disabilities that could be directed to support the residents of Hillsdale Terrace. The County has estimated the value of these various services to the residents to be the equivalent of just over \$870,000 over five years as further detailed in a letter signed by this Board and attached as Exhibit A.
- f. The Housing Authority of Portland is seeking support from local jurisdictions and community partners for their grant application to HUD.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To support the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) \$18.5 million HOPE VI grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to redevelop Hillsdale Terrace in Multnomah County.
2. To provide various social support services to the Tenants of Hillsdale Terrace; valued at just over \$870,000 over a five year period as provided in Exhibit A; if HAP is awarded the HOPE VI grant.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED:

HENRY H. LAZENBY, JR., COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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SUBMITTED BY:
Commissioner Deborah Kafoury