

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, September 12, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Chair Jeff Cogen was excused.

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

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

Ms. Madkour: THE BOARD MAY ACT ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA IF THREE COMMISSIONERS VOTE IN FAVOR TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER, AND THEN FOR THE MATTER TO BE ADOPTED, ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT MUST VOTE IN FAVOR. SO, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, SO NOW WE WILL NEED THREE -- A VOTE AND THREE COMMISSIONERS MUST VOTE BEFORE WE CAN CONSIDER THE MATTER.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER IS APPROVED. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A SCRIPT.

Board Clerk: UC-1.

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS APPROVAL OF UC-1. THANK YOU, JENNY. IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN.

Ms. Madkour: GOOD MORNING, VICE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. WE HAVE THE, THE CHAIR COGEN HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION, AND SO, BY OPERATION OF OUR CODE AND OUR CHARTER, THE BOARD MUST DECLARE A VACANCY, CALL AN ELECTION, AND SET THE FILING DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR THE OPEN SEAT OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR. THE RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT TODAY SAYS THAT, THAT THE, THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CHAIR WILL BE VACANT AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 16. WE ASK YOU TO CALL FOR A MAY 14, 2014 ELECTION, TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM OF

THE COUNTY CHAIR'S OFFICE, AND THEN, THE ELECTION DATE FILING DEADLINES, THE DEADLINES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17 AND, AND TO CONCLUDE -- I'M FINDING THE DATE HERE. I DON'T HAVE, I THINK IT'S MARCH 11, SO, THAT'S IN THE RESOLUTION POSTED ONLINE. SO, THAT'S, THAT'S THE MATTER BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND AGAIN, IN ORDER TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION, WE NEED FULL UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE BOARD.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY BOARD COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: VICE-CHAIR? QUESTION, ARE THERE ANY OTHER STEPS THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AFTER THIS VOTE?

>> FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAIR, NO, COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Smith: OK. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THANK YOU. THE UC-1 IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

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

>>> GOOD MORNING, MR. PHILLIPS. GO AHEAD.

>> YES, I AM PAUL PHILLIPS. IS THIS MIC ON?

>> IT IS.

>> I SPOKE HERE JULY 25th, AND I ASKED PEOPLE IN THE GREATER PORTLAND AREA, NOT ONLY JUST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IF THEY HAD SEEN THE PSA, THE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT, WITH GLENN CLOSE AND THE SISTER, WHERE THEY STATE THAT, THAT ONE IN SIX ADULTS HAS A MENTAL ILLNESS. AFTER THEY SAY THAT THEY HAVE SEEN THAT COMMERCIAL, I ASKED, ARE YOU SURE THAT THAT'S ALL THAT THERE IS? THEY GO NO, THEIR USUAL ANSWER IS NO. IT'S PROBABLY HIGHER THAN THAT. THIS MORNING, I WENT TO THE CDC.GOV WEBSITE. THAT'S THE CENTER FOR DISEASE AND CONTROL. I TYPED IN MENTAL ILLNESS ON THE SEARCH ENGINE. IT BROUGHT UP A NUMBER, A NUMBER OF SEARCHES, AND AT THE TOP OF THE SEARCHES, HAD A SUGGESTED SEARCH, AS SUGGESTIONS TO SEARCH FOR THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECT. UNDER THE

SUGGESTED TOPICS, IT HAD MENTAL ILLNESS, SURVEILLANCE, IF I'M, I'M NOT PRONOUNCING IT PROPERLY. IT SAYS YOU ARE, IT SAYS [INAUDIBLE]. THEY HAD A NUMBER OF RESOURCES THAT THEY WERE QUOTING FROM. THE FACTS AND STATISTICS, AND THEY, ACTUALLY, LISTED, SAID, IN THEIR COMMENTS, BY DOCTORS AND THE CDC, 25% OF THE ADULTS HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS. 50% IN THEIR LIFETIME WILL HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS. I FOUND THAT RATHER SURPRISING. GLENN COAST AND HER SISTER DIDN'T STATE, ALTHOUGH IT WAS A VERY LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE AT THE END OF THE, OF THE PSA, STATING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I'M NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE THOSE PEOPLE, THE MENTAL ILLNESS PEOPLE, EVEN IF IT IS 25%, AND EVEN MORE BECAUSE THAT'S DIAGNOSED. THEY CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, NO MORE THAN I COULD WITH MY BLINDNESS OR MY, MY INJURIES THAT I WAS SUSTAINED FOR, FROM A MENTALLY ILL PERSON. AS YOU KNOW, MY SERVICE ANIMAL WAS ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG, THE WOMAN THAT TURNED LOOSE UP AGAINST US. SIX OF THE SEVEN ATTACKS, THAT IS. SHE TURNED IT LOOSE. AND IT HAD CRIPPLED MY DOG, AND OF COURSE, IT CRIPPLED ME VERY SEVERELY. MAY I PROCEED WITH A FEW MORE?

Vice-Chair Shiprack: IF I COULD JUST WRAP IT UP, THANK YOU.

>> AS I WAS SAYING, I DIDN'T WANT TO, TO CRITICIZE THE, THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WITH IT BEING 25%, BUT I DID OFFER A SOURCE THAT'S INCREDIBLE, 25%, AND EVEN 50% MORE, AND I THINK THAT YOU'VE BEEN CONFUSED ABOUT MY INJURIES, THE BOARD WAS PRESENT BEFORE. TO HAVE A BLIND PERSON COME TO THE MEETINGS AND BE ATTACKED THREE TIMES WHILE I SPOKE HERE IN THAT DURATION AND TWICE AT THE CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AND OF COURSE, THERE IS A LOT OF DISABLED PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVICE ANIMALS AND GUIDE DOGS AND, AND ASSISTANCE ANIMALS AND THAT, THAT SHOULD NEVER BE ATTACKED. THERE IS SOME 19,200 BLIND PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE BLIND, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE, HAVE SERVICE OR, OR, OR GUIDE DOGS OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. BUT, I GOT VERY HURT FROM THIS.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: THANK YOU, MR. PHILLIPS.

>> YOUR TURN.

>> GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING. JEFF COGEN, ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. NOW, GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS. PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE, WHY DON'T WE START TRYING TO CREATE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE HOMELESS. LET'S NOT SIT AROUND AT YOUR MEETINGS AND FIGURE OUT WAYS HOW TO JUST MOVE THEM FROM ONE BLOCK TO THE NEXT, BACK AND FORTH, BACK AND FORTH, AND COSTING TAXPAYERS LITERALLY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN OVERTIME TO THE POLICE, THE FIRE,

THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND, AND WHY DON'T YOU SIT AROUND SOME DAY AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS AND LET'S CREATE SOME WAYS TO, TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE HOMELESS, LIKE LET'S GET THEM INTO HOUSING. LET'S GET THEM INTO A PLACE THAT THEY CAN BEGIN TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. LET'S START MOVING IN A DIRECTION TO WHERE I CAN SAY PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE REALLY HELPED THE HOMELESS. IT REALLY HELPED THE HOMELESS OUT THROUGH THE CITY. NOW, WOULDN'T THAT BE SUCH A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY ABOUT PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE? YOU HAVE IMPROVED THE LIVES OF THE HOMELESS. WHY DON'T YOU START SITTING AROUND AT YOUR MEETINGS AND CREATING WAYS WITH ALL OF THE, OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS, ON, ON, ON IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE HOMELESS? AT ONE POINT, WHAT'S GOING ON AT SHRUNK PARK, THEY ARE MOVING PEOPLE BACK AND FORTH AND BACK AND FORTH, CAUSING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY. THEY ARE NOT BEING PUT INTO HOUSING, LET'S LOOK AT A RENT VOUCHER SYSTEM AND PROVIDE THAT TO, TO THESE PEOPLE TO GET THEM EITHER INTO A HOTEL, AN APARTMENT, OR A HOUSE, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO AVOID ALL THE CONFRONTATION AND THE EXTRA COST THAT THE PUBLIC IS GOING TO PAY, WHICH WILL BE TEN TIMES HIGHER THAN PUTTING THEM INTO HOUSING ORIGINALLY. LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASICS AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED HOUSING, THAT'S IT. THEY ARE ON THE SIDEWALKS. THEY DON'T NEED CONFRONTATION IN THEIR LIVES. THEY DON'T NEED AGGRESSION. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE PUSHED AROUND. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE HUMILIATED. THEY NEED HOUSING. SO PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE, I WANT TO HEAR YOUR NAME OUT THERE SAYING, WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE HOMELESS. WE'RE GOING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE. WE'RE GOING TO, ACTUALLY, MAKE A STAND AND STAND UP FOR THE HOMELESS THROUGH THIS CITY AND GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVES, AND YES, YOUR BUSINESS WILL IMPROVE IF THERE ARE LESS PEOPLE ON THE SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT, THESE PEOPLE NEED HOUSING, AND LET'S START FOCUSING ON CREATIVE WAYS TO GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND NOT KEEP PUSHING THEM DOWN. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I AM JOE WALSH, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE, AND I COME TODAY BEARING REALLY NICE NEWS. YESTERDAY, TO ALL OF OUR SURPRISE, THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION ASKING THE FDA TO RECONSIDER THEIR BAN OF GAY MEN DONATING BLOOD. IT'S NOT AN ISSUE THAT WE NORMALLY GET OURSELVES INVOLVED IN. WE'RE MORE INVOLVED IN NATIONAL ISSUES AND, AND, AND PEACE, BUT THIS ONE STRUCK US BECAUSE ONE OF THE STATISTICS THAT CAME OUT IS THAT ONLY 5% OF THE POPULATION, ACTUALLY, DONATES BLOOD. OUT OF THAT 5%, A HUGE NUMBER ARE EXCLUDED. GAY MEN ARE EXCLUDED. THERE ARE OTHER EXCLUSIONS, BUT THE RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY PASSED YESTERDAY WAS SUPPORTED BY AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE

RED CROSS, AND INCLUDING THE BLOOD BANK. WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS THE FDA IS, IS REVIEWING THEIR REGULATIONS RIGHT NOW, AND THEY WANT SOME PRESSURE PUT ON THE FDA TO, TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. WE HAVE A CRITICAL PROBLEM WITH BLOOD DONATION. WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THAT, AND THIS IS ONE AREA THAT WE COULD ALLEVIATE SOME OF IT. SO, I'M ASKING YOU TO JOIN WITH THE CITY AND PASS A RESOLUTION THAT YOU WANT THE FDA, AND YOU CAN SEE THEIR, THEIR RESOLUTION IN TOTAL ON THEIR WEBSITE, OR I CAN SEND IT TO YOU, OR YOU CAN DO YOUR OWN. BUT, I'M ASKING YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE WHEN THEY PRESENTED IT YESTERDAY, THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THEY DID NOT INCLUDE THE COUNTY, AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT. SO, MAYBE YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION THAT YOU ALREADY PASSED. IF YOU HAVEN'T, WOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS. IT'S A WORTHWHILE THING. A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE SAYING THAT WE HAVE TO, WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO SCREEN THE BLOOD AND THESE ARE REGULATIONS THAT GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO, TO THE 1970s AND 1980s. SO, WE'RE WAY BEHIND THE CURVE, AND THE SCIENTISTS, THE SCIENCE IS SAYING, WE CAN, WE CAN INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE, AND WE HAVE THE TEST TO DO IT. SO, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT, AND I KIND OF LIKE BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS. SO, I WAS PROUD OF THE CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY FOR DOING THIS. AND I BATTLE WITH THEM A LOT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. WE LIKE GOOD NEWS, TOO.

>> R-1.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. VICE CHAIR SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M WITH THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. MULTNOMAH COUNTY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD PROPERTIES NOVEMBER 26 OF 2012. AS A PART OF OUR AGREEMENT, THE, THE DEVELOPERS OF THE PROPERTY WILL, WILL PERIODICALLY BRIEF THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS THAT'S BEING MADE ON THE MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD PROJECT FEATURING THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DAN PETRUSICH, OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO PRESENT THE BRIEFING. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, MIKE. IF YOU WOULD TURN BEHIND YOU, WE HAVE GOT THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION, OR PERHAPS, YOU CAN --

>> WE HAVE IT UP HERE.

>> YOU HAVE IT ON THE SCREEN. GREAT.

>> OK.

>> DON'T THINK THAT WE ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU.

>> OK.

