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Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County Commission
501 SE Hawthorne
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Dear Commissioner Linn:

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries hereby states its unanimous support of the recommendations of the Morrison Property Task Force presented to the Multnomah County Commission hearing on November 23, 2004.

The OCHC is fully aware of the historic integrity of the Lone Fir Cemetery, of its significance in both regional and national historic patterns, and of its value as park like open space in the increasing density of surrounding neighborhoods.

We urge you and your fellow Commissioners to approve the requested six-month period, and to provide staff technical assistance for a sub-committee to develop a community-driven plan for the site of the Morrison Building.

As a Commission we are most willing to support appropriate long-term solutions and will assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Shannon Applegate, Chair
Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Cc: OCHC Commissioners

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