

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, December 20, 2018**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann, Commissioners Jessica Vega Pederson and Sharon Meieran present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 10:08am and Sharon Meieran present was excused.

Also attending were, Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Taja Nelson, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE LAST MEETING OF 2018 OF YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Resolution Authorizing the Annual Designation of a Portion of Compensation as a Housing Allowance for Chaplain Serving Inmates and Employees of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.
- C.2 Favorable Recommendation of Liquor License Application (Orient Country Store, 29822 SE Orient Drive, Gresham, OR 97080).
- C.3 Budget Modification # HD-09-19: Authorizing twelve position reclassifications within the Health Department.

Chair Kafoury: YOU GUYS ARE PREPARED. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. LIGHTNING. SUPER HUMANITY XXI, PDX, MAGGIE, AND CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN GO FIRST SINCE YOU ARE FIRST TO THE TABLE. GOOD MORNING.

Maggie: HI. SO I WAS AT CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY, AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT DOING THE THING OF WAVING THE FEES FOR SHELTERS, AND IF WE CAN GET SOME SHELTERS THAT HAVE MORE IMPROVED IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO DELIVER SOCIAL SERVICES, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. LAST NIGHT I WAS UP BECAUSE AGAIN, BAR 15 WAS GETTING DOWN, AND I HAD THE POLICE GO OVER AND TELL THEM TO TONE IT DOWN. AND THE THING THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THAT I KIND OF SYMPATHIZE WITH THIS GUY BECAUSE NOBODY HAS TOLD HIM FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS HE EVER HAD TO TURN THE VOLUME DOWN, AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN SOMEBODY IS TELLING HIM HE HAS TO TURN IT DOWN, AND SO, YOU KNOW, HE'S PISSED. SO HE'S KIND OF LIKE UP AND DOWN WITH IT LIKE SOMETIMES IT'S NOT, YOU KNOW, ON, AND OTHER TIMES IT'S BACK UP TO ROCK ARENA LEVELS. SO THE POLICE CAME ON ANOTHER CALL AND I ASKED THEM TO GO OVER AND TELL HIM TO TURN IT DOWN. I WATCHED, YOU KNOW, AND THEY WENT OVER THERE. A BUNCH OF PEOPLE LEFT. THEY MUST HAVE HAD PARKING TICKETS OR SOMETHING BECAUSE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE ALL OF A SUDDEN STARTED TO EXIT.

AND THEN THEY POLITELY TOLD HIM LOOK, WE WILL GIVE YOU A FEW MINUTES TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK AROUND, AND SO THEY DID. AND THEY, YOU KNOW, PACKED IT IN FOR THE NIGHT. BUT MY REASON FOR DOING THAT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT LIKE MAYBE 10 TO 12 SCHIZOPHRENICS ON OUR FLOOR, AND THEY WILL ROCK BACK AND FORTH AND TALK TO THEMSELVES AND BE VERY STRESSED OUT AND UP, AND THERE WERE AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF FIVE PEOPLE UP BECAUSE OF THAT NOISE. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE ON OUR FLOOR WHO TAKE MEDICATION AND WOULD SLEEP THROUGH, YOU KNOW, BOMBS GOING OFF. BUT YEAH, SO THEY ARE UP. THEY ARE STRESSED OUT, YOU KNOW. SOME OF THEM ARE ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION, AND I AM TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IT DOES REACH THE LEVEL OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND TORTURE WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT DISABLED WOMEN, YOU KNOW, WITH CERTAIN KINDS OF MEDICAL ISSUES THAT JUST ARE AGGRAVATED BY THAT KIND OF THING GOING ON, AND THAT BUILDING BUILT IN 1904 IS NOT BUILT TO WITHSTAND THAT KIND OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE. IT WON'T DAMPEN IT AT ALL. SO, THAT'S WHY WE NEED SOME NEW ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE MORE HUMANE AND IMPROVED AND DELIVERING SOCIAL SERVICES AND, YOU KNOW, THE WOMEN FEEL, RIGHTLY SO, THAT THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF JUSTICE. THOSE FOR WEALTHY PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO GET A CERTAIN KIND OF TREATMENT FROM THE CITY AND GET, YOU KNOW, PROTECTION. THEN THERE ARE THEM WHO, YOU KNOW, IT JUST FALLS ON DEAF EARS. YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHY THE WOMEN ARE AFRAID TO COME DOWN HERE.

