

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, September 11, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Commissioners Jules Bailey, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Vice-Chair Diane McKeel was excused.

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 Kafoury: WE'LL BEGIN OUR MEETING. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

>> Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

>> YES, WE HAVE THREE SIGNED UP. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. IF YOU WILL PLEASE COME UP WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. GOOD MORNING, MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips: YES, I'M PAUL PHILLIPS. I SPOKE HERE SEPTEMBER THE 4th, AND I WAS GOING TO ADDRESS THE FIRST -- THE SAME SUBJECT, DEATH AND TAXES AND -- BEFORE I START ON THAT, I WANTED TO SAY THAT -- A FEW THINGS THAT THE NFL AND RAY RICE, THEY HAD A VIDEO ON THE NATIONAL NEWS THAT SHOWED HIM PUNCHING HIS FIANCE. THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN INVESTIGATION AND THINGS. OF COURSE, SHE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN BLACK AND BLUED FROM THAT, BUT CERTAINLY NO BROKEN BONES, A FRACTURED HIP OR TWO FRACTURES TO HER SPINAL CORD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. INTEGRITY, I WAS ON THE SET -- ON THE INTERNET SITE THAT'S ADDRESSED AS PVA.ORG, AND THAT IS A WEB SITE THAT IS FOR PARALYZED

VETERANS OF AMERICA. AND THE REASON WHY I WENT THERE WAS BEN AFFLECK, THE ACTOR, WAS MENTIONING ON A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT, 30-SECOND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE IS 50,000 PARALYZED VETERANS SINCE THE WAR STARTED IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. AND HE'S THE ONLY MAN THAT I'VE EVER HEARD OF IN THE UNITED STATES THAT'S COME OUT WITH THAT. AND I'M SURE THAT HE GOT HIS FACTS RIGHT. THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE. I'D READ ON THE INTERNET THAT THERE IS BETWEEN SOMEWHERE AROUND 200,000 SPINAL CORD INJURIES, THEY SAY, BUT WHAT THE CDC REPORTING AT THEIR WEB SITE, IF A PERSON GOES TO THE CDC.GOV AND USE THEIR SEARCH ENGINE, TYPE IN SCI, STANDING FOR SPINAL CORD INJURIES, USE THE SPACE BAR AND TYPE FACT, F-A-C-T, AND USE THE SPACE BAR AND TYPE SHEEP, S-H-E-E-P, IT WILL COME UP WITH A BRIEF REPORT OF SPINAL CORD INJURIES. THEY REPORT 12,000 TO 20,000 PEOPLE A YEAR WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES. THAT'S WHAT A SPINAL CORD INJURY IS. AND THEY GIVE OTHER FACTS ABOUT THAT, AND WHAT BEN AFFLECK IS SAYING THAT THERE IS 50,000 VETERANS THAT'S BEEN PARALYZED SINCE THE WAR STARTED IN 2000. THAT CERTAINLY WOULD BLOW THE WHOLE THEORY OF ONLY THERE BEING 200,000 SPINAL CORD INJURIES. WITH HIM MENTIONING 25% OF THE POPULATION THERE ARE VETERANS OF THAT 200,000. I'M SURE THAT THERE IS PROBABLY MORE THAN 500,000 PARALYZED PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. AND, OF COURSE, I'M ONE OF THEM NOW.

>> Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I HAVE GIVEN YOU A WRITTEN STATEMENT TODAY, WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR ME, BUT -- AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO GO OVER SOME OF THE POINTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT OF THIS STATEMENT IS THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW AN ASPIRATIONAL DROP-OFF CENTER. THE WORD ASPIRATIONAL IS BEING USED BY THE CITY AND NOT SO MUCH HERE IN THE COUNTY. BUT THE COUNTY HAS A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN SETTING UP MEDICAL FACILITIES, EVEN WITHIN THE CITY. SO, WHAT WE'RE REALLY ASKING YOU TO DO IS TO INSIST THAT THE CITY TAKE IT OUT OF THE ASPIRATIONAL LEVEL, AND ACTUALLY CREATE A DROP-OFF CENTER THAT IS FUNCTIONAL. RIGHT NOW, THE PORTLAND POLICE ARE NOT USING ANYTHING. THEY TAKE PEOPLE TO JAIL. A PERFECT EXAMPLE TO SHOW YOU IS WHAT HAPPENED ON I-84 JUST A WEEK AGO. THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, THAT WAS IN THE SYSTEM, THAT EVERYBODY KNEW WAS IN TROUBLE, THAT WAS ON I-84 OFF RAMP. THE POLICE RESPONDED AND THEY SHOT HIM WITH A SHOTGUN. THEY DIDN'T KILL HIM. THEY SHOT HIM WITH A SHOTGUN. AND I DON'T THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO WOUND HIM, BECAUSE YOU DON'T USE A SHOTGUN TO WOUND SOMEBODY. YOU USE A SHOTGUN TO KILL THEM. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE A WEEK AGO. ABOUT A WEEK AFTER JUDGE SIMON SIGNED OFF ON THE AGREEMENT. SO, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. WE NEED THESE DROP-OFF CENTERS. WE NEED THE PEOPLE TRAINED TO DEAL

WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE HAVING NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS, AND IF YOU READ THE HISTORY OF THIS GUY, THIS GUY IS A CLASSIC -- HIS MOTHER DIED, HE WAS IN THE SYSTEM BEFORE THAT. HE GOT AHOLD OF SOME METH AND OFF HE WENT. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO TAKE THAT PERSON IN A SAFE MANNER AND GET HIM TO -- PROFESSIONAL HELP. NOT SHOOT HIM WITH A SHOTGUN AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO. WE SHOOT FIRST AND WE ASK QUESTIONS LATER. AND IN THIS CASE, HE SURVIVED BECAUSE THE COP MISSED. JUST CAUGHT HIM. SO, THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING YOU. IT'S GOING TO COME BACK AND BITE YOU. THIS THING HAS TO BE RESOLVED. THE CITY IS JUST SCREWING AROUND OVER AND OVER AND OVER. AND NOT JUST FROM ME, BUT FROM THE FEDERAL JUDGE, FROM THE BENCH HE TOLD THEM THAT. SO, YOU HAVE TO HELP. YOU HAVE TO -- WHEN YOU'RE IN THESE MEETINGS WITH THE CITY, SAY, HEY, MAN, WE HAVE TO HELP THESE PEOPLE AND NOT SHOOT THEM. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. WE ALL BE SILENT FOR A MOMENT AND REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED 13 YEARS AGO ON 9/11, MANY INNOCENT CITIZENS AND FIRST RESPONDERS WHO PASSED AWAY TRYING TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE AND ALSO SOME OF US FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE SILENCE FOR THE WAY THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS REALLY FAILED TO HONOR THOSE DEATHS BY GIVING US SOME PROCEDURES WITH TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR INTERVENTION IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, THAT DIDN'T REALLY IMPROVE LIFE IN AMERICA IN THE WAY-- AND HONOR THOSE DEATHS. LET'S HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO PASSED 13 YEARS AGO. CERTAINLY THEY DESERVE A LONGER MOMENT BUT THERE WILL BE MORE ACTIVITIES AROUND OUR COMMUNITY TODAY. A LESS DRAMATIC CRISIS IS FACING US, IF YOU BELIEVE IN SCIENCE. IT DOESN'T INVOLVE AIRPLANES BEING CRASHED INTO TOWERS AND THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT DEATHS, BUT BASICALLY OUR GREEDY SELFISH HABITS, ESPECIALLY IN THE WESTERN WORLD WHERE WE LOVE TO DRIVE CARS AND BURN COAL, ARE PUTTING THE LIVES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, OUR CHILDREN, CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD, AT RISK OF FAMINE AND OTHER CLIMATE CATASTROPHES. SUNDAY, THE 21<sup>st</sup> OF SEPTEMBER, PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE RALLYING TO REMIND OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS THAT THEY'RE NOT ELECTED TO HELP CORPORATIONS GET THE BEST SCORE OF PROFITS FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER THAT GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE ELECTED TO PRESERVE HEALTHY LONG-TERM FUNCTIONING SOCIETIES. I WANT TO INVITE YOU COMMISSIONERS AND ALL OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN PEOPLE FROM THE SIERRA CLUB, 350.ORG RALLYING SOUTH OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE, WHERE WE HAVE THE BLUES FESTIVAL AND WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES. IF YOU CAN JOIN US AT 3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, THE 21<sup>st</sup>, TO -- A LARGE CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE REAL SCIENCE THAT POLLUTION CO 2 EMISSIONS ARE AT RECORD

LEVELS BECAUSE OF HUMAN ACTIVITY, ALMOST INDISPUTABLY, 91% TO ONE, TWO, THREE PERCENT CAUSING CHANGES IN OUR CLIMATE AND EVEN THE WAY WE LIVE IN PORTLAND WITH A LOT OF FRESH WATER AND HIGH UP FROM THE SEA LEVEL, IT'S AGRICULTURAL PATTERNS ARE DISRUPTED, THEN THINGS ARE NOT GOOD. SO, AGAIN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH, SUNDAY, THE 21st, 3:00 P.M., SOUTH OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> R-1, PORTLAND RESIDENTIAL LIMITED TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-1. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, I'M RANDY WALRUFF. I HAVE WITH ME TWO GUESTS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I WILL LET THEM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

>> GOOD MORNING. ANDREA MATTHIESSEN

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M GLORIA ALSO WITH THE HOUSING BUREAU.

>> I WILL GIVE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION, CITIES COUNTIES LARGER THAN 300,000 POPULATION CAN IMPLEMENT WHAT'S CALLED A MULTIFAMILY, TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT LOW INCOME HOUSING PROGRAMS. CITY OF PORTLAND HAS THIS PROGRAM AND HAVE HAD IT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IN THAT PROGRAM, ONLY ALLOWED TO FORGIVE THE TAXES THEY WOULD LEVY UNLESS TAXING DISTRICTS THAT REPRESENT MORE THAN 51% OF THE LEVIED TAXES JOIN IN WITH THEM. MULTNOMAH COUNTY MAKES THAT MARK FOR THEM. AND WE JOINED IN WITH THEM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IN 2012, THE PROGRAM WAS MODIFIED AFTER A NUMBER OF MEETINGS BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS. I BELIEVE -- MAY HAVE BEEN ON THAT COMMITTEE, AND THEY TOOK A BIG LOOK AND THAT IS WHAT THEY CALLED IT THE BIG LOOK, AND FROM THAT WE HAD THE RESOLUTION IN 2012 THAT STILL WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, PUT A BOUNDARY AROUND THE PROGRAM, \$1 MILLION IN FORGONE REVENUE. THE CITIES LIVED BY THAT. THIS YEAR THEY CAME TO US AND WE HAVE THREE GREAT PROJECTS AND THEY'RE HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THOSE. IT WOULD EXCEED THE \$1 MILLION. YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION IN FRONT OF YOU TO EXCEED THAT \$1 MILLION, ONE-YEAR ONLY FOR THESE PROJECTS, AND IN -- FROM THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, \$210,000. WE'RE LOOKING AT

\$1.2 MILLION, NOT \$1 MILLION IN FORGONE REVENUE. OF THAT \$1.2 MILLION, EXCESS OF THE \$210,000 -- INCLUDING THE LIBRARY, \$21,250. YEAR ONE. OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM, \$220,000 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IN ANOTHER GONE -- FORGONE REVENUE. I WILL LET OUR GUESTS TELL YOU ABOUT THE PROJECTS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND I CAN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, TOO.

