

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 4, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

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

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CAN I GET A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, PLEASE?

Commissioner Smith: SO MOVE.

Commissioner Kafoury: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: CHAIR, ALL THE COMMENT I RECEIVED WOULD BE UNDER R-1.

Chair Cogen: SO LET'S GO RIGHT TO R-1. A MOTION, PLEASE.

Commissioner Kafoury: SO MOVE.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER KAFOURY MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-1. THIS MATTER IS A CHALLENGING MATTER BECAUSE IT INVOLVES THE OVERLAY BETWEEN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICY AND LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS, ACTUALLY, AN INTERACTION THAT'S SURPRISING TO BE TALKING ABOUT. OREGON LAW MAKES VERY CLEAR THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT HOWEVER, AND WHEN THERE IS GOOD REASON FOR THAT, BY THE WAY, THE REASON THAT THAT IS THE LAW, THE OVERARCHING RULE IN OREGON, IS THAT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSION, OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROVIDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WE NEED TO HAVE GOOD,

STRONG, TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND IMMIGRATION LAW, IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF FORCIBLE DEPORTATION, IS VERY LIKELY TO CAUSE FEAR IN COMMUNITIES, AND SO THE NOTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE THREAT OF DEPORTATION IS SOMETHING THAT IS QUITE FRANKLY, VERY DIFFICULT IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING CLOSE, TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS. AND AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AND FOR PROTECTING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO HAVE TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW, SEVERAL YEARS BACK, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CREATED A NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY CALLED SECURE COMMUNITIES. IN THE SECURE COMMUNITIES' POLICIES, THEY BEGAN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, WITH JAILS AND PRISONS, AND THE NOTION BEING THAT THEY WERE ASKING TO HAVE ACCESS TO PEOPLE WHO WERE IN JAIL, OR PRISON, SO THEY COULD FIND OUT WHO WAS UNDOCUMENTED SO THAT THEY COULD DO THEIR IMMIGRATION ASSESSMENT AND, POTENTIALLY, DEPORT PEOPLE. THAT HAS BEEN THE, THE POLICY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR A WHILE. THE ONE THING THAT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THIS, WHEN THERE ARE THESE HOLES, ICE HOLDS, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS AFTER SOMEONE HAS SERVED THEIR LOCAL JAIL TIME AND WOULD OTHERWISE BE READY TO BE RELEASED. AT THAT POINT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN THIS CASE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HOLD THESE FOLKS LONGER, BEYOND THE TIME THAT YOU WOULD ORDINARILY HOLD THEM. AND AS THIS IS, THIS HAPPENED, AND AS THE POLICY HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE BECOME AWARE IN RECENT YEARS OF A NUMBER OF, OF STORIES OF, OF VERY TROUBLING STORIES OF, OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN SEPARATED, OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPENT VIRTUALLY THEIR ENTIRE LIFE IN THIS COMMUNITY, BEING DEPORTED AND SENT TO COUNTRIES WHERE THEY KNOW NO ONE AND DON'T EVEN NECESSARILY SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, AND IT'S GIVEN RISE TO, TO INCREASING DISTRUST BETWEEN SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY, BUT NOT ONLY, THE LATINO COMMUNITY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND THAT'S MADE IT HARDER FOR US. IT'S MADE IT HARDER FOR US BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO CALL THE SHERIFF WHEN THEY FEEL THAT THERE IS SOME PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, OR AFRAID, PERHAPS, TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN IN TO GET THEM IMMUNIZED WHEN THEY ARE SICK OR IF THEY HAVE A YOUNG PERSON WHO MIGHT BE SHOWING SIGNS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, AND NOT GETTING THEM TREATED, AND THAT'S BAD FOR EVERYONE. THAT IS JUST BAD FOR EVERYONE. THE OTHER THING THAT'S BEEN CLEAR IS THAT THESE ICE HOLDS HAVE BEEN HAVING ANOTHER IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH JAIL SPACE. ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL NUMBER OF JAIL BEDS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN RECENT YEARS, DESPITE BUDGET CUTS, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN WHAT ARE CALLED THE MATRIX RELEASES,

WHERE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO WE WANT TO HAVE IN JAIL THAN THERE ARE JAIL BEDS TO HOLD THEM. AND THE WAY THAT WORKS IS, IS TYPICALLY, THE SHERIFF HAS PUT TOGETHER A VERY SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO LET THE LOWEST LEVEL OFFENDERS OUT IF SOMEONE HAS TO BE RELEASED. BUT, THE ICE HOLDS HAVE IMPACTED THIS POLICY AND MADE IT SO THAT IN MANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE WE'RE HOLDING PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED LOW LEVEL OFFENSES FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE'RE FORCED TO DO RELEASES OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE, ACTUALLY, BEEN BROUGHT IN FOR HIGHER AND MORE DANGEROUS CRIMES. THAT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, AS WELL. BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES, AND THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, THE SHERIFF AND HIS TEAM HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ADVOCATES AND WITH MY OFFICE TO TRY AND FIND A COMPROMISE, TO TRY AND FIND A, A BETTER WAY FORWARD. IN DOING SO, WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY THE POLICY THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT FORWARD NATIONALLY, ALTHOUGH WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY BEEN FOLLOWED LOCALLY. THAT IS THE NOTION THAT IN DOING POTENTIAL DEPORTATIONS OF FOLKS, THEY SHOULD USE PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION AND FOCUS ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRULY COMMITTING DANGEROUS CRIMES, WHO ARE TRULY A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT HASN'T NECESSARILY BEEN HOW IT HAS PLAYED OUT LOCALLY, BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, MADE IT CLEAR THAT THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR, SO AS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE HAVE COLLABORATED TO TRY TO FIND A BETTER WAY, THAT'S BEEN OUR GUIDING LIGHT. SO, THE NEW POLICY THAT THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTING, AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHOWS BOARD SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR, WOULD ESSENTIALLY MAKE THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES OUR LOCAL POLICY, AND WE WOULD BEGIN TO, TO HONOR THE ICE HOLDS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CONVICTED OF SERIOUS CRIMES, ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY CONVICTED OF THINGS THAT ARE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE WON'T BE -- WE WILL NO LONGER BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE HOLDING PEOPLE CONVICTED OF RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF CRIMES AND HAVING TO RELEASE PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ON AN ICE HOLD WHO HAVE COMMITTED MORE SERIOUS CRIMES. I PERSONALLY WANT TO JUST GIVE ME EXTREME THANKS TO THE SHERIFF AND TO YOUR TEAM FOR WORKING THROUGH THIS. IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT ISSUE. IT'S OBVIOUSLY VERY CONTROVERSIAL, AND IT'S ONE THAT'S FRAUGHT WITH LOTS OF EMOTION AND, AND, AND YOU HAVE BEEN STEADFAST IN WORKING TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK THE ADVOCATES WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS AND, AND WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE ATTENTION TO US AND HELPED US TO THINK THROUGH THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK THE OTHER FOLKS IN OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BUT PARTICULARLY, IN MY OFFICE, GUILLERMO MACIEL, WHO HAS LED THIS PROCESS AND BEEN DOGGED IN MAKING SURE THAT WE CAME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER, AND I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE HAVE DONE THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO THE SHERIFF.

>> GOOD MORNING, BOARD.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> IT'S VERY HARD TO START THIS, AND I REALIZE THAT I HAVE GOT LIMITED TIME, AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A LOT THAT HAS TO BE SAID. BUT, FIRST OF ALL, I NEED TO ACTUALLY RECOGNIZE SOME VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THIS PROCESS, PEOPLE THAT HAVE WORKED HARD WITH OUR OFFICE, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM OPENLY. FIRST, CHAIR COGEN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORTS THAT YOU PUT FORTH, THE ADVICE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN, SOME OF THE GUIDANCE IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT HAS BEEN VERY APPRECIATED. GUILLERMO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN THIS PROCESS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK FRANCISCO LOPEZ. HIS VOICE HAS BEEN HEARD. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT A SHERIFF HEARS THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO, TO THANK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY. I HAVE HEARD FROM, FROM, FROM -- I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO, TO GIVE THE NUMBERS, EVERYTHING FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND SO FORTH. THEY HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERNS THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE INVOLVED COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD, AND, ACTUALLY, IDENTIFIED SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS. PART OF THE DECISION PROCESS THAT A SHERIFF HAS TO MAKE IS BASED ON WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS TO SAY. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY, CARLO, AND [INAUDIBLE]. I HOPE I DID NOT MISPRONOUNCE THE LAST NAME. IF I DID, I APOLOGIZE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK FROM MY STAFF UNDERSHERIFF TIM MOORE, CHIEF DEPUTY DREW BROSH, AND CHIEF DEPUTY MIKE SCHULTZ, AND THE EFFORTS PUT FORTH TO CONSTRUCT THE POLICY THAT WE ARE GOING TO ENACT. NOW, FOR THE SERIOUS POINTS ON THIS. I THINK WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR TO EVERYBODY. I HAVE LISTENED TO CONCERNS THAT, THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS PICKING AND CHOOSING. THE TYPE OF LAWS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO ENFORCE. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH OUR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE STATE, THEIR LEGAL EXPERTS, AND WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH FEDERAL LEGAL EXPERTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE ARE VIOLATING THE LAW. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THIS BOARD HAS NOT ASKED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO BREAK THE LAW. THE CITIZENS NEED TO REALIZE THAT. THAT IS A MISCONCEPTION, AND I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR, AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

>>> SECOND, THE CONCERNS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEY ADDRESS THE SAME CONCERNS THIS BOARD AND THE CHAIR ARE CONCERNED WITH. WE ARE LOOKING AT, AT STATE BUDGET CUTS, WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT FUTURE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE FOR US. THAT DETERMINATION IS STILL

BEING MADE, AND THAT IMPACT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT ON THIS COUNTY. WITH THAT SAID, I ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT OUR OWN FUNDING THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS TO MEET OUR SERVICES. OUR DEPARTMENTS, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE COUNTY AUDITOR, ALL OF THESE OFFICES ARE BEING IMPACTED ON THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE BUDGET, AND THIS CHAIR STRUGGLES WITH THAT, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT, AND I RECOGNIZE THAT. THE DECISIONS THAT WE ARE MAKING, THE ONE TODAY IS ONLY ONE OF MANY THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS GOING TO BE FACED TO MAKE. WE'RE LOOKING AT A POPULATION BASE CURRENTLY OF 745,000 PEOPLE ESTIMATED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE STRUGGLES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS THAT WE ONLY HAVE A BED COUNT OF 1,310. THAT CANNOT SERVICE A POPULATION BASE THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT. KNOWING THAT WE ARE A CENTRAL HUB FOR EVERY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND, AND IT EXTENDS BEYOND OUR OWN BORDERS, THERE IS A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY ON THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ON THIS BOARD, AND ON THE CHAIR WITH REGARDS TO HOW WE VIEW OUR BUDGET AND HOW WE MOVE FORWARD WITH PUBLIC SAFETY. WITH THAT IS BEING SAID, LAST YEAR, IN 2012, WE REALIZED THAT WE HAD 913 POPULATION RELEASES, SIMPLY BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY. WE ARE HOLDING LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS ON DETAINERS THAT, THAT, IN ESSENCE, ARE ONLY REQUESTS. THESE ARE NOT COURT ORDERED DETAINERS. THESE ARE REQUESTS. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS TO BEAR IN MIND, I HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF, OF OUR, OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT I SERVE, AND I HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICES THAT I PROVIDE. THE FUNDING SOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ME. KNOWING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CUTTING MOST OF OUR GRANTS AND THE SOURCES THAT WE UTILIZE TO, TO EXTEND OUR SERVICES, WE ARE NOW BELOW CORE SERVICE MISSIONS, AS I REALIZE THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY ARE ALSO FACING THE SAME, THE SAME CONSTRAINTS. OUR COMMUNITY, AND WHAT I WOULD SAY TO THIS BOARD, THE SHERIFF, WELL, ME, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOGNIZES THAT. IN CONSTRUCTING THIS POLICY, IT IS IN GOOD FAITH THAT WE MOVE FORWARD, AND WE LOOK AT THIS PROCESS AS A TOOL IN MOVING FORWARD. I WILL HAVE CHIEF DEPUTY BROSH OUTLINE THE PROCESS. WE ARE GOING TO PLACE THIS ON OUR WEBSITE, SO THAT ANYONE THAT HAS ANY QUESTIONS CAN CLEARLY LOOK AT IT, AND THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROCESS IS. BUT, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT I WILL FINISH MY STATEMENT ON IS THAT WE ARE -- I AM NOT TALKING SOLELY ABOUT THE CHIEFS AND MYSELF. THE SHERIFFS, THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND THE CHIEFS THROUGHOUT THE STATE RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC SAFETY IS IN JEOPARDY. I THINK THAT THIS BOARD REALIZES THAT. WE ALL KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOT FIVE COUNTIES ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY SIDE THAT HAVE EITHER FAILED OR ARE NEAR FAILURE. WE'RE LOOKING AT A SIXTH THAT IS IN JEOPARDY AND, AND FRANKLY, I AM NOT GOING TO PUT THIS COUNTY IN A POSITION THAT I WILL JEOPARDIZE THE PUBLIC SAFETY THAT WE CURRENTLY PROVIDE. AND THAT I WILL CONTINUE

IN THIS, AND THIS OFFICE WILL CONTINUE, AS I KNOW THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO, TO LOOK AFTER THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. DREW.

>> THANK YOU, SHERIFF.

Chief Deputy Brosh: THANK YOU, CHIEF DEPUTY DREW BROSH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I AM GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT AND GO THROUGH THE SPECIFICS OF THE POLICY CHANGES THAT WE'LL BE ENACTING SHORTLY. CURRENTLY, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROCESS IS DETAINERS THAT HAVE REQUESTS FROM ICE, AND KNOWN FORMERLY AS THE I-247 DETAINER. AND BY MAINTAINING CUSTODY OF REQUESTED INDIVIDUALS FOR UP TO 48 HOURS AFTER LOCAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OR ARE FINISHED WITH. AND ALLOWING ICE PERSONNEL TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE INDIVIDUALS REQUESTED. STARTING APRIL 15, 2013, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL, WILL, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CUSTODY OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTED BY THE ICE FOR UP TO 48 HOURS AFTER LOCAL CHARGES ARE DONE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY, AS DEFINED BY OREGON STATUTE, A PERSON, CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, HAS ESTABLISH, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE OREGON CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT A COUNTY HOLD, WHERE THE UNDERLYING CHARGE IS A FELONY, A U.S. MARSHAL HOLD, A FUGITIVE CASE, A HOLD FOR THE ARMED FORCES OR A HOLD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, MCSO WILL MAINTAIN CUSTODY, SUBJECT TO THE 48-HOUR LIMIT OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTED BY ICE WITH ANY CHARGE WHEN THE REQUEST IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN AFFIDAVIT, AFFIRMING THE INDIVIDUAL HAD PRIOR CONVICTION, CHARGES, OR ASSOCIATED INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL POSING A SIGNIFICANT RISK TO NATIONAL SECURITY, BORDER SECURITY, OR PUBLIC SAFETY AS DEFINED BY THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE DETAINER. THE POLICY CHANGE TO BE ENACT IDEA IS, AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD ALL PERSONS WHO ARE TRIED HERE LOCALLY THROUGH THEIR YOUR PROCESS THROUGH THE END OF THE TIME THAT THE LOCAL CHARGES ARE DISPOSED. THE POLICY CHANGE WILL BE ENACTED AS OF APRIL 15. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL NO LONGER MAINTAIN CUSTODY OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTED BY ICE FOR UP TO 48 HOURS WHERE, WHERE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WERE CHARGED WITH NON PERSON A, OR B, OR C, MISDEMEANORS. WE'RE GOING TO TRACK THE CHANGES AND LOOK AT OUR DAILY POPULATION. WE EXPECT THE POSITIVE IMPACT, BOTH IN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WITH AN IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY, AND AS WE, WE ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THE RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS TO RELEASE LOWER LEVEL OFFENDERS WHEN NECESSARY DUE TO POPULATION EMERGENCY, AND MAINTAIN CUSTODY OF THOSE, THE COURT SYSTEM AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, HAS ESTABLISHED SHOULD REMAIN IN CUSTODY. AGAIN, WE'LL HAVE, HAVE A FULL FACT SHEET ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MCSO.US.

