

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, May 1, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present.

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

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

Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETING, WE HAVE A TIGHT SCHEDULE SO WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO KEEP THINGS ON TASK. WE WILL ALSO BE RECONVENING AT 1:00 FOR SOME BUDGET WORK SESSIONS.

>>> Chair Madrigal: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

>> Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

>> Commissioner Wendt: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND WENDT SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

>>> Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE THREE TODAY, PAUL PHILLIPS, MR. LIGHTNING, AND MR. JOHNSON. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>>> Mr. Phillips: YES. I AM PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE HERE APRIL 24 LAST WEEK ABOUT IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE. EVERYBODY HAS HEARD THAT. I WAS EXPLAINING THAT THE ANIMAL CONTROL HAD SENT ME A NOTICE THAT MY LICENSE WAS EXPIRED FOR MY DOG AND, AND I NEVER HAD HAD TO PAY FOR, FOR A DOG LICENSE WITH HIM BEING A SERVICE ANIMAL. THEY CANNOT CHARGE FOR THAT, AND THEY KNEW ALL OF THAT. BUT, BEING THAT THE DOG IS, IS EXPIRED, THEY SENT ME A, A RENEWAL NOTICE AND,

AND HAD THE FINES OF, I THINK IT WAS \$90 FOR THREE YEARS TO PAY FOR A LICENSE. AND OF COURSE, I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF VETERINARIAN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD, WOULD LICENSE A SERVICE ANIMAL WITH IT BEING DEAD, ESPECIALLY PAUL WOULDN'T AGREE TO THAT. I HAD SENT LETTERS TO THE, TO THE -- REGARDING IGNORANCE OF THE LAW, AND I HAD SENT LETTERS TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND I HAVE A PAPER HERE THAT ASKS HIM IF HE'S KING, AND NEVER CHOSE TO WRITE BACK EVEN THOUGH I SENT REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED LETTERS. AND, AND BEING THAT I'M LEGALLY BLIND, EVERYBODY HAS HEARD WHAT, WHAT A BLIND EYE IS. TED WHEELER WROTE A LETTER, AS CHAIR ABOUT THE SERVICE ANIMAL BEING ATTACKED, AND THIS WAS AFTER THE FIFTH ATTACK OF MY SERVICE ANIMAL, AND HE AGREED WITH THE OREGON STATE LAW, BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO ENFORCE IT. WELL, YESTERDAY, ON THE NEWS, KATU WAS REPORTING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS 20,000 ARREST WARRANTS OUT. NOW, THOSE ARE, ARE ISSUED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURT, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEY SHOWED SOME, SOME FELLOW BEING ARRESTED. ONE OUT OF 20,000 PEOPLE. THAT'S NOT VERY GOOD ODDS. BUT, OF COURSE, THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY KIND OF LAW BEING ENFORCED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT'S KIND OF A WILD THING, AND AS I HAVE SAID, I'M LUCKY TO BE ALIVE FROM MY HIP FRACTURE. THERE'S BEEN 1,235,000 HIP FRACTURE REPLACEMENTS, AND 247, 20% OF THAT, HAVE DIED SINCE THEN. PAUL MEYERS, PORTLAND POLICE OFFICER, SUFFERED A SPINAL CORD INJURY, THE, THAT LEFT HIM PARALYZED. HE'S ONE OF 10,000 PEOPLE A YEAR. THAT'S 100,000 PEOPLE IN A DECADE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I REPRESENT THE LIGHTNING COMPANY, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IS THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU LOAN PROGRAM. IT WAS A, AN EXTENSIVE AUDIT DONE ON THE PROGRAM MARCH 2014, BY THE CITY AUDITOR, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO SPEAK ON IS THAT IN THE REPORT, OF THE TOTAL PORTFOLIO OF 357 MILLION IN OUTSTANDING LOANS, PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU ESTIMATES THAT ONLY 54 MILLION, APPROXIMATELY, 15% WILL BE REPAYED. THIS LIMITS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU TO INVEST IN NEW PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE SINCE MOST LOAN FUNDS, MORE THAN 300 MILLION WILL BE SPENT RATHER THAN LOANED, RECOVERED IN USED, AND USED AGAIN FOR ADDITIONAL FUTURE PROJECTS. NOW, WHEN I READ THAT, FROM A VERY COMPETENT AUDITOR, WHICH I ABSOLUTELY ENJOY THE REPORTS THAT SHE PUTS TOGETHER, VERY THOROUGH, THE DATA IS VERY GOOD, I READ THAT AS A LOAN, NOT BEING REPAYED. I DON'T READ THAT ASSAYING IT'S A GRANT. IT WAS IMPLIED AS A GRANT. NO, THIS IS A LOAN, NOT BEING REPAYED. THAT IS FUTURE MONEY TO DEVELOP FUTURE PROJECTS THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE TO, TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. I THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OVERSIGHT. I THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OVERSIGHT BY

COMMISSIONERS, AND OVER AT THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, YES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU HAD THE AUTHORITY TO DO ANY LOANS UP TO \$2 MILLION WITHOUT ANY INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS. THAT HAS CHANGED. THAT'S BEEN REDUCED TO \$1 MILLION NOW, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OVERSIGHT ON WHO IS DOING THESE LOANS, WHY THEY ARE NOT BEING REPAYED, THEY ARE EITHER A LOAN OR THEY ARE A GRANT. PLAIN AND SIMPLE, BY HER REPORT, IT STATES RIGHT IN THE REPORT, THESE WERE LOANS. NOW, IF YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE THAT PAYMENT IN THREE YEARS AND CALL IT A GRANT, AND IT'S ALL GOOD, I DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GET PEOPLE IN THERE WITH STRONG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. GET PEOPLE IN THERE, SUCH AS JORDAN SMITH OR JOE WESTON, AND PEOPLE WITH THE ABILITY TO PAY THESE LOANS BACK, EVEN IF THE ECONOMY BEGINS TO FALTER, AND DON'T EXPECT THESE LOANS TO BE WRITTEN OFF. IT IS NOT A CULTURE THAT I WANT TO SEE CREATED. WE NEED THOSE LOAN PROCEEDS PAID BACK TO BUILD FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>> Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES JOHNSON. AND BEFORE I TOUCH ON SOME POINTS SIMILAR TO WHAT MR. LIGHTNING RAISED, I WANT TO REMIND OUR NEIGHBOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NORTH PORTLAND, THAT IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE DOWNTOWN THIS AFTERNOON FROM 3:00 TO 6:00 FOR, FOR THE WORKERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LABOR, MAYDAY, IN THE SOUTH PARK BLOCKS, PEOPLE WANT TO STAY CLOSER TO NORTH PORTLAND CAN GO TO THE NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY WHERE ONE OF THE STAFF WILL BE DOING A PROGRAM AND, AND IF THEY ARE INTERESTED, THEY SHOULD CONTACT SHAWN EITHER AT 503-998-7348, OR VIA EMAIL. LEARN ABOUT CHINESE FARMERS OF OLD PORTLAND. SO, MR. LIGHTNING TOUCHED ON AN ISSUE, AND UP ABOVE, NOT EVERYBODY MAYBE ON THE CLOSED CAPTION CAN SEE IT, BUT WE HAVE A PICTURE OF DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, PARTICULARLY, THE MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD, AND THAT'S AN URGY PARKING LOT, AND I HOPE TO FIND OUT WHAT BETTER THINGS YOU HAVE GOING ON. MR. LIGHTNING MENTIONED PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN SOME OF THE, AND SOME OF THE SUCCESS STORIES. JOE WEST, AMERICAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. AND HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT LOANS RELATED TO HOME FORWARD. AND ALTHOUGH THERE IS HUGE POLITICAL AND PRESSURE IN THIS COUNTRY TO WORK IN PUBLIC, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER WHAT MAY BE HAS REALLY HAPPENED OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS THAT HAS PUT MORE PEOPLE ON THE STREET, VERY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE LIVING HERE, AND WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN THE 1970s AND 1980s, AND MAYBE I AM STILL GROWING UP, WE IN A LOT OF PLACES GOT FEEDBACK THAT PUBLIC

HOUSING AND PROJECTS WERE BAD AND, AND THERE WERE PROBLEMS, BUT WE NEED TO LOOK AND SEE IF THINGS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN BETTER. SOMETIMES, WHEN WE, PUBLIC, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, WITH PEOPLE THAT CREATE BUILDINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE LOW INCOME HOUSING, ARE WE SPENDING JUST AS MUCH MONEY AND DEALING WITH, ACTUALLY, MORE PROBLEMS? SO, I HOPE THAT, THAT YOU, IN THE FUTURE, WILL LOOK AT, AT STRONG PUBLIC AGENCY CONTROLS TO ASSURE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN THINGS THAT, THAT, TO SOME PEOPLE, SEEM LIKE, LIKE MONEY CHANNELS TO PRIVATE LANDLORDS. IT'S INTERESTING THAT WE WENT TO A MODEL OF, OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT INSTEAD OF, OF FINDING WAYS TO ENCOURAGE TENANTS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES TO HAVE MUTUAL STAKE HOLDING. THAT'S REALLY THE ANSWER. LETTING PEOPLE HAVE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PROPERTY, AND WHEN THEY KNOW THAT, THAT PART OF THEIR DISABILITY INCOME IS GOING TO MAKE SOMEBODY MUCH RICHER THAN THEM, JUST A LITTLE RICHER WHO IS NOT DEALING WITH THE SERVICE CALLS, THAT DOES NOT WORK, SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT WAYS TO ENCOURAGE SMALL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PEOPLE AND PLACES WHERE THEY LIVE AND BROADER INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU. OH, ALSO, YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION. TOO OFTEN YOU HAVE TO GO TO CITY HALL, AND THEY NEVER COME OVER HERE.

>> THANK YOU.

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>>> Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING.

>> Mr. Sublett: GOOD MORNING. MIKE SUBLETT, FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, AND I'LL MAKE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO KEEP IN THE, IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING THE AGENDA ON TRACK HERE. IN JUNE OF 2012, RESOLUTION 201-2075, THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE SALE OF THE FOUR BLOCKS OF THE DOWNTOWN MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD THROUGH DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MELVIN MARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET. AS A PROVISION OF THAT AGREEMENT, THE MARKET AND MELVIN MARK WILL MAKE PERIODIC UPDATES TO THE BOARD. THEY WERE LAST HERE IN THE FALL, AND I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE DAN PETRUSICH OF MELVIN MARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, AND TO, TO PRESENT THE SPRING BRIEFING. THANK YOU.

>> Mr. Petrusich: THANK YOU, MIKE. I'M DAN PETRUSICH, PRESIDENT OF MELVIN MARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, AND JOINED HERE BY RON PAUL, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET. AND WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT, AS THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED EARLIER, THE UGLY

PARKING LOTS AROUND THE MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD. AND JUST TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOT ONE NEW COMMISSIONER AND ONE INTERIM. IS THE BLOCKS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE THE, THE FOUR NUMBERED BLOCKS HERE ON THIS SLIDE. THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET IS, IS SCHEDULED TO GO UNDER BLOCKS TWO, ONE, AND 39, AND BLOCK 16 IS A, A HIGH DENSITY BLOCK WITH A TOWER ON IT, AND THE TOWER DESIGN IS, IS UNDERWAY, BUT I WANTED TO JUST GIVE YOU A BIT OF AN UPDATE ON OUR EFFORTS ON THAT. THIS IS THE, THE SLIDE THAT, THAT WAS INCLUDED IN OUR ORIGINAL RFP RESPONSE, AND IT WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DENSITY OF WHAT WE MIGHT BE DOING ON THE BLOCK SO THAT THE OFFICE TOWER THAT YOU SEE DESIGNED HERE IS AT THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND FAR, 235-FOOT TOWER. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE PRODUCED, I THINK, THREE DIFFERENT TOWER DESIGNS FOR SINGLE PURPOSE BUILDINGS, SO WE HAVE TWO OFFICE TOWER DESIGNS AND ONE HOTEL DESIGN, AND WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FOURTH DESIGN THAT WOULD BE A MIXED USE TOWER, AND IT WOULD HAVE OFFICE SPACE IN SOME, AND SOME FORM OF RESIDENTIAL IN IT. SO IF, IF YOU LOOK AT THE ONLY TOWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION RIGHT NOW, THAT'S WHAT IT IS. IT'S THE PROJECT ACROSS THE STREET FROM NORDSTROM. IT WILL BE A MIX OF OFFICE AND APARTMENTS. THE NEXT, THE NEXT SLIDE REALLY TALKS ABOUT THE OFFICE MARKET BECAUSE THE, THE TOWER IS REALLY, REALLY DRIVEN BY MARKET CONDITIONS AND, AND THE PUBLIC MARKET IS DRIVEN BY, BY OTHER THINGS THAT RON WILL TALK ABOUT SOON. BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, THE OFFICE MARKET HAS BEEN IN RECOVERY SINCE THEIR RECESSION. THE VACANCY RATE IS THE RED LINE, AND IT'S PEAKED OUT, THIS LAST RECESSION, JUST AFTER THE CRASH IN 2008, AND IT HAS BEEN UNDER RECOVERY SINCE. SO, YOU CAN SEE THAT, THAT OUR VACANCY RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE. AND THIS IS OUR MARKET, OUR OFFICE MARKET RELATIVE TO, TO THE FIVE OTHER MARKETS AND, AND IT'S -- THAT'S NOT A VACANCY RATE ON, ON THE LEFT SIDE BECAUSE YOU COULD NEVER GET TO 103%. BUT, WHAT IT IS, IT'S AN INDEX OF ALL FIVE OF THESE MARKETS AT 100%, AND IT SHOWS WHAT THEY HAVE DONE RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER. SO, YOU CAN SEE THAT, THAT OF THE FIVE MARKETS THAT ARE ON THE CHART, THE PORTLAND MARKET IN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET, DECLINED THE LEAST AND HAVE RECOVERED THE MOST. AND THEN BEYOND THAT, YOU CAN SEE THE SEATTLE MARKET, AND THEN A COUPLE OTHER MARKS LIKE LAS VEGAS, IT'S DECLINED AND NEVER REALLY RECOVERED. SO, IT'S A GOOD SIGN FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY THAT THINGS ARE COMING BACK HERE IN PORTLAND. THIS IS A SIMILAR CHART FOR THE APARTMENT MARKET, AND AS I SAID, THE ONLY TOWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS A MIXED USE BUILDING OF, OF OFFICE AND APARTMENTS, AND AGAIN, THE APARTMENT MARKET IS PROBABLY THE STRONGEST COMMERCIAL MARKET SECTOR IN PORTLAND RIGHT NOW, AND YOU ARE SEEING LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION. YOU CAN SEE ON THE CHART WHERE THE VACANCY RATE PEAKED OUT IN 2008, BUT IT STEADILY AND QUICKLY

DECLINED, AND IT'S PROJECTED TO, TO GO, THE VACANCY RATE TO GO UP SOME, BUT STILL, A VERY HEALTHY MARKET. AND AGAIN, THIS IS THE PORTLAND MARKET, PORTLAND HOUSING MARKET COMPARED TO OTHER MARKETS. YOU CAN SEE PORTLAND IS RIGHT THERE AT THE TOP OF THE CHART. IT DECLINED RIGHT AFTER THE GREAT RECESSION STARTED, AND IT'S BEEN IN RECOVERY SINCE. THE FOURTH, OR EXCUSE ME, THE THIRD USE THAT I MENTIONED WAS THE, THE HOTEL MARKET. THERE IS A STRONG HOTEL MARKET RIGHT NOW, AND WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DIFFERENT, DIFFERENT FLAGS. AND THEN THE LAST THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO FROM I TURN IT OVER TO RON IS -- WE'RE NOT GOING TO CALL IT A SKY BRIDGE ANY MORE BECAUSE IT'S NOT REALLY A SKY BRIDGE. IT'S A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND, AND, AND HONESTLY, IT STARTS AT GRADE ON, ON THE WEST SIDE OF 1st AVENUE, AND OF COURSE, THE GRADE DROPS, AS YOU HEAD TOWARDS THE RIVER. BUT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE THINK FOR US TO HAVE SUCCESS AND FOR THE MARKET TO HAVE SUCCESS AND THE WHOLE PROJECT TO HAVE SUCCESS IS OUR ABILITY TO MAKE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS TO AND THROUGH THIS SITE. THE BRIDGE HEAD FOR YEARS HAS CUT OFF DOWNTOWN FROM THE WATERFRONT ON THOSE THREE BLOCKS, SO, ONE OF OUR, OUR KEY GOALS IS TO, IS TO INCREASE THOSE CONNECTIONS, AND THAT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IS GOING TO BE KEY TO THAT. WE'RE WORKING ON DESIGNS AND PROBABLY WILL HAVE MUCH MORE TO SHARE WITH YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE RON PAUL.