>> THANKS FOR HAVING US HERE. I'M GOING TO HAND THE FLOOR OVER TO DORI, BUT BEFORE I DO THAT, I JUST WANTED TO SAY ONE THING ABOUT KIND OF THE MUTUAL PRIORITY THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE WITH REGARD TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND WE'RE ALL WATCHING PRIVATE MARKET DEVELOPMENT TAKE OFF IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE ALL STRUGGLING TO CREATE KIND OF A CORRESPONDING AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO MEET THE DEMANDS AND NEEDS OF OUR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. MULTIUNIT, LIMITED TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE TOOLS THAT THE CITY HAS TO DO THAT, ALONG WITH THE CASH INVESTMENTS THAT WE HAVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND, SO, WITH THIS REQUEST, WE KIND OF CALCULATED THAT THE ADDITIONAL 200,000 INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL AND FORGONE REVENUE WOULD GENERATE 38 ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE UNITS AT 60% MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME OVERALL. WITH THAT, I WILL LET DORI ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE THREE SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

>> I ASSUME YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO OVER EVERY DETAIL NECESSARILY, BUT I WILL SHARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU. THERE ARE THREE PROJECTS AS WERE MENTIONED. THEY'RE DIFFERENT, ALL OF THEM. ALL WITHIN THE -- CLOSER IN TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. FIRST ONE I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT, THE RIVERSCAPE LOT ONE PROJECT, WHICH IS IN THE RIVER DISTRICT, URBAN RENEWAL AREA, NORTH END OF THE PEARL DISTRICT AREA, WITHIN PORTLAND, ALONG THE FRONT. IT IS A SIX-STORY PROJECT THAT WILL CONTAIN 149 RESIDENTIAL UNITS. NO COMMERCIAL COMPONENT PROPOSED AT THIS POINT. ALL THREE OF THE PROJECTS ARE AMENITY RICH, AND THIS ONE INCLUDED AND IT WILL ALSO BE INCREASING A PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO THE WATERFRONT WALKWAY, WHICH IS A POSITIVE THING AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM, EQUITY, COMPONENTS, EFFORTS FOR -- LESS ADVANTAGED POPULATIONS FOR THOSE AFFORDABLE UNITS AND WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING ACCESSIBILITY IN UNITS, AND THIS PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR, IS GOING TO BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ADA UNITS ABOVE THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AS WELL AS SOME ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES, MEANING THAT THERE WILL BE DESIGN FEATURES OF THE PROJECT THAT MAKE IT MORE USER-FRIENDLY TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS. ALL THREE OF THE PROJECTS WILL BE BUILT TO LEED STANDARDS, MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF THE PROGRAM, THAT THERE IS ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENTS. AND I'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT PROJECT THEN, WHICH IS --

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> SURE.

>> I DID READ, BUT JUST NOW --

>> OKAY.

>> SO, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS. FIRST I'M -- I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME ONE, RIVERSCAPE LOT, THE ONE YOU WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT, 149 APARTMENTS TOTAL.

>> CORRECT.

>> Comm. Shiprack: AND IT SAYS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO PROVIDE PARKING WITHIN THE COST OF RENT FOR THE AFFORDABLE UNITS, SO THAT WON'T BE A PART OF THE MFI RENT CALCULATION THEN?

>> CORRECT. THAT IS HOW THE DEVELOPER HAS PROPOSED IT.

>> SO, THE DEVELOPER IS PROPOSING 149 APARTMENTS TOTAL, AND HOW MANY AFFORDABLE UNITS?

>> THERE IS A TOTAL OF 38 AFFORDABLE UNITS.

>> Comm. Shiprack: OKAY. OKAY. SO, THERE WILL BE A REMAINING 100 OR SO PARKING SPACES FOR THE NON-ASSISTED RENTERS IN THE BUILDING. IT SOUNDS LIKE A REALLY NICE SITE, AND IT HAS A RIVER VIEW FOR THE PEOPLE UP ON TOP. I'M CURIOUS WHAT WILL THE RENTS BE, HAS THE DEVELOPER DISCUSSED THAT WITH YOU, IS THAT PART OF THEIR PRO FORMA THAT THIS PROVIDED TO YOU? ARE THEY MULTI-BEDROOM RENTAL UNITS?

>> YES, THEY ARE. I DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE RENTAL INFORMATION IN FRONT OF ME. THAT WAS SHARED IN THE WRITE-UP SHARED PREVIOUSLY. THE OTHER UNITS ARE WELL WITHIN MARKET RATE AND THE AFFORDABLE UNITS ARE A COMBINATION OF 60% AND 80% MFI. THERE IS -- AND THE UNIT MIX OF AFFORDABLE UNITS FOR ALL OF THE PROJECTS NEED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIT TYPES. SO THEY CAN'T BE LOADED JUST ON THE STUDIOS, FOR INSTANCE. THIS PROJECT IS INCLUDING 39 STUDIOS, 80, ONE-BEDROOM AND 30 TWO-BEDROOM UNITS AND THERE WILL BE AFFORDABLE UNITS IN EACH OF THOSE UNIT TYPES.

>> Comm. Shiprack: WHERE I WAS GOING, MY CONCERN, OUR TAX EXEMPTION, THE TOTAL ONE, NOT THE AMOUNT OVER THE LIMIT THAT WE ESTABLISHED

TO OURSELVES TO APPLY TO THESE PROJECTS JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, BUT THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR TAX EXEMPTION AND THAT CONTRIBUTION THAT WE MAKE INTENTIONALLY TO AFFORDABILITY GOES TO THE AFFORDABLE UNITS ONLY, AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO MEASURE THAT.

>> SO, THE -- THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM ALLOWS THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE PROJECT FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF THE UNITS, NOT JUST THE AFFORDABLE UNITS, AND THEN ANY ASSOCIATED RESIDENTIAL PARKING. AND SO THE LAND IS STILL FULLY TAXABLE AND THEN ANY PARTICULAR COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS ARE TAXABLE AS WELL, AND THEN IT IS LIMITED TO THE 10 YEARS, AND AFTER 10 YEARS, ONLY ABILITY FOR A PROJECT TO APPLY TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION WOULD BE FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS.

>> Comm. Shiprack: THIS IS MY REQUEST. THIS IS A REALLY BLUNT INSTRUMENT THAT WE'RE APPLYING. AND WE JUST WENT THROUGH A REALLY, REALLY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL TIME, AND FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE THEY'RE STILL IN THAT REALLY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL TIME. THE UNRESTRICTED MARKET RENT WITH UTILITIES FOR TWO BEDROOM UNASSISTED EXCEPT FOR OUR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, UNASSISTED, IS -- IT'S A DIFFICULT FIGURE FOR ME TO INTERPRET. IT SAYS \$2,365 OR \$2,477, AND I FIGURE IF YOU APPLY THE LENS OF HUD'S, YOU KNOW, ONE THIRD OF YOUR AVAILABLE INCOME, THAT THAT NEEDS TO GO TO A FAMILY THAT CAN LIVE COMFORTABLY IN A TWO-BEDROOM UNIT SO, A SMALL FAMILY, THAT EARNS IN THE RANGE OF \$7 TO \$8,000 A MONTH GROSS. SO, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY CONSERVATIVE. AND I AM JUST A LITTLE WRANGLER THAT OUR INSTRUMENT, THIS IS A POLICY DISCUSSION IN THE LONG VIEW, AND RANDY, TAKE NOTES, BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED THAT OUR INSTRUMENT IS SO BLUNT THAT WE MAKE A SACRIFICE OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND TO ASSIST OUR RENTERS WHOSE INCOME IS \$8,000 A MONTH IN THAT VICINITY.

>> AND SINCE WHAT WE'RE REALLY ALLOWING WITH THE PROGRAM IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE IS RATHER THAN THERE BEING ONLY RENTS THAT THE MARKET SUPPORTS RIGHT NOW IN SUCH A HOT RENTAL MARKET SUCH AS THIS, WE'RE ABLE TO IN THIS NICE PROJECT, THEN HAVE 38 UNITS WHICH WILL BE AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE AT 60 TO 80% MFI, INSTEAD OF \$80,000 A YEAR. THERE IS FAMILIES THAT CAN EARN A LOT LESS AND STILL BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE.

>> Comm. Shiprack: AND WHAT I'M SUGGESTING, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I REALIZE THAT YOU ARE AT A NEGOTIATING DISADVANTAGE WITH DEVELOPERS WHO COME TO THE TABLE AND SAY WELL, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE TO DO ANY OF THIS. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING FROM MY POSITION AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IS A KIND OF A SWITCH, WHICH IS A SWITCH IN THE POWER OF NEGOTIATING AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING STOCK FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO REALLY DO NEED HOUSING, AND FOR WHOM THIS

BOARD IS MAKING A SACRIFICE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE SACRIFICE -- AND THIS IS A SACRIFICE TO OUR GENERAL FUND. BY THE WAY, WE TAKE CARE OF A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE BELOW 80%, BELOW 60%, BELOW 30% OF MFI. I'M JUST SUGGESTING AS POLICYMAKERS, WE NEED TO SHARPEN UP OUR PENCILS A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN HAVING ONLY AT OUR DISPOSAL THIS VERY BLUNT INSTRUMENT THAT BENDS OUR ARMS AND SAYS IF YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST US -- I MEAN, IT'S THE WE HAVE TO -- THE DEVELOPER. THAT IS THE ONLY OTHER QUESTION -- SORRY I HAVE TAKEN UP SO MUCH OF OUR TIME -- MY ONLY OTHER QUESTION, LET'S TAKE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE DEVELOPER FEE THAT SHOWS IN THE PRO FORMA FOR THIS PROJECT?

>> I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION WITH ME RIGHT NOW. I DON'T HAVE THE FULL PRO FORMA IN FRONT OF ME BUT I CAN FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU WITH THAT.

>> Comm. Shiprack: IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC RECORD THAT WE HAVE CONTRAST AND COMPARE ANALYSIS BETWEEN THE SACRIFICE THAT THE PUBLIC IS BEING ASKED TO MAKE AND THE BENEFIT THAT THE PRIVATE MARKET IS RECEIVING.

>> THERE IS A REQUIREMENT CURRENTLY WITH THE MULTI-PROGRAM DURING THE 10 YEARS OF THE EXEMPTION BASED ON PRO FORMAS UP FRONT, DEVELOPER'S RATE OF RETURN IS CAPPED AT 10%, AND THERE ARE CLAW BACK PROVISIONS IN PLACE IF OVER THE 10 YEARS OF THE EXEMPTION THAT RATE OF RETURN EXCEEDS THAT AMOUNT, IN WHICH CASE THEN EITHER AFFORDABILITY WOULD BE EXTENDED OR A PORTION OF THE TAXES THAT WERE EXEMPT WOULD BE PAID BACK BY THE DEVELOPER.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF HOUSING EXPERTS IN THE ROOM. I KNOW THE RATE OF RETURN AND DEVELOPER FEES ARE TWO DIFFERENT ANIMALS ENTIRELY AND, YOU KNOW, OVER THE PERIODS IN ALL OF THESE PROJECTS, THIS IS A -- SOMETHING OVER \$10 MILLION PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO THREE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, AND ALL THAT I'M ASKING, AND THIS BOARD HAS ASKED THIS QUESTION BEFORE. WE ASKED IT DURING OUR BUDGET SESSION. WE ASKED FOR A BUDGET BRIEFING ON HOW MUCH THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING? I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AREA OF CONTRIBUTION. I GUESS MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION -- PLEASE DON'T FEEL -- THIS IS NOT ABOUT -- THIS IS KIND OF ABOUT US. AND I WANT TO REALLY, YOU KNOW, KEEP ON US ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE THIS QUESTION IS FOR THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WHAT VALUE AS REFERENCED TO OUR MISSION, WHICH IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE DEVELOPERS OR PEOPLE WHO EARN OVER \$8,000 A MONTH. WHAT VALUE DO WE RECEIVE TOWARDS OUR MISSION FOR OUR \$10 MILLION CONTRIBUTION,

AND THAT IS -- IS THAT THE BEST WE CAN DO OR SHALL WE SIT DOWN AROUND THE TABLE AND DO BETTER?

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

>> MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> Comm. Smith: THE DEVELOPER, ARE THEY GOING TO BE THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS OR ARE THEY GOING TO SELL IT?