>>> AS THE CHAIR COGEN MENTIONED, FOR THE PAST 2.5 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN INTENTLY LISTENING TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND WHAT WE'RE HEARING ARE ANGUISHING STORIES DEMONSTRATING THAT PEOPLE ARE AFRAID. THEY ARE AFRAID OF REPORTING CRIMES AND SEEKING EMERGENCY AND OTHER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THAT FEAR OF DEPORTATION IS BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION, CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT, SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND DETAINERS. THAT PROGRAM HAS SEPARATED MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILIES AND HAS ISOLATED THEM BECAUSE OF DEPORTATION. IN MANY CASE, THESE REMOVALS ARE DISRUPTING, AND DAMAGING THE LIVES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS OF SPOUSES, CHILDREN, AND YOUNG ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, THE DETERIORATION OF TRUST IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT JUST, AS CHAIR COGEN MENTIONED, IS, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THESE IMMIGRATION DETAINERS. IT WEAKENS THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOCIAL SERVICES. PERIOD. THAT'S WHAT IT DOES FOR US. THE POLICY COMPROMISE WE HAVE STRUCK WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS THE FIRST IN THE NATION. YES, IT IS NOT AN UNMITIGATED NO TO IMMIGRATION DETAINERS. LIKE WE SAID, IT'S A COMPROMISE. THAT COMPROMISE IS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE URGENCY EXPRESSED IN THE STORIES OF HEARTACHE AND LOSS BY OUR COMMUNITY, AND BY ADVOCATES, AND BY SERVICE PROVIDERS. IT DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP AND A MEASURED RESPONSE THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF SHARING A WAY FORWARD, FOR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THESE AUTHORITIES JUST LIKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, JUST LIKE OUR SHERIFF, ARE STRUGGLING TO BALANCE THE SAME ISSUES OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY. WHO, IN THE ABSENCE OF CLEAR DIRECTION FROM IMMIGRATION CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT, ARE STRUGGLING TO BALANCE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CASA, OREGON'S IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, AND HE'S GOING TO SHARE A BIT OF HIS PERSPECTIVE ON THE IMPACT THAT THIS POLICY IS GOING TO HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, GUILLERMO. YOU KNOW, CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS, THIS IS QUITE SOMETHING FOR ME AND FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY. IT'S ONLY THURSDAY, AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAD THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY SIGNING THE TUITION EQUITY BILL, THE SAME DAY AS THE PARTISAN BILL WAS INTRODUCED AS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, THE DRIVER'S LICENSE BILL. AND NOW, TODAY, WE ARE MAKING A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION. FIRST, LET ME TELL YOU, I'VE BEEN WITH THE SHERIFF IN MEETINGS, AND WITH GROUPS, INDIVIDUALLY, AND WITH OUR, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TRYING TO SEEK ANSWERS. AND, AND I, TO THAT MOMENT, ALSO INDIVIDUALLY, PERSONALLY I MET WITH THE SHERIFF, AND THAT, THAT I THINK THAT INDIVIDUAL NEEDING HELP, HELPED US A LOT, YOU KNOW. HE'S A FAMILY MAN, A MAN THAT CARES

ABOUT HIS COMMUNITY. HE AND I WOULD BOTH CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT, THAT I'M, I'M GOING TO STAND HERE AND, AND WITH HIM, AND, AND TO BE WITH HIM, TO SUPPORT HIM IN THIS POLICY. WHY, BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD COMPROMISE, AND I ALWAYS TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, ASKING FOR A LOAF OF BREAD. YOU DON'T GET THE WHOLE LOAF, YOU GET HALF, BUT STILL, IT'S GREAT BECAUSE BREAD IS LIFE GIVING. IT'S NOT A CORPSE, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT A BABY CUT IN HALF THAT IS A CORPSE, BUT IT'S A LOAF OF BREAD. THIS IS LIFE-GIVING. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE, WHY WE ARE HERE. THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. I AM GLAD THAT THE SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF IS PRIOR ADVERTISING WHO SHOULD BE IN THE COUNTY JAIL. YOU KNOW, IN OUR LATINO FAMILIES WE HAVE MIXED IMMIGRATIONAL STATUS FAMILIES, SO SOME ARE U.S. CITIZEN, SOME ARE A LEGAL RESIDENT AND SOME [INAUDIBLE]. FAMILIES THAT ARE SEEKING A BETTER LIFE GET, YOU KNOW, STOPPED FOR MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES, SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN INTO DETENTION. NUMBER TWO, THIS WHOLE POLICY OF SECURE COMMUNITY, SO CONFUSING, SO MESSED UP, AND WE HAVE ASKED THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF ANY REFORM BILL THAT IS INTRODUCED, HOPEFULLY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE SENATE, AS EITHER THE ELIMINATION OR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SECURE COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM. AND WHAT'S NECESSARY, SINCE THE INCEPTION AND VERY MUCH IS A BIG PROBLEM. SO, AND WE'LL WORK WITH THE SHERIFF, AND HIS STAFF IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY, AND WE'LL WORK WITH HIM, MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON HOW THIS WILL WORK, AND I THINK THAT, THAT, WHEN, WHEN I EMPHASIZED THAT, YOU KNOW, IT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, YOU KNOW. AND, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WITH THE SECURE COMMUNITY'S POLICY AND THE LOCAL EVENT IN UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATIONS. THEY NEED TO LOOK FOR THE WELLBEING AND THE SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT THE SHERIFF IS DOING. I AM STANDING WITH HIM TODAY AND CALLING HIM A GOOD LEADER, A GOOD PERSON, THAT WANTED FOR A LOOK, TO LOOK FOR THE BEST, BUT HE'S THE BEST FOR THE COUNTY, AND HE HAS MY SUPPORT ON THIS. WE'LL WORK WITH HIM IN THIS IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS, AND THANK YOU, SHERIFF.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, FRANCISCO. AT THIS POINT, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE SOME FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SO WE WILL ASK YOU TO LIMIT YOUR TESTIMONY TO TWO MINUTES. CALL THE FIRST BATCH OF PEOPLE UP.

>> I WILL CALL THE FIRST FOUR NAMES, IF YOU WILL COME UP AND SIT DOWN AT THE PRESENTER'S TABLE.

>> PLEASE SPEAK YOUR NAME INTO THE RECORD BEFORE YOU START.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM CAROLINE, AND I AM REPRESENTING THE ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON, AND THE REFUGEE PROGRAMS. GOOD

MORNING, CHAIR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AS YOU DISCUSSED THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CHANGES TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROTOCOL ON IMMIGRATION DETAINERS, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING. ON BEHALF OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON, I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE DIRECTION THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS TAKEN WITH THIS REVISED DETAINER POLICY. AS AN AGENCY THAT WORKS CLOSELY WITH LOW INCOME IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE SEEN THE FEAR AND THE DISTRUST BUILD AS A RESULT OF THIS COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM AND THE INCREASING USE OF ICE HOLDS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE SHERIFF'S OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE SUBJECT, AND ALSO HOW HE'S MODIFIED HIS POLICY TO REALLY ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. OUR RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RIGHTS' VALUES LEAD US TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE DECISION TO HONOR ONLY LIMITED ICE HOLDS AS WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE, YOU KNOW, A GOOD BEGINNING IN FOSTERING A SAFER COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A MORE TRUSTING COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A STRONG AND POSITIVE POLICY, WE DO HOPE THAT THE SHERIFF WILL CONTINUE HIS POSITIVE INTERACTIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND THAT THERE WILL BE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM ICE COLLABORATION IN THE FUTURE SINCE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL, CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAW IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR.

>> Chair Cogen: AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM CASEY, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR [INAUDIBLE]. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE, THE COMMISSIONER, JEFF COGEN AND HIS STAFF TO WORK WITH US, CREATING THE DETAINER POLICY CHANGE. HAVING SAID THAT, I THINK ONE HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THE WEB OF BROKEN, BROKEN SYSTEM. THAT'S OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT AS A COMMUNITY, AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY, CITY OF PORTLAND, WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT, THAT SOMETIMES, WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE ARE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, SO I THINK THAT THIS DETAINER POLICY IS A GOOD ONE, IS A GOOD, IS A STEP FORWARD, AND, AND I THINK THAT IT WILL HELP A LOT OF FAMILIES COME TO GO, BUT THERE IS ALSO SOME, SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. JUST ABOUT THE LAST THREE MONTHS, I WAS WORKING ON THIS CASE, 19 YEARS OLD, A YOUNG MAN FROM SOMALIA, AND HE SPENT PROBABLY -- HE HAD WHAT I CALL A MINOR LEVEL OFFENSE CHARGE AGAINST HIM. HE ENDED UP RIDING THE MAX LINE PROBABLY TWO OR TWO TIMES BECAUSE HE COULD NOT AFFORD THE FARE.

HE WAS FIRST TWO TIMES, HE WAS GIVEN A TICKET, AND THE THIRD TIME DETAINED, PUT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THEN PUT IN AN ICE HOLD, HE WAS SHAPED TO, SHIPPED TO TACOMA. IT TOOK ME TWO MONTHS TO RELEASE HIM FROM, FROM, FROM THE JAIL. HIS FAMILY IS HERE. HIS MOM IS IN COLORADO. HIS FATHER IS IN PORTLAND. HE HAS NO CONNECTION TO SOMALIA. HIS COUNTRY IS IN WAR TORN. HE COULD NOT BE SENT BACK TO SOMALIA, YET HE ENDED UP SENDING TWO MONTHS IN JAILS. SO, ONE THING THAT I WILL EMPHASIZE, THOSE ARE THE FOLKS THAT WE WOULD LIKE THIS POLICY TO HELP, AND WE NEED TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION TO CONTINUE. FINALLY, I AM GOING TO ASK A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS THAT -- THANK YOU.

>> YOU CAN WRAP UP.

>> I AM GOING TO WRAP IT UP. A COUPLE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST, IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD, ONE IS THAT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE [INAUDIBLE] ON THIS ISSUE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, COME BACK A YEAR FROM NOW ON, AND SEE, SEE HOW THE POLICY IS WORKING, AND THIS IS A -- THIS IS, THIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD PROCESS. THE SECOND THING THAT I WANT TO, TO ASK FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER IS THAT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CREATE AND MONITOR A TASK FORCE, A TASK FORCE THAT MEETS QUARTERLY, BUT ALSO, HELPS TO EVALUATE AND HELPS TO CREATE THE SUPPORTS THAT I SUGGESTED. THOSE WOULD BE THE, THE VERY GOOD STEPS THAT I THINK, A YEAR FROM NOW WE CAN COME BACK AND EVALUATE AND SEE IF IT IS WORKING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM NICOLE BROWN, AND I AM THE FIELD DIRECTOR AT THE CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL ORGANIZING WITH MR. JAMA, AND I WANT TO ECHO OUR -- THE TWO PEOPLE PRIOR TO ME SAYING THIS IS -- WE REALLY DO WANT TO CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT. WE THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE WANT TO HONOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT EVERYONE HAS PUT INTO. PARTICULARLY THOSE UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS THAT WENT OUT AND REALLY PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK TO, TO TRY TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR THEIR RIGHTS, SO, WE REALLY DO CELEBRATE THIS, AND WE THINK THIS IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND YOU KNOW, JUST TO KIND OF ECHO CASEY AT CIO, WE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PORTLAND'S REFUGEE POPULATIONS, AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT WORK WITH, AND YOU KNOW, WE DO SEE THIS IN REFUGEES, ALSO GET CAUGHT UP, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE DOCUMENTED, THEY REALLY GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS WEB. ANOTHER 19-YEAR-OLD BOY, AHMED, A FRIEND OF MINE, YOU KNOW, MADE A MISTAKE. HE GOT A FELONY. AN ANGRY TEENAGER FROM IRAQ. AND HE JUST MADE A MISTAKE. HE'S A REALLY GOOD KID AND, AND LESS THAN --

MUCH LIKE HIM, LATER ON, GOT IN TROUBLE FOR SOMETHING MINOR, AND HE WAS -- HE SPENT THREE MONTHS IN TACOMA. AND WITH HIS POLICY, IT IS UNCLEAR IF HIS CASE REALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, HIS FATHER SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND THAT'S HOW HE WAS ABLE TO COME HERE TO THE UNITED STATES, AND THEY WERE READY TO SHIP HIM BACK TO IRAQ, 19, NO FAMILY, SO, THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT I THINK ARE STILL UP. THE SHERIFF SAID THAT THERE IS A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED, AND I KNOW THAT WE CANNOT ANSWER THOSE UNTIL THINGS KIND OF HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND SEE HOW IT GOES. BUT, SO, THAT'S FOR THAT REASON, I REALLY WANT TO ECHO CASEY AND SAYING, I REALLY THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE OR SOME SORT OF OVERSIGHT WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN GIVE THEIR INPUT AND, AND WE CAN TRY TO WORK OUT SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS TO THE FUTURE TO, TO SEE HOW THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT THE COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND -- YES.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, JEFF COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM AN UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE, PERSON, AND I AM PART OF THE ACTIVISTS. I AM AN EDUCATION COORDINATOR, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY. I CELEBRATE THIS [INAUDIBLE] THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I HOPE THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ENDORSE THE POLICY. AND WE NEED TO FIND A WAY, A CLEAR WAY THAT THE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY CAN GIVE THAT INPUT TO THE POLICY ON HOW TO IMPROVE THESE. AND OUR MANY QUESTIONS, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON CASES OF DEPORTATION, ORGANIZING WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND LIFTING ICE HOLDS, AND MOST OF THE COMPANIES I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH IS, IS FOR, FOR THE CRIMES. SOMETIMES PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES, SO, AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE WE NEED TO CREATE A SYSTEM TO, TO MAKE A WAY BETWEEN A MISTAKE AND A PERSON THAT IS A CRIMINAL. SO, THANK YOU FOR ALL WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING. I INCLUDE, I HOPE WE CREATE A PATH OR A CLEAR WAY TO HAVE THAT INPUT FROM THE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY. WE ARE A LARGE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY. WE ARE VERY DIVERSE, AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE BOYS, IN EVERY COMMUNITY, HERE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT WE, WE CAN CALL THE NEXT GROUP OF PEOPLE IN NOW.

>>> THANK YOU, EVERYONE, TO HAVE US HERE TODAY, I AM MARCO, AND I AM REPRESENTING THE JOBS FOR JUSTICE, THE PORTLAND JOBS FOR JUSTICE, AND WE ARE A COALITION OF 95-MEMBER ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING LABOR, UNIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE COMMUNITIES, AND CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS' ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT, IN WORKING VERY HARD WITH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT, I THINK, THAT THIS IS

THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN PUSHED FOR OVER THREE YEARS ALREADY, THAT OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, FIGHTING AND TRYING TO GET RID OF THIS, THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ICE AND THE POLICE. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO, TO CALL IT -- THIS IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION. IT IS A VERY GOOD STEP FORWARD, BUT AS THE OTHERS HAVE SAID BEFORE, THERE IS ONE STEP FORWARD. SO, THERE IS MANY STEPS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE DOING, AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT WHAT CASEY JAMA IS PROPOSING, TO CREATE AN AMENDMENT INTO THIS POLICY. IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT, CREATES A TASK FORCE WHERE THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY REPRESENTED BY THE ART NETWORK, WHICH HAS BEEN THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN CALLING ALL THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE AND, AND THE, THE, THE CHAIR COGEN'S OFFICE, AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ESPECIALLY, THOSE THREE ARE VERY IMPORTANT, AND, OF COURSE, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT, THAT ARE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS. AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS IS JUST A STEP FORWARD, AND WE REALLY NEED TO, TO THINK, THINK ABOUT HOW TO CONTINUE DEALING WITH THE FEAR OF THE COMMUNITY. WHEN WE [INAUDIBLE], IS JUST THAT SOMETHING IS HAPPENING, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT AND BIG. BUT, THE FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES THERE. SO, WE NEED TO WORK IN A WAY THAT REALLY CREATED POLICIES THAT, THAT LEADS TO THAT, WHERE WE RESTORED THE TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND, AND THE TRUST, BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE, AND IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THAT HAS BEEN BROKEN. ALL THE PROCESS FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND I AM GOING TO RUN OUT. SO, I SUPPORT THIS TASK FORCE, AND WE WOULD BE VERY WILLING TO CONTINUE WORKING ON IT WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE] SOSA, AND I WORK WITH THE WORKER'S RIGHTS EDUCATION PROJECT. I WORK WITH DAY LABORERS, ABOUT 300 DAY LABORERS IN THE STREETS, AND ALSO IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE TEAM'S WORK IN THIS ISSUE, WHICH LIKE ALMOST EVERY DAY WE HEAR STORIES LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE MENTIONED HERE. I TRIED TO WRITE SOMETHING, BUT I BETTER SPEAK WITH MY HEART BECAUSE I THINK IT'S BETTER FOR ME. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD STEP IN REALLY -- IT'S A BIG CELEBRATION FOR US, AND ALSO, ALSO, START THINKING, IT'S A LOT OF WORK FOR US, ALSO. IT'S HOW CAN WE COMMUNICATE TO A COMMUNITY, HOW CAN WE BRING THIS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND HOW CAN WE RESTORE THE TRUST, THAT'S BROKEN. AND ALSO, I CAN SEE THE PART OF THE, OF THE, OF THE -- OF YOU, HOW CAN YOU START WORKING ON THIS -- ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S BEEN FOR MANY YEARS, LIKE THE POLICE IS DOING, OR ICE HOLDS IN THE JAILS IS, IS DOING THIS, AND, SO, BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO -- IT'S NOT THE [INAUDIBLE]. WE NEED TO COME UP AGAIN AND SIT DOWN AND REVIEW WHAT'S WORK AND WHAT DOESN'T WORK BECAUSE OUR

COMMUNITY IS STILL IN FEAR, AND IT'S STILL LIKE WE NEED TO, TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE ARE WORKING AND WHAT IS NOT WORKING IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO SAY OF SHERIFF, IF SHERIFF STATON IS HERE, I AM ONE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS THAT HE HAS KINDLY LISTENED TO OVER THE WEEKS AND MONTHS --

>> WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

>> REVEREND LOPEZ, AND I AM PASTOR OF AINSWORTH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. WE WERE ONE OF THE FIRST OREGON NEW SANCTUARY CONGREGATIONS. I'VE BEEN HERE -- WE'VE BEEN HERE, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HERE TIME AND AGAIN, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE, BUT WE THANK YOU FOR THIS MOVE. WE KEEP RALLYING AND SPEAKING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES, NOT SECURE COMMUNITIES, AND I JUST ECHO WHAT EVERYONE SAYS, BUT I WANTED TO ADD ONE MORE THING THAT, THAT MAYBE SOME FOLKS MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WE TALK ABOUT THE BROKEN SYSTEM OF ICE AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, BUT I HAVE LEARNED, AND STUDIED A LOT WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MENTORING TO ME, THAT IT IS A VERY BROKEN SYSTEM, AND WHEN THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS KIND OF HAS GONE DOWNHILL, THE DETENTION CENTER BUSINESS HAS GONE UP, SO, IT IS NOT A COINCIDENCE OR A MISTAKE OR AN ABERRATION, IT'S TO LINE THE PEOPLE OF POCKETS AND INDUSTRY IN THIS SECURITY FORCED PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND SO, IT IS A BROKEN SYSTEM. WE APPLAUD THIS, AND WE WANT TO, TO TELL YOU THAT IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, AND ICE, IS A GOOD STEP. IT IS A GOOD THING BECAUSE IT IS A VERY BROKEN SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, PASTOR. GOOD MORNING.