>> THANK YOU, DAN. COMMISSIONERS, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK WITH YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY INTRODUCING TWO KEY PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TODAY THAT ARE, ARE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO OUR EFFORT. OUR BOARD CHAIR, RICHARD HARRIS AND ANNE, WHO RECENTLY JOINED OUR STAFF. YOU WILL RECOGNIZE HER, I'M SURE, AS THE FORM DIRECTOR OF THE PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET, WHO HAS BROAD CONNECTIONS IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AND THE COMMUNITY STATEWIDE. AND AS I'LL TALK MORE IN A FEW MINUTES ABOUT OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS, AND WE'LL BE CRITICAL TO THAT. WE ARE THRILLED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT WE'RE MAKING. SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU, WE HAVE DUG MUCH DEEPER INTO THE DESIGN, AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE, THE SITE PLAN YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE. IT ENUMERATES THE AMOUNT OF SPACE THAT WOULD BE NOT LEASABLE SPACE FOR, FOR ALL LOCALLY OWNED, NON FRANCHISED BUSINESSES DEALING IN FRESH AND PREPARED FOODS, FLOWERS, AND BEVERAGES. AS YOU RECALL, SATURDAY MARKET, AT THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE, HAS BEEN A 40-YEAR-OLD SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION IN THE CRAFTS FIELD, AND WE HAVE A VERY COMPLIMENTARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM IN CONTINUING TO FOCUS ON CRAFTS, WHILE WE DON'T EVOLVE INTO A TYPE PLACE OF MARKET ATMOSPHERE, WHICH IS SOUVENIRS, AND LESS FOOD ALL THE TIME. THE OTHER MARKETS THAT WE WORK WITH, PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET, AND WE HAVE ISSUED A JOINT,

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION, DOCUMENT THAT WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FORWARD TO YOU, AND IT DISPELS ANY MYTH THAT THERE IS COMPETITION BETWEEN THE FARMERS MARKET AND THE PUBLIC MARKET. THE CONSENSUS, REALLY, HAS BEEN IT'S AND, NOT OR, AND WE'RE SUPPORTING MORE ACCESS FOR MORE PEOPLE TO HAVE FRESH, HIGH QUALITY, HEALTHY FOOD. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 45,000 SQUARE FEET OF VENDOR SPACE, DEMISED INTO 12 BY 12 VENDOR STALLS IS, GIVING US WELL OVER 100 POTENTIAL STALLS, BUT UNDERSTANDING THAT, THAT THEY WILL BE, THERE WILL BE MORE, MORE VENDORS WHO WILL TAKE TWO OR THREE OR FOUR STALLS FOR PRODUCE, MEAT, FISH, AND CHEESE, AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT TAKE AS LITTLE AS HALF A STALL FOR, FOR SPICES AND DRY GOODS. SO, WE HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO USE THAT INFORMATION FROM THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN TO ASK ECON NORTHWEST TO PROVIDE A REVISED ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR US AND TO BE MORE REFINED IN THE JOB NUMBERS THAT THE MARKET WILL CREATE. WHEN WE RESPONDED TO YOUR RFP, ECON NORTHWEST WILL DONE A PRELIMINARY STUDY, AND THE RESULTS WERE 250 JOBS WITHIN THE MARKET, AND ANOTHER 100 JOBS RELATED TO LOCAL AGRICULTURE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. FROM EAST COUNTY SOUTH, CLACKAMAS, WASHINGTON, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM, FROM, FROM HAVING A CENTRAL PUBLIC MARKET IN PORTLAND. PART OF THE FUN IN THIS STAGE IS BEGINNING TO, TO ENVISION WHAT A MARKET STALL WOULD LOOK LIKE. PICTURE THIS, JUST LADEN WITH FOOD, CASCADING DOWN INTO THE AISLES SAFELY BUT VISUALLY VERY PLEASING. AND, AND, AND ALSO, TO GET A SENSE OF THE VOLUME OF SPACE THAT WE'LL BE CREATING. SO IF YOU LOOK IN THE UPPER LEFT, YOU SEE PEOPLE ON, ON THE SECOND STORY, AND THE MEZZANINE LEVEL, WHICH WILL HOUSE OUR EDUCATION COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN AMONG OTHER USES. SO, THAT AREA LOOKS DOWN INTO THE MARKET ON ONE SIDE, AND OVER THE, THE RIVER AND, AND TO THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE PARK ON THE OTHER SIDE. SO, IT'S LIGHT, IT'S, IT'S, YOU KNOW, ALL THREE OF THOSE ADJECTIVES THAT ARE IN THE LOWER RIGHT, IS VIBRANT AND WE ARE LOOKING TO BUILD AN EXTREMELY SUSTAINABLE BUILDING. HERE'S FROM THAT SECOND STORY MEZZANINE LEVEL LOOKING DOWN, AND YOU STILL GET A SENSE THAT WE'RE CAPTURING THE SENSE OF MARKET, A TREKKER FROM AROUND THE WORLD, BUT DOING IT IN A DISTINCTLY PORTLAND AND CONTEMPORARY WAY. THERE ARE VERY FEW 21ST CENTURY PUBLIC MARKETS. WE HAVE STUDIED THE TWO THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ONE IN OSLO AND ONE IN COPENHAGEN, AND THEY HAVE BEEN JUST FABULOUS PARTNERS IN SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT SYSTEMS, SUSTAINABILITY, DESIGN, AND OPERATIONS AND, AND SO, WE'RE LEARNING FROM, FROM THE BEST, AS WELL AS FROM THE LONG HISTORY OF PUBLIC MARKETS IN NORTH AMERICA.

>> AND WHERE IS THE RAMP ON THAT, ON THAT DRAWING? SO, WHICH

DIRECTION WOULD BE, WOULD BE, ARE THE WINDOWS FACING? IS THAT TOWARDS THE RIVER?

>> THAT'S TOWARDS THE RIVER WITH THAT LARGE GLASS, SO, SO YOU WOULD HAVE THE, THE -- THIS IS WITHIN EITHER THE NORTH OR THE SOUTH MARKET HALL. BUT, YOU HAVE THAT EXPANSIVE GLASS THAT, THAT SHOWCASES THE VIEW OF MOUNT HOOD AND EVERYTHING ELSE. LOOKING BEHIND YOU, ABOVE THE HEIGHT OF THE BRIDGE RAMP, THERE WILL BE MORE GLASS BRINGING IN LIGHT FROM THE WEST, WITH THE VIEW OF, OF THE DOWNTOWN SKYLINE, BUT NOT LOOKING AT CARS ON THE RAMP GOING ONTO THE BRIDGE. THE CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ARE, ARE AS SUSTAINABLE AS POSSIBLE WITH, WITH PHOTO VOLTAIC ON THE ROOF SO WE'LL HAVE, HAVE A VERY GREEN BUILDING NOT ONLY BY OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU, BUT BY COMMON SENSE IN OUR OWN ETHICS. THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS INCREASE WITH THE EXCITEMENT AROUND THE SITE IN OUR FUNDRAISING. AND I WANTED TO JUST HIGHLIGHT THAT, THAT, THAT CLOSING CALENDAR YEAR 2013 WITH OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS RAISED, THAT INCLUDED A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STATE OF OREGON THAT ARE, ARE, ARE CHAMPIONS, WE'RE REALLY ABLE TO TURN LOOSE, INCLUDING THE LEAGUE OF OREGON COUNTIES, WHICH WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EFFORT, YOUR COLLEAGUE, MARY STERN, AND YAMHILL COUNTY, LED THE EFFORT, TO MAKE SURE THIS WAS VIEWED AS A REGION-WIDE, IF NOT STATEWIDE PROJECT. IT'S NOT JUST A MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND PORTLAND ECCENTRIC ONE. CUMULATIVE FUNDRAISING SINCE, SINCE 2013, HAS, ARE GOING BACK TO, TO 2003, AND 2001 WHEN WE BEGAN THIS EFFORT, HAS TOPPED OUT AT \$2 MILLION, AND WE'RE WORKING ON A COMBINATION OF INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATE, AND FOUNDATION GRANTS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS NOW, AS WELL AS THE CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT WILL PUSH THAT CONSIDERABLY HIGHER IN THE FUTURE AS WE GET CLOSER TO CONSTRUCTION. ONE OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IS, IS NEEDING TO FINISH THE DESIGN AND HAVE THE FINAL NUMBERS FROM THE ECON NORTHWEST, SO WE HAVE A COGENT PACKAGE TO PRESENT TO OUR, TO OUR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, AS WELL AS OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS. I WANTED TO SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST AND TALK ABOUT OUR EFFORT IN REACHING OUT TO MANY CONSTITUENCIES, AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. OUR COLLEAGUE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE EQUITY OFFICER AT METRO IS CHAIRING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM AND, AND ANNE IS STAFFING THAT, THAT WILL REACH ALL OF THE SEGMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY EARLY IN THE PLANNING PROCESS, SO YOU HAVE A SAMPLING OF, OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED, BUT THIS IS JUST SCRATCHING THE SURFACE, AND TELEGRAPHS OUR COMMITMENT WAS THE MARKET IS FOR ALL OF PORTLAND. IT'S NOT A RARIFIED YUPPIE FOOD HALL. IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE FEW. IT'S FOR THE MANY, AND THE MANY CULTURES THAT EXIST WITHIN THE REGION AND, AND THE, THE HIGH POINT OF WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, FORWARD TO IN THE

MARKET, IS STANDING IN AN AISLE AND HEARING SO MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, ALL AT THE SAME TIME, AND KNOWING THAT, THAT IT'S NOT ONLY THE, THE ENGLISH SPEAKERS OR THE SPANISH SPEAKERS WHO ARE THERE, BUT THE, THAT WE HAVE THE TRUE REFLECTION AND CULTURES OF THE REGION REPRESENTED. THANK YOU, AND DAN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO QUESTIONS AS YOU HAVE THEM.

>> Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. CAN YOU HEAR ME? THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THAT'S GREAT PROGRESS. TWO QUESTIONS -- WHAT IS YOUR FUNDRAISING GOAL?

>> THE FUNDRAISING GOAL IS BEING REFINED AS WE FINISH DESIGN AND PUT IT OUT FOR, FOR CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES. AS YOU RECALL, THE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY FOR, FOR THE MARKET IS 5.2 MILLION, WITH, WITH, WE ARE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 25 MILLION IN ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS. SO, THE TOTAL WOULD BE CLOSE TO \$30 MILLION.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND FUNDRAISING?

>> THAT'S A COMBINATION OF, OF PRIVATE, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT FUNDS, INCLUDING MECHANISMS SUCH AS NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS AND OTHERS THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE, OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS COMING INTO THE PROJECT.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND THE SECOND QUESTION IS, WHEN YOU ARE DOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WHAT ARE YOU OUTREACHING? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING TO THEM ABOUT? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ENGAGE THEM ABOUT?

>> ENGAGING THEM ABOUT THE VALUE OF, OF HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD THAT'S CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE. THE EDUCATION ABOUT THAT FOOD AND THE FOLK WAYS, OF MANY COMMUNITIES, THAT ARE RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING. SO, I CALL IT THE GRANDMOTHER STRATEGY WHERE WE WANT TO ENGAGE THE GRANDPARENTS AND IN TEACHING THEIR GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT FOODS, AND FOOD CULTURE THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM GROWING UP BEFORE WE LOSE THAT THREAD, AND PLACE-MAKING IS, IS THE, THE -- ANOTHER COMPONENT, AND THAT CENTRAL CITY PORTLAND BELONGS TO EVERYBODY, AND WE WANT THIS TO BE A CROSSROADS, NOT ONLY OF COMMERCE, BUT OF CULTURE.

>> SO THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THEY WILL HAVE, HAVE BUSINESSES IN THE --

>> THEY ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF, OF THE, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL, WILL HELP US TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES, BUT AS IMPORTANT, TRAIN THEM SO THAT YOU CAN MOVE FROM ONE AREA IN LENTS, WHICH HAS A CERTAIN

LEVEL OF COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, TO THE FIRE HOSE OF VOLUME THAT WE EXPECT WITHIN A PUBLIC MARKET ENVIRONMENT, AND BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITHOUT MISSING A BEAT. AND THAT TAKES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND, AND INCUBATING THOSE BUSINESSES STARTING EARLY.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> DAN, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. JUST TO PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE FOR ME A 238-FOOT BUILDING?

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>> I ADDED THREE TO YOUR BUILDING.

>> THEY WILL NOT LET ME GET THAT THROUGH DESIGN.

>> SO, WE TALL PEOPLE, WE PAY ATTENTION TO SUCH THINGS. HOW MANY -- SO, HOW MANY FLOORS IS THAT?

>> IT'S 18, CURRENTLY.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU, JUST CURIOUS WHAT THE ELEVATOR IS GOING TO TOP OUT AT.

>> RIGHT. IT COULD CHANGE DEPENDING ON A MIXED USE TOWER, THE FLOOR-TO-FLOOR HEIGHT, WHEN YOU GO FROM, FROM -- THE FLOOR-TO-FLOOR HEIGHT FOR OFFICE IS MORE THAN IT IS FOR, FOR RESIDENTIAL. SO, WE COULD END UP WITH MORE FLOORS, IF IT BECOMES A MIXED USE TOWER.

>> SURE. I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT HELPS ME PUT THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE.

>> YEAH.

>> I DO HAVE A COMMENT, AS WELL, IF I COULD, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. IT'S SO ALIGNED WITH, WITH OUR, OUR HEALTHY EATING, ACTIVE LIVING GOALS FOR, FOR BOTH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND, REALLY, THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE, AS WE MOVE INTO, INTO MORE APPRECIATION OF SYSTEMS, AND HOW, HOW WE SIT AS A GOVERNMENT, AND A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM INTO, INTO THE, THE PRIVATE, WELLBEING, OF THE COUNTY AND, AND THAT, THAT SUCCESS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A TOURIST MECCA, THE SUCCESS OF DOWNTOWN, AS A, AS A FOODY MECCA, AND ALSO, JUST THIS APPRECIATION OF HOW VALUABLE THE BLEND OF CULTURES, AND THIS REALLY ENHANCED COMMUNITY OF, OF CULTURES AND

NATIONALITIES AND ALL OF IT REPRESENTED BY SITTING DOWN AT A COMMON TABLE, IF YOU WILL, AND BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER. IT'S JUST A LOVELY IMAGERY, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING ALONG VERY, VERY, VERY WELL.

>> THANKS, JUDY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. IT'S ALWAYS FUN AND INTERESTING TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRESS GOING ON. SO, I JUST HAD A QUESTION AROUND -- YOU TALKED ABOUT ORIGINALLY THE -- THE JOB PROJECTION WAS, WAS, I BELIEVE, 250 JOBS IN THE MARKET. 100 OUTSIDE OF THE FARM.

>> THOSE WILL BE REVISED WITH, WITH THE MORE CURRENT INFORMATION.

>> RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS WONDERING, IF YOU HAD, HAD ANY MORE INFORMATION AROUND IT.