>> WELL, THANKS, AS MIKE SAID, I AM DAN PETRUSICH, AND I AM PRESIDENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY, ALONG WITH RON PAUL, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET, HERE TODAY, TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. THE, THE -- I GUESS THE FIRST THING THAT I WANTED TO REMIND YOU OF IS EXACTLY WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE MORRISON BRIDGEHEAD. IT'S THE FOUR BLOCKS THAT, THAT, THAT -- THEE BLOCKS ALONG THE WATERFRONT AND BLOCK 16th IN BETWEEN THE RAMPS. THIS IS A VIEW FROM THE U.S. BANK TOWER, AND IT KIND OF GIVES YOU, A ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE, AND IN A MOMENT I WILL TALK ABOUT THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF THE SITE, AND WHY, WHY, WHY WE CONTINUE TO, TO WORK HARD ON THE ISSUES THAT, THAT WILL MAKE THIS A DEVELOPABLE SITE. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS AND, AND IN A MINUTE I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT, ABOUT HOW WE'RE TRYING TO, TO IMPROVE THOSE. I THINK THAT, THAT PROBABLY THE, THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE ARE THE, THE NORTH-SOUTH AND THE EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS. SO, WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, IF YOU SEE ON THE PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS, THE RETAIL CORE, WE'RE TRYING TO BRING THE RETAIL CORE DOWN TO THE WATERFRONT, EXTEND IT FROM WHERE IT IS NOW, TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE WATERFRONT WHERE, WHERE AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS MANY, MANY ACTIVITIES FROM THE SPRING THROUGH FALL, AND THEN IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION, WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE A CONNECTION TO THE SATURDAY MARKET. AS YOU KNOW, THE JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET IS FOOD ONLY. AND THE, THE SATURDAY MARKET IS, OBVIOUSLY, CRAFTS, AND WE'RE HOPING THAT WITH BOTH MARKETS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE A MARKET DISTRICT. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS, AND FRANKLY, THIS IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. THE BRIDGEHEAD, FROM A PEDESTRIAN STANDPOINT, REALLY CUTS THE PEDESTRIANS OFF FROM ACCESS TO, TO THE WATERFRONT AND THAT'S, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, THAT WE THINK, IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, THAT WE HAVE GOT TO FIX. SO, IN A MINUTE, I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE, WHERE THE, THE BRIDGE -- WE ARE, WE ARE, ACTUALLY, CREATING A, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BETWEEN BLOCK 16, THE TOWER SITE, BETWEEN 1st AND 2nd, AND THEN THE THREE BLOCKS ALONG THE, THE WATERFRONT. I WON'T READ ALL THESE, YOU HAVE GOT A COPY OF THEM, BUT AGAIN, THERE IS SEVERAL, SEVERAL BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF THE SITE, AND AGAIN, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS THE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS. NOW, THIS IS, THIS IS, THIS

IS AN AERIAL VIEW OF, OF THE, THE PROGRAM THAT WE PUT TOGETHER AT THE TIME OF THE RFP, AND AS YOU SEE, THE FOOT BRIDGE THAT I'VE BEEN MENTIONING EARLIER, THERE IS, THERE IS -- AGAIN, I THINK THAT FOR US TO SUCCEED THAT'S, THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE GOT TO, TO, TO CREATE, IS THAT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION. THE OTHER THING THAT YOU CANNOT SEE FROM THIS DIAGRAM IS, IS THAT, THAT, THAT 1st AVENUE, ACTUALLY, GOES DOWN. AND THAT IS WHERE THE LIGHT RAIL IS, AND IT, ACTUALLY, I THINK, IT GOES DOWN ABOUT 10 FEET THERE, AND IT COMES BACK UP. WE'RE ALSO HOPING TO HAVE A LIGHT RAIL STATION AT THE PUBLIC MARKET, AND WE HOPE IT WOULD BE UNDERNEATH THAT, THAT FOOT BRIDGE THAT YOU SEE ON THE DIAGRAM. WHEN I TURN IT OVER TO RON, HE'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE MARKET HALLS AND, AND WHERE WE'RE AT WITH THE PROGRAMMING OF THOSE. AND AGAIN, YOU CAN SEE ON THE WATERFRONT, A POTENTIAL FOR A DAY MARKET. THAT, THAT, ACTUALLY, IS THERE NOW. IT WAS FORMERLY A BASKETBALL COURT. THE HOOPS ARE DOWN, BUT IT'S USED FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, AND COULD BE A DAY OR A FARMERS MARKET. AGAIN, THIS IS THE, THE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. YOU CAN SEE A BETTER REPRESENTATION WHERE THE MAX LINES ARE, AND AGAIN, WE'LL BE WORKING HARD WITH ALL OF THE, THE GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS TO, TO GET THAT, THAT BRIDGE APPROVED, AND IT WILL INVOLVE THE COUNTY, THE CITY, AND TRI-MET, AND PROBABLY SOME OTHERS THAT I HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF. NOW, THIS IS AN IMAGE, AS, YOU KNOW, THE BRIDGE, OBVIOUSLY, IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO WORK AROUND, AND SO, WE HAVE COME UP WITH, WITH -- THESE ARE JUST SOME IMAGES OF SOME CREATIVE IDEAS ON HOW WE TURN A, A -- WHAT WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS, AS A CHALLENGE INTO A BENEFIT. SO, WE JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOME IDEAS ON WHAT WE MIGHT BE THINKING HERE. AND THEN IN TERMS OF THE PROJECTS UNDERWAY, WE'RE WORKING ON, ON PROGRAMMING ALL FOUR BLOCKS. WE DO HAVE SOME SCHEMATIC DESIGNS, AND AGAIN, WE ARE WORKING ON THE, THE SKY BRIDGE DESIGN, JUST STARTING THAT EFFORT, ACTUALLY AND, AND HAD SOME INITIAL CONVERSATIONS WITH TRI-MET. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO RON PAUL.

>> THANK YOU. VICE CHAIR SHIPRACK, AND COMMISSIONERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE BACK, AND TO HIGHLIGHT SOME, SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT, THAT HAVE BEEN BOTH BEHIND THE SCENES AND, AND WITHIN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. WITHOUT QUESTION, OUR CHALLENGE HAS BEEN TO PUT TOGETHER A, A WORKABLE PLAN TO BUILD THE FIRST PUBLIC MARKET IN PORTLAND AND, IN OVER 70 YEARS, AND WITH THE GOAL OF IT BEING, BEING A PART OF THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS, AT LEAST. SO, ONE OF THE CHALLENGES HAS BEEN RECOGNIZING THAT VERY FEW PUBLIC MARKETS IN NORTH AMERICA HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE 21ST CENTURY, LET ALONE IN THE LATTER PART OF THE 20th CENTURY SO WE'VE BEEN, BEEN RESEARCHING MARKETS AS FAR AS COPENHAGEN AND OSLO AND, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD TO

GET, TO GET THE, THE IDEAS THAT, THAT ARE CUTTING EDGE, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND, AND IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE, HAVE A, A, AN ACCURATE 21ST CENTURY PROPOSAL TO, TO BEGIN TO WORK ON. SO, PART OF OUR, OUR WORK HAS BEEN NOT ONLY LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY IN TERMS OF THE OUTREACH AND CULTIVATING SUPPORT, BUT INTERNATIONALLY, IN TAPPING INTO RESOURCES THAT, THAT PORTLANDERS -- SELDOM WOULD LOOK AT, AS MODELS FOR THE COMMUNITY. OBVIOUSLY, THE FUNDRAISING HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART, AND THE OUTREACH HAS INCLUDED THE, THE PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU SEE THERE, IN ADDITION TO, TO MANY OTHERS THAT ARE, ARE LESS FORMAL, BUT, EQUALLY AS PRODUCTIVE. THE MEDIA HAS BEEN VERY RECEPTIVE ON, ON -- INCLUDING A, A THINK OUT LOUD SEGMENT THAT, THAT OCCURRED YESTERDAY WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE, AND THERE WERE A FEW FACTUAL ERRORS THAT, THAT WE'RE WORKING TO CORRECT. BUT, IT'S A SIGN THAT, THAT THE, THE PUBLIC IS TALKING MORE AND MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND, AND SOMETIMES, IN WAYS THAT, THAT WE CANNOT CONTAIN, BUT WOULD LIKE TO. THE HIGHLIGHTS HAVE INCLUDED OUR BEING ABLE TO RECRUIT A COUPLE OF, OF INCREDIBLE NEW MEMBERS TO THE TEAM. LUCY BUCHANAN, WHO WAS THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE PORTLAND ART MUSEUM AND, AND THEN MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO TO HEAD THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART, HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US AS FUNDRAISING COUNCIL AND, AND, AND WE HAVE INCREDIBLE TALENT WITH LORI WARNER MCGEE, WHO, WHO SHARES HER TIME WITH ANOTHER FAVORITE PROJECT OF, OF, OF THIS COMMISSION, AT ZINGER FARMS. SO, SHE IS IMMERSSED IN THE FOOD ISSUES AND CERTAINLY, SHE APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR ZINGER FARMS, AS WELL AS FOR THE JAMES BEARD MARKET. [INAUDIBLE] MAY NOT BE A HOUSEHOLD WORD, JELLY HEALM, BUT HIS WORK IN BRANDING THE TIMBERS AND, AND DEVELOPING THEIR MARKETING STRATEGY IS, CERTAINLY, SOMETHING THAT PORTLAND HAS CELEBRATED. HE HAS ADOPTED THE, THE PUBLIC MARKET AS A CIVIC CAUSE FOR HIS STUDIO AND, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH HIM TO, TO, TO UNVEIL NEW BRANDING AND MARKETING MATERIALS. AND THEN, AS A FURTHER SIGN, THAT, THAT THE PROJECT IS MAKING PROGRESS BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, WE'RE IN LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A VERY SMALL BUT HIGH PROFILE OFFICE, JUST A HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM, FROM THE BRIDGEHEAD SITE AT 222 SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON. IT WILL GIVE US A CHANCE FOR, FOR HIGHER PROFILE VISUALS, AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO LITERALLY BRING PEOPLE IN OFF THE STREETS TO, TO TEACH THEM ABOUT, ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT WITH THE MARKET. SOME OF WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT IS, IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE. THE JOB CREATION NUMBERS THAT WERE DOCUMENTED BY [INAUDIBLE] NORTHWEST DURING THE RFP PROCESS, SPEAK CLEARLY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT NOT ONLY WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT, BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND, AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS, IS REFERENCED HERE AND AGAIN, WE ARE CONSERVATIVE IN OUR

PROJECTIONS AND OUR ESTIMATES. INCLUDED, IN THE RFP RESPONSE WAS, WAS OUR ESTIMATING \$22 MILLION IN THE EARLY ANNUAL REVENUES FOR, FOR THE, THE MARKET PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT. YOU CAN SEE SOME COMPARABLES FROM CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND WITH HISTORICALLY WELL ESTABLISHED MARKETS. ONE OF THE COMPARABLES THAT WE LOOK AT IS, IS THE GRANVILLE ISLAND IN VANCOUVER, B.C., WHICH CONSISTENTLY LOGS 40 TO \$50 MILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUE. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING GOING FORWARD? THIS IS, THIS IS BOTH YOUR, YOURS AND THE PUBLIC'S FORMAL INVITATION, TO JOIN US IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SPONSORED, CO-SPONSORED EVENT FOR, FOR AN, AN, AN OPPORTUNITY TO, TO SHARE THE BRIDGEHEAD SITE WITH THE PUBLIC, AND THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 27, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM, FROM, FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, KAFOURY, WILL BE ADDRESSING THE, THE ASSEMBLED GROUP AS WILL MAYOR HALES AND CONGRESSMAN BLUMENAUER FOR, FOR THE VIP RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS, THIS 200 PLUS OR MINUS PUBLIC EVENT RIGHT ALONG THE, THE, THE, THE SITE, LITERALLY, WILL, WILL USE CHALK OR PAINT TO, TO OUTLINE THE MARKET AND, AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO, TO, TO BE ABLE TO ENVISION WHAT WE'RE DOING. I CAN'T THANK THE COUNTY ENOUGH FOR, FOR THEIR, FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT, MIKE AND HIS CREW HAVE BEEN FAR MORE THAN ACCOMMODATING. THEY HAVE REALLY EXTENDED THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PERIODIC UPDATES LIKE THIS, CONTINUING, AND TO TRUMP IT BOTH WITH THE GOOD NEWS AND, AND AS DAN CLEARLY SHOWED, HOW WE'RE OVERCOMING SOME OF THE INTRINSIC CHALLENGES THAT THE SITE HAS. ONE OF THE ELEMENTS THAT, THAT WILL SOON BE PUBLIC IS, IS THAT WITH THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT, DURING THE PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THERE WAS AN APPROPRIATE GUIDED BY, BY REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER WILLIAMSON FOR, FOR, FOR \$250,000 FROM THE STATE FOR OUR PLANNING EFFORTS, SO, WE'RE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SEE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC COMMITMENT FOR, FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT THIS PROJECT OFFERS AND, AND WE WILL LEVERAGE THAT, NOT ONLY WITH OTHER PUBLIC FUNDING SOURCES, BUT, BUT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AS WELL. WE WELCOME COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AND, AND, AND WE'RE THRILLED TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN DEVELOPING THIS SITE.

>> THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD THIS MORNING AND GIVING US AN UPDATE ON THIS VERY EXCITING PROJECT. WE ARE HEARING RUMBLINGS, BUT I HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING SPECIFIC, SO I APPRECIATE YOU COMING FORWARD AND HAVING A PUBLIC CONVERSATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE, AS YOU SAID, PERIODIC UPDATES ABOUT WHERE THINGS ARE GOING BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ONCE

IT GETS TAKEN OFF, WHICH, WHICH IT HAS, IT WILL GO FAST AND FURIOUS. THANK YOU. AND CONGRATULATIONS. YOU GUYS HAVE WORKED HARD ON THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

>> THANKS.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE DONE A LOT OF GOOD WORK ON THIS, DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY CHALLENGES THAT, THAT YOU THINK YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

>> I WISH THAT I COULD ANSWER AFFIRMATIVELY, WE CERTAINLY HAVE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGES THAT, THAT ANY, ANY PROJECT OF THIS MAKING TODAY WOULD HAVE, BUT IN TERMS OF THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT, INCLUDING THE STRONG BACKING OF THE PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET AND OTHERS, WE HAVE REALLY CROSSED A THRESHOLD WHERE, WHERE, WHERE WE HAVEN'T DETECTED BACKLASH IN THE COMMUNITY, OTHER THAN THOSE WHO WOULD BE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ANY PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ANY TYPE OF PROJECT FOR ANY REASON.

>> Commissioner Smith: GOOD ANSWER. GOOD ANSWER, BUT, QUESTION, I LIKE THE IDEA OF, OF A COMMUNITY PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING AND, AND WHO ARE THE MEETING THAT WE'RE TARGETING TO COME TO THAT MEETING? HAVE WE IDENTIFIED THOSE COMMUNITIES?

>> YES.

>> SO, THROUGH BROAD MEDIA OUTREACH, THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, THIS IS MORE OF A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, THE FEEDBACK AND THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS WILL BE MUCH MORE TARGETED AND UNFOLD LATER THIS FALL AND INTO NEXT YEAR TO, TO INFORM OUR PLANNING PROCESS, AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY, FOR INSTANCE, WITH, WITH THE CDC AND, AND THE LATINO PROGRAM, WITH MERCY CORPS NORTHWEST, AND THE REFUGEE AND THE IMMIGRANT BUSINESS INCUBATION PROGRAMS, AND OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK ABOUT HOW BEST TO REPRESENT THE COMPLEXION OF THE REGION.

>> Commissioner Smith: WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, WHO DID WE TARGET TO COME TO THIS EVENT? HAVE WE USED OUR RESOURCES HERE? WITH THE CONSTITUENTS IN OUR DATABASE? I DON'T KNOW WHO THE TARGET IS AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AT THIS?

>> WE'RE ANTICIPATING ABOUT 200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT'S A COMBINATION OF, OF, OF -- AND WE WELCOME THE, THE COUNTY PUBLICIZING THIS BOTH ON THE WEBSITE, AS WELL AS IN A MORE TARGETED

WAY. WE HAVE USED, USED JUST BROAD OUTREACH IN THE MEDIA TO, TO ANNOUNCE THIS, THIS AND, AND HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH, WITH THE COMMERCIAL INVITATIONS.