>>> GOOD MORNING, I AM [INAUDIBLE] SOSA, AND I AM WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, TO THE, IN THE NORTHWEST. I WANT TO START WITH A THANK YOU TO THE SHERIFF FOR THIS STEP, AND THE HARD WORK FROM, FROM THE COMMISSIONERS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE CHAIR, JEFF COGEN AND GUILLERMO MACIEL, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I APPLAUD THE -- AND I SUPPORT THE TWO PROPOSALS FROM CASEY JAMA. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO, TO WORK ON THIS, TO WHAT IS, TO WHAT IT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. AS MY COMPANION, THE TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY, IT'S DAMAGE CLAIMS. WE NEED TO REBUILD THAT. WE NEED TO WORK HARD TO, TO REBUILD THAT TRUST TO OUR OFFICERS BECAUSE THIS NOT ONLY AFFECTED THE, THE IMMIGRANT

COMMUNITY, IT AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF THE SAFETY. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK HARD, AND THIS AND, AND, AND THAT'S WHAT I SAID, THIS IS A GOOD STEP, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO WORK HARD, AND I WANTED TO, TO ALSO, THE COMMISSIONERS, THE SHERIFF, TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US, AND AS A MEMBER OF, OF THE NETWORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR, FOR YOUR LISTENING AND, AND --

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU FOR COMING IN THIS MORNING. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHERS? NOPE, OK. AT THIS POINT, IF THERE IS BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN, AND SHERIFF DAN PETRUSICH -- AND SHERIFF STATON TO DEVELOP A REASONABLE COMPROMISE OVER AN ISSUE THAT OFTEN GENERATES A LOT OF HEAT. BECAUSE THE CHAIR AND THE SHERIFF DID SUCH A GREAT JOB LISTENING TO THE REAL CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY GROUPS, THIS RESOLUTION, IT SPOTLIGHTS THE REAL ISSUES OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY. AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MOTHER, WHO UNFORTUNATELY, STILL MUST REMIND HER SON ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRIVING WHILE BLACK. I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THE FEARS THAT MY, THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES FACE WHEN IT COMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN THE CASE OF IMMIGRATION DETAINERS, WE HAVE HEARD HOW THE FEARS OF DEPORTATION HAVE SCARED PEOPLE AWAY FROM REPORTING CRIMES OR SEEKING ACCESS TO NEEDED SERVICES. WE CANNOT HAVE THAT DISTRUST IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT JUST CAN'T HAPPEN. OUR ACTION TODAY HELPS TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS REBUILDING THE TRUST SO THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN BETTER DO ITS JOB, AND OUR ACTION TODAY, IT ALSO MAKES SURE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN OPERATE EFFICIENTLY BECAUSE IT ENSURES JAIL BEDS ARE RESERVED FOR PEOPLE WHO POSE THE GREATEST THREAT. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIR COGEN. SHERIFF STATON, AND THE MANY ADVOCACY GROUPS THAT HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON THIS ISSUE THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND THANK YOU GUILLERMO FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION, AND TO FASHION A SOLUTION THAT WORKS FOR OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

>> I HAVE A LETTER THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ ON THE RECORD FROM, FROM DR. HERMAN FRANKEL, WHO WE ALL KNOW IS AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, AND IS A VOICE OF, OF, A VOICE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T OFTEN HAVE A VOICE ALL THE TIME. HE, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS HAD SURGERY AND WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. I HAVE SAID THIS A FEW TIMES, BUT HE WAS MY DOCTOR WHEN I WAS A GIRL, SO NOT ONLY DID I HAVE THE PARENTS, MAKING ME CRAZY, BUT I HAD MY DOCTOR, YOU KNOW, GIVING ME THESE WORDS OF HOW TO BE AN ACTIVIST, AS WELL. CHAIR COGEN, COMMISSIONERS, KAFOURY, SMITH, SHIPRACK AND McKEEL,

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF YOUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FROM IMPROPER, INAPPROPRIATE AND UNLAWFUL DETENTION AND DEPORTATION. THANK YOU FOR REMINDING US THAT ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAW IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND NOT OF STATE, COUNTY, AND/OR CITY GOVERNMENTS, AND ROUTINE ADHERENCE DEVELOPED TO PASS IT AT THE SAME TIME DETENTION WITHOUT CASE BY CASE ATTENTION TO CONTEXT AND DETAILS CONSTITUTES ASSAULTS ON THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AND THEIR CHILDREN ON COMMUNITY SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS, ACCESS TO DUE PROCESS, AND ON OUR DEMOCRACY, ITSELF. S. PEDIATRICIAN WHO HAS LIVED AND WORKED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY SINCE 1965, I CARE ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE WELLBEING OF OUR CHILDREN. YOU WHO HAVE WORKED SO DEVOTEDLY YEAR AFTER YEAR TO PROTECT FAMILIES IN DISTRESS KNOW FULL WELL THAT IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHO ARE TERRIFIED OF THE PROSPECT OF DEPORTATION, OF THE ABUSER ON WHOM THEY ARE DEPENDENT, OR THEMSELVES, ARE LIKELY TO BE RELUCTANT TO SEEK HELP NO MATTER HOW DESPERATELY NEEDED. FURTHER, THERE IS ABUNDANT EVERYDAY THAT PARENTAL SEPARATION DUE TO INCARCERATION IS, ITSELF, AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE, THAT ESPECIALLY WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER SUCH FAMILY PROBLEMS AS ABUSE OR NEGLECT, CREATES OR INCREASES THE RISK OF SEVERE DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE CHILDHOOD YEARS. PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS IN THE TEENAGE YEARS AND SERIOUS CHRONIC MENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE ADULT YEARS. LET'S KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM HARM, AND TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS, AND STUDIES AND WORSHIPS OR TRAVELS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE CHAIR AND TO THE SHERIFF FOR WORKING ON THIS -- ON THIS ISSUE, BUT I WANT TO THANK GUILLERMO MACIEL, WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY ON THIS PROJECT AND MANY OTHERS. I KNOW IT COMES TO HIM FROM A DEEP PERSONAL LEVEL. BUT, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE AMAZING ISSUES WHERE THE DEEP PERSONAL AND EMOTIONAL ASPECT OF IT IS ALSO TIED VERY CLEARLY TO FACTS AND LAWS AND, AND, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE, THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED. AND THE OUTCOME OF THIS IS WE HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING THAT, NOT ONLY FEELS RIGHT, BUT IS RIGHT. AND I AM VERY, VERY HAPPY TO BE VOTING YES TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK, GUILLERMO.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIO NER SHIPRACK.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD MY THANKS, SO, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THIS HAS SO MUCH TO DO WITH PROPORTIONALITY AND OUR SENSE OF BALANCE AND HOW WE CONDUCT

OURSELVES AS A COUNTY AND HOW WE CONDUCT OURSELVES AS A COMMUNITY. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT I'M A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD TODAY, AND MANY DAYS. I AM VERY PROUD TO THANK THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AS A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR LEADING US TO RECTIFY A WRONG THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON, AND FOR SHINING SOME LIGHT ON THIS CIRCUMSTANCE. I WANT TO GO BACK TO PROPORTIONALITY AND SAY, YOU KNOW, IN THIS COUNTRY, WHERE, WHERE LESS THAN 5% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION LIVES, WE HAVE OVER 23% OF THE WORLD'S INCARCERATED PEOPLE. SO, WE HAVE SOUGHT INCARCERATION AS THE SOLUTION TO LOTS OF PROBLEMS. IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FIND MORE BALANCE IN THE WAY THAT WE CONDUCT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN, AND TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, I AM JUST REALLY VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TODAY.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK OUR SHERIFF AND CHAIR COGEN AND ALL YOUR STAFF THAT HAVE WORKED ON THIS, AND PARTICULARLY, THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS COMING FORWARD. I THINK THIS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT COLLABORATION WHERE VOICES WERE HEARD AND, AND THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT WE DO HERE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF AND DREW BROSH FOR A VERY CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THESE POLICY CHANGES, WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY AREN'T. I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO UNDERSTAND. I ALSO HEARD CLEARLY THE ASK FROM MANY OF YOU TO HAVE A REPORT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, OR PERHAPS, A TASK FORCE FORMED, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP STEP TO WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY. AND AS A START, I WILL SAY THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND MYSELF CO-CHAIR A TASK FORCE ON, ON OUR EMERGENCY POPULATION RELEASE, AND IT'S A SYSTEM-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF OUR, OUR EMERGENCY POPULATION RELEASE NUMBERS. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS PART OF THE INFORMATION BEING AN IMPORTANT PIECE IN THIS TASK FORCE, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

>> Chair Cogen: GREAT, THANKS. WELL, LIKE, LIKE COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, THIS IS A MORNING THAT MAKES ME REALLY PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND A RESIDENT. THIS, THIS ISSUE, IMMIGRATION GENERALLY, HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO THIS COUNTRY IS ONE THAT IS EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT. IT'S VERY CONTROVERSIAL, AND FRANKLY, IN MOST OF THIS COUNTRY, IT GENERATES A LOT MORE HEAT THAN LIGHT. AND, AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THIS COMMUNITY WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THIS AND TO COME TOGETHER, AND I THINK IT'S, FRANKLY, THIS IS A SOLUTION THAT EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES IS, IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD, AND NO ONE THINKS IS A

PERFECT ANSWER. IT'S NOT. BUT, WE CAN'T LET THE PERFECT GET IN THE WAY OF THE GOOD, AND THIS IS A POSITIVE THING THAT WE HAVE DONE, AND I AM VERY PROUD OF IT. I THINK IT WILL MAKE THINGS BETTER, TO THE ADVOCATES WHO HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR, FOR MORE, AND FOR FOLLOW-UP, I WANT TO SAY FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT BE DOING THIS WITHOUT YOU. YOU BROUGHT THIS ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION, AND YOU HELPED US TO THINK THROUGH HOW TO MOVE THIS FORWARD, AND I WANT TO COMMIT TO YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH YOU, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU, BOTH TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS IMPLEMENTED IN A WAY THAT IS AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND ALSO, TO EVALUATE HOW IT'S WORKING AND TO SEE WHAT, WHAT APPROPRIATE STEPS FORWARD WE SHOULD TAKE BECAUSE I THINK THAT ALL OF US ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS A REALLY GOOD STEP. THIS IS NOT THE SOLUTION. BUT, I REALLY LIKE GOOD STEPS. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED, THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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>>> SO MOVED.

>> SECONDED.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND KAFOURY SECONDS. CHUCK, DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY THAT EVERYONE IS WALKING OUT ON YOU.

>> YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO EMPTY A ROOM, CHUCK.

>> Chair Cogen: WE ARE ALL STAYING.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

>> TALK ABOUT A HARD ACT. SO YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD? GOOD MORNING, CHUCK BEASLEY AND, WITH LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION. THE RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU PROPOSES TO INCREASE FEES AND CHARGES FOR AREAS ADMINISTERED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING, WHICH ARE PRIMARILY THE RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AND IT ALSO REPEALS THE, THE RESOLUTION CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, AND IT LEAVES FEES FOR URBAN PLANNING SERVICES, THE SAME AS THEY ARE NOW. THIS PROPOSAL IS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE LAND USE PLANNING WORK WITH THE SCS GROUP, ON A FULL COST OF SERVICES FEE STUDY, THAT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2011, THAT REPORT WAS FINALIZED IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, AND YOU HEARD A BRIEFING ON THIS AT THAT TIME. THE OVERALL KEY FINDING IN THE REPORT IS THAT, THAT FEE REVENUE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION, EQUALED THE RELATIVELY LOW 25% OF THE DIRECT COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES

IN FISCAL YEAR 2011. I WILL NOTE HERE THAT THE DIRECT COST IS APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE FULL COST TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHERE WE'RE AT IN TERMS OF THE REVENUE FOR THE PROGRAM. THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE FOR THE FEE SERVICES COMES FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND THERE IS A COPY OF THE, THE FEE STUDY INCLUDED WITH THIS APR. PRIOR TO THE, THIS PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY, THE MOST RECENT FEE ADJUSTMENT OTHER THAN A CPI, CONSUMER PRICE INDEX LEVEL ADJUSTMENT OCCURRED IN 2006, SO IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE. SINCE THEN, IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER MEASURE OUR COSTS OF PROCESSING PERMITS, THE LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION, DID IMPLEMENT A TIME TRACKING PROCEDURE WITHIN OUR SAP SYSTEM, AND THAT RESULTED IN MUCH OF THE DATA THAT IS BEHIND THE FEE STUDY, AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESULTS. SO, IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS PROPOSAL DOES, IS IT ADJUSTS FEES INCREMENTALLY IN AN AMOUNT OF 15% FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, IN AN EFFORT TO RECOVER AN INCREASING COST OF THOSE DIRECT COSTS. THERE IS ANOTHER ATTACHMENT TO THIS APR ATTACHMENT 2, AND THAT INCLUDES A COMPARISON OF THE CURRENT FEES, THE PROPOSED FEES, AND IT ALSO HAS THE DIRECT COST ON THERE, SO A PERSON COULD SEE WHAT THOSE RELATIVE LEVELS ARE. AND FOR EACH, FOR, FOR -- LET'S SEE, IT SHOWS THE ATTACHMENT ALSO SHOWS THAT NINE OF THE FEES THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WOULD TOP OUT AT 100% OF THE DIRECT COSTS BY 2017, SO THAT'S NINE OF THE 73 FEES SO WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO, SO THIS IS MORE OF A PROCESS, I THINK, WE'RE EMBARKING ON. THE STAFF RECOMMENDS A FOLLOW-UP COST ASSESSMENT IN FOUR YEARS TO CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF COST RECOVERY AT THAT TIME, AND PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR, FOR FURTHER POLICY GUIDANCE. IN TERMS OF WHAT WE EXPECT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS TO BE, INCREASED REVENUE FOR, FOR THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR, WILL BE MORE THAN THE 15% BECAUSE WE ARE, WE ARE, WE ARE IMPLEMENTING FEES FOR SERVICES THAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOT CHARGED FOR, AND WE THINK THAT, THAT IT WILL BE A, A, ABOUT A \$50,000 INCREASE.

>> THE TOTAL INCREASE.

>> OVER THE YEAR.