>> THEY CERTAINLY COULD TELL IT, AT SOME POINT DURING THE 10 YEARS. SO AT THIS POINT WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE THE OWNER/OPERATOR TO BEGIN THE PROJECT. BUT IT CERTAINLY IS POSSIBLE THAT IT COULD SELL.

>> Comm. Smith: AND, SO, TO PIGGY BACK ON COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK'S QUESTION, THE MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT FEE IS ABOUT 6% AND IT CAN GO FROM 6% UPWARDS. SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT THESE ARE ONLY GOING TO BE FOR RENT, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CONDO THEM OUT, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE SOLD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

>> THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AN EXEMPTION IN THAT SITUATION.

>> Comm. Smith: OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

>> Chair Kafoury: DO YOU WANT TO BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE OTHER TWO?

>> ABSOLUTELY. THE SECOND PROJECT TO DESCRIBE IS BLOCK 67, WHICH IS PART OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE HEAD DEVELOPMENT, JUST EAST OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE IN THE CENTRAL EAST SIDE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. IT IS A LARGE PROJECT AT 284 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE A MIXED-USE COMPONENT WITH GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 57 UNITS AVAILABLE AT 60% OR BELOW OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, WHICH IS ACTUALLY BELOW WHAT THE REQUIREMENT OF THEM IN THIS AREA WOULD BE, WHICH THEY COULD QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM UP TO 80% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF AMENITIES, INCLUDING GATHERING SPACE, AS WELL AS TAKING OVER SOME MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH AN ADJACENT PROPERTY. THEY ARE BUILDING ALSO AS LEED PROJECT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, AND WILL HAVE STRUCTURED PARKING WITHIN THE PROJECT. IT'S VERY BIKE-FOCUSED PROJECT BASED ON WHERE IT IS, AND IS THE ONLY PROJECT WE HAVE SEEN WITHIN THAT CLUSTER OF RAMPANT DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW THAT HAS BEEN WILLING TO EXPLORE

THE PROGRAM, SO WE'RE PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT IT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT BLOCK 67?

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. YOU SAID EARLIER THIS WILL LAST FOR 10 YEARS. SOMETHING WE CAN PUT IN PLACE RIGHT NOW SO YOU HAVE THE FOLKS 60% AND 80%, IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS CAN SAY THESE ARE MARKET RATE. DO WE HAVE SOME SORT OF PROVISION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY TO ACTUALLY MOVES THESE FOLKS IN AN AFFORDABLE UNIT. IF YOU ARE IN THE 60 PERCENTILE OR EVEN THE 30 PERCENTILE, THE LIKELIHOOD THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE UP PAST THAT IS PROBABLY NOT THAT LIKELY. DO WE HAVE ANY MECHANISM TO HELP THEM AFTER THE 10 YEARS?

>> WE DO HAVE THE PORTFOLIO WITHIN OUR ASSET MANAGEMENT AREA, SO IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT WE CAN REACH OUT TO THEM AND PROVIDE CONTACTS TO OTHER POSSIBLE RENTAL SITUATIONS. THERE IS NO FORMAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE AT THIS TIME.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION FOR RANDY.

>> Chair Kafoury: CAN SHE FINISH GOING THROUGH THE THREE PROJECTS QUICKLY. THESE QUESTIONS SEEM TO BE MORE GENERAL.

>> THE THIRD PROJECT, BLOCK 8-L, IN THE OLD TOWN, CHINATOWN AREA, WHICH IS DOWNTOWN, WATERFRONT, URBAN RENEWAL AREA. THIS IS A MIXED-USE PROJECT. SIX STORIES, ONLY TWO OF THAT WILL ACTUALLY BE RESIDENTIAL. ONLY THE TAX EXEMPTION WOULD BE APPLYING TO THE TWO FLOORS, WHICH IS A TOTAL OF 59 UNITS, AND THERE WILL BE -- THERE WILL BE 16 THAT ARE RESTRICTED AT 80% OR BELOW OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. THE PROJECT WILL HAVE RENTAL SPACE FOR OFFICE, OFFICE USE, AS WELL AS IT ALREADY HAS A CONTRACT IN PLACE FOR COMMERCIAL TENANT WITH AN ARCHITECT ON ONE WHOLE FLOOR, AND PLANS TO ALSO HOUSE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON MASTERS OF BUSINESS PROGRAM THERE. THEY'RE ALSO DOING SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY TO INCREASE AN EASEMENT, AND WILL ALSO HAVE SHARED GATHERING SPACE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ALSO GOING TO FEATURE LEED ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN BUILDING. THERE IS NO PARKING ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, WHICH ISN'T THE REQUIREMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER FOR THE MULTI-PROGRAM, AND THIS IS PROPERTY THAT'S BEING PURCHASED FROM THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THROUGH A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

>> Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK --

>> Comm. Shiprack: YES, MY QUESTION FOR RANDY.

>> YES, MA'AM.

>> Comm. Shiprack: MY QUESTION IS, I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THIS, AND LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I KNOW THAT THE BOARD HAS ASKED AND THE AUDITOR HAS PREPARED A, YOU KNOW, PACKAGE OF OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS ALL OF THE APARTMENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I'M HOPING THAT PART OF THAT IS A SNAPSHOT AND A PROJECTION OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING TAX ABATEMENTS, AND WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED AND WHAT THE BENEFITS TO OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MISSION ARE FROM THOSE QUESTION MARK.

>> I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO MENTION THAT IN OUR STAFF MEETING AND MEETING WITH OUR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER THE OTHER DAY, I DISCUSSED THAT. WE KICKED THIS OFF ALREADY DUE TO SOME OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR POLICY AND CHANGE IS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL EXEMPTIONS, AND TO VALUE THEM AND THE TAX ABATEMENT SO THAT WE CAN PERHAPS PRESENT TO YOU WHAT DO THESE PROGRAMS, WHAT DO THESE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS COST? IN THIS PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR, AND I AM NOT SURE THAT IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE CITY, APPRAISAL STANDPOINT, WITH AND WITHOUT THE MARKET RENTS, AND TAKE AN ANALYSIS OF HERE IS THE REDUCED RENT, HERE IS THE MARKET RENT AND DUMP ALL OF THAT INTO A SPREADSHEET. WHAT IS THE CURRENT DISCOUNTED VALUE OF THAT OVER THE TEN YEARS COMPARED TO THE TAXES BEING ABATED AND GIVE A SIMPLE PICTURE OF THE TWO SIDE BY SIDE. ARE YOU ABATING \$100,000 IN TAXES TO GET \$80,000 IN RENT REDUCTION, OR IS IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND? WHAT'S YOUR RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT? I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE, BUT WE EVERY SUMMER HAVE OUR COLLEGE COUNTY INTERN PROGRAM AND WE BRING IN SOME REALLY SMART PEOPLE AND WE PICK PROJECTS FOR THEM TO DO TO HAVE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THIS TO ME IS ONE OF THEM. SO I HAVE ALREADY STARTED THE CONVERSATION WITH STAFF. I THINK I WAS TELLING YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, THE OTHER DAY, SO YOU'RE RIGHT ON WHAT WE WERE THINKING THE OTHER DAY. AND I THINK DORI OR ANDREA MENTIONED EARLIER, COMMISSIONER SMITH'S QUESTION, AFTER THE 10 YEARS, UNITS THAT THEY KEEP IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING CAN STAY EXEMPT?

>> THE AFFORDABLE UNITS.

>> THE AFFORDABLE UNITS. THE DEVELOPER CAN APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION. THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE THEY WILL. IF YOU HAVE 20 UNITS OUT OF 100 THAT ARE AFFORDABLE, THEY CAN CHOOSE TO STAY IN THE PROGRAM AND KEEP THOSE UNITS TAX EXEMPT AND WE WORK A LOT WITH CITY ON TRACKING ALL OF THE UNITS ON THOSE PROJECTS THAT DO EXPIRE AFTER THE 10 YEARS.

>> ANDREA, DID YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS?

>> I WANTED TO SHARE WITH COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND COUNCIL SHARES YOUR CONCERNS AND HAVE BEEN ASKING VERY SIMILAR QUESTIONS ABOUT IS THIS THE BEST TOOL AND IS THERE SOME OTHER WAY THAT WE COULD OR SHOULD BE BUYING DOWN RENTS GIVEN THE VALUE OF THE FORGONE REVENUE COMPARED TO THE DISCOUNTED RENTS? WE HAVE STARTED THAT ANALYSIS ALREADY. WE WOULD EXPECT RANDY TO HELP US ROUND THAT OUT WITH HIS SOPHISTICATED ANALYSIS AS WELL.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THIS IS MY CONCERN. I THINK THAT THIS IS WORTH A LOT MORE WORK AND A LOT MORE FOCUS THAN OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE BROUGHT. NOW, YOU KNOW, EVIDENTLY THE CITY COUNCIL HAS BROUGHT, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO VOTE YES ON THIS, BUT I HAVE REALLY SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT OUR POLICY, AND I GUESS IT SOUNDS LIKE THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED YES ON THIS ALSO WITH SERIOUS RESERVATIONS AND WE SIGNED OURSELVES UP TO \$10 MILLION WORTH OF SERIOUS RESERVATIONS, AND I'M NOT AT ALL HAPPY THAT THAT IS WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES, AND I HONESTLY DO THINK THAT THIS IS THE BEST ARGUMENT FOR INCLUSIONARY ZONING THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER BOARD QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. I WANTED TO SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUES THAT I THINK THIS IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT OUTCOME FROM THE BIG LOOK THAT WE HAD A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHERE THE COUNTY IS BEING ASKED TO CONSIDER PROJECTS BASED ON THEIR MERIT AND MOVING FORWARD, WHEREAS IN PRIOR YEARS, WE HAVEN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CONVERSATION AT ALL. BY PUTTING THE MILLION DOLLAR CAP ON THE DOLLARS THAT WE WILL FORGO, WE ARE ALLOWING -- INVITING OURSELVES INTO THE CONVERSATION, WHICH HOPEFULLY SINCE THESE FOLKS, WHO ARE GOING TO BE RECEIVING THESE -- THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- THERE ARE FOLKS THAT WE KNOW AND WE SEE AND WE HELP IN OTHER LINES OF OUR BUSINESS. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND THAT I APPRECIATE RANDY'S AND THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FURTHER DELVE IN TO SEE THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BUY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE KNOW THAT IT'S NECESSARY. WE KNOW THAT THESE 111 UNITS WOULD NOT BE HAPPENING WERE IT NOT FOR THE TAX DOLLARS THAT WE'RE GOING TO FORGO, BUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A CHEAPER WAY TO GET THOSE UNITS IS REALLY SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOOK AT. PUBLIC COMMENT, SORRY. GO AHEAD.