Chair Kafoury: I APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF TODAY. THANK YOU.

Maggie: ALL RIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER HUMANITY XX1 PDX. MY ISSUE TODAY IS THE CITY OF PORTLAND CREATED WHAT'S CALLED A LLOYD BID, WHICH IS A BUNCH OF WEALTHY PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO COME IN AND GET A CERTAIN LICENSE, AND BASICALLY, KIND OF MAKE THEIR DISTRICT OVER THERE WHAT THEY WANT IT TO BE. NOW I DON'T HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH THAT, AND THEY GO OUT AND GET MANAGEMENT FEES FROM ALL THE WEALTHY PROPERTY OWNERS, AND THEY HAVE THEIR MEETINGS. HERE'S WHAT MY PROBLEM -- WHERE MY PROBLEM LIES. I, MYSELF, WOULD LIKE TO BUY A D.A I WOULD LIKE TO BUY A BOUGHT AND SOLD DA, AND HAVE THEM, PRETTY MUCH, DO WHAT I WANT THEM TO DO. I AM GOING TO SET THEM UP IN AN OFFICE. I AM GOING TO GO TO THEM EVERY OTHER WEEK. WE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY. AND WE WILL DECIDE WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH THEM. NOW IT'S INTERESTING WITHIN THIS GROUP. THAT'S WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN D.A. PAID \$75,000 A YEAR. WE HAVE AN OFFICE OF PAY, \$19,000. AND YOU ARE, BASICALLY, UNDER OUR UMBRELLA, WHICH WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE TO REALLY ASSIST US WITHIN OUR GROUP, WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY ON WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. NOW, WE'RE TALKING A D.A. HERE.

I AM NOT TALKING SOME PRIVATE ATTORNEY NAMED MR. JONES OUT THERE. I AM TALKING A MULTNOMAH COUNTY D.A.. HOW CAN THIS BE GOING ON? WHO IS OVERLOOKING THERE? HOW DOES THIS D.A. NEGOTIATE WITH PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY? IS IT KIND OF LIKE THIS? WELL, SINCE I AM THE DISTRICT D.A. AND I AM TALKING TO YOU, WE CAUGHT YOU ON A LOW LEVEL DRUG CRIME. WELL, WE CAN DO ONE OF TWO THINGS, SIR. YOU CAN LEAD LEAVE MY COMMUNITY AND DON'T COME BACK, AND YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME. OR, I AM GOING TO PUT YOU IN JAIL FOR A SET AMOUNT OF DAYS. WHAT TYPE OF AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED FROM THIS D.A. TO PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND? WHAT KIND OF AGREEMENTS ARE ON THE TABLE WHICH I WANT TO LOOK AT GO OVER EVERY AGREEMENT THAT THIS SPECIAL D.A. THAT HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE LLOYD BY THIS BID GROUP OF VERY WEALTHY PEOPLE, I WANT TO KNOW EVERY AGREEMENT THAT HAPPENED. I WANT TO KNOW EVERY INDIVIDUAL HOW YOU NEGOTIATED WITH THEM IN THE LLOYD DISTRICT AREA. THIS SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. THIS IS NOT SEPARATION OF POWER. THIS IS HAVING YOUR OWN D.A. WITHIN AN OFFICE WHICH YOU ARE FUNDING AND WORKING ALONGSIDE THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I WANT A COMPLETE AND FULL INVESTIGATION ON THIS FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I EXPECT TO HEAR BACK FROM ALL OF YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

Lightning: SOMETIMES IT APPEARS AS I JUST POINT AT CHAIR KAFOURY, BUT TRUST ME, I WATCH EVERYTHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU DO. DO YOU THINK THAT THIS IS RIGHT? INVESTIGATE IT AND I WAIT TO HEAR BACK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, APPRECIATE IT.