>> WITH INCREASES IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, THAT, THAT AMOUNT WOULD DROP BACK TO SOMEWHERE AROUND 15,000 TO 20,000. THIS IS BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY WE PROCESS AND WHICH TYPES OF ACTIONS WE, WE PROCESS. SO, REGARDING THE POLICY BEHIND THE PROPOSAL, IT'S GUIDED BY THE OVERALL POLICY CHOICE OF RECOVERING 100% OF THE DIRECT COSTS OF FEE SUPPORTED SERVICES, AND AGAIN, THIS WOULD BE ABOUT HALF OF THE FULL COST. SECOND, THE FEES SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR FREE. AND THIRD, FEES SHOULD BE INCREASED INCREMENTALLY AS I DISCUSSED, RATHER THAN ALL AT ONE TIME. SO, NOW I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO TOUCH

ON WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE PROPOSAL WHICH IS TO IMPLEMENT A NEW FEE FOR PREFILING CONFERENCES. THESE EARLY ASSISTANCE CONFERENCES PROVIDE SEVERAL SERVICES TO OUR CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING PROVIDING POTENTIAL APPLICANTS WITH INFORMATION ON HOW THE PROCESS WORKS. THEY IDENTIFY THE STANDARDS THAT, THAT THE APPLICANTS MUST MEET TO GET AN APPROVAL. AND WE ALSO WERE TO, TO IDENTIFY KNOWN PROBLEM AREAS SO THAT THE APPLICANTS CAN FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS MOST EFFICIENTLY IN THOSE, IN THAT DIRECTION. AND THE IS SO HELPS APPLICANTS GATHER THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION AND RESULTS, ALSO IN A MORE COMPLETE APPLICATION, AND REDUCED PROCESSING TIME. PROVIDING THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT IN THAT WE TYPICALLY CONDUCT OVER 100 OF THESE APPLICATIONS A YEAR. WHAT WE DID TO, TO COMPARE THIS PROPOSAL TO OTHER AGENCIES WAS WE COLLECTED INFORMATION ON THE EARLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FROM FOUR OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WASHINGTON AND -- CLACKAMAS AND GRESHAM. WE FOUND THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUIRES A PREAPPLICATION CONFERENCE FOR ALL LAND USE DECISIONS, THAT ALLOWS AN APPLICANT TO SUBMIT A WAIVER. THE, THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY, GRESHAM AND PORTLAND OFFER OPTIONAL PREAPPLICATION SERVICES FOR LESS COMPLEX APPLICATIONS, BUT THEY DO ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS REQUIRE A PREAPPLICATION WHEN THEY GET ONE IN THE DOOR THAT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE MORE COMPLICATED THAN NORMAL. SO, I THINK THAT OUR PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES A WAIVER PROCESS, AND ALSO, A FOREIGN DRIVEN EXEMPTION FROM THE PREFILING CONFERENCE, IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THESE OTHER JURISDICTIONS DO FOR THIS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMS. SO, IN CLOSING, I WANT TO TOUCH ON THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT ASSOCIATED PIECE, SO OUR CONTACT, OUR FEE CONSULTANT CONTACTED THREE OTHER COUNTIES IN COLLECTING DATA FOR THIS PROPOSAL, CLACKAMAS, WASHINGTON, AND LANE COUNTIES. AS I SAID, THE STAFF CONTACTED CLACKAMAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND COUNTIES IN THE CITIES OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM. THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY DIRECT, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. WE DID POST THIS PROPOSAL, THAT WE WOULD BE CONDUCTING THIS HEARING ON OUR WEBSITE TWO WEEKS AGO, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANY FEEDBACK FROM THAT. SO, I THINK I WILL STOP THERE AND, AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, CHUCK. QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO, CHUCK, WITH THE PREFILING FEE, SO, WILL THAT -- SO THEN THE SERVICE THAT THE PERSON RECEIVES, WILL THAT BE DIFFERENT THAN IT IS NOW WHEN THEY COME IN? YOU SAY WE'RE NOT CHARGING FOR THAT NOW. SO, WILL THOSE SERVICES CHANGE AT ALL ONCE THE FEE GOES INTO EFFECT? OR WILL IT BE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS THE STRUCTURE THAT'S THERE NOW FOR THEM?

>> WE WOULD BE PROVIDING THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE AS WE ARE PROVIDING NOW. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT, THAT PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS FOR, FOR THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT YOU GET WILL BE AT LEAST AS, AS ROBUST AS THEY ARE NOW, AND SO, IT'S THE SAME.

>> Commissioner McKeel: AND THEN YOU SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A WAIVER FOR SOME OF THE, THE FEE, OR, AND THAT IT WOULD BE A FORM-DRIVEN ASSESSMENT. DID I GET THAT CORRECT? SO, WHETHER THEY PAY OR DON'T PAY? THE PREFILING FEE? AM I CORRECT ABOUT THAT?

>> YES.

>> SO THEN DOES THE FORM -- SO THEY WOULD COME IN, FILL OUT A FORM, AND THAT WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD PAY THE FEE OR NOT PAY THE FEE? IS THAT THE WAY THAT THAT WOULD WORK?

>> THE PLANNING DIRECTOR WILL, WILL, WILL FOCUS ON WHAT ARE THE KEY CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A PERSON WOULD NOT NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND ONE EXAMPLE MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE HAS ALREADY BEEN THROUGH A PREAPPLICATION PROCESS, ON THE SAME PROPERTY. WE HAVE ALREADY DONE THE WORK. WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO DO A MEETING. WE CAN PROVIDE THEM WITH THE INFORMATION AND WALK THEM THROUGH IT. IN THAT SCENARIO, COULD FILL OUT A WAIVER AND SAY I DON'T WANT THE PREAPPLICATION SERVICE AND STILL GET THE INFORMATION. IT'S A BALANCING ACT. WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS, IS HUSBAND OUR RESOURCE AS BIT, FOCUS THEM A LITTLE MORE, BUT STILL, PROVIDE THE KIND OF SERVICE THAT GETS PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND AS, AS EFFICIENT OF A WAY AS WE CAN.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: OTHER QUESTIONS.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: JUST A COMMENT, THIS IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO COMMUNICATE THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO OUR OFFICES, BECAUSE IT'S A, A COMPLEX LAYERING. YOU HAVE SET OUT A REALLY CLEAR PATH, AND I FIND THAT, THAT AGAIN, POSITIVE AND HELPFUL.

>> THANK YOU. GREAT.

>> Chair Cogen: OTHER BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER SMITH?

>> Commissioner Smith: GOOD MORNING, CHUCK, AND THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. JUST QUICKLY, WHEN DOES THE FEE CHANGE GO INTO EFFECT?

>> THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT. THE RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, SO WE'LL USE THE TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN TO ADVERTISE TO PEOPLE THAT THIS CHANGE IS COMING, GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO, TO MAKE SOME CHOICES ABOUT WHEN THEY WANT TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS. SO, PEOPLE WILL, WILL, WON'T BE SURPRISED.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THESE UPCOMING THINGS SHOULD THIS PASS?

>> SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO, TO PUT THE MESSAGE OUT ON OUR WEB PAGES. WE'LL ALSO BE, BE HOSTING A NOTICE AT OUR COUNTER, AND THEN IN OUR INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE ON THE TELEPHONE AND, AND WHEN THEY ARE THINKING OF, ABOUT SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION, STAFF DOES TYPICALLY WANT TO, TO ENSURE A, NO SURPRISES POLICY, THAT'S IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST, I THINK.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. I KNOW TODAY'S VOTE WON'T REFLECT YOUR DECISION ON WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO BE RETIRING THIS SUMMER, BUT I'M HOPING IF THIS ALL GOES SMOOTHLY YOU MIGHT THINK WE'RE NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL.

>> STAY, CHUCK, STAY!

>> Commissioner Smith: HE HAS TO STAY UNTIL DECEMBER. THAT'S THE END OF IMPACT.

>> Chair Cogen: OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? ANY ANSWER FROM CHUCK ON WHETHER HE'S STAYING?

>> NOT DONE YET.

>> Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE, AND OPPOSED, AND THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>> R-3.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIO NER SHIPRACK MOVES AND [INAUDIBLE] SECONDS FOR R-3.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM JERRY ELLIOTT, AND I AM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE MARK CAMPBELL, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BESIDE ME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION THIS MORNING. I AM HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO ADJUST THE BUDGET IN RESPONSE TO A LARGER THAN ANTICIPATED PAYMENT ON AN INTERNAL LOAN FROM THE RISK FUND TO THE BRIDGE, THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. TO MAKE THE REASONS FOR THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION MORE CLEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST KIND OF REVIEW THE HISTORY OF THE LOAN AND, AND I THINK THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND A BIT BETTER WHAT WE ARE DOING THEN. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT, IT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN TO FINANCE THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS. THE QUESTION AT THE BEGINNING WAS, HOW MANY TIMES DO WE ISSUE BONDS AND IN WHAT AMOUNT? SO, WE KIND OF -- WE BATTED THAT AROUND, AND WHEN I SAY WE, IT WAS MARK AND HIS GROUP AS THE, THE PROJECT TEAM, AND OUR FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE COUNTY, AND ANYBODY ELSE THAT WE COULD TALK TO GET INFORMATION AROUND THIS. WE WENT BACK AND FORTH, AND FINALLY, WE DECIDED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST, MOST ECONOMICAL TO, TO ISSUE BONDS IN ALL -- IN ONE BIG CHUNK, AND WE WOULD AVOID THE FIXED COSTS YOU PAY EVERY TIME YOU GO THROUGH A BOND ISSUANCE, SO WE SAVE THAT MONEY, AND IT ALSO LOOKED LIKE THE, THE CONDITIONS FOR, FOR ISSUES BONDS, WERE BECOMING MORE FAVORABLE. SO, WE DECIDED SOMEWHERE JUST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, THAT WE WOULD GO OUT TO THE BOND MARKET AND WE WOULD GET THE MONEY THAT WE NEEDED AT THAT POINT. SO, IN ORDER TO CARRY US OVER TO THAT POINT, WHEN WE ISSUED THE BONDS, WE CAME TO THE BOARD IN MARCH OF 2011, AND ASKED FOR A \$25 MILLION LOAN FROM THE RISK FUND TO THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. AND THE BOARD APPROVED THAT LOAN, AND THE PLAN WAS, WHEN WE ISSUED BONDS, WE WOULD PAY BACK THAT LOAN. WE ONLY ENDED UP BORROWING 9 MILLION OF THAT \$25 MILLION THAT WE HAD AUTHORIZED, AND WE GOT THE REST OF THE MONEY THAT WE NEEDED FROM A LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE BANK OF AMERICA BECAUSE THAT SEEMED LIKE A BETTER WAY TO GO, SO THEN WE, WE JUMPED FORWARD TO, TO LAST YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME, WHEN WE WERE PUTTING TOGETHER OUR FY-2013. WE CALCULATED THE INTEREST RATE ON THE, THE \$9 MILLION LOAN, BASED ON THAT, AND WE ALSO ASSUMED THAT, THAT THE INTEREST RATE WOULD BE 0.5%. THAT'S WHAT WE HAD EXPERIENCED BEFORE, AND THE LOAN, OR THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LOAN WAS WRITTEN SO THAT WE WOULD PAY INTEREST BASED ON WHAT THE COUNTY WAS EARNING INTEREST ON THE INVESTMENTS, SO IT WAS A VARIABLE RATE, AND WE WOULD NOT KNOW FOR SURE WHAT IT WAS UNTIL THE END OF THE LOAN. SO, FIRST, WE WERE GOING TO PAY IT OFF IN AUGUST, AND WE WERE GOING TO USE A .5%. WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS AFTER THE BUDGET WAS ADOPTED, WE LOOKED AT THE BOND MARKET,

AND IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLE TO WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER TO GO AND, AND ISSUE THE BONDS. SO, WE DECIDED WE WOULD WAIT, AND SO, WE ADDED FOUR MONTHS TO THE TERM OF THE LOAN, AND WHEN THE LOAN WAS, ACTUALLY, FINALIZED, IT CAME THROUGH THAT WE HAD TEN MONTHS OF, OF .6% INTEREST, SO THOSE TWO FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THE \$20,000 IN INCREASED WELL -- OVER THE INTEREST. THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION ADDRESSES THAT AND MAKES ALL THE ENTRIES IN THE BUDGET THAT WE NEED TO GET BACK ON TRACK WITH THAT. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, WHEN WE DID GO OUT IN DECEMBER, IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAD A VERY FAVORABLE MARKET, AND WE, WE GOT THE VERY FAVORABLE INTEREST RATE, AND CONDITIONS ON THE BONDS THAT WE DID ISSUE. SO, WE, ACTUALLY, THE -- EVEN THOUGH THE SELLWOOD PROJECT HAD TO PAY \$20,000 MORE IN INTEREST, THE MONEY THAT WE SAVED IN THE BOND ISSUANCE, GREATLY, OR, YOU KNOW, MANY TIMES THAT MADE UP FOR THAT DIFFERENCE IN THE INTEREST. SO, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> R-4. TROUTDALE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> APPROVAL OF R-4, GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, JOANNA VALENCIA, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, MY ASK IS AN APPROVAL OF AN IGA BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND TROUTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT IS TO IMPLEMENT INDICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH A [INAUDIBLE] FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. SO, THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM IS A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT LOOKS AT BARRIERS TO STUDENTS WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL AND, AND WORKS AT PROMOTING SAFE WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, YOUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH TROUTDALE ELEMENTARY IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED IN 2011, THAT INCLUDED THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TEAM THAT INCLUDED THE SCHOOLS' PRINCIPAL, ENGINEERS FROM

THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, AND THE TROUTDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE, THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS WELL AS PARENT VOLUNTEERS. THIS GRANT LEVERAGES THE ONE-TIME FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL FUND THAT SUPPORTS THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS MAKES ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CROSSWALKS ALONG TWO VERY POPULAR WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL ROUTES TO THE SCHOOL. AND THE GRANT SUPPORTS THE CONTINUED POSITION OF A SCHOOL COORDINATOR WITH TROUTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND AS WELL AS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHOOL AND IN THE MAY WALK-BIKE CHALLENGE. AND SUPPORTS THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM THAT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR, AND SUBSIDIZED HOME AT SALES WITH PARTNERSHIP WITH TRAUMA NURSES TALK TOUGH, AND ALSO, INCLUDES OUTREACH TO PARENTS, TO LOOK AT BARRIERS OF WHY THEY ARE NOT ALLOWING THEIR STUDENTS TO WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL, AND ALSO, THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND INCLUDING SAFETY VESTS AND SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD EQUIPMENT TO SUSTAIN THE PROGRAM. AND ALSO, INCLUDES INCENTIVES AND AWARDS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES, SO, I BELIEVE THE COMMISSIONER McKEEL PARTICIPATED IN THE WALK-BIKE CHALLENGE THAT INCLUDED HANDING OUT FUN THINGS SUCH AS LANYARDS, THAT HAD THE TROUTDALE TIGERS ON IT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, AND LAST YEAR WE HAD A THIRD OF THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ONCE IN ONE OF THE MAY-WALK BIKE CHALLENGES, DURING THE WALK, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO INCREASING PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM, AND ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> I HAVE A COMMENT.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, I DID HAVE FUN IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AREA WHERE, WHERE WORK IS NEEDED AROUND SOME, SOME EQUITY WITH TRANSPORTATION AND WALKING AND BIKING AND, AND SAFE MOVEMENT, TO SCHOOL, TROUTDALE, ELEMENTARY IS KIND OF TUCKED BACK, BUT IT'S, IT'S ALONG SOME VERY BUSY TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS, AND SO IT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO, TO -- I TALK ABOUT OUR, OUR GREAT EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I WANT TO, TO SAY A WORD ABOUT JOANNA BECAUSE SHE IS A, A GOOD ONE, AND SHE IS A GREAT ONE, AND WE HAD OUR, OUR MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION AROUND DIFFERENT FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THROUGH METRO AND

THROUGH THE, THE ODOT AND, AND SO, THERE WAS A LITTLE CONFUSION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT POOLS OF MONEY, INCLUDING MYSELF IN THAT CONFUSION, AND JOANNA JUST HIT THE GROUND RUNNING, AND EXPLAINED IT TO US ALL SO CLEARLY AND PERFECTLY THAT EVERYONE WAS LIKE WOW, AND SHE PICKED UP EVERY QUESTION AND KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THE ANSWER WAS. SO, I WANT TO, TO THANK HER FOR THAT AND ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR THAT. SO, THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: GREAT. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE IGA IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>>> AND WE WILL NOW PERFORM ONE OF OUR FEATS OF MAGIC, AND RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AND IS CONVEENE AS THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WILL SAY THAT, THAT WHEN WE DID THAT WITH THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, WE GOT HATS.

>> YES.

>> Chair Cogen: JUST SAYING. BUT, YOU CAN GO TO R-5.

>> MAYBE WE CAN GIVE YOU SCRUBS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

>> R-5. SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS R-5.

>> GOOD MORNING. MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, WITH ME TODAY FROM THE END ARE MARK, THE COUNSEL FOR THE HOLGATE [INAUDIBLE], AND ERIK, THE UNDERWRITER ON THE PROJECT, AND GREG, WHO IS FROM, FROM THE [INAUDIBLE], THE AUTHORITY'S BOND COUNSEL. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUNDING OF BONDS THAT WERE ISSUED FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITIES AT THE HOLGATE CENTER ODD FELLOW'S HOME LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND AT APPROXIMATELY 34th AND SOUTHEAST HOLGATE. THE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE BONDS PREDATES THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOSPITAL FACILITIES' AUTHORITY, AND THEY WERE ISSUED BY THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY AUTHORITY BUT THE BORROWER WOULD LIKE THE REFUNDING DONE THROUGH OUR AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. AS THESE ARE NOT FREQUENT TRANSACTIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THE COUNTIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO CREATE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONDUIT FINANCING. IT'S A NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE FACILITY. THE COUNTY CREATED THE AUTHORITY BY RESOLUTION IN 1998, AND WE HAVE FACILITATED ABOUT EIGHT TO 10 BOND ISSUES SINCE THAT TIME. AND ALSO, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY DEBT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IT DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THE COUNTY'S DEBT

CAPACITY, AND WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT THE DEBT IN OUR ANNUAL, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. WE DO HAVE SOME FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MAINTAINING RECORDS SUCH AS AUDITS, BANK STATEMENTS, AND ETC., AND THE COUNTY RECEIVES A FEE FOR ADMINISTERING THE AUTHORITY. FOR THIS TRANSPORTATION, WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING \$10,000 FEE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, OR SUCCESSFUL CLOSING, CLOSING OF THE TRANSACTION. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO OUR GUEST TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY, AND EXPLANATION OF THE REFUNDING REQUEST, AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

>> I AM MARK, AN ATTORNEY AT [INAUDIBLE] AND REPRESENT THE ODD FELLOW'S HOME AND THE FRIENDSHIP HEALTH CENTER, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND [INAUDIBLE] WAS PLENTY TO BE SITTING HERE, AND PRESENTING BUT, FORTUNATELY, SHE'S UNABLE TO ATTEND, UNFORTUNATELY SO ACCEPT HER APOLOGIES.