>> Commissioner Smith: YOU HAVE COMMERCIALS?

>> NO. IT'S THROUGH, THROUGH THE PRESS RELEASES AND, AND, AND IT HAS GENERATED --

>> Commissioner Smith: I WANT YOU TO GET MORE SPECIFIC. WAS IT SENT OUT TO PBA, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS OR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS? THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS ROOM.

>> IT'S ON THE, THE SITE FOR, FOR A, A, A CELEBRATION, SO WE HAVE TARGETED THE MEDIA AS OUR PRIMARY --

>> Commissioner Smith: WHAT'S THE PRESSIVE END?

>> A COMMUNITY EVENT. SO WE ALREADY SOLD MORE THAN, THAN, THAN HALF OF, OF THE, THE AVAILABLE TICKETS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT THROUGH, THROUGH THE MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SO, THERE HASN'T BEEN A, A FURTHER TARGETING BECAUSE THIS IS, THIS IS THE CELEBRATION NOT THE FORMAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH THAT, THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR STRATEGY.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE MORE THING, FROM A DEVELOPMENT STANDPOINT, THAT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IS, IS, IS, AS I MENTIONED, IN MY PRESENTATION, VERY, AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO OUR SUCCESS, AND WHILE YOU MIGHT THINK THAT, THAT ON THE SURFACE, THAT'S EASY TO GET APPROVED, THE FACT THAT, THAT WE HAVE GOT ALL THESE THREE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS INVOLVED WILL, WILL MAKE IT A CHALLENGE. SO, SO, YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP IN GETTING THAT APPROVAL, AS A COMMISSION, WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR SUCCESS.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I AM PLEASED TO GET THIS UPDATE FROM YOU. I WILL PIGGY-BACK ON COMMISSIONER SMITH'S QUESTION ABOUT OUTREACH. WHEN YOU ARE DOING OUTREACH, MULTNOMAH

COUNTY GOES QUITE A BIT EAST OF HERE. AND, AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO REMEMBER THOSE PARTNERS, AS WELL, IN OUTREACH.

>> THANK YOU, THANK YOU, WE CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, WELCOME, REINFORCING THAT, BUT, SO MUCH OF, OF EAST COUNTY IS A COMBINATION OF BOTH RURAL, AS WELL AS URBAN, AND THE OUTREACH IS, IS IN BOTH PARTS OF THE COMMUNITIES, SO MANY OF THE GROWERS THAT, THAT WILL, WILL, WILL BE A PART OF THE FOOD SHED FOR THE REGION ARE IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> Commissioner McKeel: ANOTHER QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS, WHERE ARE YOU ON YOUR TIME LINE? I MEAN, YOU TALKED A BIT, WHEN YOU CAME FORWARD TO US, A LITTLE ABOUT A TIME LINE. ARE YOU, ARE YOU -- WHERE ARE YOU ANTICIPATED YOU MIGHT BE? OR, OR, YOU KNOW, JUST GIVE US A SENSE OF THAT.

>> THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY, SPECIFIED FROM, FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING, A 90-DAY DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD FOLLOWED BY A 37-MONTH FUNDRAISING, PLANNING PERIOD, LEADING UP TO, TO CLOSING, AND I WILL LET DAN COMMENT ON THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT. THE PUBLIC MARKET IS CLOSE TO, IF NOT AT WHAT, WHAT OUR ORIGINAL GOALS WERE IN TERMS OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE INITIAL SCHEMATIC DESIGN.

>> I THINK FROM THE, THE DEVELOPMENT STANDPOINT, WE'RE TRACKING, AND ABOUT WHERE WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD BE.

>> OK.

>> THE DUE DILIGENCE EXPIRED IN JUNE, SO, I THINK THAT, THAT, THAT AS YOU CAN TELL FROM YOUR PRESENTATION, WE'RE FOCUSED ON THAT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD ON THAT.

>> Commissioner McKeel: SO ONE MORE QUESTION.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> Commissioner McKeel: COULD YOU TALK A BIT MORE? YOU MENTIONED YOU RECEIVED \$250,000 FROM THE STATE, AND THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION? COULD YOU TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT HOW YOU INTEND TO USE THAT FUNDING?

>> THE APPROPRIATION, EVEN THOUGH IT DID NOT HAVE, HAVE SPECIFIC STRINGS OR AN AGREEMENT ATTACHED TO IT, WE ARE WORKING TO CREATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, TO TRACK THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS FOR, FOR OUR PREDEVELOPMENT EFFORT. SO, AS WE ENTER TWO

PHASES IN THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS. PROGRAMMING AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN WE'RE RETAINING ARCHITECTS AND CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE US SO WE'RE PLANNING THROUGH EVERY DETAIL OF THE MARKET THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE. THOSE FUNDS ARE IDENTIFIED AS FUNDING AND SUPPORTING THAT EFFORT.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CELEBRATION.

>> Commissioner Smith: VICE CHAIR, I GET KIND OF CONFUSED, WHEN YOU SAY FUNDRAISING, IS IT FUNDRAISING OR IS IT INVESTORS?

>> NO, IT'S A NONPROFIT, 501C3, THERE IS NO RETURN TO ANY, ANY INVESTOR. I WOULD USE THE WORD "COMMUNITY INVESTMENT" WITH ANY POTENTIAL DONOR, BUT, NOT IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE OF, OF GETTING A DIVIDEND AT THE END OF THE QUARTER.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> AND, AND DAN AND RON, I WANT TO, ESPECIALLY, THANK YOU. IT'S REALLY SO GRACIOUS OF YOU TO, TO -- WELL, FIRST, TO HAVE ENTERTAINED THIS VISION FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT YOU HAVE ENTERTAINED IT, RON AND, AND TO YOU, TO, TO BRING US THIS REPORT. THIS IS SO, SO IN STEP WITH, WITH THE MULTNOMAH FOOD INITIATIVE, WITH WORK THAT WE ARE DOING FOR, FOR, FOR HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING, WORK THAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE SUN PROGRAM, AND TO, TO MAKE SURE THAT, THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE WELL FED. IT'S SO, IT FITS IN WITH THE WAY THAT WE SEE OURSELVES AS VIBRANT AND A ROBUST GROWING ECONOMY, AND BRINGING IN THE, THE FARMERS OF THE EAST COUNTY TOGETHER WITH ZINGER FARMS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH SO MUCH FOR, FOR BRINGING THAT INTO THE DISCUSSION, AND THAT'S ALSO A VERY EXCITING COMMUNITY PROJECT. SO, I SEE ALL OF THE COLLABORATION THAT YOU ARE BRINGING TO AN ICONIC LOCATION, IN THE CITY, IT DOES NOT HURT THAT THERE IS A LITTLE FLAVOR OF OSLO AND COPENHAGEN TOSSED IN THERE. SO, THANK YOU, VERY EXCITING REPORT.

>> IF I COULD ADD ONE COMMUNITY PARTNER THAT HAS UNDERSTOOD THE EDUCATION PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR THE PUBLIC MARKET, AND THAT'S, THAT'S LEGACY HEALTH HAS, HAS, HAS SIGNED ON TO, TO HELP SPONSOR OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT WILL WORK WITH, WITH THE COMMUNITIES IN TEACHING AND RETAINING THE FOOD CULTURES OF, OF, OF YESTER-YEAR ON THE THRESHOLD OF STINGS, SO WE ARE PLANNING A MAJOR KITCHEN ON THE MEZZANINE OF THE MARKET WHERE, WHERE THE CLASSES OF STUDENTS AND OTHERS CAN SHOP DOWN BELOW, BRINGING THEM UP, AND WORK WITH THE [INAUDIBLE] OF THE COMMUNITY WHO STILL HAVE THE

ROOTS OF THOSE FOOD CULTURE TRADITIONS, AND WORK WITH THEIR GRANDCHILDREN IN SUSTAINING THEM.

>> VERY EXCITING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> IF I COULD JUST SAY, AGAIN, CALL OUT MY FACILITIES' COLLEAGUES WHO ARE HELPING TO SUPPORT THIS, ESPECIALLY MATT BRADY, THE PROPERTY MANAGER AND, AND I THINK IT WILL BE CHALK ON THE PARKING LOT, NOT PAINT.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-2.

>> SO MOVE.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: SECONDS PASSAGE OF, OF R-2.

>> GOOD MORNING, VICE CHAIR SHIPRACK, AND COMMISSIONERS, AND I AM DAVID HIDALGO. YOU CAN HEAR? GREAT. DAVID HIDALGO, THE DIRECTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AND TODAY I AM JOINED BY DEVARSHI BAJPAI, OUR ADDICTIONS MANAGER WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS PROGRAM. WE HAVE GOOD NEWS. WE'RE HERE TO BRING TO YOU APPROVAL FOR ADDING \$2.4 MILLION TO OUR OREGON HEALTH PLAN, HEALTH SHARE OF OREGON BUDGET. THAT COMES WITH WORK. BUT, WHAT IT IS, IT IS THE WORK OF MANAGING AND ADMINISTRATING THE ADDICTIONS SERVICES ADDED TO THE, TO THE HEALTH SHARE OF OREGON CONTRACT WE HOLD. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT WERE PRIOR CONTRACTED THROUGH THE STATE, AND AS WE TALKED WITH YOU OVER TIME, THIS IS ONE OF THE SERVICES BEING TRANSITIONED FROM BEING STATE OPERATED TO BEING PLACED IN THE CCOs, COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS. SO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INITIAL QUESTIONS, I WILL HAND IT TO DEVARSHI, AND HE WILL DESCRIBE THE SERVICE AND WHAT THE MONEY WILL PAY FOR.

>> GREAT.

>> DEVARSHI BAJPAI, THE ADDICTIONS SERVICES MANAGER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS. AND, AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT IS, IS A 24-HOUR A DAY, SEVEN DAY A WEEK SERVICE WHERE PEOPLE LIVE IN A

FACILITY AND GET TREATMENT SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. GENERALLY, DONE IN A COMMUNITY KIND OF SETTING. AND SO, THIS SUPPORTS THAT RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, AND LIKE DAVID MENTIONED, THE BENEFIT WAS, WAS PREVIOUSLY MANAGED THROUGH THE STATE, AND REALLY, THERE WAS NO UTILIZATION REVIEW OR LOOKING AT THE LENGTH OF STAY, AND SO, THE MONEY COMES TO US, WILL ALLOW US TO DO SOME UTILIZATION REVIEW, HOPEFULLY, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT CAN GET THROUGH THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY MAKING SURE THAT THE RESOURCES ARE USED WELL. AND THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE FTE, INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION. THIS TRADITIONALLY, WE LOOK, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO SERVE ABOUT 250 ADULTS, 40 YOUTH THROUGH THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION AND, AND LIKE I SAID, IF WE CAN INCREASE THAT, WE WILL, WITHOUT, WITHOUT IMPACTING THE OUTCOMES.

>> GREAT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, WHEN WE DO THE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IN JANUARY, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, THAT THIS WILL BE COVERED UNDER THE COVER OREGON, AND SO IT APPEARS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF FUNDING IN THIS POT.

>> COVER OREGON WILL GET PEOPLE COVERED BY MEDICAID, SO THIS \$2.4 MILLION WILL BE SERVING THAT POPULATION, AND PROBABLY AT THAT POINT, INCREASED, BUT WE CANNOT REALLY PREDICT WHAT THAT INCREASE WILL BE AT THIS POINT.

>> Commissioner Smith: WILL THAT GIVE US A SAVINGS?

>> IT WILL ADD TO THE POT. THE MEDICAID EXPANSION, THE EXPANSION OF PEOPLE HAVING HEALTH CARE THROUGH MEDICAID WILL INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE POT FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. THANK YOU.

>> OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? GREAT. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-3.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS R-3.

>> GOOD MORNING. IT'S STILL DAVID HIDALGO, DIRECTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AND DEVARSHI BAJPAI, ADDICTIONS MANAGER, AND WE ARE JOINED, ALSO, BY PATTY KATZ, THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE PROJECT. AND SHE HAS BEEN A FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF AN EVENT THAT HAS BEEN SPONSORED HERE IN THE REGION AND TAKE PLACE EVERY SEPTEMBER, AND I AM SURE THAT SHE WILL GIVE US DETAILS ON THAT, TOO. WHAT WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT, AND VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU HERE TODAY, IS TO PROCLAIM AND CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER 2013 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN PORTLAND, OREGON, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY. IN THE, AND THE THEME THIS YEAR FOR, FOR, FOR THE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH, IS JOINED, THE VOICES OF RECOVERY, TOGETHER ON A PATHWAY TO WELLNESS. IT'S AN ENGAGING THEME. IT'S ONE WHERE THE JOINING PART MEANS WE CAN ALL SUPPORT PEOPLE IN RECOVERY AND, AND IT ALSO IS JOINING THE VOICES OF INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY FROM, FROM ADDICTIONS DISORDERS, WHICH WE HAVE OBSERVED HISTORICALLY, AND ALSO, INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY FROM, FROM MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. THE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IS A TIME FOR, FOR US TO, TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE LIVING LIVES OF LONG-TERM RECOVERY, AND THE, THE PROVIDERS WHO SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THEIR RECOVERY AND, AND ALSO, A TIME FOR US TO EDUCATE AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW, AND WHAT WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO RECOVERY IS, IS PREVENTION, WORKS, TREATMENT IS EFFECTIVE, AND PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER. SO, WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO DEVARSHI AND PATTY.

