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Bruce Warner
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Dear Bruce:

It has come to our attention that passage of Multnomah County Resolution 07-129 "Authorizing The City of Portland's Tax Exemption Programs Administrated By The Portland Development Commission" on June 28th, 2007 has been understood to create a de facto moratorium on the acceptance of applications for City of Portland/PDC Tax Abatement Programs. Simply put, this was not our intent.

After reviewing the language of the resolution and the context in which it was publicly presented, we wish to clarify that the intent of the Board was to ensure the continuation of all active abatement programs during the study period and to avoid any disruption to applicants. We remain committed to working with PDC to gather information for further study.

We are confident that with sufficient time and analysis, any necessary improvements or changes to the program can be made in an open and transparent manner without jeopardizing prior commitments. We look forward to working with our partners at the City of Portland and PDC to continue the success of these and other programs.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
Multnomah County Chair

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