>>> I WANTED TO GIVE YOU BACKGROUND ABOUT THE, THE FACILITIES AND THE ORGANIZATIONS. THE ODD FELLOW'S HOME AND THE FRIENDSHIP HEALTH CENTER ARE BOTH OREGON NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS FOUNDED IN 1913 AND 1973, BY THE GRAND LODGE OF OREGON. THE ODD FELLOW'S HOME, OWNS AND OPERATES A 100-UNIT RETIREMENT FACILITY. IT PROVIDES BOTH INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS, AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL CARE UNITS. I WAS BEEN PROVIDING THIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR I THINK OVER 100 YEARS. MOST OF THE RESIDENTS ARE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND. AND IN 1973, THEY OPENED THE FRIENDSHIP HEALTH CENTER, WHICH IS A SISTER CORPORATION, AND IT RUNS A, A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, ALSO ON THE CAMPUS, PROVIDES SKILLED NURSING ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS, AND TO, TO THE ELDERLY AND INFIRMED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE CAMPUS, WHICH IS A SIX-ACRE CAMPUS IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND, ALSO IS HOME TO THE KENILWORTH PARK PLAZA, WHICH IS A HUD LOW INCOME APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR THE ELDERLY, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND DOING GREAT WORK FOR A LONG TIME, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

>> OK. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ANYONE WANTS TO SHARE? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>> WE WILL NOW ADJOURN AS THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR R-6.

>> SO MOVE.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND KAFOURY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-6. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> I AM JEAN DENTIGER, THE MANAGER FOR DIVERSION COURTS AND INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT.

>> I AM [INAUDIBLE], THE ACHES SERVICES MANAGER FOR THE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS.

>> AND GOOD MORNING. TODAY WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT THAT WE HAVE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. DUE TO THE SHORT TIME PERIOD, OR TIMELINE THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING RETROACTIVE APPROVAL. IN THE EVENT THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE, WE WILL BE WITHDRAWING OUR APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS GRANT FACILITATES COLLABORATION BETWEEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEMS FOR OUR CLIENTS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS. IT PROMOTES THE USE OF A SINGLE SCREENING TOOL TO BE USED WITH OUR OTHER PARTNERS, IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM, FROM COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE [INAUDIBLE] COORDINATING COUNCIL. THE SUPPORT FROM THESE, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OTHER PARTNERS, SHOULD WE RECEIVE THE GRANT, WOULD INCLUDE TRAINING AND USE OF A SINGLE SCREENING TOOL THAT WE CAN USE SYSTEM-WIDE, THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE COLLABORATION, AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR SYSTEMS. WE'RE HOPING THE IMPACT OF USING A SINGLE TOOL THAT WE CAN ALL USE, WE CAN SCREEN PEOPLE EARLIER, AND DETECT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, AND HOPEFULLY, PROVIDE EARLIER INTERVENTION FOR CONSTANTLY -- FOR STABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

>> A LARGE PORTION OF THE GRANT IS FUNDING TREATMENT SERVICES, OUTPATIENT, EIGHT TO TEN OUTPATIENT SLOTS AND ONE RESIDENTIAL BED THAT WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY AVAILABLE, AND WHAT'S EXCITING TO AT LEAST ME ABOUT THAT 1245, IS THAT IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BLEND TOGETHER A MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS RATE WHERE WE CAN FUND THINGS OUT OF ONE BUCKET RATHER THAN TWO BUCKETS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT IS A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE AND WHAT'S ADDICTION, SO THAT IS EXCITING TO ME, AND I THINK IT WILL BE EXCITING FOR THE PROVIDERS, AS WELL.

>> GREAT.

>> Chair Cogen: ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Shiprack: I JUST WANT TO COMMENT AGAIN, AND SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THE WORK THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCILOR DOES INVITES THIS COLLABORATION, AND THE, THE -- ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TODAY SPOKE TO, TO THE SITUATION WITH THE JAIL CAPACITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO, TO RELIEVING THAT WITH OUR ICE POLICY, BEING ABLE TO DIVERT MENTALLY ILL FROM, FROM, FROM JAIL, IS, IS GOING TO, TO BE TREMENDOUS. IT'S GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS IN TERMS OF THE CAPACITY OF THAT RESOURCE, AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, IT'S GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS IN TERMS OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND, AND OUR, OUR STANDING BEHIND THE FACT THAT TREATMENT WORKS AND, AND SO, WE'RE GOING TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM THE JAIL. WE'RE GOING TO INTERRUPT THEIR RECIDIVISM OF, OF TURNING BACK THROUGH THE JAIL, AND WE'RE GOING TO, TO HOPEFULLY, WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE, OF THE APPLICATION, BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE TREATMENT REALLY WORKS. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AS WELL, AND I REALLY LIKE THIS MODEL. I ALWAYS AM IN FAVOR OF COLLABORATION AND HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS BETTER, AND SO CERTAINLY, AROUND THE, THE ISSUE OF MENTAL HEALTH. THERE IS A LOT TO BE DONE. SO, I SAY, GOOD LUCK TO YOU, AND ON GETTING THIS GRANT, THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Smith: WHERE WOULD THE DEDICATED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BIDS BE HOUSED AT?

>> WE'LL HAVE TO PROCURE THEM, IF WE GET THE GRANT, SO, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS THAT COULD PROVIDE THE SERVICES, SO WE DID NOT WANT TO SELECT ONE AHEAD OF TIME.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED, GOOD LUCK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-7.

>> SO MOVE.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND McKEEL SECONDS R-7. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN, AND GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, SMITH, SHIPRACK, AND McKEEL. I AM -- BEFORE I START WITH THIS, I WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MONTH, ACTUALLY, IS THE NATIONAL AUTISM MONTH, AND LAST MONTH WAS THE MONTH OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES MONTH. I AM MOHAMMED BADER, I AM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND I AM NEW TO THIS POSITION. I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO COME HERE AND DO A PROCLAMATION ABOUT THIS POPULATION THAT WE SERVE, WHICH IS A REALLY WONDERFUL POPULATION. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS REALLY INCREDIBLE, YOU KNOW, WITH THIS GROUP. WE WORK, OUR STAFF WORK WITH KIDS THAT, AS YOUNG AS THREE MONTHS OLD. I FIND THAT TO BE A REFRESHING -- IT'S A PROGRAM THAT LOOKS AT EARLY INTERVENTION AND, AND WORKING WITH KIDS THROUGH LIFE, THROUGH OLD AGE, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT, THAT, AS A COUNTY, WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF, WORK WITH SCHOOLS, AND EMPLOYMENT AND, AND, AND SO, NONETHELESS, I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE BUDGET MODIFICATION HERE, AND SO MAYBE AT ANOTHER TIME I CAN TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THAT. [LAUGHTER]

>> JUST TO EXPLAIN BECAUSE THE BUDGET KIND OF LOOKS A BIT FUNKY AS YOU PUT IT IN THERE. WE ARE ASKING TO, TO SPEND, INCREASE THE ALLOCATION BY ABOUT 242,792. THE REALITY IS, ACTUALLY, ABOUT \$103,000 OUT OF THIS FUND CAME TO US AS A GRANT FROM HOME FORWARD, WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS. SO, THAT WOULD, THAT WOULD BE AGAIN, SERVING 102 FAMILIES. IT'S PART AFTER GRANT, AND IT'S NOT REALLY COSTING THE COUNTY ANY MONEY FROM A GEM FUND OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THE REST OF THE MONEY IS MONEY THAT WE HAVE EARNED AS A COUNTY FROM THE STATE OF OREGON IN TERMS OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND, AND THE WAY THAT THE BUDGET WORKS AND THE BUDGET CYCLE IS THAT WE ARE, WE ARE PREPAID FOR THE SERVICE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE STATE DOES A SETTLEMENT, AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT WE HAVE GOT ENOUGH MONEY AND ENOUGH SERVICES THAT WE DELIVERED THAT THIS MONEY IS JUST RELEASED, AND SO WHAT WE LIKE TO DO IS TAKE THAT MONEY AND, AND, AND GET THE FEW POSITIONS IN ORDER TO HELP US TO DEAL WITH THE WORKLOAD AND THE WORK DEMANDS. THE OTHER PIECE THAT WE HAVE DONE IS, ACTUALLY, REALIZED SOME COST SAVING BY FLATTENING THE HIERARCHY. WE HAVE ELIMINATED TWO SENIOR MANAGER POSITIONS, AND NOW, ALL OF THE MANAGERS REPORT DIRECTLY TO ME AS THE DIRECTOR VERSUS HAVING A

MIDDLEMAN, IN THE MIDDLE, AND THAT ENABLES US TO, TO PURCHASE THE POSITIONS IN PROTECTIVE SERVICES, WHICH WAS A, A MUCH NEEDED AREA. IT WAS REALLY UNDERSTAFFED, AND THEY DID NOT HAVE A SUPERVISOR OR INVESTIGATORS IN THERE, SO THAT WILL ENABLE US TO GET PERMANENT POSITIONS AS A SUPERVISOR AND A HUMAN SERVICES INVESTIGATOR, AND WILL GET US ANOTHER PERMANENT POSITION TO HELP WITH INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY. THE REST OF THE MONEY THAT WE INTEND TO HIRE A TEMPORARY CASE MANAGERS TO HELP WITH THE WORKLOAD, WITH BOTH THE CHILDREN AND THE ADULT PROGRAM. ONE LAST THING, I THINK, WITH THIS, AND IT'S JUST KIND OF LOGISTICAL, THERE WILL BE A RECLASSIFICATION HAPPEN. WE HAD A CASE MANAGER GO THROUGH THE CLASS COMP, AND THEN THEY CLASSIFIED IT AS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT SENIOR.

>> Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE INCREASE IN THE CHILDREN ENROLLING IN D.D. SERVICES?

>> IT'S A, A PART OF A NATIONAL TREND, WHEN I LOOKED AT THE, AT THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE, AT THE CENSUS DATA UP TO 2008, THE PREVALENCE OF, OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, WAS ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT 13%, AND NOW IT IS ABOUT, ABOUT 17%. THERE IS AN OVERALL NATIONAL INCREASE. I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHY IT'S INCREASING, BUT LIKE, LIKE MOST OTHER ISSUES WE DEAL WITH, THERE IS, THERE IS EARLY DETECTION, AND I IMAGINE, AND, AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT KIDS AS YOUNG AS THREE MONTHS OLD, LIKE I MENTIONED, WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THE, THE SPECTRUM. ALSO, WE USED TO JUST DIAGNOSED MAYBE THE SEVERE CASES, AND NOW WE LOOK AT THE, AT THE, LIKE I SAID, WITH THE, THE AUTISM AS A SPECTRUM, SO IT COULD BE A RANGE FROM MOST SEVERE TO LESS SEVERE. I THINK THAT THAT'S, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, JUST THE EARLY DETECTION AND LOOKING AT THOSE EARLY SIGNS.

>> Commissioner Smith: ONE LAST QUESTION, HOW WILL YOU DETERMINE WHO GETS THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

>> I BELIEVE THERE IS -- I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA WITH ME, BUT, IT'S, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE -- I WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU THAT CRITERIA, AND I WILL HAVE IT AFFIRMED UP, BUT, IT IS BASED ON HAVING A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM LIMITED DURATION, ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE PEOPLE THAT QUICKLY?

>> I THINK, WE ARE HOPING TO -- WE NEED TO, TO PROBABLY EVENTUALLY COME BACK AGAIN FOR ANOTHER MODIFICATION, UNFORTUNATELY, TO, TO CARRY THOSE POSITIONS THROUGH THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE JUST HAD TO DO THIS FROM NOW UNTIL THEN. THERE ARE, ACTUALLY, INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE WAITING IN THE HOPPER NOW, AND WE COULD NOT REALLY OFFER THOSE POSITIONS TO INDIVIDUALS, UNTIL THIS, THIS -- AND UNTIL WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THE, THE APPROVAL PROCESS. SO, WE HAVE BEGUN THE INTERVIEWING AND, AND JUST KIND OF, OF TALKING WITH PEOPLE, WE TOLD THEM THAT WE CANNOT REALLY OFFER THOSE POSITIONS UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE APPROVAL.

>> SO, YOU ARE PROJECTING THESE WILL BE LONGER TERM DURATION THAN THE REST OF THE FISCAL YEAR?

>> WE SHOULD HAVE ALSO A BIT MORE, MORE, KIND OF A REIMBURSEMENT AGAIN FROM THE STATE THAT, THAT HOPEFULLY WOULD CARRY THOSE POSITIONS, ALSO, LONGER, FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. WE'RE HOPING THAT WE ARE STILL IN NEGOTIATION WITH THE STATE OF OREGON IN TERMS OF THE FIGURING OUT THE SETTLEMENT FOR THE NEXT CYCLE. I IMAGINE THAT WE HAVE -- WE'RE PROJECTING TO HAVE A LOT MORE MONEY, ALSO, TO COME AND CARRY THOSE POSITIONS THROUGH THE, THE, AT LEAST THE 12 MONTHS' PERIOD.

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION, AND IT'S ALONG THE LINES OF, OF COMMISSIONER KAFOURY BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING AT THIS, AND THESE POSITIONS, THEY END ON JUNE 30, AND THEY ARE LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS. BUT, IF THEY ARE NOT PUT IN THE BUDGET OR ALREADY HAVE A PROGRAM OFFER, HOW -- WHERE WILL YOU IDENTIFY FUNDS TO PAY FOR THAT?

>> I BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH A PROGRAM OFFER, IF YOU LOOK --

>> Commissioner Smith: THE 14? I THOUGHT THESE WERE 13 PROGRAM OFFERS.

>> IF THE ACTUAL BUDGET MODIFICATION PLUGS IN EACH ONE WITH THE FRONT PROGRAM OFFERS ON PAGE --

>> Commissioner Smith: BUT THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AND I AM TALKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET BECAUSE THESE ARE LIMITED DURATION, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE'LL GET THOSE 90 CASES DONE BY JUNE 30. WHAT I'M SAYING IS, DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 TO

CONTINUE THESE BECAUSE I DIDN'T SEE THEM IN THE, IN THE PROGRAM OFFERS THAT WERE RELEASED.

>> WE WILL BE REQUESTING MORE, MORE, MY UNDERSTANDING, FORGIVE ME BECAUSE I JUST WALKED INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS PROCESS, BUT, I UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE -- WE WILL BE, BE COMING BACK AGAIN FOR, WITH ANOTHER BUDGET MODIFICATION.

>> Commissioner Smith: I GUESS, THE QUESTION IS, IF THERE IS NO MONEY THERE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO REQUEST THE FUNDS FROM, IF THERE ARE NO PROGRAM OFFERS TO MATCH THESE. THESE OFFERS, THEY END ON THE 30th. ARE THEY ONGOING OFFERS?

>> THE PROGRAM OFFERS ARE ONGOING. THE LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS WILL BE TEMPORARY, BUT I BELIEVE FROM, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTOOD FROM OUR BUDGET PERSON, IS THAT WE, ACTUALLY, DO HAVE THE MONEY. IT'S -- IT SHOULD BE RELEASED LATER ON.

>> Commissioner Smith: I WILL TALK TO YOU LATER, WHERE THE MONEY IS, IF THERE IS THE MONEY.

>> Chair Cogen: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU FLATTENED THE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY AND DIRECTED THE DOLLARS BACK INTO DIRECT SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT'S TERRIFIC. THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT.

>> I GIVE CREDIT TO SUSAN FOR THAT, AND APPRECIATE THAT. YEAH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANKS.

>>> R-8.

>> SO MOVE.

>> SECOND.

