

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
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MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(04-18-2016)

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Lightning Watchdog PDX

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: Comments

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: JOE WALKER

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 7345 SE Hickman St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: Public Hygiene Centers

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Shannon Cogan

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97209

PHONE: 503-222-5694 ext.143 E-MAIL: Shannon@sistersoftheroad.org

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Shannon Cogan, Community Engagement Manager  
Public Comment Inquiring as to County Information Regarding Hygiene  
Multnomah County Board Meeting: October 20, 2016

Good Morning Commissioners and Chair,

My name is Shannon Cogan and I am here as a representative of Sisters Of The Road. For those not familiar with Sisters, we have been on NW 6<sup>th</sup> and Davis since 1979. We serve low-cost meals in a dignified atmosphere while organizing with our customers to end homelessness and poverty.

I would like to thank you all for allowing us to use this room for a screening of *On The Ground*, Sisters' documentary on the realities and root causes of houselessness last week. And thank you, Chair Kafoury, for your comments to kick off the evening. The work of the County is especially appreciated as you all do a lot of important work delivering vital services to the residents of Multnomah County— our community members at Sisters.

We have been hearing for years at Sisters that there is a public health crisis in the streets; we know that there are about 4,000 people who are unsheltered and many more who are housing insecure in Portland at any given time. Insecure or inadequate housing also means insufficient access to bathrooms, laundry, and shower facilities. These basic hygiene needs, when not cared for, have serious health consequences. People with chronic digestive and intestinal problems do not have access to restrooms to take care of themselves. People with nowhere else to go to the bathroom, but the streets are cited or ticketed.

One of our community members had been unhoused for a number of months and living outside. This community member has a considerable amount of restaurant experience and was able to get a job as a line cook eventually. However, after two weeks at the job he quit because he would sweat all day in his clothes and then have nowhere to wash his one shirt or to take a shower. He felt dirty, sweaty, gross, and unfit for work. He has not gotten a job since and that was about a year and a half ago. The public hygiene facilities in Seattle, known as the Urban Rest Stops, estimated in 2007 that over half of the people they were seeing were getting ready for work in the morning.

Preliminary findings from a PSU study (that will be finished in the coming weeks) on unhoused people's access to hygiene facilities shows that over half of those surveyed have experienced medical problems due to not being able to access hygiene resources. The inability to shower or wash clothing means a small cut can become a big problem. Women who are pregnant and elderly people are particularly vulnerable to these medical problems and bathroom access is crucial for their well-being.

Since we know that there is a real understanding of and dedication to ending the housing crisis at the County right now, we are asking for your advice. While we wait for sufficient housing to become available, who at the County can help us address this immediate community need? Who should we be reaching out to?

Thank you.

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: BARRY MARSCHKE

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Jeff Gudman

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Matthew Charles Cardinale

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland / OR / 97209

PHONE: (408) 983 6049

E-MAIL: Matthew.Cardinale@

gmail.com

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Charles JOHNSON

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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