Lightning: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON AGAIN. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT ABOUT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM C1. WE ARE BLESSED TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT HAS AN EXTREMELY DIVERSE FAITH BACKGROUND, PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD PRACTICING MANY RELIGIONS AND FAITH, AND SO I HOPE THAT SHERIFF REESE HAS A GOOD OVERSIGHT PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE INMATES, AS WE TRY AND KEEP THE POPULATION DOWN OUT AT INVERNESS, THAT EVERY INMATE FEELS THEY ARE GETTING SUPPORT IN THEIR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. I THINK THAT WE ARE PROBABLY NOT CHANGING ANY CHAPLAIN'S FUNDING, JUST NOTING THAT IT IS OUT THERE. WE NEED SOME HOUSING -- WE ARE GOING TO CLASSIFY PART OF THAT PERSON'S INCOME OR FUNDING AS HOUSING, WITH A TAX ADVANTAGE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SITUATIONS IN THE COUNTY, NOT GENERALLY RELATED TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WHERE SOMETIMES PEOPLE WITH A VERY NARROW FAITH VIEW, THAT MIGHT BE CALLED BIBLE THUMPERS OR WHATEVER, CAN GET INTO A POSITION, AND THAT MAKES PEOPLE WHO COME FROM A MORE DIVERSE BACKGROUND LESS COMFORTABLE.

SO I HOPE THAT SHERIFF REESE HAS THAT WELL IN HAND, AND THAT ALL THE JAIL INMATES ARE THRILLED WITH THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICE THEY ARE GETTING OUT OF THERE. LIGHTNING RAISED THE ISSUE THAT IS, YOU KNOW, IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THE LLOYD BUSINESS DISTRICT CAN SEND MORE MONEY THAN YOU ALL GET PAID TO ROD UNDERHILL'S OFFICE. SO WE JUST DO WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT. IT'S PROBABLY A PREEXISTING ARRANGEMENT THAT GOES BACK IN THE LLOYD AREA. THEY DON'T LIKE TO BE CALLED A DISTRICT ANY MORE, BY THE WAY. IT'S JUST THE LLOYD, OR LLOYD. IN THAT AREA UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS ONCE A VETERAN HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. HE HAD A GUN, SO, OF COURSE, HE WAS KILLED BY PORTLAND POLICE. MR. CISNEOS, BEFORE THAT, MR. OTIS WAS KILLED ON THE WEST SIDE, DISTRICT 6. I KNOW YOU ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT AND PERSON IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ALB, GETS EXPOSED TO EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW, THAT THERE AREN'T SITUATION THAT IS CREATE PREFERENCE. SO WHEN THE NEXT BUDGET COMES AROUND, UNFORTUNATELY, LORETTA SMITH WON'T BE WITH US THEN, BUT I HOPE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY

WILL BE MINDFUL. LIKE OH, YEAH, THE LLOYD CHIPS IN \$75,000 TO HAVE A SPECIAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONCENTRATING ON THE LLOYD, AND PROBABLY THE CRIME STATISTICS IN THAT AREA DON'T REALLY JUSTIFY THAT KIND OF SPECIAL FOCUS. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE EXTRA MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE FOR ANY PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT, BUT PEOPLE THAT ARE YOU KNOW, PAINTS A PICTURE OF CLASSES, IT PAINTS A PATIENT OF -- PAINTS A PICTURE OF CLASSES. WE HAVE A MALL, EVERBRIGHT, IT'S GREAT THAT THEY WANT TO INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY, AND EVEN THEIR LEADERSHIP WOULD SAY, OH, WE CAN MANAGE OUR BUSINESS WITHOUT IT SUBLETTING SOMEBODY OUT OF OUT OF ROD UNDERHILL'S OFFICE.

Chair Kafoury: R1. DO WE HAVE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT? NO. OKAY.

**R.1 Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 39, Multnomah County Zoning Code, to Adopt Revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps, a Revised Flood Insurance Study and Revised Flood Hazard Regulations and Declaring an Emergency. Presenters: Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. GOOD MORNING.

Adam Barber: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY. I'M ADAM BARBER WITH THE LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM. AND I AM HERE TO FORWARD THE COUNTY'S PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TODAY TO ADOPT BY EMERGENCY AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS THE COUNTY'S FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS. THESE ARE THE RULES THAT WE USE IN OUR LAND USE PLANNING OFFICE TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENT THAT'S PROPOSED IN THE 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN AND THE UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY, AND THE CONTEXT FOR WHY I AM BRINGING THIS ORDINANCE TODAY IS THAT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OR FEMA, ROUTINELY RESTUDIES PORTIONS OF JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES BASED ON MORE UPDATED SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, AND THEY PROVIDE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES UPDATED FLOOD MAPS FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES.