>> I AM MEETING WITH THEM LATER THIS AFTERNOON, SO I CAN CERTAINLY LET YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THE PRELIMINARY NUMBERS ARE. BECAUSE WE NOW HAVE THE PROGRAM FOR, FOR THAT MEZZANINE LEVEL, WHICH CREATES ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF REVENUE AND ALSO JOB CREATION, I EXPECT THE NUMBERS WILL, WILL GO UP AND NOT DOWN.

>> OK. AND ALSO, I KNOW THIS PROJECT IS DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU ARE DOING REALLY SIGNIFICANT OUTREACH. THAT WE ARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND, AS YOU LOOK AT CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND CERTAINLY, MUCH OF THAT EXISTS IN EAST COUNTY.

>> WE ARE HYPERAWARE OF THAT.

>> THANKS.

>> COMMISSIONER WENDT?

>> Commissioner Wendt: THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. I WAS ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE CHANNELING JERRY, WHO YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER FROM HIS TIME CHAIRING THE OREGON FOOD BANK AND AS A WRITER, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT JERRY WAS SO PASSIONATE ABOUT IS BEING IN A STATE THAT WAS SO ROBUST WITH AGRICULTURE, BUT THAT, THAT CONTRADICTION OF HAVING A HIGH HUNGER RATE, SO I WAS PLEASED TO SEE OREGON FOOD BANK THERE, AND I HOPE THAT THERE IS AN OUTREACH TO DOWNTOWN AGENCIES LIKE STREET ROOTS AND SISTERS OF THE ROAD,

AND THAT THIS CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER RATHER THAN WHAT IS OFTEN A DECISIVE GATHERING OF PEOPLE WHO COME DOWNTOWN AND, AND ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION, AND WE'RE ALL ONE COMMUNITY. SO, I'M HOPEFUL OF YOUR DIRECTION IN THAT SENSE.

>> AND IT'S VERY MUCH ALIGNED WITH THE, NOT ONLY OUR GOALS, BUT THE GOALS OF THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN SISTERS. BUT, WE HAVE A PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE IN THAT -- IN THE LEFTOVER FOOD, THE COSMETICALLY CHALLENGED FOOD THAT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR RETAIL, IS, IS A BIG PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE AREA FOR, FOR NOT ONLY PROVIDING CLEANING BUT THE EDUCATION ALONG WITH THAT, SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THAT FOOD AND THE MOST CREATIVE AND NUTRITIOUS WAYS. OUR STATED GOAL, AND I AM HOLDING MY, MYSELF AND OUR STAFFER AND OPERATIONS TO IT, IS THAT THE MARKET WILL WASTE LESS THAN A FAMILY OF FOUR WOULD ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

>> Commissioner Wendt: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? JUST, JUST ONE COMMENT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE APPROACH. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME PIECES OF PUBLIC PROPERTY THAT ARE NOW BEING TURNED OVER AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND I THINK THAT IT'S, IT'S APPROPRIATE AND FEELS SO RIGHT THAT YOUR APPROACH IS INCLUSIVE, AND IS AIMING TO GET A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF OUR, OF OUR COMMUNITY VISITING THE MARKET, WORKING IN THE MARKET AND, AND THE FACT THAT YOU ARE BEING SO INTENTIONAL ABOUT THAT IS JUST REALLY, REALLY LOVELY AND WONDERFUL. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. WE DO NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON BRIEFINGS, BUT WE DID RECEIVE ONE REQUEST TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IN THIS CASE, I WILL ALLOW IT WITH, WITH A TWO-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

>> MR. WALSH, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>>> MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I HAD A LATE REQUEST, AND I APPRECIATE THE CHAIRS' INDULGENCE. I KNOW YOU DON'T FREQUENTLY TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT. THE CONCERN OF THE REQUEST TO OUR ORGANIZATION WAS THAT, THAT THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AND THE MORRISON BRIDGE ARE SAFE AREAS FOR THE HOMELESS. UP UNTIL RECENTLY. THEY HAVE BEEN CLEANED OUT IN THE SENSE THAT WHAT WE CALL SWEEPS, WHAT SOME CALL ATTACKS, BY THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CLEAR THAT AREA AROUND THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AND MORRISON BRIDGE, SO MY QUESTION IS, FIRST, IS THIS JUST A COINCIDENCE? OR IS THIS TIED INTO THIS NEW CONSTRUCTION AND NEW

AVENUES TO SPEND MONEY, AND THEN THE SECOND QUESTION CAME UP ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES. I'M GLAD THAT, THAT COMMISSIONER WENDT BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT WHEN WE DO THESE PROJECTS, THESE ARE VERY SACRED AREAS FOR THE HOMELESS. YOU CAN KEEP RUNNING THEM OUT BUT THEY ARE GOING TO RETURN BECAUSE THAT'S THEIR SAFE AREA. THAT'S WHAT THEY BELIEVE. WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. THEY ARE COMING BACK. WE HAVE GOT 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, DEPENDING ON THE MONTH OF THE YEAR ON THE STREETS. A LOT OF THEM UNDER THE BRIDGES. THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS. THE BRIDGES CUT DOWN ON THE WIND, THEY CUT DOWN ON THE RAIN. SO, THEY ARE THERE, SO, WHEN YOU DO A PROJECT LIKE THIS, AND YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, IT'S PRIORITY FIRST TO SAY, WE NEED IN THIS PROJECT, IN THE PROJECT, NOT MAYBE, NOT COULD BE, IN THE PROJECT TO TAKE THOSE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE HOMELESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? NO? I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM FOR COMING TODAY AND WE WILL BE RECEIVING UPDATES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS ABOUT THE MARKET AND NEW DRAWINGS AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS AS YOU PROGRESS, SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING HERE TODAY, THANK YOU.

>>> AND ONE NOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BEFORE WE MOVE ON, WE HAVE GREAT ACOUSTICS IN THIS ROOM, WHICH MEANS THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE WHISPER TO YOUR NEIGHBOR, WE CAN HEAR YOU. IT'S DIFFICULT TO HEAR THE SPEAKERS. SO, PLEASE TAKE CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE OR PASS NOTES. IF YOU WANT TO PASS NOTES, WE WON'T GRAB THEM AND READ THEM. THAT IS PREFERRABLE. WELL-BEING MAYBE NOT UNLESS THEY LOOK INTERESTING.

>>> R-2.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES.

>> AS A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, IF I COULD, I'M NOT SHOWING ANY DISRESPECT. I MAY STAND UP AND WALK AROUND A BIT DURING THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. KIND OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL. THANK YOU.

>> Dr. March: GOOD MORNING. MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, I AM STEVE MARCH, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER REQUIRES THE AUDITOR APPOINT A SALARY COMMISSIONER WITH COMPENSATION COMMISSION EVERY TWO YEARS. IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO RESEASON -- REAPPOINT FIVE

PROFESSIONALS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. NANCY DRURY, JAN LAMBERT, MARY ROW, IN THE AUDIENCE, AND DAVID RHYS AND CATRINUS. DAVID RHYS AND CATRINUS WALLETT CO-CHAIR THIS, AND I AM PLEASED TO TURN IT OVER TO THEM. I WILL BE AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, I AM DAVID RHYS, AND I AM THE ASSISTANT HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND. CURRENTLY, CO-CHAIR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SALARY COMMISSION.

>> GOOD MORNING, I AM CATRINUS WALLETT, SENIOR COMPENSATION ANALYST WITH OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, AND I AM ALSO THE CO-CHAIR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SALARY COMMISSION.

>> IT'S BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE ON THE CURRENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY SALARY COMMISSION WITH OTHER COMPENSATION PROFESSIONALS TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE SALARY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS. EVERY TWO YEARS, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR SELECTS HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS WITH COMPENSATION EXPERIENCE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMISSION, WHICH DESIGNATES SALARY RATES FOR THE COUNTY CHAIR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE SHERIFF, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THIS AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO THE SALARY COMMISSION THROUGH THE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER. IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE VOTERS IN 2004 FROM THE SALARY COMMISSION MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO NOW, ACTUALLY, SETTING THE SALARY OF THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS. IN 2010, THE CHARTER WAS AMENDED AGAIN BY THE VOTERS TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSION TO SET THE SALARY OF THE SHERIFF AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO RECEIVES A STATE SALARY THAT IS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY. PRIOR TO THE LAST CHARTER AMENDMENT THE COMMISSION WAS ASKED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SALARIES FOR THESE TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS.

>> AS PART OF THE REVIEW, THE SALARY COMMISSION REVIEWS SURVEY INFORMATION FROM OTHER COUNTIES AND OTHER RELEVANT COMPARISONS. WE ALSO LOOK INTERNALLY AT RELEVANT COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE CURRENT PAY OF INCUMBENTS. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE WE HAVE EVALUATED THE VARIOUS JOBS BASED ON WHAT THE JOB IS WORTH, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE A PAY FOR PERFORMANCE ELEMENT. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR CPI, IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INFORMATION BASE AND THE DATA THAT WE PRESENT IN THE REPORT. TENURE IN THE COUNTY'S ELECTED POSITIONS IS

NOT A RELEVANT ISSUE, AS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE PAID THE SAME AS ONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN THAT POSITION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AND THE LEVEL OF BENEFITS IS NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW. TYPICALLY AN ORGANIZATION WILL CONSIDER THREE FACTORS WHEN DESIGNING PROGRAMS. THESE ARE THE ABILITY TO ATTRACT, RETAIN, AND MOTIVATE EMPLOYEES. THE SALARY COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT AN EQUITABLE AND COMPETITIVE SALARY WILL ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO RUN FOR AND BE WILLING TO SERVE IN THESE ELECTED OFFICES. OUR REPORT CONTAINS THE DETAILS OF OUR REVIEW, AND WHAT WE'LL BE DOING THIS MORNING IS GIVING YOU A SYNOPSIS OF OUR DETERMINATIONS. I THINK THAT YOU WILL QUICKLY SEE THAT, THAT OUR DETERMINATIONS ARE BASED LARGELY ON THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE BY PRIOR COMMISSIONS AND, AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND APPROPRIATE COST OF LIVING INCREASE. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE 2004 SALARY COMMISSION REVIEWED THE METHODOLOGY FROM PRIOR SALARY COMMISSIONS FOR SETTING SALARIES AND AGREED THAT METHODOLOGY WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMISSIONER SALARIES. EXTERNAL MARKET FACTORS WERE ANALYZED FOR COMPARABILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS, AND THE AVERAGE OF THE EXTERNAL MARKET SALARIES WAS CONSIDERED A VALID BENCHMARK. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE MARKET SALARIES WHILE COUNTY SALARIES WERE ADJUSTED FOR, FOR, BY A COST OF LIVING FACTOR. ACCORDINGLY, THIS COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT SOME COST OF LIVING IS WARRANTED DESPITE THE LACK OF, OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN MARKET COMPARISON SALARIES. THE 2014 SALARY COMMISSION SETS THE 2014-2015 SALARY FOR COMMISSIONER'S SALARY AT THE RATE OF \$95,316 ANNUALLY, AND INCREASES THAT BY THE, BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR 2014-2015. ADDITIONALLY, FOR 2015 AND 2016, THE SALARY RATES SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. AND IN TWO YEARS FROM NOW, THE NEXT SALARY COMMISSION WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AND SEE IF ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY.

>> FOR THE COUNTY CHAIR, THE SALARY COMMISSION REVIEWED THE METHODOLOGY FOR SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE CHAIR AND AGREED WITH THE APPROACH USED BY THE 2010 AND 2012 SALARY COMMISSION. A SEARCH OF THE EXTERNAL MARKET DID NOT YIELD COMPARABLE POSITIONS, THEREFORE, INTERNAL EQUITY CONTINUES TO BE GIVEN GREATER WEIGHT. THE CHAIR SUPERVISES THE DIRECTORS, AND THOSE SALARIES HAVE THE MOST BEARING ON THE SALARY OF THE CHAIR. SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MIDPOINT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR RANGE CONTINUES TO BE A REASONABLE APPROACH. THE CHAIR'S SALARY FOR 2014, 2015 SALARY, EFFECTIVE JULY 21, 2014 WILL MATCH THE MIDPOINT OF THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TWO, WHICH IS \$143,724, INCREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR 2014 AND 2015.

ADDITIONALLY, FOR 2015 AND 2016, THAT SALARY RATE SHOULD BE INCREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR 2015 AND 2016.

>> FOR THE SHERIFF, THE SALARY COMMISSION CONSIDERED THREE PRIMARY FACTORS IN RECOMMENDING THE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE SHERIFF. THE SALARIES OF SHERIFFS IN COMPARABLE JURISDICTIONS, OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND THE SALARIES OF DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF. THE SALARY COMMISSION GAVE MORE WEIGHT TO INTERNAL EQUITY, THAT'S THE SALARIES OF THE DIRECTORS, AND THE SHERIFF'S SUBORDINATES, BUT CONSIDERED EXTERNAL MARKET COMPARISONS, AS WELL. THIS COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE, THE ANNUAL SALARY OF 147,232 FOR THE SHERIFF FOR 2014 AND 2015 SHOULD BE INCREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. ADDITIONALLY, FOR 2015 AND 2016, THAT SALARY RATE SHOULD BE INCREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THAT YEAR.

>> SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THE SALARY COMMISSION ANALYZED THE METHODOLOGY USED IN THE 2006, 2008, 2010 AND 2012 FOR MAKING A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COUNTY PAID SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THE METHODOLOGY, ESSENTIALLY, GIVES MORE WEIGHT TO INTERNAL EQUITY SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SUBORDINATES THAN TO EXTERNAL MARKET CONSIDERATIONS. SALARIES OF OTHER OREGON AND WASHINGTON DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. THE 2010 COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHOULD BE SET AT A LEVEL SUCH THAT THE OVERALL SALARY OF THE POSITION WAS AT 75% OF THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR 2 SALARY RANGE. WHILE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CURRENT 163,185 ANNUAL SALARY IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE 75% OF THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR 2 RANGE, THE SALARY COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED IT IS STILL APPROPRIATE OVERALL. THE 2014 COMMISSION IS ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SALARY IN THAT IT IS COMPRISED OF A STATE OF OREGON SALARY AND A MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE STATE WILL APPLY ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS PORTION OF THE SALARY INDEPENDENTLY. THE SALARY COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY OF \$53,613 FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL BE INCREASED FOR 2014-2015 BY THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR 2014 AND 2015. FOR 2015 AND 2016, THE SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY SHOULD BE INCREASED BY A COST OF LIVING INCREASE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THOSE YEARS.

SUBSEQUENT SALARY COMMISSIONS WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR THE RESULTING INCREASES AND DETERMINE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FUTURE YEARS.

>> IN CLOSING, THE 2014 SALARY COMMISSION WISHES TO THANK THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STAFF OF THE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON GEOGRAPHIC COMPARISON FACTORS, SALARY COMMISSION ALSO WISHES TO THANK THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, JENNY, FOR DISCUSSING WITH US LEGAL ISSUES, AND THE SALARY COMMISSION VERY ESPECIALLY WISHES TO EXTEND THE GREAT APPRECIATION TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR STEVE MARCH AND HIS STAFF, PRIMARILY, JUDY, WE COULD NOT HAVE COMPLETED OUR WORK WITHOUT THEIR RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION AND THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS POINT, WE ARE OPEN FOR QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY.