>> SHIPRACK MOVES AND KAFOURY SECONDS R-8. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR, COMMISSIONER, I AM PEGGY BRAY, AND I AM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES, AND BEFORE I START ON MY REQUEST, I HAVE SAT HERE ALL MORNING LISTENING, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE GOTTEN TO DO THAT, AND I'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR AND A HALF. I CAME FROM MICHIGAN, AND YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE EVERYTHING YOU ALL WERE SAYING IN TERMS OF BEING PROUD TO BE WITH THIS COUNTY. JUST THE KIND OF WORK AND THE DECISIONS AND

THE SPEED AND THE PASSION. I'M THRILLED TO BE HERE, SO THANK YOU. I PLAN ON STAYING. YOU ARE STUCK WITH ME. SO, I AM HERE TODAY, THOUGH, TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION OF \$15,000 TO ADS, AND IT'S SO IMPLEMENT ENHANCED AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, AND WE WERE, WE REFER TO THAT AS ADRC, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU HAVE HEARD OF THAT IN THE PAST FROM THE DIVISION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ON AGING, THEY RECEIVED A \$2.3 MILLION GRANT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGE, NOW REFERRED TO AS THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS, THROUGH A FORMULA, ALLOCATED FUNDS TO, TO THE, THE AGENCIES ON AGING OR ADRCs, AND AGAIN, IT'S TO ROLL OUT STATEWIDE AN ENHANCED ADRC SYSTEM. JUST AS A QUICK REMINDER, IF YOU WILL BEAR WITH ME, AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTIONS, THEY ARE A NATIONAL INITIATIVE THAT STARTED BACK IN 2005, BEEN ROLLING OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. OREGON IS 47th TO, TO GET ONBOARD WITH THIS. THE POINT IS TO SERVE AS A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR, FOR INDIVIDUALS, 18 AND OVER WHO HAVE CARE SERVICE AND SUPPORT NEEDS. SO BEING ABLE TO ACCESS A POINT OF ENTRY TO GET INFORMATION UNBIASED, AND REFERRAL AND ASSISTANCE, TO, TO RECEIVE BENEFITS COUNSELING, TO RECEIVE ACCESS TO, TO ROBUST RESOURCE DIRECTORY, WHICH WE'RE WORKING THROUGH WITH THE STATE, AND TO RECEIVE OPTIONS COUNSELING. SO, THIS PARTICULAR GRANT FOCUSES ON THE OPTIONS COUNSELING PIECE, AND AGAIN, OPTION COUNSELING IS, IS A PERSON CENTERED APPROACH TO, TO HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE A LONG-TERM CARE NEED, TO, TO SUPPLIER THEIR OPTION EXAMINES FIGURE OUT THE NEEDS, AND GET THEM THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED AND FOLLOW THEM ALONG, AND SEE HOW THEY ARE DOING, AND TO REALLY HELP THEM TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE SYSTEM. SO, THAT'S, THAT'S THE, THE SHORT VERSION OR CLIFF NOTES. SO THESE GRANT DOLLARS ARE FOCUSING ON GETTING THE ADRCs UP TO SNUFF ON OPTION COUNSELING. WE'RE UNIQUE. AND I HAVE, I HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO BE UNIQUE, BUT WE ARE. FOR US, WE ARE, WE ARE A COLLABORATIVE OR A CONSORTIUM, SO OUR ADRC IS REFERRED TO AS THE METRO ADRC CONSORTIUM, AND THAT INCLUDES CLACKAMAS COUNTY, COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, OURSELVES, AND THE TWO STATE MEDICAID OFFICES, AND THE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. SO, IN THAT, WE SERVE AS LEAD AND, AND WE ALSO ARE SERVING AS A, AS A FIDUCIARY TYPE OF ROLE FOR THIS, FOR THESE FUNDS. THE STATE HAS ALSO -- THEY HAVE A DESIGNATION PROCESS, SO WE HAVE OFFICIALLY BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE METRO CONSORTIUM. WHAT THAT MEANS, BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IT MEANS THAT FOR THE STATE, THEY ARE ACHIEVING THEIR FEDERAL DELIVERABLE TO BE, TO HAVE STATEWIDE ADRCs, SO WE ARE ASSISTING WITH THAT, BUT IT HELPS US LOCALLY, DOWN THE ROAD THERE'S BEEN THE PROMISE FOR YEARS FROM THE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THAT THERE COULD BE ADRC FUNDS, SO BY US ACTUALLY HAVING THAT DESIGNATION, SHOULD THERE BE SUCH

FUNDS, WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO -- WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE USUAL HOOPS, BUT WE WOULD HAVE THAT DESIGNATION, SO IT REALLY DOES POSITION US WELL SO WE'RE PLEASED WITH THAT. SO, THE \$15,000 GRANT DOLLARS WILL INCREASE ADS'S, FTE -- THE 2013 BUDGET, AND BE SUBMITTING AN AMENDMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 FOR 2014. SO, SO, IF YOU THINK OF IT AS A YEAR ONE GRANT, IT'S A \$45,000 GRANT. THE STATE REQUIRED US TO SUBMIT A THREE-YEAR BUDGET WORK PLAN BUDGET, SO THERE IS A, AGAIN, THE PROMISE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET YEAR TWO AND THREE. THESE KINDS OF FUNDS, STILL AT \$45,000, SO THE TOTAL REALLY WINDS UP BEING \$135,000. THESE ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATION AND, AND SOME INFRASTRUCTURE IN TERMS OF THE LAPTOPS, AND CELL PHONES, AND REALLY GETTING OUR MEMBERSHIPS AND OUR STAFF TRAINED ON HOW TO DO THE OPTION COUNSELING, AND HOW TO DO MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING, AND TO, ALSO, TO REALLY JUST HELP JUMPSTART, WE REALIZE THIS IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY, SO IF YOU ARE WONDERING HOW THE HECK ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT, IT'S BY THE WILL. WE HAVE A WILL AS A CONSORTIUM TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE'RE ALSO EXPECTED, AS ADRCs TO EXPLORE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, SO WE'RE LOOKING AT WHERE COULD THERE BE A MEDICAID MATCH, PRIVATE PAY, SO THIS IS A SMALL PIECE OF AN EFFORT. SO ALL OF OUR EFFORTS ARE NOT WEIGHING, LAYING ON TOP OF THESE. WE PLAN ON MOVING FORWARD REGARDLESS. SO, THE PLAN, THERE IS ALSO A PLAN TO, TO HAVE A LITTLE RECOGNITION OF THE METRO ADRC IN MAY ALONG WITH OLDER AMERICANS ACT PROCLAMATION. AND THAT IS MY REQUEST, SO, I AM GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THE APPROVAL.

>> Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> Commissioner Smith: SO THAT WE'RE CLEAR, PEGGY, IS THIS A GRANT FROM THE STATE?

>> IT CAME TO THE STATE, AND NOW THE STATE IS ALLOCATING LOCALLY. SO THEY ARE FEDERAL DOLLARS.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU, PEGGY. WE'RE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT IMPLEMENTING THE ENHANCED AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, THE ENHANCED?

>> THE ENHANCED PART IS THE OPTION COUNSELING PIECE, THE HISTORICAL ADRCs HAVE BEEN VERY ROBUST INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AND

REFERRAL, SO SOME BENEFITS COUNSELING, BUT THE OPTION COUNSELING REALLY TAKES THE APPROACH OF, HAVING A PERSON TRAINED AND, AT BEING PERSON FOCUSED, AND HELPING THE PERSON EXPLORE WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AND CHOICES AND WHAT DO THEY NEED, SO SOMEONE MAY CALL THINKING THAT THEY NEED MEALS ON WHEELS, BUT IN FACT, THEY NEED OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP THEM, SO THE OPTION COUNSELING IS THAT ENHANCED PIECE.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

>> ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE, IT IS APPROVED, THANK YOU.

>>> R-9.

>> SO MOVE, SECOND.

>> SHIPRACK MOVES AND KAFOURY SECONDS R-9. COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COLD TODAY, EXCUSE ME. GOOD MORNING, BEN.

>>> I SEE BEN IS HERE, AND HEALTH EQUITY MANAGER, IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND ALBERTO MORENO, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON LATINO HEALTH COALITION, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. AND WE ARE CELEBRATING MINORITY HEALTH MONTH BY HEARING A PRESENTATION THAT DEMONSTRATES HEALTH INEQUITIES IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES, WE'RE GOING TO REVIEW THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS AND PREVIEW SOME PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT HOLD PROMISE FOR ADDRESSING HEALTH INEQUITIES, AND I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO YOU, BEN.

>> THANKS, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM BEN DUNCAN WITH THE HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THIS IS ALBERTO MORENO, WITH THE OREGON HEALTH LATINO HEALTH COALITION, AND HERE TODAY WITH -- REPRESENTING OREGON, HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE, AND HE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THAT WORK. I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS OFF THE BAT AND PARTICULARLY, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND, AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AROUND ACKNOWLEDGING MINORITY HEALTH MONTH. YOU KNOW, AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PRESENTATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND HONOR THE MINORITY HEALTH MONTH WITH THE BOARD PROCLAMATION, I THINK IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHANCE FOR US TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE EXCITING WORK THAT WE'RE DOING BOTH HERE IN THE COUNTY AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO, THAT WE'RE SEEING IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A LOT OF THIS WORK THAT'S BEING DONE AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL THAT'S EXCITING. I ALSO JUST WANT TO, TO RECOGNIZE THAT, THAT TODAY IS APRIL 4, IN 1968,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ASSASSINATED, SO AS WE TALK AND THINK ABOUT MINORITY HEALTH MONTH, APRIL 3 HE GAVE A SPEECH THAT A LOT OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH, AND I'VE BEEN TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP, AND I JUST WANT TO SET THE STAGE WITH THAT QUOTE THAT'S MAYBE ONE OF THOSE LESS QUOTED QUOTES. IT SAYS, IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS' REVOLUTION, IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE, AND DONE IN A HURRY, TO BRING THE COLORED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD OUT OF THEIR YEARS OF POVERTY, THEIR YEARS OF HURT AND NEGLECT, THE WHOLE WORLD IS DOOMED. SO, WHILE TALKING DOOM AND GLOOM ABOUT, ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE TODAY, IT MAYBE A BIT OF A HYPERBOLE, FOR ME, REALLY, IT SPEAKS TO THE PASSION THAT A LOT OF US APPROACH THIS WORK WITH. SO, I WILL START WITH THIS, AND I HAD ALL THE LITTLE THINGS FLYING IN, ONE AT A TIME, SO, THEY ALL SHOWED, IT WAS PROBABLY THE PEAK OF MY POWER POINT EXPERIENCE. BUT, WHAT THIS SLIDE IS REALLY TRYING TO SHOW IS THAT LITERALLY, ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE, WE CALL IT THE HEALTH AND EQUITY LIFE COURSE FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE, WE'RE SEEING DISPARITIES THAT EXIST FOR OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO, A LOT OF THIS IS, YOU KNOW, IF WE LOOK AT PRENATAL CARE, DISPARITIES AND ALL THE GROUPS, SAME WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER -- HISPANIC, LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND TEEN BIRTHS, ASTHMA, PROSTATE CANCER, DIABETES, MORTALITY, AND ALL THE WAY TO LIFE EXPECTANCY, AND OF COURSE, WE SEE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS, DISPARITIES WITH HOMICIDE, AS WELL. WHEN WE OVERLAY THIS, WITH THE OVALS ON THE BOTTOM, THE EDUCATION AND INCOME AND OCCUPATIONAL CLASS AND SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, LACK OF POWER, HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE START REALLY PAINTING A PICTURE OF WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MINORITY HEALTH, AS A COMMUNITY, AS A COUNTY, WE REALLY START SEEING HOW THESE THINGS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND WHERE THESE THINGS ARE OVERLAPPING. SO, YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN COLLECTING THIS DATA, YOU KNOW, WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND RELEASING OUR HEALTH DISPARITIES REPORT FOR, FOR, I THINK, A COUPLE OF DECADES NOW, AND WHILE WE SEE AN IMPROVEMENT, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'RE SEEING THE DISPARITIES FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO, I WANT TO TALK A BIT ABOUT SOME OF THE APPROACHES, AT LEAST THAT WE'RE DOING HERE, AND AS COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, YOU WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR FROM SOME OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS, NOT JUST IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THAT ARE REALLY STARTING TO, TO BE REALLY CREATIVE AND, AND BOLD AND INNOVATIVE AROUND HOW WE START ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. SO, YOU KNOW, HAVING PROGRAMS THAT, THAT ARE, ARE COMMUNITY-BASED, COMMUNITY-LED, THAT REFLECT KIND OF THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES, WE'RE REALLY GOING IN SOME WONDERFUL DIRECTIONS WITH GREAT LEADERSHIP FROM, FROM A VARIETY OF PLACES, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND OF COURSE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK IS, IS, THAT WE'LL FOCUS ON TODAY IS AROUND

THIS REFLECTIVE ANALYSIS. THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS AS A, HAS A WAY TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES AND OUR POLICIES, AT LEAST IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THAT WE CAN MOVE OUR WORK FORWARD ABOUT BEING INTENTIONAL, ABOUT ADDRESSING THESE INEQUITIES. I WILL JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, IT'S -- THERE'S BEEN GREAT LEADERSHIP, OBVIOUSLY, FROM, FROM BOTH THE BOARD AND SOME WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP SHOWN WITH [INAUDIBLE] AND I WHO HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK AND BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP FOLKS THAT HAVE KIND OF DOVE INTO THIS WORK TO KIND OF TAKE ON SOME OF THESE CHALLENGES. SO, I KNOW FOR THE BOARD, YOU GUYS HAVE ALL KIND OF SEEN THIS, BUT REALLY QUICKLY, BECAUSE OF OUR TIME TODAY, I WILL JUST TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT WHAT THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS IS, AND REALLY, IT IS A, A FRAMEWORK, IT'S REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS, AND IT'S LOOKING AT REALLY CHALLENGING US TO THINK ABOUT HOW PEOPLE PLACE PROCESS AND POWER IMPACTS BOTH DECISIONS, AND THE WAY THAT WE OPERATE AND, AND AT A PRACTICE LEVEL AND A PROGRAM LEVEL. WE HAVE SIX STRATEGIC OUTCOME AREAS, AND EVERYTHING FROM, FROM BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY IN TERMS OF THE TRAINING AND THINGS LIKE THAT, AND TO STRENGTHENING OUR ALLIANCES AND OUR PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALL THE WAY ULTIMATELY TO, TO THAT, THAT, THE CHANGES IN IMPACT AND, AND THAT, THAT IS REALLY OUR, OUR GOAL TO SEE THOSE DATA SETS THAT WE LOOKED AT THE BEGINNING, REALLY START TO CHANGE. I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS BUT I THINK THAT, THAT WE COULD ALL AGREE THAT WE HAVE A WAY TO GO. AND THE LENS, ITSELF, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PICKED UP THE 120 OR 130-PAGE COME, IT'S SUPPORTED BY A LOT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND, AND SO SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ALSO OUT OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY IS TRYING TO UNPACK THAT, SO PEOPLE HAVE SEVERAL MODELS ABOUT HOW THEY, THEY CAN APPLY THIS, THIS LENS TO THEIR WORK. AND EVERYTHING FROM, FROM CAN I JUST TAKE IT AND ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO, TO CAN I REALLY TAKE A REALLY LONG TIME TO KIND OF UN, UNDERSTAND THE ROOT VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT DRIVE THIS WORK. WHY WE ARE USING IT? I THINK THAT, THAT, THAT WE KNOW THE DATA, AND YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE HAVE SEEN IT FOR A LONG TIME, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE HEARD, YOU KNOW, I THINK ABOUT THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR REPORT, AND WHEN I THINK OF THE URBAN LEAGUE STATE OF BLACK OREGON REPORT, AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD, YOU KNOW, VERY CLEARLY BY COMMUNITIES THAT, THAT THESE ARE PRIORITIES. AND OUR OWN DATA SHOW THAT, THAT AS PUBLIC SERVANTS WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS TO ADDRESS THESE THINGS. I THINK THAT THE OTHER PIECE IS THAT IT'S GOOD GOVERNANCE, SO I THINK THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT, WE, THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT, THAT WHEN, WHEN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE THRIVING, WE -- WE ALL BENEFIT. CERTAINLY FROM A FISCAL STANDPOINT FOR, FOR THE COUNTY, AS A WHOLE, AND ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, ACTUALLY, SAVES MONEY AND ALLOWS US TO INVEST IN

OTHER PLACES. I THINK THAT AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, WE CERTAINLY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ACT, AND IT'S PART OF OUR MISSION, AND WE ARE A VALUE AND MISSION-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION. SO, I WILL TALK REALLY BRIEFLY BEFORE PASSING ON, ON TO ALBERTO. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OUTCOMES THAT, THAT WE REALLY SEE? AND I SAW KIM IN THE AUDIENCE, AND MANY OF US HAVE HEARD HIM TALK. THOSE INDIVIDUAL UNDERSTANDINGS, YOU KNOW, [INAUDIBLE] AND I GO OUT AND HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS, AND WE THOSE AH-HA MOMENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO SEE AND BEING ABLE TO TELL THE STORY OF WHAT IS EQUITY, WHAT DOES EQUITY LOOK LIKE IN OUR WORK? AND YOU KNOW, KIM PEOPLES TELLS A GREAT STORY. WE WENT THROUGH A PROCESS WHERE WE STARTED ASKING, WHAT WAS, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS A STREET SWEEPER HAVE TO DO WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE? WE ARE A VALUE AND MISSION DRIVEN ORGANIZATION, WE STARTED PEELING BACK THE ONION THERE, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE DO STREET SWEEPING TO KEEP CONTAMINANTS OUT OF THE RIVER THAT KEEPS FISH HEALTHY, THAT TRIBAL COMMUNITIES CONNECT WITH ON A CULTURAL LEVEL, AND THAT LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES CONNECT WITH THROUGH SUBSISTENCE, AND ETC., SO WE'RE STARTING TO TELL THE STORIES THAT, THAT, AT EVERY LEVEL OF THIS ORGANIZATION, PEOPLE CAN CONNECT WITH THAT VALUE. THE PEOPLE CAN START CONNECTING WITH, WITH, WITH THAT VISION AND, AND WITH THE LANGUAGE THAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY. WE HAVE SEEN IMPROVED POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND LANGUAGE, AND AGAIN, WITH ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS, HAS ADDED EQUITY AND HEALTH INTO THE SCORING CRITERIA, AND WE HAVE ADDED GREAT LANGUAGE INTO THOSE KIND OF DOCUMENTS, SO TAKING A, A, YOU KNOW, A DOCUMENT LIKE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND OVERLAYING THAT WITH EQUITY, WE HAVE SEEN SOME REALLY STRONG IMPROVEMENTS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRAL H.R. ARE, HAVE BOTH USED THE LENS FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND WE ARE USING IT AS PART OF THE REOPENING OF THE SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER, AND OVERLAYING QUESTIONS WITH EVERY ITEM OF THE WORK PLAN, YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT A, YOU KNOW, AN XCEL SHEET WITH 75 ITEMS ON IT, AND SAYING WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS WE NEED TO ASK FOR THESE? EVERYTHING FROM HIRING TO HOW WE ENGAGE COMMUNITIES TO WHAT ART WE'LL HAVE ON THE WALL SO WHEN PEOPLE WALK IN, THEY FEEL LIKE IT'S A SPACE FOR THEM. WE'RE USING IT FOR FACILITATION, WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS DO WE ASK WHEN WE ARE GUIDING THE PROCESSES AND HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE STAKEHOLDERS, AND FINALLY, YOU KNOW, KIND OF THE CRUX OF THIS, WE ARE USING IT FOR BETTER DECISION-MAKING. SO THAT WE SEE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO, FOR ME, IT'S VERY EXCITING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THAT WORK. I SEE SO MUCH POTENTIAL AND, AND DEFINITELY REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP THAT, THAT THE BOARD AND A LOT OF OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS HAVE TAKEN AROUND KIND OF OPERATIONALIZING THIS WORK THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. SO, WHILE WE'RE SEEING, YOU KNOW, THIS INTERNAL PROGRESS, I THINK IT'S

REALLY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT A LOT OF THIS WORK HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT, SO, I WILL PASS IT ON TO, TO ALBERTO TO TALK ABOUT HIS WORK, AND THE WORK OF THE OREGON HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE.