THEY WILL ALSO TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LOOK AT LOCAL REGULATIONS, FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS AND DETERMINE WHERE CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE SO THE LOCAL REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT, THE CURRENT FEMA REGULATIONS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS CONTACTED IN AUGUST, AND INFORMED THAT THERE WERE THREE CATEGORIES OF MANDATED CHANGES THAT WERE REQUIRED TO OCCUR. THE FIRST IS THAT THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT REVISED 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN MAPS FOR A PORTION OF EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE VICINITY OF THE SANDY RIVER, JOHNSON CREEK, BEAVER CREEK AREAS SO GENERALLY TO THE SOUTH AND

EAST OF THE CITY OF GRESHAM BETWEEN GRESHAM AND THE SANDY RIVER. SO THAT'S THE FIRST CATEGORY OF UPDATED FLOOD MAPS IN THAT PORTION OF THE COUNTY. THE SECOND CATEGORY OF CHANGES INVOLVE ADOPTING AN UPDATED FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY.

Adam Barber: THIS IS A TECHNICAL DOCUMENT THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE MAPS THAT ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS USE TO DESIGN THE DEVELOPMENT SAFELY IN THE FLOOD PLAIN. AND THE LAST CATEGORY IS AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S LAND USE REGULATIONS THAT WE USE AMENDING THE DEFINITION SLIGHTLY AND CLARIFYING A FEW OF THE CRITERIA. SO WE HELD A PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DECEMBER 3, AND A PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED THESE THREE CATEGORIES OF MANDATED CHANGES, AND THEY ARE RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THOSE CHANGES TO THE BOARD HERE TODAY. WE NOTIFIED ALL OF THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN THE FLOOD PLAIN AND INVITED THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROCESS. AND WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT I CONVEY TODAY IS THAT THIS IS A TIME SENSITIVE REQUEST. WE ARE REQUIRED -- MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS REQUIRED BY FEMA TO ADOPT THESE THREE CATEGORIES OF MANDATED CHANGES NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST TO REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT PROGRAM, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FLOOD INSURANCE. SO IT'S A TIME SENSITIVE REQUEST, WHY WE ARE HERE A LITTLE EARLY TO PLAY IT SAFE, AND THEN ALSO TO REQUEST ADOPTION BY EMERGENCY, SO WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE HIT THAT DEADLINE THAT FEMA HAS IMPOSED. WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH FEMA IN AMENDING THE CODE AND THE MAPS, AND FEMA HAS CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ALL THE CHANGES IN THE ORDINANCE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. ASSUMING THAT THE BOARD ACTS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1ST.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, ADAM. SO DO WE KNOW WHAT THE END RESULT WILL BE? WHAT I AM GETTING AT, WILL MORE PEOPLE BE REQUIRED TO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE, AND THEN THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS THAT WILL IT INCREASE THE COST OF FLOOD INSURANCE OR WILL IT REDUCE IT OR DO WE KNOW?

Adam Baraber: SO THE MAIN CHANGE RELATED TO YOUR QUESTION IS, I THINK, IS THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE MAPS, THE UPDATED MAPS. THE UPDATED MAPS INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 369 ACRES OF LAND IN THE FLOOD PLAIN THAT WAS NOT MAPPED PRIOR, BUT ALSO REMOVES 130 ACRES BECAUSE OF THE MORE UPDATED SCIENCE ON WHERE THE FLOOD IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. BUT ON NET BALANCE IT DOES INCLUDE ABOUT 239 ACRES OF LAND. SO THERE IS MORE PROPERTY. THERE ARE NEW PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WILL HAVE FLOOD PLAIN MAPS ON THEIR PROPERTY. IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THE RISK HAS INCREASED. THE RISK OF FLOODING HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE, JUST NOW BASED ON THE SCIENCE WE KNOW THAT. SO IF A PROPERTY OWNER IS