>> I DO HAVE A QUESTION, A CLARIFICATION YOU MENTIONED THAT IN THE PAST, THE COMMISSION MADE A RECOMMENDATION BUT THEN THE, THE BOARD OR, OR EITHER ACCEPTED OR REJECTED, BUT THIS IS NOW, YOU NOW SET, YOU SET THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND THE ACTION THAT WE'RE TAKING TODAY IS, IS JUST ACCEPTING A REPORT, WHICH SETS THOSE, SO COULD YOU, COULD SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME THE LEGAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO THINGS? IS IT A SIMPLE, AS IT SOUNDS? FOR THE PUBLIC, WONDERING WHY WE GET TO VOTE, WE'RE TAKING A VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT IS OUR, OUR SALARY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN, STEVE MARCH, FOR THE RECORD, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. I SERVED ON BOARD STAFF IN THE PAST AND, AND WAS HERE DURING THE TIME WHEN THE, THE COMMISSION MADE, MADE RECOMMENDATIONS. WHAT THE COMMISSION FOUND SUBSEQUENTLY AND, AND THE CHARTER COMMISSION REVIEWED AND PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, OR TO THE VOTERS WAS, WAS THAT SOMETIMES, COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTED THE SALARY CHANGES, AND SOMETIMES THEY DIDN'T. AND THAT WAS ON THE SAME BOARD, SO YOU WOULD HAVE DIFFERENT COMMISSIONERS MAKING DIFFERENT, DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF MONEY, AND WHEN A COMMISSIONER LEFT, YOU MIGHT HAVE A NEW ONE COMING IN, AND WHERE -- WERE THEY BOUND BY THE DECISION OF THE PAST COMMISSIONER OR BY, BY WHAT THE SALARY COMMISSION HAD, HAD, HAD SUGGESTED OR, ACTUALLY, RECOMMENDED. SO, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FELT THAT, THAT THE POWER TO, TO ADJUST SHOULD BE, SHOULD BE SET WITH THE SALARY COMMISSION AND, AND THAT, THAT, THAT YOUR DUTY WAS TO EITHER REPORT, OR TO, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND, AND THUS, IT'S NOT YOU THAT IS REALLY SETTING THE SALARIES. IT WAS THE SALARY COMMISSION THAT SET THE SALARIES.

>> OK. THANK YOU.

>> AND THERE IS ANY CLARIFICATION, THANK YOU.

>> AND THAT'S CORRECT. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CHARTER, SECTION 4.3 THAT STATES THAT THE SALARY COMMISSION SHALL SET THE SALARIES, AND THE BOARD CAN, CAN EITHER APPROVE OR REJECT THAT. THE EFFECTIVE APPROVAL OF THE AMOUNTS SET BY THE COMMISSION MEANS THAT, THAT ANY, ANY SALARIES SET, INCLUDING RAISES WOULD BE APPROVED, IF THE BOARD FAILS TO APPROVE IT, THE SALARIES WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, AND WE WOULD CONTINUE ON WITH NO FURTHER RAISES FOR ANY OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE CHARTER ALSO SAYS THAT NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CAN SIT ON THE SALARY COMMISSION -- SAYS THAT NO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CAN SIT ON THE SALARY COMMISSION.

>> I HAVE A COMMENT.

>> Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. BUT, A QUICK QUESTION, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS, TRAVIS MIGHT KNOW, I DON'T KNOW, WHAT IS, WHAT IS THE COLA FOR --

>> FOR THE --

>> YEAH.

>> Commissioner Smith: YOU NEVER SAID WHAT IT WAS.

>> IT'S IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, AND I BELIEVE --

>> I BELIEVE IT'S 2.7.

>> YEAH.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK, AND THIS IS A LOT, AND WE APPRECIATE IT, AS DO, I'M SURE, THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

>>> R-3.

>> MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: I MISSED THE FIRST.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, AND APPROVAL OF R-3. THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> I DID NOT HEAR THE WHISPERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I AM DELIGHTED TO SPONSOR THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE EXTINGUISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. I FEEL THAT IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO RECOGNIZE THE WIDE VARIETY OF COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP OUR GREATER COMMUNITY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM THRILLED THAT, THAT BEN DUNCAN, OUR CHIEF DIVERSE AND EQUITY OFFICER, HAS ENSURED THAT WE HAVE TODAY, COPIES OF THE PROCLAMATION IN BOTH CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE, WHICH I THINK IS, IS A FIRST THAT THINGS WERE TRANSLATED INTO OTHER, OTHER LANGUAGES. IT'S VERY EXCITING. OF COURSE, THOSE ARE ONLY TWO OF THE MANY ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING ALL OF THEM. WE HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL PRESENTERS HERE TODAY, SO I WILL KICK IT BACK OVER TO YOU, BEN.

>> Mr. Duncan: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM BEN DUNCAN. FIRST TIME IN FRONT OF YOU, AS THE CHIEF DIVERSITY EQUITY OFFICER, SO THAT'S EXCITING, AND I AM EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE OUR, OUR, MY FELLOW SPEAKERS AND HONORED GUESTS. I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND APPRECIATION AS THE CHAIR MENTIONED, IN PARTICULAR, TO SHAWN FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY AND GRACE FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE WHO WORKED TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCLAMATION WAS TRANSLATED. AS YOU SAID, IT'S, IT'S VERY EXCITING TO HAVE THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE DONE THAT, AND I THINK IT REALLY HONORS THE COMMUNITIES THAT, THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. IN MAY OF EACH YEAR, WE HONOR AND RECOGNIZE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH. AND PROCLAMATIONS PROVIDE US A CHANCE TO HONOR EVENTS AND RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS. IT ALSO PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO NAME AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND THE EFFECTS IT HAS ON THE COMMUNITIES. DESPITE THE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT

THE API COMMUNITY HAS MADE IN OREGON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THESE POPULATIONS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR, FOR -- IN MANY AREAS, AND WHICH ARE THE RESULTS OF PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND BEHAVIORS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES. WE HAVE HEARD THE DATA. WE KNOW THE CHALLENGES THAT, THAT HAVE BEEN SET FORTH FOR US, AS A COUNTY. AND, AND FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AN UNSETTLING PROFILE PUBLISHED BY THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO TODAY, AS WE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES, SO, WITH THAT, I WILL STOP AND I WILL PASS IT OVER. IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME A COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND, REVEREND JOSEPH SANTOS-LYONS, WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BEN DUNCAN, FOR HELPING GET THIS STARTED TODAY. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS DAY WITH ALL OF YOU TO KICK OFF THE AUGUST PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH, AND WE'RE GOING TO INVITE UP SEVERAL SPEAKERS TO SHARE A COUPLE OF STORIES WITH YOU, AND WE'RE ALSO REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE A GUEST VISITING US FROM, FROM WASHINGTON. I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE IN THE ROOM, WE HAVE A RANGE OF OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE WORK WITH. WE HAVE FOLKS WHO ARE FROM THE CHINESE CONSOLIDATED ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL NETWORK THAT REPRESENTS [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITIES, THE ASIAN FAMILY CENTER, THE ASIAN REPORTER FOUNDATION, AND THE FILIPINO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE OREGON COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS, AND THE OFFICE OF NEW PORTLANDERS, PORTLAND LEE'S ASSOCIATION AND THE DRAGON AND LYON DANCE TEAM, AND PRIDE, AND ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE, SO WE'RE REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE THEM HERE. WOULD YOU WAVE IF YOU ARE HERE IN THE CROWD? AND THE CENTER TO ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN STUDIES AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. GREAT. SO WITH THAT, I WILL INVITE UP MEE MOUA AND JUNGHEE LEE AND GAURI RAJBADYA. SO GAURI AND JUNGHEE, COME ON UP, AND I WILL INVITE MEE MOUA TO GO FIRST. SHE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE, AHAC, BASED IN WASHINGTON, A FORMER STATE SENATOR, THE FIRST HMONG ELECTED LEGISLATOR IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2001, AND WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE HER WITH US TODAY TO HELP KICK OFF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. AFTER MEE WILL GO GAURI RAJBADYA, THE VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALSO A LOCAL ARCHITECT WITH SERA ARCHITECTS, AND THIRD WILL BE JUNGHEE LEE, WHO IS A PROFESSOR -- A PROFESSOR AT PORTLAND STATE

UNIVERSITY AND ACTIVE IN THE KOREAN COMMUNITY. WE'LL START WITH MEE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY. AGAIN, I AM MEE MOUA, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE. WE ARE A NATIONAL CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS' ORGANIZATION BASED IN WASHINGTON, WE WORK WITHIN THE NATIONAL SETTING, BUT AMONG OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND APANO IS ONE OF OUR PARTNERS TO PROMOTE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY FOR ALL BY WORKING FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND EMPOWERING ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND OTHER UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH WAS ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN 1979. THE MONTH IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE VAST DIVERSITY OF TRADITIONS, CULTURES, AND HISTORIES OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. THE MONTH WAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO THIS COUNTRY. IN PARTICULAR, THE COMPLETION OF THE TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILROAD IN MAY OF 1869, WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE LABOR OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS. THE MONTH ALSO IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE HARDSHIPS OUR COMMUNITY HAS FACED, SUCH AS THE RETIREMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II, AND ALSO, TO REMEMBER THE COURAGE AND DIGNITY OUR COMMUNITY DISPLAYED TO OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES. THE VAST DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY IS REFLECTED IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY OVER 150 YEARS AGO, AND HAVE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY FOR GENERATIONS. TO THOSE WHO HAVE ARRIVED MORE RECENTLY, IN ORDER TO ESCAPE PERSECUTION AND OPPRESSION IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. REGARDLESS OF WHEN AND WHY WE ARRIVED, THE BEAUTY OF CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IS THAT EACH PERSONAL STORY, AND THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH OF THOSE SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS TRULY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTRY. AMERICA'S DIVERSITY IS ONE OF THE GREATEST STRENGTHS, AND SHOWS THE WORLD WHY AMERICA IS STILL A LAND OF HOPE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL. IT TRULY IS AN HONOR TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH YOU, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNTY CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM GAURI RAJBALDIA. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY HERE AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AT THE START OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO VOLUNTEER AND SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN NETWORK OF OREGON, OR APANO. AS MY DAY JOB, I AM AN ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONAL WORKING AT SERA ARCHITECTS. I HAVE

DEDICATED THE LAST FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETING THE [INAUDIBLE] FEDERAL BUILDING, ONE OF THE MOST SUSTAINABLE FEDERAL BUILDINGS IN THE NATION, JUST TO THE WEST OF THE RIVER. I HAVE ALSO DEDICATED SEVERAL PRO BONO HOURS TO RENOVATE THE ARTS CENTER GALLERY. FOR THE GREATER USE OF THE ARTS COMMUNITY. I HAVE ALSO BEEN NOMINATED AMONG THE TOP EMERGING PROFESSIONALS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST BY THE, THE ENGINEERING AND NEWS RECORD FOR MY PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND MY COMMUNITY SERVICE. BUT, BEFORE ALL OF THAT, I AM AN ASIAN IMMIGRANT. I AM A NEW PORTLANDER IN THE CITY, AND IN THIS COUNTY, AND THROUGH APANO, HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPOWER AND BE EMPOWERED WITH OTHER NEW PORTLANDERS WHO ARE FROM THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY. IN ORDER FOR OUR NEW COMMUNITIES TO SUCCEED, THEY NEED ALL THE SUPPORT TO START ON THE RIGHT PATH TOWARDS SUCCESS. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE EAGER TO SUCCEED, AND WE BELIEVE IN AMERICAN DREAMS AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE CAN CREATE HERE. HOWEVER, WE ALL NEED AN EQUITABLE START. WHEN THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY FAMILY WOULD BE CUT FROM THE STATE BUDGET, APANO CAMPAIGNED TO KEEP IT INTACT. DURING THAT CAMPAIGN, WE BROUGHT DELEGATES FROM THE NEW COMMUNITY TO THE STATE CAPITOL, AND THE FIRST EXPERIENCE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL THE SUPPORT THE STATE CAN GIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE SUCCESSFUL. I LED A DELEGATION FROM THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY. I AM COLLIDES -- CLOSE WITH THAT COMMUNITY BECAUSE I SHARE THE SAME LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. DURING OUR LOBBY VISIT ON CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS THIS, AND OTHERS, AS THE CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN HEALTH SERVICES, WE WERE ASKED WHY OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT LEARN TO SIMULATE, LEARN LANGUAGE SOONER, AND ETC. THE FACT IS, OUR COMMUNITIES WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT AND WANT TO BE INDUSTRIOUS. [INAUDIBLE] FATHER WAS SO COMMITTED TO BEING PROFICIENT IN THE LANGUAGE HE CARED, AND HE BROUGHT A BOOK WITH HIM ALL THE TIME. HIS DAUGHTER WAS ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION, AND NOW, HAS A VERY BRIGHT FUTURE IN HIGHER EDUCATION. THE FAMILY IS VERY MOTIVATED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND HAVE UTILIZED THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT ARE IN PLACE. I RECENTLY ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MENTORING ANOTHER REFUGEE THROUGH OUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WITH IRCO AND ASIAN FAMILY CENTER. DURING ONE OF OUR SESSIONS, I NOTICED THAT IT WAS VERY, HE WAS NOT FOCUSED. HIS DAUGHTER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH SOME DEGREE OF BLOOD POISONING. HE'S A FATHER OF THREE. THE ONLY BREAD EARNER IN THE FAMILY. HE'S LEARNING A LOT ABOUT CIVIC PROCESS AND ENGAGEMENT. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BEING SUCCESSFUL IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WAS THOROUGHLY HUMBLLED BY HIS COMMITMENT FOR SUCCESS AND IN DEDICATING HIS TIME FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING DESPITE ALL THE CONSTRAINTS THAT HE HAD. WHAT I WANT TO TESTIFY TODAY IS THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS DRIVEN. THERE ARE

THOSE WHO ARE GREAT CONTRIBUTORS IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND MY COMMUNITY HAS A CHEF WHO IS FEATURED IN THE OREGONIAN FOR HIS AMAZING COOKING. A LASER SCIENTIST, WHO IS ON THE FOREFRONT OF THE TECHNOLOGY, A RESTAURANTEUR WHO IS ASPIRING TO CREATE A NEW FRANCHISE, A DESIGNER WHO ASPIRES TO BUILD THE MOST SUSTAINABLE PORTLAND, AND MANY OTHERS, AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE STRIVING FOR THEIR FIRST SUCCESS. I WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL OF THE ASSISTANCE THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE SUPPORT STRUCTURE THAT WOULD HELP MY COMMUNITY BE THE NEXT CONTRIBUTORS. THANK YOU.