>> AGAIN, DEVARSHI BAJPAI, ADDICTION SERVICES MANAGER. ADDICTIONS UNDERLYING THE ISSUES THAT WE ALL DEAL WITH IN THE COUNTY, AND CHILD WELFARE ISSUES, AND CRIME, AND HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE DRIVEN LARGELY A LOT BY ADDICTION. AND WHAT OUR BRAIN RESEARCH IMAGING RESEARCH IS SHOWING OVER THE LAST 10, 15 YEARS, IS THAT ADDICTION REALLY IS A BRAIN DISEASE, A CHRONIC DISEASE AND, AND A CHRONIC DISEASE IS NOT TREATED LIKE A BROKEN ARM, NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE TREATED AND, AND WE SEND PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY HEALED. WHAT A CHRONIC DISEASE REQUIRES IS ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND, AND A LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT THAT, THAT CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SOMEBODY'S LIFETIME. AND THAT'S WHAT THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY IS. WE FUND TREATMENT, AND TREATMENT IS, IS THE BEGINNING OF THAT PROCESS, FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT PEOPLE GO BACK INTO THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY, AND THEY GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY OVER, OVER, BY, BY -- THE REASON THAT THE TREATMENT WORKS IS BECAUSE OF THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY, IT IS THERE, AND IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY AN INVISIBLE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT IS, MAKING SURE THAT THAT IS -- IT'S NOT INVISIBLE ANY MORE, THAT THE RECOVERING PEOPLE ARE IN THE COMMUNITIES, AND THEY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR

ADDICTION SERVICES MANAGERS AND, AND SO, I THINK THAT THAT'S -- THAT'S WHAT WE ARE CELEBRATING HERE, AND THE RECOVERY, THE HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE EVENT IS ONE GREAT EXAMPLE OF THAT. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR -- WELL, I WILL LET PATTY TALK ABOUT THAT SINCE SHE FOUNDED IT, AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

>> THANKS. THANK YOU FOR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY. I AM PATTY KATZ, AND I AM A WOMAN, OH, I ALWAYS GET SO EMOTIONAL AND, AND I'M A WOMAN IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY, WHICH MEANS THAT I HAVE NOT USED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN OVER 13 YEARS AND, AND WHAT THAT'S DONE FOR ME IS BROUGHT MY FAMILY BACK TO MY LIFE, AND KEPT ME OUT OF THE CORRECTIONS SYSTEM AND, AND I STILL GO, BUT I GO TO CARRY A MESSAGE OF HOPE TODAY, AND IT HAS, HAS MADE ME EMPLOYABLE, AND I WORK FOR OREGON ACTION, I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, AND WE PASSED FIVE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THIS YEAR, AND YEAH, AND WITH SOMETHING CALLED OH, HEY. I AM EXCITED TO SAY THAT WE DID A LOT OF WORK THIS YEAR. IT'S MADE ME KNOW THAT THIS IS MY COMMUNITY, AND IF I WANT MY PEOPLE TO COME OUT OF THEIR BOX OF ANONYMITY AND COME FORWARD AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT RECOVERY WORKS AND COMMUNITIES HEAL, THEN I HAVE TO BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO STEP OUT AND SAY, I AM PATTY KATZ, AND I AM A WOMAN IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY. SO HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE, I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN THERE, AND IT'S -- THIS IS OUR 12th YEAR, AND IT STARTED WITH THE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION PROJECT BACK WHEN WE FORMED THE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION PROJECT. A FEW YEARS AGO, LOUISE AND I, WHO STARTED HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE 12 YEARS AGO, WE DEVELOPED OUR OWN 501C3, AND WE WANT HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE TO BE MORE THAN ANY, AN EVENT, BUT TO BE A YEAR LONG PROCESS TEACHING PEOPLE NOW TO COME OUT AND TELL THEIR STORIES AND TALK TO DECISION-MAKERS AND, AND, AND JUST SHARE THE GOOD NEWS. I'M GOING TO READ YOUR MISSION STATEMENT, ON HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE, IT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT BUILDS LEADERS AND ADVOCATES FOR THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY. AND OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE STIGMA OF ADDICTION, WE WILL GIVE A VOICE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY MAY SPEAK OUT ON RECOVERY RELATED ISSUES AND SHARE THEIR STORIES. WE WILL BRING TOGETHER THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION, PEOPLE IN RECOVERY, AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE, AS WE -- FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT CALLED HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TWO WOMEN WHO MADE THE EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL, ONE IS [INAUDIBLE] CARLSEN, AND THE OTHER IS [INAUDIBLE] SWEENEY. THIS YEAR, WE HAD -- THE EVENT WAS AMAZING. WE HAD MORE THAN, THAN 2,300, 2,392 PEOPLE ON THE BRIDGE. THE [INAUDIBLE] FORGOT TO GO ON THE BRIDGE, SO WE DON'T HAVE THE EXACT COUNT THIS YEAR. WE HAD -- ONLY 1,000 OF THE PEOPLE FILLED OUT THE CARDS, BUT OF THOSE 1,000 PEOPLE, WE HAVE 4,279 YEARS OF, OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY WITH FOUR MONTHS AND 12 DAYS. REPRESENTATIVES, MICHAEL AND JENNIFER WERE THERE, AND

SENATOR SHIELDS, ATTENDED OUR EVENT. AND, AND THE GOVERNOR SENT THE RECOVERY MONTH PROCLAMATION, AND WE REGISTERED 4 PEOPLE TO VOTE, AND -- WE HAD 42 PEOPLE TO VOTE, AND WE HAD MANY PEOPLE THAT CAME TO PLAN THIS EVENT, ALL VOLUNTEERS. 60 PEOPLE ON OUR SAFETY TEAM, WE WORK WITH ODOT TO, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A GOOD, SAFE PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO, TO GO ON A BRIDGE, AND WE HAD 32 FOLKS FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND CLARK COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DRUG COURT THAT HELPED US AND, AND, AND AN ADDITIONAL 250 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT, JUST TO BE OF SERVICE. WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE 225 LUNCHESES FOR PEOPLE IN INPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND, AND WE HAD 150 LUNCHESES PROVIDED FOR ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND, AND WE HAD TWO PLANNING PARTNERS, IT'S GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER. ONE WAS PHOENIX RISING TRANSITION AND THE OTHER WAS IRON TRIBE. AND THE RED CROSS CAME THIS YEAR AND, AND WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A BLOOD DRIVE DURING THE EVENT. 20 ORGANIZATIONS GAVE BETWEEN \$200 AND \$35,000 FOR OUR EVENT. AND ACCESS TO RECOVERY GAVE US MONEY TO PLAN AN EVENT. WE'RE HAVING A PLANNING MEETING THIS MONTH ON THE 28th, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO. AND I HAVE SOME FLYERS THAT I MADE LAST NIGHT, AND THERE IS A TYPO, BUT I WAS TIRED. AND WE BOUGHT THE RIGHTS ON THIS YEAR -- I'M ALSO, I'M YOUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR FACES AND, AND, FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY. I AM, I REPRESENT THE REGION, OR THE FRONTIER REGION, WHICH IS OREGON, WASHINGTON, ALASKA AND, AND IDAHO. AND, AND SO, HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE PROJECT BOUGHT THE RIGHTS TO SHOW A VIDEO, A FILM CALLED THE ANONYMOUS PEOPLE, AND IT'S ABOUT A RECOVERY MOVEMENT WHERE PEOPLE -- THERE IS 23 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT ARE IN RECOVERY, AND WE'RE TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO STAND UP OUT OF THEIR BOX OF ANONYMITY AND COME FORTH TO GIVE THE VOICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU COULD IMAGINE, IF 23 MILLION OF US WERE TO STAND UP AND, IN ONE VOICE WITH ONE MESSAGE AND ONE VOTE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE A FEW THINGS. I BELIEVE THAT, THAT AS, AS A RECOVERING PERSON, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO, TO, TO VOTE AND, AND TO, TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD. I WANT TO THANK MULTNOMAH COUNTY BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY TO COME AND HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD. THE FIRST TIME I WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, WAS WHEN COMMISSIONER CRUZ WAS, WAS -- HAD THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL WORKING GROUP AND, AND I WAS THE VOICE OF RECOVERY, AND THAT WAS BACK IN 2000, AND IT JUST GAVE ME A PLACE AT THE TABLE. I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO SHARE WITH YOU, AND I BROUGHT THE RECOVERY BILL OF RIGHTS, AND AS I WAS READING IT, I WAS GOING TO READ IT TO YOU GUYS THIS MORNING, AND I WENT, HOLY COW, MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALREADY DOES THAT, SO, AT SOME POINT, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO READ THIS AND, AND, AND MAYBE ADOPT IT, IT INTO OUR, OUR -- INTO OUR COUNTY. I BROUGHT AN ISSUE BRIEF FROM, FROM, FROM THE BOARD OF, OF, OR FROM THE FACE

AND IS VOICES OF RECOVERY, AND ABOUT, ABOUT ADDICTION RECOVERY, AND SO, I HAVE INFORMATION HERE FOR YOU. I MADE SOME FLYERS LAST NIGHT TO INVITE YOU TO, TO A COUPLE OF EVENTS FOR THE ANONYMOUS PEOPLE, AND IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE IF YOU WERE TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND MAYBE SHOW THE FILM IN THIS ROOM FOR, FOR, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND, AND WE HAVE THE, THE CINEMA 21 IS GIVING US THE THEATER ON THE 29th, WHICH IS THE SUNDAY AT 7:00. THIS IS A FACILITATED FILM AND, AND THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AFTERWARDS, AND ON THE 28th OF THIS MONTH, WHERE I WORK, AT 126 NORTHEAST ALBERTA IN THE OLD MALLORY AVENUE CHURCH, WE'RE HAVING AN ALL-DAY PLANNING SESSION BECAUSE THE ACCESS TO RECOVERY IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON WANTS US TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND PUT ON THE BIGGEST RECOVERY CONFERENCE. THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND I BROUGHT YOU EACH A, A COPY OF OUR PROGRAM FOR HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE, AND IT SHOWS A LIST OF THE SPONSORS. WE DO THIS ALL FOR FUN AND FOR FREE. THIS IS WHAT I DO AFTER WORK. AND IT'S GETTING TO BE A BIG JOB. WE HAD, WE HAD, WE HAD, WITH THE ARTS FEST, WE HAD MORE THAN, THAN 3,000 PEOPLE IN TOTAL, TOTAL ATTENDANCE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH, AND IT WAS REALLY A, A GOOD THING THIS YEAR AND, AND I JOINED THE, THE VOICES OF RECOVERY TOGETHER ON PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS, AND I THINK THAT, THAT WELLNESS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO AS A COMMUNITY. IT'S TREATMENT HAPPENS IN A BUILDING, AND RECOVERY HAPPENS IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO, TO CATCH PEOPLE WHEN THEY COME OUT OF TREATMENT AND BRING THEM TO RECOVERY BECAUSE PEOPLE DIE IN, IN THE DISEASE, YOU KNOW. EVERY YEAR SOME PEOPLE DIE IN THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION, AND IT BREAKS MY HEART BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THAT WAY. THANK YOU.

>> PATTY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR, FOR YOUR INSPIRING STORY, YOUR VOICE, AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IS ABOUT, IS SPREADING INFORMATION, HELPING EDUCATE, BRINGING EVENTS FORWARD SO WE CAN ALL JOIN AND SUPPORT PEOPLE IN RECOVERY IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND IF YOU ARE WILLING, WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO THE PROCLAMATION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Smith: YES.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE US TO READ IT OR WOULD ONE OF YOU LIKE TO READ IT?

>> WHY DON'T YOU READ IT, DAVID.

>> OK. DEVARSHI. [LAUGHTER]

>> HE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE. PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2013, NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF DRUG USE AND HEALTH, 9.15% OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH DRUG ABUSE AND/OR ADDICTION. THAT TRANSLATES TO 50,000 RESIDENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ALCOHOL, GIVEN THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE HEALTH PROBLEM ACROSS THE NATION, WE JUST REACH MILLIONS MORE WHO NEED HELP. AND, AND UNTREATED ADDICTION DEVASTATES THE MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT, HOWEVER WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT AND ONGOING SUPPORT, PEOPLE CAN RECOVER AND LEAD A MORE PRODUCTIVE AND FULFILLING LIFE, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ADDING TO THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY. AND AS PEOPLE SHARE STORIES AND CELEBRATE THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF RECOVERY, THEY INSPIRE OTHERS TO ASK FOR HELP, AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WE ARE EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY HOW IT AFFECTS ALL, INCLUDING PUBLIC OFFICIALS, OLDER ADULTS AND FAMILIES. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO COMBAT MISCONCEPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ADDICTIONS. AND THROUGH, EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT WE CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013, IS PROCLAIMED TO BE NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, WE INVITE ALL RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR RECOVERY MONTH, JOIN THE VOICES OF RECOVERY TOGETHER ON PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS.

>> THANK YOU. I AM SURE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME BOARD COMMENTS, OR QUESTIONS NOW. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY?

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. I WANTED TO THANK YOU, PATTY. I CAN SEE WHY YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AS THE VOICE AND FACE OF RECOVERY BECAUSE YOUR ENERGY AND YOUR COMMITMENT IS SO CONTAGIOUS, AND YOUR -- YOU JUST RADIATE POSITIVENESS, AND I CAN SEE WHY PEOPLE WANT TO BE AROUND YOU, SO THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO SHOW THE FACE AND VOICE OF RECOVERY. THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD TODAY, AND DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR BEING EMOTIONAL. WE OFTEN GET EMOTIONAL BECAUSE THE ISSUES WE DEAL WITH ARE REALLY IMPORTANT AND TOUCH

PEOPLE'S LIVES IN A WAY THAT, THAT OTHER ISSUES DON'T, SO, DON'T APOLOGIZE. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 13ERS I DO, THAT'S HUGE. I THINK THAT YOU ARE A REMINDER OF WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE GET COMMITTED AND DEDICATED TO SOMETHING, SO, THAT'S A BIG DEAL. I KNOW THAT, THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO GET HEALTHY AND STEP AWAY FROM THEIR ADDICTION. IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS WHAT YOU COMMITTED YOURSELF TO DO. AND, AND I BELIEVE WHEN WE HELP PEOPLE COMPLETE TREATMENT AND, AND STAY SOBER, THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND HAVE HEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITIES AND, AND, AND BE ABLE TO, JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SAID, BE A BRIGHT LIGHT, AND YES, DO NOT APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. YOU ARE GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ADD MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR, FOR HIGHLIGHTING THIS, THIS MONTH'S NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH AND, AND, AND, YOU KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE HUGE, AND I SEE THEM GETTING BIGGER AND, AND, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO, AND HOW WE CAN AFFECT THIS ISSUE HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND, AND, AND PATTY, THANK YOU, YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION. IT'S GREAT, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE, AND SHARING THE GOOD NEWS. I ALWAYS LIKE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. IT'S ALWAYS A GIFT TO US TO, TO, TO GET TO WITNESSED THE COURAGE OF, OF RECOVERY AND, AND YOUR BRAVERY JUST STANDS OUT, AND THERE ALSO IS THE ANONYMOUS BRAVERY OF, OF PEOPLE WHO, WHO HAVE, HAVE STEPPED INTO THIS, THE SAME PATH AND, AND ARE QUIETLY SUCCEEDING, AS WELL, AND SO WE'RE ALSO GIFTED TO BE IN A COMMUNITY WITH THEM, AND IT MAKES THAT \$2.4 MILLION ALL THE MORE RICH. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> R-4.

