

ANNOTATED MINUTES

Tuesday, March 23, 2004 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chair Serena Cruz convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m., with Commissioners Lonnie Roberts and Maria Rojo de Steffey present, and Commissioner Lisa Naito and Chair Diane Linn excused.

- E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Will Meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(h). Only Representatives of the News Media and Designated Staff are allowed to Attend. Representatives of the News Media and All Other Attendees are Specifically Directed Not to Disclose Information that is the Subject of the Executive Session. No Final Decision will be made in the Executive Session. Presented by Agnes Sowle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2004 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Diane Linn convened the meeting at 9:28 a.m., with Vice-Chair Serena Cruz and Commissioners Lisa Naito, Lonnie Roberts and Maria Rojo de Steffey present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

***UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CRUZ,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, THE
CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-3)
WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

- C-1 Appointments of Pam Greenough, Monica Ford and Emily Ryan to the Multnomah County COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY
- C-2 Appointment of Commissioner Serena Cruz to the TRI-COUNTY SAFETY NET ENTERPRISE BOARD
- C-3 Appointments of May Lynn Chu and Sandra Spiegel to the MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

REGULAR AGENDA **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk.

STEVEN ANDERSEN OF CASCADE PLANNING ASSOCIATES URGED BOARD SUPPORT OF ADVOCATES OF COMMON SENSE LAND USE PLANNING GROUP ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CERTAIN COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION POLICIES.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- R-1 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Grant Funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Primary Health Care to Expand the Capacity to Deliver Primary Health Care Services to Individuals without a Medical Home

COMMISSIONER CRUZ MOVED AND COMMISSIONER NAITO SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-1. VANETTA ABDELLATIF EXPLANATION. COMMISSIONER CRUZ COMMENTS IN SUPPORT. NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-2 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Substance Abuse Policy Research Program Funds

**COMMISSIONER CRUZ MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER NAITO SECONDED, APPROVAL
OF R-2. MIKE STARK EXPLANATION.
COMMISSIONER NAITO AND CHAIR LINN
COMMENTS IN SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION.
NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

R-3 RESOLUTION Approving First Amendment and Extension of Lease with Watamull Properties Corp. (Watamull), Landlord, for Office Space at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, and Authorizing County Chair to Execute Lease Amendments and Renewals

**COMMISSIONER ROJO MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED,
APPROVAL OF R-3. GREG HERLEAN
EXPLANATION. RESOLUTION 04-029
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

R-4 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for United Way of Columbia-Willamette Focus Funding

**COMMISSIONER ROJO MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER CRUZ SECONDED, APPROVAL
OF R-4. ANNIE NEAL AND JUDY PHELAN
EXPLANATION. COMMISSIONER NAITO AND
CHAIR LINN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT AND
APPRECIATION. NOTICE OF INTENT
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

R-5 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Oregon Community Foundation - The John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Project - Parent Education Grant

**COMMISSIONER NAITO MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER CRUZ SECONDED, APPROVAL
OF R-5. WENDY LEBOW AND RENEA ARNOLD
EXPLANATION. COMMISSIONER NAITO AND
CHAIR LINN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT AND**

**APPRECIATION. NOTICE OF INTENT
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

R-6 Public Process and Board Appointment to the State Legislature to Fill a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Memorializing Same

CHAIR LINN ADVISED THIS IS THE DATE AND TIME DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC PROCESS AND APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FILL THE OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 43 VACANCY FROM THE FOLLOWING DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRECINCT COMMITTEE APPROVED NOMINEES: R.P. JOE SMITH; JOANN BOWMAN; AND TOM MARKGRAF. CHAIR LINN EXPLAINED THE BOARD WILL ALLOT UP TO FIVE MINUTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE TO SPEAK PRIOR TO BOARD VOTE. THE COMMISSIONERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS OF EACH NOMINEE AT THAT TIME. CHAIR LINN REQUESTED THAT THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY, FILL OUT A SPEAKER FORM LOCATED AT THE BACK COUNTER AND HAND IT TO THE CLERK, AND ADVISED THAT PUBLIC TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES EACH. CHAIR LINN EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN BY WRITTEN BALLOT; THAT FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW TESTIMONY PROCESS, THE BALLOTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY EACH COMMISSIONER AND SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK, WHO WILL THEN READ THEM INTO THE RECORD; AND THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE THE APPOINTEE. CHAIR LINN ADVISED THAT IN CASE THERE IS NO MAJORITY, A SECOND (RUN OFF) WRITTEN BALLOT VOTE WILL BE TAKEN. CHAIR LINN EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD WILL

**FORMALIZE THE PUBLIC PROCESS BY
RESOLUTION ADOPTION.**

**R.P. JOE SMITH, JOANN BOWMAN AND TOM
MARKGRAF PRESENTED COMMENTS,
INCLUDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND
QUALIFICATIONS IN SUPPORT OF BOARD
APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 43 POSITION.**

**MEREDITH WOOD SMITH TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF R.P. JOE SMITH.
SKIP ELLIOTT BOWMAN TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF JOANNE
BOWMAN. JEFFERSON SMITH TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF R.P. JOE SMITH.
BRUCE BROUSSARD TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
OF APPOINTMENT OF JOANNE BOWMAN.**

**COMMISSIONERS CRUZ, ROJO AND NAITO
COMMENTS IN APPRECIATION OF THE
EXPERTISE OF ALL THREE CANDIDATES AND
COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CANDIDATE
THEY WILL BACK.**

**UPON COMPLETION OF THE WRITTEN
BALLOTS, THE CLERK READ INTO THE RECORD
THE FOLLOWING VOTES: CHAIR DIANE LINN -
JOANNE BOWMAN; COMMISSIONER MARIA
ROJO - MARK MARKGRAF; COMMISSIONER
SERENA CRUZ - JOANNE BOWMAN;
COMMISSIONER LISA NAITO - R.P. JOE SMITH;
COMMISSIONER LONNIE ROBERTS - R.P. JOE
SMITH.**

**AS THERE WAS NO MAJORITY, A SECOND
WRITTEN BALLOT VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE
CLERK READ INTO THE RECORD THE
FOLLOWING VOTES: CHAIR DIANE LINN - R.P.
JOE SMITH; COMMISSIONER MARIA ROJO - R.P.
JOE SMITH; COMMISSIONER SERENA CRUZ -
R.P. JOE SMITH; COMMISSIONER LISA NAITO -**

R.P. JOE SMITH; COMMISSIONER LONNIE ROBERTS - R.P. JOE SMITH.

CHAIR LINN THANKED ALL THE CANDIDATES AND EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT OF JOANNE BOWMAN AND R.P. JOE SMITH.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CRUZ; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROJO, RESOLUTION 04-040 APPOINTING R.P. JOE SMITH TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 43 WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

R-7 Public Hearing and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER CRUZ SECONDED FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION, APPROVAL OF R-7. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS ADVISED HE WANTS TO AMEND LANGUAGE.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CRUZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROJO, CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION APPROVING CHAIR'S ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION REGARDING MARRIAGE LICENSES WAS APPROVED, WITH COMMISSIONERS NAITO, CRUZ, ROJO AND LINN VOTING AYE, AND COMMISSIONER ROBERTS VOTING NO.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MOTION TO AMEND LANGUAGE IN FINDING F OF SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

CHAIR LINN WELCOMED ALL AND ADVISED THAT TESTIMONY WOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES PER PERSON TO ALLOW EVERYONE

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. CHAIR LINN REMINDED THE AUDIENCE TO BE RESPECTFUL TO ALL.

STEVE MARCH TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. HELEN LYMAN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. SUSAN BAER AND KATHERINE WOLFE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. RAYMOND SABA, DEAN BENNETT, DAVID HOPKINS, RAY ZEIDA AND CHARLES FISCHER TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. LORI BUCKWALTER, ROEY THORPE, JENNIE BRICKER, TARA WILKINS, MARK JOHNSON, JOE D'ALLESSANDRO, JERI RIGGS, ANTONY VUKY AND FRANK DIXON TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. NINA RHÉA, DAVID STEVENS, TRACY HOPKINS, CAROL DAGUU, PETER KINNAN AND JAMES LUTHY TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. NELSON L. JONES AND ELLEN EATON TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE

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LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. LAUREL ARNOLD TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROCESS IN WHICH THE DECISION WAS MADE. MARY BETH BRINDLEY, EVELYN HALL AND CHRISTOPHER MARTIN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. WOODY BROADNAX TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. AMBER COYLE AND JASMINE FOX TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S POSITION TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL OPINION THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DENY MARRIAGE LICENSES BASED ON GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY CONTINUED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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BOARD MEETINGS

FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Pg 3	9:30 a.m. Thursday Health Department Notices of Intent to Apply for Grant Funding
Pg 3	9:35 a.m. Thursday Resolution Approving Lease Amendment and Renewal
Pg 3	9:50 a.m. Thursday Resolution Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43
Pg 3	10:15 a.m. Thursday Resolution Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - 9:35 AM

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DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES - 9:40 AM

- R-4 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for United Way of Columbia-Willamette Focus Funding

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY - 9:45 AM

- R-5 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Oregon Community Foundation - The John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Project - Parent Education Grant

NON-DEPARTMENTAL - 9:50 AM

- R-6 Public Process and Board Appointment to the State Legislature to Fill a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, from Democratic Precinct Committee Approved Candidates: R.P. Joe Smith; Jo Ann Bowman; And Tom Markgraf; and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43
- R-7 10:15 AM TIME CERTAIN: Public Hearing and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: C-1

Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM

Date Submitted: 03/02/04

Requested Date: 3/25/2004

Time Requested: N/A

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Chair's Office

Contact/s: Chair Diane Linn, Delma Farrell

Phone: 503/988-3953

Ext.: 83953

I/O Address: 503/600

Presenters: Consent Calendar

Agenda Title: Appointments of Pam Greenough, Monica Ford and Emily Ryan to the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?** Recommend Board approval of appointments of Pam Greenough, Monica Ford and Emily Ryan to the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.** The purpose of the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community (CCFC) is to develop and prepare in accordance with State law a comprehensive plan for the delivery of services to be provided for children and families in the County. The CCFC oversees implementation of the plan and monitors the outcomes, including State and County benchmarks. They receive and distribute federal and State community services funds for the County and ensure the effectiveness of community involvement in the poverty program planning process. The CCFC reviews and approves local poverty program policy, and monitors and evaluates poverty program effectiveness. The CCFC has a board of at least nine but no more than 33 members that reflect the diverse County population. One-third of the CCFC board are elected public officials or their designees. At least one-third of the CCFC board members represent

persons in poverty in the County. The remainder of the CCFC board members have a commitment to the well-being of children, youth and families. Members are appointed by the County Chair with approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

3. **Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing). No current year/ongoing fiscal impact.**

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

If a budget modification, explain:

- ❖ **What revenue is being changed and why?**
 - ❖ **What budgets are increased/decreased?**
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 - ❖ **Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.**

 - ❖ **Is the revenue one-time-only in nature?**
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 - ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
- NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)**

If a contingency request, explain:

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- ❖ **Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?**

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- ❖ **Specify grant requirements and goals.**
- ❖ **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
- ❖ **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
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4. **Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved. No legal and/or policy issues involved.**
5. **Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place. N/A**

Required Signatures:



Department/Agency Director:

Date: 3/2/2004

Budget Analyst

By: _____

Date:

Dept/Countywide HR

By: _____

Date:

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004
Agenda Item #: C-2
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 03/09/04

Requested Date: 3/25/2004

Time Requested: Consent Agenda

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Chair's Office

Contact/s: Chair Diane Linn, Delma Farrell

Phone: 503/988-3308

Ext.: 83953

I/O Address: 503/600

Presenters: N/A

Agenda Title: Appointment of Commissioner Serena Cruz to the Tri-County Safety Net Enterprise Board

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?** Request the Board approve appointment of Commissioner Serena Cruz to the Tri-County Safety Net Enterprise Board.
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.** Earlier this year, the Board approved the Tri-County Health Care Enterprise intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas and Washington Counties to align public and private efforts to assure health care access for low income and uninsured residents into a cohesive regional approach and to assure the highest return on public investment. Per the intergovernmental agreement, the Tri-County Safety Net Enterprise Board will be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 15 members: area health and hospital systems (3), safety net providers (3), County public health (3), director of the State Primary Care Association (1), State (1), and County Commissioners (3, one from each County). Multnomah County appoints Commissioner Serena Cruz.
- 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).** No current year or ongoing fiscal impact.

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Required Signatures:

Department/Agency Director:



Date: 3/9/2004

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004
Agenda Item #: C-3
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Date Submitted: 03/12/04

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Time Requested: N/A

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Chair's Office

Contact/s: Chair Diane Linn, Delma Farrell

Phone: 503/988-3953

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Presenters: Consent Calendar

Agenda Title: Appointments of May Lynn Chu and Sandra Spiegel to the Multnomah County Community Health Council

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- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?** Request approval of appointments of May Lynn Chu and Sandra Spiegel to the Multnomah County Community Health Council
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.** The purpose of the Community Health Council (CHC) is to assist and advise the County Health Department in promoting its vision of healthy people in healthy communities. The CHC supports and guides the Health Department in its mission to provide comprehensive health care that is quality drive, affordable and culturally competent to the people of Multnomah County. CHC provides input and feedback to generally advise the development, implementation and evaluation of Health Department programs including, but not limited to all programs funded through the Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care. The CHC also serves as the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee for the County Health Department. Members can range from 9 to 25 members – consumers of County health programs constitute the majority; remaining members are health care providers and representatives of the community. Members are appointed to 3-year terms by the County Chair from nominees selected by the current Council with approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing). No current year/ongoing fiscal impact.

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If a budget modification, explain:

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- ❖ What do the changes accomplish?
- ❖ Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.

- ❖ Is the revenue one-time-only in nature?
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?

NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)

If a contingency request, explain:

- ❖ Why was the expenditure not included in the annual budget process?

- ❖ What efforts have been made to identify funds from other sources within the Department/Agency to cover this expenditure?
- ❖ Why are no other department/agency fund sources available?
- ❖ Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account.

- ❖ Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ Who is the granting agency?
- ❖ Specify grant requirements and goals.
- ❖ Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?
- ❖ What are the estimated filing timelines?
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?
- ❖ How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved. No legal and/or policy issues involved.
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place. N/A

Required Signatures:

Department/Agency Director:



Date: 3/11/2004

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/08

SUBJECT: ADVOCATES OF COMMON SENSE &
GORGE COMMISSION'S "CLOSED DOOR"

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Public Comments / Non-Agenda

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SPECIFIC ISSUE: GORGE COMMISSION

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: LETTER & SPREAD SHEET

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Advocates Of Common Sense

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March 25, 2004

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Portland, OR 97214-3587

Re: Public Comment—Advocates of Common Sense and the closed door

I'm Steven B. Andersen of Cascade Planning Associates. Cascade Planning was founded in 1987 to provide technical land use planning assistance in the Columbia Gorge. My mission this afternoon is two-fold: first, I want to introduce you to Advocates of Common Sense, and second, I want to describe the door that was closed by the Gorge Commission that was the primary reason for getting organized.

Advocates Of Common Sense is a fledgling organization of property owners and their friends who advocate the exercise of common sense in land use planning. You can visit our websites at www.AdvocatesOfCommonSense.com and www.advocates-of-common-sense.com. We have a bulletin board on the latter site. The acronym, **AOCS**, is pronounced "ox." We affectionately think of AOCS as a beast of burden, (a "green" ox, not a "blue" ox), *Turning tyranny under so freedom can flourish.*

This organization was created because the Columbia River Gorge Commission closed the door to the plan amendment application process after it decided it didn't have the staff resources to process the applications. This was done contrary to its responsibility under Section 6(h) of the Act to do so [<http://www.gorgecommission.org/Act.pdf> ←Go to page 9 of this web site].

Members of this group, my clients and others, are seriously impacted by this closed door because corrections that should have been made to the management plan in its 10-year review, are not being made, we are unable to access the plan amendment process, and we are concerned that revisions may never be made. For example, owners of lands designated public recreation (PR) are unable to develop anything but a single-family home, whereas if the same property is sold to a public agency, that agency can develop recreational uses. We believe this is a denial of our rights under the U.S. Constitution to due process, equal protection, and the pursuit of happiness.

Anything you can do to help get that door open would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today,



Steven B. Andersen

Public REC Lands in Private Ownership

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BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: Steven B. Andersen, Advocates Of Common Sense [aocs@cascadeplanning.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 4:13 PM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Cc: Phyllis Thiemann
Subject: scheduling public comment

Hi--

I spoke with Phyllis Thiemann (President of the Columbia Gorge Visitors Association) this morning at a Gorge Commission meeting after I made a public comment (5 minute) presentation, and she suggested I come and make a presentation to the Multnomah County Commissioners. I am making presentations to all the boards in the Gorge, so would welcome the opportunity to meet with your board.

My purpose is to introduce myself and the group I represent: a group of property owners in the Gorge who have been shut out of the plan amendment application process by the Gorge Commission in November of 2002 and then again in January of this year for another 12 months. The group is Advocates of Common Sense. We have a website at www.advocatesofcommonsense.com. Click on AOCS when you get there.

FYI I am attaching testimony we submitted this morning to the Gorge Commission on its draft revised management plan. Ms. Thiemann felt it would be important for the Board to learn about our cause and the problems we are suffering by having due process denied to us by the Gorge Commission's closed door policy.

I would very much appreciate a reply as to when a 5 minute public comment presentation might be made.

Thank you very much.

--Steven Andersen

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March 9, 2004

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HAND DELIVERED

Re: Testimony Pertaining to the Draft Revised Management Plan

This testimony is submitted in opposition to the adoption of the revised management plan as it is currently written in draft form and dated January 26, 2004, and described as "Public Review Draft."

Section 6(g) of the NSA Act specifically states that you "*shall review the management plan to determine whether it should be revised.*" You are required to do this no sooner than 5 years from the date of adoption, but no less than once every 10 years. The public review draft does not include a complete review of the management plan, but only a portion of it. This document, therefore, does not represent a legitimate review and revision of the plan and should not be adopted without making provision for the completion of the review as required under Section 6 (g).

Advocates of Common Sense (AOCS) members are property owners of lands within the scenic area who will be adversely effected by the adoption of this revised plan if needed and required corrections in land use and recreation intensity zoning designations are not incorporated in the revised plan. AOCS therefore objects to the adoption of the public review draft before a full review is made as is required under the Act. AOCS also objects to you closing the door to the plan amendment application process, which has effectively shut us out of a process which would otherwise provide relief from the errors and injustices that the current plan contains.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven B. Andersen

3/10/2004

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

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Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: R-1

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Date Submitted: 03/01/04

Requested Date: 03/25/04

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Department: Health

Division: Director's Office

Contact/s: Vanetta Abdellatif

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Ext.: 26210

I/O Address: 160/8

Presenters: Vanetta Abdellatif

Agenda Title: Notice of Intent to apply for grant funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Primary Health Care to expand the capacity to deliver primary health care services to individuals without a medical home.

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?

Authorize the Director of the Health Department to apply for grant funding from the Bureau of Primary Health Care to expand the capacity of clinical services provided at the County's Westside Health Center and East County Health Center.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.

The Bureau of Primary Health Care, a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services, has released a request for applications to organizations that operate federally funded Community Health Centers that may be interested in expanding access to primary health care services for low-income residents.¹ Approximately \$26 million is available for an estimated 63 awards to be made by the Bureau during August of 2004.

¹Primary health care includes family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology, prenatal and perinatal services, well-child care and immunizations, and screenings for breast and cervical cancer, communicable diseases, diabetes and hypertension. Grant funding under this solicitation cannot be used to provide dental services, or mental health services.

Applicants may apply for no more than \$600,000, services must include at least 3,000 new users, and the cost (in federal grant dollars) must not exceed \$150 per new user.

The Health Department currently serves 38,000 clients, with over 140,000 primary care visits annually at the County's seven health clinics, including the East County Health Center, Mid-County Health Center, Southeast Health Center, Northeast Health Center, La Clinica de Buena Salud, North Portland Health Center, and Westside Health Center. People receiving services at County facilities include low-income individuals who face barriers to accessing health services because of income, language and/or cultural differences, or because they lack the ability to pay for services. Services are also provided to underserved populations, which include homeless people, migrant workers, residents of public housing, and individuals with special health care needs. The Department's clinics also provide health care to residents who receive publicly financed health insurance because many private physicians are no longer accepting new Oregon Health Plan clients. For many of the county's underserved residents, options for care include using a non-profit health clinic, or a hospital emergency room, or they simply do without care. Non-profit clinics and emergency rooms do not provide the full scope of primary health care, but are available on a limited basis to address acute and urgent medical conditions.

The proposed federal grant funding will give the Department the financial resources to hire two medical teams. Each team will consist of the following staff:

- 1.0 FTE Physician
- 1.0 FTE Community Health Nurse
- 1.0 FTE Clinical Medical Assistant
- 0.5 FTE Health Assistant
- 0.5 FTE Community Health Worker
- 0.5 FTE Case Worker
- 0.5 FTE OA II

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The first year project costs are estimated at \$1.6 million, and the projected revenue for this time period is \$1.6 million (this includes Medicaid revenue and grant funding). Approximately 53% of the 3,000 new patients served will be uninsured.

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- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
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NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)

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- ❖ **Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account.**
- ❖ **Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?**

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ **Who is the granting agency?**
Bureau of Primary Health Care (a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services).
- ❖ **Specify grant requirements and goals.**
Expansion services would include hiring two additional provider teams to provide access to services by key populations in the community that have difficulty accessing services, these include:
 - People who use hospital emergency departments who are without a primary care medical home.
 - Latinas who are pregnant and in need of a primary care provider.
 - Individuals who are released from the correctional system who are without a medical home.
 - Medicaid beneficiaries who are without a medical home.
- ❖ **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
The Bureau of Primary Health Care gives grantees of this program two years to achieve their goals for expanding health care access. Communities that achieve their access goals within the two-year timeframe will be eligible to receive ongoing funding.
- ❖ **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
Applications are due on March 29, 2004.
- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
Funding for this effort will be provided over a two-year period (i.e., \$450,000 a year for two years).
- ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
If the project's access objectives are achieved, funding for this effort will be rolled into the Department's ongoing federal primary care services grant.
- ❖ **How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?**
Indirect can be charged as a grant expense.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

No unusual legal issues related to the project have been identified. Providing health services for the underserved is consistent with County policy.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This application for funding will be prepared with input and approval from the Multnomah County Community Health Council (the Council's membership includes individual consumers of the Department's health care services, health care providers, and government representatives).