DEVELOPING IN THE FLOOD PLAIN, THEY WOULD NOW BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE REVIEW. SO THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL COSTS THERE, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE ASSURANCE THAT BY MEETING THE STANDARDS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SAFE FROM FLOOD, FROM FLOOD IMPACTS.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY. SO THAT'S GOOD. MY QUESTION IS, IF YOU LIVE IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS OR THAT COMMUNITY AND YOU WEREN'T REQUIRED TO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE, NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU MAY BE REQUIRED, AND I AM JUST KIND OF LIKE WONDERING WHAT THAT IMPACT IS WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH. THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL COST TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS, AND VICE VERSA, MAYBE YOU HAD FLOOD INSURANCE AND NOW MAYBE YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED. SO I AM JUST KIND OF LIKE WONDERING HOW ALL OF THAT GETS COMMUNICATED TO THOSE FOLKS.

Adam Barber: SO TWO MAIN COMMUNICATION POINTS. IN 2016 IS WHEN THIS PROJECT KICKED OFF. FEMA HELD A MEETING WITH RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WERE BEING ADDED TO THE FLOOD PLAIN OR CHANGES IMPACTED IN SOME WAY, AND ALSO THIS PROCESS INVOLVES CITY OF GRESHAM AND TROUTDALE, SO IT'S KIND OF A UNIFIED EFFORT. ALL THE RESIDENTS WERE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY MEETING WHERE FEMA HAD INSURANCE FOLKS ON STAFF THAT COULD ANSWER A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INSURANCE IS NOT ISSUED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO I AM NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH THAT SIDE OF THINGS. BUT I CERTAINLY CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE IF YOU WERE NOT MAPPED IN A FLOOD PLAIN BEFORE AND YOU ARE PLACED IN A FLOOD PLAIN, THAT COULD INCREASE THE COSTS. I BELIEVE FLOOD INSURANCE IS APPROXIMATELY \$700 A YEAR ON AVERAGE AS A NATIONAL AVERAGE. NOW OUR STANDARDS ESTABLISH A BASELINE, IF SOMEONE BUILDS HIGHER ABOVE FLOODWATERS THAN IS REQUIRED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY CODE, THEN THAT CAN REDUCE FLOOD INSURANCE. SO THERE IS SOME CONTROL THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS, FROM A LAND USE STANDPOINT WE LIKE TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION, CAN WE BUILD OUTSIDE THE FLOOD PLAIN? LET'S START THERE. THEN THERE WOULD NOT BE AN INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. BUT I AM NOT A SPECIALIST IN THE INSURANCE BECAUSE IT'S ISSUED BY PRIVATE LENDERS THAT ARE AFFILIATED WITH FEMA, BUT NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Commissioner Stegmann: GREAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? /OTHER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP. MAGGIE.

Maggie: YEARS AGO I LIVED IN BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.

Chair Kafoury: I AM SORRY, MAGGIE, STATE YOUR NAME.

Maggie: CAN YOU HEAR ME? OH, HI, MAGGIE. YEARS AGO I LIVED IN BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON. I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL WHEN. THERE WAS THIS GUY WHO WENT AROUND AND PREVENTED THROUGH COMING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE DEVELOPERS FROM DEVELOPING ON THE WETLANDS ALONG THE WATER THERE. SO THEY WERE ALL REALLY DISAPPOINTED, SO THEY SAID OH, WELL, HERE'S SOME CHEAP LAND ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE, YOU KNOW, AND IN THIS DEPRESSION, AND OKAY, WE WILL GO BUY THIS LAND, AND WE WILL BUILD A DEVELOPMENT THERE. WELL, EVERYONE KNEW, OR EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN, AND INCLUDING THE DEVELOPERS THAT IT WAS 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN, AND THE LAST FLOOD WAS, YOU KNOW, ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO. SO THEY WENT AND DEVELOPED THIS LAND, AND THEY SOLD THIS, YOU KNOW, GREAT HOUSING FOR WHAT SEEMED AT THE TIME EXTREMELY REASONABLE PRICES BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE TOWN WAS GROWING. SURE ENOUGH HERE CAME THE FLOOD, AND EVERYONE WAS FLOODED OUT. THE BRIDGE WAS FLOODED. THERE YOU GO. AND WHAT DO THEY DO? AND SO THESE DEVELOPERS KNOW, AND NOW WITH WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING AND HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO GET PROGRESSIVELY WORSE BECAUSE AS WE KNOW, YOU KNOW, IN THE NEXT 100 YEARS, THE TEMPERATURE, THE GLOBAL TEMPERATURE IS GOING TO GO UP TO, YOU KNOW, TWICE WHAT WE PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT, OR WHAT SCIENTISTS THOUGHT, AND THAT'S GOING TO CREATE MORE FLOODS AND MORE DROUGHT. SO I THINK PEOPLE WHO ARE BUYING HOMES OR LAND OR WHATSOEVER, WHETHER DEVELOPING, THEY NEED TO BE BUYER AWARE, YOU KNOW. THIS IS A LEMON LAW, YOU KNOW. YOU NEED TO KNOW THESE DEVELOPERS DON'T CARE. AND THEY DON'T CARE. THEY ARE GOING TO SELL YOU THIS LAND, AND IT'S GOING TO FLOOD, AND THEY DON'T CARE. SO BUYER BEWARE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