>> THANKS.

>> GOOD MORNING, ALBERTO.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, HOW ARE YOU? IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, VICE CHAIR, LIKEWISE, ESTEEMED COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. WE ARE EXCITED TO TALK WITH YOU THIS MORNING. BUT, BEFORE I DO THAT, I WANT TO REMARK ON HOW CIVIL THIS BODY SOUNDS TO ME IN COMPARISON TO OUR VISIT TO THE STATE CAPITOL. SO, I JUST WANT TO, TO REFLECT ON THOSE DIFFERENCES AS WE SPEND MORE TIME AT THE CAPITOL. IT'S LOVELY TO SEE THAT KIND OF CIVILITY WITHIN THIS GROUP, AND, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO HAVE COMMUNITY FEEL RECEIVED, AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR THE EARLIER DISCUSSION AROUND THE DAILY [INAUDIBLE] AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, THAT'S IMPORTANT TO US, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO THIS COUNTY AND IMPORTANT TO THE CITY, THIS VITAL WORKFORCE, SO THANK YOU.

>>> INDEED, I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH BEN TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE WHILE HE'S ASKING ALL OF THE RIGHT QUESTIONS, AND WHILE WE HEAR AND FEEL THAT THERE IS RESONANCE IN YOUR OWN VISION AND YOUR WORK THAT YOU DO MOVING FORWARD, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASK HOW DO WE PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO, TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS, AND SO I AM HERE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE OREGON HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE. THE OREGON HEALTH ALLIANCE CAME ABOUT BECAUSE WE ASKED A BASIC QUESTION. THAT QUESTION IS, HOW, HOW WILL WE DRIVE THIS CHANGE IN THE WAY THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT HAS HISTORICALLY HAPPENED IN OUR COMMUNITIES? THE DIFFICULT ANSWER THAT CAME BACK FOR US IS, IS, IS WE NEED TO BE THE DRIVERS OF THAT CHANGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH, WITH YOU AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH, WITH OTHERS. BUT, IT NEEDS TO BE DRIVEN FROM, FROM THE COMMUNITY. IT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNITY-LED, COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABLE. SO, WE DECIDED TO COME TOGETHER AND, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THOSE PARTNERS ARE, ARE APOHO, THE OREGON LATINO HEALTH COALITION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT I LEAD, AND OREGON NATIONAL, CIO, THE URBAN LEAGUE, AND [INAUDIBLE] OF OREGON, AND WE ARRIVED AT A COMMON VISION, AND THAT WAS TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH THAT RESULT IN HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR IN OREGON. AND OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE, OUR MISSION IS TO IDENTIFY HEALTH INEQUITIES, ASSESS THE ROOT CAUSES, AND ADDRESS THEM BY PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE, INFLUENCING POLICIES, ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS, AND PROVIDING RESOURCES, AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC. WE SETTLED ON, ON A SET OF POLICY PRIORITIES

THAT, THAT ARE DEAR TO, TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND, AND TO OUR, OUR ORGANIZATIONS, AND I WILL REVIEW THOSE, THEY INCLUDE TUITION EQUITY FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS, OK. THANK YOU. I WANT DEED, AT THE END OF MY PRESENTATION, I WAS GOING TO, TO ASK YOU TO HELP CELEBRATE WITH US, BUT AS YOU KNOW, THAT IS NOW LAW IN OREGON. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT ALONE. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITH YOUR SUPPORT, THE SUPPORT FROM YOU, BUT ALSO FROM OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY, AND THOSE NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT, SO WE ARE EXCITED THAT FINALLY, OUR YOUTH CAN, CAN MAKE USE OF THAT GREAT EQUALIZER. AND, AND AN EDUCATION, AND THEIR DREAMS WILL NO LONGER NEED BE DEFERRED, AND SO WE ARE EXCITED TO JOIN YOU IN THAT SUCCESS. THE DRIVER'S LICENSE, RESTORATION FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AND IS, IS PROBABLY THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, IF YOU SENSE IS THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, IT IS, IT IS EXPRESSLY THE ONE THING THAT IS ON EVERYBODY'S MIND, ON EVERYBODY'S ANXIOUS TONGUE, SO, WE WANT TO HELP TO ADDRESS THAT. THERE IS A CURRENT CAMPAIGN A FOOT TO, TO, TO SECURE A SOLUTION TO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. SO, IMPORTANT TO US, AND IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THEN, I AM HERE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT, ABOUT PRENATAL CARE FOR ALL WOMEN. CURRENTLY NOT ALL WOMEN IN THE STATE ENJOY ACCESS TO PRENATAL CARE. THE RESULT IS THAT 25% MORE OF OUR CHILDREN ARE DYING. IT'S THE RESULT OF THIS, THIS BARRIER, A RESULT OF THIS INEQUITY AND, AND IT IS, IT IS A REALITY THAT IS UNTENABLE FOR US, BOTH AS, AS, A SPECIFIC COMMUNITY, BUT I THINK, AS THE CITY, AS THE COUNTY, AND AS THE STATE, I THINK THAT WE ARE BETTER THAN THAT, AND SO WE ARE WORKING TO LEVERAGE THE SOLUTION TO ENSURE THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT, THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS, IS ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES AND, AND IN THE PROGRAM THAT WE CREATED, CALLED [INAUDIBLE] PLUS, WHICH ALLOWS THE UNDOCUMENTED WOMEN TO RECEIVE PRENATAL CARE SERVICES, ABOUT YOU WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP TO CONVINCE OTHER COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE THAT THIS IS GREAT, A, GREAT HEALTH BENEFITS BUT ALSO ECONOMIC BENEFITS. SINCE WE STARTED THAT PROGRAM, OVER 10 MILLION HAVE COME IN FROM FEDERAL COFFERS. MOST OF IT BY THE WAY, A I CREWING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AS A DIRECT PROVIDER OF PRENATAL CARE, SO NOT ONLY IS IT THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT, IT MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE, AND HAS STRENGTHENED OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES THAT YOU HAVE, YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT HERE TODAY. CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. WE BELIEVE THAT, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO DIVERSIFY THE HEALTH WORKFORCE BUT TO MAKE ITS CURRENTS WORKFORCE MORE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT, AND SO, WE ARE WORKING TO, TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT THAT HAPPENS SO THAT CONTINUING EDUCATION BUILDS IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR, FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS. OUR OREGON, OUR CITY, OUR COUNTY HAS CHANGED THIS, CONTINUES TO CHANGE. WE ARE NOT WHO WE USED TO BE, WHICH IS A

GOOD THING, WE BELIEVE, AND IT'S A KIND OF VITALITY TO WHO WE ARE. A KIND OF RICHNESS. SO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, THAT, THAT IS, OUR FOLKS ARE SEEKING THAT CARE, AND THAT THEY RECEIVE CARE THAT IS, THAT IS AT THE, AT THE HEART OF THIS RESPECTFUL, WHICH NEEDS TO, TO FOLD IN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STYLES AND, AND NEEDS TO MAKE OUR SYSTEMS MORE ACCESSIBLE, AND THEN, AND THEN FINALLY, IMPROVED RACIAL ETHNIC AND DATA LANGUAGE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS. UNLESS WE MEASURE THE NEED, UNLESS WE, WE UNDERSTAND CLEARLY WHAT THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR, OF SOME OF OUR NEW COMMUNITIES LOOKS LIKE, IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FOR US TO ACCURATELY ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, SO THAT'S WHY, WHY IMPROVED RACIAL AND ETHNIC DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS IS IMPORTANT FOR US. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN, BETWEEN, BETWEEN THE JAPANESE COMMUNITY AND THE CHINESE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE LUMP THEM ALL TOGETHER, AND THEY ARE NOT THE SAME. SO, WHAT ARE THE, THE UNIQUE, WITHIN CULTURAL DIFFERENCES THAT, THAT WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO? BECAUSE, BECAUSE, THIS ONE SOLUTION FOR ALL DOESN'T WORK FOR ALL OF US, SO, HOW DO WE GET TO THE HEART OF THAT? SO, THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT, THAT WE'RE, WE'RE WORKING ON AND, AND YOU HAVE HEARD SOME OF THE GAINS THAT WE HAVE HAD, TELEVISION EQUITY HAS PASSED, AND IT IS HEADED TO THE SENATE, AND PASSAGE IS EXPECTED THERE. AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE CAMPAIGN, AS WELL, IN PROCESS, AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE OPTIMISTIC. IT WILL INVOLVE THE KIND OF COMPROMISE, BUT WE HOPE THAT COMPROMISE IS NOT INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY OR TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM IT. PRENATAL CARE IS GOING WELL, IT IS NOT A PUBLIC REMEDY BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE REMEDY THAT WE'RE SEEKING, AND BUT, WE, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT, THAT IT IS WELL ON TRACK, AND WE HOPE TO COME BACK TO YOU AND CELEBRATE THAT WIN, AS WELL, WITH YOU. SO, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS, AND ASKING ALL THE RIGHT QUESTIONS THAT BEN IS ASKING, AND HOW DO WE INTEGRATE THOSE, AND HOW DO YOU OPERATIONALIZE THOSE INTERNALLY, AND ALSO, CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND THE COMMUNITY, ITSELF, TO DRIVE THOSE CHANGES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE MORE THING, I THINK WHAT, WHAT THE OREGON HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE REPRESENTS, AND A LOT OF THE WORK THAT I THINK THAT WE'RE DESCRIBING, A LOT OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DESCRIBING, AND IT'S HAPPENING HERE IN THE COUNTY, ARE REALLY MODELS FOR THE FUTURE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, THAT I THINK IS SO EXCITING ABOUT THAT ALLIANCE IS THAT, IS THAT IT'S INTERCULTURAL, AND IT'S INTER-RACIAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL, AND THESE ARE, THESE ARE PARTNERSHIPS THAT, THAT HAVEN'T ALWAYS EXISTED, THESE ARE

PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE FORMING TO, TO HAVE COLLECTIVE POWER, AND THAT IS, IS FINDING COMMON AGENDAS, AND IS, IS MOVING WORK THAT REALLY BENEFITS BOTH FOLKS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE, SO, I JUST -- I AM IMPRESSED WITH, WITH THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING AND, AND IT GIVES ME SUCH GREAT HOPE FOR, FOR KIND OF HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD IN OREGON, AND KIND OF LEADING THE NATIONAL MODELS AROUND THE WORK. SO, WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY, OTHERWISE, WE --

>> I HAVE A COUPLE COMMENTS. I WANTED TO SAY THE OFFICE DID THE EQUITY LENS TRAINING, AND WE DID THE PRECURSOR TO IT, AND WE, WE TOOK AN HOUR TALKING ABOUT SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS, IT WAS REALLY AN EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE, BETTER THAN I HAD HOPED, AND I'VE BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE OF IT SINCE, SINCE THE BEGINNING. AND SINCE COMMISSIONER McKEEL STARTED MULTNOMAH COUNTY APPRECIATION DAY TODAY, EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY TODAY, JUST OFF THE CUFF, I WANT TO SPREAD AND SHARE THE LOVE WITH BEN DUNCAN. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO, TO SPEND TWO HOURS DRIVING BACK AND FORTH TO SALEM WITH BEN IN THE CAR, AND SO, WE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN, AND, AND YOU ARE JUST, YOU ARE SO SMART AND PASSIONATE, AND YOU ARE SO COMMITTED, AND YOU ARE FABULOUS, AND AGAIN, WE ARE JUST, JUST REALLY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANKS.

>> MR. CHAIR?

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: I WANTED TO SAY THAT, I AM SURE THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH BEDBUGS, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

>> OUR RELATIONSHIP IS ABOUT MORE THAN BEDBUGS.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: SO MUCH MORE. AND I WANTED TO, TO -- I WANTED TO COMMENT AND THANK THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR, FOR A STUDY THAT CAME TO MY ATTENTION, NOT TOO LONG AGO, WHICH WAS DONE QUITE SOME TIME AGO AND, AND WHICH DESCRIBES THE, THE, THE, THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PEOPLE WHO, WHO PENETRATE INTO THE, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AGAIN, IT'S KIND OF A THEME FOR TODAY, BUT BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE DISPARATE REPRESENTATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE OVERREPRESENTED, IN THE, IN THE INCARCERATED POPULATION AND, AND NATIONALLY, STATEWIDE AND, AND IN OUR COUNTY. IT IS, IT IS DEPRESSING, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT, THAT, THAT HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT SHOWS THE HEALTH

OUTCOMES FOR THOSE, THOSE INDIVIDUALS, ALSO, ARE, ARE POOR, SO, YOU KNOW, THE SYSTEM REALLY OPERATES AS, AS A WHOLE, AND I APPRECIATE THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS, IS FOCUSING ON THAT, AND I DO BELIEVE THAT, THAT WHEN WE FOCUS ON THESE ISSUES, WE CAN MAKE THEM MOVE. BUT FIRST WE HAVE GOT TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS, SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK WITH THAT AND, AND, AND LITTLE STEPS. WE'RE MAKING LITTLE POSITIVE STEPS. I WANT TO THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR, FOR, FOR PROVIDING US WITH, WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE COMMUNITY IS WORKING ON, ON THIS HEALTH CARE ISSUE.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AS WELL. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I REALLY, I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED ON THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS. I THINK THAT IT'S AN IMPORTANT TOOL THAT WE HAVE, AND I CARRY THOSE LITTLE CARDS WITH ME ALL THE TIME. I HAVE, ACTUALLY, SPOKEN TO TWO OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT SOME PROJECTS AND, AND, YOU KNOW, KIND OF LOOKING AT THE COST, YOU KNOW, VERSUS THE BENEFITS AND, AND I HAVE ASKED THEM, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LOOKING AT THIS THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS? IT GIVES YOU A WHOLE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, ASK A WAY TO PRESENT THE, THE PROJECT, AS WELL. AND, AND SO, I AM JUST REALLY ENCOURAGING OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO, TO GET INVOLVED WITH, WITH A LOOK LIKE THIS THAT, THAT WE HAVE HERE, SO, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> I ALSO WANT TO ECHO HOW PROUD I AM OF THIS WORK, AND THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, COMMISSIONER SMITH. YOU STILL WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION, SO TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN. THANK YOU, BEN AND ALBERTO FOR THE GREAT PRESENTATION. I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO KICK OFF APRIL AS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH, AND IT'S ALSO A, A POWERFUL WAY TO CONSIDER OUR DECISIONS ABOUT PRIORITIES AND POLICY AS WE GO FORWARD THROUGH THE BUDGET CYCLE. I AM GOING TO PUT ANOTHER PLUG IN TO FURTHER EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH I REALLY VALUE MINORITY HEALTH MONTH. I AM GOING TO BE HOSTING A BRING YOUR DAD TO THE DOCTOR DAY EVENT HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT'S GOING TO BE ON APRIL 18, AND APRIL 25 FROM 1:00 TO 5:00. THE BOARDROOM. BUT WHAT I AM ASKING IS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BRING THEIR DADS, AND THAT WOULD BE YOU, BEN AND, AND ALBERTO, YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING YOUR DAD, AND GET SOME SCREENINGS, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS, WEIGHT SCREENINGS, BMI, JUST TO GIVE A SNAPSHOT OF WHERE YOU ARE BECAUSE BLOOD PRESSURE IN YOUR WEIGHT, IT TELLS THE TALE ABOUT MANY THINGS. SO, I JUST WANT TO KEEP THAT ON THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD. AND BEFORE COMMISSIONER KAFOURY

LEAVES, I WANT TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2013, NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. ARE YOU GOING TO BE HERE FOR THIS, OR --

>> OK.