Required Signatures:

Tullian Grunberg

Department/Agency Director:

Date: 02/25/04

Budget Analyst

By: *Debra*

Date: 02/26/04

Dept/Countywide HR

By: _____

Date:

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Agenda Item #: R-2

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Department: Health

Division: Program Design and Evaluation Svs

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Ext.: 26561

I/O Address: 106/14/1410

Presenters: Mike Stark

Agenda Title: Notice of Intent to Apply for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Substance Abuse Policy Research Program Funds

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

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- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?**
The Health Department is requesting approval to apply for funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Substance Abuse Policy Research Program. The Department recommends that this request be approved.
 - 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.**
In spite of the fact that epidemiological studies have demonstrated the carcinogenic nature of secondhand smoke, almost all state-level clean indoor air laws still exempt certain types of workplaces, especially bars and restaurants. These clean indoor air laws are often accompanied by preemption that prohibits local communities from enacting stronger laws that could apply to exempted workplaces. The purpose of the proposed study is to examine the impact of clean indoor air act exemptions and preemption on the presence of tobacco specific carcinogens among bar and restaurant workers in Washington and Oregon. It is expected that this study's findings—even more than prior epidemiological studies or results showing elevated levels of cotinine in non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke at work—will provide compelling evidence of the need for

completely comprehensive clean indoor air acts and also bring the destructive health consequences of preemptive laws to light.

In Washington, the statewide clean indoor air act exempts both bars and restaurants, while Oregon's clean indoor air act exempts bars and restaurants with bar areas that serve alcohol. Both states' laws preempt the passage of more stringent local clean indoor air ordinances. When preemption was legislated in Oregon, however, previously enacted local ordinances prohibiting smoking in all indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants with lounges were allowed to remain in place. The fact that some bar and restaurant workers in Oregon are protected from secondhand smoke by local ordinance, while others in Oregon and Washington cannot be protected due to preemption, creates an ideal opportunity to study the potentially harmful effects of preemption and to provide evidence to bolster efforts to pass completely comprehensive clean indoor air laws.

Recently it has become possible to measure urinary biomarkers (NNAL and NNAL-Gluc) indicative of the presence of a tobacco-specific carcinogen (NNK) in humans.¹ NNAL and NNAL-Gluc have been found among non-smoking workers exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace. Evidence of elevated levels of NNAL and NNAL-Gluc in non-smoking workers could be instrumental in garnering support for the passage of comprehensive clean indoor air ordinances and in fighting or overturning preemption. To date, however, no studies have been conducted to assess the presence of NNAL and NNAL-Gluc in non-smoking bar and restaurant workers.

Therefore, we propose to conduct a study of these tobacco-specific carcinogen biomarkers in the urine of non-smoking bar and restaurant workers. Our main hypothesis is that non-smoking workers exposed to secondhand smoke in bars and restaurants where they work will show higher levels of urinary NNAL and NNAL-Gluc compared to non-smokers protected by local ordinance from secondhand smoke in the bars and restaurants where they work. A second hypothesis is that among non-smokers exposed at work, their levels of urinary NNAL and NNAL-Gluc will show an acute and transient increase subsequent to their work shift. The collaborating agencies for this study will be the Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; the Washington State Department of Health; the Multnomah County Health Department; and the University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

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If a budget modification, explain: NA

- ❖ **What revenue is being changed and why?**
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- ❖ **What do the changes accomplish?**
- ❖ **Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.**
- ❖ **Is the revenue one-time-only in nature?**

¹ The biomarker 4-(methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridal)-1-butanol (NNAL) and its glucuronides (NNAL-Gluc)), are derived from 4-methyl-nitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridal)-butanone (NNK), a carcinogen that is specific to tobacco use.

- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
 - ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
- NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)**

If a contingency request, explain: NA

- ❖ **Why was the expenditure not included in the annual budget process?**
- ❖ **What efforts have been made to identify funds from other sources within the Department/Agency to cover this expenditure?**
- ❖ **Why are no other department/agency fund sources available?**
- ❖ **Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account.**
- ❖ **Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?**

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ **Who is the granting agency?** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Substance Abuse Policy Research Program
- ❖ **Specify grant requirements and goals.** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is requesting proposals for research projects that will produce policy-relevant information about ways to reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs in the United States. This Call for Proposals is intended to encourage experts in public health, law, political science, medicine, sociology, criminal justice, economics, psychology and other behavioral and policy sciences to address issues related to substance abuse, the nation's number one public health problem. The funded projects are expected to increase understanding of public and private policy interventions to prevent, treat and reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs—including the advantages, disadvantages and potential impact of these policies.

Proposed project model: The project will be managed by Mike Stark with the Health Department's Program Design and Evaluation Services (PDES). PDES is a collaborative venture between the County and the State. The project study groups will be comprised of non-smoking bar and restaurant workers in Oregon and Washington who are not exposed to secondhand smoke at home or routinely in other places. Workers from following establishments will be enrolled: 1) bars in Washington where smoking is allowed; 2) bars in Oregon where smoking is allowed; 3) restaurant/lounge combinations in Oregon where smoking is allowed; and 4) restaurants in Washington where smoking is allowed. We will also enroll participants from 1) bars in Oregon where smoking is prohibited by local ordinance; 2) restaurant/lounge combinations in Oregon where smoking is prohibited by local ordinance; and 3) restaurants in Oregon where smoking is prohibited by statewide law.

We will enroll 30 participants from each of these 7 types of establishments, for a total of 210. Recruitment will begin when the study's Project Coordinator contacts current and former local tobacco program coordinators to seek their assistance with recruitment. We are highly confident that these local coordinators will help with recruitment because we have had excellent working relationships with them throughout the history of the Oregon and Washington tobacco control programs, and because many have explicitly expressed interest in assisting with this study.

Participants will be recruited through snowball sampling. First, the local tobacco program coordinator will identify specific bars and restaurants where smoking either takes place or is prohibited by local ordinance. The local coordinator will then identify at least one worker in the establishment who is a non-smoker not exposed at home who might be interested in being in the study. This worker will be asked if there are other employees at the worksite who may be eligible for participation. Potential participants will be contacted, and a survey will be administered away from the worksite to insure non-smoking status, to assess other potential exposures to secondhand smoke and to collect information on demographics and current work situation (shift schedule, longevity of employment at the site, etc.) To the extent possible, a common time will be arranged to collect study specimens for all participants from a particular establishment. Specimens will be collected both before and after the work shift. All potential participants will provide informed consent prior to their participation, and each will receive a \$50 incentive for participation and provision of their urine samples.

After the samples are collected, the Project Coordinator will forward them via US mail to Dr. Steve Hecht at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center for laboratory testing. The project staff will conduct two sets of statistical analyses on the laboratory results: one to determine differences in the presence of NNAL and NNAL-Gluc between participants exposed or not exposed at work and the other to determine the change in levels of the biomarkers before and after work among those exposed at work. It is expected that no urinary NNAL or NNAL-Gluc will be found among participants not exposed at work, while about 50% of exposed workers will have detectable levels of these biomarkers.

- ❖ **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?** This is a one-time only grant in the amount \$100,000 over a 13 month project period. Matching funds are not required.
- ❖ **What are the estimated filing timelines?** March 31, 2004
- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?** This is a 13 month project anticipated to start in Fall 2004. The exact dates are dependent on the notice of grant award.
- ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?** Finding from this study will be used by Health Department in the development of tobacco disease prevention and health promotion interventions and future research efforts.
- ❖ **How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?** These costs will be built into the project budget and will be covered with grant funds.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This project will be done in collaboration with Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; the Washington State Department of Health; the Multnomah County Health Department; and the University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

Required Signatures:

Tullian Stanley

Department/Agency Director:

Date: 03/01/04

Budget Analyst

By: *Debra*

Date: 03/01/04

Dept/Countywide HR

Kathleen Miller

By:

Date: 03/01/04

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Department: DBCS

Division: FPM

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Presenters: GREG HERLEAN

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Approving First Amendment to Extend the Lease Between the Watamull Properties Corp. and Multnomah County for Property at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, and authorizing the County Chair to Execute the Lease Amendment and Other Instruments Required to Continue the Lease Renewal of Said Real Property

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?** The Department of Business and Community Services requests the Board review the first amendment and the resolution approving the first amendment to the lease with the Watamull Properties Corp. for office space at the Department of Community Corrections Northeast District Office at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., and authorize the Chair to sign the first amendment to the lease on behalf of the County to continue the lease agreement.

The Department of Business and Community Services, Facilities and Property Management Division, recommends adoption of the Resolution.

- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.** Multnomah County has a lease for office space on the 1st floor of the building known as the DCC/Northeast District Office which will expire March 31, 2004. The lease is for 9,987 square feet of office space used by the Department of

Community Justice (DCJ) for purposes of conducting parole and probation counseling and staff field offices. The original lease for this location dates back to 1986, and the property has changed ownership several times. The most recent lease was issued in 1999 been with Watamull Properties Corporation, managed by Norris & Stevens, and Multnomah County. There is still a need for this office space by DCJ at the 2205 NE Columbia Blvd. location, and the County and the landlord have agreed to amend and extend the lease on for a period of twenty-four (24) months. The First Amendment to the lease has been established to reflect the savings below market resulting from the property tax exemption received by Multnomah County for use of the property.

3. **Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).** The current lease includes Base rent at \$7,853.84 per month, plus common area expenses (CAM) which averaged \$3,654 per month in FY2004, for a total cost to the County of approximately \$11,508 per month or \$138,096 per year. The First Amendment provides for a term of twenty (24) months effective April 1, 2004 at a fixed base rent through the expiration date of March 31, 2006 of \$7,000 per month, plus reimbursement of CAM charges. The amendment provides the County with the option to renew for one (1) successive term of one year. The total savings in base rent over the extended term is anticipated to be approximately \$20,492. The lease for the DCC/Northeast District Office will cost approximately \$127,848 for FY2005 if CAM charges continue to average \$3,654 per month.

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

If a budget modification, explain: N/A

- ❖ **What revenue is being changed and why? N/A**
- ❖ **What budgets are increased/decreased? N/A**
- ❖ **What do the changes accomplish? N/A**
- ❖ **Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain. N/A**
- ❖ **Is the revenue one-time-only in nature? N/A**
- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover? N/A**
- ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans? N/A**

NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)

If a contingency request, explain: N/A

- ❖ **Why was the expenditure not included in the annual budget process? N/A**
- ❖ **What efforts have been made to identify funds from other sources within the Department/Agency to cover this expenditure? N/A**
- ❖ **Why are no other department/agency fund sources available? N/A**
- ❖ **Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account. N/A**
- ❖ **Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome? N/A**

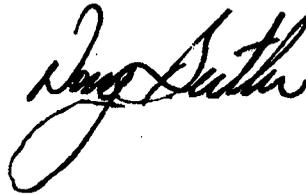
If grant application/notice of intent, explain: N/A

- ❖ **Who is the granting agency? N/A**
- ❖ **Specify grant requirements and goals. N/A**

- ❖ Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment? N/A
- ❖ What are the estimated filing timelines? N/A
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover? N/A
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans? N/A
- ❖ How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered? N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved. None
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place. Facilities & Property Management has involved the County Department of Community Corrections in the process for this lease amendment.

Required Signatures:



Department/Agency Director:

Date: 03/01/04

Budget Analyst



By:

Date: 03/01/04

Dept/Countywide HR

By: Not Applicable

Date:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Approving First Amendment And Extension Of Lease With Watamull Properties Corp. (Watamull), Landlord, For Office Space At 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, And Authorizing County Chair To Execute Lease Amendments And Renewals

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County has a lease for approximately 9,987 square feet of office space on the 1st floor of the building known as the Department of Community Corrections (DCC) Northeast District Office which will expire March 31, 2004.
- b. Multnomah County DCC has leased space in the building located at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon since approximately 1986 as a staff field office for conducting parole and probation counseling.
- c. Multnomah County DCC is still in need of the leased space at the 2205 NE Columbia Boulevard location, and the County and Watamull have agreed to amend and extend the lease for a period of twenty-four (24) months, with an option to renew the lease for one (1) successive term of one year upon expiration of the extended term.
- d. The First Amendment to the lease has been established to reflect a fixed base rental rate of \$7,000 per month for the term of the renewal that is below market resulting from the property tax exemption received by the County for use of the property.
- e. The County property tax exemption provision in the lease has been revised so that real property taxes are no longer paid as part of the lease payments, and the County will not be required to make annual adjustments to the lease payments to recapture tax exemption savings.
- f. The First Amendment to the lease deletes the Special Provisions Paragraph 2-Termination clause which allowed termination only on any June 30th, and substitutes a Special Provisions-Tenant's Termination Right clause that provides the County with expanded rights to terminate the lease if funding is not provided by the Board to continue the lease for the use as a staff field office for parole and probation purposes.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County shall enter into and execute the attached First Amendment to the real property lease agreement with Watamull Properties Corp. for office space in the property located at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, to extend the lease term twenty-four (24) months, with an option to renew the lease for one (1) successive term of one year.
2. The County Chair is authorized to execute the attached First Amendment to the lease with Watamull Properties Corp. for the property referenced above and any subsequent renewals and amendments to the lease consistent with State and local law.

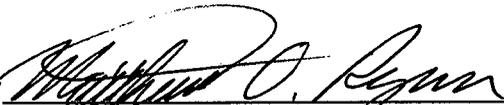
ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Diane M. Linn, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 
Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE is made this 18th day of February, 2004, by and between WATUMULL PROPERTIES CORP., (the "Landlord"), and Multnomah County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Oregon (the "Tenant").

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant entered into a Lease agreement dated April 29, 1999, (the "Lease"), for certain Premises located at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97211, ("Premises") and consisting of approximately 9,987 square feet, as more fully described in the Lease; WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant desire to extend the Lease for an additional term, and to modify the Lease accordingly, as follows;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. **Term:** Effective April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2006; with one (1) option to renew for one (1) successive term of one (1) year, provided written notice of Tenant's intent to exercise such option is received no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the base term, and provided that Tenant is not then in default.
2. **Base Rent:** April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2006 = \$7,000.00 per month
3. The existing **Special Provisions Paragraph 2 - Termination** shall be deleted in its entirety and the following special provision substituted:

Tenant's Termination Right:

2.1 If sufficient funds have not been provided in the budget approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the functions which will operate in the Premises to permit Tenant, in the exercise of its reasonable administrative discretion, to continue this Lease, Tenant shall have the right to terminate this lease strictly in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and conditions contained in this Paragraph 2 ("Tenant's Termination Right"). Tenant shall exercise Tenant's Termination Right, if at all, by giving notice thereof to Landlord (the "Termination Notice"), which Termination Notice must be received by Landlord not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date Tenant desires to terminate the Lease (the "Termination Date") and which Termination Notice must specify the Termination Date. During the period of time following receipt by Landlord of the Termination Notice, Tenant may negotiate with Landlord for continued occupancy of a portion of the Premises at a reduced rent; however, neither party shall be obligated to the other to conclude an agreement with respect to such reduction of space and/or reduction of rent. Either party may terminate such negotiations with ten (10) days written notice to the other, and upon such notice, Landlord shall be free to commit the Premises to other parties for occupancy at any time following the Termination Date. If Tenant delivers the Termination Notice to Landlord and Landlord and Tenant do not, for any reason whatsoever, negotiate a reduction of space and/or reduction of rent as provided above, the Lease shall terminate on the Termination Date, as if such date were the original expiration date of this Lease. All obligations under this Lease shall continue up to and including the Termination Date, and upon the Termination Date, Tenant shall surrender possession of

the Premises and deliver the same to Landlord in the condition required under this Lease.

2.2 The Termination Right specified in the Paragraph 2.1 is personal to Multnomah County. Upon any assignment by Multnomah County of all or any portion of its interest in and to this Lease, the Termination Right shall be null and void and of no further force or effect.

4. The existing **Special Provisions Paragraph 3 - Tax Exemption Savings** shall be deleted and the following special provision substituted:

Property Tax Exemption:

3.1 If the Tenant does not maintain an exemption from real property taxes as provided in Paragraph 3.3, in conjunction with monthly rent payments, Tenant shall pay Tenant's proportionate share of real property taxes for the Premises. Tenant's proportionate share of real property taxes shall mean that percentage of the total assessment affecting the Premises which is the same as the percentage which the rentable area of the Premises bears to the total rentable area of all buildings covered by the tax statement. Such amount shall be estimated amount shall be estimated annually by Landlord in good faith to reflect actual or anticipated real property taxes. Upon Termination of this Lease or at periodic intervals during the term hereof, Landlord shall compute the real property taxes during such period. Subject to any exemption obtained by Tenant pursuant to Paragraph 3.3, any actual overpayment by Tenant shall be credited to Tenant, and any actual deficiency shall be paid by the Tenant within thirty (30) days after receipt of Landlord's statement.

3.2 Real property taxes charged to Tenant hereunder shall include all general real property taxes assessed against the Premises or payable during the Lease term, installment payments on Bancrofted special assessments, whether or not any such tax is now in effect. Tenant shall not, however, be obligated to pay any tax based upon Landlord's net income.

3.3 Under the provisions of ORS 307.112, Multnomah County Oregon, a public entity ("Multnomah County") is entitled to claim an exemption from real property taxes for the Premises, which the County has obtained. To the extent Multnomah County maintains such an exemption, Multnomah County shall not be liable for payment of any additional sum for real property taxes, but shall remain liable for payment of Bancrofted special assessments and any other real property taxes described in this Paragraph 3.3 for which Multnomah County does not receive an exemption. The total compensation paid by Multnomah County under this Lease has been established to reflect the savings below market rent resulting from the exemption from taxation as provided in this Paragraph 3.1

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Multnomah County
February 18, 2004

5. **Correction:**

The misspelling of the word "Provisions" is hereby corrected in the title line of the Special Provisions lease page

6. **Brokerage:**

Tenant represents and warrants that it has dealt with no broker, agent or other person in connection with this transaction and that no other broker, agent or other person brought about this transaction, and Tenant agrees to indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from and against any claims by any other broker, agent or other person claiming a commission or other form of compensation by virtue of having dealt with Tenant with regard to this leasing transaction. The provisions of this Article shall survive the termination of this lease.

7. **Condition of Premises:**

The Premises is leased in "as-is" condition.

EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED HEREIN, all terms and conditions of the original Lease shall remain in full force and effect, except that with regard to any provision therein granting Tenant any right or privilege to renew or extend said lease; any provisions therein for alterations, repairs, or decorations; and any provisions granting free rent.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement the day and year first written above.

WATUMULL PROPERTIES CORP.
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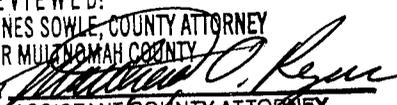
MULTNOMAH COUNTY,
a Political Subdivision of the State of
Oregon

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Diane M. Linn
Its: **Multnomah County Chair**

REVIEWED:
AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BY: 
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
DATE: 3/1/04

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 04-029

Approving First Amendment and Extension of Lease with Watamull Properties Corp. (Watamull), Landlord, for Office Space at 2205 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, and Authorizing County Chair to Execute Lease Amendments and Renewals

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

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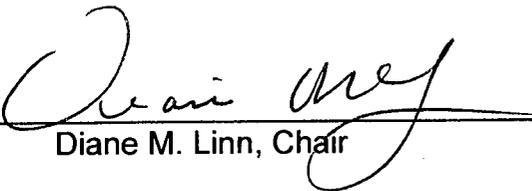
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ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2004.

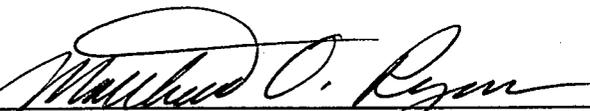
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON




Diane M. Linn, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 
Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney

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March 25, 2004

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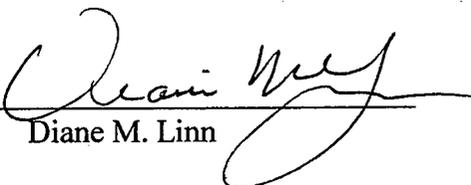
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WATUMULL PROPERTIES CORP.
a Hawaii Corporation

By: _____

Its: _____

MULTNOMAH COUNTY,
a Political Subdivision of the State of
Oregon

By: 
Diane M. Linn

Its: Multnomah County Chair

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: R-4

Est. Start Time: 9:47 AM

Date Submitted: 03/10/04

Requested Date: March 25, 2004

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Department: DCHS

Division: Domestic Violence

Contact/s: Chiquita Rollins

Phone: 503 988-4112

Ext.: 84112

I/O Address: 166/7

Presenters: Annie Neal (84113)

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for United Way of Columbia-Willamette Focus Funding

**NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title.
For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.**

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- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?**

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services (DCHS) is requesting approval to apply for funds from United Way of Columbia Willamette (2004-05 Focus Funding). The funding will allow for the development of a nationally acclaimed model of Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT). We will be requesting \$200,000 annually, and the grant is renewable for up to three years.
 - 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.**

United Way is seeking proposals as part of their Focus Funding Community Wellness Vision Council to replicate the DVERT Model. This Model was developed most completely in Colorado Springs, where 22 community partners co-located to address specific, high-risk domestic violence cases through a comprehensive range of services.

In Multnomah County, there is a good start on developing a DVERT Model here, with high levels of cooperation and coordination between the Portland Police Bureau Family Services Division (PPB FSD), Department of Community Justice Domestic Violence Unit, the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit, the Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office, and community based victim advocacy agencies (Volunteers of America, Portland Women's Crisis Line, El Programa Hispano and Raphael House). The victim advocacy agencies have co-located advocates who are grant-funded at the PPB FSD at the Gateway MDT building, together with Child Abuse Hotline. DCJ has worked closely with PPB FSD on warrant sweeps and individual cases.