>> MR. LIGHTNING AND MR. JOHNSON, PLEASE COME FORWARD. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I'M WITH LIGHTNING RETHINK LAB. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE ON THIS TYPE OF PROJECT IS THAT MAYBE THIS IS FROM MY OWN POSITION, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE WHEN WE'RE HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT THE DEVELOPERS NAMES ARE MENTIONED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND WHY I SAY THAT, I ASSUME, AND I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE DATA THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ON THE PRO FORMAS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF THE INFORMATION HERE AT THIS TIME, SO I OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO HAVE IT ALSO, BUT I ASSUME THAT A LOT OF THE PEARL DISTRICT DEVELOPERS, AND IF WE'RE USING THE DEVELOPERS, THE HOYT STREET DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, I'D LIKE CERTAIN NAMES THROWN OUT HERE BECAUSE THROUGHOUT THE MARKET YOU'RE HAVING A LOT OF ISSUES ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, A LOT OF THE DEVELOPERS NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THAT AREA. AND ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE ON THIS IS THAT IF THEY DO RESELL THIS, THEN I ASSUME THEY JUST PAY BACK THE TAXES THAT THEY MAY OWE AND THE EXEMPTION IS NO LONGER THERE. SO, THE PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN THOSE UNITS, I ASSUME, WOULD JUST HAVE TO MOVE BECAUSE THEIR RENTS WOULD GO UP TO MARKET RATE. IF I'M INCORRECT ON THAT, I DO APOLOGIZE, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT IS KIND OF THE WAY IT SOUNDS. IF THERE IS A SALE AS SOMEONE MENTIONED IN THE NEXT TWO, THREE YEARS, WHAT IS THE PROTECTION TO THOSE RENTERS? IS THERE SOMETHING THAT SAYS, NO, EVEN IF THEY SELL, YOU WILL STILL BE LOCKED IN FOR THE 10 YEARS, AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO MOVE AND YOU WILL HAVE THAT LOWER RENT AT THAT TIME. I'M CURIOUS IF THAT IS EVEN IN THE AGREEMENT. WHEN WE ARE TALKING THIS 10-YEAR LIMITED KEEP IT AFFORDABLE, WHY DON'T WE KICK IT UP TO 20 YEARS AND KEEP THAT SAME VALUE ON THE EXEMPTION? IS THERE NEGOTIATING ROOM TO KICK THAT UP EVEN MORE YEARS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPER? AND I ASSUME THEY ARE NOT GOING TO WANT TO DO THAT. A COUPLE OF OTHER ISSUES I HAVE, WHEN WE'RE TALKING AFFORDABLE UNITS, AGAIN, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE NUMBERS ON WHERE THOSE RENTS WOULD BE PLACED. AND I THINK THAT IS A REAL IMPORTANT ISSUE AT THIS MEETING IS TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING, IF YOU'RE TALKING UNITS WELL OVER 1,000, WHICH I ASSUME THAT IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING HERE, THAT IS NOT AFFORDABLE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE. SO, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS REAL CLOSE. AND MY ONLY LAST CONCERN ON THIS IF THE DEVELOPERS -- WE SAID FORGET IT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THAT EXEMPTION. YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY'RE STILL GOING TO BUILD THIS BUILDING ANYWAY. THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT. I DON'T THINK THEY NEED THE EXEMPTION. IT'S COMING OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. AND THIS IS JUST MORE ICING ON TOP OF THE CAKE, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, THEY'RE GETTING A LOT OF EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER THINGS ON THIS AT THIS TIME ANYWAY, AND I LOOKED AT A BUILDING IN OLD TOWN, CHINATOWN, THE DEVELOPMENT FEE THAT WAS BROUGHT UP TODAY WAS A GREAT POINT. THEY WERE MAKING A \$2 MILLION DEVELOPMENT FEE ON A PROJECT AND THEY WERE USING \$6 MILLION SUBSIDIZED TO DO THIS

PROJECT, AND THE BUILDING, WHEN IT WAS DONE, WAS WORTH \$10 MILLION AND THEY WERE SPENDING \$16 MILLION ON THE PROJECT, AND YET THEY STILL GOT A \$2 MILLION DEVELOPMENT FEE. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THESE TRANSACTIONS VERY CLOSE AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF THESE DEVELOPERS, YOU KNOW YOU CAN BUILD IT WITHOUT THESE EXEMPTIONS, YOU KNOW IT IS GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THEIR GENERAL FUND. JUST DEVELOP THE PROPERTY WITHOUT IT. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. AND I HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS TO WHAT MR. LIGHTNING RAISED. I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUMMARIZE OVER THE ISSUE. BASICALLY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UPPING THE EXEMPTION AND I BELIEVE YOU COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE SAYING, OH, THIS IS A NICE THING. WE WILL FORGO \$200,000, A QUARTER MILLION IN REVENUE. AND THAT'S NOT TOTALLY UNREASONABLE. OBVIOUSLY WHEN YOU WALK THE STREETS OF OUR CITY, THERE IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS, BUT I THINK THERE SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICITNESS ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHES AND THE BASIC TRUTH THAT MR. LIGHTNING PUT FORTH IS THAT THESE DEVELOPERS HAVE ALREADY SOLD THESE DEALS TO THEIR FINANCIERS. NOW, THE FINANCIERS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE LISTENED TO SOME CONJECTURE ABOUT OH WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO STRONG ARM THE COUNTY OUT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. WE COME UP HERE AND WE SAY THINGS LIKE BLOCK 67 BURNSIDE BRIDGE -- LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, ASSOCIATED PROJECT OF THE KEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. WHY DON'T THEY JUST TELL EVERYBODY THAT IS PART OF THE PUBLIC, THIS IS THE OLD ERICKSON SALOON. IT'S DONE. IT'S WORKING. YOU CAN DRIVE BY AND LOOK AT DOZENS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS MAKING A MESS BETWEEN 3rd AND 2nd -- IF YOU VOTE NO, IT IS NOT GOING TO STOP. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BACK UP AND GO AWAY. MORE MONEY WILL COME INTO THE COUNTY COFFERS. I UNDERSTAND SOME PRESUMPTION AND WORK THAT MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET ARE DOING GOOD THINGS. ONLY WAY THINGS ARE GETTING DONE RIGHT NOW SO WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE THAT. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR TRYING TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THIS AND GETTING GREATER CLARITY IN OBTAINING THE BEST VALUE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG PEOPLE WILL TRACK THIS, HOW LONG PEOPLE IN THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND DEED'S OFFICE AND TAX ASSESSOR ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND EXTRA MAN HOURS PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TRANSFER OF THESE PROPERTIES AND SO ON. THERE IS ALSO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, PROBABLY NOT IN THE AREA OF \$200,000 THAT WE ARE GIVING AWAY FROM THE GENERAL FUND, BUT I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU, BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO RAISED YOUR VOICES, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK TO

FIND A WAY WHERE WE DON'T HAVE THIS BUSINESS OF DEVELOPERS FINANCE A PLAN AND THEN COME IN AND CONVINCED THE COUNTY STAFF AND VARIOUS PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE, SO LET'S GO TWIST SOME EXTRA MONEY. IT REALLY DOESN'T CREATE PUBLIC HOUSING. IT JUST REALLY CREATES INCOME ENHANCEMENTS FOR THESE DEVELOPERS WHO MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE THOSE INCOME ENHANCEMENTS, AND REINVEST THEM IN OUR COMMUNITY. OR THEY MAY GIVE BONUSES TO THEIR STAFF. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES. THEY HAVE SHARES. THEY MAY JUST BUY NEW BMWs WITH THEM WHICH DOES STIMULATE THE ECONOMY, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE STREET, SEE THE 3,000 PEOPLE SLEEPING THERE WITH SOMETIMES NO MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, YOU KNOW, USUALLY SINGLE MEN OR SINGLE WOMEN BUT FAMILIES ARE A MAJOR CONCERN HERE AND MAKE SURE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DROPPING \$200,000 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, WE ALSO SPEAK ABOUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS IN THE MARKET AND TOTAL DEMAND AND HOW WE'RE FAILING TO MEET THAT NEED. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED? RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU, RANDY.

>> R-2, PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2014 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS --

>> I WOULD LOVE TO KICK THIS OFF. GOOD MORNING. I'M GLAD THAT THE BOARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND THERE IS LIKE A SAD PART AND A HAPPY PART OF THIS STORY. I WILL GET THE SAD PART OUT OF THE WAY FIRST AND THEN WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE HAPPY PART. THE SAD PART IS THAT MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AFFECT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS OUR COUNTY. AND THAT THOSE DISORDERS DON'T DISCRIMINATE. THEY IMPACT MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RACES AND ETHNICITIES AND ACROSS ALL ECONOMIC CLASSES. THEY AFFECT FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND COWORKERS, AND IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO HELP. SO, THE GOOD NEWS IS IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE RECOGNIZE SUCCESS, AND THAT WE TAKE SOME TIME TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS, AND THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE COURAGE THAT IT TAKES TO STAND UP AND MAKE THE CHANGE THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY

HAVE MADE AND TO STAY ON THE PATH OF RECOVERY, AND THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND MAKE CLEAR TO THE COMMUNITY THAT TREATMENT WORKS AND ALSO THAT WE PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN RECOVERY, BECAUSE IF PEOPLE FEEL ALONE OR ISOLATED, IT'S REALLY LESS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL SEEK OUR HELP. SO, THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S RECOVERY MONTH IS JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY. SPEAK UP AND REACH OUT AND THERE ARE SOME VOICES JOINING US THIS MORNING.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, AND GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I WILL START WITH INTRODUCTIONS.

>> I'M TONY, OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR A NONPROFIT, FOURTH DIMENSION, AND I'M ALSO IN RECOVERY.

>> PATTI KATZ WITH MANY HATS. ONE IS THE BOARD CHAIR FOR HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE PROJECT AND ANOTHER I SERVE ON THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY.

>> I'M GINGER MARTIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE.

>> SO, I WAS 17 YEARS OLD WHEN I WAS SENT OFF TO TREATMENT. IF YOU CAN IMAGINE WHEN PEOPLE ARE SENT OFF TO TREATMENT, MY LIFE WAS NOT GOING TERRIBLY WELL, BUT THE TIME -- EVEN THOUGH MY LIFE WASN'T GOING WELL, THE THOUGHT OF BEING CLEAN AND SOBER SOUNDED EVEN WORSE. I HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT RECOVERY LOOKED LIKE, NO IDEA WHAT WAS WAITING FOR ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS THING. WE SEE THE CONSEQUENCES AND SEE -- BUT WE DON'T SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF IT. WHEN PEOPLE GET CLEAN AND SOBER, THEY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY BECOME LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND GIVING BACK, BUT IT IS KIND OF -- IT IS NOT VISIBLE. AND WE DON'T SEE THAT PART OF THE ADDICTION PROCESS. SO, ONCE I GOT IN THE RECOVERY, I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET HOOKED UP WITH THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY AND GOT, YOU KNOW, INVOLVED IN DANCES AND EVENTS AND, YOU KNOW, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND THAT KIND OF STUFF. ALL OF THAT STUFF WAS AVAILABLE TO ME BECAUSE THIS RECOVERY COMMUNITY IS WAITING OUT THERE, KIND OF INVISIBLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO COME INTO IT AND TO KIND OF SPREAD THAT CONTAGION OF RECOVERY. SO, THE TWO PEOPLE I HAVE SITTING NEXT TO ME HERE, AND -- ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY DID AND THEIR OPENING THAT COMMUNITY UP TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, THOUSANDS OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND SO THIS IS -- THE RECOVERY MONTH IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THAT. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO TONY.

>> THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOUR TIME. I'M THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR A LOCAL NONPROFIT, THE 4th DIMENSION. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH THAT IS CLEAN AND

SOBER. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION DOWN IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND, AND WE FACILITATE DANCES AND, YOU KNOW, HANGOUTS. WE HAVE -- WE HOST LIKE A MULTITUDE OF MEETINGS EVERY WEEK, FRIDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE AAA MEETING, OVER 100 YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW UP THERE SEEKING RECOVERY AND SEEKING CHANGE. I CAN'T HELP BUT BE MOVED BEING IN THIS ROOM AND MY GRATITUDE FOR THE REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS. I WAS ABLE TO -- GET MY LICENSE BACK BECAUSE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY GED PROGRAM. I WAS ABLE TO GET MY GED, 12 CREDITS PCC START MY COLLEGIATE CAREERS IN A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. PRESIDENT OF THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PCC. NONE OF THIS STUFF WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP THAT I WAS AFFORDED. AND, SO, TRYING TO SWING THAT BACK AROUND TO WHAT WE'RE DOING AT THE FOURTH DIMENSION, INDIVIDUALS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO SEEING A NEED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE HANGING OUTSIDE OF MEETINGS TO HAVE A PLACE TO -- THERE IS NOT A LOT OF PLACES TO GO WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG. KICK BACK AND DO WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE DO. SOCIETY TAUGHT US GOING OUT AND PARTYING, IDEOLOGIES OF HAVING FUN AND MONEY THAT KIDS GET FORCED INTO BELIEVING AND THEY SEEK OUT. THERE WASN'T ANYWHERE FOR KIDS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND -- FOURTH DIMENSION STARTED THIS GRASS ROOTS ORGANIC PROCESS AND IT CONTINUED TO EVOLVE SINCE THEN AND NOW WE'RE SHIFTING UP AND GOING UP TO MOVING TOWARD PROVIDING A SERVICE -- INTEGRATED PEER MENTORSHIP FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY, A KEY INGREDIENT IN CHANGE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN WITH A PEER MENTOR, GET THEIR GED, GO TO COURT WITH THEM. ANYONE WHO GOES TO TREATMENT, YOU GO TO TREATMENT AND GET SENT BACK TO THE SAME ENVIRONMENT YOU WERE AT AND YOU MIGHT HAVE GATHERED SOME SKILLS, BUT SOMETIMES YOU NEED MORE THAN THAT AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL, ME, MYSELF, I NEEDED MORE THAN THAT, AND BECAUSE OF THE INTEGRATION -- REINTEGRATION-LIKE PROJECTS, I WAS ABLE TO FIND LONG-TERM CHANGE, FOCUS AT VOA TO FIND PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO CONNECT WITH AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND THROUGH THAT PROCESS I WAS ABLE TO BUILD THOSE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE PROVIDED VIABILITY FOR MY LIFE. AGAIN, I -- THANKS FOR BEING HERE. I LEFT SOME PAMPHLETS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON THE BACK TABLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GRAB BACK. WE ARE HERE TO GATHER MORE SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, PATTI KATZ -- EVERY TIME I GET HERE I CRY IN FRONT OF YOU GUYS. THAT HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE. I AM A WOMAN IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY, WHAT THAT HAS DONE FOR ME, IT HAS BROUGHT MY FAMILY BACK. IT HAS GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT AT THIS TABLE, AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY BEFORE, BUT IT WAS AT 1120 SOUTHWEST THIRD 97204 -- IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW, THAT'S THE JUSTICE CENTER. RECOVERY HAS BROUGHT MY FAMILY BACK TO ME, AND I HAVE

THREE GRANDCHILDREN WHO HAVE NEVER SEEN -- I'M VERY EMOTIONAL TODAY BECAUSE TODAY IS SEPTEMBER 11th. AND I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING A LOT ON WHAT HAPPENED. I'M IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MY RECOVERY. BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH, AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES, WHAT IT TOOK FOR ME, AND I WAS IN MY ADDICTION FOR 14 YEARS AND I WAS TOTALLY NUTS DURING THAT WHOLE TIME. AND I WOULD GO TO TREATMENT, I WOULD GO TO JAIL, I WOULD GO TO PRISON, AND I WOULD COME BACK TO LIKE TONY SAID WHAT I ALWAYS HAD BEFORE. WHAT IT TOOK FOR ME TO GET INTO RECOVERY AND STAY IN RECOVERY IS I FOUND A MENTOR WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO LIVE ON THE OUTSIDE WITHOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. I DID A LOT OF VOLUNTEER WORK. I HAD A SPONSOR THAT SAID, YOU KNOW, THERE WERE SOME THINGS THAT I DIDN'T GET CAUGHT FOR, BUT IN MY RECOVERY PROGRAM, IT SAID THAT I HAD TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL OF THE THINGS THAT I HAD DONE, AND SO SHE GAVE ME A LITTLE TIME SHEET, AND GAVE ME A VIRTUAL \$25 AN HOUR, AND SO EVERY HOUR I VOLUNTEERED IN MY COMMUNITY, I GOT TO MARK THAT OFF ON MY CALENDAR. IT TOOK 5 1/2 YEARS TO PAY BACK MY COMMUNITY IN VOLUNTEER WORK. AND DOING THAT VOLUNTEER WORK IT CHANGED MY LIFE AND CHANGED HOW I DO BUSINESS IN MY COMMUNITY. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WITH THE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION PROJECT, AND A COUPLE OF PEOPLE IN RECOVERY, WE DECIDED TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH. THE FIRST YEAR WE HAD 200 PEOPLE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GAVE US THE BRIDGE AT 6:00 A.M. THEY SAID, YOU WANT TO PUT DRUG ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS ON THE BRIDGE -- COMMISSIONER CRUZ AT THAT TIME SHE CAME ON THE BRIDGE WITH US. AND NEXT YEAR, 500 PEOPLE. AND THE NEXT YEAR, 1,000 PEOPLE. AND THE NEXT YEAR -- LAST YEAR WE HAD MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE. WE HAVE WORKED REALLY HARD TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IT IS ALL VOLUNTEER, AND, YOU KNOW, I THANK THE COUNTY SO MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS YEAR AND I HOPE THAT WHAT -- WHEN WE FOCUS MORE ON RECOVERY, WE HAVE TO HAVE RECOVERY SUPPORT TO MAKE ALL OF US BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY AND OF OUR STATE. I-- WE HAVE 150 VOLUNTEERS -- WE HAVE MORE THAN THAT, IF YOU COUNT WASHINGTON -- THAT MAKE THIS EVENT HAPPEN EVERY YEAR. IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE IF WE CAN ORGANIZE AND MOBILIZE THESE VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE SOMETHING WITH A LITTLE MORE DEPTH WHEN NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IS OVER. SO, RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES, I THINK, IS REALLY IMPORTANT. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE. AND I SO APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THIS COUNTY FACILITY VERSUS 1120 SOUTHWEST THIRD. THANKS.

>> WE LIKE HAVING YOU HERE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M GINGER MARTIN FROM COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND I JUST WANTED TO LEND MY VOICE TO THE CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY AND MAKING RECOVERY VISIBLE. THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. IN MY WORLD OF CORRECTIONS, ADDICTION IS VERY VISIBLE, AND RECOVERY BECOMES INVISIBLE. AND YET THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHANGED OUR LIVES AND ARE FULL CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND WE NEED TO ALSO RECOGNIZE THOSE FOLKS AND CELEBRATE THEIR VISIBILITY.

>> Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? SORRY, COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

>> Comm. Bailey: I JUST WANT TO COMMEND EACH OF YOU THAT HAS GONE THROUGH RECOVERY. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS PROBABLY HARDER THAN I COULD EVER IMAGINE. I WANT TO SALUTE YOU ON YOUR BRAVERY FOR BEING WHO YOU ARE AND ALLOWING THAT PERSON TO COME OUT AND FOR WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN BACK TO SOCIETY. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR YOURSELF.

>> Comm. Smith: MADAM CHAIR, A QUICK COMMENT. I WANT TO PIGGY BACK ON THAT AND SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO COME AND SHARE YOUR STORIES AND TO BE ABLE TO STAND IN RECOVERY AND BE AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO MAY NOT HAVE THAT COURAGE TO DO WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING BECAUSE IT IS A JOURNEY, AND THE JOURNEY IS OFTENTIMES VERY ROCKY AND IT'S REAL. SO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EVERYDAY THING. I SALUTE YOU AS WELL. THIS IS A BIG DEAL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I WANT TO JUMP ON THE COURAGE BANDWAGON, I WANT TO APPLAUD NOT JUST YOUR COURAGE INTO TAKING THE FIRST STEP TO REALIZING THAT YOU NEEDED HELP AND GOING AND GETTING IT WHICH IS HUGE, IN AND OF ITSELF, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SINCE THEN CONTINUE TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD AND SHOW OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THE OTHER SIDE OF RECOVERY. WHILE IT IS A JOURNEY, THERE -- REALLY GOOD THINGS COME ON THE JOURNEY AND LOOK AT THE BOTH OF YOU AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: WHO WOULD LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

>> SO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS FOR 25 YEARS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH HAS WORKED TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE WORKING TO OVERCOME THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER THROUGH TREATMENT. AFFECTING OREGONIANS OF EVERY RACE, AGE, ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND ALL COMMUNITIES. TREATMENT AND ONGOING SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WITH THESE DISORDERS CAN ACHIEVE HEALTHY LIFE-STYLES AND LEAD REWARDING LIVES AND RECOVERY. 2012 -- MORE THAN 34.1 MILLION ADULTS AGED 18 AND OLDER RECEIVED SERVICES FOR MENTAL DISORDERS. ACCORDING TO 2012 NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE AND HEALTH, ACCORDING TO -- ACCORDING TO 2009, 2010, SURVEY BY THE SAME ORGANIZATION, OREGON WAS HIGHEST -- IN THE HIGHEST 5th OF STATES ACROSS THE U.S. FOR USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS -- WE MUST CONTINUE TO REACH MILLIONS MORE WHO NEED HELP. REAL STORIES OF LONG TERM RECOVERY CAN INSPIRE OTHERS TO ASK FOR HELP AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY. CRITICAL THAT WE EDUCATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS SERIOUS BUT TREATABLE HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS AND TREATING THEM LIKE OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES WE IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. IMPROVE THE -- WE MUST ENCOURAGE RELATIVES AND FAMILIES OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE ORDERS RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF THE PROBLEMS AND GUIDE THOSE IN NEEDS -- MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. WE INVITE ALL RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH WITH ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S THEME, JOIN THE VOICES OF RECOVERY. STEP UP, REACH OUT.

>> Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> Chair Kafoury: OPPOSED? PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION AND THANK YOU FOR -- ON THE 14th, ABOUT 11:30, OUR PROGRAM STARTS AT NOON. SO, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN.

>> R-3, BOARD BRIEFING ON PROGRAMS TO ERADICATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISPARITIES.

>> THAT'S THE BRIEFING. COME ON UP.

>> Comm. Smith: MARY LI, ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE UP HERE?

>> I'M HAPPY TO COME JOIN.

>> Chair Kafoury: JUST GET COMFY, YOU CAN STAY FOR THIS ONE AND THE NEXT ONE.

>> I KNOW.

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>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU, CHAIR. GOOD MORNING. THAT USUALLY IS SOMETHING PEOPLE SAY GOOD MORNING BACK.

>> GOOD MORNING. WE'RE UNDER CAFFEINATED. [LAUGHTER]

>> Comm. Smith: I LOVE THIS JOB, CAN I TELL YOU ALL THAT? AS WE SAY GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE HERE AND MY COLLEAGUES AND INVITED GUESTS, I JUST WANT TO FRAME THIS BRIEFING BEFORE THEY GET STARTED. I AM SO EXCITED AND I'M HONORED TO BRING BEFORE YOU THIS BRIEFING ON TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, COMMISSIONER McKEEL, AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY. A COUPLE OF OTHER PEOPLE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AS WELL AND THEY ARE NOT HERE BUT THEY WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL GETTING US TO THIS POINT. INTERIM CHAIR MADRIGAL, IS SHE HERE? HI MARISSA. AND COMMISSIONER WENDT WHO WAS THE INTERIM DISTRICT ONE COMMISSIONER. THEY ALL HAD A HAND IN TODAY'S BRIEFING. AND TALKING ABOUT HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY. IT WAS A SHORT THREE MONTHS AGO THAT WE, AS A BOARD, AGREED TO PROVIDE \$1 MILLION IN COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS TO ERADICATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISPARITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT WAS INTENDED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT FOLLOW THE FEDERAL PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE MODEL. IN RESPONSE TO A RANGE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISPARITIES IDENTIFIED IN REPORTS DEVELOPED BY PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, AND THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SINCE 2010, COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE PUBLISHED SEVERAL REPORTS DOCUMENTING DISPARITIES IN A WIDE RANGE OF OUTCOMES AND SERVICES EXPERIENCED BY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR LIVING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE BOARD, THROUGH POLICY AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS TAILORED TO THE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC OF EACH COMMUNITY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PROMOTES LONG-TERM IMPACT AND POSITIVE RESULTS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY THROUGH NUMEROUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT THE FRAMEWORK OF ENGAGING IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. UNITED WAY HAS A LONG RECOGNIZED HISTORY OF WORKING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE. TODAY PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES IN

COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED WAY OF THE COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY. COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY, AND, KEITH, I PROMISE TO NOT, YOU KNOW, OVERLY DESCRIBE YOUR STRATEGY.