**R.2 Order Appointing Eric Burgin as Commissioner to the Ramsey-Walmar Special Road District. Presenter: Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2. JENNY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY? IT LOOKS LIKE COURTNEY LORDS SHOULD BE PRESENTING THIS ONE?

Jenny Madkour: IT DOES LOOK LIKE COURTNEY LORDS SHOULD BE PRESENTING THIS, I WILL PRESENTED IT IN HER STEAD, THIS IS TO PROVE MR. BURGIN TO THIS SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT. THIS IS A SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT THAT THE COUNTY PRESIDES OVER, AND THEN THIS BOARD DOES THE APPOINTMENT FOR.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? NOPE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE ORDER IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCJ-07-19: Adds \$35,854 to the Federal/State Fund for the City of Gresham Project Respond Program Expansion. Presenter: Kimberly Bernard, DCJ Research and Planning Manager.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R3.

Kimberly Bernard: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD I AM KIMBERLY BERNARD, THE RESEARCH DIRECTOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. I AM HERE TO REQUEST A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR FORMALIZING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT. GRESHAM POLICE RECEIVED A FEDERAL GRANT THROUGH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE A COORDINATED MENTAL SERVICES RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR SERVICE WHEN THE DRIVE FOR THAT CALL IS BELIEVED TO BE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. MY TEAM WILL BE SERVING AS THE GRESHAM RESEARCH PARTNER ON THIS GRANT. WE WILL BE HELPING TO DOCUMENT THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES, ASSISTING WITH FEDERAL MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND WE ARE DEVELOPING DATA DASHBOARDS TO HELP THEM TELL THEIR STORY.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. WHAT IS PROJECT RESPOND? CAN YOU EXPAND? I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS.

Kimberly Bernard: SO MY UNDERSTANDING, IN DOING THIS PROJECT WITH GRESHAM, IS THAT PROJECT RESPOND WAS A PRE-EXISTING COLLABORATION BRINGING TO GO DIFFERENT AGENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE IDEA WAS TO IMPROVE BOTH THE PROVISION OF POSSIBLY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON THE SCENE WHEN IT CALLS FOR SERVICE, BUT ALSO THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP SERVICES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SITUATION DOESN'T RESULT IN A CALL FOR SERVICE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. SO THIS HAS BEEN A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN MEETING. THIS IS -- THIS GRANT IS TO KIND

OF EXPAND THE SERVICES AND THE OUTREACH. THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER-RESOURCED.

Commissioner Stegmann: SO THEY HAVE BEEN, ACTUALLY, TAKING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WITH THEM? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

Kimberly Bernard: I BELIEVE IT IS A MODEL THAT WAS DEVELOPED IN THE PORTLAND AREA, AND THE GOAL OF EXPANDING PROJECT RESPOND IS TO MAKE A MORE CONCERTED EFFORT IN THE GRESHAM SERVICE AREA.

Commissioner Stegmann: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONER SMITH?

Commissioner Smith: NO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. IT SOUNDS LIKE IS THIS A -- IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS?