>>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> MARY LEE, COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, AND I'M HERE TO DO A VERY BRIEF INTRO FOR A PRESENTATION THAT I AM SO THRILLED YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS MORNING AND, AND ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF ONE OF OUR PARTNERS WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE, THE LATINO NETWORK, AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A, A BRIEF MOMENT TO, TO REMIND ALL OF US ABOUT THE, THE COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE AND, AND WHAT I THINK IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT, ABOUT THE COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE. WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK INSIDE THIS COUNTY TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW AND WHERE AND WHY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN GANG, IN GANGS, AND IN GANG ACTIVITY AND BEHAVIOR, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE COME TO A GREAT LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MANY ASPECTS OF THAT. THUS, WE TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A BALANCED APPROACH OF, OF PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND SUPPRESSION, AND YOU HAVE HEARD MANY, MANY PRESENTATIONS OVER THE, THE YEARS ABOUT EACH ASPECT OF THAT. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE FACE OF SOMETIMES THE, THE PRESENT VIOLENCE, THE PREVENTION AND REALLY CAN GET LOST IN THIS CONVERSATION. SO, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO HEAR IS, IS A REPRESENTATION OF A COLLABORATION BETWEEN AND AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, AND OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS, ONE OF WHOM IS HERE WITH YOU TODAY, AND THE LATINO NETWORK AND, AND WE WORK TO, TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT, THAT, THAT CAUSE GANGS TO EXIST, AND CAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TURN TO GANGS TO GET THEIR NEEDS MET, AND, IN A VARIETY OF DOMAINS, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THESE, BUT WE TRY TO LOOK HOLISTICALLY AT THE COMMUNITY, AT HOME AND FAMILY, AND AT HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND SPIRITUALITY, AND EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. THE FOCUS OF THE CHAI, COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE, ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ON CURRENT SUPERVISION, AND WITH THE, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, AND THIS IS VERY CRITICAL BECAUSE THESE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST DEEPLY INVOLVED AND, AND MOST DEEPLY ENGAGED, AND IN MOST CASES, ARE LACKING THE MOST NEEDED ELEMENTS OF THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT THE HEALING PART IS MEANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT. I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS MODEL IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED MODEL BASED ON WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF, OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, AND ON LOOKING AT THE CRIMINAL FACTORS AND THE WORK AND PARTICULARLY OF DAVID KENNEDY AND HOW DO YOU REPAIR THE FABRIC OF COMMUNITIES. WHAT I THINK IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS IS THAT RESEARCH OR EVIDENCE, REALLY, IS SORT OF A BASIS, AND WHAT WE HAVE FOUND IS THAT IN EACH COMMUNITY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THE LATINO COMMUNITY, AND THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, YOU MUST TAKE THAT BASE ANALYSIS

AND PUT IT DEEPLY INTO THE CONTEXT OF THE CULTURAL VALUES AND NORMS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH WHOM WE ARE INTERACTING. SO NOT ONLY ARE WE PURCHASING AND INVESTING IN SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT, YOU ARE ALSO SUPPORTING WHAT I THINK IS VERY CUTTING EDGE WORK INTO WHAT DOES TRUE CULTURAL COMPETENT AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC WORK LOOK LIKE, NOT ONLY FOR HERE, BUT I THINK, REALLY, AS A MODEL THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND THE COUNTRY. SO, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE GETTING A TWO-FER. INCREDIBLE SERVICE AND IS THIS REALLY IMPORTANT CUTTING EDGE WORK THAT'S HELPING TO PROMOTE THIS UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURAL SPECIFIC SERVICES AND, AND VALUES AND NORMS. SO, I'M SO HAPPY YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HEAR THAT WITH THAT AND, AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO, TO CARMEN RUBIO, A TREMENDOUS PARTNER HERE WITH US AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LATINO NETWORK.

>> GOOD MORNING. THE VICE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY, AND WE'RE SO, SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR WORK IN THIS PROJECT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR CULTURAL APPROACH WITH YOU, AS WELL AS SHARING SOME OF THE INSPIRING STORIES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THIS WORK OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. SO, VERY BRIEFLY I WILL GO THROUGH WHAT, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO FOR YOU TODAY. MYSELF AND RUMA, A PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WILL BRIEFLY PROVIDE CONTRACTS ABOUT HOW WE CAME UP WITH THE MODEL AND WHAT THE PROFILE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE WORK WITH, WHAT THAT IS, AND THEN WE WILL TURN IT OVER TO, TO [INAUDIBLE], WHO ARE THE CONSULTANTS AND MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS ON MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES HERE, AND IS THE LEADING EXPERT IN THIS AREA LOCALLY. SO, WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE TO BE, TO BE A STRONG PARTNER WITH THEM. SO, STARTING OFF, LOOKING AT OUR MODEL, THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF, OF A TEAM OF FOLKS WHO HAVE LONG SERVED THE COMMUNITY. NOW, WE ARE EMBARKING INTO OUR NINTH YEAR OF WORKING IN THIS, THIS -- WORKING WITH HIGH-RISK YOUTH AND GANG YOUTH. IT IS INCREDIBLY REWARDING, AND WE'RE LEARNING A LOT AS WE GO. WE HAVE EXCELLENT EXPERTS ON THE INSIDE WHO WORK WITH US, WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CULTURE AND, AND OF, OF, OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, THE, THE NEW EMERGING CULTURE OF, OF, OF YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN GANGS IN THE NORTHWEST, WHICH IS PRETTY UNIQUE TO THIS REGION, WHICH WE'LL HEAR ABOUT IN A BIT, AND ALSO, WE HAVE TRUSTED NETWORKS, WE'RE SEEN AS A TRUSTED PARTNER AND, AND, AND WE HAVE FOLKS WHO, WHO ARE READY TO ENGAGE WITH US BECAUSE OF THE DEEP RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE. SO, YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. AND VERY BRIEFLY, OUR CHAI TEAM IS COMPRISED OF RUMA PEREZ, TO MY LEFT, AND [INAUDIBLE], WHO IS ONE OF THE CARE MANAGERS ON THIS PROJECT, AND RUBEN NUNEZ, A CONTRACTOR TO THIS PROJECT, AND ALSO, BRINGS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, AND YOLANDA GONZALES, TO MY RIGHT, AND, OF

COURSE, [INAUDIBLE], WHO IS ALSO A LONG-TIME STAFF DIRECTOR AT LATINO NETWORK. WE HAVE A TEAM OF FOLKS WHO REALLY DUG DOWN AND WORKED TOGETHER WITH DCJ AND DCHS TO REALLY EMBODY THE MODEL OF, OF CHI. THIS -- WITH OUR MODEL OF CHI. SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO RUMA TO GIVE A PROFILE AND THEN OVER TO OUR TEAM HERE.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> YOU CAN HEAR ME. I CANNOT TELL IF IT'S ON OR NOT. GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR, FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY. I AM RUMA PEREZ, THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR OUR CHI PROGRAM. I HAVE A HANDOUT, AND I AM ASKING IF IT'S OK IF, IF I WALK FORWARD AND GIVE IT TO YOU?

>> SURE.

>> OK.

>> THE HANDOUTS, IT IS A MAP, AND IT OUTLINES WHERE THE FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE LIVE, ALL THE PINS ON THE MAP, AND IT, BASICALLY, STATES THAT, THAT THEY ARE IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MOST OF THEM, AND ON THE BACK, IS, IS A BRIEF PROFILE OF THE, OF THE, OF THE FAMILIES WE WORK WITH. WE HAVE TWO CARE MANAGERS, AND WE SERVE APPROXIMATELY 30 YOUTH THAT ARE REFERRED TO AS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ALSO WORK WITH OUR FAMILIES AND, AND ON ANY GIVEN MONTH WE WORK, INCLUDING FAMILIES WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT'S TWO CARE MANAGERS. THE YOUTH THAT ARE REFERRED TO US, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, ARE ASSESSED AND EVALUATED AND, AND CONSIDERING RISK FACTORS IN THEIR LIVES. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO EITHER BE LOW, MEDIUM, OR HIGH RISK. AND WE WORKED WITH THE HIGHEST RISK YOUTH, GANG INVOLVED YOUTH IN THE, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. OUR FAMILIES, THE MAJORITY OF THEM, ARE OF MEXICAN ORIGIN AND, AND THEY ARE RECENT IMMIGRANTS OR FIRST GENERATION IN THIS COUNTRY. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF FAMILIES THAT ARE REFERRED TO US ARE, ARE IN A HIGH RISK OF BEING HOMELESS, OR IN EXTREME POVERTY SITUATION WHEN THEY COME TO US. THE YOUTH THAT, THAT ARE, THE TRI-YOUTH, GANG INVOLVED, ARE FIRST GENERATION, AND THIS IS DIFFERENT VERSUS OTHER LARGE CITIES THAT HAVE LATINO POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTRY LIKE L.A. AND SAN ANTONIO AND CHICAGO. SO, THAT'S UNIQUE TO OUR, TO OUR COMMUNITY HERE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY LATINOS, REPRESENT 11% OF OUR POPULATION IN THE COUNTY, AND 26.9% OF THIS POPULATION LIVE IN POVERTY. THAT'S JUST A SNAPSHOT THEN.

>> SO, NOW, WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO, TO YOLANDA.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, I'M YOLANDA GONZALES, AND I'M, I'M JUST GOING TO, TO DIVE INTO OUR PRESENTATION. IN DEVELOPING OUR MODEL, WE DECIDED TO UNDERSTAND THE ROOT CAUSES OF WHY YOUNG LATINOS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE BEING GANG AFFECTED AND, AND INVOLVED. WE IDENTIFIED THESE FIVE CHALLENGES AND CAUSES FOR, FOR, FOR THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE REASON OF BEING INVOLVED, BEING CHALLENGES OF POVERTY, AND VISIBILITY, IMMIGRATION, AND DOCUMENTATION BARRIERS, AND EXPERIENCES OF RACISM, OF CULTURE BARRIERS AND LACK OF SOCIAL CONTROL, AND WE ELABORATE ON EACH CAUSE INDIVIDUALLY. THE CHALLENGES OF POVERTY, THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE CHALLENGES THAT I'M ABOUT TO SPEAK ON, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT OUR FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE ARE, ARE RESILIENT AND CARRY A STRONG SENSE OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY. I JUST WANT TO PREFACE THAT. AND, AND WITH THAT SAID, MANY OF OUR FAMILIES FACE CHALLENGES OF POVERTY, WHICH LEADS THEM TO LIVING IN CONSTANT SURVIVAL MODE, WORKING MULTIPLE JOBS, WHICH KEEPS THEM OUT OF THE HOMES AND NOT BEING ABLE TO BE PRESENT FOR THEIR CHILDREN. WITH VERY LITTLE HOPE OF GETTING OUT OF POVERTY. THIS IS COMPOUNDED BY THE LACK OF FORMAL EDUCATION. IMMIGRATION BARRIERS AND RESULTS OF ECONOMIC ISOLATION, AND RESOURCES TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE NEXT CAUSE, ROOT CAUSE IS THE INVISIBILITY FACTOR, THE IMMIGRATION AND DOCUMENTATION BARRIERS, AND CURRENT IMMIGRATION POLICY. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES, IT CAUSES US TO NOT ONLY LIVE IN FEAR, BUT TO SEEK INVISIBILITY. THE SENSE OF DISTRUST THAT COMES WITH EXPOSURE OF DEPORTATION AND SEPARATION OF FAMILIES, WHICH IS A RESULT OF, OF OFTENTIMES DEPORTATION AND, AND CREATES A FEAR, AND STOPS OUR FAMILIES FROM ENGAGING IN SERVICES, REPORTING CRIMES, OR SPEAKING OUT FOR INJUSTICES. TO MANY OF OUR FAMILIES, ANY SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT, ANY AGENCY, ANY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, ANY FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE IS SEEN AND MATCHED WITH THIS IDEA OF, OF BEING EXPOSED, AND IT INCREASES THEIR FEAR OF DEPORTATION, AND THEN INCREASES THIS NEED FOR INVISIBILITY. THERE IS WHOLE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE IN AN ENCLAVE OF HIDING THAT WE FIND. ANOTHER ROOT CAUSE, IS THE EXPERIENCES OF RACISM. OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES ARE CONSTANTLY EXPOSED TO RACISM. BOTH ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND AN INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL. IT LEADS THEM TO FEELING VERY, VERY VISIBLE, LET ME START THAT OVER, WHICH IS VISIBLE WHEN THE COMMUNITIES, I JUST SPOKE ON, ARE LIVING IN INVISIBLE ENCLAVES. THEY SEE THESE RACISM EXPOSURES OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND BEING PLAYED OUT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, THE INCREASES, IT INCREASES THEIR NEED TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND STAY IN THOSE

