

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

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MEETING DATE: April 11, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution Adopting the Framework:

FOR: X AGAINST: _____

"A Home for Everyone"

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IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN PERSON:

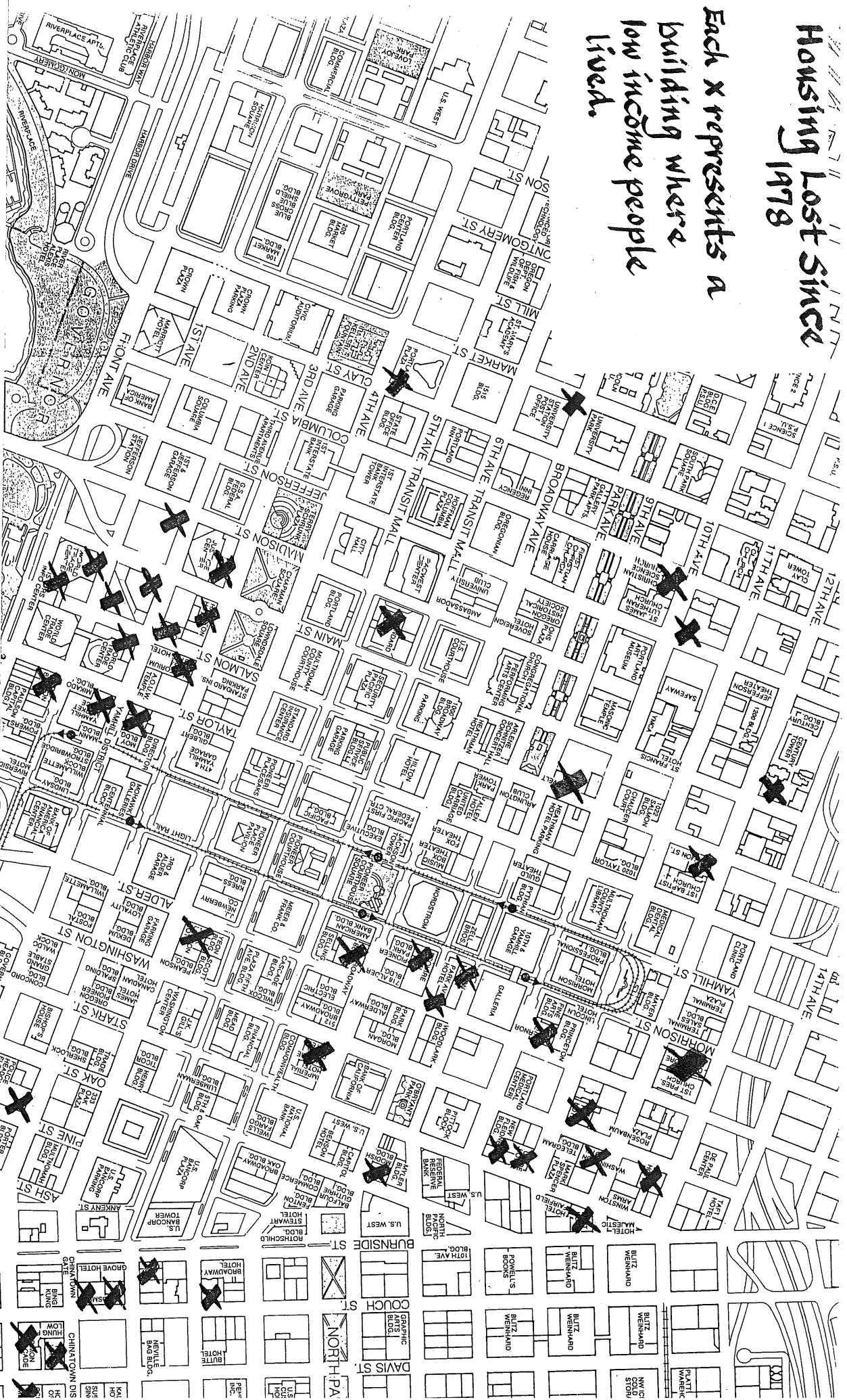
1. Complete this form and submit to the Board Clerk.
2. Presenters are called to testify in the order their form is received. The Presiding Officer may rearrange testimony or may ask Invited Guests or Elected Officials to speak first.
3. Public testimony is limited to **3 minutes or less** per person unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer.
4. Written materials may be submitted to the Board Clerk for distribution to the Board and entry in the official record. Please provide 7 copies.
5. All meetings are audio and video recorded.
6. When your name is called, come forward & be seated at the presenter's table; state your name for the record and speak clearly into the microphone.
7. A buzzer will signify the end of your allotted time.
8. The Presiding Officer has authority to keep order and may impose reasonable restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of a meeting. Any person who fails to comply with reasonable rules of conduct or who creates a disturbance may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do so becomes a trespasser.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN INSTEAD OF ORAL COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Complete this form and submit it along with your written testimony to the Board Clerk at the meeting, or by e-mail at: lynda.grow@multco.us
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

Housing Lost Since 1978

Each X represents a building where low income people lived.



Susan Emmons FINDINGS

A total of 3,245 units currently exist in downtown Portland which are affordable to low-income people. The city is short 1,938 units of its goal of returning to the 1978 level of 5,183 affordable units. There continues to be a direct correlation between our escalating loss of low-income housing and the rising numbers of homeless people seeking shelter.

Comparison of Renter Households and Availability of Rental Units for Portland and Multnomah County

	Portland	Multnomah County
Extremely Low Income Households (0-30% MFI)		
Total Renter Households	30,005	34,790
Affordable Units	10,505	12,010
Surplus/Deficit of Affordable Units	-19,500	-22,780
Renters With Over 50% Rent Burden	67%	68%
Very Low Income Households (31-50% MFI)		
Total Renter Households	19,425	23,595
Affordable Units	33,510	41,045
Surplus/Deficit of Affordable Units	14,085	17,450
Renters With Over 50% Rent Burden	27%	26%
Low Income Households (51-80% MFI)		
Total Renter Households	23,150	28,920
Affordable Units	48,975	60,125
Surplus/Deficit of Affordable Units	25,825	31,205
Renters With Over 50% Rent Burden	7%	6%

Annual median family income (MFI) for a HH of one is \$47,810 and for a HH of four is \$68,300

HUD defines *affordable rent* as paying no more than 30% of income for housing

Data source: National Low Income Housing Coalition Tabulations of CHAS 2005-2009 County and Place Data (Tables 8, 14B and 15C)

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