>>> I AM JUNGHEE LEE. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE CELEBRATING WITH ALL OF YOU ASIAN AND AMERICAN, ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLAND HERITAGE. I AM AN IMMIGRANT. [INAUDIBLE] LIKE WHEN I JUST ARRIVED. IT CAN BE HARD. MY LITTLE APARTMENT DIDN'T HAVE ELECTRICITY, SO FOR THE FIRST OF FIVE DAYS, I LIVED WITHOUT NOT ONLY LIGHT, BUT ALSO, THE REFRIGERATOR AND AIR-CONDITIONER. BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW IT, I WAS SUPPOSED TO CALL TO THE POWER COMPANY TO REQUEST OPENING MY ACCOUNT. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, THAT, THAT -- THAT WAS WHAT AMERICA DID, WHEN THEY MOVED INTO A NEW PLACE. I WAS PATIENT AND WAITING FOR POWER ON. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL EVENING, AFTER STRUGGLING TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE LECTURE, I FELT POWERLESS AND HOPELESS, WORKING TOWARDS MY APARTMENT. THEN A YOUNG MAN WHO LOOKED IN HIS 20s AND VERY MUCH SHOWING A LOT OF SKIN, APPROACHED ME AND ASKED ME WHETHER I HAD THE TIME. DO YOU HAVE A TIME? AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I HEARD. I TOLD HIM, I SAID, OF COURSE I HAD THE TIME. BUT, I TOLD HIM THAT, THAT NO, I DON'T. BUT, HE DID NOT GIVE UP AND ASKED ME AGAIN, DO YOU HAVE A TIME? AND I TOLD HIM, NO, I DON'T. FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS I WAS SO HAPPY, AND I FELT SO EMPOWERED IN REMEMBERING THAT A GOOD, YOUNG MAN, IN, AN AMERICAN MAN, WAS INTERESTED IN ME AND ASKED ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM, UNTIL MY SISTER CORRECTED MY MISUNDERSTANDING THERE. HE WAS ASKING WHAT TIME IT WAS. AND I KNEW, HE WAS ASKING WHAT TIME IT WAS BECAUSE I HAD A WATCH ON MY WRIST. I KNEW THAT I WAS PERCEIVED WEIRD. YES, I BECAME VERY WEIRD MANY TIMES, BUT, IT WAS NOT WHAT I WANTED TO BE. IN AMERICA, USUALLY IT IS VERY GOOD AND VERY FUN. MOST PEOPLE ARE KIND, AND INTERESTED IN KNOWING ME. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THERE IS SO MANY PEOPLE WHO SERVED THEIR MILITARY SERVICES IN KOREA, TAUGHT ENGLISH IN KOREA, AND THE IMMIGRANT, BEING AN IMMIGRANT IN AMERICA, BRINGS DIFFICULTIES. I TOLD MY CHILDREN THAT IT WAS NOT EASY. I COULDN'T ATTEND SCHOOL ON THE TEACHER DAYS, BUT WHAT WAS THE POINT, ATTENDING THE EVENTS WHEN I KNEW THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED. AS LONG AS I WAS [INAUDIBLE] I TOLD THEM, I TOLD THEM I WAS OK, TO EXCUSE MYSELF FROM ANY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. NOW, I AM A PROFESSOR, TEACHING AT A MAJOR UNIVERSITY, AND I KNOW, I CAN'T, I

DON'T WANT TO BE, I DON'T WANT TO EXCUSE MYSELF TO BE NOT THERE ANY MORE. 13% OF THE POPULATION IS PERSONS WITH [INAUDIBLE]. AMONG THEM, ABOUT 20% ARE ASIAN IMMIGRANTS. THREE OUT OF FOUR IDENTIFIED AS ASIAN AMERICAN, BUT THREE OUT OF FOUR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE U.S. BORN. ASIAN PARENTS ARE PARENTING THEIR CHILDREN WHO LOOK LIKE THEM, BUT SPEAK AND THINK NOT LIKE THEM. I THINK ABOUT MANY IMMIGRANT PARENTS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE OF A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, AND IN THE SYSTEMS, AND A LACK OF LANGUAGE ABILITY. YES, WE HAVE SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE, BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN COMMUNITY. NATIONAL DATA HAS INDICATED THAT ASIAN AMERICAN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS LOWER THAN OTHER RATIO ETHNIC GROUPS. BUT ONE OF, IN THE STUDY WITH OUR LOCAL ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FOUND ONCE IN THE SYSTEM, THEIR CHARACTERISTICS WERE OFTEN SIMILAR OR POORER THAN OTHER AMERICANS OF COLOR. EVEN WITH A HIGHER EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, THE ASIANS HAVE A LOWER EMPLOYMENT, NOT ASKING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING BENEFITS, AND EVEN BEING ELIGIBLE. THERE IS SOMETHING WEIRD HAPPENING IN THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. MINORITY NUMBERS INDICATES THERE ARE MANY HIGH ACHIEVING ASIAN AMERICANS, BUT, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO NAVIGATE IN THIS NEW WORLD. ASIAN AMERICANS COME FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WITH MORE THAN 100 DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS, AND MORE THAN 100 DIFFERENT [INAUDIBLE]. THESE VERY DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE ARE ASIANS WHO ARE LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY IN OUR NEW COUNTRY, AS ASIAN AMERICANS. WE HAVE A MUCH COMMON GROUND. WE HAVE A SHARED INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY, STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILY. CREATING MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND MY EXPERIENCE AND THOSE OF ASIAN AND REFUGEES. WHEN WE BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THEN WE CAN STRIVE ALL TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SO IN CLOSING, AGAIN, I AM JOSEPH SANTOS-LYONS, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR APANO. I COME FROM A CHINESE AND WHITE FAMILY, THAT GREW UP HERE IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND I LIVED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. JUST REALLY WANTED TO THANK OUR SPEAKERS, THANK THE COMMISSION, AND TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT, ABOUT WHO APANO IS AND WHAT OUR MODEL OF CHANGE IS, WE BELIEVE IN A REALLY INTEGRATED APPROACH TO, TO OUR ORGANIZING, OUR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND OUR POLICY-WORK, AND OUR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WORK, AND THEY WORK IN TANDEM TO MAKE BETTER IMPACTS IN THE COMMUNITIES, AND AS THE SPEAKERS SHARED, WE'RE VERY DIVERSE, AND WE MADE A LOT OF CONTRIBUTIONS, AND WE ALSO HAVE, HAVE A LOT OF, A

LOT OF, I THINK, ROOM TO GROW, AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD CALL UPON THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER IS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGY TO DONE CONVENE AND UNDERSTAND THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE HAD THE LONGEST AND LARGEST COMMUNITY OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. WE NEED INVESTMENTS TO HELP US HAVE THE RIGHT STRUCTURES IN PLACE, TO ENGAGE BOTH FORWARD LOOKING, LONG-TERM, BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES. WHILE WE HAVE REALLY EXCELLENT PROGRAMS, AND THERE HAS BEEN GOOD PROGRESS AROUND THE CULTURAL SPECIFIC SERVICES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE INVESTMENT FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. SO, WITH THAT, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION? I WILL JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SENATOR, FOR COMING ALL OF THIS WAYING TO WITH US TODAY. AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT. WE'RE ALL MOMS UP HERE. WAY TO GO. I AM STRUCK BY, BY THE, THE GREAT VARIETY IN YOUR COMMUNITY AS THERE IS IN MY COMMUNITY, AND THE LATINO COMMUNITY, OF LANGUAGE AND, AND ETHNICITY AND RACE AND, AND ALSO, I HEAR MY FAMILY'S IMMIGRATION STORY REFLECTED IN PIECES OF WHAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT TODAY, AND IT JUST REMINDS ME OF OUR CONNECTION AND, AND OUR, OUR SHARED HUMANITY. SO, I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND FOR LETTING US CELEBRATE TOGETHER THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

>>> THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS ARE WORKING TO ACHIEVE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR FAMILY BY BUILDING STRONGER ALLIANCES ACROSS ALL COMMUNITIES IN OREGON. ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN OREGON FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS CONTRIBUTING TO THE STATE'S RICH HISTORY, ECONOMY, AND CULTURE. ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS HAVE HELPED ADVANCE OREGON'S PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL FIELDS OF EDUCATION, BUSINESS, THE ARTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. THERE ARE OVER 90,000 ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE LARGEST AND OLDEST COMMUNITY AMONG OREGON'S 36 COUNTIES WITH 220,000 PEOPLE STATEWIDE WHO COMMUNICATE IN 100 DIVERSE CULTURES AND LANGUAGES. THE VIBRANT HISTORY AND DIVERSE CULTURES OF OREGON'S ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS ARE A CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE'S HISTORY, AND OUGHT TO BE SHARED WITH ALL OREGONIANS. DESPITE THE SIGNIFICANT AND HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS, PERSISTENT DISPARITIES EXIST. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS

COMMITTED TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE DISPARITIES BY REMOVING IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCCESS THROUGH PROGRAMS TO INCREASE SOCIAL INCLUSION, REDUCE POVERTY, AND ENSURE LANGUAGE ACCESS, AND SUPPORT MEANINGFUL CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS. ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY IN OREGON IS MARKED BY A STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE, PREVAILING OVER THE ADVERSITY OF EXCLUSION, PERSECUTION, INTERNMENT, AND INEQUITIES. THE MONTH OF MAY IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS TO OUR SOCIETY AND COLLECTIVE HISTORY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMED THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2014 AS ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATING ALL RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO TV AS ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER. WITH THE GOAL OF LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER, TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS, TO SUCCESS, TO ALLOW ALL IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY TO PROSPER IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TO BE ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2014. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR BRINGING THIS, THIS VERY SPECIAL PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TODAY. I AM SO PROUD TO STAND WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN RECOGNIZING THAT MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE COME FROM THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, AND I RECOGNIZE THAT WE CANNOT REST, WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF WHAT YET REMAINS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY CAN SHARE IN THE BENEFITS OF THIS GREAT REGION WE CALL HOME. SO, THANK YOU.

>> MADAM CHAIR.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: IF I COULD, ALSO, ONE NOTE, ESPECIALLY, RESONATES WITH ME PERSONALLY, AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW, WHILE, WHILE, I WANT TO GO BACK 100 SOME YEARS AND, AND COMMENT ABOUT THE, THE TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILROAD FOR A SECOND. YOU KNOW, MANIFEST DESTINY SENT A CULTURE SWEEPING ACROSS THE CONTINENT DESTROYING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN ITS PATH AND, AND AT THE SAME TIME, DUE TO HORRIFIC FAMINE CONDITIONS, WE ATTRACTED OVER TO THE PACIFIC COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, THE VICTIMS OF, OF FAMINE TO, TO EMPLOY, TO BUILD FOR OURSELVES, A RAILROAD THAT, THAT CONNECTED THE COAST OF THIS CONTINENT. AND, AND IN 1872, WHEN THE RAILROAD HAD BEEN COMPLETE FOR THREE YEARS, MY, MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER TOOK A RIDE FROM A LITTLE PLACE CALLED KACEY, ILLINOIS, TO OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT RAILROAD, I WOULD

BE LIVING ON A DUSTY FARM SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF ILLINOIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL OF THAT MEANS IN TERMS OF BRINGING US TOGETHER TODAY, BUT, I OWE YOU A TREMENDOUS DEBT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER WENDT.

>> Commissioner Wendt: I WANT TO ECHO WHAT COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID IN TERMS OF THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO US TODAY AND TO REMIND US THAT, THAT OUR INVESTMENTS ARE NOT ENOUGH GOING FORWARD, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, IN PARTICULAR, FOR YOUR ADVOCACY IN SALEM, IN MY FORMER ROLE, I KNOW AND CAN, CAN SAY IT MADE A DIFFERENCE TO HAVE YOUR VOICE IN SALEM, AND I KNOW IT'S NOT ALWAYS A WELCOMING PLACE, SO, I HOPE YOU CONTINUE YOUR ADVOCACY IN THE HALLS OF, OF THE CAPITAL, AND THANK YOU, JOSEPH, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

>> CHAIR?

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR ALL BEING HERE TODAY AND SHARING YOUR STORIES. I, PARTICULARLY, RESONATED WITH DR. LEE'S STORY OF SOMEONE ASKING HER WHAT TIME IT WAS. I WAS A TUTOR WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SIX YEARS, SO I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF LEARNING ENGLISH AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT, SOME OF THE I HAD - - SOME OF THE IDIOMS WE SAY TO PEOPLE, SO I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE. IT'S NOT EASY TO LEARN, SO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: OK. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

>>> R-4.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND McKEEL SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-4.

>>> I AM DELIGHTED TO BE SPONSORING THIS PROCLAMATION, AS WELL. NEXT WEEK IS DESIGNATED BY CONGRESS AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK. AND, AND, AND I FIND MYSELF GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO THANK MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.

[CLOSED CAPTIONING TRANSCRIBER SWITCH]

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

>>Mr. Graves: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. TRAVIS GRAVES, COUNTY'S HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR. WE'RE EXCITED TO HELP MAKE THIS POSSIBLE EVERY YEAR. IT REALLY IS DUE TO THE HARD WORK OF KELLY, SITTING TO MY RIGHT, AND REALLY THE COMMITTEE THAT EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE PUT TOGETHER. THIS YEAR WE HAD MORE NOMINATIONS THAN EVER. I THINK 101. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALSO, MADAME CHAIR, YOUR WORK TO MEET WITH EACH PERSON AND EACH GROUP INDIVIDUALLY TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY HAD WON.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: ONE OF THE BEST THING I HAVE DONE AS CHAIR, SURPRISE PEOPLE WITH BALLOONS.

>> THE BOARD KNOWS WE DECIDED TO HAVE THE CHAIR SURPRISE THEM NOT ONLY DO YOU GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE NOMINEE, BUT YOU WON. THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS WERE THERE. UNFORTUNATELY I WASN'T ABLE TO BE THERE. WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO READ THE PROCLAMATION. FOR MORE THAN 159 YEARS MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO BETTERING THE COMMUNITY AND THE LIVES OF THOSE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MORE THAN 4500 MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES PROVIDE CITIZENS A WIDE RANGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PUCK PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ALL COUNTIES TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS IN SENSIBLE AND COST EFFECTIVE WAYS. DAY IN AND DAY OUT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES PROVIDE THE DIVERSE SERVICES DEMANDED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT WITH EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 10, 2014, PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CALLS UPON THE CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE CRUSH ROLE THEY HAVE IN IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY AND LIVES.

>> THANK YOU. ONE FINAL THANK YOU. KELLY, THIS WOMAN HAS DONE SO

MUCH WORK IN THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS ON THESE EMPLOYEE AWARDS, I WANT TO DESCRIBE FOR ALL OF YOU, WE DELIVERED THESE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THREE HOURS, ALL OVER THE COUNTY, IN A VAN WITH BALLOONS, ALL COORDINATED BY KELLY, DOWN TO THE MINUTE. IT WORKS.

>> THEY WEREN'T TOO DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU WEREN'T THE PUBLISHER'S CLEARING HOUSE.

>> NO. NO. WE DID JOKE ABOUT THAT.

>> THAT'S WHAT WE CALLED IT.

>> THERE WAS NO CHECK, SADLY. BUT YOU'VE DONE INCREDIBLE WORK. IT'S SO MUCH. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE. THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, I WANT TO JOIN YOU IN THANKING OUR WONDERFUL, HARD-WORKING COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY DO TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOUR WORK SAVES LIVES. YOU PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NEEDED HUMAN SERVICES, YOU WORK TO PAIN CONTAIN THE BRIDGES, ALLOW THE BIKES, CARS AND PEDESTRIANS TO EASILY COMMUTE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. YOU ENSURE OUR TRIPS TO RESTAURANTS AND FOOD CARTS ARE WITHOUT INCIDENT. YOU MAKE SURE PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, OUR SHERIFF AND JAIL STAFF AND OUR DECEMBER REMAIN A HIGH VALUE, AND IT'S NOT COMPROMISED. YOUR FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONAL WORK ENSURES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS VIEWED AS A STRONG AND SECURE RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. WITHOUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, WE COULD NOT DO THE WORK NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

>> COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

>> COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU. I WANT TO ECHO WHAT EACH OF YOU HAS SAID. I ALWAYS SAY THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS OUR EMPLOYEES, HANDS DOWN. IT'S THE BEST. IT'S VERY COOL THAT YOU WENT OUT AND SURPRISED THEM IN PERSON. THAT'S REALLY SO COOL. KELLY, I KNOW HOW ORGANIZED THIS CEREMONY IS THAT WE DO NEXT WEEK. ALWAYS, EVERY YEAR, YOU DO A LOT OF WORK. SO MANY PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPEND ON ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT WE DO, BUT I AS A RESIDENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPEND ON TRULY, SOLELY DEPEND ON A LOT OF THE SERVICES THAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO I THANK ALL OF YOU. I'M

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK. IT'S ALWAYS A FUN DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> COMMISSIONER WENDT?

>> COMMISSIONER WENDT: I HAVE ONLY BEEN IN THIS POSITION A FEW MONTHS. WHEN PEOPLE ASK WHAT IT'S LIKE ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I TALK ABOUT IS THE EMPLOYEES. WEATHER YOU'RE ON THE ELEVATOR OR BRIEFINGS WITH FOLKS, THE LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE, CURIOSITY, FORWARD THINKING, COMMITMENT TO THE COMMISSION IS TREMENDOUS ACROSS DEPARTMENTS. IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE ON THE BUS. WE HAVE SOME GOOD PEOPLE.