This funding will be used to more fully develop the DVERT Model, by expanding and formalizing the partnerships involved in a collaborative response to domestic violence. The grant will fund 1.0 FTE Coordinator (County staff) to be located at the Gateway Children's Center Multi-Disciplinary Team Building; legal representation in domestic relations cases for victims (\$40-45,000); .75 FTE Victim Assistant (DA's Office); supplies, cars and other needed support.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ **Who is the granting agency?** United Way of Columbia Willamette
- ❖ **Specify grant requirements and goals.**
 - Improve consistency and coordination of law enforcement in dealing with domestic violence and partner abuse issues.
 - Increase the safety and stability of individuals who are affected by domestic violence and/or abuse.
 - Increase skills to prevent domestic violence and/or abuse.
 - Improve skills and ability to access assistance from the legal/justice system.
- ❖ **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
This funding provides up to \$200,000 annually for three years.
- ❖ **What are the estimated filing timelines?** Deadline for filing is April 2, 2004
- ❖ **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?** July 2004-June 2007
- ❖ **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?** One of the goals of the grant is to institutionalize the relationships, responsibilities and functions of the DVERT Model. During the three years of funding from United Way, we will work with the City, County and other funders or partners to maintain the partnerships. Additional funding for the Coordinator position will be required.
- ❖ **How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?** The grant will pay the project's portion of staff space, phones, and other Materials and Supplies. It covers indirect and direct costs.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues.

None

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

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This project has an advisory committee made up of community stakeholders and partners. Presently the membership includes Portland Police Bureau, District Attorney's Office, victim services agencies (Volunteers of America, El Programa Hispano, and Raphael House), Department of Community Justice, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, and Oregon DHS Child Welfare.

Required Signatures:

Department/Agency Director: 

Date: 03/08/04

Budget Analyst

By: 

Date: 03/10/04

Dept/Countywide HR

By: 

Date: 03/08/04

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: R-5

Est. Start Time: 9:45 AM

Date Submitted: 03/16/04

Requested Date: March 25, 2004

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Commission on Children,
Families & Community (CCFC)
Library for Early Childhood
Resources

Contact/s: Kelly Huotari, CCFC
Renea Arnold, Library

Phone: Kelly Huotari 503-988-4535
Renea Arnold 503-988-5458

I/O Address: 166/600/CCFC
317/ADM/YOUTH

Presenters: Wendy Lebow & Renea Arnold

Agenda Title: Notice of Intent to Apply for Oregon Community Foundation - The John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Project – Parent Education Grant

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For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.**

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- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?** The Commission on Children, Families & Community is requesting approval to submit a proposal for a Literacy for Young Children Grant.

The Commission on Children, Families & Community is requesting an exception to the agenda placement procedure for a Notice of Intent to apply for the OCF John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Project – Literacy for Young Children. The reason for this request is because of the tight timeline for submission on the grant, due March 22nd, and the fact that the CCFC was just notified that they need to submit the application on March 12th. Evidently, the funder's grant cycle is changing, causing them to give very short notice of funding availability. The CCFC, working closely with the Library, is requesting approval

to submit this proposal. If approved, the grant will complete year two of a two-year project to expand delivery of the Early Words' multi-lingual early language and literacy curriculum to parents in schools throughout the county. The CCFC recommends that this request be approved.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.

Need:

In 1998 the Portland Multnomah Progress Board released a benchmark audit report *Readiness to Learn: Strategies for Improvement*, which recommends the following to improve children's readiness to learn:

- Increasing the number of early childhood language and literacy programs available to parents, caregivers and children.
- Educating parents and caregivers on the implications of early brain development research.

A 2000 survey of kindergarten teachers conducted by the Oregon Department of Education that shows 34.5% of children in Multnomah County enter kindergarten not yet developmentally "ready to learn" in at least one of the individual developmental readiness areas. The survey report specifically notes that parenting instruction is often not available, particularly in the language of parents who most need it.

The *Educational Success for Youth: Aligning School, Family and Community*ⁱ report emphasizes that educational success depends in significant part on the ability of parents, schools and community to surround children with positive "webs of influence."ⁱⁱ Family, school and community need to be consistent in the positive norms and opportunities they provide for children: parents are involved with schools, schools work seamlessly with community resources and communities provide support and resources to strengthen families.ⁱⁱⁱ

Program Description and Outcomes:

Key project components include 20 partner schools (ten in Year Two) hosting parent education classes, taught in several languages, for parents of children under 5 years old. Parents learn the importance of language and literacy development for later school achievement and are taught interactive activities that nurture children's language and literacy skills and support them as they learn to read. Parents take home a class manual and a free children's book. The program also offers Family Literacy Nights, featuring information and fun hands-on activities, providing the opportunity for additional families to benefit. In the current year, more than 400 parents are expected to attend the parent education classes in year two, directly benefiting roughly 800 children.

Expected outcomes include:

1. Increase the number of parents and family members who are trained to support children's learning and development.
2. Increase parent and family members' knowledge about supporting young children's early reading and literacy development.

3. Increase parents and family members' confidence in supporting young children's early reading and literacy development.
4. Increase parent and family member's support of young children's early reading and literacy development.

Research shows us that achieving these objectives will ultimately lead to increased school success.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

If a budget modification, explain: What revenue is being changed and why?

- ❖ What budgets are increased/decreased?
- ❖ What do the changes accomplish?
- ❖ Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.
- ❖ Is the revenue one-time-only in nature?
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?

NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)

If a contingency request, explain:

- ❖ Why was the expenditure not included in the annual budget process?
- ❖ What efforts have been made to identify funds from other sources within the Department/Agency to cover this expenditure?
- ❖ Why are no other department/agency fund sources available?
- ❖ Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account.
- ❖ Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ Who is the granting agency?
- ❖ Specify grant requirements and goals.
- ❖ Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?
- ❖ What are the estimated filing timelines?
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?
- ❖ How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?

The John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Fund, through the Oregon Community Foundation, will provide \$15,000 for the fiscal year 7/04 - 6/05. This grant does not require matching funds. When the grant is completed, library staff will continue to partner with elementary schools to offer Early Words parent workshops, as possible, in English and Spanish. To continue to offer workshops in Russian and Vietnamese, the library will seek funds from the Child Care Improvement grant, or appropriate others. Workshops will be provided in these other languages when funding permits.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Key partners include: Elementary schools throughout Multnomah County, elementary school PTAS, SUN Community Schools, Leader's Roundtable and Multnomah County Library. Our partners will provide administrative, outreach and coordination assistance, as well as trainers, free meeting facilities, book discounts and mileage reimbursement.

Required Signatures:



Department/Agency Director: _____ Date: 03/16/04

Budget Analyst



By: _____ Date: 03/16/04

Dept/Countywide HR

By: _____ Date: _____

ⁱ Kathryn Nichols, Leslie Rennie Hill, May 2000

ⁱⁱ Price, Cioci, Penner and Trautlein, 1993

ⁱⁱⁱ Benson, Peter, Nancy Leffert et al. 1998. *"Beyond the Village Rhetoric: Creating Healthy Communities for Children and Adolescents,"* Applied Developmental Science, Vol. 2, No. 3, 138-159; Bernard, Bonnie. 1991. *Fostering resiliency in kids: Protective factors in the family, school and community.* San Francisco: Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development; Benson, Peter et al, 1995. *What kids need to succeed.* Minneapolis: The Search Institute; Resnick, M.D. and Bearman, P.S. et al. 1997. "Protecting adolescents from harm: Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health." *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 278, 823-832.

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: R-6

Est. Start Time: 9:50 AM

Date Submitted: 03/17/04

Requested Date: March 25, 2004

Time Requested: 30 mins

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Commission District 2
Commissioner Serena Cruz

Contact/s: Mary Carroll

Phone: 503.988.5219

Ext.: 85275

I/O Address: 503/600

Presenters: R.P. Joe Smith, JoAnn A. Bowman and Tom Markgraf

Agenda Title: Public Process and Board Appointment to the State Legislature to Fill Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah Kafoury

[RESOLUTION Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43]

**NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title.
For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.**

1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?

Public Process and Board Appointment to the State Legislature to Fill Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah Kafoury from Democratic Precinct Committee Approved Candidates: R.P. Joe Smith, JoAnn A. Bowman and Tom Markgraf and adoption of a RESOLUTION Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.

Effective March 2, 2004, there is a vacancy in Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah

Kafoury. Pursuant to state law, on March 13, 2004, the Democratic Party Precinct Committeepersons in State Representative District 43 made nominations to fill the vacancy. The nominees chosen were: R.P. Joe Smith, JoAnn A. Bowman and Tom Markgraf. In accordance with State Law and procedures established by the Secretary of State, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will consider the nominations at a public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004. (For further detail, see Secretary of State Notification of Vacancy, Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee letter of recommendation and copies of the nominees' willingness to serve documents.)

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

If a budget modification, explain:

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- ❖ **How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?**

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

In compliance with ORS 171.060(3), a copy of the adopted Board Resolution shall promptly be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Democratic Party precinct persons for Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43 held a public meeting on March 13, 2004. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioner will hold a public meeting, with opportunity for public testimony.

Required Signatures:



Department/Agency Director: _____

Date: 03/17/04

Budget Analyst

By: _____

Date:

Dept/Countywide HR

By: _____

Date:

BILL BRADBURY
SECRETARY OF STATE



JOHN LINDBACK
DIRECTOR

141 STATE CAPITOL
SALEM, OREGON 97310-0722

ELECTIONS — (503) 986-1518

March 2, 2004

Jim Edmunson, Chairperson
Neel Pender, Executive Director
4445 SW Barbur Blvd, Ste 105
Portland, OR 97202

Jim Robison
PO Box 6596
Portland, OR 97228

RECEIVED
MARCH 2 2004
ELECTIONS DIVISION
STATE OF OREGON

Re: Vacancy in Representative District 43

Dear Mr. Edmunson, Mr. Pender and Mr. Robison:

Effective March 2, 2004, there is a vacancy in Representative District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah Kafoury.

Pursuant to ORS 171.060(1), you are hereby notified of the vacancy. You are advised the same statute requires the party central committees within the district to nominate no fewer than three nor more than five qualified persons to fill the vacancy. The nominating convention shall be conducted according to party rules.

You are required by law to notify the Secretary of State of the persons nominated. The nominations must be made no later than March 22, 2004, 20 days after the vacancy occurred.

ORS 171.051(2) requires each nominee to be a citizen qualified to hold the office, an elector of the 43rd representative district and a member of the Democratic Party for 180 days prior to the date of the vacancy (9/26/03). In addition, Article IV, section 3 of the Oregon Constitution requires that the appointee shall have been an inhabitant of the district for at least one year prior to the date of the appointment.

The notification to the Secretary of State shall be accompanied by the signed written statement of each nominee indicating that the nominee is willing to serve in the office of State Representative, District 43. Copies of the statement are enclosed (SEL Form 145b).

Subject to the time limits described above, the meeting of precinct committee persons may be scheduled and conducted according to party rules. Please notify this office of the date and time of the meeting when it is scheduled.

Vacancy in Representative District 43
March 2, 2004
Page 2

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet to appoint one person from the list of three to five nominees submitted by the precinct committee persons. The vacancy must be filled by appointment not later than April 1, 2004, thirty days after the vacancy occurred.

If you need further information, you may contact me at (503) 986-1518.

Sincerely,



Carla Corbin
Compliance Specialist

Enclosures

c: Multnomah County Commissioners
Multnomah County Clerk

Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee

PO Box 6596 • Portland, Oregon 97228-6596 • 503.248.0826

<http://www.multdems.org>

Bill Bradbury
Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310-0722
March 13, 2004

Dear Secretary Bradbury;

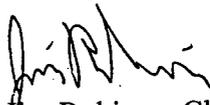
Pursuant to ORS 171.060(1) I am hereby notifying you that the Democratic Party of Multnomah County, in convention for House District 43 on Saturday, March 13, 2004, in accordance to Party rules and applicable state statute, has nominated three candidates to fill the vacancy in Representative District 43. The three nominees are;

R. P. Joe Smith,
Jo Ann A. Bowman, and
Tom Markgraf.

All three nominees are qualified to hold the office of State Representative in District 43, have all been registered Democrats for at least 180 days, and have all signed the required "Statement of Democratic Nominee's Willingness to Serve" (enclosed).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at 503-285-4805.

Sincerely,

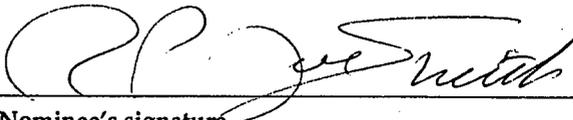


Jim Robison, Chair

c: Multnomah County Commissioners
Multnomah County Clerk

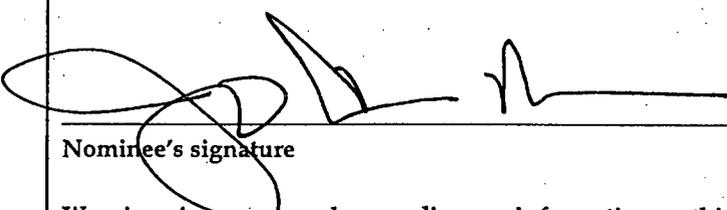
STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

FILING FOR OFFICE OF State Representative DISTRICT NUMBER 43

Name of nominee (Print) <u>P.P. Joe Smith</u>	
Residence address (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) <u>2211 N.E. 21st Ave Portland, OR, 97212-4623</u>	Telephone (business) <u>503+</u> <u>287-6577</u>
Mailing address to which all correspondence will be sent (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) <u>same ↑</u>	Telephone (home) <u>503+</u> <u>284-5552</u>
By signing this document, I hereby state: THAT I shall accept the appointment for the office indicated above; ✓ THAT I shall qualify for said office, if appointed; ✓ THAT I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least ✓ 180 days before my appointment; and ✓ THAT all information supplied by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. ✓	
Nominee's signature <u></u>	Date signed <u>3-13-04</u>
Warning: Any person who supplies any information on this form, knowing it to be false, is subject upon conviction to imprisonment for up to five years or to a fine of \$100,000, or both (ORS 260.715).	

STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

FILING FOR OFFICE OF State Representative DISTRICT NUMBER 43

Name of nominee (Print) Jo Ann Bowman	
Residence address (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) 3145 NE 15th AVE Portland, OR 97212	Telephone (business) 503-282-6588
Mailing address to which all correspondence will be sent (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) 3145 NE 15th AVE Portland, OR 97212	Telephone (home) 503-284-1887
By signing this document, I hereby state: THAT I shall accept the appointment for the office indicated above; THAT I shall qualify for said office, if appointed; THAT I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before my appointment; and THAT all information supplied by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.	
 Nominee's signature	<u>3/13/04</u> Date signed
Warning: Any person who supplies any information on this form, knowing it to be false, is subject upon conviction to imprisonment for up to five years or to a fine of \$100,000, or both (ORS 260.715).	

STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

FILING FOR OFFICE OF HOUSE SEAT
~~Asst. House Rep. Co. Commissioner~~ DISTRICT NUMBER 43

Name of nominee (Print) <u>TOM MARKGRAF</u>	
Residence address (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) <u>211 N. AINSWORTH PORTLAND 97217</u>	Telephone (business) <u>(503) 231-2300</u>
Mailing address to which all correspondence will be sent (street/route, city, state, county, zip code) <u>ABOVE</u>	Telephone (home) <u>503 285-8962</u>
By signing this document, I hereby state: THAT I shall accept the appointment for the office indicated above; THAT I shall qualify for said office, if appointed; THAT I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before my appointment; and THAT all information supplied by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.	
 Nominee's signature	<u>MAR 13/04</u> Date signed
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BILL BRADBURY
SECRETARY OF STATE



JOHN LINDBACK
DIRECTOR

141 STATE CAPITOL
SALEM, OREGON 97310-0722

ELECTIONS — (503) 986-1518

March 16, 2004

Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214-3587

Re: Vacancy in Representative District 43

Dear Ms. Linn:

Effective March 2, 2004, there is a vacancy in Representative District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah Kafoury.

Pursuant to ORS 171.060(1) and OAR 165-010-0060, you are hereby notified of the vacancy. The Democratic Party precinct committeepersons of Representative District 43 met on **March 13, 2004**, to choose nominees to fill the vacancy. The nominees chosen are:

1. **R.P. Joe Smith**
2. **Jo Ann A. Bowman**
3. **Tom Markgraf**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners are hereby directed to meet to appoint one person from the list. The time and location of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Date: March 25, 2004
Place: Board Room
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard
Portland, OR 97214-3587

Enclosed is a copy of the Administrative Rule outlining the procedures to conduct a meeting to fill a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly. Also enclosed is a Statement for use in notifying the Secretary of State of the appointment including a signature form and a vote tabulation form. You may produce and use your own version of these documents if you wish. Please complete and return the Statement, signature sheet and tabulation sheet immediately after the meeting.

Please contact me at (503) 986-1518 if you have any questions about this process.

Sincerely,

Carla Corbin
Compliance Specialist

Enclosures



165-010-0060

Procedure for Conduct of Meeting to Fill Vacancy in Legislative Assembly

The following procedures govern the conduct of a meeting of a county court or board of commissioners (hereafter, county governing body(ies)) to fill a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly. These meeting procedures apply to appointments made under either ORS 171.060(1) (vacancy to be filled by nominee affiliated with a major political party) or ORS 171.060(2) (vacancy need not be filled by member of a particular major political party).

(1) A meeting of the members of the county governing body(ies) shall convene at the time designated by the Secretary of State. If the legislative district includes more than one county, the Secretary of State shall also name the temporary chairperson for the meeting and designate its location, which shall be within the legislative district. The Secretary of State shall also notify the county governing body(ies) of the nominees and of the number of votes apportioned to each member of the county governing body(ies) under ORS 171.062 and 171.064.

(2) The chairperson conducting the meeting shall open the meeting at the time designated by the Secretary of State. The chairperson shall announce that the purpose of the meeting is to appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly. If applicable, the appointment will be made from the list of nominees from the major political party as furnished by the Secretary of State.

(3) Members of the county governing body eligible to vote on the selection are those physically or electronically present at the meeting, who are currently holding office by election or appointment.

(4) The county governing body(ies), in making its determination, may allot time for interviewing nominees or applicants and for other pertinent deliberations prior to voting.

(5) The vote shall be taken in a manner specified by a majority of those present and eligible to vote on the selection. The person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the appointee. However, in any case, the vote of each member of the governing body(ies) shall be recorded and included in the written statement required by ORS 171.060(3).

(6) The Secretary of State hereby adopts forms SEL 145a, Statement of Democratic Nominee's Willingness to Serve, and SEL 145b, Statement of Republican Nominee's Willingness to Serve, as the forms to be used to accept a nomination to fill a legislative vacancy.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 171.051, 171.060 & 249.200

Stats. Implemented: ORS 171.060(1)

Hist.: ELECT 7-1993, f. & cert. ef. 2-16-93; ELECT 10-1999, f. & cert. ef. 10-18-99; ELECT 18-2003, f. & cert. ef. 12-5-03

BEFORE THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR Multnomah COUNTY

In the matter of
Filling the Vacancy in the Legislative Assembly,
State Representative, District 43

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the Democratic Party Precinct Committeepersons in Representative District 43 made nominations to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, in accord with procedures established by the Secretary of State, the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County considered the nominations at a public meeting on March 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public meeting the Commissioners voted to appoint (nominee) _____ to fill the vacancy, said nominee having received the highest number of votes as indicated on the vote tabulation attached as Exhibit A,

NOW, THEREFORE, _____ is selected as the appointee to fill the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly, State Representative District 43;

This Statement shall promptly be forwarded to the Secretary of State as required by ORS 171.060(3).

ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2004.

By: _____
Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County

Serena, Commissioner
Multnomah County

Lisa H. Naito, Commissioner
Multnomah County

Lonnie J. Roberts, Commissioner
Multnomah County

Maria Rojo de Steffey, Commissioner
Multnomah County

EXHIBIT A

VOTE TABULATION

In the matter of filling the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly, State Senate District 43 the following votes were cast at the public meeting held on March 25, 2004:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Chair Diane Linn Multnomah County	_____	_____
Commissioner Serena Cruz Multnomah County	_____	_____
Commissioner Lisa H. Naito Multnomah County	_____	_____
Commissioner Lonnie J. Roberts Multnomah County	_____	_____
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey Multnomah County	_____	_____

March 14, 2004

Chair Diane Linn
Commissioner Lisa Nato
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner Serena Cruz

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MAR 15 2004

DIANE LINN
MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR

C. Becca, Bd. Clerk

Dear Multnomah County Chair & Commissioners:

I am writing you to seek your support for the interim legislative position for House District 43, vacated by Rep. Debra Kafoury. Due to the special legislative session, I am the only qualified candidate who could represent the residents of District 43 adequately during that time. As my enclosed resume shows, I was elected previously to serve three terms from 1997-2001 by many of the residents I now seek to represent.

My hands-on legislative experience, capitol building relationships, and aptitude to be an effective representative give me a unique advantage over others seeking this appointment. Being a novice legislator during the regular session is delicate enough as it is; the high-pressure atmosphere in a special session is no time to attempt to learn how the legislative process operates.

If appointed to complete the remaining months of the term, I'll be responsive to citizen concerns and issues and represent the residents of NE Portland at the special session. I will also work to mentor the primary contest winner as they prepare to assume the role in January 2005.

I will be calling your office this week to schedule a time to discuss this appointment in more detail. If you like, your staff can call me to set an appointment with me at 503-957-4364.

Thank you for considering my appointment to State Representative for District 43. I look forward to discussing this appointment at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely



Jo Ann Bowman

JO ANN BOWMAN

OBJECTIVE

To provide excellent customer services to my clients.

EXPERIENCE

2001-Present Bowman Consulting Services Portland, OR
President/CEO

- Facilitation of public involvement programs for governmental and nonprofit clients.
- Design and facilitate focus groups for community education programs.
- Developed training curriculum for a voter registration program targeted at persons with felony convictions in the states of Oregon, Washington, Utah and Nevada.
- Design and facilitate customer satisfaction survey instruments for public and non-profit clients.

1996-2001 State Legislator Salem, OR
State Representative, District 19

- Vice-Chair House Judiciary Committee, House Minority Whip, member of Natural Resources Ways & Means Committee; Water Policy;
- Built bi-partisan support for criminal justice reform, natural resource and education funding issues.
- Included constituents' involvement with legislative issues through newsletters, public forums and direct constituent interaction.

1994-2001 Multnomah County Chair's Office Portland, OR
Senior Public Policy Advisor

- Designed and facilitated large scale countywide community involvement projects for Chair that sought the public's input on public policy and budget.
- Provided troubleshooting services for Chair of the Board with community and contractor organizations.
- Served as Chair's representative on Columbia River Gorge six-county workgroup to identify and resolve public policy concerns.
- Researched and advised Chair on variety of public policy issues in preparation for Board action. Assisted other Commissioners and

staff on community issues and brainstorm potential solutions.