ENCLAVES WHERE THEY FEEL SAFE. I HAVE EXAMPLES, BUT I'M NOT SURE IF WE COULD GO OVER THOSE. I HAVE EXAMPLES OF BOTH INSTITUTIONAL, FAMILIAL AND INDIVIDUAL RACISM THAT ARE A COMMUNITY'S EXPERIENCE, WITH AN OVERREPRESENTATION OF THE LATINO YOUTH AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, THE HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUT RATES, POOR HEALTH AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES, AND A SHORTAGE OF APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SERVE THE LATINO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND THE LACK OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND AVAILABLE ACCESS TO LATINO FAMILIES, SPECIFICALLY, POST-HIGH SCHOOL WITH DOCUMENTATION, WHICH THERE IS SOME EXCITING STUFF HAPPENING THERE. AND FOR SOME PEOPLE. AND ADDITIONALLY, PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE SUBJECTED TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES OF RACISM. DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE, AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, AND INABILITY TO FIND HOUSING -- HOUSING DUE TO DOCUMENTATION BARRIERS, AND BEING JUST THE CONSTANT EVERY DAY FEELING OF BEING IGNORED, INVISIBLE, UNEDUCATED, AND JUST NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE. FINALLY, OUR YOUTH EXPERIENCE, EXPERIENCE RACISM, AND THE ATTITUDES AND PERCEPTIONS OF TEACHERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE RACIALLY PROFILING THEM, IN WAYS THAT THEY ARE REPRESENTED IN THE MEDIA, NOT HAVING POSITIVE OUTLETS OR REPRESENTATION OF THEIR CULTURE AND, AND IN THE MEDIA. AND JUST CONSTANT LIKE EVERY DAY LIKE GOING INTO THE STORE AND FEELING LIKE THEY ARE SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE THEY ARE WHO THEY ARE AND, AND JUST, I JUST HEARD A STORY SOME OF OUR BOYS GOT ASKED IF THEY COULD CHECK THEIR CAR IN, AND THE BACKPACKS BECAUSE THEY LOOKED SUSPICIOUS. ALL OF THIS, I DID HAVE A NOTE. OVER TIME, ALL OF THAT, I JUST SAID, BECOMES THIS COLLECTION OF RAGE AND INJUSTICE, AND THAT ARE, THEY ARE SEEN AS -- THERE IS A SENSE LIKE ANYONE WOULD FEEL A NEED FOR REVENGE OR VIOLENCE OR TO ACT OUT BECAUSE THEY ARE FEELING LIKE THEY ARE BEING ATTACKED. THE ISSUE OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS PLAYS OUT FOR OUR FAMILIES IN MANY WAYS, AND BECOMES A PART OF THE, AND BECOMES APPARENT AS THE MAJORITY OF THE LATINO CHI FAMILIES ARE MADE UP OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS, WITH U.S.-BORN OR, OR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN, FIRST GENERATION CHILDREN. PARENTS OFTEN FEEL DISEMPOWERED DUE TO THEIR CHILDREN'S ABILITY TO SPEAK WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. AND OFTEN, FOR SURVIVAL REASONS THE CHILDREN BECOME THE INTERPRETER OR THE NAVIGATOR OF THE FAMILY. THAT, IN TURN, CREATES AN INTERGENERATIONAL POWER SHIFT, WHICH UNDERMINES THE PARENTAL ROLES, AUTHORITY, AND OVERALL BREAKS DOWN THE LATINO CULTURAL VALUES, WHICH WE'LL HEAR ABOUT LATER. PARENTS EXPERIENCE FURTHER DISEMPOWERMENT IN THEIR ROLES AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, AND WITH THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE OR, OR ATTAIN A JOB NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. THESE DYNAMICS LEAD MANY YOUTH TO FEELING A SHAME OF THEIR PARENTS AND UNDERMINING THE PARENTAL AUTHORITY. LASTLY, A YOUTH, THE YOUTH FIND THEMSELVES LIVING IN BETWEEN TWO CULTURES. MOVING FROM HOME CULTURE TO MAINSTREAM

AND BACK AND FORTH, AND NEVER REALLY, REALLY FINDING A PLACE WHERE THEY FEEL ACCEPTED. LASTLY, IN THE FINDING, IN DEFINING THE ROAD CAUSES, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE LACK OF PUBLIC SOCIAL CONTROL OUR FAMILIES EXPERIENCE. WITH EXPERIENCES OF COMMUNITY DISORGANIZATION, AND LIMITED PUBLIC SOCIAL CONTROL, MANY OF THE FAMILIES LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A LACK OF COMMUNITY ASSETS, SUCH AS FAMILY PAYING WAGES, AND FAMILY WAGE JOBS, AND PARKS, AND HEALTHY FOOD AND THAT IS PAIRED WITH THE HIGH RATE OF CRIME, VIOLENCE, AND THAT THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOLS THEY ARE STRUGGLING SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY. THIS DEGREE OF COMMUNITY DISORGANIZATION, ALONG WITH LIMITED PUBLIC SOCIAL CONTROL, CONTRIBUTES TO THE FURTHEST SIGNS OF POWERLESSNESSES AND DISTRUST. THE INABILITY TO INFLUENCE THEIR ENVIRONMENT, AND THE SYSTEM THAT DOMINATES THEIR, THEIR LIVES COMPROMISES THEIR SENSE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND SELF DETERMINATION. ALL OF THIS COMPOUNDED, INCREASES THEIR LACK OF ACCESS TO CONTROL OVER THEIR COMMUNITIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUDICIAL SYSTEMS, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMY RESULTS. WHAT THESE EXPERIENCES, THE FAMILIES INCREASE THEIR SENSE OF POWERLESSNESSES AND REITERATES THE IDEA THAT THEY INTERNALIZED THAT, THAT THE NEED TO MAINTAIN ISOLATED AND INVISIBLE AND, AND THE INABILITY TO SPEAK OUT IS, IS, IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL.

>>> I AM THE DIRECTOR FOR THIS. AND WE ARE [INAUDIBLE] AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODEL. SO, MY VOW IS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT, ABOUT THE CULTURE AND, AND HOW WE SEE THE, THE YOUNG LATINO CULTURE BEING INFLUENCED BY THE LATINO VALUES, THEMSELVES, AND ALL THESE FACTORS THAT YOLANDA EXPLAIN, HOW WE, WE EXPLAIN THE SOCIAL FACTORS, HOW THEY ARE IMPACTING THE YOUTH AND THE FAMILIES THAT ARE, ARE ACTIVELY IN THE GANG ACTIVITIES, OR, OR AFFECTED BY GANG ACTIVITIES. SO, WE SEE THE, THAT THEY, THEY -- THE MAJORITY, AS YOU HEARD, FROM RUMA, THE FAMILIES ARE IMMIGRANTS. AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM, SO THE, STAYING THE MAIN CULTURE OF VALUES OF THE LATINO CULTURE, OF THE TRADITIONAL VALUES, AND THEY - - SO WE WANT TO, TO, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE HELP THEM, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY SEE THE WORLD. SO, WE WANT TO, TO TRY TO FIND THEM ON ALL OF US, WHAT ARE THOSE VALUES IN THE LATINO CULTURE THAT WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT AND ARE IMPACTING THE WORK WE DO WITH THE FAMILIES. SO, HERE, WE ARE PRESENTING THAT TO YOU. WE ARE LATINOS SO WE LIVE THIS IN OUR SKIN, AND IT'S HARD TO SOMETIMES EXPLAIN THE THINGS THAT, THAT YOU LIVE EVERY DAY. ONE OF THE VALUES OF THE LATINO CULTURE IS A SENSE OF [INAUDIBLE]. SOME OF THESE ARE STATED IN SPANISH BECAUSE THEY ARE HARD TO TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH, SO, WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT IN THE FIRST MOMENT OF MEETING SOMEBODY, WE NEED TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT. WHEN WE REFER PEOPLE TO, TO SOMEBODY, THE ORGANIZATION, WE ALWAYS REFER

TO [INAUDIBLE]. THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION, NOT A PERSON, THAT IS GOING TO SEE, OH, YOLANDA, CAN YOU TALK TO ME, SO THEN THAT IS ONE OF THE VALUES THAT WE VERY MUCH ARE AWARE, THAT WE HAVE TO BE IN OUR PROTOCOL OF HOW WE DO THE WORK, THAT WE MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THIS, WITH THE FAMILIES. SO, AND YOU WILL HEAR -- IT'S LIKE WE WANT TO TELL MANY STORIES, BUT WE CAN'T BECAUSE THE REAL PEOPLE WHO DO THE WORK HAVE THEIR STORIES AND THEY WILL TELL YOU, SO I WILL GO THROUGH THE CONCEPT, AND THEY ARE GOING TO TELL YOU THE STORIES. SO, THAT'S IMPORTANT, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR THAT IN THEIR STORIES OF OUR SPECIFIC KIDS, SO, FAMILIES, WE KNOW THAT EVERY CULTURE, FAMILY IS IMPORTANT. WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN, FOR THE LATINO FAMILIES IS THAT THE IDENTITY, HOW WE DEFINE IDENTITY IN OURSELVES, IS BASED ON, ON FAMILIES, SO I AM MY FAMILY, I AM NOT ME. IT IS DIFFERENT IN THE MAINSTREAM CULTURE, THAT, THAT THERE IS A SENSE OF, OF INDEPENDENCE, PARENTS INVITE INDEPENDENCE IN THE CHILDREN, AND YES, THEY ARE PART OF A FAMILY, AND YES, THE FAMILY IS IMPORTANT, AND THERE IS A SENSE THAT, THAT WE SEE IT IN OUR FAMILIES THAT ANYTHING THAT I DO, DISHONOR OUR FAMILY, AND WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THAT WHEN WE ARE WORKING WITH THE KIDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO REUNITE FAMILIES. YOU HAVE HEARD THIS ABOUT MANY OTHER CULTURES AT WORK, AND IN A MORE SOCIAL CONTEXT, IS THAT WE, WE LOOK AT, AT -- WE LOOK AT IT AS PART OF HOW DO I RESPECT THE ELDER? SO, THERE IS A LOT OF FAMILY DYNAMICS, THAT ARE COMPLICATED WHEN THE CONCEPT IS -- THE RESPECT IS BEING BROKEN AND, AND IT TALKS ABOUT HOW WE WORK THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN. IT IS DIFFERENT IN THE WAY THAT, THAT THE VALUES ARE SEEN IN THE MAINSTREAM CULTURE, AS SOMETHING YOU OFFER AND MORE OF A SELF AND EQUAL LEVEL, YOU KNOW. THE PARENTS RESPECT KIDS, AND IN OUR CULTURE, PARENTS SAY, YOU RESPECT ME. SO, THERE IS NOT NECESSARILY THE OTHER WAY AROUND. SO, WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS, OF THE VALUES BECAUSE WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY ARE SITTING IN THIS CONTINUUM, SO THAT WE CAN JOIN THEM WELL IN HOW THEY ARE FUNCTIONING. SO, THE ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN ARE, ARE DEFINED BY THIS, THIS CULTURE OF INFLUENCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND OUR CULTURE, AND, YOU KNOW, WE GENERALLY SEE, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE THIS IN THE FAMILIES, THAT WOMEN ARE MORE THE PROTECTOR OF THE KIDS AND MEN ARE MORE THE PROVIDERS, SO THEY DON'T GET MUCH INVOLVED IN THE SERVICES, AND THEY ARE THE PARENT, THE FATHER, BUT WE UNDERSTAND, WITH OTHER VALUES, HOW TO ENGAGE THEM IN, INTO THE, THE, BRINGING THE SERVICES, BRINGING THEM INTO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE FAMILY, AND THIS IS AN INTERESTING ONE. WE HEAR A LOT OF PROVIDERS TALKING ABOUT, THE FAMILY MAY SAY YES, YES, I AGREE WITH YOU, AND IT'S FINE, AND THEY DON'T REALLY DO ANYTHING. THERE IS A VALUE, THERE IS AN INTEREST, SOMETHING IMPORTANT BEHIND THIS, AND WHAT WE DO, WE CONNECT WITH WHAT'S IMPORTANT, AND INSTEAD OF, OF, WE, WE ARE JUDGING, BUT THEY ARE NOT

FOLLOWING SO WHAT IS IMPORTANT HERE IS THAT, IS THAT WE VALUE, NOT CONFLICT, WE WANT TO ALL BE OK. SO, SO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE OK. SO, WE HAVE A WAY TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO TALK ABOUT THIS, AND WITHOUT JUDGING, WITHOUT BEING APOLOGIZING, TO ANY FAMILY. AND THE, THE SPIRITUALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND TYPICALLY IN OUR LATINO FAMILIES. SO, BUT, THERE IS, YOU KNOW, GOOD AND IS BAD, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE FAMILIES ARE BECAUSE SOMETIMES, THEY GIVE TOO MUCH POWER TO, TO GOD, AND THERE IS LESS ENGAGEMENT INTO HAVING THE FEELING, I CAN MAKE A CHANGE SO WE NEED TO EVALUATE THAT, AND WE EMBRACE THE EMPOWERMENT OF THAT SPIRITUALITY, AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE EMBRACE THE EMPOWERMENT OF THEMSELVES. SO, THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND SO, WHEN WE LOOK AT, AGAIN, THE, THE GAME, HOW WE UNDERSTAND THE, THE, HOW THE LATINO FAMILIES, SOME FAMILIES GET INVOLVED IN GANGS AND, AND AS YOU HEARD FROM YOLANDA, THIS EMPOWERMENT, THE FAMILIES, THE FAMILIES FEEL IT IS THAT THEY HAVE TO EMBRACE, IT'S REALLY, UM, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY OF SURVIVAL. THAT'S HOW WE WANT TO SEE IT. WE DON'T WANT TO [INAUDIBLE] THESE BEHAVIORS EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW IT IS HURTFUL, BUT THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN CREATE TRUST IN THE FAMILIES. WE JUDGE THAT. WE SEE IT AS, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE LEADING LEVELS OF COMPLEX TRAUMA. THEY HAVE THIS COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THIS EMPOWERMENT AND, AND THIS WAS, ACTUALLY, BROKEN, THE TRADITION OF THE ROLES WERE BROKEN, SO, WE ARRIVE AT FAMILIES THAT ARE VERY, VERY VERY, VERY -- VERY DISMANTLED, AND THE ISSUE OF THE PARENTS, AND THEY HAVE ANY POWER, AND HOW DO WE WORK WITH THE FAMILIES, AND THE, THE YOUNG MAN AND THE YOUNG KIDS IN THE FAMILY, INCLUDING THE GIRLS, THEY ALSO FEEL LIKE OK, HOW DO I FEEL, HOW DO I HELP MY FAMILY? AND IT IS COOL, THEY ARE TRYING TO FIND JOBS, AND IT IS EASIER TO GET DRUG DEALING, TO GET MONEY INTO THE FAMILY THAN IT IS TO, TO GO AND, YOU KNOW, TO WORK AT THE GAS STATION, SO, WE UNDERSTAND THE THINGS, AND ESPECIALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THE RAGE. THERE IS A HUGE RAGE TO ALL OF THESE INJUSTICES, BUT NOT JUST HERE, BUT FROM THE HISTORY AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM BEHIND, AND SO, WE SAY, GANG OFFERED THIS BUT THE GANG IS STRUCTURED, THEY OFFER PROTECTION, AND THEY OFFER VALIDATION, AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AND, AND THE BELONGING TO A SENSE OF BEING STRONG BECAUSE WE CAN BE VIOLENT. AND, AND BUT, ALSO, OFFERS FAMILY AND RESPECT AND SECURITY, AND SO, THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE, WE -- HOW DO WE OFFER THAT IN A WAY WITHOUT THE CRIMINAL AND VIOLENT BEHAVIORS? SO WE UNDERSTAND THE LATINO CULTURE IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE VALUES. THEY FEEL AND, AND, AND THE DISRUPTION OF, OF THE FAMILY, AND, YOU KNOW, AS WE SAY, THEY BECOME THEIR FAMILY, AND THEY BECOME THE, THE, THE ELDERS BECOME THEIR AUTHORITIES, OR THEY HAVE TO RESPECT, AND THEY FEEL THAT, THAT PRIDE IN THE GANG ACTIVITY, THEY FEEL THE LOYALTY TO THE GANG MEMBERS, AND THEY ALSO -- THERE IS A LOT OF EQUALITY IN THE GANG CULTURE, THE LATINO CULTURE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO,