>> IT'S ALL GOOD, COMMISSIONER.

>> Comm. Smith: BECAUSE YOU CAN DO THAT A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN I. I KNOW THAT THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL BRING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND TO IMPLEMENT THOSE STRATEGIES THAT UNITED WAY HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY IN ERADICATING POVERTY IN THIS COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THE WORK MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOOK TO PROVIDE THE \$1 MILLION RESOURCE DURING THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, AND NOW SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED WAY, WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ADDRESSING POVERTY, EQUITY ISSUES, SCHOOL SUCCESS, RETENTION, AND WORK ON BEHALF OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND YOUTH OF COLOR. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, COMMISSIONER BAILEY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, COMMISSIONER McKEEL, AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING TO BRING THIS FORWARD AND TO BRING COUNTY RESOURCES TO BEAR ON THESE ISSUES THAT ARE VERY GRAVE TO OUR COMMUNITY. KEITH, ANN, JULIA, I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR BRIEFING THIS MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. ANN CURRY-STEVENS, ON FACULTY IN SOCIAL WORK, PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF A NEW CENTER TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY. WE HAVE BEEN BEFORE YOU, AND I TALLIED UP THE NUMBERS OF PAGES THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE 2010, 890 PAGES OF DISTRESS HAVE COME BEFORE YOU. THE STRUGGLES IN OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE DEEP. IN THESE REPORTS, WE HAVE DOCUMENTS 28 DIFFERENT SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS WHERE DISPARITIES ARE PRONOUNCED AND PERVASIVE. YOU HAVE HEARD OUR SYNTHESIS BEFORE, BUT I WILL SAY IT ONE MORE TIME -- WE DIDN'T EXPECT, I, AS A WHITE PERSON IN THIS REGION, DID NOT EXPECT THE DISPARITIES TO BE AS PROFOUND AS THEY HAVE BEEN AND ARE IN EVIDENCE BEFORE YOU OVER THE LAST STRETCH OF YEARS. MANY MEMBERS OF THESE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR FOUND THESE AS NO SURPRISE, AND THAT'S THE GRIFT WITH WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN FACED, AND THE CHALLENGE OF AWAKENING, THE CHALLENGE OF BEING UNSETTLED AND THESE TIMES BEFORE YOU, YOUR RESPONSES HAVE BEEN COMPASSIONATE. YOU HAVE BEEN WILLING TO HEAR THESE DATA. THEY HAVE BEEN HARD TO SIT THROUGH AND LISTEN TO TIME AND TIME AGAIN. WE HAD HOPED TO FIND WHEN WE LOOKED AT SOME OF THESE DATA, WE HAD HOPED TO FIND A PATTERN OF THINGS GETTING BETTER. THAT NATURALLY THESE WERE MORE UNFORTUNATE REMNANTS OF TOUGHER, MORE OVERTLY RACIST ERAS, AND, IN FACT, IN VERY RARE CASES WERE THERE ACTUALLY ANY IMPROVEMENTS

HAPPENING. IN MANY CASES, THINGS WERE DETERIORATING. WE THEN WONDERED HOW THINGS COMPARED HERE TO OTHER REGIONS OF THE USA. AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE A MUCH TOUGHER TIME THRIVING HERE THAN THEY DO ON AVERAGE IN THE U.S., AND A SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE TIME HERE THAN THEY DO IN SEATTLE, IN KING COUNTY, AND FORMER MAYOR SAM ADAMS DID A COMPARISON WITH SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY AND FOUND THAT DATA WAS MUCH WORSE, RACIAL DISPARITIES WERE MUCH WORSE HERE. THE DATA IS ABUNDANT. IF WE SET A TABLE OR CALLED A GATHERING, AND AT RANDOM BROUGHT IN 22 -- SORRY, BROUGHT IN 100 WHITE PEOPLE TO THAT GATHERING, 22 OF THEM WOULD BE LIVING IN LOW-INCOMES AND HAVE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIME PAYING THE BILLS. THAT IS A PRETTY HARSH FACT, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING MANY NORDIC COUNTRIES, SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES HAVE THOSE NUMBERS DOWN TO 2, 3%. IF WE HOSTED THAT SAME GATHERING AND BROUGHT IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IT IS LIKELY THAT 55% OF THEM, 55 OF 100 WOULD BE LOW INCOME. THAT IS ABOUT 2 1/2 TIMES WORSE. ABOUT HALF OF OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE EVEN WORST STATISTICS THAN THAT, AND SOME OF THEM SOMEWHAT BETTER STATISTICS. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT OFFERS US HUGE POTENTIAL IN TERMS OF BRINGING UP THE LIVES, FUTURES, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION THAT COULD HELP OUR REGION THRIVE. SO, BEFORE US IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WELL-BEING AND ECONOMIC SUCCESS ACROSS THE REGION. THIS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUR INVESTMENT. THIS IS A TIME TO OPEN THE POSSIBILITY TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO DEFINE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR THEM, WHAT THEY MOST NEED TO SERVE, HOW THEY MIGHT INVEST IN PREVENTION OF GREATER DISTRESS. NARROW THE CHANCES THAT KIDS ARE GOING TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL. NARROW THE CHANCES THAT FAMILIES WILL END UP WITH CHILD WELFARE, HOMELESSNESS, ETC. THERE IS A HUGE -- I WANT TO SIGNAL HOW EXCITING IT IS TO HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME DOING AWARENESS BUILDING, TO NOW HAVE SUCH A FERTILE PLACE OF ACTION MOVING FORWARD. THE FINAL PIECE I WANT TO QUICKLY TALK ABOUT IS THE IMPORTANCE THAT THESE INVESTMENTS GO TO CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS. I'M IN SOCIAL WORK. I TRAIN AND WORK WITH TONS OF SOCIAL WORKERS, AND MANY MAINSTREAM ORGANIZATIONS HAVE QUITE SIMPLY DONE A TERRIBLE JOB AT ADDRESSING DISPARITIES, AT EVEN GOING PUBLIC AND SHARING THE DATA. WE WERE CHASTISED, SOCIETALLY WE WERE CHASTISED BY THE -- BY JAMES BELL, LEADING EQUITY ADVOCATE, FOR OUR ADORATION WITH THE QUESTION. WE STUDY IT, WE HAVE CONSULTANTS. IT IS TIME TO MOVE TO REAL INTERVENTION. AND, SO, WHAT OUR CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS OFFER IS FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR TO ENTER THE DOORS AS INSIDERS INSTEAD OF AS OUTSIDERS. AS INSIDERS TO THE CULTURE. ONE OF THE PIECES OF WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST STRETCH OF TIME HAS BEEN COLLATING, GATHERING THE DATA ON THE VALUE OF CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS. AND THAT COULD MAKE FOR A LENGTHY PRESENTATION, WE'RE DEVELOPING IT AS A SERIES OF PAPERS. WHAT WE KNOW IS THERE IS AN IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE RACIAL IDENTITY,

THAT GETS AFFIRMED IN OUR CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS. WE WOULD KNOW THAT FOLKS OF COLOR WHO STRUGGLE WITH RACISM NEED SAFE PLACES TO TALK, TO EXPLORE, TO BE AFFIRMED FOR THEIR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT'S GONE ON, AS OPPOSED TO THE GREATER LIKELIHOOD THAT WHITE PEOPLE, AND I SAY THIS, OUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT AND BE SUSPICIOUS AND WANT TO ASSESS FOR THEMSELVES RATHER RACISM HAPPENED OR NOT. THAT IS A DYNAMIC THAT TYPICALLY DOES NOT HAPPEN IN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS. A PLACE FOR ABUNDANT ROLE MODELS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS TENDS TO BE MORE HOLISTIC, WRAP AROUND THE FAMILY, AND WORK ON PREVENTION AND ALSO MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN SYSTEMS CHANGE, IN ADVOCACY WORK. THEY ARE THE ONES CERTAINLY WHO ARE COMING TO YOU LOUD AND CLEAR TO PRESS ON THE ISSUE OF RACIAL DISPARITIES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLACES TO BUILD CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM. IT IS ALSO A PLACE TO BUILD VALUED COMMUNITY RESOURCES, THAT THEN, IN TURN, CAN ENRICH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND IT'S A PLACE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. A PLACE TO BUILD CULTURAL COMMUNITY CAPITAL. WITH THAT I WANT TO CONCLUDE MY COMMENTS AND AFFIRM HOW IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THEIR CHANCE TO DEFINE THEIR OWN INTERVENTIONS, ASSESS THEIR OWN PRIORITIES, AND DO -- OFFER THEM MORE EXPANSIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU. KEITH.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD. AS YOU HEARD OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR PULLED BACK THE CURTAIN ON A LITANY OF ENTRENCHED AND PERVASIVE DISPARITIES IN THIS COMMUNITY. THESE DOLLARS REPRESENT A BOLD AND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT TO ADDRESS THOSE DISPARITIES. I THANK YOU. UNITED WAY, TOO, IS PROUD OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT WE HAVE MADE. A YEAR AGO, WE MADE A 10-YEAR COMMITMENT TO WORK TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF CHILDHOOD POVERTY IN THAT REGION. AT THE CENTER OF THAT, IS AN EXPLICIT COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THESE SAME DISPARITIES. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE BUILT A RIGOROUS MODEL TO MOVE THIS WORK WITH SHORT, MEDIUM, AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES, OVER ONE, THREE, AND FIVE YEAR SPANS. WE CONDUCTED A RIGOROUS VETTING PROCESS TO

ASSEMBLE A COHORT OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY NONPROFITS WITH A PREMIUM ON CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A DEMONSTRATED TRACK RECORD OF GETTING OUTSIZED OUTCOMES FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE BROUGHT THESE ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER WITH A COMMITMENT ON THEIR PART TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY AND SYSTEMICALLY, TO START TO DEVELOP BETTER EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR OUR MOST LOW-INCOME KIDS AND FAMILIES, SPECIFICALLY OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES OF COLOR. TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICE WITHIN THESE TEAMS AND BRING THEM TO SCALE MORE BROADLY ACROSS THE COMMUNITY AND IN THAT CREATE A GAME-CHANGER TO REWRITE THE SCRIPT FOR THESE KIDS AND FAMILIES. UNITED WAY'S INTENT IS TO MOBILIZE OUR COMMUNITY AROUND THIS WORK. AND INVEST OVER \$50 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE BELIEVE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND UNITED WAY BREAKING THE CYCLE WORK IS A WIN-WIN. FIRST, IT VALIDATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BREAKING THE CYCLE FRAMEWORK, AS AN AMBITIOUS, EVEN AUDACIOUS STRATEGY TO MOVE OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES FORWARD. SECOND, UNITED WAY CAN PROVIDE IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP FOR THE COUNTY'S DOLLARS. AS I SAID, WE CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE SELECTION PROCESS. WE HAVE A COLLABORATIVE IN PLACE OF CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE POSITIONED TO MOVE THIS WORK NOW. AND IMPORTANTLY, TOO, WE CAN PROVIDE CREDIBLE REPORTING AND EVALUATION TO THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT A YEAR FROM NOW WE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION OF HOW DID THESE DOLLARS MOVE THE NEEDLE FOR OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES? AND THIRD, LEVERAGE. AT THE START OF THIS AMBITIOUS WORK, THIS PARTNERSHIP SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. IT POSITIONS US TO INVITE ADDITIONAL FUNDERS TO JOIN US IN THIS WORK. IF AND WHEN YOU APPROVE THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE'LL WORK IMMEDIATELY WITH COUNTY STAFF TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES THAT WE WANT TO SEE MOVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND REPORT CONSISTENTLY BACK TO YOU ON PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING. IN SOME, INVESTMENT, PARTNERSHIP AROUND THIS BREAKING THE CYCLE WORK, ACTIVATES THESE DOLLARS IMMEDIATELY, WITH 100% OF THEM GOING TO DIRECT SERVICE AGENCIES. UNITED WAY WILL NOT KEEP A DOLLAR. IT ACTIVATES A WELL-CONSTRUCTED PARTNERSHIP AND PROVIDES STRONG OVERSIGHT THAT WILL ENSURE TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC DOLLARS TO GET REAL OUTCOMES. IN CLOSE, LIKE YOU, WE BELIEVE WE'RE AT A PIVOTAL INTERSECTION AS A COMMUNITY. IF WE DON'T DISRUPT THE TRAJECTORY OF OUR MERELY HALF OF KIDS WHO ARE GROWING UP IN POVERTY AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD THE COST 10 YEARS FROM NOW AS A COMMUNITY. WITH THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE LINK ARMS AND TAKE ON THIS WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU. AND BEFORE YOU LEAVE, STAY HERE UNTIL THE END. WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU AFTERWARDS, BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO

KNOW, PROFESSOR, I UNDERSTAND AND I KNOW THAT THE STRUGGLE IS REAL, AND I KNOW IT IS NOT A VERY COMFORTABLE CONVERSATION FOR MANY, AND JUST AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED COMMENTS BY YOUR COLLEAGUES AND PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I HAVE PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW ME, THEY'VE CALLED ME EVERY KIND OF RACIST THERE IS TO BE ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, TO CHALLENGE ME NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS, AND TALKING ABOUT COLOR, CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC THINGS, IT IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE, AND LOOKING AT THE DATA, AND SO I SAY TO THOSE FOLKS, SORRY, BUT THE DATA SUGGESTS OTHERWISE, AND THIS IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. WE HAVE THE DATA. YOU HAVE SO BRILLIANTLY DISPLAYED THE NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT INDICATE THAT THE DATA ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE EGREGIOUS IN MANY DIFFERENT SETTINGS, WHETHER IT BE HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMICS. I KNOW, I WORK WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS EVERY YEAR, AND THE REASON WHY I STARTED THIS SUMMER PROGRAM FOR FOLKS WHO ARE IN POVERTY, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES MANY FOLKS FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IS BECAUSE I KNOW THE STRUGGLE IS REAL. I SEE THE STRUGGLE EVERY SUMMER. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE A BOARD THAT HAS THE VALUE THAT IT TAKES TO PASS SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SO, JUST UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WORK IS HARD, BUT IT'S GOOD. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE TO EDUCATE US ON WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT TODAY IN THIS DAY. THANK YOU, KEITH, FOR RECOGNIZING FROM A 30,000-FOOT LEVEL THAT THIS HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS TACKLED, YOU KNOW, YEAR AFTER YEAR IF WE ARE GOING TO ERADICATE POVERTY. SO, YES, JUST TELL THEM WE HAVE THE DATA. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS?

>> Comm. Bailey: KEITH I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE. APPRECIATED THOSE AROUND UNITED WAY'S ABILITY TO DO THE EVALUATION, TRACK THE MONEY, AND LOOK AT OUTCOMES TO HELP WITH CAPACITY BUILDING AND BRING THAT LEVERAGE COMPONENT. I THINK THOSE ARE CRITICAL FACTORS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR SUCCESS IN THOSE.

[CLOSED CAPTIONING TRANSCRIBER SWITCH]

>> Comm. Shiprack: I'M WORKING WITH A GROUP THAT WILL ADDRESS THIS, THIS IS A HORRIBLE PROBLEM. AGAIN, HAVING IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM WE CAN OWN IT TO ADDRESS IT, IT INVOLVES COMMUNITYWIDE NOT FOR PROFITS, ANOTHER PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO GET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY BELONG, AND ALSO TO DEAL WITH THE RACIAL DISPARITY. AND TO ADDRESS DISPARATE ACCESS TO CARE, WHICH I BELIEVE WE'RE ON A TRACK TO THAT, AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH AND THE CHAIR

FOR PAVING THIS AVENUE, AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT PRESENTATION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRIEFING THIS MORNING.

>> CHAIR KAFOURY: I WANT TO BRIEFLY ADD MY THANKS, AS WELL. IT FEELS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE A POSITIVE EXTENSIVE. SEEN OVER THE YEARS WE'VE BEEN ON THIS COMMISSION, I LOVE YOUR PAGES OF DISTRESSING COMMENT, THAT'S HOW IT FEELS LISTENING TO THOSE REPORTS. THE SHOTGUN APPROACH WE'VE BEEN USING JUST ISN'T WORKING. IT WAS WORKING FOR SOME, BUT NOT WORKING FOR FAR TOO MANY. IT'S REALLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR US TO CONTINUE BUSINESS AS USUAL, WHEN WE KNOW BUSINESS AS USUAL LEAVES SO MANY PEOPLE BEHIND. HAVING THIS TARGETED EFFORT IN THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, FEELS LIKE FINALLY BEING ABLE TO DO SOMETHING GOOD AFTER MANY YEARS OF THOSE REPORTS. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US, I DEFINITELY THINK IT'S GOING TO TAKE OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. AND THE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT, THE MORE WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES SO WE DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THOSE REPORTS ANYMORE. THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE DISPARITIES THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH. NEXT ONE, LYNDA.

>> R.4, BUDGET MODIFICATION DCHS-21-15.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS.

>>> GOOD MORNING, IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TO REQUEST THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION TO TRANSFER \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS YOU HEARD JUST PREVIOUSLY IN THE BRIEFING. I THOUGHT I WOULD DO A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT SETTING SO WE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY. A LOT OF THIS IS ABOUT HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. MORE THAN 15 YEARS AGO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THIS ORGANIZATION MADE A DECISION THAT WAS VERY RADICAL AT THAT TIME, WHICH WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR SOME FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR BOTH CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES. NOW IT SORT OF SEEMS SECOND NATURE FOR US TO TALK ABOUT OUR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC FUNDING AND RELATIONSHIPS BUT WHEN THAT HAPPENED IT WAS ENTIRELY RADICAL. PEOPLE HAD A LOT OF THE SAME RESPONSE THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH SPOKE TO IN HER EXPERIENCE OF QUESTIONING THAT, WHY WAS THAT NECESSARY. WE DIDN'T KNOW, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE DATA. AND IT WAS LEADERSHIP AT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEVEL THAT SAID NO, WE KNOW ENOUGH, WE CAN TAKE ACTION. SINCE THEN THE COUNTY HAS MOVED IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ARENAS TO ADDRESS THESE

DISPARITIES, EVEN IN PART OF NOT HAVING THE DATA AND IN SPITE OF KNOWING WHAT THE STORIES AND EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SHARING WITH US. WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER OUT OF THE INITIAL SUPPORT FOR THE INITIAL FORMING OF THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE DISABILITY INITIATIVE WHICH HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE RECORD DATA ABOUT WHO GETS OUR SERVICES AND WHAT KIND OF SERVICES THEY GET, IN ORDER TO BETTER EXPLAIN HOW THAT WORKS AND DOESN'T WORK. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THESE VERY DIFFICULT REPORTS TO BOTH COLLATE AND COMBINE, BUT ALSO TO HEAR AND KNOW THAT IN SPITE OF OUR BEST INTENTIONS AND EFFORTS WE'RE STILL NOT MOVING THAT NEEDLE. TODAY IS ANOTHER POINT IN OUR HISTORY AS AN ORGANIZATION, WHERE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TO SAY WE STILL, EVEN WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE, WE STILL MUST DO MORE. THERE STILL IS MORE TO BE DONE. WHAT'S LOVELY ABOUT THIS IS IT'S A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED WAY AND OUR CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A GOOD HISTORY OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED WAY, OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES, COMMUNITY NEEDS FUNDING, THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE PARTNERING WITH UNITED WAY AND THIS IS ANOTHER WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXPAND THAT RELATIONSHIP. THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO MOVE THESE FUNDS IN CONTRACT TO THE UNITED WAY UNDER THEIR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY. YOU HEARD KEITH SPEAK TO THE RIGOROUS AND THOROUGH PROCESS THEY DID TO SELECT THEIR PROVIDERS. THIS LOOKS TO BUILD ON THAT, TO LEVERAGE THOSE RESOURCES AND LEVERAGE OTHER RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE COMING TO BEAR ON THESE ISSUES OF DISPARITY. WE ARE DOING A LOT OF WORK IN THIS ARENA WITH ELIMINATING DISPARITIES COLLABORATIVE, THE ISSUES RAISED. INTERNALLY WE WILL FORM A SMALL WORKING GROUP OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE TO ENGAGE AS STAFF LEVEL WITH UNITED WAY AND THEIR STAFF. AND TOGETHER WE WILL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO LINE OUT BOTH WHAT THE GOALS ARE FOR NOT ONLY THIS FUNDING BUT THE ENTIRE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE, AND WHAT THE MEASURES ARE AND WHAT WE WILL BE REPORTING TO YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS. WITH THAT WE REQUEST FOR THE BUDMOD AND THE RELEASE OF FUNDS.

>> ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

>> Comm. Smith: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. UNDERSTANDING THAT IS A HUGE PROBLEM, IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE PUT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THERE, THIS CANNOT JUST BE A ONE-TIME-ONLY AFFAIR HERE. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS VERY COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS PUT INTO ONGOING FUNDING. THAT WAS MY ORIGINAL INTENT IN THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT TO HAVE THIS AS ONGOING. AND OF COURSE AS YOU KNOW, MARY LI, ONCE YOU PUT

SOMETHING INTO A CONTINGENCY, IT AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES ONE TIME ONLY. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, PROFESSORS, I WILL BE SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO CONTINUE THIS FOR AN ONGOING BASIS. I KNOW THAT UNITED WAY IS DOING THIS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE THIS WHOLE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE INVESTMENTS THAT AT LEAST, FROM A MINIMUM STANDPOINT, MATCH WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING AT UNITED WAY. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT THE INVESTMENT FOR ME IS NOT JUST A ONE-TIME DEAL. THIS IS JUST NOT A ONE-TIME EFFORT ON COMMISSIONER SMITH THAT, YEAH, WE GET MONEY AND I WALK AWAY FROM THIS. I'M NOT WALKING AWAY FROM THIS. UNDERSTAND -- I UNDERSTAND IT'S CRITICAL TO THE WORK. THANK YOU.

>> I'LL MAKE TWO RESPONSES FOR THAT, ONE FROM A PROGRAMMATIC SIDE. THE DEPARTMENT IS VERY CLEAR THAT DEPENDENT UPON PERFORMANCE AND OUR ABILITY TO REPORT BACK TO YOU, WE'RE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM OFFER IN THE COMING BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION. AND SECONDARILY, I THINK JUST FROM A PEOPLE STANDPOINT, BECAUSE THIS IS A PREVENTION PROGRAM, FOLKS HAVE TO KNOW THAT IT'S THERE, AND THAT THEY CAN RELY UPON IT YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, BASED ON THESE REPORTS AND EXPERIENCE, THERE'S A LOT OF MISTRUST AND A LOT OF FAILED EFFORTS THAT COME IN WITH A BIG BANG AND WHISTLE, AND A YEAR LATER IS NO LONGER THERE. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE INTENTION FROM UNITED WAY AND IT'S CERTAINLY NOT OUR INTENTION. IT'S OUR INTENTION TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT'S THERE, THAT STANDS THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN TRUST AND RELY UPON. THE RESOURCES HAVE TO BE THERE IN ORDER FOR US TO GO WITH INTEGRITY INTO OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. BOTH FROM A PRACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT WE UNDERSTAND YOUR PRIORITY FOR THE ONGOING NATURE.

>> Comm. Bailey: I WOULD ADD, COMMISSIONER, AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE POSITION IS STRONG, NOT ONLY TO CAPITALIZE ON FUTURE INVESTMENT FROM THE COUNTY BUT TO BE STRONG CANDIDATES AS ADDITIONAL FEDERAL DOLLARS MOVE, THEY THE PROMISED NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS, WE WILL HAVE A STRONG CASE. THIS GIVES US LIFT AS WE WORK TO BUILD A UNITED WAY THIS COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF A POWERFUL ENGINE FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND A PROBLEM SOLVER, TO MAKE THAT CASE THAT WE NEED TO BROKER ADDITIONAL DOLLARS INTO THIS WORK.