1991-1994 The Black United Fund of Oregon
Portland, OR

Director of Development & Marketing

- Developed & implemented fundraising strategy, increasing visibility and fundraising goals by 25% first year and 50% the second year.
- Developed statewide partnerships to support grassroots community justice programs.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of programs funded statewide. Provided evaluation and recommendation to grants committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Directors, Metropolitan Family Service
- Secretary, Western States Center
- Board of Directors, Western Prison Project
- Vice President, Coalition for a Livable Future
- Vice Chair, African America Chamber of Commerce
- Talk show host, KBOO-FM Public Radio

HONORS

- Multnomah County Managers of Color "Walk the Talk" Award
- Rainbow Coalition, Progressive Leadership Award
- Albina Girls Scout Troops Mentor Appreciation Award
- Multnomah County Democratic Party Gladys McCoy Award
- United States Navy Veteran

EDUCATION

Edmondson H. S. Graduated 1975 Baltimore, MD

- Association of Young Political Leaders Australia Delegate 1997
- Flemming Fellows Leadership Institute Fellow Program 1998
- Attended Community College of Baltimore, MD 1976



JOINT COUNCIL OF TEAMSTERS NO. 37

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

1872 NE 162nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97230-5642

Telephone 503-251-2337



Fax 503-251-2303

Tony L. Andrews
President

March 15, 2004

Via Fax: (503) 988-3093

Ms. Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne, 6th Floor
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Linn:

The Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37 recommends Tom Markgraf for the appointment to State Representative, House District 43.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Tony Andrews
President

TA/ejm

JACKIE DINGFELDER
State Representative
DISTRICT 45



3/18/04
c: Board Clerk

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
900 COURT ST NE
SALEM, OREGON 97301

March 16, 2004

Diane Linn
Chair, Multnomah County
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chairwoman ~~Linn,~~ ^{Diane,}

I am writing in support of the appointment of Jo Ann Bowman to House District 43 Representative, to succeed Representative Deborah Kafoury. As a former Oregon Legislator, Ms. Bowman's experience and knowledge of the legislative process will be an asset when we reconvene for a special session in June. I am confident that Ms. Bowman will serve her constituents in House District 43 well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jackie Dingfelder
State Representative
House District 45



MARGARET CARTER

State Senator

DISTRICT 22
PORTLAND



2003 Committees
Ways & Means
Human Services
Transportation &
Economic
Development

OREGON SENATE

STATE CAPITOL
SALEM, OREGON
97301

March 22, 2004

The Honorable Diane Linn
Chair
Multnomah County Commission
501 SE Hawthorne Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97204

*3/23/04
c: Bd. Clerk, Diane
Becca*

Dear Diane,

I am pleased to write a letter of reference and commend to you, Jo Ann A. Bowman for the vacant position of State Representative District 43. Former State Representative Jo Ann Bowman is one of three distinguished persons nominated to fill the current vacancy pursuant to ORS 171.060(1) and OAR 165-010-0060.

Jo Ann Bowman brings experience and a voice that we very much need at this moment in the House. Pursuant to House Joint Resolution 42 (B-Engrossed 2003), anticipated is that we are going into Special Session soon after May 31, 2004. The experience and credentials of the individual that you select to fill will be critical.

Key members have left the House and we have lost 20% recently from the membership of the Joint Interim Committee on Tax Reform, mostly from the House.

A veteran legislator elected three times to House, Jo Ann has worked side by side with colleagues in the House and members of the Senate. A former House Democratic Whip, she will have immediate standing and impact.

Jo Ann has served on several key committees and subcommittees in the House, including Emerging Small Business, Judiciary, and Ways & Means. Her knowledge of the inner workings of the Chamber and procedures will have incalculable benefit -- for the county, the city and the community, Portland schools and small businesses -- when we go into session.

Her experience as a member of the Portland Public Schools Citizen Budget Advisory Committee will be important to deliberations on how we will fund public schools and to protect local options.

Jo Ann is also a voice for her community, and a House District with special characteristics, high unemployment, in a District that was drawn to give recognition to the often overlooked and forgotten in the process.



A former staffer at Multnomah County, she appreciates and knows the needs of local government. Jo Ann has served in the U. S. Navy, and is former employee of the Social Security Administration. She understands the interplay of Federal-state and local programs.

She has served the community as Board Chair of the NAACP Voter Empowerment Committee, Program Committee Chair of the City Club of Portland, on the Board of the Western States Center, Treasurer of the World Affairs Council of Oregon, and membership on the Portland Police Bureau African American Advisory Committee.

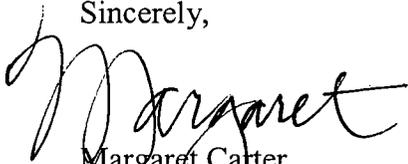
Jo Ann has worked on key issues to House District 43 such as affordable housing, prevention of recidivism, employment, public education, schools and funding.

I will be introducing priority legislation into the upcoming Special Session on affordable housing (HB 2379 [2003]) to assist low and moderate income families in North-Northeast Portland. The legislation is to re-start a vital program that ended December 31, 2003 to aid homeownership in distressed urban areas.

The legislation received near unanimous approval of the Senate in 2003. The skill and experience of the person you appoint will be pivotal to passage of the bill in the House this year.

I urge her appointment by the Commission and attest to her solid qualifications.

Sincerely,



Margaret Carter
State Senator

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Effective March 2, 2004, there is a vacancy in Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43 due to the resignation of State Representative Deborah Kafoury.
- b. Pursuant to state law, on March 13, 2004, the Democratic Party Precinct Committeepersons in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, made nominations to fill the vacancy.
- c. The nominees chosen were: R.P. Joe Smith, JoAnn A. Bowman and Tom Markgraf.
- d. In accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of State, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners considered the nominations at a public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004.
- d. At the conclusion of the public meeting the Commissioners voted to appoint _____ to fill the vacancy, said nominee having received the highest number of votes as indicated on the vote tabulation attached as **Exhibit A**.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. _____ is selected as the appointee to fill the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43.
2. This Resolution shall promptly be forwarded to the Secretary of State as required by ORS 171.060(3).

ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Diane M. Linn, Chair

Maria Rojo de Steffey, Commissioner District 1

Serena Cruz, Commissioner District 2

Lisa Naito, Commissioner District 3

Lonnie Roberts, Commissioner District 4

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

Exhibit A

VOTE TABULATION

In the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following votes were cast at the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Diane M. Linn
Chair

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner District 1

Serena Cruz
Commissioner District 2

Lisa Naito
Commissioner District 3

-Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner District 4

#1

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk

This form is a public record

MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Cppt Legislature Dist 43

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Support R.P. Joe Smith

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Meredith Wood Smith

ADDRESS: 2011 NE 21st

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97212

PHONE: DAYS: 503-284-5552 EVES: _____

EMAIL: Meredith@smithcompound.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: NO.

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Address the County Commissioners from the presenter table microphones. Please limit your comments to **3 minutes**.
3. State your name for the official record.
4. If written documentation is presented, please furnish one copy to the Board Clerk.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

#2

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk
This form is a public record

MEETING DATE: 25 MAR 04

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATURE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: SKIP BOWMAN

ADDRESS: 3145 NE 15TH AV

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97212

PHONE: DAYS: 503.284.1887 EVES:

EMAIL: SKIPSTER@TELEPORT.COM FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Address the County Commissioners from the presenter table microphones. Please limit your comments to **3 minutes**.
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#3

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk

This form is a public record

MEETING DATE: 03.25.04

SUBJECT: DISTRICT 43

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JEFFERSON SMITH

ADDRESS: 2211 N.E. 21st

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97212

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: jeffersonsmith@post.harvard.edu FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

R.P. JOE SMITH FOR DISTRICT 43

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
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2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

brucebro@spiritone.com

Broussard & Associates, LLC
BRUCE BROUSSARD

1863 N. Jantzen Ave.
Portland, OR 97217

Phone (503) 701-0457
Fax (503) 240-8565

#4
**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

**Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk
This form is a public record**

MEETING DATE: 03.25.04

SUBJECT: Appointment of House District
43

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-6

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Bruce Broussard

ADDRESS: 1863 N Jantzen Avenue

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97217

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503 701-0457 EVES: _____

EMAIL: BRUCEBRO@SPIRITONE.COM FAX: 503 240-8565

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

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IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

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BALLOT #1

After due deliberation in the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following vote was cast:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Diane M. Linn
Chair

Joanne Bowma

BALLOT # 1

After due deliberation in the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following vote was cast:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner District 1



BALLOT #1

After due deliberation in the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following vote was cast:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Serena Cruz
Commissioner District 2

Jo Anne Bowman

BALLOT # 1

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Lisa Naito
Commissioner District 3

RP Joe Smith

BALLOT #1

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner District 4

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Smith". The signature is written over a solid horizontal line.

BALLOT #2

After due deliberation in the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following vote was cast:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Diane M. Linn
Chair

RP Joe Smith.

BALLOT #2

After due deliberation in the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following vote was cast:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner District 1

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BALLOT #2

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Serena Cruz
Commissioner District 2

Joe Smith

BALLOT #2

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Lisa Naito
Commissioner District 3

RP Joe Smith

BALLOT #2

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner District 4

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 04-030

Filling a Vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

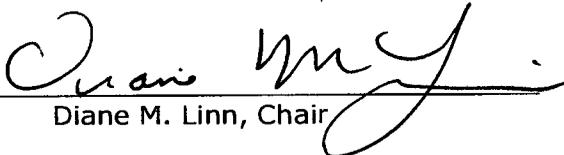
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- c. The nominees chosen were: R.P. Joe Smith, JoAnn A. Bowman and Tom Markgraf.
- d. In accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of State, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners considered the nominations at a public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004.
- d. At the conclusion of the public meeting the Commissioners voted to appoint R.P. Joe Smith to fill the vacancy, said nominee having received the highest number of votes on the second ballot as indicated on the vote tabulations attached as **Exhibit A and Exhibit B**.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. R.P. Joe Smith is selected as the appointee to fill the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43.
2. This Resolution shall promptly be forwarded to the Secretary of State as required by ORS 171.060(3).

ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Diane M. Linn, Chair



Maria Rojo de Steffey
Maria Rojo de Steffey, Commissioner District 1

Serena Cruz
Serena Cruz, Commissioner District 2

Lisa Naito
Lisa Naito, Commissioner District 3

Lonnie Roberts
Lonnie Roberts, Commissioner District 4

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Agnes Sowle
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

Exhibit A

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NOMINEE

Diane M. Linn
Chair

JoAnn A. Bowman

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner District 1

Tom Markgraf

Serena Cruz
Commissioner District 2

JoAnn A. Bowman

Lisa Naito
Commissioner District 3

R.P. Joe Smith

Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner District 4

R.P. Joe Smith

Exhibit B

VOTE TABULATION #2

In the matter of filling the vacancy in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, House of Representatives, District 43, the following votes were cast at the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

NOMINEE

Diane M. Linn
Chair

R.P. Joe Smith

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner District 1

R.P. Joe Smith

Serena Cruz
Commissioner District 2

R.P. Joe Smith

Lisa Naito
Commissioner District 3

R.P. Joe Smith

Lonnie Roberts
Commissioner District 4

R.P. Joe Smith

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

BUD MOD #:

Board Clerk Use Only:

Meeting Date: March 25, 2004

Agenda Item #: R-7

Est. Start Time: 10:15 AM

Date Submitted: 03/11/04

Requested Date: March 25, 2004

Time Requested: N/A

Department: Non-Departmental

Division: Commission District 4

Contact/s: Gary Walker

Phone: 503-988-5213

Ext.: 26234

I/O Address: 503/6

Presenters: Commissioner Lonnie Roberts

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

NOTE: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title.
For all other submissions, provide clearly written title.

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1. What action are you requesting from the Board? What is the department/agency recommendation?
 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.
 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

If a budget modification, explain:

- ❖ What revenue is being changed and why?
- ❖ What budgets are increased/decreased?
- ❖ What do the changes accomplish?
- ❖ Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.

- ❖ Is the revenue one-time-only in nature?
 - ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
 - ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?
- NOTE: Attach Bud Mod spreadsheet (FORM FROM BUDGET)**

If a contingency request, explain:

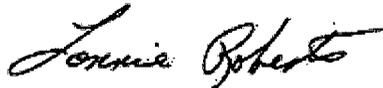
- ❖ Why was the expenditure not included in the annual budget process?
- ❖ What efforts have been made to identify funds from other sources within the Department/Agency to cover this expenditure?
- ❖ Why are no other department/agency fund sources available?
- ❖ Describe any new revenue this expenditure will produce, any cost savings that will result, and any anticipated payback to the contingency account.
- ❖ Has this request been made before? When? What was the outcome?

If grant application/notice of intent, explain:

- ❖ Who is the granting agency?
- ❖ Specify grant requirements and goals.
- ❖ Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?
- ❖ What are the estimated filing timelines?
- ❖ If a grant, what period does the grant cover?
- ❖ When the grant expires, what are funding plans?
- ❖ How will the county indirect and departmental overhead costs be covered?

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Required Signatures:



Department/Agency Director: _____ **Date:** 03/11/04

Budget Analyst

By: _____ **Date:**

Dept/Countywide HR

By: _____ **Date:**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a) In January 2004 Chair Linn and Commissioners Naito, Cruz and Rojo de Steffey met with representatives of the gay and lesbian community regarding the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex persons. Commissioner Roberts was neither included in nor informed of these meetings by Chair Linn or Commissioners Naito, Cruz and Rojo de Steffey. As a result of these meetings Commissioners Naito and Cruz requested an opinion from County Attorney Agnes Sowle regarding Multnomah County's practice of issuing marriage licenses only to persons of different sex.
- b) On March 2, 2004, the County Attorney delivered to each Board member her written opinion that Multnomah County's "refusal to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples violates Article I, section 20, of the Oregon Constitution." The County Attorney solicited and received a concurring opinion from a private outside attorney, Charles F. Hinkle.
- c) Neither Chair Linn, Commissioners Naito, Cruz, Rojo de Steffey, nor the County Attorney solicited an opinion from the Oregon Attorney General regarding the legality of Multnomah County's practice of issuing marriage licenses only to persons of different sex.
- d) On March 3, 2004, Chair Linn, relying upon the opinions of the County Attorney and Mr. Hinkle, directed the county clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex persons. Chair Linn's executive decision was endorsed by Commissioners Naito, Cruz and Rojo de Steffey.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County will issue a marriage license to all qualified persons regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Diane M. Linn, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: UHERBELAU Rebecca A
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 5:06 PM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: FW: Media Advisory from County Chair Diane Linn

-----Original Message-----

From: UHERBELAU Rebecca A
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 4:51 PM
To: UHERBELAU Rebecca A
Subject: Media Advisory from County Chair Diane Linn

Date: March 17, 2004

Contact: Becca Uherbelau, Multnomah County Chair's Office
503-988-5273

COUNTY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MARRIAGE

Multnomah County will hold a series of public hearings regarding the issuing of marriage licenses to same sex couples.

The Board will solicit testimony from members of the public on a Resolution reiterating the county's position to adhere to the legal opinion that it is unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses based on gender or sexual orientation. The hearings will be:

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM
Thursday, March 25, 2004

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
and
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 31, 2004

10:15 – 12:00 PM
Thursday, April 1, 2004

All hearings will be held in the



MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

Date: March 17, 2004

Contact: Becca Uherbelau, Multnomah County Chair's Office
503-988-5273

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Thursday, April 1, 2004

All hearings will be held in the *Boardroom* located on the first floor of the *Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR*

A substitute to the original Resolution will be offered at the Board meeting on the March 25th. Following the public hearings, the Board is expected to hold a final vote on the Resolution on April 1, 2004.

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CABLE/MEDIA STREAMING COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE ISSUES

Cable coverage of the March 25, March 31 and April 1, 2004 Board meetings/public hearings are produced through Multnomah Community Television. The following meetings will be cable-cast live and taped and may be seen by Cable subscribers in Multnomah County at the times and cable channels listed below. Call 503-491-7636, ext. 332 for further info or log onto <http://www.mctv.org> for the program guide/playback schedule. These Board meetings are also available live via media streaming at http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/cc/live_broadcast.shtml or thereafter at <http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/cc/pastmeetings.shtml>. Call Board Clerk Deb Bogstad 503-988-3277 for further information.

Thursday, March 25, 2004 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

10:15 AM TIME CERTAIN: PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk. The Boardroom will be open one hour prior to the meeting.

Thursday March 25, 9:30 AM, (LIVE) Channel 30
Friday, March 26, 11:00 PM, Channel 30
Saturday, March 27, 10:00 AM, Channel 30
Sunday, March 28, 11:00 AM, Channel 30

Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

PUBLIC HEARING

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is requesting public testimony on a Resolution reiterating the county's position to adhere to the legal opinion that it is unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses based on gender or sexual orientation. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk. The Boardroom will be open one hour prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, March 31, 4:00 PM, (LIVE) Channel 29

Saturday, April 3, 2:00 PM, Channel 29

Sunday, April 4, 4:00 PM, Channel 29

Wednesday, April 7, 8:00 PM, Channel 29

Saturday, April 10, 5:00 PM, Channel 29

Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100

501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

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Saturday, April 3, 4:00 PM, Channel 29

Sunday, April 4, 6:00 PM, Channel 29

Friday, April 9, 8:00 PM, Channel 29

Saturday, April 10, 7:00 PM, Channel 29

Thursday, April 1, 2004 - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100

501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

10:15 AM TIME CERTAIN: PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Administrative Decision Regarding Marriage Licenses. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk. The Boardroom will be open one hour prior to the meeting.

Thursday April 1, 9:30 AM, (LIVE) Channel 30

Friday, April 2, 11:00 PM, Channel 30

Saturday, April 3, 10:00 AM, Channel 30

Sunday, April 4, 11:00 AM, Channel 30

Issuing of licenses resumes

Multnomah County decides not to wait until courts rule on same-sex marriage

Marriage is a religious ceremony. If you support separation of church and state, should not government be not involved?



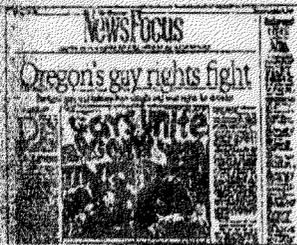
ROB FINCH/THE OREGONIAN

Lisa Connals (left) and Cyn Connals came from Hawaii during the weekend, not knowing whether they'd be able to apply for a marriage license. When they found out the county would continue issuing them, both women were overcome with joy. They've been together for almost 21 years.

NEWS FOCUS

A political movement and migration that

begin 34 years ago has transformed Portland and pushed Oregon onto the battlefield of gay rights
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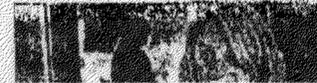
By DAVID AUSTIN
THE OREGONIAN

Multnomah County continued issuing marriage licenses to same-sex

couples Monday, defying Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski's call to stop and making the county the only jurisdiction in the nation to keep issuing the licenses.

County Chairwoman Diane Linn's decision caused jubilation in the half-block line for licenses outside the county's Southeast Portland headquarters. But it brought increased frustration in Salem, where the governor asked Attorney General Hardy Myers to look for ways to hasten the issue to the Oregon Supreme Court.

And in the latest legal lousing, Multnomah Commissioner Lisa Naito, also a lawyer, accused the attorney general and the governor —



a former attorney general and state Supreme Court justice — of "convoluted bureaucratic gibberish."

The day began with the license office closed as couples waited for Linn's decision, which she issued shortly before noon. The office opened late to give her time to respond to Myers' Friday legal opinion.

Myers said that Oregon law restricts marriage to a covenant between a man and a woman, but that the statute would probably be overturned.

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Multnomah County board Chairwoman Diane Linn ordered county workers to continue issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples on Monday.

Chair Diane Linn, Multnomah County Commission
Members of the Multnomah County Commission
261 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 800
Portland, Oregon 97214

March 17, 2004

Dear Chair Diane Linn and Members of the County Commission:

Our prayers are with you, and our yet free United States of America! We PRAY that you will reconsider your violation of the Oregon State Law, as stated by the Attorney General, and Oregon's government! Powerful evil forces are trying to destroy us morally and economically!! Please reconsider your stand for truth and justice! We hope some of the enclosed information about America's original value will be of benefit to preserving our freedom as a county-state-and nation!

Copies to attend:

Attorney General

Gov. Ted Kulongoski

Louise Weidlich
(Mrs.) Louise Weidlich, President
Parents Mothers for Children

P.O. Box 19224, Portland, Oregon 97216

Abraham Lincoln Said It . . .

YOU CANNOT

bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift

YOU CANNOT

strengthen the weak by weakening the strong

YOU CANNOT

help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer

YOU CANNOT

further brotherhood by encouraging class hatred

YOU CANNOT

help the poor by discouraging the rich

YOU CANNOT

establish sound security by spending more than you earn

YOU CANNOT

build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence

YOU CANNOT

help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves



THE LINCOLN YEAR BOOK
Containing Immortal Words
of Abraham Lincoln

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The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee
shall perish. JANUARY 28, 1831.

The Approach of Danger.

(Extract from the Springfield address in 1838.
from preceding page.)

At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasures of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not, by force, take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge, in a trial of a thousand years. At what point, then, is this approach of danger to be expected? I answer: If it ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide.

Lincoln's birthday

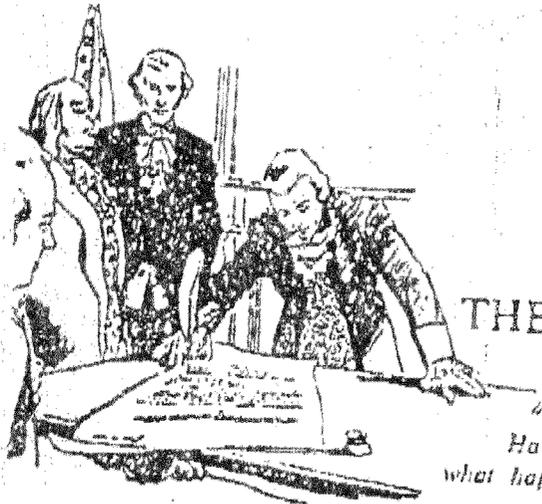
Born in Hardin County, Kentucky, February 12, 1809.



THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT CIVILIZATIONS HAS BEEN 300 YEARS. THESE NATIONS PROGRESSED THROUGH THIS SEQUENCE.

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith
From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage
From Courage to Liberty
From Liberty to Abundance
From Abundance to Selfishness
From Selfishness to Complacency
From Complacency to Apathy
From Apathy to Dependency
From Dependency back again into Bondage.

Neighborhoods Protective Association, P.O. Box 18224, Portland, Oregon, 97219
Mrs. Louise Weidlich, Director



THE PRICE THEY PAID

*Have you ever wondered
what happened to those men who signed the
Declaration of Independence?*

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. There were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave us an independent America. Can we keep it?



Mother's Day

OUR GIFTS TO OUR CHILDREN

First and Foremost

We give them the most precious of all gifts; the principles of brotherly love and the love of God, as taught so many years ago by Christ, whose birth we celebrate.

We Give Them Our Attention

For one day it will be too late.

We Give Them a Sense of Value

A place for the individual in the scheme of things, with all that accrues to the individual: self-reliance, courage, conviction, self-respect and the respect of others.

We Give Them a Sense of Humor

Laughter leavens life.

We Give Them the Meaning of Discipline

If we falter at discipline, life will do it for us.

We Give Them the Will to Work

Satisfying work is not the lasting joy, but knowing that a job is well-done, is.

We Give Them the Talent for Sharing

That it's not so much what we give, as to what we share.

We Give Them the Love of Justice

The bulwark against violence and oppression, and the repository of human dignity.

We Give Them the Passion of Truth

Founded on precept or example, truth is the beginning of every good thing; the power and the faith engendering mutual trust.

We Give Them the Beacon of Hope

Which lights all darkness.

We Give Them the Knowledge of Being Loved

Beyond the demand for reciprocity, praise or blame, for those loved are never lost.

What Shall We Give the Children?

The open sky, the brown earth, the leafy trees, the golden sand, the blue water, the stars in their courses, and the awareness of them; birdsongs, butterflies, clouds and rainbows, sunlight, moonlight, firelight; a large hand reaching down for a small hand; impromptu praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer, the glimmer of enthusiasm and the sense of wonder, long day to be merry in and nights without fear, and the memory of a good home.

These Things We Shall Give the Children

Author unknown

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with prophetic
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thy every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for peasant dreams
That see beyond the years,
A line of alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!

— Katharine Lee Bates (1911)

Mothers are not perfect. Gifts to our children is a wish list. Consider the greater chance, if starting at home?? A tax deduction equivalent to job earnings, and reasonable deductions per child? (Mother: \$30,000 a year; children \$15,000, especially pre-school, per child. No need for government subsidy!

Louise Weidlich
(Mrs.) Louise Weidlich
President

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HELP "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Gay rights, abortion bills get chances

Emergency of the measures... change in favor in a legislative session so far... budget issues

By HARRY ESTEVE
THE OREGONIAN

...late-session battle... rights and abortion

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limits — emerged Thursday at the Legislature, adding a new level of tension to an already stressed session.

A Senate committee took lengthy, sometimes tearful testimony on a bill that would prohibit discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgendered people in schools, housing, jobs and other public accommodations.

About a dozen people told stories of discrimination, humiliation and job loss because of their

sexual identity, while one speaker said the bill could lead to cross-dressing, men disrobing in the women's shower of public swimming pools.

Meanwhile, a hearing has been scheduled next week on a House-passed bill that would require a 24-hour waiting period before a woman could have an abortion.

But Senate Democratic Leader Kate Brown of Portland decided to go ahead with a hearing on Senate Bill 780, saying: "Gays, lesbians and

transgendered have been denied civil rights for far too long."

That prompted Senate Republican Leader Ray Clarno of Redmond to call for a hearing on House Bill 2547, which would require women seeking an abortion to be given detailed information about the procedure. It also re-

The emergence of both bills — neither of which stands much chance of survival — indicates a change in the tenor of a session that has been focused primarily on budget issues. For the most part,

...policy... the... have...

But Nick... Family... practical... women... Brown... Home... that the... movement...

Harry... hanged...

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July 1, 1971

Sex ed linked to immoral conspiracy

...Mothers for Children President Louise Weidlich was... talk by Mary Calderone, director of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States. Calderone's speech was entitled "Sex Education For A Whole Society."

By LOUISE WEIDLICH
Mothers for Children

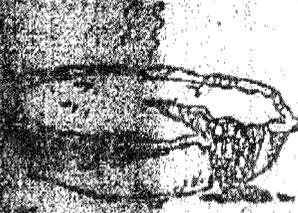
Calderone in her lecture refers to "Sex Education For A Whole Society." I would rephrase it and ask the question is this: "Immoral... World Society?"

Mothers for Children, our concern is primarily the preservation of our family unit, with the belief in the marriage of one man and one woman. The act of marriage itself is a religious ceremony... concerned with the spiritual soul of man! The... an important part of the marriage... and shared love... become unselfish, in sharing a home together, and... children.

The verb reads: "Since God could not be everywhere, he created man." The term human sexuality denotes the physical... backwards (without the h) it spells SELF. SELF... self-gratification, selfish, and ego-oriented,

rather than the unselfishness of mother love. The advocates of SIECUS, to quote from the brochure: "Sex is not reproduction, and it's not coitus, although both are part of it. Sex is what it is to be a man or a woman..."

In a lighter vein, there is a book out by Sam Lavenson, called SEX EDUCATION: IT'S ALL IN THE HEART. He feels that sex education may be useful to combat ignorance, but it ought to leave innocence alone! One of his humorous sayings involving the inevitable question "Where did I come from?" include such answers as "I'm the children of your own you'll ask them," or "If you don't know what's on the inside he would have put it there." — Then he asks the question: "How long does it take to mend human plumbing? You draw maps of it on the wall." — He says there are areas that should remain secret, about the past-potty group should remain innocent.



When children ask where they come from, they are asked to answer in life, not mechanics.

To Concerned United States Citizens: PRAY for our Christian Heritage!! Our freedoms as a nation is in jeopardy!! Sex education in the schools is the cause of our future broken families, ending in divorce and encouraging alternative lifestyles!! The enclosed article was printed July 1, 1971. That generation has grown up, and the next generation is now in school. Political renefications? Reduce the U.S. population and bring in immigrants! Mrs. Louise Weidlich, President.

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SEX EDUCATION FOR A WHOLE SOCIETY. I believe it would include such areas as Planned Parenthood, Zero Population Growth, pornography, abortion, sterilization, and other... which will leave the family unit out! Perhaps it will be replaced by life-styles as communes, childhood centers, and... where we will not have control over our own lives or those of our children. THIS IS NOT THE WAY THAT GOD HAD FOR SPIRITUAL MAN, AND IS NOT THE WAY OUR FOREFATHERS HAD PLANNED FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

God created spiritual man, and Christianity... from the role of servant, to being the helmsman of man... they their part in the family unit. As a mother, along with our... we will fight for our families, and to keep our children... The few who do not care, will not, and may not be allowed to destroy our American heritage of freedom, which was... to our children.

The Presidential Commission on population growth... Planned Parenthood, World Population... to amend their laws so that teenagers can obtain... devices and abortions from doctors and other medical... (para-medics), without parental consent. Likewise the... Commission on Child Development is studying child... for our children!

Establishment of human sexuality, implying new... will destroy the United States of America, where we... one's parents economically and sexually," which... of the sanctity of the home and the family, as we know... will destroy our present culture, and our very freedom!

The Criminal Revision code, Senate Bill 48, will... this concept, since it will LEGISLATE ADULTERY... was passed by our state legislature, during this last... to date it has not been signed by Governor McCaffrey... of you to write him against signing this evil bill. I... we hope that he will not be the first governor to legislate... into law! This bill also promotes pornography, will kill... Theater, and others to continue to pedal their wares... prosecution.

WE ARE NEARER TO SEX EDUCATION FOR A WHOLE SOCIETY THAN WE REALIZE. — LET US ADD WORK... IT BACK TO LOVE OF OUR FELLOW MAN... TAIN, AND REGAIN, the absolute truths of: LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF; DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE... UNTO YOU HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER. Thank you for this opportunity to express our point of view.

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: BibleSclr@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2004 8:37 AM
To: CHAIR Mult; District1; SERENA CRUZ; District3; ROBERTS Lonnie J; BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: Public Meetings on Same Sex Marriage

I read an article on the KATU about the holding of public meetings on the same sex marriage issue. Since the commissioners have already met in secret, apparently not caring what the public actually might have thought of the issue before hand, and then already decided to allow the issuing of the same sex marriage license despite what the public might have actually thought, holding these "Open to the public" meetings on this matter seems a bit moot and pointless and a slap in the face to the public on the matter at hand.

The majority of commissioners have abused their position of power- Plain and simple. As the saying goes... you are now attempting to shut the barn door after the horse has run out. Big whoopidy doo da! You made a major mistake by not holding public meetings in the first place and your meager attempt to "rectify" your poor judgment will not change the fact that you violated public trust.

Respectfully,

Nikki Barone

3/18/04

To: Board of County Commissioners

I'm just a straight, single girl who thinks you are fantastically brave people!

I'm sure you are getting a lot of angry feedback from the straight community, I'd like to say thanks for your bravery in standing up for human rights.

I'm so excited for all the couples exercising their freedoms. I hope some day I have someone saying "I do" with me, like these folks.

Good luck in your difficult fight ahead.

Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Suzi Asmus
NW Portland

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: The Bynoes [the.bynoes@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2004 5:00 PM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: ISSUES OF MORALS

Dear Multnomah County Commissioner,

When **Issues of Morals** arise the choice never seems to be a clear and easy one due to several reasons, including: conflicting opinions, tradition, the need to embrace change, and ones own convictions.

What should be clear to everyone is that low moral values only serve to satisfy the lower needs of a society, and are not in the best interest of the whole of a community.

Ten very clear convincing moral arguments can be made for some of the complex moral issues facing us today.

First: **The Moral Argument of Extremes**

If all society is homosexual, and homosexual marriages condoned by the government; then procreation will cease, and so will society. If all babies are aborted, then there will be no children, and no future for America. If all terminally ill people are killed, then the value of life itself is diminished. When the value of any life is diminished, the value of all life is diminished. The result is a form of murder that shocks and amazes us. Yet it shouldn't, because we brought it on ourselves. Any behavior, which, if "everyone" did it, would cause a society to cease to exist, should not be permitted for an individual. This includes illegal drugs, murder, adultery, homosexuality, abortion, theft, crime and other immoral acts. Permitting one person to do it, permits everyone to do it, by default.

Conversely, any behavior, which, if "everyone" did it, would build and strengthen the moral values of society, should not only be permitted, but encouraged. This includes abstinence (saying no to immoral opportunities), teaching of ethics and morality, prayer, Holy Bible reading and study, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school (with "one nation under God" still in it), posting of the Ten Commandments, attending church, etc.

Second: **The Moral Argument of Contradiction to Nature**

When a human being wants to do something that the human body was not designed to do by nature, then it should not be encouraged. Men having sex with men, or woman having sex with woman, serves no useful natural purpose, other than that of pleasure. Pleasure alone cannot be a reason in itself to condone unnatural behavior because many criminals can justify their murders and other crimes because of the pleasure they derived from them. Most women throughout the world have an enormous sense of love for their offspring. This is even true to some extent in the animal kingdom. Shouldn't a woman be expected to have the same natural affection for her child that is yet unborn? Should she be permitted to murder it, contrary to the natural love even animals have for their offspring?

Third: **The Moral Argument of Crossing The Line**

There is such a thing as a moral line. A line that should not be crossed, at the risk of society descending down into a moral tailspin. Kind of like an aircraft going into a stall. Or like a ship at sea being washed ashore by the surf. Another example is a run-away vehicle without any brakes. Consequently we must preserve every moral value we can possibly identify to preserve, least that be our fate also. If we fail to do this, we will find ourselves the victims of our own excesses. It was wild rampant immorality that brought the fall of the Roman Empire, and many other kingdoms

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throughout history. We must realize that we too can become so immoral that we can doom ourselves with our own uncontrolled vices.

Fourth: The Moral Argument of The Greater Good

All moral values serve a "greater good." This "greater good" should be apparent to all of us. We may not always agree with the "greater good" for the larger community, but it nevertheless is there. It does not serve the greater good for people of the same sex to have sex with each other. It does not serve the greater good because of the disease and promiscuous behavior associated with that lifestyle. It does not serve the greater good to kill anyone unnecessarily, including a helpless fetus. It does not serve the greater good because life is precious, all life. It did not serve the greater good to take prayer and Bible Study out of the schools. Now we are paying for it with high crime rates in our schools, on our streets, and in our homes.

Fifth: The Moral Argument of Unnatural Intervention

When humans have to have special "protection" to prevent themselves from contracting a virtual cesspool of sexual diseases, then something is very wrong with that human activity. When a doctor has to use a medical treatment to kill an unborn baby, and that same medical treatment is fully capable of killing an adult, then something is very wrong with that "so-called" medical procedure. It's like attaching a bird to the wing of an airplane in order to help it to fly. It's not natural for a bird to fly that way, and it will consequently die. When a human sexual activity requires unnatural intervention be performed, then the activity itself becomes unnatural and should be abstained from.

Sixth: The Moral Argument of The Need for Defending

A Man and his wife having sex with each other needs no defense. It is an expected behavior that everyone accepts. However, two people of the same sex having sex with each other is an unexpected behavior. It is not normal. It does take defending. A woman having a baby takes no defending. This is something that we understand and everyone accepts. However, a woman having her unborn baby's life taken from it, before it is born, is an unexpected behavior. It is not normal. It does take defending. A child wanting to pray and read their Bible in school needs no defense. It is an expected behavior that everyone accepts. However, a judge taking that freedom of religion from the child is an unexpected behavior. It is not normal. It does take defending. Moral Right consequently needs no defense, it is an understood norm that is above the need for defending.

Seventh: The Moral Argument of Protecting and Maintaining the Conventional Family Unit

The conventional family unit, consisting of legally married husband and wife and their children are the building blocks of society. "Legally Married"—because this is a union that is universally accepted, without it there is no legal commitment or contract between individuals living together. "Husband and wife"—because this endorses procreation and normalcy. "Building blocks of society"—because upon these "building blocks" a nation either stands or falls. The stronger they are, the stronger the nation is. The weaker they are, the more feeble the nation will be. Everything must be done; legally, financially, politically, ethically, and morally possible to sustain, protect, and strengthen the conventional family unit.

Eighth: The Moral Argument of Ethics, and The Principle of Right Desire

In the world of ethics, specifically, in The Principle of Right Desire, there are 'is' statements, and there are 'ought' statements. It is one thing to say "that man 'is' homosexual," Or, that woman 'is' having an abortion. Or, that judge 'is' taking prayer out of school. Or, that homosexual couple 'is' getting married.

It is another thing entirely to say "that man 'ought' to be homosexual," Or, that woman 'ought' to have an abortion. Or, that judge 'ought' to take prayer out of school. Or, that homosexual couple 'ought' to get married. To make an "is" statement into an 'ought' statement requires you to apply The Principle of 'Right Desire'. The Principle of Right Desire says 'we ought to desire what is really good

for us and nothing else.' If we say that any of the above statements are 'good for all of us' statements, then, then we are being illogical. This is because we know that society either couldn't exist, or would become immoral if we all did the above things. If you say it's okay for some, but not for everyone, that also is a contradiction and being illogical. This is because endorsing any unacceptable behavior for even just a few, reinforces it as acceptable to everyone in society as a whole, which you would not do if you was applying The Principle of Right Desire for all of us. Making it okay for even just a few, puts a 'Moral Stamp of Approval' on it from all of us.

Ninth: The Moral Argument of Majority Rule in a Free Society

If a minority of people want something legalized that the majority of the people do not want legalized, then it should never, ever, become legal. The rights of a minority should never outweigh the rights of the majority. This practice abandons majority rule and all forms of moral integrity. Those who are a minority have the right to express their opinion, but they should not be permitted to overrule the decision of the majority. If the majority of society wants prayer in school, or Bible Study in school, then that's what everybody gets. If the minority asks for exception to the majority decision, they can put their children in private schools where there is no prayer or Bible Study. If only a minority of people wants to make homosexual marriages legal, then the rights of the majority, who want them to not be legal, must take precedence. If only a minority of people wants to kill unborn children, then the rights of the majority, who want children to live, must take precedence. Laws can't be written just to satisfy the selfish immoral desires of the minority, that's where self-control comes in, and acceptance of majority rule. The minority needs to refrain from indulging in behavior that is unacceptable to everyone else.

Tenth: The Moral Argument of Accountability

All leaders are of course accountable to the people they lead, their own conscience, and ultimately, to God. The majority of the people do not want homosexual marriages legalized, because we know it's wrong. The majority of the people don't want to see unborn babies murdered, because we also know that it's wrong. The majority of the people want prayer in school, because we know it's right. The majority of the people want the Ten Commandments in public places, because we know we need them. Even if the majority of the people were wrong on an issue, there is still accountability to God for all of us. Accountability to God has absolutely nothing to do with whether you believe in God or not. *"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God,'" (The Holy Bible, Psalms 14:1 NIV).* God is under no obligation to prove his existence to you. Neither has it anything to do with whether you believe in the Holy Bible or not. You will still be held accountable. *"Does he who disciplines nations not punish? Does he who teaches man lack knowledge?" (Holy Bible, Psalms 94:10, NIV).* Still another scripture verse says this: *"In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire." (Holy Bible, Jude 1:7, NIV).*

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Diane M. Linn, Multnomah County Chair

March 15, 2004

The Attorney General's opinion released Friday concludes that it is likely unconstitutional to refuse to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples.

As an independent jurisdiction we needed the opportunity to thoughtfully review any implications of the advisory opinion. On Friday, I asked the County Attorney to analyze the Attorney General's opinion to answer one major question:

- Can the county rely on the attorney general's opinion that the marriage statute prohibits issuing licenses to same sex couples to defend us from being sued successfully if we deny a request?

The conclusion is that the attorney general's opinion offers ***no assurance whatsoever that Multnomah County will not be sued successfully by any same sex couple who is denied a license while it waits for the issue to get to the Supreme Court.***

In fact, if anything, the risk is greater than previously with what is now the fourth opinion that states that denial of licenses is likely unconstitutional.

Without any legal shield for liability it is extremely imprudent to risk the assets of this jurisdiction.

Based on this analysis, I have decided on these next steps.

1) We will work with the attorney general and the Governor to help fulfill the promise to get this to the Supreme Court as expeditiously as possible. I have asked the County Attorney to contact Hardy Myers to begin those discussions and I will be in direct contact with the Governor.

On a personal note, I have known and worked with Governor Kulongoski for nearly 20 years. We have agreed on almost every policy. On this issue, we are approaching it differently. I appreciate his position and am confident that we'll continue to have a strong working relationship into the future.

2) Multnomah County will continue to issue marriage licenses to *all* couples, consistent with the Oregon Constitution, until such time as the Supreme Court of Oregon or the citizens of Oregon dictate another course of action.

We respect those who disagree or remain uncomfortable with this practice and encourage citizens to continue the public debate, in which we will continue to participate.

"The only way to get equality is for two people to get the same thing at the same time at the same place" - Thurgood Marshall

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Sent: Friday, March 12, 2004 5:34 PM
To: CHAIR Mult
Cc: District1; SERENA CRUZ; District3; BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Ladies:

As usual, you were totally wrong to authorize same sex marriage licenses!

Governor Kulongoski and Attorney General Myers, both came out against the illegal actions you female members of our Multnomah County Board of Commissioners wrongfully decided amongst yourselves to impose upon all of us.

Shame on you for your ill attempt to defraud all of us, and to destroy family values of all our citizens!

I will do all I can to support a recall of all of you who made this illegal decision without consultation with any of us living in Multnomah County, the City of Portland and the State of Oregon.

Your friendship with queers and your want to illegally support queer marriage does not speak for me. But you will have the need to speak with me in future decisions you so fraudulently stand for, and will now have to answer for to all of us!

Sherman Watson

3/15/2004

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: Deborah Kelley [debbie1@wvi.com]

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2004 2:15 PM

To: CHAIR Mult; District1; District3; ROBERTS Lonnie J; BOGSTAD Deborah L

Subject: Reaction to Decision 03-15-04

I do not (luckily) live in Multnomah County, but I am an Oregonian who is disgusted by your defiance of the Governor, State Attorney General, and state law. Whether the issue of gay marriages will be proven constitutionally right or wrong is not the point. You have flagranty thumbed your nose at authority. What gives you the right to be above the laws of this state?

Your actions are not only an act of pure defiance, but they could set a dangerous precedence for other counties. Suppose some conservative county in eastern Oregon decides that abortion is illegal and forbids it in their county . . .or someone else decides that the waiting period for guns in an infringement on their constituents rights to bear arms . . .or another county decides that the EPA standards are unreasonable and set their own less stringent standards.

There is a reason that we have lines of authority in our government. We have judicial, legislative and executive branches that were thoughtfully set up to balance the government protect the people. Your decision to not follow these lines of authority is subversive . . . have you decided that three branches of government are not good enough and that now we should have a fourth brand of government in Portland, "The County Commisioners".

You should all be ashamed of yourselves for your self-centered and thoughtless actions. If I did live in Portland I would certainly be involved in getting this embarrassing council OUT !

With great concern; Deborah Kelley (Polk County)
debbie1@wvi.com

3/15/2004

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: Sutree [baretree@qwest.net]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2004 9:17 AM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: gay marriages

hi, i just wanted to let you know that i fully support what you have done and the issuing of marriage licenses to same sex couples. i know it has been a hard battle and i really appreciate all the hard work you are doing. thank you so much for looking in to the law and following the interpretation that it is illegal not to issue the licenses.

sincerely,
Sutree Irving
503-282-1521
baretree@qwest.net

3/15/2004

Shoshana Kerewsky
P.O. Box 843
Eugene, OR 97440

To: Chair Diane Linn and Members of the Multnomah County Commission
Testimony in support of Resolution to Approve Commission decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples

My partner of 6 1/2 years and I were recently married in Multnomah County. We are in a committed, stable relationship and welcome the responsibilities as well as the rights afforded by legal marriage. Several years ago we had a civil union in Vermont. This was the best legal option available at the time but does not improve our opportunities to take care of each other outside Vermont. Marriage brings with it many benefits especially relevant to emergencies and old age. These include insurance, health care decision-making, and social security. These benefits and many others are denied to us or, when possible, require expensive and cumbersome legal documentation. This creates a second-class relationship, a status that works against the cultural objective of building strong families and mutuality between couples and their communities.