>> I'M JUST GOING TO ECHO THAT. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE EMPLOYEES DO FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND WITHOUT THAT WORK, WITHOUT THAT DEDICATION, WE WOULD NOT HAVE SO MUCH TO BRAG ABOUT AS WE LOVE TO DO HERE. SO THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING THEIR WORK SO WELL. YEAH, I'M SORRY THAT IT WASN'T THE GREAT BIG CHECK IN THE PUBLISHER'S CLEARING HOUSE, BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY NICE. [LAUGHTER]

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE PICNIC ROCK LA MISSION ACE ADOPTED. WE'LL SEE EVERYBODY ON MAY 7. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: OUR FIVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIP WRACK MOVED, COMMISSIONER WENDT SECONDED. WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS IS REALLY JUST MY PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER PROCLAMATION THAT THE CHAIR HAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT FORWARD FOR US TODAY. I REALLY APPLAUD THE ATTENTION TO MAY 2014 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. I WANT TO UNDERLINE A COUPLE THINGS. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE WIND OUT OF YOUR SAILS, BUT I WANT TO UNDERLINE A COUPLE THINGS THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL. THE FIRST IS MENTAL ILLNESS IS TREATABLE. PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE. MENTAL ILLNESS IS SERIOUS. IT'S PAINFUL. AND IT'S TREATABLE. PREVENTION WORKS. TREATMENT IS EFFECTIVE. PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER. SO EVERY BIT OF

WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING FOR US IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HERE TODAY BRINGING US THIS PROCLAMATION SERVES TO REDUCE THE STIGMA AND TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHIER. I HOPE THAT'S JUST AN INTRODUCTION, NOT LIKE TAKE ALL THE AIR OUT OF EVERYBODY'S TIRES. [LAUGHTER]

>> NO, THAT'S AN EXCELLENT INTRODUCTION, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. CHAIR MADRIGAL, COMMISSIONERS, I'M DAVID HIDALGO, DIRECTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE TERRY BEEMER OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND ANN CASPER, A MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE AND EXCELLENT RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, WHICH HAS BEEN CELEBRATED OVER THE LAST 60 YEARS ACROSS THE NATION. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, SHOWING UP AT THE KICKOFF LUNCHEONS AND WALK COMING UP. CHAIR MADRIGAL, I THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS YEAR AS WELL. TODAY I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO TERRI, WHO WILL GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT THE THEME AND SHE AND ANN WILL TALK ABOUT WHY RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IS IMPORTANT AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. TAKE IT AWAY, TERRI.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, I'M HERE TO REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT IN PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. OUR THEME IS MIND YOUR HEALTH. I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU GOOD NEWS TODAY. MENTAL ILLNESS IS A DIAGNOSEABLE AND TREATABLE CONDITION. MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE LIVING FULL, PRODUCTIVE, RICH LIVES WHILE EFFECTIVELY MANAGING A MENTAL HEALTH OR ADDICTIONS CONDITION. THIS OCCURS BECAUSE THEY AND/OR THEIR LOVED ONES RECOGNIZE THE CONDITION AND REACHED OUT. PEOPLE DO RECOVER. TREATMENT WORKS. WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH OR WELLNESS? WELLNESS MEANS OVER ALL WELL-BEING. THIS INCLUDES OUR EMOTIONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, FINANCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, OCCUPATIONAL, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL REALMS OF OUR LIVES. MENTAL HEALTH IS LINKED WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH. WHEN WE ARE WELL IN BOTH DOMAINS WE'RE MORE PRODUCTIVE AT WORK, WE ARE ENGAGED WITH OUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES. UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS MAY LEAD TO OBESITY, DIABETES, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE. PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS ARE KNOWN TO DIE 25 YEARS EARLIER THAN OTHER PEOPLE. MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS ARE LINKED AND MUST BE TREATED TOGETHER. IN ADDITION, PEOPLE RECOVER WHEN THEY FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING IN THEIR HOME COMMUNITY. IT'S VITAL THAT WE EDUCATE OURSELVES TO REDUCE THE FEAR AND JUDGMENT ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID IS A PROGRAM THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD. MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TEACHES PEOPLE ABOUT THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL ILLNESS SUCH AS ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ADDICTIONS. THROUGH THIS TRAINING PEOPLE ARE GIVEN HELPFUL SKILLS AND INTRODUCED TO LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT GROUPS. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO ANN CASPER, WHO IS HAS PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST.

>> WHAT MENTAL HEALTH MEANS TO ME HAS CHANGED OVER THE 27 YEARS SINCE I HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY DIAGNOSED AND HAD MY FIRST INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION STAY. AT THAT TIME AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS IT MEANT HIDING MY IDENTITY SO THAT I COULD WORKS AN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR, NOT GETTING INSURANCE DUE TO MY PREEXISTING CONDITION, LOSING MY CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER COMMITMENT, LOSING MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO THE MULTNOMAH TREATMENT FUND BECAUSE I WAS DOING WELL, NUMEROUS SIDE EFFECTS, SHAME AND GUILT BECAUSE OF THE PAIN I CAUSED MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. NOW IT'S A CALL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND AUTHENTICITY. IT MEANS A COMMUNITY FOR ME. I HAVE PEERS I CAN CALL ON WHEN I NEED SUPPORT. MY FAMILY NOW HAS CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE, WITH OTHER FAMILIES WHO OPENLY TALK ABOUT THEIR LOVED ONES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. IT MEANS SHARING MY STORY. RECOVERIES SOMETHING I NOW AM FAMILIAR WITH AND I CAN ATTAIN. IT'S RESPECT, HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT. RECOVERY FOR ME MEANS NOT GOING TO THE HOSPITAL, HAVING FRIENDS, HAVING FUN WITH FRIENDS, WORKING FOR DIGNITY OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, WORKING TOGETHER AS POLICY MAKERS TO MAKE THE SYSTEM BETTER FOR ALL OF US, BEING ABLE TO DREAM THAT I HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DO ANYTHING. IT'S NOT LINEAR. SOCIETY'S MORE OPEN ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND THERE'S A SLOGAN, WE ALL HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH. AT LEAST ONE IN SIX ADULTS IS FACED WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE IN THE UNITED STATES. AS MY COMMISSIONER STATES, AT LEAST 40% OF THE JAIL POPULATION IN THIS COUNTY HAS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. WE CAN KEEP THEM OUT OF JAIL BY SUPPORTING THEM WITH HOUSING, TREATMENT, INSURANCE, AND WHAT I SEE AS MOST IMPORTANT, COMMUNITY WITH PEERS. PEERS, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, CAN INTRODUCE THEM TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERY AND HEALTHY HABITS SUCH AS GOOD FOOD, EXERCISE, WORK, AND SCHOOL. THE PEERS CAN GO WITH THEM TO APPOINTMENTS. THEY CAN HELP THEM FIND A SENSE OF BELONGING. WE ALL NEED TO BELONG. RECOVERIES HOPE. MANY TIMES PEOPLE SAY THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS BROKEN. WITH ALL PEOPLE WORKING IN COLLABORATION, WE CAN CREATE INNOVATIVE, HEALTHY SOLUTIONS. WE CAN BE THE COMMUNITY THAT EMPOWERS ALL. WE CAN GET SICK ALONE BUT WE CAN ONLY HEAL TOGETHER. LET'S USE THIS MENTAL

HEALTH MONTH TO PROMOTE THE IDEAS IN THIS PROCLAMATION. ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE FUNDAMENTAL INHERENT VALUE TO BE ACCEPTED AND TREATED WITH RESPECT, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND WORTH. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS WOULD READ THE PROCLAMATION OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO.

>> WHY DON'T YOU READ IT.

>> OKAY. BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, PROCLAMATION NUMBER -- SOMETHING. [LAUGHTER] WHICH I DON'T HAVE.

>> WE'LL COME UP WITH A GOOD ONE.

>> I'M HOPING SOMEBODY CAN FILL IN THE BLANK FOR ME. PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS.

>> BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OVER ALL HEALTH AND WELLNESS AND PREVENTION WORKS. TREATMENT IS EFFECTIVE AND PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS.

>> MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS IS REAL AND PREVALENT IN OUR COUNTY.

>> ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE FUNDAMENTAL AND INHERENT VALUE TO BE ACCEPTED AND TO TREATED WITH RESPECT, HUMAN DIGNITY AND WORTH.

>> INDIVIDUALS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY LIFE INCLUDING ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND PROSPERITY, FAIR AND DECENT HOUSING, QUALITY EDUCATION, POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM AND CONTRIBUTE TO CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

>> EDUCATION IS A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THAT MENTAL ILLNESS IS TREATABLE AND THAT PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FOR THESE CONDITIONS WITH THE SAME URGENCY AS THEY WOULD WITH ANY OTHER HEALTH CONDITION.

>> MENTAL ILLNESS CHALLENGES ARE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT RECOVERIES POSSIBLE AND POSITIVELY BENEFITS THE COUNTY'S OVER ALL WELL-BEING.

>> PEER SUPPORT IS EFFECTIVE. ENGAGEMENT OF PEERS IS CRITICAL AND SUCCESSFUL PART OF RECOVERY.

>> WE INVITE ALL RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH WITH ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S THEME, MIND YOUR HEALTH.

>> THANK YOU. ANY BOARD COMMENTS?

>> YES, CHAIR MADRIGAL.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD. I KNOW THAT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS IS ONE STEP WE CAN TAKE TO REMOVE THE STIGMA OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ILLNESS. I THINK FAR TOO OFTEN WE LET THE QUIRK IN UNCLE JOE'S BEHAVIOR GO UNTIL A MORE SERIOUS MANIFESTATION OCCURS. SO THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE HIDDEN FROM THE COMMUNITY. THEY ARE OUR FATHERS, OUR MOTHERS, OUR SISTERS, BROTHERS, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. THEY ARE DESERVING OF OUR FULL EFFORT TO ADDRESS THEIR ILLNESS, ENSURING THAT THEY HAVE A STABLE AND RICH ENVIRONMENT TO GROW AND TO FLOURISH, AND DAVID, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR ALL THAT YOU DO ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATION AND VULNERABLE FOLKS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> JUST AN INDULGENCE, THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY FOR ME THIS MORNING, BUT I APPRECIATE IT. I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PRESENTERS. I REALLY SEE MOVEMENT, BUT WHAT I ALSO SEE, ANN, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY THAT THOSE OF US WHO GET TO SIT UP HERE, WE SEE A LOT, WE HEAR A LOT RETURN TO OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO US ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THAT AND DO WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO AROUND THAT.

>> COMMISSIONER WENDT?

>> THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SAID THAT SO BEAUTIFULLY. IT WAS GUTSY AND HONEST. I APPRECIATE THE TRUTH TELLING. I WAS ALSO STRUCK BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TALKED ABOUT HOW GRATEFUL THEY WERE FOR THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. JUST TALKING ABOUT THE STRESS OF BEING NEW TO THIS COUNTRY OR LIVING IN POVERTY OR DEALING WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS AND THE IMPACT

THAT CAN HAVE ON MENTAL HEALTH. IT WAS A GREAT REMINDER OF THE INVESTMENTS WE MAKE AND THE ONES WE NEED TO CONTINUE. THANK YOU.

>> I COULDN'T SAY IT ANY BETTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK, AND ANN, FOR YOUR WORK YEAR AFTER YEAR AS AN ADVOCATE, AS A WONDERFUL SPEAKER.

>> THANK YOU.

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

>> OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: OUR BOARD BRIEFING ON MENTAL HEALTH ADDICTION SERVICES, MANAGING RISK IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

>>> GOOD MORNING. I'M STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. OUR AUDIT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES INSURANCE OPERATIONS PRESENTS JUST A LITTLE CAUTIONARY FLAG IN THIS CHANGING ENVIRONMENT. THE TWO AUDITORS THAT DID THE WORK ON THIS, MARK AND NICOLE, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES DIVISION OPERATES AN INSURANCE PLAN THAT NOW COVERS MORE THAN 110,000 INDIVIDUALS. THE DIVISION FACES FINANCIAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING THIS PLAN IN THAT IF PREMIUMS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE CLAIMS CARE AND EXPENSES PAID THE COUNTY HAS TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. CAREFULLY MANAGING THIS FINANCIAL RISK IS IMPORTANT FOR A COUPLE REASONS. ONE, INSURES THAT THE PLAN CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE, TWO, IT ALLOWS FOR AS MANY DOLLARS AS POSSIBLE TO BE DEVOTED TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE DIVISION HAS THREE TOOLS FOR MANAGING FINANCIAL RISK IN THIS INSURANCE OPERATION. DETERMINING WHICH SERVICES TO PAY FOR, THOSE THAT ARE MEDICALLY NECESSARY, DETERMINING HOW MUCH TO PAY FOR THESE SERVICES, WHAT ESSENTIALLY BECOMES THE FEE SCHEDULE, AND DETERMINING HOW MUCH TO INVEST IN BUSINESS SERVICES OR FOR THE PEOPLE WHO MANAGE THE PLAN AND THE RESOURCES THEY HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. WHILE NO INSURANCE OPERATION MAKES DECISIONS IN THESE AREAS IN A VACUUM, UNTIL RELATIVELY RECENTLY THE DIVISION HAD SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DISCRETION IN HOW IT USED THESE TOOLS. PREMIUM REVENUE CAME FROM THE STATE. THE STATE LIMITED ITS INVOLVEMENT TO MEETING ITS OVERSIGHT OBLIGATIONS UNDER MEDICAID. THIS HAS ALL CHANGED WITH THE OHP TRANCE FORMATION AND

COORDINATING CARE ORGANIZATIONS. NOW THE DIVISION RECEIVES REVENUE FROM THE CCO, AND MUST OPERATE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CCO. WHILE IT DOESN'T HOLD FINANCIAL RISKS IT'S SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE AMOUNT THAT WE CAN USE OUR OWN TOOLS. THE DIVISION IS -- THIS TAKES US TO THE PRIMARY FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT WHERE WE USED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COST ACCOUNTING TO ILLUSTRATE A POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IMPROVEMENTS. WHILE IN SOME RESPECTS USING FINANCIAL INFORMATION MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES PURCHASE ANSWER MONITORING THAN RISK MANAGEMENT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER FOR PLAN MANAGERS TO HAVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE FINANCIAL HEALTH IN REAL TIME.