>> Commissioner Smith: [COMMISSIONER SMITH READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.] AND DO WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE ON IT?

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] AND OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS APPROVED. NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANKS. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH. [APPLAUSE]

>> R-10.

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVE.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVING OF R-10.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR PRESENTERS TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. THIS ITEM WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE HEARD ON MARCH 28, BUT WE DID NOT HAVE A BOARD MEETING SO WE ARE BRINGING IT FORWARD, AND RECOGNIZING THE THOUGHT IS, IS NO, NO -- THE THOUGHT THAT IT'S NO LONGER MARCH MEANS THAT, THAT IT DOES, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE JUST HEARD ABOUT IT. BUT, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THIS, AND TODAY WE HAVE TWO GREAT PRESENTERS WHO ARE HERE TO INFORM US ABOUT COLORECTAL CANCER AND, AND THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY. MICHELL BAKER, SHE CO-FOUNDED THE STEVE BAKER COLORECTAL CANCER ALLIANCE IN 2008, WITH HER SISTERS MARCIA, MICHELL AND ANDREA IN HONOR OF THEIR FATHER, MR. STEVE BAKER, IN OCTOBER 2012, AND SHE WAS NAMED THE BILLY [INAUDIBLE] PUBLIC HEALTH GENIUS IN THE, AND THE MERGING LEADER CATEGORY LAST YEAR, AND YEAH. EXCUSE ME. AND JOINING HER TODAY TO PRESENT IS TOM FOELLER, HE IS A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND WILL TALK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES AS A COLORECTAL CANCER SURVIVOR. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US, AND TAKE IT AWAY, LARISHA.

>> THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE, AND ESPECIALLY I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND ALWAYS BEING SUCH A HUGE SUPPORTER. AND I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION BEN, I HAVE HAD THE HONOR

OF WORKING WITH HIM FOR A WHILE, SO, I ECHO HIS, HIS -- EVERYTHING SAID ABOUT HIM. HE'S ABSOLUTELY AWESOME.

>>> OK. SO, AS YOU MAY KNOW, COLORECTAL CANCER IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW CANCERS THAT CAN BE PREVENTED THROUGH THE USE OF SCREENING TESTS. COLORECTAL CANCER REMAINS THE THIRD MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER AND THE SECOND MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS FOR ALL MEN AND WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES. EACH YEAR, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES ARE LOST TO THIS DISEASE. DESPITE THESE STAGGERING NUMBERS, COLORECTAL CANCER IS ONE OF THE MOST PREVENTABLE AND BEATABLE FORMS OF CANCER, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S CAUGHT EARLY. WIDER USE OF SCREENING TESTS COULD SAVE MORE THAN HALF OF THESE LIVES. WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN OUR COUNTY TO FIGHT THIS DISEASE BY PROCLAIMING MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGING OUR RESIDENTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST TO COLORECTAL CANCER. THEY CAN DO SO BY SPEAKING WITH THEIR DOCTOR ABOUT GETTING SCREENED AND SPREADING THE WORD THE DISEASE IS PREVENTABLE, TREATABLE AND BEATABLE AND WEARING AND/OR DISPLAYING THE COLOR BLUE STAR, WHICH IS -- I HAVE ONE ON. I THINK WE ALL HAVE ONE ON. AND I BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU GUYS, TOO. JUST IN CASE YOU WANT ONE. IT REPRESENTS ETERNAL MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO COLORECTAL CANCER AND, AND IT'S ALSO THE, THE SHINING STAR OF HOPE FOR FUTURE BEING FREE OF THIS DISEASE. I TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON TWO WEEKS AGO ALONG WITH MY TWO SISTERS, MARCIA AND MICHELL, AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS FROM OREGON, ONE BEING TOM, WHICH IS MY STAND-IN DAD AT TIMES. AND ANOTHER FROM PORTLAND, DOUG, BUT HE'S NOT HERE TODAY. THIS IS MY FIFTH YEAR TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON TO, TO PARTICIPATE AND FIGHT THE COLORECTAL ANNUAL CALL ON CONGRESS. WE ASKED THE SENATORS AND THE KERRY TOMLINSON AND WOMEN FOR THEIR CONTINUED AND INCREASED RESEARCH FUNDING SUPPORT, ALSO SUPPORT FOR REMOVING, REMOVAL OF THE COLONOSCOPY, SCREENING BARRIERS, AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE CDC COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM. WE ARE BENEFITING FROM THAT HERE IN OREGON. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE ATTENDED, THE CALL ON CONGRESS REPRESENTATION FROM THE NORTHWEST HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE, AND THIS YEAR, AS OREGON CONSTITUENTS, AS WE PLANNED OUT THE MEETINGS TO GO SPEAK WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES, WE ALL TALKED ABOUT SHARING A PIECE OF OUR OWN PERSONAL STORY. ALL OF OUR STORIES PUT TOGETHER GAVE A WELL ROUNDED PICTURE OF, OF DIFFERENT STORIES OF HOW WE HAVE ALL BEEN AFFECTED BY COLORECTAL CANCER AT DIFFERENT ANSWER AND WHAT THOSE OUTCOMES HAVE BEEN FOR US. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD, I LOST MY FATHER TO COLON CANCER SIX YEARS AGO AT THE AGE OF 56. HE'S THE REASON WHY I BEGAN DOING WHAT I'M DOING AND WHY I'M ON THIS JOURNEY RIGHT NOW, AND HE, ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER FRIENDS THAT I HAVE MET AND THE ONES THAT I HAVE LOST ALONG THE

WAY, ARE THE REASON WHY I CONTINUE TO DO WHAT I'M DOING. I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS SCREENINGS AND EARLY DETECTION, AND WHILE WE HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS, THERE STILL IS MUCH LEFT TO BE DONE, AND TOGETHER, WE CAN ALL BEAT THIS, THIS THROUGH, THROUGH HAVING CONVERSATIONS, AND WE CAN CONQUER IT ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME, SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TOM.

>> GOOD MORNING. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT I'M A CLACKAMAS COUNTY RESIDENT. DON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST ME. AND I'VE BEEN REAL IMPRESSED LISTENING TO THE BOARD'S QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS THE AUDIENCE, THE PROFESSIONALISM, THE ENTHUSIASM, AND IT REALLY IMPRESSES PLEA. I AM INVOLVED IN A LOT OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND I DON'T SEE THAT LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP CURRENTLY. OR ENLIGHTEN 4789, I MIGHT ADD, BUT I AM HERE TO TELL MY STORY, JUST ONE OF THE STORIES OF MORE THAN A MILLION OF US, COLORECTAL CANCER SURVIVORS AT THIS POINT, WHO HAVE BENEFITED DRAMATICALLY FROM IMPROVED RESEARCH AND GROWTH, 15 YEARS AGO THERE WAS ONE DRUG THAT TREATED COLORECTAL CANCER, NOW THERE IS 15. BUT, MY STORY WAS A SAD STORY, AS I WORKED 18 YEARS DOWN THE STREET HERE AT BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION, BEING BUSY WITH SUPERVISORY AND MANAGERIAL DUTIES, AND I HAD HEARD THAT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME SORT OF A TEST THAT MAY BE YOU SHOULD HAVE AT SOME JUNCTURE DEALING WITH BOWELS. I NEVER KNEW WHAT IT WAS, SO AT 59, I WENT IN TO, TO GET AN ANNUAL PHYSICAL, AND I ASKED MY DOCTOR, WHO HAD NEVER BROUGHT THIS UP BEFORE, ISN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT I AM SUPPOSED TO HAVE? AND HE SAID WELL, ARE YOU HAVING SYMPTOMS? WELL, NOT NECESSARILY, A LITTLE OLDER, I DON'T EAT RIGHT, AND THAT SORT OF THING, I DON'T EXERCISE ENOUGH. AND HE DID A QUICK LITTLE BLOOD TEST IN THE OFFICE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY I FOUND OUT, HE FOUND BLOOD IN MY STOOL, AND HAD A COLONOSCOPY SHORTLY THERE AFTERWARDS AND RIGHT OFF THE BAT, I HEARD SOMEBODY IN THE BACKGROUND SAY OH, SO I FIGURED SOMETHING WAS UP. AND ANYWAY, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 3 RECTAL CANCER AT THAT POINT. SUBSEQUENTLY I HAD TO GO THROUGH A YEAR OF HARROWING STREAM, A COUPLE OF CANCER REGIMENS, AND RADIATION, A COUPLE OF SURGERIES, AND I ENDED UP RETIRING EARLY, AND LUCKILY I WAS ABLE TO DO THAT. THIS WAS NOT GOING TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH WHAT I WAS DOING, AS A SUPERVISOR AT BONNEVILLE POWER, AND BUT AGAIN, I AM ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SCREENED AT 50, OR, OR IF I WAS AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AT 45. OR HAD A HISTORY OF, OF PROBLEMS. SO, IT WAS NOT ON MY SCREEN, AND IT WAS NOT ON MY DOCTOR'S SCREEN. NOW, WITH THE HOPE, THE FOCUS, OF, YOU KNOW, YOU FOLKS, THE BAKER SISTERS AND OTHER ADVOCATES, YOU KNOW, JUST BY DECLARING SOMETHING LIKE MARCH AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, AND YOU HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE LIVES AND SAVE MONEY AND, AND I COULD HAVE, HAVE STAYED IN PRODUCTION, YOU KNOW, TWO TO FIVE YEARS LONGER AND, AND MY, MY HEALTH CARE COSTS WERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, WHICH COULD HAVE, HAVE, HAVE BEEN SAVED AND, AND, AND THIS DISEASE DOES NOT HAVE TO AFFECT THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT IT DOES. AGAIN, WE HAVE HEARD ESTIMATES, 60 TO 90% OF THE COLORECTAL CANCER CASES COULD BE, ARE PREVENTIBLE. THANK GOODNESS WE HAVE GOT SOME GOOD, GOOD, AGAIN, GOOD RESEARCH AND GOOD DRUGS AT THIS POINT. AND, AND SO, AGAIN, I APPRECIATE YOU, YOU CONSIDERING MARCH AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, AND I WOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE A LITTLE BEHIND. WE'RE IN APRIL NOW, BUT WE DEAL WITH THE BEHIND ALL THE TIME. SO, WE'RE, WE'RE USED TO THAT. I JUST MIGHT ALSO SAY QUICKLY THAT, THAT, THAT YOU HAVE GOT SOME TERRIFIC ADVOCATES HERE WITH THE BAKER SISTERS. THEY ARE FUN TO BE WITH, AND I LOVE TO GO TO CONGRESS AND INTRODUCE MYSELF AS TOM BAKER, AND PEOPLE LOOK AT ME JUST REAL QUICKLY, AND I SAID I'M JUST KIDDING, BUT I FEEL LIKE I'M PART OF THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY. THEY ARE A PLEASURE TO BE WITH, AND THEY ARE GREAT ADVOCATES IN THIS COMMUNITY, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: THAT WAS VERY INSPIRING TESTIMONY, AND THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT, AND IT'S CRITICAL BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR THE MESSAGE FROM MY FRIENDS AND OUR FAMILIES AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND [INAUDIBLE]

Chair Cogen: I WILL START THIS TIME BECAUSE I DON'T USUALLY. I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD, COMMISSIONER SMITH, THIS IS A REALLY APT TYPE OF PROCLAMATION TO MAKE BECAUSE SUCH A, A BIG PART OF ADDRESSING COLORECTAL CANCER IS PREVENTING IT BY SCREENING IT BY TESTING UP FRONT. SO, IT IS A MESSAGE THAT PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, BUT I THINK THAT HEARING YOUR STORIES AND JUST RAISING THE PUBLIC AWARENESS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE ARE DOING IT, EVEN IF IT IS NO LONGER MARCH. COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK YOU ARE DOING, AND, AND YOU HAVE HEARD MY STORY BEFORE, BUT MY FATHER DIED OF COLON CANCER AT AGE 51, AND, SO I BELIEVE IN THE, THE SCREENINGS, AND I HAVE HAD SEVERAL MYSELF. AND I TALK TOO ALL MY FRIENDS ABOUT GETTING THEIR SCREENINGS BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT. ACTUALLY, I HAD A FRIEND APPROACH ME ONE DAY AND SAY, OK, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I GOT MY COLONOSCOPY BECAUSE YOU NAGGED ME SO MUCH ABOUT IT. I SAID, IF THAT WORKS, GREAT. THAT'S FINE WITH ME. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MR. CHAIR, I, TOO, HAVE A STORY WITH, WITH A HAPPY ENDING. AND, AND THAT IS THAT, THAT MY HUSBAND RETIRED AFTER, AFTER A LENGTHY CAREER AS AN ELECTRICIAN AND, AND, AND IN 2010, AND HIS, HIS DOCTOR SUGGESTED THAT SINCE IT WAS KIND OF A BANNER YEAR, THAT HE SHOULD ALSO HAVE A COLONOSCOPY. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET BECAUSE IT WAS AN ELECTION NIGHT PARTY, HAVING SOMEONE COME UP TO ME AND, AND LOOK AT MY HUSBAND ACROSS THE ROOM AND SAY, IS HE ALL RIGHT? HE'S ACTING KIND OF FUNNY. AND I LOOKED AT HIM, AND I SAID OH, OF COURSE HE'S, OF COURSE, HE'S ALL RIGHT. AND GETTING IN THE CAR AFTER THE PARTY AND SAYING, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT COMMISSIONER McKEEL GOT THE BRUNT OF THIS BECAUSE THE NEXT DAY, I WENT ROLLING INTO HER OFFICE UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT RELATED AT ALL, AND STARTED OFF, AND BROKE DOWN AND SAID, MY HUSBAND HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH COLON CANCER. SO, HE HAD SURGERY, AND THE TEST WAS, WAS, I MEAN, IT'S AN AMAZING TEST. COMMISSIONER McKEEL HAD A STORY THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO SHARE WITH ME. SO, I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAD EVER BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS DIAGNOSIS OR BY HAVING TO WALK IN THAT DOOR, WHICH IS, WHICH IS A REALLY HORRIBLE -- THE CANCER DOOR. IT'S A TERRIBLE DOOR TO WALK INTO. I APPRECIATE YOU TELLING YOUR STORY. IT'S BEEN TWO PLUS YEARS, AND I AM FINALLY ABLE TO TELL THIS STORY BECAUSE IT'S NOT VERY PLEASANT, BUT AGAIN, IT HAS A VERY HAPPY ENDING. AND THE FACT THAT, THAT IT DOES, IS I THINK, ENCOURAGING TO PEOPLE TO GO IN AND BE TESTED BECAUSE I THINK PART OF THE REASON SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T GET TEST IDEA IS THEY ARE AFRAID THAT THE TEST IS, IS GOING TO BE POSITIVE. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY. IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. SOME OF THEM ARE QUIET.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. WOULD YOU CARE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Smith: YES, THANK YOU. [COMMISSIONER SMITH READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED AND MARCH WAS AND IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

>> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: I DIDN'T GIVE THE OTHER BEAUTIFUL BAKER SISTERS A CHANCE TO TALK. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO SAY?

Ms. Larisha Baker: WELL, NOW, JUST THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR, FOR SHARING YOUR

STORY. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, AND SO IT WAS VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR SHARING THAT, IT'S A HARD THING TO GO THROUGH, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL, WE WERE HERE BEFORE WITH LARISHA A YEAR AGO, AND YOU WERE ALL VERY SUPPORTIVE THEN, AND THANK YOU FOR, FOR SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US TODAY. IT WAS POWERFUL, AND THAT'S WHAT, WHAT -- THAT'S WHAT GETS PEOPLE ONBOARD, ARE THE PERSONAL STORIES, AND THAT'S WHAT GETS PEOPLE OUT THERE TO GET SCREENED, BECAUSE OUR STORY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THEIR STORY SO IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING TO HEAR YOUR STORY AND TO ALSO HAVE TOM WITH US, ALONG THE WAY, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD AGENDA. WE HAVE TIME RESERVED FOR ANY COMMISSIONER WHO MAY HAVE NON AGENDA ITEMS THEY WANT TO SHARE.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: I HAVE A REQUEST. I WANT TO SAY THAT BOB WOULD LOVE TO WEAR A BLUE STAR.

Chair Cogen: EXCELLENT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS? HEARING NONE, AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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