I have heard no argument, including those presuming to understand God's word, against marriage equality for same-sex couples that was not made against marriage equality for mixed-race couples. Our country persists, and thrives, despite dire predictions that striking down antimiscegenation laws would result in cultural ruin, the decay of civilization, irreparable harm to the children of such unions, and the end of morality. I have heard no arguments against marriage equality that are not religious, save the Libertarian argument that states should confer civil unions upon all couples and allow religious groups to "marry" whom they see fit. I agree to the extent that religion and state should be separated. However, if marriage is to be granted to heterosexual couples, it must be granted to same-sex couples as well in order to avoid an unconstitutional "separate but equal" status.

My wife and I are both psychologists and educators. We contribute to our community in many ways, including the provision of pro bono psychological services and training for other human service professionals. It grieves us that our healthy, long-term relationship is not validated by our state. Please extend marriage equality to us and to other couples like us.

Good Morning. My name is Liz Towill and I am a registered voter in Multnomah County. My purpose in being here today is support the rights of same sex couples to apply for and receive marriage licenses.

Before I speak to this issue, please note that I have grave concerns about the manner in which certain members of your esteemed panel chose to bring this issue to the fore. They held secret meetings and made arrangements for the issuance of same sex marriages through the back door. Good manners dictate that the way to truly honor and dignify the people is to invite them in through the front door. Anything else, in the end, is insulting. If you truly wanted to declare your support of same sex marriages, your message would have been better heard in the open, in a public forum. Instead, you unwittingly provided fuel for those who would deny this basic right. I hope that the damage you have done will not ultimately undermine the cause which you sought to support. I hope that all the people who got married this month don't have to suffer through having their licenses rescinded and their money refunded. Furthermore, I hope that you have not set a dangerous precedent for the people who follow you. Let us hope that we don't have political mavericks imposing their diabolical viewpoints in a similar manner on issues that they feel are just and fair, with no public debate. While these hearings are a month late, thank you for having scheduled them at this time.

To withhold the rights to same sex marriages is not only unconstitutional, it is unconscionable. The gay and lesbian couples who have come forth to marry one another this past month are doing what is loving and responsible. Why should we deny them this basic right? Why should we deny them this basic dignity, which is something we all deserve?

Last year, my family lost my father's loving partner of 25 years. Jesse was a kind, loving soul who comforted us in hard times, laughed with us in good times, and always gave good counsel. As much as he was part of our family, he quietly felt the shame imposed on him by a judgemental society.

As he lay in his hospital bed, dying of lung cancer, wracked with pain, my father reached out to hold his hand. Poor Jesse recoiled his hand in fear saying "Somebody might see." This is not a scenario I would wish upon my most fervent enemy. In death, one should not question his or her own right to be given comfort and solace from loved ones.

How could it possibly be wrong to deny such a basic right? The right to dignity? The right to comfort and support until death comes and parts two loved ones?

For those of you who would deny same sex marriages, I ask you whether you've taken the time to know these people. I recall being taught as a child that to know people is to love them. That's why Jesus told us to love our enemies as we love ourselves. Wouldn't that be a true test of one's faith? It's easy to love people who are just like you. Try opening your hearts to people who differ from you, and for God's sake, don't deny them their constitutional rights. Thank you for your time.

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: John & Rutha Halvorson [j.halvorson@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 11:04 AM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: Same Sex Marriage debate.

I am an Oregon resident only here since 2001. I am 30 years old and have a strong feeling about marriage. I have been married to my husband for over 8 years and have 3 beautiful children together. I want to express my concern to the board the effect of same-sex marriage in the state and country. We have a debate that may turn marriage to something different as we know it today. This is not a religious issue. This is a public moral issue. We have to figure the future of our decision. We do not allow same-sex couple to marry for specific reasons. We do not let sister and brother marry for a specific reason. We do not let people who are still married; marry someone else for specific reasons. If we allow same-sex marriage to take place we would have to examine the civil rights of all people who are excluded from marrying. This in turn would cause great concern among the public and extra moral issues that we cannot. We have to consider the ramifications of what we are doing. Discrimination is not an issue here. We allow couples to live together in a sodomized relationship ignoring other laws in place that prevented that from happening. We allow gay couple to live together and have relationships. Please do not allow marriage because this will overturn morality of marriage. We may have to look at other countries decisions to see the broader impact of their decisions. Was it feasible for them? How did it affect the moral fabric of marriage? The resolve is simple and complex. Yes, I understand they would like this right. If we allow them we would have to allow all. What affect would this have if everyone who has been denied to marry in the past could marry? Please consider the future affect. Let the people vote. Let us make the right choices.

Respectfully,

Rutha S Halvorson
14095 SW Walker Rd #17
Beaverton, OR 97005
503-646-4773

3/25/2004

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Issuing Marriage Licenses

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R7

FOR: AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SPECIFIC ISSUE: Issuing marriage licenses

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: (attached)

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Statement by Steve March

March 25, 2004

Good morning. For the record, my name is Steve March and while I have recently returned part-time to advising Multnomah County and District 3 on budget issues I am here as a resident of Multnomah County and an elected Representative for House District 46. I have heard conflicting views on this subject from my constituents, but have also been urged to come forward and speak.

The language in Oregon's Constitution Article I, Section 20 is plain and clear, "No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens.-"

I am not here as a constitutional scholar but as an individual that appreciates the broad protections Oregon's Bill of Rights provides. It may be true that the framers of the constitution were not contemplating two males or two females marrying, but they also did not contemplate a myriad of other things like video recorders or computers, African Americans having the right to live in Oregon, women's suffrage or even women holding office. Oregon's Bill of Rights protects people in all of those cases;

Broad individual rights and protections help us all; protect us all; even when we may be in the minority.

For those who have trouble understanding the enormity of those protections and rather see the actions of granting marriage licenses as a diminishment of their own situation I offer this parallel question for consideration, "If you struggle for a long time in your garden to bring forth a beautiful flower, is the beauty of that flower diminished by your neighbor's newly purchased flower?" While not being an expert in gardening or human relations, I personally don't think one garden, or even one marriage, is diminished by another, but rather as more gardens, and marriages, are tended there is more beauty, and love, for all.

I would like to take one moment to discuss the issue of process. A few years ago Multnomah County instituted a Domestic Partnership Registry. This appeared to be a step towards recognizing the reality of human relations, but while a great symbolic step many rights automatically conferred to other unions, such as marriages, did not follow. For example, domestic partners are not automatically given the rights of medical decision-making or even hospital visitation, as married couples are. I introduced legislation to provide just those simple, basic rights to domestic couples. Behind the closed doors of House leadership decisions

were made not to hear that legislation or any like it. Every day in Salem, in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, decisions are made without complete public input. If that is the standard that you are now judged upon, then let us apply it equally to all. Let us demand to see the list of energy representatives from Vice-President Cheney. Let us have the details of all the arm-twisting by the Administration during the Medicare debacle. Let us go behind the scenes when a caucus representing a majority of any house in any legislative body meets.

This event happened when I was not working at the County, but from my understanding of the State's public meeting law, this was not an unlawful decision, but rather an administrative decision based on the best advice that could be obtained. If there was as much outrage when decisions are made over the objections of and in opposition of legal opinions in Salem, I would say it was out of step with current public sentiments, but there have been few of any such standards set for Salem.

I would like to close with these observations. No matter what decisions have been made or will be made, there will be people on both sides of the issue. I believe the County has acted in a fair and enlightened way to ensure equal rights for all Oregonians. This is about equality; this is about equity.

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Weekly meeting - public comment

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Same-sex marriage

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: marriage licensing

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: see attached

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS, MULTNOMAH COUNTY
Meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2004
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, Oregon

To: The Board of County Commissioners, Multnomah County
From: Helen Lyman, Southeast Portland (<bettyhelen@comcast.net>)
Re: Public Comment Regarding Same-Sex Marriage

This statement is an objection to the decision of the Chairwoman on March 3, 2004, directing Multnomah County to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. My objections are based on (a) background, education and experience; (b) close reading of many recent news stories and commentaries on the subject; and (c) analysis of Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision that in November 2003 declared the Massachusetts marriage statute unconstitutional. I have many points to make, but little time to make them. I will focus on analysis of the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision, since this decision played an important role in justifying the Multnomah County decision to permit same-sex marriage licensing.

First, my qualifications: I have been a member of the Oregon State Bar since 1981, but have been inactive since 1986. I graduated in the top quarter of my class, served on the editorial board of the *Environmental Law Review* at Lewis and Clark Law School, and was awarded upon graduation with a special honor for superior understanding of constitutional law. I have read the Massachusetts decision, and based on my knowledge of constitutional law, I believe the decision provides no clear authority on the issue of marriage and should be given little weight as precedent, by Oregon or any other state.

The Court was split 4 to 3. The Chief Justice wrote the majority opinion, but there is outside evidence to suggest she was not impartial in her views. A second justice wrote a concurring opinion. The three dissenting justices each wrote an extensive opinion in which the other two dissenting justices concurred. The dissents provide persuasive reasoning to show that instead of protecting a civil right as the courts are charged with doing, the four Massachusetts justices created a civil right to same-sex marriage where none existed before. As a result "activist judges" has become a term of opprobrium and derision in conservative political circles.

Having created the right to marry the sex of one's choice, the four justices in the majority backed off somewhat. They did not say that the fourteen plaintiffs were members of a protected class or that same-sex marriage was a fundamental right subject to strict scrutiny. Instead the justices proceeded to apply the rational basis standard of review, which normally means deference to the trial court. In this case there had been no trial or cross-examination, only summary judgment at the trial court level. The rational basis standard in a constitutional law case like this means deference to the legislature. The justices had only to find a rational connection between traditional marriage and the legitimate interests of the state in order to defer to the legislative branch of government and allow the marriage law to stand in Massachusetts.

The four justices looked and found no rational connection between traditional marriage and the interests of the state. They rejected the argument that marriage is or should be linked to procreation. They rejected the argument that a traditional man-and-woman marriage is the best way to raise a child. They rejected the argument that extending the benefits of marriage would burden the government financially. They rejected the argument that same-sex marriage would destroy the institution of marriage. They rejected the

argument that same-sex marriage would create conflict among states, and they rejected the argument that same-sex marriage is immoral.

Having found no rational connection between traditional marriage and the welfare of the state, even though reasonable men and women have been debating the points they considered every day since, the four justices declared the marriage statute unconstitutional and gave the Massachusetts legislature 180 days to act if they could, after which time Massachusetts would issue same-sex marriage licenses.

In the less than six months that has elapsed since the Massachusetts decision was handed down, we can already see how wrong they were on one important point. The four justices said conflict would not occur between states, but in Oregon we are seeing something worse, and that is conflict within a state.

Near the end of the majority opinion the four Massachusetts justices defined marriage. They said: "We construe civil marriage to mean the voluntary union of two persons as spouses, to the exclusion of all others." What does this mean? What is "union"? What is "exclusion of all others"? There is no time frame. Marriage could be for an hour or it could be for life. The definition does refer to two people, perhaps to exclude polyamorous relationships.

We are left with no common understanding of marriage. In traditional marriage "voluntary union" means sexual union, an unashamed and simple concept, but same-sex people, wishing to avoid censure and emphasize the mystical, might disagree. In traditional marriage "to the exclusion of all others" means sexual monogamy for life. Again because of the focus on sex, plus the need for third-party involvement to have children, same-sex people might not share the monogamy-for-life interpretation. For other reasons, women couples might differ from men couples on the meaning of monogamy.

In short, the four Massachusetts judges have left us with at least two different forms of marriage: traditional marriage and same-sex marriage. If the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision is followed in Oregon and other states, we will soon see not only individual men and women splitting up in divorce with all its attendant pain and social costs. We will also see the splitting up of marriage itself, which will be like a long drawn out civil war, leaving marriage a lost institution, mired in irrelevance and confusion, and leaving America a world leader in family decline.

- Autobiographical footnote. I was married in 1968 in a civil ceremony in Kaduna, Nigeria, in West Africa. to a fellow Peace Corps Volunteer. Nigeria is predominantly Muslim, and yet Nigerians and Americans alike understood what our marriage was about and they all rejoiced together with us. We did not have children. Fourteen years after we were married, after I had passed the bar and was looking for a permanent position, my husband left me for another woman. The jealousy and pain were beyond belief, and the marriage was destroyed. We divorced and I have remained single since then, which I consider an honorable status. He married the woman, had two children, and divorced again. I believe in abstinence before marriage, sexual monogamy during marriage, and a lifetime commitment. I admit my failure at marriage, but I accept the consequences and feel extremely grateful to my father and mother for the good example they set for me and for my brothers of one marriage for life to each other.

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage Licenses

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Susan Baer

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97202

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EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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Chairwoman Lin, Commissioners. My name is Susan Baer, and I've been a Multnomah County resident for 25 years and an Oregon resident for 50 years.

Twenty-two days ago I married the love of my life, and one week from today we will celebrate 14 years together.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to be legally married. I know some people believe that my marriage will affect the sanctity of their marriage, and first I want to speak to that concern.

Sanctity means holiness and sacredness, which are spiritual matters and thus completely outside the realm of law. A religious marriage is sanctified by God, and how can the laws of man affect the blessing of God? They can't. So regardless of any decisions made here, the sanctity of your marriage is safe - it is between you, your spouse, and God.

The sanctity of my marriage will also be unaffected by any legal decisions. The question is not one of the **sanctity** of my marriage, but of legal recognition.

We were married on March 3 by a minister of the United Church of Christ. Other couples were married by ministers from the Unitarian Universalist church, United Methodist church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church, Metropolitan Community Church, Portland Center for Spiritual Growth, Disciples of Christ, Universal Life Church, and many non-denominational pastors. All these ministers believe that same-sex marriages are as sacred before God as ones between opposite sex couples.

I realize that this is a controversial issue and many people don't agree. But at the heart of our nation is a guarantee of the free exercise of religion, and the freedom to hold controversial beliefs. Yet this protection was not given to two Unitarian Universalist ministers in New Paltz, NY, who were arrested this month for performing religious marriages for same sex couples. Nor has it been given to any of the thousands of same sex couples who have been married in religious ceremonies in this country since 1968.

The issue before us is not only one of civil rights, but also one of religious freedom. All religious marriages are equal in the eyes of God, but under the law, **some** are more equal than others.

Commissioners, I urge you to reaffirm your decision of March 2 and show that this county truly respects religious freedom and First Amendment of our Constitution. Thank you.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage Licenses

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Katherine Wolfe

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97202

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Chairwoman Linn, commissioners, my name is Katherine Wolfe. I am a resident of Multnomah County, a homeowner, and the head of a small business. On March 3rd, my partner of 14 years, Susan Baer, and I were married in Multnomah County.

On a controversial issue such as this one, you will hear from many people with strongly held views.

There will be some who will say the Bible sanctions discrimination against same-sex couples. Yet in their words I hear the echo of past justifications of other forms of prejudice. The trial judge in the case that led to the Supreme Court decision recognizing the right of interracial couples to marry said, "God created the racesand he placed them on separate continents....The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for them to mix." Today most of us would agree that God clearly doesn't endorse racism, and we as a nation cannot sanction it.

There will be some who will say that marriage equality is a different issue than racial equality, because our love for our spouses is a choice. Yet in their words I hear the echo of the words of John Calvin, who said, "The Jews chose their own method of worshipping God, and turned aside from the rule which He had laid down in His Law; and ... every kind of worship which they followed by their own choice was abominable and wicked." Today most of us would agree that Calvin's anti-semitism was wrong, and has no place in American life.

Still others will say, we cannot marry same-sex couples because they are immoral. Yet last June, in Texas, Diane Zamora, who was convicted of brutally murdering a woman with a barbell, married a prison inmate she had never met, by proxy. It is difficult for me to understand why my wife and I, who are law abiding, church-going citizens, are more immoral than she is.

However, these religious questions, as important as they may be, are not the means by which we decide the laws of this country. As Thomas Jefferson said, "Our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions". Yet there will be people who will say that our founding fathers did not intend to legalize same sex marriages because they didn't explicitly sanction them. They conveniently forget they also didn't sanction freedom for slaves or suffrage for women, interracial marriage or equal opportunity for minorities. They forget the Ninth Amendment to our Constitution, which says, "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

Our founding fathers clearly did not intend our Constitution to be cast in concrete. In the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "Our Constitution was not a perfect instrument, it is not perfect yet. But it provided a firm base upon which all manner of men, of all races and colors and creeds, could build our solid structure of democracy."

I applaud you, Commissioners Linn, Naito, Cruz, and Rojo de Steffey for recognizing that I, too, am as much a part of our democracy, as any other woman who wants to make a lifetime commitment to the one they love. I urge you to vote to reaffirm the decision you made on March 2nd. It was the right decision. It is the only decision that can be made by anyone who sees that this country, above all, stands or falls on its commitment to liberty and justice for all of its citizens.

Thank you.

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEETING - PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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EVES: _____

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FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Gay-marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Same sex marriage

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Dean H. Bennett

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PHONE: 503 253-9422 EVES: 503-253-9422

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Public Comment by Dean Bennett

I oppose the way in which four county commissioners took it upon themselves to give an order to issue same-sex marriage licenses. Since this is a matter of marriage and families, the very fabric of our society is changed by this change. If there is to be any changes they should be made only by the legislature or an initiative petition by the voters.

This is a long-standing law that was first given by the Creator when He said, 'A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh.' There is no way that two men or two women could be joined and become one flesh. In other words, the man is only a half. He needs a wife, which is the other half.

Only one man and one woman can really be married and truly complement each other so that the two can become one. Often times we refer to one another as "the better half,"

The two halves when joined together will so compliment each other half to make a whole family unit which is the fabric of our society; that is mother, father and children, in which to raise wise and healthy children through proper mentoring.

not rights but function

This is NOT an issue of DISCRIMINATION. It is an issue of QUALIFICATION. Marriage requires one man and one woman. If there are to be any changes, it should be done by the legislature or a vote of the people.

Submitted by Dean H. Bennett, Precinct Committee Person 4155
8020 S. E. Yamhill St.
Portland, OR 97215

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8:46 C

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SUBJECT: Same sex marriage issue

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: David Hopkins

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Same Sex Marriage

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Ray Zaida

ADDRESS: OR

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Seppon, Molalla

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: Yeshuas.Tamido@Molalla.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: This is an attempt to violate the Constitution of the State & Law of the Land.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: SAME SEX MARRIAGE ISSUE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: CHARLES FISCHER

ADDRESS: 3405 SE 78TH AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503-771-7379 EVES: 503-774-6281

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/26/04

SUBJECT: Marriage Rights

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Lori Buchanan

ADDRESS: 2271 SE 37th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 988-4419 EVES: 234-4704

EMAIL: transgal@yahoo.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Same-Sex marriage rights

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Roey Thorpe, Exec. Director, Basic Rights Oregon

ADDRESS: PO Box 40625

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97240

PHONE: DAYS: 503-222-6151

EVES: 503-247-3108

EMAIL: roey@basicrights.org

FAX: 503-236-6686

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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**Multnomah County Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2004; 10:15 a.m.****What is the Multnomah County Commission and who are the members?**

(All information found on line at <http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/cc.>)

The County Commissioners are elected from west, north, central and east geographic districts to four-year terms on non-partisan ballots. The Chair is elected County-wide. The mission of the Board of County Commissioners is to conduct all legislative activities of the County. The Board is responsible for adopting policies that guide the direction of the County's activities. It sits as the budget committee, reviews and amends the executive budget, holds hearings, and adopts the County budget; acts as liaisons to County departments, advisory boards and commissions; makes changes in County administrative departments; fills vacancies in elective County offices; and adopts labor agreements.

The members of the Multnomah County Commission are Chair Diane Linn, Commissioners Serena Cruz, Lisa Naito, Maria Rojo de Steffey, and Lonnie Roberts.

What is the Commission hearing testimony about today?

On Wednesday, March 3, 2004, the County Commission acted upon an official opinion of their County Attorney that they were constitutionally required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Today the Commission is hearing public testimony on a proposed resolution approving Chair Linn's decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The resolution reiterates the county's position to adhere to the legal opinion that it is unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses based on gender or sexual orientation.

What is Basic Rights Oregon's position on the resolution before the Commission today?

We applaud the County's decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and believe they are constitutionally required to do so. Basic Rights Oregon supports Chair Linn's resolution.

What is my role, as a citizen activist who supports marriage equality, at today's meeting?

You play a critical role by attending this hearing and by testifying before the Commission. It is important that committee members see that a majority of the audience appreciates their decision and supports the resolution. They need to feel supported so they can do the right thing and not get overwhelmed by the opposition. Although the Commission will be hearing testimony about their process of deciding to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, you should focus on the issue and why it's important to you. Flip this page over for some recommendations for your testimony:

First, thank the Commissioners for doing the right thing!

Second, tell them your personal story. Did you get married? Did your child marry, or maybe your parents? Let them know how their decision impacted you directly.

Third, explain all the reasons why marriage is important for you and your family.

- We've shared all the joys and responsibilities of marriage for the last xx years, and it's time to have the legal protections that come with marriage.

- Marriage is important to us because it will help us protect our family. There are more than 500 state rights and protections that we will now have access to just like every other Oregon family.

- Our family is just like any other Oregon family. We deserve the same marriage rights and protections given to all Oregon families.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jennie Bricker

ADDRESS: 1834 SE Madison St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503-262-8457 EVES: 503-294-9631

EMAIL: jbricker@stael.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tara Wilkins, Community of Welcoming Congregation

ADDRESS: 2361 SE 104th Dr

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97216

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-258-0426 EVES: _____

EMAIL: tarawilkins@yahoo.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Mark Johnson

ADDRESS: 420 Weatherly Building, 516 SE Morrison St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503-224-1640 EVES: _____

EMAIL: markj@jrl-s.com FAX: 503-224-0092

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 25, 2004

Testimony of Mark Johnson

My name is Mark Johnson and I am an attorney living and practicing in Southeast Portland. I am the chairman of the State Professional Responsibility Board and a former President of the Oregon State Bar. On March 3 of this year, I married my partner of 21 years, Jay Roberts, in a brief civil ceremony that was broadcast on the ten o'clock news. It was the happiest day of my life.