>> THIS BRINGS ME TO OUR FIRST FINDING. WE FOUND THAT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS USED BY THE DIVISION WERE NOT TRUE REFLEX OF INSURANCE PLAN OPERATIONS. MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW THE EXTENT TO WHICH INSURANCE PLAN WAS COVERING ITS COSTS. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DID NOT REFLECT INSURANCE PLAN OPERATIONS BECAUSE THE DIVISION DID NOT ALWAYS APPROPRIATELY IDENTIFY WHICH BUSINESS OPERATIONS WERE PART OF THE PLAN. THERE ARE PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS THAT WERE FUNDED WITH INSURANCE PREMIUMS BUT WERE NOT PART OF THE INSURANCE PLAN. CONVERSELY THERE WERE INSURANCE FUNCTIONS PAID FOR WITH MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE INSURANCE PLAN. I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE. I WILL HIGHLIGHT THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT TEAM. ABOUT 34% OF THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT'S EXPENSES ARE RELATED TO SUPPORTING THE INSURANCE PLAN. BECAUSE OF THIS ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT ROUGHLY 34% OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT'S EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID FOR BY INSURANCE PREMIUMS. HOWEVER, ACTUALLY 49% OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT'S EXPENSES WERE FUNDED WITH INSURANCE PLAN PREMIUMS. THE END RESULT IS THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE INSURANCE PLAN IT WOULD APPEAR THAT QUALITY MANAGEMENT EXPENSES ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THEY ACTUALLY ARE. THIS ALSO BRINGS ME TO FINDING 2. WE FOUND ISSUES WITH THE WAY THE DIVISION ACCOUNTED FOR SOME OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. SOME INSURANCE PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WERE NOT CLASSIFIED AS SUCH. IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE A KEY INDICATOR OF EFFICIENCY BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO MANAGE EFFICIENCY IF COSTS ARE NOT MEASURED APPROPRIATELY. THIS BRINGS ME TO RECOMMENDATIONS. THE DIVISION'S VIEW OF THE INSURANCE PLAN IS PART OF A LARGER INTEGRATED SYSTEM RATHER THAN A STAND-ALONE OPERATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE ISSUES WE IDENTIFIED. BUT CORRECTING THESE ISSUES DOES NOT REQUIRE DISMANTLING THE INTEGRATED SYSTEM. THE DIVISION CAN MORE ACCURATELY MEASURE THE INSURANCE PLAN'S COSTS AND HAVE BETTER INFORMATION AT ITS DISPOSAL TO MANAGE FINANCIAL RISK BY -- ENSURING THAT ONLY REVENUES AND EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE INSURANCE PLAN ARE INCLUDED IN THE

FINANCIAL -- EXCUSE ME, THE INSURANCE PLAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. BY DEVELOPING A METHODOLOGY BY WHICH OTHER MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM COMPONENTS CAN CHARGE THE INSURANCE PLAN FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO PLAN MEMBERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PLAN. DEVELOP DEFINITIONS TO CATEGORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND TO EVALUATE VIABILITY OF RUNNING AN INSURANCE PLAN UNDER THE CONDITIONS UP POSED BY THE CCO STRUCTURE. OUR CONCLUSION, AS MARK AND STEVE HAVE DISCUSSED, THE COUNTY'S CONTROL OVER ITS FINANCIAL RISK OF THE INSURANCE PLAN HAS BEEN REDUCED. SO THIS MAKES IT MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE COSTS. WITH THAT WE WILL TAKE ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

>> COULD WE GO BACK TO YOUR LAST BULLET ON THE PREVIOUS -- COULD YOU EXPAND A LITTLE BIT ON THAT? THAT RECOMMENDATION?

>> THE FORMULA EVALUATE -- NUMBER 4?

>> YES.

>> THE CONTEXT IN WHICH WE OPERATE THE INSURANCE PLAN IS CHANGING SO MUCH THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INSURANCE PLAN IS COSTING, WHAT WE'RE TAKING IN, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO IT. WE GET INTO A QUESTION OF IN THIS CASE NOT ONLY THE VIABILITY OF THE INSURANCE PLAN BUT ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER SYSTEM COMPONENTS. IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE COSTING, WE'RE NOT IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO SAY TO THE STATE, WHAT YOU'RE GIVING US ISN'T ENOUGH AND WE CAN OR CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THIS. NOW, WHAT THAT HAS FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN THE PAST IS SHUFFLING MONEY MADLY FROM ONE COMPONENT TO THE OTHER. WITH THE CCO STRUCTURE IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY DIFFICULT TO DO THAT FOR MONEY COMING OUT OF THE PLAN. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO AT LEAST LOOK AT THIS AND YOU AS A BOARD HAS TO DECIDE, NOW WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION, THEY ARE NOT GIVING US ENOUGH MONEY TO DO WHAT WE THINK WE NEED TO DO BUT WE'RE WILLING TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OR WHATEVER, IF THAT'S THE CASE, BUT THAT THAT IS A KNOWN QUANTITY GOING FORWARD SO IT DOESN'T CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THAT'S KIND OF WHERE WE'RE GETTING AT WITH THAT. IT'S KIND OF A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF MAYBE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

>> THERE WAS AN HISTORICAL CONTEXT. WE HAVE HAD A GOOD WORKING -- WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE. THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS THEY WERE GETTING. THEY WEREN'T AS CONCERNED ABOUT ANY FINANCIAL REPORTS BECAUSE THEY COULD SEE THE RESULTS. WE NOW

HAVE AN INSERTION OF A NEW PLAYER IN BETWEEN US AND THE STATE. THE CCO. THAT TAKES, ONE, TAKES ADDITIONAL DOLLARS OUT THE SYSTEM TO OPERATE THE CCO PART. AND SO THERE'S A LITTLE LESS COMING INTO THE DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION TO DO THEIR WORK. ALSO, THEY ARE GOING TO WANT REPORTS THAT ACCURATELY REFLECT WHAT THEY ARE PAYING FOR. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, PEOPLE SAY OPERATE A GOVERNMENT LIKE BUSINESS. GOVERNMENT ISN'T A BUSINESS EXCEPT WHEN IT OPERATES AS A BUSINESS. WE ARE AN INSURANCE BUSINESS IN THIS CASE. SO WE ALSO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES. THE COUNTY VERY GENEROUSLY PUTS INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM FUNDING FOR A VARIETY OF SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED UNDER MEDICAID. SO WE DO A LOT MORE BECAUSE WE PUT IN MORE. SO THE QUESTION BECOMES IS THE INSURANCE PLAN PORTION OF THIS APPROPRIATE. SO BASICALLY YOU WANT TO TRACK THAT VERY CAREFULLY GOING FORWARD TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT FALLING BEHIND ON THE INSURANCE PLAN SIDE. IF AT SOME POINT, WE'RE NOT MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION, BUT US OPERATING THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS NOT THE ONLY OPTION IN THIS SYSTEM. OTHER COUNTIES HAVE ACTUALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THAT SYSTEM AND TURNED IT OVER TO THE LOCAL CCO. WE'RE AGAIN NOT RECOMMENDING THAT, BUT IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION. IF THE INSURANCE PLAN PORTION IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY TO BE IN THAT BUSINESS. WE CAN STILL PROVIDE THE OTHER SERVICES.

>> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS?

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I FOUND YOUR REPORT TO BE VERY IN DEPTH. MANY OF YOUR POINTS QUITE CONVINCING, BUT I HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. BASED ON YOUR REVIEW ARE THESE MANAGEMENT ISSUES ATTRIBUTABLE TO HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION ALONE?

>> I WOULDN'T SAY NECESSARILY. HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IS THE CONTEXT AT WHICH THIS IS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT. I THINK THAT IT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF US OPERATING IN OUR BUDGETARY ENVIRONMENT AND I DON'T NECESSARILY MEAN REDUCTIONS OR WHATEVER, JUST GOVERNMENT BUDGETING AND HOW WE DO THINGS. WE DON'T RUN THE INSURANCE COMPANY LIKE A BUSINESS. WE HAVE THE STRUCTURE, WE HAVE THE FUND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM THAT WE CAN DO THIS, BUT LIKE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY EVERY YEAR IT'S A SCRAMBLE TO SEE HOW DO WE PAY FOR WHAT WE THINK WE NEED TO DO. THIS BEING THE INSURANCE COMPANY DOESN'T GET SET UP ON ITS OWN, IN THIS WAY. SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, PART OF THE ONGOING THING, IT HAS PROBABLY BEEN BETTER AT SOME POINT IN THE PAST, BUT OVER TIME IT JUST STARTS STRAYING AS WE START SCRAMBLING. WE NEED TO BRING IT BACK.

>> WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE RIGHT NOW TO KIND OF MITIGATE SOME OF OUR FINANCIAL RISK? I KNOW YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE US A RECOMMENDATION, STEVE, BUT --

>> THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE, THAT WE HAVE TO START CATEGORIZING OUR COSTS APPROPRIATELY. WE HAVE TO TREAT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND IN OUR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, AS THE INSURANCE PLAN. LET'S NOT CO-MINGLE OTHER ACTIVITIES WITH THAT. WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A WAY FOR THE PLAN TO CHARGE APPROPRIATELY. GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE CALL CENTER. WE HAVE A CALL CENTER IMPORTANT PART OF THE CRISIS SYSTEM, BUT IT'S THE CRISIS SYSTEM, NOW ESSENTIALLY FUNDED OUT OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND. THERE'S A CHUNK OF THAT WORK THAT CALL CENTER DOES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FUND AND WE OUGHT TO ALLOW THEM TO CHARGE THE FUND FOR THAT, BUT THAT NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY. THIS WAY WE KNOW WHAT IS THE FUND'S COSTING US, WHAT IS THE PLAN COSTING US, WHAT DO WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO DO THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO.

>> WHAT I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ASAP? HOW DO WE GO FORWARD ON THAT?

>> I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS. WE HAVE -- THIS AUDIT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, I THINK, FOR ME AND FOR OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SUSAN MEYERS. WE HAVE ALSO ENGAGED SEPARATELY A CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT THE REVENUE STREAMS IN THIS AREA AND HOW WE ACCOUNT FOR THINGS. MANY YEARS AGO IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT WE BRAID OUR FUNDING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES. WE DID THAT. BUT NOW WE HAVE A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, AND IT MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO DO THAT ANY MORE. I THINK THAT'S SORT OF THE DIRECTION THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT GOING. WE HAVE ENGAGED THIS THIRD PARTY TO ALSO GIVE US A RECOMMENDATION AND WE SUSPECT THAT THEY WILL RECOMMEND A SIMILAR THING. I THINK THAT THAT IS THE IMMEDIATE NEXT STEP IS GETTING THAT REPORT BACK IN ADDITION TO THIS, AND THEN MAKING SOME DECISIONS.

>> SO WILL A CONSULTANT GIVE US A REPORT IN A BOARD BRIEFING OR IN A COUNCIL MEETING OR SEPARATE --

>> WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR BUT WE CERTAINLY COULD.

>> I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.

>> THE DIVISION IS ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO MORE CLOSELY ALIGN THEIR

ACCOUNTING STRUCTURE WITH SOMETHING THAT WOULD BETTER FIT THE PLAN. IT'S IN PROCESS. IT'S GOING. THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS MAYBE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

>> JUST A QUICK QUESTION. WHAT'S THE TIMELINE FOR THE CONSULTANT'S WORK?

>> GOOD MORNING. THIS IS SUSAN MEYERS, DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. WE DID ENGAGE WITH CONSULTANTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSULTANTS. THEY ARE CALLED TAC. THEY WERE HERE IN 2000. WE ENGAGED THEM IN 2000. AT THAT TIME, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS TO BRAID OUR FUNDING STREAMS, WHICH WE DID. NOW AS CHAIR SAID, IT MIGHT NOT MAKE -- IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE ANY MORE SO WE ENGAGED THEM BACK. DIFFERENT PRINCIPLES BUT STILL THE SAME FIRM. WE HAVE PUT IT INTO THE MEDICAID PLAN AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CCOs, TO HELP MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROVIDE TO YOU ALL ABOUT WHAT THAT WILL LIKE LIKE IN THE FUTURE. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SCOPE OF WORK IS LOOKING AT OUR ROLE AS THE LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THAT AS WELL GOING FORWARD. INITIALLY, THE REPORT WAS GOING TO BE SUBMITTED TO US IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THE SUMMER, BUT I HAVE SINCE ASKED IF THEY COULD GIVE US SORT OF PHASED REPORTS. WE JUST -- I JUST GOT THE DRAFT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FIRST PHASE, WHICH IS THE MEDICAID PLAN, AND I HAVE NOT YET TALKED WITH THE CHAIR ABOUT HOW WE WANT TO PRESENT THOSE. BUT I WILL SAY THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY RECOMMENDATIONS CERTAINLY COINCIDES WITH THE AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS. IT'S TIME FOR US TO LOOK AT UNBRAIDING OUR DOLLARS, WHICH IS A BIG CHALLENGE. WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE MANAGING THE MEDICAID PLAN IN TERMS OF WHAT WE FUND IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND MANY, MANY, MANY OF OUR FTEs ARE BEING FUNDED WITH VARIOUS FUNDING SOURCES BECAUSE THEY FUNCTION ACROSS THE DIVISION. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO BRINGING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU SO YOU CAN MAKE SOME DECISIONS AS TO HOW YOU WANT TO MANAGE THIS PLAN OR NOT MOVING FORWARD.

>> IS THAT GOING TO BE BEFORE JULY 1?

>> AS I SAID, I WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THE CHAIR ABOUT HOW SHE WANTS TO DO THAT.

>> COMMISSIONER?

>> I DO AGREE THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT NOW THAT WE HAVE A LOGIC MODEL, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH BECAUSE I REALLY SEE THIS AUDITOR'S REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS GIVING THE BOARD A LOGIC

MODEL, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, NO, THIS IS NOT A BUSINESS. WE DON'T RUN A BUSINESS HERE. THE REASON WE BRAIDED TOGETHER, IF I RECALL, IS SO WE COULD ACHIEVE OUR MISSION STATEMENT, WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM IN ITS BOTTOM LINE FROM A TYPICAL BUSINESS MISSION STATEMENT. THAT IS THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE BETTER. AND THAT'S A VERY DIFFERENT BOTTOM LINE FROM WHAT A BUSINESS BOTTOM LINE WOULD BE. THAT IMPLIES NO JUDGMENT. I'M NOT IMPOSING JUDGMENT, JUST SAYING THAT WE ARE DIFFERENT, AND WE NEED TO -- I THINK CONTINUE TO TRACK VERY CLOSELY HOW WE MANAGE RESOURCES TO TAKE CARE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY, IN LIGHT OF THESE CHANGES. SO I HOPE TO HEAR BACK BOTH FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ABOUT HOW WE'RE DOING AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ABOUT HOW WE'RE DOING ON A REGULAR BASIS WHILE WE GET THIS ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT.

>> ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

>> AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION ON THE CONTRACT. IS IT GOING TO ADDRESS OR DID THE AUDIT FINDINGS ADDRESS THE STAFFING TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING, WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THESE CHANGES?

>> WE DID NOT FOCUS ON THAT. WE HAVE A FOLLOW-UP REPORT WE'RE WORKING ON AROUND ONE PARTICULAR ASPECT OF CLAIMS MONITORING. BUT WE DID NOT DO A BROAD STUDY OF STAFFING OR THAT SORT OF THING. NO.

>> YES, OUR CONSULTANTS HAVE. THEY HAVE DONE A DETAILED STUDY ON FTEs, POSITION FUNCTIONS -- AS WELL AS OUR TECHNOLOGY. I ANTICIPATE SOME SORT OF RECOMMENDATION THAT IS INDEED THE COUNTY DETERMINES TO STAY IN THIS LINE OF BUSINESS THERE WILL PROBABLY NEED TO BE AN INVESTMENT IN DIFFERENT TOOLS TO HELP MANAGE THE BUSINESS.

>> I SHOULD CLARIFY. WE DID A LOT OF WORK IN TERMS OF FIGURING OUT WHERE THOSE COSTS LINED UP BY FINDING OUT WHAT PEOPLE WERE DOING, WHAT THEIR FTE WAS, WHERE IT WAS BEING CHARGED, BUT WE DIDN'T COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION AROUND WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE FTEs.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? NO? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR THIS ITEM.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: WE'RE BEHIND, SO I WON'T BE ALLOWING IT THIS TIME.

R7, PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> APPROVAL OF R7.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TOGETHER WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH, MY CO-LIAISON TO ELDERS IN ACTION, TO CO-SPONSOR THIS. EVERY YEAR THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION ON AGING ISSUES A THEME FOR OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW. IT REMINDS US THAT OLDER ADULTS REMAIN AT HIGHER RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL INJURY THAN THE REST OF THE POPULATION. OLDER AMERICANS MONTH GIVES THE BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OUR ELDERS PLAY IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO NOTE THE GREAT WORK OF OUR AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICE DIVISION. THIS YEAR'S PROCLAMATION IN PARTICULAR HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OUR SENIOR CENTERS PLAY IN PROVIDING SERVICES SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO HELP OLDER RESIDENTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YESTERDAY THE CITY OF PORTLAND ISSUED A SIMILAR PROCLAMATION AND WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE GEORGE HOCKER, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM COMMISSIONER NICK FISH'S OFFICE, WITH US TODAY. WE'RE ALSO JOINED BY LESLIE FORENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELDERS IN ACTION, AND BY OUR OWN LEE GIRARD FROM OUR ADS SO TAKE IT AWAY, TEAM.

>> GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR MADRIGAL. I'M LEE GIRARD WITH THE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION. WE'RE PLEASED TO BE JOINING YOU IN RECOGNIZING AND HONORING OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE WITH US TWO REALLY IMPORTANT PARTNERS TO HELP US WITH THAT RECOGNITION. I'M GOING TO ASK BOTH GEORGE AND LESLIE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT. THEN I BELIEVE PROBABLY COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION FOR US.

>> I WOULD LOVE TO. I MIGHT HAVE TO -- [SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY]

>> I THINK YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT YESTERDAY. YOU PROBABLY ARE MORE PRACTICED AT IT.

>> I DID. [LAUGHTER]

>> TELL ME WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE, COMMISSIONER.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: I WOULD LOVE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION, COMMISSIONER SMITH. I'M REALLY ENJOYING THIS SORT OF DUO THAT WE HAVE GOING HERE.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MADRIGAL, ALL OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. I'M LESLIE FORENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELDERS IN ACTION. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE WITH MY PARTNERS LEE GIRARD AND FROM COMMISSIONER NICK FISH'S PUBLIC ADVOCATE GEORGE HOCKER. IT'S THE FEDERALLY MANDATED ADVISORY PANEL TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND. SINCE 1968 OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE WORKED HARD TO HELP ENSURE THAT ALL COUNTY SERVICES ARE AGE FRIENDLY TO OUR ELDER POPULATION. THAT THE COUNTY STAFF IS VERY -- IT'S VARIOUS DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ARE PREPARED TO SERVE AND ENGAGE THIS AGING DEMOGRAPHIC. AS WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PROCLAIM MAY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND AS WE DID YESTERDAY IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, IT REPRESENTS THE ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMITMENT AND WORK IN BUILDING AN AGE FRIENDLY CITY AND COUNTY. A COUNTY THAT HAS STRUCTURES AND SERVICES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE TO OLDER ADULTS, THAT EMPHASIZES ENABLEMENT AND RECOGNIZES OLDER ADULTS AS ASSETS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND A COUNTY THAT IS FRIENDLY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES. I WANT TO PERSONALLY HIGHLIGHT AND THANK THE COUNTY FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP AND FOR HAVING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH ELDERS IN ACTION COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY STAKE HOLD RESPECT THESE PAST MONTHS REGARDING FUNDING OF THE FIVE SENIOR CENTERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUNDING IN JULY AND GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT OUR COUNTY'S ELDERS STAY ACTIVE, ENGAGED AND SAFE. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND ENSURING THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALL AGE WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE IN THE PLACE WE CALL HOME.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR MADRIGAL, COMMISSIONER WENDT, COMMISSIONER SMITH, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, COMMISSIONER McKEEL, MY COMMISSIONER. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE WITH LESLIE AND WITH LEE, TO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR OVER FIVE YEARS NOW AS COMMISSIONER FISH'S REPRESENTATIVE TO ELDERS IN ACTION. TO WATCH THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT ELDERS IN ACTION AND AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DOES FOR THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME. I'M HONORED TO REPRESENT COMMISSIONER NICK FISH, THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL'S LIAISON TO ELDERS IN ACTION. THE MONTH OF MAY DESIGNATED IN 1963 AS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH CHANGED IN 1980 TO OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, PROVIDES ALL AMERICANS AN OPPORTUNITY

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OLDER ADULTS MAKE DAILY IN COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. ON JULY 1, 2012, THERE WERE 43.1 MILLION PEOPLE WHO WERE 65 OR OLDER IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE BY 2030. THERE ARE NOW MORE AMERICANS AGE 65 AND OLDER THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN OUR HISTORY. UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES TO THIS POPULATION RESULT IN AT LEAST 6 MILLION MEDICALLY TREATED INJURIES AND MORE THAN 30,000 DEATHS EACH YEAR. THE CITY OF PORTLAND THROUGH ITS AGE-FRIENDLY PORTLAND ACTION PLAN APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 2013 CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ELDERS IN ACTION IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO IMPROVE INJURY PREVENTION AND SAFETY AWARENESS, HELPING OLDER ADULTS REMAIN SAFE AND HEALTHY AND ACTIVE IN KEEPING WITH THIS YEAR'S OLDER AMERICAN MONTH THEME, SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW. COMMISSIONERS SHIPRACK AND SMITH HAVE BEEN STRONG ADVOCATES IN THE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR OLDER ADULTS. THEY CONTINUE TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR OUR VULNERABLE VETERANS, WHO NOW NUMBER 9.6 MILLION AGE 65 AND OLDER IN THE UNITED STATES. SO YOU CAN FIGURE THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OVER 65 HERE IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AREA. ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN TARGETS OF FRAUD. THEIR WORK WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND PARTNERS PROVIDES NEEDED SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES. NOW, WITH YOUR PERMISSION I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS MAY 2014 IS NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH AND WHEREAS THE FOCUS THIS YEAR IS ON INJURY PREVENTION WITH THE THEME SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW, AND WHEREAS METRO PROJECTS AN INCREASE OF 106% IN THOSE AGE 65 AND OLDER BETWEEN 2010 AND 2030, AND WHEREAS THE CITY APPROVES AN AGE-FRIENDLY PORTLAND ACTION PLAN IN 2013 FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SAFETY, HEALTH AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF OLDER ADULTS. WHEREAS OLDER AMERICANS MAKE MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND WHEREAS OLDER ADULTS ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF ACCIDENT, INJURY AND DEATH THAN THE REST OF THE POPULATION. WHEREAS THE CITY VALUES PARTNERSHIPS WITH ELDERS IN ACTION AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY, AND HEALTH OF OLDER ADULTS AND WHEREAS THE CITY CONTRIBUTES TO THE VITALITY OF OLDER AMERICANS IN EFFORTS WITH PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION, LOAVES AND FISHES AND SENIOR RECREATION CENTERS, AND WHEREAS THE CITY OF PORTLAND EDGE COURAGE OLDER AMERICANS TO STAY ACTIVE AND ENGAGED IN KEEPING WITH THE THEME SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW. NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE HALES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON, THE CITY OF ROSES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2014 TO BE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN PORTLAND, OREGON, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH AND SUPPORT OUR OLDER CITIZENS WHO CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: THANK YOU.

>> SHOULD I READ?

>> YES.

>> THANK YOU. PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS MAY 2014 IS NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. THIS YEAR'S THEME, SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW, REMINDS US OF THE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HELP KEEP OLDER ADULTS SAFE AND PROMOTE THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. METRO PROJECTS AN INCREASE OF 106% IN THOSE AGE 65 AND OLDER BETWEEN 2010 AND 2030. THE COUNTY HAS WORKED WITH THE CITY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP THE ACTION PLAN FOR AN AGE-FRIENDLY PORTLAND TO ADDRESS UNIQUE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISIONS' CONTRACTS WITH FIVE SENIOR CENTERS. THESE CENTERS PROVIDE A KEY ROLE IN HELPING OLDER ADULTS STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY BY PROVIDING AN ARRAY OF SERVICES INCLUDING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION ABOUT FRAUD AND SCAMS, EXERCISE CLASSES, ACCESS TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE, CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS, AND OPTIONS COUNSELING. THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING FUNDER OF SENIOR CENTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION AND STARTING JULY 1, 2014, MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING THE CENTERS. WE WANT TO THANK THE CITY FOR ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS. LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE COUNTY'S GROWING OLDER ADULT POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE MANY ACTIVITIES SENIOR CENTERS OFFER. THE COUNTY'S SENIOR CENTERS ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, STAFFED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE WHO ARE ATTENTIVE TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF OLDER ADULTS AND SERVE AS WELCOMING PLACES FOR ELDERS TO GATHER FOR FRIENDSHIP AND ENRICHMENT. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM MAY 2014 IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. A TIME TO HONOR THE VITAL CONTRIBUTION SENIOR CENTERS MAKE TO THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE COUNTY'S OLDER ADULTS. KEEPING THEM ACTIVE, ENGAGED, AND SECURE. ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2014.

>> THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND MYSELF I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT, LEE. YOU KNOW, I KNOW THE WORK THAT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS DO TO SERVE OUR SENIORS AND IT'S FANTASTIC. ELDERS IN ACTION, THEY ARE NUMBER ONE ON MY LIST. YOU

KNOW, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, MAKE SURE THEY CAN LIVE AS INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE. THE DIVISION'S EFFORTS ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS THE COUNTY'S AGING POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW. AS MR. HOCKER SAID, WE ARE ALSO FORTUNATE TO HAVE THREE FANTASTIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES FILLED WITH PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HEAR DIVERSE POINTS OF VIEW AND THAT WE FULLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO SERVE. OUR ELDERS IN ACTION COMMISSION, WHICH COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND I ARE CO-LIAISONS TO OUR BOARD, YOU ALL GIVE US ADVICE ON THE CONCERNS AND NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. THIS YEAR'S OLDER AMERICANS MONTH THEME IS SAFE TODAY, HEALTHY TOMORROW. IT REMINDS US THAT OLDER ADULTS REMAIN AT A HIGHER RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL INJURY AND DEATH THAN THE REST OF THE POPULATION. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS HIGHLIGHTING THE THEME THROUGH OUR FIVE LOCAL SENIOR CENTERS, AND WE WANT TO THANK THE CITY FOR THE VITAL ROLE THEY HAVE PLAYED IN FUNDING THE CENTERS. THE CENTERS PROVIDE A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ARE A KEY PART OF KEEPING OUR SENIOR POPULATION SAFE AND HEALTHY. WE'RE PLEASED TO MARK THIS OCCASION BY BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT PLACES FOR THE COUNTY'S OLDER ADULTS. I JUST WANT TO SAY FROM ME, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO. YOU WERE VERY HELPFUL THIS PAST YEAR WITH MY SENIOR FINANCIAL FRAUD AND ABUSE FORUMS. THEY WERE REALLY GOOD. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO ROLL OUT SOME MORE STUFF THIS SUMMER, SO BE PREPARED. THANK YOU, GEORGE. AS I SAID YESTERDAY, IT'S SO COMFORTING TO SEE YOU OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. I ALWAYS KNOW I'M IN THE RIGHT PLACE WHEN YOU'RE THERE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

>> THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. GEORGE, NICE TO SEE YOU AS ALWAYS. WELL, I PERSONALLY AM ALWAYS HAPPY WHEN WE DO SOMETHING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR AS WE NOW CALL US, OLDER AMERICANS. I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AND THAT WE ARE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING VALUABLE ASSETS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ARE ABLE TO MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. SO I WILL JUST SAY THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF KEEPING ACTIVE AND ENGAGED MY WEDNESDAY WALKS WILL BE STARTING THE FIRST OF JUNE. I INVITE YOU ALL TO GET OUT THERE AND JOIN ME TO WALK THE EAST SIDE ESPLANADE. SINCE THIS MONTH OF MAY IS FOR OLDER AMERICANS I MIGHT JUST EXPECT A LITTLE MORE RESPECT AROUND HERE.

>> YOU GOT IT! [LAUGHTER]

>> I HAD A FOND MEMORY WHILE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE VISION PROJECT THAT ELDERS IN ACTION DID MANY YEARS AGO. IT WAS BRIGHT GREEN NEON SHIRTS AND THEY WERE ALL AROUND THE CITY WITH THEIR CLIPBOARDS GETTING OLDER MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOLKS' OPINION ON THE FUTURE OF THE CITY. THEY DID A TREMENDOUS JOB. IT WAS A GREAT MEMORY. I THINK THAT THE WORK YOUR TEAM DOES IS TREMENDOUS. IT USED TO BE A PIPELINE OR MAYBE STILL IS FOR EMPLOYEES TO YOUR SHOP. BUT THE EMPATHY, INTELLIGENCE AND EMBRACING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN A HALLMARK. GEORGE, PLEASE PASS ALONG THANKS TO COMMISSIONER FISH FOR HIS ONGOING LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS YOURS.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. JUST MAKE A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT THE COUNTY SUPPORT OF THE SENIOR CENTERS. IN THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE BUDGET WE DO PROPOSE THE COUNTY TAKE ON THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT. IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP ON OTHER -- IN OTHER AREAS WITH THE CITY AND WITH MAYOR HALES. WHEN WE SAT DOWN TOGETHER WE REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT TOGETHER NO MATTER WHICH SIDE OF THE LEDGER IT WAS GOING TO BE ON THAT WE LOOKED AT THE HOLISTIC NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MADE SURE THAT EVERYTHING WAS ADDRESSED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BY SOMEONE. SO WHILE IT IS IN OUR LEDGER NOW, IT'S STILL A PARTNERSHIP AND SOMETHING THAT CLEARLY BOTH THE CITY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY VALUE AND BELIEVE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY FABRIC. SO THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THAT AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY CELEBRATING THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

>> SO WELL SAID. IT FEELS A LITTLE BIT LIKE PILING ON, BUT BEFORE WE VOTE ON THIS, I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW FOND I AM, THIS IS -- I'M FEELING REAL AFFECTION, GEORGE, LESLIE, LEE. WHAT A POWERFUL FORCE. THREE OF YOU ARE. I'M FOND OF YOU. THIS IS, YOU KNOW, JUST A MOMENT FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO I GUESS BE FOOLISH IN THAT RESPECT AND PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD. I REALLY LIKE THE WORK THAT YOU DO. WHO WOULDN'T? BUT I WANT TO TIE SOMETHING TOGETHER HERE THAT IS LOGICAL, IF YOU FOLLOW ME, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT SYSTEMS AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW IS IT THAT WE BECOME SENIOR CITIZENS. WE DO IT ONE YEAR AT A TIME. AND IN RECOGNITION OF THAT, I WANT TO WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHAIR, MARISSA MADRIGAL. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MADAME CHAIR. I KNEW I COULD TIE THAT TOGETHER.

>> THANK YOU. BEAUTIFULLY DONE.

>> HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: THANK YOU.

>> MAY I MAKE ONE COMMENT? WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING IN THIS BUDGET WITH THE SENIOR CENTERS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. WHEN I SIT IN THE ELDERS IN ACTION COMMISSION MEETINGS AND LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AS WE GET CLOSE TO BUDGET TIME THERE'S TREMENDOUS ANXIETY THAT HAS BEEN THERE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS ABOUT WHETHER THIS IS GOING TO BE FUNDED OR NOT FUNDED, WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO USE THESE FACILITIES FOR MANY OF THEM AS THEIR MAIN MEANS OF OUTSIDE CONTACT. TAKING AWAY THAT ANXIETY, WHICH HAS BEEN ENORMOUS, IS A WONDERFUL THING THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

>> THANK YOU. I DON'T DO ANYTHING HERE ALONE.

>> THAT WAS A COLLECTIVE --

>> THANK YOU. JUST TO BE CLEAR. THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Madrigal: NOW IS THE TIME WE HAVE FOR BOARD COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYONE HAVE AN ITEM TO DISCUSS TODAY?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE AN ITEM, CHAIR MADRIGAL. I WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY AND I THINK WE'RE SETTING A RECORD TODAY IN TERMS OF THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE. IT'S 80-SOMETHING. I THINK YOU SHOULD GO OUTSIDE AND GO GET SOME ICE CREAM OR SOMETHING FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY.

>> Chair Madrigal: DONE! [LAUGHTER]

>> Vice-Chair McKeel: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHAIR. WE DID THREATEN TO MAKE EVERYONE OUT HERE IN THE AUDIENCE SING, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE OUR LEADERS THAT WERE GOING TO HELP US. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Madrigal: I WON'T TORTURE ANYONE.

Commissioner Smith: STEVIE WONDER VERSION.

>> RIGHT! [LAUGHTER]

>> Chair Madrigal: OKAY, THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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