>> Comm. Smith: I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP. YES, I WANTED TO LEVERAGE FUTURE POSSIBLE FEDERAL DOLLARS WITHIN THE PROMISED NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT FORWARD IN HIS FISCAL YEAR 15 BUDGET. THAT WOULD BE GREAT, CONSIDERING WE'RE IN, YOU KNOW, THE FUNNY KIND OF YEAR WHERE WE HAVE ELECTIONS. WE MAY OR MAY NOT GET A BUDGET PASSED. AND EVEN IF WE DON'T GET A BUDGET PASSED, EVEN IF THE FEDERAL FOLKS DON'T APPROVE A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES THE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS, THIS IS SOMETHING WE STILL

NEED TO DO, IT IS DOING THE RIGHT THING. DO I THINK WE WILL BE POSITIONED VERY WELL TO RECEIVE ONE OF THOSE 11 IF IT'S APPROVED? YES, SIR, I DO. I BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE POSITIONING OURSELVES. I LOOKED AT AN EMAIL THAT DR. NANCY GOLDEN, WHO'S OUR STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HEAD, SHE SENT ME AN EMAIL. IN THAT EMAIL IT SAID THAT OREGON IS NO. 4 IN THE U.S. FOR GROWING POVERTY. WE HAVE GROWN OUR POVERTY BY 16% FROM 2000 TO 2010. AND I WAS -- I JUST FIND THAT SO EGREGIOUS. YOU KNOW, AND THEN CONGRESSMAN BLUMENAUER HAD AN INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM LAST MONTH TALKING ABOUT WHERE TO SPEND THE GDP, HOW MUCH MONEY WE PUT IN, IN INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE'RE PUTTING VERY LITTLE DOLLARS IN INFRASTRUCTURE. BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING IN OREGON THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE PROUD OF, WE'RE GROWING OUR POVERTY. AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, WE ALL KNOW WE'RE STILL ONE OF THE HUNGRIEST STATES IN THE NATION. WE'RE AN AGRICULTURAL STATE HERE IN OREGON. THAT SHOULD NEVER, NEVER HAPPEN. SO THIS IS COMING FULL CIRCLE FOR ME. AND UNDERSTANDING THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY IS INVOLVED FROM THE PHILANTHROPIC, TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO BUY IN AND HELP TO MOVE THE DIAL. WE'RE RIGHT IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN, RIGHT IN LINE WITH ALL HANDS RACED TO TRY AND GET GRADUATION RATES UP. WE KNOW THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN DO THAT, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. THEY HAVE HAD BETTER OUTCOMES IN MAINSTREAM AND THAT IS VERY CLEAR. NOT TO BELABOR THIS POINT, BUT IT IS SO VERY DEEP IN MANY LEVELS. THIS IS IMPORTANT WORK AND I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS MODIFICATION, MARY LI.

>> ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED? THE BUDGET MOD IS IMPROVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [INAUDIBLE]

>> Comm. Bailey: LETS GO GET AFTER IT, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Board Clerk: R.5, PROCLAIMING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

>> Comm. Bailey: MADAME CHAIR, EVERYBODY IS STILL VERY INTERESTED IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HERE.

>> WE HAVE OTHER ISSUES TO GET THROUGH. IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND TAKING YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT INTO THE HALL THAT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. I REALIZE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS NOT QUITE AS EXCITING AS ELIMINATING RACIAL DISPARITIES BUT FOR SOME IN THE AUDIENCE IT IS. GO AHEAD, DAVE HOUGHTON, THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, I'M DAVE HOUGHTON, TODAY'S THE DAY WE REMEMBER THE VOLCANOES FAMILIES OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF 2001. THAT EVENT AND MORE RECENT EVENTS LIKE THE EARTHQUAKE AND NAMPAL AND THE WILDFIRES THAT OCCURRED IN EASTERN WASHINGTON SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT DISASTERS CAN STRIKE WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING. AS A PUNCTUATION MARK TO THAT, THIS COUNTY IS CURRENTLY UNDER WHAT'S CALLED A RED FLAG WARNING. WHICH MEANS THE PROLONGED DRY SPELL AND THE HIGH WINDS PUT US AT GREAT RISK FOR WILDLAND FIRES. WE DO HAVE WILDLAND AND URBAN INTERFACES IN OUR COUNTIES SO WE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'VE BEEN MONITORING JUST THIS MORNING A FIRE THAT BROKE OUT IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NEAR BENSON LAKE. THE GOOD NEWS IS THE FIRE CREWS FROM CORBETT FIRE AND BORING HAVE MANAGED TO GET THAT INTO MOP-UP PHASE IN FAIRLY SHORT ORDER BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH. IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY PREPAREDNESS IS SO NECESSARY. SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. THIS IS A TIME FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER THAT WE SHOULD PREPARE OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR EMERGENCIES BEFORE THEY STRIKE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS RELY ON THE COUNTY'S SERVICES EVERY DAY. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO BE PREPARED SO THAT THEY CAN HELP US PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES DURING AN EMERGENCY, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF A DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITY. THIS MONTH WE'LL BE PROVIDING EMPLOYEE WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION THAT INCLUDE HOME AND WORKPLACE PREPAREDNESS, HELPING THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE BE PREPARED, AND PLANNING FOR FAMILY PETS DURING AN EMERGENCY. BY PROMOTING PREPAREDNESS AND PROVIDING EMPLOYEES THE TOOLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE READY FOR DISASTERS THE COUNTY ITSELF CAN BE BETTER PREPARED TO RESPOND. I THANK THE BOARD FOR PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION?

>> Comm. Shiprack: ABSOLUTELY, I WANT TO COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE JUST HEARD FROM THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY ABOUT HOW ADDICTION IS VERY VISIBLE AND RECOVERY IS INVISIBLE. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE PREPAREDNESS IS KIND OF INVISIBLE. AND DISASTER IS HIGHLY VISIBLE. AND YOU REALLY CAN'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE IN THE DISASTER TO PREPARE YOURSELF. AND I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT IT SEEMS TO ME ONE REALLY IMPORTANT THING EVERYBODY NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT, SINCE I SPOKE ABOUT ANIMAL SERVICES YESTERDAY, IS DISASTERS THAT INVOLVE BROKEN GLASS, INIS TO KEEPING A PAIR OF SHOES UNDER YOUR BED, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE WE'RE ANTICIPATING, YOU NEED TO GET SOME LITTLE SHOES FOR YOUR LITTLE PETS' FEET SO THAT THEY ARE NOT RUNNING AROUND ON BROKEN GLASS. JUST FROM TIME TO TIME IT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO ME TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

>> PETS ARE ALWAYS A MAJOR THING TO KEEP IN MIND IN MAJOR EMERGENCIES, OR EVEN SMALLER ONES. MANY OF US CONSIDER OUR PETS ALMOST AS THOUGH THEY WERE FAMILY MEMBERS. AND IT'S INTEGRAL TO THE PLANNING FOR EMERGENCIES TO INCLUDE PLANNING FOR PETS, BOTH AS FAMILIES BUT ALSO WHEN WE PROVIDE SERVICES. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THAT ISSUE.

>> Chair Kafoury: WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION, PLEASE.

>> YES. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN BE SEVERELY IMPACT BESIDE NATURAL AND HUMAN CAUSED EMERGENCIES THAT CAN QUICKLY DISRUPT SERVICES AND OVERBURNED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES. THAT PERSONAL, FAMILY, NEIGHBORHOOD AND WORKPLACE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HELPS BUILD A DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITY. AND PREPAREDNESS IS NECESSARY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE READY TO SERVE IN THEIR DISASTER RESPONSE, SUPPORT OR COORDINATION ROLES WHEN NEEDED. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. AND URGES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO WORK WITH THEIR FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITIES TO MAKE PREPAREDNESS A PRIORITY. STARTING BY USING THE TOOLS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.READY.GOV](http://WWW.READY.GOV), AND [WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/PREPARE](http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/PREPARE).

>> THANK YOU, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

>> OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Comm. Smith: NICE TO SEE YOU, DAVE.

>>> NOW WE COME TO THE TIME FOR THE BOARD TO COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

>> I RARELY DO THIS BUT THERE WAS AN EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY THE 14th, PATTI KATZ MENTIONED IT. HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE WILL BE AT THE JANTZEN BEACH RED LION STARTING AT 11:30.

>> Comm. Shiprack: SO THE JANTZEN BEACH RED LION, HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE, SOME REALLY IMPORTANT RECOVERY ACTION PROGRAM EVENTS. I ALSO WANT TO KIND OF BRAG ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ASK ME, HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER VACATION. I YOU KNOW, I WANT TO SAY BRAGGING ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THAT IN THE LAST WEEKS MY SUMMER VACATION WAS SORT OF ALL ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT IN THE LAST WEEK MULTNOMAH COUNTY, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND I WERE AT THE CAP AIDS WALK. I MOVED ON TO A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RELIEF AGENCIES MEETING, WHERE MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS AGAIN, LIKE THE SPECTACULAR HIGH POINT OF THE UNITED STATES IN TERMS OF EXAMPLES THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW. THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT EVENT THAT WE ALL ATTENDED YESTERDAY WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO CELEBRATE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS MISS THIS EVENT, PACKING FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK. I'M JUST VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND I LOVE WORKING WITH YOU AND SOMETIMES I THINK I JUST GO ON AND ON. BECAUSE I KNOW HOW MUCH IT ANNOYS THE CHAIR. I'LL STOP. [LAUGHTER]

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER NONAGENDA -- GO AHEAD.

>> Comm. Bailey: D1D3 EVENT, COME ON OUT TO THE BELMONT STREET FAIR ON SATURDAY.

>> Comm. Smith: WE ALSO ATTENDED THE JAMBALAYA EVENT AT THE PARK THIS WEEKEND WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE'S LOAVES AND FISHES. MS. BENJAMIN FIXED THE JAMBALAYA, SHE'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME AND SHE IS THE BEST -- THE BEST -- COOK. I DID JOIN COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AT THE EGG WALK. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE'RE OUT THERE DOING THINGS WE BELIEVE IN THAT MEETS THE MISSION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I THINK THAT WE'RE ALSO MISSING A VERY IMPORTANT BIRTHDAY TOMORROW, TOO. I THINK ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS HAS A BIRTHDAY TOMORROW. SHE'S NOT HERE. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. WE'LL BRING YOU A CAKE AND EAT IT FOR YOU TOMORROW.

>> Chair Kafoury: FOLLOWING ON THIS WE LOVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TOO OFTEN I THINK MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES GET RECOGNIZED AT AWARDS CEREMONIES AND BANQUETS AND WE DON'T TAKE THE PROPER TIME HERE AT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM PUBLICLY. I'M GOING TO DO THAT TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT THAT SEVERAL MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE HONORED AT A POWWOW LAST WEEKEND FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO JUST CALL OUT THEIR NAME. ARICA BRIDGEMAN, CAITLIN CAMPBELL, DIANA PEREZ, CATHY MILLARD, PAM HILLER, AND MARISSA MADRIGAL. THEY REALLY DESERVE THE RECOGNITION THEY RECEIVED AND I'M HAPPY TO CALL THEM OUT TODAY. ALSO YESTERDAY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' ANNUAL LUNCHEON, TWO MULTNOMAH COUNTY COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THIS VERY BUILDING WERE AWARDED: THE DCS DIRECTOR'S AWARD WENT TO OUR OWN LYNDA GROW AND MARINA BAKER AS OUR CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK. I KNOW THEY DON'T GET ENOUGH RECOGNITION FOR ALL THEY DO, PUTTING UP WITH THE STAFF AND ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO GIVE MARINA AND LYNDA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. ON THAT HAPPY NOTE, SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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