Let me begin by saying thank you. Thank you, Chair Linn, for having the courage to recognize what was right and to do it without hesitation. And thank you, Commissioners and County Counsel, for having the faith and the courage to back her up. In an era when it seems that we are governed by armadillos—and the lawyers of armadillos—I can't tell you how refreshing it is to see our elected officials carry out their legal responsibilities without recoiling from public controversy.

I'd like to talk for a moment this morning about the legal impact of your decision on gay and lesbian families. My practice is in family law, and so I see a great deal of the real-world consequences of not allowing certain citizens to marry. Marriage is a promise of protection: a promise between the couple that they will protect and nurture each

other and their children, and a promise between the couple and society that all of us will assist that couple in fulfilling their promise.

The disparate treatment of unmarried couples in our society is pervasive. Much of what I see in my practice surrounds the unequal treatment that we accord to the children of unmarried couples. When a gay or a lesbian couple chooses to have children, they must hire a lawyer at great expense to ensure that their children will have the most basic rights and privileges accorded automatically to the children of heterosexual couples: a presumption of paternity; a right to support; a right to medical treatment; a right to inherit. The consequences to our children of a failure to make these preparations are severe. Frankly, the way our society treats the children of gay and lesbian parents is a national disgrace.

As a divorce lawyer, I work constantly with families in crisis. It is fair to say that most of the protections that we offer as a society to married couples and their children are most useful in times of crisis. There are, of course, numerous exceptions. We charge them different rates to attend community college; we allow them to cast each others' votes in our elections; we accord them preferential tax treatments too numerous to list. While many of these protections are fairly mundane, collectively they represent a slap in the faces of gay and lesbian couples and their children that communicate a constant message that

they are second-class citizens and that their family relationships are undeserving of protection.

When families are in crisis, our differential treatment of unmarried couples moves from the ridiculous to the sublime. We do not permit a partner to recover in court for the death of their loved one. We do not permit a partner to continue their deceased partner's health insurance coverage. We do not provide inheritance or account beneficiary protections. We do not provide special financial assistance for the long-term care of a disabled partner. We do not permit a partner to choose to be buried next to their loved one in the cemetery.

This situation is illegal and it is wrong. Whether our attorney general recognizes it or not, you have a duty to uphold the law. Fortunately in this situation, upholding the law also gives you the opportunity to do what is right. Thank you once again for giving me the right to marry Jay, who is the light of my life. Thank you for standing up to those people who would deny our humanity. And thank you for your promise on behalf of this community to stand beside us when the going gets rough.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same-Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Joe D'Allessandro

ADDRESS: 1000 SW Broadway Ste 2300

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97205

PHONE: DAYS: 275-9763 EVES: _____

EMAIL: wow.kavelportland.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Economic Benefit of
Gay Marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JERI RIGGS

ADDRESS: 422 SW BROADWAY

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDx OR 97205

PHONE: DAYS: 412-6306 EVES: _____

EMAIL: JERI.RIGGS@VINTAGEPLAZA.COM FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Marriage License to Same-Sex Couples

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Anthony Vuky (Tommy Luke Flowers)

ADDRESS: 2044 NW Pettygrove

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97209

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 228-3188 EVES: _____

EMAIL: avuky@easystreet.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

economic benefit to community

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Gay Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM
NAME: Frank Dixon

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: CO-CHAIR, BASIC RIGHTS OREGON

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Gay & Lesbian Marriages
licenses

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Nina Pheasant

ADDRESS: 6144 SW Radcliff St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97219

PHONE: DAYS: 503-293-8903 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: same-sex marriage

I am acting here as a witness for children raised by

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: This is not an issue of civil

rights but of morality. A piece of

paper - a marriage license - is NOT - going

to make life stable for the children in these

families. None of the civil rights in this country

by
raised
lesbians.

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I am 100% against issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETINGS

My Statement
By Nina Rhea
6144 SW Radcliff St.
Portland OR 97219

I am here today as a witness for children raised by

~~The Defense of Marriage Act is Not A Form of Discrimination.~~

lesbian
~~parents~~

This is not an issue of civil rights but of morality.

A piece of paper - a marriage license - is NOT going to make ~~life~~ safe for children in these families.

life stable
^

None of the civil rights of this country have been sexually-charged. You have an obligation to children in Oregon to explain your position. Unfortunately, I don't think you have the backbone to protect children in Multnomah County.

"The adults who want special rights, such as same sex marriage, grew up in stable, loving homes in the 1950's and 1960's. They have reaped the benefits of their wholesome upbringing. **These people don't know what it's like to grow up in a home with two mommies and two daddies!!**"

How much **do** YOU know about the effects same-sex parents have on their children? A marriage license will NOT stop relatives from distancing themselves from their grandchildren, nieces and nephews from these marriages. Multnomah County should provide free, life-time psychological counseling to each and every offspring. Further, adoption should be banned. And so should sperm banks.

misguided compassion
↳ by same-sex

This body has acted out of ~~malignant narcissism and stupidity~~. It is blatant anarchy.

and naive.

Nina Rhea

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MEETING DATE: March 25, 2004

SUBJECT: Same-sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Dr. David Stevens

ADDRESS: 13605 S.E. Market St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97233

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-252-1424 EVES: _____

EMAIL: david@centralbible.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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As a pastor and counselor, I am opposed to the current legislation approving same-sex marriages. There are several reasons for this other than personal, religious convictions. Let me focus on just two.

First, I strongly believe that legitimizing active homosexuality through gay marriages is a blatant attempt to undermine one of society's most fundamental institutions, the family. Heterosexual marriage has been the cornerstone of every civilization from the beginning of humanity. History has also demonstrated time and again that the instability of the traditional family leads to the instability of the society as a whole.

An example can be drawn from the Netherlands, where gay marriage has been legalized now for several years. A recent study demonstrated that the average homosexual relationship lasts only 1.5 years and that gay men have an average of eight sexual partners per year outside their 'primary' relationship.¹ Such an environment is certainly not conducive to stable child rearing.

Marriage is more than shared property or two bodies coming together in a sexual act. It includes as one of its foundational values the transmission of life to the next generation through the birth process. For this reason the legitimization of gay marriage is the most radical attempt to ignore the vital relationship between sex and child-bearing that our society has ever promoted.

What is the result? From the standpoint of social science, it is impossible for two parents of the same sex to respond to the unique needs of their children in the same way that a mother and a father can. I cannot teach my two daughters what it means to be a woman in the same way my wife can. And my wife cannot teach my two sons what it means to be a man like I can.

But there is a second reason why I oppose the present gay marriage trend. Such a move is only a step away from eliminating *all* societal restrictions on marriage and sexuality. Michael Kinsley writing recently for the Washington Post in an article "Abolish Marriage: Let's Really Get the Government Out of Our Bedrooms" states: "The solution is to end the institution of marriage...and yes, if three people want to get married, or one person wants to marry herself and someone else wants to conduct a ceremony and declare them married, let'em. If you and your government aren't implicated, what do you care. If marriage were an entirely private affair, all the disputes about gay marriages would become irrelevant."²

My guess is that, one generation after legalizing same-sex marriage, families will be less stable, the divorce rate will be higher and our children will not be as safe.

David Stevens, Th.D.
Sr. Pastor, Central Bible Church

¹ "The Contribution of Steady and Casual Partnerships to the Incidence of HIV Infection Among Homosexual Men in Amsterdam," *AIDS*, 17 (2003): 1029-38.

² Michael Kinsley, *Washington Post*, 3 July 2003.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Gay Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tracy Hopkins

ADDRESS: 13311 SE Tumbleweed Ct

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Clackamas OR 97015

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503.698.3336 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Health Issue

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 03.25.04

SUBJECT: same sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Carol Dague

ADDRESS: 26074 S. Meridian Rd

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Aurora Or 97002

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Peter Kinnan

ADDRESS: 9150 NE Fremont

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 03-25-04

SUBJECT: GAY MARRIAGE LICENSES

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JAMES LUTNY

ADDRESS: 2010 SW 29TH DR.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM OR 97080

PHONE: DAYS: 503-663-2880 EVES: 503-491-8615

EMAIL: JIML@TRIUMPHANTLIFE.ORG FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: CIVIL RIGHT TO MARRY, ACTIONS OF
COMMISSIONERS

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Single Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Nelson L. Jones

ADDRESS: 813 SE 15

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503 235 7167 EVES: _____

EMAIL: atawista@abl.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: 

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First, let me congratulate the majority of the Commissioners on consulting legal opinion prior to their ordering the licensing bureau of Multnomah County to issue licenses to same-sex couples. I am neither a legal scholar nor a reader of the state Constitution. I know the state Constitution has always lead the rest of the states and even the United States in making it citizens more equal than they would have been in any other state.

Most of the people in this room know me. I am sure that surprises many of you, but it is true. I am the guy that was born in 1929 at home as the fourth child of a very loving couple. I grew up in a small town, pestered the neighbors for handouts of cookies and box tops to send in to receive prizes from radio shows.

At age nine I began working for the local newspaper running a folder that folded the evening paper. My brother who is four years older ran the printing press. Later I worked for Safeway, a battery and tire place during WW2, jerked sodas, and saved money for college. I supported the war effort, bought bonds, cheered VE Day and the Japanese surrender. I carried on a passionate love affair with my high school sweetheart, the local doctor's daughter.

And I went to college finally graduating in 1957. The Korean War had interrupted my college career. I served and was honorably discharged. I held a top security clearance because I worked on a secret research program involving the initial studies of putting a man into space.

The Air Force terrified me. For, while at college, I finally had come to the realization of who and what I am. I was and am a queer, a faggot, and a homosexual—all of those words that are used to describe someone of my sexual identity. Had the Air Force discovered that a man with the kind of security clearance I had was living with a man in a relationship, I would have been instantly dishonorably discharged. I am proud of having served my country with my talents.

That man and I spent 41 years in a committed relationship. We came from Texas to Oregon where he taught at the University of Oregon and I taught Chemistry and Physics at Sweet Home High School. In addition to teaching, we purchased a derelict farm, turned it into one of the large farms of Oregon producing Blue Lake Pole Beans. During the picking season we hired 430 mothers and children to pick for us; we were one of Linn County's largest seasonal employees. Lots of kids bought school clothes with the money they earned.

At that farm we took over a totally run down Oregon Farm house. It was the home built by John Brown and his wife Amelia Spaulding Brown. We lived just outside of the tiny village of Brownsville. When we completed the house, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. We left a legacy to the state we had adopted.

Six years ago after my partner died of a sudden heart attack, I moved to Portland. I serve the community as Chairman of the Eastside Esplanade Project Advisory Committee; I am a member of the Mayor's committee, River Renaissance. I serve as a member of the

Board of Directors of Portland's largest theater. I sponsor one of the plays each year in Ashland at the Ashland Shakespearean Festival.

I am a major stockholder in a small Oregon Company located in Odell, Oregon. We give employment to approximately 40 people and manufacture a product that is sold nationally and internationally. Every strategic air base in the world has some of our special equipment. Your lights in Portland work because of some of our equipment.

Some of you thought you did not know me. You do. I am the guy that was and is much like you. I am a small town guy who was given values. I worked hard all of my life. I am the guy who has waited your tables, washed your dishes, did his job for you in the Air Force, taught your children, took joy from seeing things grow. I was the farmer down the street. I taught your children. I rebuilt a house. I did landscaping. I was a Junior Chamber of Commerce leader. I am the man who gives time to the city, to the culture of the city, and to the culture of the state. I am just like all of the other people you know. I am a business owner who employs Oregonians.

Currently I am happily in a third year with a young man who, like me, lost his life-partner after a long relationship. We will both be living in Portland within the year.

I am like your neighbor next door, your relative, your brother. I am not the screaming queen on a float that is shown to Churches to terrify the congregation about gays. They are only guys in a show, like many of you have been at costume parties. I am not a pedophile. I am so average I probably could be classified as dull.

But I am smart enough to know that I have had to live a life many of you have never known: a life of possible exposure, a life of potential derision. The time has come to change our lives. Today we are surrounded by fear, international hatred, historic lands being torn apart, and innocent people being blown to bits. We have important things to do as a nation and as a state. My life is not important enough to change a constitution, to write laws of discrimination, or to continue discriminating against your friends, neighbors, and relatives. We have much more important things to do.

I strongly support the Commissioner's actions in ending discrimination in Multnomah County and in issuing same-sex marriage licenses. Let us not revert to the discriminatory Past.

Thank you.

Nelson L. Jones
813 S.E. 15th Ave.
Portland, Oregon, 97214

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9:47 am

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Ellen Eatoy

ADDRESS: 618 NE Faloma

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97211

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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March 25, 2004

Commissioners Linn, Naito, Cruz, de Steffey, and Roberts,

Thank you for changing antiquated policy and bringing it up to code.

I got married. I got those special rights that heterosexuals have had for years and years that we homosexuals never had. The comments that are coming out of Benton County from heterosexuals are amazing. Of course, I have always found exclusitory language amazing. Essentially the feeling is, "if gays want to fight for their rights that's fine but don't take my rights away".

I am a Realtor. I sell houses. Which means I review the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions that are on a piece of land. I run into the language of "No part of said premises shall be used or occupied in any manner by any Negro, Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Mexican, Hindu, Armenian or Indian, except that persons of said races may be employed thereon as servants" and similar exclusions often. Yes, currently there is language that states that those exclusions are no longer legal, but you know you are trespassing if you fit any of the excluded groups. And popular opinion was against that change also.

An interesting sensation happened the day after we got married. We woke up and were exhausted. We initially thought we were exhausted from the rushing around the previous day and doing an activity that we had actually done before but was not recognized by the state. But we were exhausted. And sore. Every muscle ached. Then we realized, that in the midst of all the congratulatory statements and support, we were able to let down our guard, our ever-constant state of defense against homophobia. That for a brief time, we were truly free from defending ourselves against hate.

It did not last long for pretty soon the Defense of Marriage Coalition became louder. And we were back being defensive, being ready to argue that we belong with each other in times of sickness and death and health and living.

Thank you for giving us that brief moment of living. Of feeling truly accepted, not for who we are but for being loving and kind people. That was a Wedding Gift and we both thank you from our deepest hearts.

Ellen Eaton
618 NE Faloma
Portland, OR 97211

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9:30am

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-03

SUBJECT: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Lea Williams

ADDRESS: 12129 SW ANTON Drive

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Tigard, OR

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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LEA WILLIAMS

To Chairwoman Diane Linn and Commissioners Naito, Cruz, Rojo and Roberts,

As 3 minutes is not enough time to express my thoughts on such a complex issue. I felt a need to give a written testimony.

This issue seems to be centered on rights. Our governments came into existence for that very reason. The King of England was not willing to acknowledge that Americans had the same rights as Englishmen in England. Our forefathers were very wise and they put on paper (our Declaration of Independence) why they were fighting and what they hoped to gain. They said *we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.... That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.* You are a part of that government to secure our rights as Americans. What rights, the rights given to us by the Creator (God). It does not take a lot of reading of any of our forefathers writing to know that the God they are talking about is the God of the Bible. They also admonished us in that document that a people should not change their form of government for light and transient reasons. To me what has happened here is a link in a long chain of abuses in an attempt to change the foundation of our government.

When our Constitution was written. The constitutional conventions almost broke up without solving any thing because they could not agree on who should have the power and to what extent. They were ready to pack up and go home. At that moment Benjamin Franklin addressed the assembly. He was a most unlikely candidate to say what he said because of his decadent life, but at 80 years old part of what he said and this is a paraphrase: *The longer I live the more convincing proof I see that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his knowledge, do we really believe we can rise up a nation with out his aid? He then admonished them to pray and ask God to help them* and they did. They came up with some very significant compromises that have served us well when we have respected them.

They established a balance of powers in the legislative, the executive, and the judiciary branches of our government. They did not want the power to make laws, the power to arrest for breaking laws, and the power to condemn someone for breaking the laws to rest in the same person or body of people. They knew that leads to tyranny. Our judiciary has been making laws from the bench for about the last 50 years and we have seen that we the people are having less and less ability to determine our own laws. We are to be government of the people by the people for the people. You are part of the executive branch and have made a law that affects the entire nation. How can you believe that you have the authority as the County commissioner of a geographically small county in the state of Oregon based on the opinion of one judicial review make a law that affects the entire nation? How can anyone believe that is not tyranny? Our government is full of checks and balances, but they only work if those in office respect the limitations of the authority given them by the position they hold.

If you are unwilling to reverse your position, you leave the citizens of this county no choice but to remove you from office. How can we allow this Tyranny to go unchecked? For those in this room who like this ruling, what happens when the next county commissioner comes in and has a different opinion, finds a lawyer to write up an opinion to agree with them. Do they get to make a law? Will we leave a heritage of freedom for our children or despotism?

It would be good to take a step back and look at history. France had a war at the same time we did? They wanted a government based on the Brotherhood of Man without the Fatherhood of God. While we have had one constitution these 200 years, they have had something like 50. When they have changed constitutions often those who ruled before had their heads cutoff. Man's opinions are fickle if we depend on them we have no rights. Who do you want to replace God with? We are endowed by "the Supreme Court"? The Supreme Court ruled at one time in our nations history that a black man was not a man. We are endowed by "the Executive Branch"? Since President Bush has a higher position than you in the executive branch, if he can find a lawyer to write a judicial opinion can he make law? Our unalienable rights are endowed by whom?

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: R-7 Resolution approving Chair's
Decision to issue same sex marriages licenses.

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

Other FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Kathleen Worman

ADDRESS: SW Broadway Dr.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Homosexual Marriage
License

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: 10.15

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: LOU BERES

ADDRESS: 13112 SW 62nd Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97219

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-516-4986 EVES: 503 624-0547

EMAIL: lou@coalition.org FAX: 503-557-0606

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE EQUALITY

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: gay marriage

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: STEVE WAGENHOFFER

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Supports gay marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same-gender marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Mitchell Santine Gould

ADDRESS: 7551 N Woodsey Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97203

PHONE: DAYS: 503 283 6725 EVES: _____

EMAIL: mitchgould@generalpicture.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: attached

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Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to explain one Quaker's view of same-gender marriage. My name is Mitchell Santine Gould. I live in North Portland, and attend Multnomah Friends Meeting. We represent that branch of Quakerism most intimately connected with the development of human rights in American democracy, beginning with William Penn, and continuing with the suffragists Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul. More recently, this tradition includes the historic contributions of Bayard Rustin and Gordon Hirabayashi.

I am uniquely qualified to mention yet another name in the Quaker tradition. I have devoted the past twelve years of my life to understanding why Walt Whitman told an interviewer in 1888, "I am a good deal of a Quaker." You'll have to take my word for it that *Leaves of Grass* is essentially history's most beloved work of Quaker testimony. It is, however, an established fact that I became a convinced Friend because of my respect for this testimony of faith. Whitman believed that the love of a man for a man or the love of a woman for a woman does not lead away from God, but rather, towards God. I know he right, Commissioners. For years now, the experience of such love been my comfort in a mean world, and it has fueled my inspiration in a culture that instinctively demeans both faith and imagination.

If you strip away the excuses that are being offered to justify interference with my own marriage, you will ultimately come to a fundamental belief. This is necessary, fundamentalists believe, to save me from a path that leads me away from God. These arrogant people don't even know me. How could they possibly know my experience of God? How can they possibly understand they are not fostering God's love, but rather, destroying it?

I hope you will consider the history I've mentioned. Think of the examples of Anthony, Rustin, and Hirabayashi. And above all, think of Walt Whitman.

I mind how we lay in June, such a transparent summer morning,

You settled your head athwart my hips and gently turned over upon me,

And parted the shirt from my bosom-bone, and plunged your tongue to my barestript heart,

And reach till you felt my beard, and reached till you held my feet.

Swiftly arose and spread around me the peace and joy and knowledge that pass all the art and argument of the earth,

And I know that the hand of God is the elderhand of my own...

-- "Song of Myself," 1855

Thursday, March 25, 2004 - 9:30 AM Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100

501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland R-7 10:15 AM TIME CERTAIN: PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk. The Boardroom will be open one hour prior to the meeting.

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE EQUALITY

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: gay marriage

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Bonnie Tinker

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Supports gay marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: n/a

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MEETING DATE: 3/24/04

SUBJECT: Re ~~Pro~~ SAME SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jennifer Montgomery

ADDRESS: 12600 SE Freeman Wy #25

CITY/STATE/ZIP: 97222

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503 998 0841 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: SEE ATTACHED

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Hi my name is Jennifer Montgomery. Working in the high tech sector I am about as far from a public speaker as you can get. If someone would have told me even a year ago I would be speaking out in a public forum on ANYTHING to do with gay rights I would thought they were crazy. I am a 35 year old native Oregonian, born and raised into a strong Christian family that was very active in our church including a private Christian education. All of that having been said, I am also a lesbian. I am here today to show my support for the position of the county commissioners and for the issue of same sex marriage.

My partner and I were among the early arrivals at this building on March the 3rd. We had planned on heading to Canada for a ceremony but hearing of the chance to marry in our own country and state we jumped at the chance. We arrived to stake our place in line at about 4:40 in the morning. During the 7 or so hours we waited in line to get our certificate I was struck by the people and their stories. Sharing stories of how long couples had been together, of children and grandchildren.

I do not subscribe to a "Gay Agenda" My wife and I have lived a quiet existence with a large mix of friends gay and straight. People do not identify us as their lesbian friends but rather as the nauseatingly happy couple over there. I did not set out to offend the religious right by marrying a woman or make a stand against my religious upbringing. Nor did I seek to weaken an institution. My intentions were merely to secure equal rights for my family. That is after all, all that we want - equal rights to some of the 1049 rights that come with marriage. If you separate church and state removing the issue of Gods perceived view on things, we are so much more alike than we are different.

We have many of the same worries. Rapidly rising taxes. Job stability as more and more jobs are shipped abroad. the fate of our public school system. I worry about the world as a whole as I prepare to welcome my newborn son in this next week. How much money will I need to save for his college? I worry about the rapid evaporation of rights in a post 9/11 era as the government is encroaching more and more daily on rights that we as a people thought secure.