THIS IS HOW WE UNDERSTAND THIS, FROM THE SOCIAL FACTORS, AND ALSO FROM THE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES. SO, HOW DO WE DO OUR PROGRAM? WE BELIEVE THAT, THAT WE HAVE TO IMPACT THE YOUTH, THE FAMILY, AND THE, THE CLOSE-KNIT WORK, BUT ALSO, THE SYSTEMS. THE GOVERNMENT, THE, THE -- THE SOCIETY, THE SYSTEMS, YOU KNOW, THE SYSTEMS THAT ARE IMPACTED, AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND SO, WE HAVE TO ATTEND WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THESE THREE LEVELS, IN ORDER TO, TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES. SO, AND WE CREATED A, A GROUP OF, OF VALUES, THAT, THAT GUIDE OUR WORK, AND YOU WILL HEAR THE TEAMS TELLING YOU HOW THIS VALUE SYSTEM TAKES PLACE SO I WANT TO, TO, TO EMPHASIZE THIS WORD. YOU WILL HEAR THEM SAYING, IF WE DON'T GET [INAUDIBLE] FROM THIS FAMILY, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING. FOR US, IT MEANS THAT IT'S NOT JUST TRUST, DO I TRUST YOU TO DO SOMETHING BUT SOMETHING THAT IS BUILT THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS, AND IT IS EARNED. YOU EARN THAT TO ME. WE EARN IT TOGETHER. AND, AND THAT REALLY GUIDES KIND OF THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR WORK. SO, AND THEN THIS, THE VALUES, I WILL MENTION THEM, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR THEM, SOCIAL JUSTICE, CULTURAL PRIDE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ROLE IS TO HELP THE KIDS FIND A WAY TO, TO CHANNEL THEIR RAGE THAT THEY FEEL THROUGH LEADERSHIP. THAT IS, THAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN VALUES OF THE, OF WHY THIS SOCIAL JUSTICE PIECE IS HERE. SO, WE, ACTUALLY, BROUGHT YOU A PICTURE OF, OF OUR PROVIDER'S TEAM AND, AND AS YOU SEE THERE, YOU HEAR THAT WE HAVE THE FAMILY ADVOCATES THAT CONTINUALLY THEY CALL CASE MANAGERS, A COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR. THE FAMILY ADVOCATE WORKS DIRECTLY WITH THE FAMILY, AND THE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR WHO SUPPORTS THE WORK OF THE FAMILY ADVOCATED OR CASE MANAGER AND, AND THE SUPERVISOR, OF COURSE, SUPPORTS THAT. OUR TEAM, YOU ARE GOING TO MEET THEM AND THEY ARE HERE. SO, AND THEN THE LATINO NETWORK, UTILIZES AND PARTNERS WITH OLDER PROGRAMS, WITH THE LATINO NETWORK TO SUPPORT THE MISSION, AND ALSO, WITH OTHER PEOPLE LIKE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS WITH HOUSING AND -- OH, THERE, THE ORGANIZATIONS, YOU KNOW, TO BRING THE NEEDS, SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES. SO, NOW, WE'LL GET, AS YOU HEARD, WE HAVE A LOT OF PROGRAMS IN-HOUSE AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER LATINO ORGANIZATIONS, MAINSTREAM ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE THAT WE, WE WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT, THAT HIT EACH OF THE VALUES THAT WERE SO, SO, SO, SO MUCH TRYING TO, TO INSTILL AND, AND BRING OUR YOUTH BACK TO, TO FIND THEIR CENTER. WE HAVE PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND THE SUMMER PROGRAMS, AND NINTH GRADE COUNTS PROGRAMS, AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP TRAININGS AND COMPUTER, VOCATIONAL, AND WE HAVE ALL THESE THINGS TO OFFER, OR WE CAN TAILOR SOMETHING TOGETHER, TO PROVIDE, PROVIDE THAT, THAT WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. SO, NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE UP, UP OUR, OUR EXCELLENT TEAM, WHO IS VERY, VERY FULL OF

HEART, AND LOVE FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO. AND I AM HONORED TO, TO INVITE THEM UP HERE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR STORIES, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY SELF INTRODUCE AND, AND WE'LL START WITH, WITH, WITH, WE'LL START WITH YOU.

>> I AM RODOLPHO, AND MY SPIRIT NAME IS [INAUDIBLE], WHICH MEANS RED STONE AND, AND THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE, AND THANK YOU TO THE LATINO NETWORK FOR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO DO THE WORK THAT I DO AND, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A PERSONAL STORY TO START, WHICH LEADS INTO, INTO ONE OF OUR CASES. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A MAN WHO, WHO IS A GOOD KID AND, AND DOING HIS BEST TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND, AND HOWEVER, THERE IS STRUGGLES AT HOME AND, AND THERE IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND THERE IS, THERE IS POVERTY. MOM WORKS TWO JOBS, AND DAD WORKS DURING THE DAY AT A FACTORY, BUT DEALS DRUGS AT NIGHT. ON THE STREETS, IT'S GETTING SCARY, AND BECAUSE THE FAMILY JUST MOVED FROM ONE NEIGHBORHOOD TO ANOTHER AND, AND THE OLDEST BOY, WHO TAKES CARE OF HIS, HIS YOUNGER SIBLINGS, HE HAS TO RUN, RUN TO SCHOOL, RUN HOME, AND EVERY DAY, JUST TO AVOID BEING JUMPED INTO A GANG. AND THIS YOUNG PERSON CAN FIGHT IT OUT FOR AS LONG AS HE CAN, BUT EVENTUALLY, WELL, ULTIMATELY, THEY OVERPOWER HIM, AND HE BECOMES PART OF A GANG. AND NOW, IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF FEAR, IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIFE ALL TOGETHER. AT ONE TIME, HE NEVER WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THIS, AND NOW IT'S BECOME PART OF HIM. PART OF HIS CULTURE, HIS BEING. SO, HE EMBRACES IT AND TAKES IT ON AS HIS PERSONALITY. WELL, THE FAMILY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS BECAUSE ONE DAY, AS BROTHER COMES HOME, HE'S BEATEN DOWN BY MEN, GROWN MEN, AND HE'S JUST A CHILD. THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF THE GANG CULTURE. BEATEN DOWN IN FRONT OF HIS SIBLINGS AND HIS PARENTS, AND WHEN THE POLICE COME, THE FAMILIES ARE NOT ABLE TO REPORT IT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF, OF CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING. SO, THIS FAMILY HAS TO GO THROUGH A LOT OF STRUGGLES ON THEIR OWN, UNTIL WE SHOW UP, AND LIKE I SAID, I GIVE THANKS TO THE LATINO NETWORK FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND HELP THE FAMILIES. FOR ME, MY FIRST PRIORITY IS, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE. SO, WE GET THEM OUT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE MAKE SURE THAT THESE KIDS ARE NOT HANGING OUT WITH THE SAME ONES, AND WE WORK WITH THE POS TO ENSURE THAT, THAT NOT ONLY THE, THE YOUNG PEOPLE, WE'RE WORKING WITH, BUT THE FAMILY, ALL TOGETHER, IS SAFE. IS NOT JUST, JUST FROM HARM, FROM OTHER GANGS, BUT, FROM POVERTY. A LOT OF OUR FAMILIES ARE, ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS. AND THAT BECOMES ANOTHER ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CATCH THEM BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. WE WANT TO CREATE STABILITY IN THEIR LIVES AGAIN. AND NOT JUST FINANCIALLY AND IN THE HOME, BUT, ALSO, EMOTIONALLY. SO, WE TRY TO BRING OUR FAMILIES OUT, AND WE TRY TO DO THINGS WITH THE YOUTH

AND, AND TRY TO GET THEM MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE I WENT OVER MY TIME SO I WILL PASS IT TO MY FRIEND.

>> THANK YOU. I AM [INAUDIBLE], AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE NETWORK FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, BUT, I'VE BEEN DOING THESE KIND OF JOBS FOR TEN. AND, AND IN MY, MY 13 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, SO, MOST OF THE TIME I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH, WITH THE YOUTH. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH, WITH, WITH -- I WAS ASKED TO, TO, TO BRING, BRING A STORY TO SHARE WITH YOU GUYS, BUT, I THINK THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO MUCH WITH, WITH THESE GUYS, SO, I DECIDED THAT, THAT IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO, TO START DOING MY JOB. WHY NOT TO BRING HIM, AND HE CAN, HE CAN TALK ABOUT HIMSELF.

>> I AM JASON FRANCO, AND I'M 17. I HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN ON PROBATION FOR THREE YEARS. I CHOSE TO LIVE ON THE STREETS WHEN I WAS 13, AND I WAS DISCONNECTED FROM MY FAMILY, AND I FELT LIKE I BELONGED THERE. I DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL, AND I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE LATINO NETWORK WHEN I WAS 14. SINCE THEN, MY EYES WERE OPENED TO THE REALITY AND POTENTIAL THAT I'M CAPABLE OF, AND, AND OUR LATINO COMMUNITY IS CAPABLE, ALSO, AND I THINK, I THANK THEM. SINCE I WORKED WITH THEM, I'VE BEEN BACK IN SCHOOL, AND MY, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN RECONSTRUCTED TO SOMETHING EVEN STRONGER. AND MY DREAM IS TO BECOME A LAWYER, AND I WILL BE ONE. MY IDENTITY AS A LATINO, I FOUND IT. IT'S NOT TO BE A GANG MEMBER OR VIOLENT. IT'S TO HELP EVERYBODY ELSE OUT. I THANK THEM FOR THAT. THE COMMUNITY LACKS LEADERSHIP, AND NOT LEADERS LIKE ME, BUT LEADERS LIKE THEM. I THANK THEM. I THANK THEM SO MUCH. IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM, I WILL PROBABLY BE INSTITUTIONALIZED RIGHT NOW. IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM, I WOULD NOT BE THE PERSON THAT I AM NOW. EVER SINCE I WORKED WITH THEM, I PARTICIPATED IN THIS, AND THEY KNOW WHAT I NEEDED TO DO. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> JOSE IS GOING TO SHARE A FAMILY STORY.

>> MY NAME IS JOSE GUTIERREZ AND, AND I'VE BEEN, BEEN WORKING, ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF WITH THE LATINO NETWORK AND, AND I HAVE INVESTED MY LIFE, AND I'VE BEEN IN THE U.S. FOR 40 YEARS AND, AND BUT, 30 OF THOSE YEARS, I HAVE DEDICATED TO WORK WITH THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, AND ESPECIALLY, THE PARENTS OF YOUTH, AND ME BEING A PARENT OF TWO YOUNG, YOUNG SONS, THAT THEY WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY NOW, AND, AND THEY WENT THROUGH THEIR, THEIR EDUCATION, AND THEIR WHOLE MASTER DEGREES, AND I FELT THAT EDUCATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF, OF THIS, THIS, THE SUCCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND, AND THE LATINO NETWORK, THE YEAR, A YEAR AGO, WE STARTED A PROGRAM, WHICH IS CALLED THE PARENTS HELPING