In addition to these worries my reality entails things such as : durable power of attorney , advanced medical directives to make sure that the person who knows me best makes my medical calls and not a family member that I rarely see , numerous life insurance policies and explicit wills and trusts. These are my reality because without these things the same family that turned their back on me when I told them I was gay will have rights to much of the things that my wife and I have worked for simply by the tie of blood. I have seen first hand the greed of others in the wake of a death and have worked very hard to try to insure that as many of my legal t's are crossed and l's are dotted. To the point of being on a social level with our attorney. This is because without any rights of a married couple in the eyes of the law my partner and I are little more than friends. I am over insured so that after the monies are added to my estate and the 40 - 55% tax is taken away since we do not qualify for a marital deduction. If I were to die today the \$38922 that I have paid into social security would revert back to the government as my partner has no legal rights to that money. I am blessed to work for a company that offered dp benefits but without being married I am subject to extra taxes. The benefits that I pay 20 dollars a month for myself would increase to 90 dollars adding my wife as a DP, but in addition I would have 224.08 added to my taxable income since we do not qualify for favorable tax status by IRS code 152. In addition to the monthly fees that are not paid by married couples any 80% of the money paid for medical care or procedures for my wife would also be added to my taxable income. You can see how even a slight illness could increase your taxable income greatly.

We have all heard the numbers and statistics on marriage these days. 50% of marriages end in divorce. Growing up, I knew of only 2 friends whose parents were still married to one another. Even now I am shocked to hear of couples being together for 10 or more years. Yet, as I stood in line with my wife on March the 3rd we were among the newest of couples having lived together for a mere 2 years. The couples around us were ALL in double digits and happy to be legally bound to one another for longer!!! In an era where Hollywood has turned marriage into a game show. I can watch people get married for a weekend when I would give almost anything for the right to marry the woman that I love for the rest of my life.

I am not here to convince anyone that homosexuality is right or wrong I do not wish to convert anyone. I simply want to ask for equal rights for my Oregon family.

Getting married on the corner of Hawthorne and Grand in the rain was never what I had planned as a child. I had envisioned a large wedding surrounded by friends and family. We had that in spades that day. We were surrounded by friends both old and new, straight and gay. Part of a crowd filled with such love and sheer joy it was literally a day that will forever be etched into my mind in brilliant detail. I married my wife in my heart long ago March 3rd I merely filled out paperwork to reiterate that fact.

I am here today because I want my sons family to be as legally recognized as possible. He will learn bigotry at the hands of others. I want to be able to teach my son about commitment. Commitment in the sense of tying oneself to another legally for better or for worse, as well as to honor the inner commitment to yourself to speak up for what is right and just. I want to look him in the eye later in life and know that and know that I lived it.

To the groups that oppose these marriages for fear it will weaken the institution I would encourage them to channel their efforts for helping working families. If they want to protect their children work to provide better support for our schools so that children can have a shot at the future. My familys existence is not a threat to anyone's family.

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9:59 am

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Same-Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: See Above

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Trevor Hancey

ADDRESS: 1717 SW ~~Canby~~ Canby St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDX, 97219

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: 503-245-9476

EMAIL: trevorh@oes.edu FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Objection to Process

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: None

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/03

SUBJECT: Approving chair's Decision to Issue
MARRIAGE Licenses to same-sex persons

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R7

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Keith A. Daly

ADDRESS: 28 SE 78th Avenue

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97215

PHONE: DAYS: 503 890 4370 EVES: _____

EMAIL: keith@dolomen.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: marriage equality - appreciate
Chair Diane Linn's decision to uphold her
path to defend Oregon's constitution.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Arthur J. Saffir SAFFIR

ADDRESS: 2057 Summit Dr.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Lake Oswego, OR 97034

PHONE: DAYS: 503.636.3281 EVES:

EMAIL: arthur1066@comcast.net FAX: 503.636.6902

SPECIFIC ISSUE: I want both of my sons to have the same marriage rights

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Attached

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2057 Summit Dr.
Lake Oswego
Oregon 97034
USA

Telephone: (503) 636-3281
FAX: (503) 636-6902
E-mail: arthur1066@comcast.net
Website <http://www.the-office.com/BSR>

March 25, 2004

My name is Arthur Saffir, and I have two sons.

I understand love- 42 years ago I proposed on the second date. I was head over heels in love, and it's just gotten better and better ever since.

Everyone in my family understands love and we understand what marriage means- My parents and all of my grandparents were married for over 60 years. Death separated my wife's parents in their 42nd year of marriage.

My wife and I were very proud and happy when Jason and Brent realized ten years ago that they loved each other and were committed forever. Today we are proud that Multnomah county offered Jason and Brent the opportunities for happiness that are so widely available to most of the rest of us.

We all understand love, so why are we here today? We are here, because some churches celebrate the special love that two people share, and other churches believe that it is sinful to love someone of the same sex. We are here, because some churches believe that a popular majority in Multnomah county will permit them to enforce their beliefs on everyone else. If a majority of folks in X county Oregon are Mormons or Catholics, Jews or Buddhists, then must all of the citizens in X county be compelled to comply with the rules of Mormonism or Catholicism, Judaism or Buddhism? That is not the American way. It is not the Oregonian way. It is the way in places that we or our ancestors fled in order to come to America. Don't let our government adjudicate theological disputes, especially on the basis of popularity.

I visited many communist totalitarian countries. I felt the overwhelming dread that if something is not specifically permitted, then doing it will be punished. In our country, if something is not forbidden, then it is permitted. Our country is strong and vibrant. Communism destroyed initiative, paralyzed society, and finally collapsed.

Jason and Brent were never forbidden to marry by Oregon law, but custom made that easy to overlook. Finally, Multnomah county has stopped overlooking the fact that everyone must be treated equally. It is the American way, and it makes us all strong. Don't change Oregon to enumerate each and every thing that we are permitted to think and do.

Protect Jason and Brent. Protect us all. As a father, I ask you to make the benefits of marriage available to all of our sons and daughters.

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MEETING DATE: 25 MARCH '04

SUBJECT: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: THOMAS WINSTON MORGAN

ADDRESS: 1006 SE 47TH AVENUE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97215

PHONE: DAYS: 503-358-5506 EVES: 503-232-7796

EMAIL: thomaswinstonmorgan@juno.com FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE: financial injustice/insecurity caused
by limiting access to a public institution

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriages

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jimmie Knodel

ADDRESS: 7115 S.E. Woodstack Blvd

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Ore. 97206

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 971-235-7344 EVES: _____

EMAIL: pastor.jim@comcast.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Yes

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MEETING DATE: 3/24/04

SUBJECT: Gay Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Laurie Chilcote

ADDRESS: 12504 SE Stark #13

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97233

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 916 6322 EVES: (503) 256-5267

EMAIL: Ø FAX: Ø

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Gay Marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/07

SUBJECT: Same - Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Elizabeth and Myra Lavigne

ADDRESS: 2010 NE Clackamas St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97232

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503/282-9668 EVES: Same

EMAIL: elavigne@comcast.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE



AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: CASEY MOFFETT-CHANEY & BERDELL MOFFETT-CHANEY

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Gay Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jennifer Burleton

ADDRESS: 6107 SW Murray Blvd. #248

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Beverton, OR 97008

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-706-8982 EVES: _____

EMAIL: NEOGAL1@comcast.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Support for Commissioner's

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: I have a short prepared statement

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: same gender marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Rev. Lynne Smouse Lopez

ADDRESS: ~~4431 NE Wista~~ Ainsworth UCC 2941 NE Ainsworth

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97211

PHONE: DAYS: 503-284-8767 EVES: 503-281-9527

EMAIL: aucc@teleport.com FAX: 503-281-2124

SPECIFIC ISSUE: I support marriage licences for same gender couples

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Chair's Decision to Issue
Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Laurel Arnold

ADDRESS: 6044 SW 25th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97239

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: ryarnold@juno.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: I am opposed to the Commission's
decision to issue marriage licenses to couples of the same gender.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: see attached

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County Commissioners:

Please do not issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. This issue is too important to be decided for the state by a small group of local government officials. I object to same sex marriage because it contributes to the moral decline of our society. Legalizing same sex marriage implies the advocacy of same gender sex by our government. I have 3 children. Tyler is 5, Malia is 3 and Alyson is 4 months old. If you issue marriage licenses to same sex couples today, by the time my children are adolescents same sex marriage will have been legal for years. This presents them with the idea that sex with a person of the same gender is moral and I believe that it is not. My children have the best chance for happiness if they wait to have sex until they are married to a person of the opposite gender. My responsibility to teach them that it is the right thing to do is difficult. Your decision to issue same sex marriage licenses makes it harder. Please remember that you serve at the pleasure of your constituents. I am displeased with the action you have taken, especially because you did not follow a procedure that would allow your constituents to voice opinions. Please rethink your decision.

I found your argument deceptive that you had no choice but to uphold the Oregon Constitution. You found a loophole that allowed you to interpret the law to mean what you wanted. The other, more obvious, interpretation of ORS Chapter 106 is that the writers of the Constitution assumed that "a civil contract entered into in person by males at least 17 years of age and females at least 17 years of age" meant that the civil contract was *between* a male and a female and didn't specify more clearly because it didn't occur to them that anyone would interpret it differently. There may be room for interpretation because of the somewhat loose wording but you and the other commissioners exceeded the boundaries of your responsibilities by determining on a course of action that affects everyone in our state based on your own interpretation.

The room for interpretation of the phrase quoted above is negated by the wording found elsewhere in the Oregon Constitution. Multnomah County Attorney Agnes Sowle said that "ORS 106.150 requires that the two individuals declare that they take each other as 'husband and wife.' The statute does not specifically define that only partners of the opposite sex can be 'husband and wife.'" Agnes Sowle's argument is illogical. Merriam-Webster online defines "husband" as "a male partner in a marriage" (<http://www.merriam-webster.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=husband&x=17&y=10>) and "wife" as "a female partner in a marriage" (<http://www.merriam-webster.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=wife&x=22&y=13>). So the statute did not need to "specifically define that only partners of the opposite sex can be 'husband and wife'" because the definitions of the words did so themselves.

I object to both your decision to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples and the hurried, dishonest, and elitist way in which you executed your decision. I join with Lonnie Roberts in calling your actions "clandestine." I am joining the Oregon Defense of Marriage Coalition to fight your actions. Please reconsider your decision.

Laurel Arnold
6044 SW 25th Ave
Portland, OR 97239
ryarnold@juno.com

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Mary Beth Brindley & Evelyn Hall

ADDRESS: 6801 N. Villard Ave.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Or. 97217

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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each*

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-2004

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM
NAME: Reverend Christopher Martin

ADDRESS: PO Box 2054

CITY/STATE/ZIP: BENDON OR 97075

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-419-6426

EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 03.25.04

SUBJECT: Same sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Woody BROADWAY candidate City Council Pos 1

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Same-sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Amber Coyle

ADDRESS: 920 NE Sumner St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDX, OR 97211

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-284-6317 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 03.25.04

SUBJECT: Same Sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

FOR: AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jasmine Joy

ADDRESS: 500 E. Grant St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Enterprise Or. 97828

PHONE: DAYS: EVES:

EMAIL: FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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MEETING DATE: MARCH 25, 2004

SUBJECT: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: OSA ATOE

ADDRESS: 601 NE 12TH AVENUE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97211

PHONE: DAYS: 503-725-3516 EVES: 503-493-3705

EMAIL: oatoe@pdx.edu FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Extend full civil rights to all citizens!

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Marriage is a basic civil right, not a special right. This basic civil right ought to be extended to all citizens of Multnomah County regardless of the sex of their spouse-to-be. We demand that Mult. County continue to support same-sex-marriage families by keeping same-sex marriages legal.

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Same sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tristan V. Bailey

ADDRESS: 15207 F SW Walker Rd.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Beaverton, OR 97006

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-646-3644 EVES: same as days

EMAIL: tristan@greeneartphoto.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: in support of same sex marriage

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: No special rights for heterosexual couples. In affirmation of same sex marriage and the commissioners who supported the decision.

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Chair's Decision to Issue
Marriage Licenses to Same-Sex Persons

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Genet Friess

ADDRESS: 4925 SW 56th Ave #1

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97221

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-297-9696 EVES: _____

EMAIL: markandgenet@hotmail.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: See attached

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March 25, 2004

Multnomah County Commission
Weekly Board Meeting
Multnomah Building
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland Oregon

Written Statement:

As citizens of Multnomah County, we were very disappointed to see the way in which several commission members made a decision regarding a key issue in our city, county, state, and nation. You took into your hands a major decision and abused your position, using a democracy of four or five people, without including public participation. Apparently Ms. Linn and the commission used to feel that public participation was an important part of your elected position, as she has stated previously:

"It's also our job to engage the public in decisions we make. The Board of County Commissioners has always welcomed all people into our meetings and treats every individual with respect. I invite citizens who have a position on the resolution to communicate with us in any way and we will take the time to listen and respond. I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts with us."

Dianne M. Linn
January 2003

On the issue of gay marriage you chose to keep your discussions secret, when it served your purposes. If you were so convinced that you were keeping with the Oregon Constitution, then you would not have been afraid to discuss your decision openly and honestly with those who disagree with you. Furthermore, the constitutionality of the marriage statute and the correct interpretation of the Oregon Constitution should be decided properly by the Courts, not the county commission office. While we are personally opposed to gay marriage, we are even more opposed to the abuse of power by elected officials who take the law into their own hands. You can expect to not receive our vote next time you run for office and we will encourage the citizens of Multnomah County to do the same.

To address the issue of gay marriage directly: Our Constitution is written to balance individual rights with the good of society. In this case, the preservation of traditional marriage between a man and a woman places the good of society above individual desires for freedom "at any cost." Both heterosexual and homosexual people have "equal rights" to marry within the limits of the law. It is not required that "special rights" be granted to homosexuals, especially when the majority of people in our democratic country have do not believe these rights should be granted. We will be actively working to clarify the definition of marriage, both in the Oregon Constitution and the US Constitution, so that traditional marriage can be preserved as it has been throughout history.

Mark and Genét Friess
4925 SW 56th Ave. #1
Portland, OR 97221

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MEETING DATE: 3/28/04

SUBJECT: Same-Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Adrienne Graf

ADDRESS: 2016 NE Hancock St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97212

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: 503 281-0882

EMAIL: ~~am@~~ cisforcupcake@yahoo.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Oppressive ~~to~~ behavior

is just not okay at all. No more 2nd class

citizenship, no more people hiding behind

~~the~~ the benefits of oppressive behavior.

It is not a moral or Christian or Value-ethics

choice. People are not allowed their civil

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- rights and us queers will not take it day a more.*

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Same Sex Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Leanne Hicks

ADDRESS: 16745 SE Division, #304

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97236

PHONE: DAYS: 503-663-4048 EVES: Same

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Same Sex Marriage and

the process by which County Commissioners

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: arrived at issuing licenses.

I feel the Commissioners were

very conniving and sneaky in deliberately

eluding the law, in order to arrive at

their decision of allowing licensing for

Special interest groups. I am very concerned

about commissioners honesty & ethics in

dealing with other County issues.

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Homosexual Marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Kevin Leopold

ADDRESS: 17777 SE 362nd

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Sandy OR 97055

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____

EVENINGS: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: March 25, 2004

SUBJECT: _____

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Gay Marriage

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Kyle Liebe

ADDRESS: 6415 SW 50th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97221

PHONE: DAYS: 503-245-0178 EVES: 503-245-0178

EMAIL: K1Liebe@earthlink.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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6415 SW 50th Ave
Portland, OR 97221

March 24, 2004

Multnomah County Commissioners
Multnomah
50 SE Hawthorne Street 600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Multnomah County Commissioners,

I have a problem with your decision to allow gay marriages and give out gay marriage licenses. First of all, it's not right. It totally goes against the laws of which this nation was founded upon. Now you may say that it doesn't allow rights to everyone in the nation like it says it should in the Constitution. However, our founding fathers found this topic so vile, so disgusting, that they wouldn't speak of it, much less allow it in our Constitution. Second, research has shown that children that have grown up with **both** a father and a mother (not a mother and a mother or a father and a father) turn out more balanced and less likely to do drugs and do other things that are against the law.

Sincerely,
Kyle Liebe

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MEETING DATE: March 25, 2004

SUBJECT: _____

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Marriage License to Same-sex partners

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Marcia Liebe

ADDRESS: 6415 S.W. 50th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97221

PHONE: DAYS: ⁵⁰³⁻245-0178 EVES: ⁵⁰³⁻245-0178

EMAIL: m.love @earthlink.net FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: opposed to the way in which the decision was reached AND the decision also

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

① Government by stealth is not acceptable
Public employees should be public, a government that feels it can give and take rights is dangerous

② marriage is an institution between a man & a woman with the purpose to raise children & nurture children - it is not about personal happiness or legal rights.

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Adrian McKay McEldery 3-25-04

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MEETING DATE: 3-25-04

SUBJECT: Gay Marriage Same-sex

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

Neutral: FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Adrian McEldery

ADDRESS: 433 NE Sacramento

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97212

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503 287-1491 EVES: Same

EMAIL: Ace23_69@MSN.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Same-sex marriage debate

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: I am a straight male that has been on both sides of homosexual issues in the past. Through my faith and belief in God it is clear to me that a legal marriage should be between a man and woman. Opposites attract in terms of the human sex debate. People are free to enjoy the lifestyle of their choice in America, the ^{port} Land of Opportunity. My question now is if we allow this to become LAW without a VOTE from the citizens in the United States, what will political boards do in the future in terms of issuing

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: gay marriage

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: CORINNE L. MADEY

ADDRESS: 4128 NE 40TH AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97211

PHONE: DAYS: 503 223 4984 EVES: 503 249 8253

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04 10:15am

SUBJECT: Public hearing considering resolution approving chairs decision to issue marriage licenses to same sex persons

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: n/a

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Lynn Norbury

ADDRESS: 3444 NE Hassalo St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Chair and other commissioners acted improperly and illegally using subterfuge to bypass State laws and make a momentous decision to change public policy. The ends do not justify the means.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: SMITH Andy J
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 4:54 PM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: FW: Public testimony attached regarding agenda item R-7 during public meeting held 3/25/04 at 10:15am.

-----Original Message-----

From: lynn norbury [mailto:lynnert@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 4:54 PM
To: CHAIR Mult
Subject: Public testimony attached regarding agenda item R-7 during public meeting held 3/25/04 at 10:15am.

To Multnomah County Commissioners Linn, Naito, Cruz, Rojo de Steffey and Roberts,

I arrived at the "R-7 **10:15 AM TIME CERTAIN: PUBLIC HEARING** and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Approving Chair's Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same-sex Persons" on March 25th in order to sign petitions to recall Commissioners Linn and Naito, and I support the efforts to recall Commissioners Cruz and Rojo de Steffey. The meeting adjourned before I could give my public testimony.

Those four Commissioners should be recalled for using subterfuge to bypass the State of Oregon Open Meeting law in order to hold a secret meeting and improperly empower themselves to make a momentous decision to change public policy and allow same-sex marriage licenses to be issued in Multnomah County. Their actions were improper and they violated the spirit and the letter of the laws of the state of Oregon. Additionally, those County Commissioners overstepped the bounds of their offices by making a decision to change public policy. They have demonstrated that they are willing to twist and corrupt State laws in order to promote their personal agendas and that of special interest groups, and that they are willing to intentionally exclude their colleague, Commissioner Roberts, and the general public in order to hide their controversial activities behind a veil of secrecy. Commissioners Linn, Naito, Cruz and Rojo de Steffey have demonstrated by these actions that they are not trustworthy and that they are unfit to hold public office. They should be recalled.

Furthermore, I believe Commissioners Linn, Naito, Cruz, and Rojo de Steffey should be immediately placed on administrative leave until proper legal proceedings can examine the propriety and legality of their actions. We place police officers on administrative leave when they become embroiled in legal controversy and it is appropriate to do the same in this circumstance with those four County Commissioners. **We need to send a strong and unequivocal message to all public officials that they are expected to have the judgment skills and integrity to understand that the business of the public must be conducted in an open and transparent manner and that the end result does not justify using improper means.**

Regarding the same-sex marriage issue it is my opinion that the state and county have no business issuing marriage licenses to any persons. Marriage is a religious institution and license to marry is granted to individuals solely by their religious advisor. The state should remain separate from religion and should not be in the business of sanctifying unions by issuing marriage licenses. However, it would be appropriate for the State and County to issue certificates of civil union to two persons who choose to engage in a lawful civil union. I am 100% in favor of people committing themselves to a productive lifetime partnership. Such a partnership benefits the two individuals enjoined in that union and it also benefits society at large. With that certificate of civil union the partners should be granted all the rights and privileges currently granted to married couples via the state's current policy of issuing of marriage licenses. Just don't call it marriage.

I strongly condemn the improper actions of the four County Commissioners who conspired together and used subterfuge to improperly make changes to public policy regarding issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex

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The ends do not justify the means.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Norbury, 3444 NE Hassalo Street, Portland, OR 97232

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Lynn Norbury
LynnerT@earthlink.net

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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: Consideration of a resolution approving Chair's decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex persons.

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: R-7

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Lynn Norbury

ADDRESS: 3444 NE Hassalo St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97232

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: see backside, and, see attached duplicate copy

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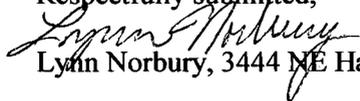
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MEETING DATE: 3/25/04

SUBJECT: _____

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Gay Marriage

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Norm Phillips

ADDRESS: 4903 SE 16th Drive

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Gresham OR 97080

PHONE: DAYS: 503 666-7147 EVES: _____

EMAIL: nbyhg@excite.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: The laws of nature and universal religious beliefs hold the traditional family as the template for a strong culture and society. History has shown and sociological studies indicate that the nuclear family is the best option for children

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As a teacher I see the destruction
of the family and the pain that students in
my class face everyday. ^{we} need to do
what is best for children not what is perceived
as a right.

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MEETING DATE: 3/27/14

SUBJECT: Same sex marriage

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Joni Riggs, Gen Mgr HOTEL VIRAGE RASA

ADDRESS: 422 SW BROADWAY

CITY/STATE/ZIP: POX, OR 97201

PHONE: _____

DAYS: 503 228 1212

EVES: 503 1192482

EMAIL: jri.riggs@viragerasa.com

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: impact on business

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: MARCH 25 '04

SUBJECT: GAY MARRIAGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JAMES SNYDER

ADDRESS: 941 SE FRANCIS Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: GRESHAM

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: GAY MARRIAGE

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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