PARENTS, FOR THE CHI FAMILIES AND, AND WE FOUND THE FAMILY WHO, WHO CAME THROUGH A PROGRAM, AND THEY WERE, THEY WERE FIRST TRADED, ANGERED, DESPERATE, AND THEY FELT ISOLATED. SOME HAVE LOST HOPE OF ANY, ANY GOOD FUTURE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. AS WE START GETTING OUR DECISIONS, AND LEARNING PARENTING SKILLS, WE REQUESTED THAT, THAT THEY SHOULD PUT IN PRACTICE WHAT THEY LEARN IN EACH SESSION. SO, YOU KNOW, EVEN WEEK THEY WILL PRACTICE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT, THAT THEY LEARN, AND THIS FAMILY, IT IS AMAZING, AND THIS FAMILY, WILL REPRESENT MANY OF THE FAMILIES THAT WE HAVE IN THE PROGRAM. CATALINA MARTINEZ IS HER NAME, THE MOM, SHE CAME, AND SHE WAS, WAS CRYING, AND SHE WAS, WAS ANGRY, AND SHE WAS, WAS FULL OF GUILT BECAUSE SHE FAILED WITH HER FIRST SON, BUT SHE HAD ANOTHER FOUR TO CARE FOR, AND SHE CAME, AND SHE WAS ALSO FULL OF HOPE. AS WE WORK WITH HER, AND SHE LEARNED, AND THEN, AND THEN IT WAS AMAZING HOW, HOW THIS MOM STARTED FEELING EMPOWERED AND, AND, AND SHE WOULD COME AND SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT I LEARNED LAST WEEK. I PRACTICED, AND IT WORKS, AND I'M BEGINNING TO TALK TO MY, MY CHILDREN. WE ARE HAVING, YOU KNOW, A GROUP, GROUP MEETINGS IN OUR HOME AND, AND WE ARE DOING SO MANY THINGS, AND TO THE POINT WHERE, WHERE, WHERE SHE BEGAN NOT JUST TO, TO, TO PRACTICE IN WITH HER FAMILY, WHAT SHE WAS LEARNING, BUT SHE TOOK [INAUDIBLE] WITH THE OTHER PARENTS, SHE BEGINS TO HOLD THEM, AND SAY, WHY DID YOU NOT SHOW UP? SHE STARTED JUST GOING, HER DAUGHTER, SAID, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE NEED CHILDCARE, SO THEY, ALL THE DAUGHTERS SAY, THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN, WHILE YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW, YOUR DECISIONS, AND THE SIBLINGS BEGIN TO, TO ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMY, AND THE MANY THINGS, SO, WHEN I SEE THIS FAMILY, I SEE THE FUTURE OF, OF MANY, OF MANY OF THE FAMILIES. AND A FUTURE OF HOPE, A FUTURE OF, OF COMING OUT OF THE CRACKS AND BEGINNING TO, TO DEVELOP THEMSELVES, SO, AND THAT'S WHAT, WHAT I'M, I'M -- THAT'S THE LATINO NETWORK, I LIKE THE MODEL, AND I KNOW IT WILL WORK, AND I KNOW IF WE KEEP WORKING HARD, WE WILL SEE MANY THINGS CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SHARE THAT STORY WITH YOU. WE HAD AN EVENT BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT, AND IT WAS AMAZING. WE ARE A GREAT TEAM, AND WE DID NOT EXPECT SO MANY PEOPLE THAT DAY AND, AND WE HAD LIKE 200 SOME FAMILIES THAT, THAT SHOWED UP. AND, AND WE HAD A, ABOUT 11 MEMBERS OF THE PARENT GROUP AND, AND WHO CAME SAYING, GIVING WELCOME, AND SERVING, AND I SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, THAT WAS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE THAT YOU CAN EVER GIVE, GIVE TO US. THEY WERE COMMITTED. THEY WERE THERE, AND THEY FINISHED UNTIL EVERYONE ELSE LEFT THE PLACE AND, AND I SAY WOW, THIS IS, THIS IS -- YOU KNOW, THIS IS EMPOWERING AND, AND, AND SO, I'M VERY GLAD AND, AND I'M, I'M PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH THE TEAM OF LATINO NETWORK, AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY STORY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I'M GOING TO SHARE A STORY ABOUT, ABOUT THE COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE MY ROLE WITH THE LATINO NETWORK IS A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER FOR THE FAMILIES AND THE YOUTH. I'M GOING TO TELL A STORY WITHOUT NAMES. AND SO, CURRENTLY I AM WORKING WITH A YOUNG MAN AND HIS MOTHER, ORIGINALLY, HIS CASE MANAGER AND, AND REFERRED HIM TO ME, AND WHEN HE WAS IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM, CALLED VICTORY OUTREACH, AND HE HAD GONE THROUGH DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT, WHICH THEY FACILITATED AND, AND, AND ONCE HE WAS SOBER, HE BEGAN DOING MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY WITH MYSELF AND, AND HE BEGAN TO ENGAGE IN OUR LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES, AND GRADUATED AND, AND, AND THROUGH TRANSITIONS, OF DIFFERENT LIKE, LIKE AGENCIES, HE KIND OF FELL THROUGH THE CRACKS AND RELAPSED AND, AND HIS OTHER CARE MANAGER, WHO SHIFTED, SAW THE HOPELESSNESS, AND THE SENSE OF NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO, AND THEY HAD A BEAUTIFUL IDEA THAT HER MODELING, TAKING CARE OF HER MENTAL HEALTH, THAT HE WOULD COME BACK, TOO, AND SO, I PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO THEM, IN THEIR HOME AND, AND SO, THAT WAS EASY FOR HIM TO SEE WALKING IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. SO, MOM ENGAGED AND STARTED PROCESSING HER DESPAIR AND LACK OF HOPE, AND HOW IT WAS AFFECTING HER, AND ALONG WITH HER INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND THEIR STORY OF WHY THEY ARE IN THE UNITED STATES AND, AND, AND THEN, ONE DAY, HE BEGAN TO REENGAGE AND STARTS TALKING TO ME AGAIN. HE WAS OPENING UP AND CHOOSING THE BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF THE STORY, IS IT SOUNDS LIKE ALL OVER THE PLACE HERE, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ALL BEAUTIFUL AND STRAIGHT AND LINEAR. AND HE WAS, HE WAS DETAINED, AND HE HAD A CHOICE TO BE DEPORTED, OR, OR TO, TO, TO GET MORE YEARS OF PROBATION, AND HE CHOSE, HE CHOSE TWO YEARS OF PROBATION BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE HIS MOM BY HERSELF. THE REST OF HIS SIBLINGS WERE DEPORTED. SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN ENGAGED WITH ME, AND TALKING YESTERDAY, I WAS AT HIS HOUSE AND HE TOLD ME, THAT HE WAS COMING FROM ENROLLING HIMSELF IN THE GED PROGRAM, AND I JUST WANTED TO LIKE KIND OF CAPTURE THIS, THIS, THIS, THIS -- THAT IT'S NOT ALWAYS SO PRETTY, BUT THE FAMILIES CONTINUE TO FIND RESILIENCY AND HOPE AND, AND THAT, THAT, THE THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, AND DESPAIR, AND ALL OF THE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE AFFECTING THEM, AND THAT THESE FAMILIES ARE ALSO UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS, ALONG WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, JUST TO, TO, TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO FIND THAT STRENGTH TO, TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. I HAVE ONE SHORT STORY THAT I WANTED TO SHARE. NONE OF THESE -- WE DID TAKE SOME OF OUR YOUTH

TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF [INAUDIBLE] -- [INAUDIBLE] CONFERENCE, AND I WANT TO SHARE ONE OF THE QUOTES. ONE OF THE MEN SAID BEFORE I CAME HERE, I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WOULD BE A LEADER, AND NOW, I DON'T THINK, I AM, I KNOW I AM. HE'S A 13-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO IS A BROTHER OF ONE OF THE MEN THAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT. SO, I WANTED TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU, AS WELL.

>> GREAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR, FOR LISTENING TO, TO, TO THE REALITIES OF THE FAMILIES THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH AND, AND, AND ALSO, WE THINK ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT, WHAT REALLY DEFINES THIS, AND I THINK THAT YOU HEARD THAT ALREADY. THERE IS STRUCTURE AND VALUES THAT DIRECT, YOU KNOW, THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AND, AND WE ARE IMPROVING THE, THE, THE -- HOW WE, YOU KNOW, WE DO, DO THE WORK SIMPLER AND FLEXIBLE SO THAT WE CAN SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES. SO, WE ARE, WE ARE READY FOR, FOR YOUR QUESTIONS, AND COMMENTS, OR ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM US.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR THE, FOR THE PRESENTATION TODAY. IT GAVE ME A GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING. HOW MANY FAMILIES DO YOU WORK WITH IN THE CHI PROGRAM, AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING WITH THEM?

>> WE WORK WITH ABOUT 30 FAMILIES. THIS -- THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN TWO YEARS NOW.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY, ANY KIND OF EARLY RESULTS ON HOW THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN WORKING?

>> WE DO HAVE REPORTS, YOU AND THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PUT TOGETHER FOR THE SECOND YEAR, AND WE DON'T HAVE, HAVE ACCESS RIGHT NOW WITH THEM. ANECDOTALLY, THE GUYS, THE --

>> Commissioner Smith: IF WE CAN FOLLOW UP, I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP TO SEE WHAT THE SUCCESS RATE IS, THIS IS HUGE, AND IT'S, IT'S -- IT'S NOT OFTEN TIMES THE PROGRAM, IT'S THE PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM THAT MAKE THE PROGRAM RUN THE WAY THAT IT IS. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. WELL, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY, AND ON SO MANY LEVELS. I HAVE, I'VE BEEN WRITING HERE, FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MAP. THIS IS REALLY, REALLY, YOU KNOW, IT'S ALWAYS INTERESTING TO, TO BE ABLE TO VISUALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING AND, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK IN EAST COUNTY, AND YOU KNOW, WE HEAR HOW DEMOGRAPHICS ARE SHIFTING, BUT, WE SEE HOW, HOW DEMOGRAPHICS ARE SHIFTING, AND FOR US, THAT'S IMPORTANT, WHEN WE LOOK AT WHERE THE RESOURCES SHOULD, SHOULD BE AROUND THESE ISSUES. I ALSO WANT TO -- WE ARE WORKING WITH A GREAT MODEL, AND I THINK THAT, THAT, THAT -- I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND, AND I LIKE THAT YOU WORK WITH THE, THE ENTIRE FAMILY AROUND THE ISSUE AND, AND, AND I WOULD SAY, I LIKED YOUR STORY ABOUT WORKING WITH THE FAMILIES, GIVING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT BACK TO, TO THE FAMILIES, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. I ALSO THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH AND, AND IN ANYTHING THAT WE DO. BUT, PARTICULARLY, HERE IN THIS ISSUE. AND, AND LAST WEEK, I WAS SITTING WITH THE COMMITTEE THROUGH, THROUGH, OUR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL, THAT'S LOOKING AT GANG ISSUES AND, AND THESE WERE THE VERY CONVERSATIONS THAT WE WERE HAVING, AND THIS KIND OF INFORMATION WITH THE MAP AND WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US TODAY IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT IN THAT WORK. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, YOU ARE REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND, AND JASON, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY, AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO, TO SEEING YOU IN THAT LAWYER POSITION THAT YOU ARE GOING TO, TO GET TO. SO, THANKS. THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. I'M A LITTLE OVERWHELMED, IT'S BEEN VERY EMOTIONAL, AND I APPRECIATE THE STORIES, THEY DRIVE HOME THE POINTS. I THINK WHAT REALLY IMPRESSES ME ABOUT THE PRESENTATION TODAY, WAS THE AMOUNT OF RESEARCH THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND THE, THE SPECIFICS THAT YOU HAVE, THE, THE DOCUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN US WITH, WITH, YOU KNOW, YOUR MODELS THAT YOU HAVE WORKED OUT THAT ARE OBVIOUSLY CUTTING EDGE. THIS IS GREAT, IMPRESSIVE WORK. I HAVE NOT SEEN THIS BEFORE. AND YOU TIE THAT TO, TO, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH WAS TALKING ABOUT, YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE, ALL THE STUDIES AND MODELS IN THE WORLD BUT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE HEART AND, AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING ON IT AND, AND YOU FOLKS ARE JUST AMAZING. I'M -- I HOPE THAT, THAT THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE WATCHING TODAY BECAUSE THIS, THIS PROGRAM IS, IS REALLY JUST AMAZING, AND BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WORKING ON IT, AND I AM

SURE THAT JASON IS HERE TO TESTIFY TO THAT. LOOK AT HIM, HE'S A GREAT MAN. AND THANK YOU. YOU ARE WELL ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING A LAWYER BECAUSE YOU DID A GREAT JOB. YOU DID NOT SEEM NERVOUS OR SHY, THOSE ARE QUALITIES YOU NEED TO BE A GOOD LAWYER OR IN CASE THAT IS NOT YOUR BAG, YOU CAN ALSO BECOME A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. THANK YOU.

>> I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE GOING TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO BE AN ENGLISH MAJOR.

>> THAT COMES FIRST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I JUST WANTED TO, TO COMMENT ON THE, THE ART THAT, THAT IS PART OF YOUR PRESENTATION AND, AND HOW POWERFUL ART IS, BOTH AS A CONVEYER, AS A CULTURAL MESSAGE AND, AND, AND AS A KIND OF DIRECT LINE TO, TO THE HEART, AND IT, IT -- IT WAS, IT WAS BOTH, BOTH SUBTLE AND, AND, AND IMPACTFUL THAT, THAT, THAT IT WAS A PART, SO, MAYBE IN A FUTURE PRESENTATION, YOU CAN COME AND GIVE US AN ART PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? IT'S BEEN A VERY, VERY GREAT PRESENTATION, CARMEN AND RUMA, THANK YOU FOR LEADING IT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE REGULAR BOARD AGENDA FOR TODAY. ARE THERE BOARD COMMENTS? IT'S KIND OF A, A RED LETTER DAY.

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT, VICE CHAIR SHIPRACK, AND I WANTED TO, TO SAY THAT WE HAD A GREAT MEETING ON MONDAY WITH, WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROY BROOKS, WHO CAME HERE FROM THE COUNTY AND, AND FORT WORTH, AND WE PARTNERED WITH, WITH THE CDC AND, AND ORGANIZATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVED AIDS AND HIV IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND AS YOU KNOW, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, THEY ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST COHORTS OF, OF FOLKS WHO HAVE HIV WE HAD TO COME UP WITH A PLAN, AND AS A GROUP, WE CREATED 10 POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE STIGMA, AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND INCREASE THE, THE NUMBER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN WHO KNOW THEIR STATUS AND, AND YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE, WITH THE PROCLAMATION THAT WE DO EVERY YEAR ABOUT, ABOUT KNOWING YOUR STATUS AND, AND WE ALL VOTED AND, AND, AND VOTED ON AN IDEA THAT WILL RECEIVE THE \$4,000 THAT THE CDC PARTNERED WITH US, AND IT'S NOT A LOT OF MONEY, BUT

YOU CAN BE, BE VERY, VERY SURPRISED ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN COME UP WITH TO TRY TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO, FOR US, IT WAS GREAT, IT WAS 25 PEOPLE, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FROM YOUR OFFICES WHO ATTENDED, AND IT WAS, IT WAS A GOOD, A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL. LOTS OF GOOD IDEAS.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY?

>> Commissioner Kafoury: I WILL GO LAST.

>> OH, OK.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT TWO GREAT EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING OUT IN EAST COUNTY. ONE THIS WEEKEND, WHICH IS A HISTORIC HIGHWAY TRAIL, DEDICATION, AND THAT WILL BE AT 11:00 AT THE MCCORD CREEK BRIDGE AND, AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME. AND THERE WILL BE SHUTTLES, SO YOU NEED TO COME EARLY AND WE'LL POST THIS UP ON THE WEBSITE. ALL THE INFORMATION WILL BE THERE ABOUT IT. THE SECOND THING IS, ON TUESDAY, THE 24th OF SEPTEMBER, AT THE CORBETT FIRE HALL, THERE IS GOING TO BE AN INFORMATIONAL FAIR, AND FLU VACCINATIONS FOR ALL VETERANS. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST IN CORBETT. SO, ALL VETERANS CAN COME AND GET FLU VACCINATIONS, AND LEARN ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CORBETT FIRE HALL ON TUESDAY, THE 24th OF SEPTEMBER, AND 5:00 TO 7:00.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

>> I CAN'T SING SO I WILL NOT START OFF BUT IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO, WE SHOULD SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO COMMISSIONER McKEEL. ANYBODY? HAVE A GOOD VOICE HERE? OR ARE WE GOING TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND CLAP?

>> HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> THAT'S YOUR PRESENT THAT I WON'T SING.

>> YOU DON'T WANT ME TO SING, I KNOW THAT.

>> THANK YOU. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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