Board Clerk: YES, ONE PERSON, CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER. CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. AND YES, PROJECT RESPOND IS A PRE-EXISTING SERVICE PROGRAM. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S LIMITED TO ONLY IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU PROJECT. CURRENTLY THEY EVEN GET PERSONNEL EXTENDED TO THE LIBRARY, BUT IF YOU WENT TO THE GOOD SAM SAMARITAN LEGACY EMERGENCY ROOM AT THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, IN ADDITION IT PARTNERING WITH POLICE, SOMETIMES DIRECTLY IN THE VEHICLES, THEY ALSO DO FOLLOW-UP SERVICES. SO WHILE WE ARE EXPANDING THIS TO GRESHAM, SO WE CAN HAVE BETTER BALANCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE SHOULD BE MINDFUL ABOUT THE LEGACY UNITY PARTNERSHIP AND SEE IF MAYBE THERE IS A POSITION WHERE THE LEGACY HEALTH FOUNDATION SHOULD BE PARTNERING WITH THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU ARE IN GRESHAM, YOUR MEDICAL CARE OPTIONS ARE LIMITED AS FAR AS AN EMERGENCY ROOM OPTION COMPARED TO IF YOU ARE HERE IN THE CITY WHERE POLICE ARE WORKING WITH PROJECT RESPOND COULD TAKE YOU TO UNITY IF YOU NEED, GOOD SAM AND ADVENTIST. IT'S GREAT TO SEE THIS PROGRAM MOVE EAST AND A SUCCESS TO THE GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CRISIS CENTER.

Kimberly Bernard: I SHOULD ADD TO THAT, MUCH OF THE FUNDING COMING THROUGH THIS IS A PASS-THROUGH TO CASCADIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PROJECT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

**R.4 BudMod MCSO-01: Request \$388,469 from General Fund contingency for the Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff's Association wage increases due to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that was ratified on 11/1/2018. Presenter: Jason Gates, Chief of Law Enforcement.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R4. GOOD MORNING.

Jason Gates: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS JASON GATES, CHIEF DEPUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FROM THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME THIS MORNING AND CONSIDER THIS CONTINGENCY REQUEST WITH US. IN NOVEMBER THIS BOARD RATIFIED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE TERM 2018-2022. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WAGES, BENEFITS, AND OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS. MCSO WAS A NEED TO BARGAIN THIS CONTRACT, THUS COORDINATED THE INCREASES INTO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE WAGE AMOUNT AND THE FINALIZED CONTRACT IS MORE THAN WAS SET ASIDE. TO BALANCE OUT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NECESSARY TO HONOR THE CONTRACT TERMS AND PROMISES MADE TO OUR EMPLOYEES. THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY FOR DSA AMOUNTS TO \$388,469. PERSONALLY, I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF OUR LABOR RELATION STAFF AND UNION REPRESENTATION IN THIS REGARD AND WISH TO THANK THE COMMISSION IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE CONTINGENCY REQUEST. I AM HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT THIS TIME.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO THIS WAS UNFUNDED, SO WE HADN'T INCLUDED THIS IN OUR BUDGET? AND THAT'S WHY THIS IS BEING BROUGHT FORTH, IS THAT CORRECT? OR WAS IT IN OUR BUDGET?

Chair Kafoury: WE HAD A -- DO YOU WANT ME TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION? I AM HAPPY TO. WE HAD A LINE ITEM IN OUR BUDGET THAT, OR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR THAT WAS FOR LABOR CONTRACTS BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE ANTICIPATED, BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN FINISHED YET. SO THIS IS ONE OF THEM.

Commissioner Stegmann: SO IT WAS ALREADY IN OUR BUDGET.

Chair Kafoury: YES. WE HAVE IT -- MONEY SET ASIDE FOR THIS VERY REASON.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Jason Gates: THANKS FOR ANSWER THAT GO QUESTION, CHAIR. YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU. AND I, AS WELL, APPRECIATE THE GOOD WORK THAT LABOR RELATIONS AND THE UNION DID TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT AND WE WILL NOW VOTE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Jason Gates: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.5 Reappointment to Merit System Civil Service Council. Presenter: Steve Herron, Labor Relations Director**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R5.

Steve Herron: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS STEVE HERRON, THE LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. YOU MAY RECALL THAT I WAS HERE LAST WEEK ON A MERIT COUNCIL APPOINTMENT FOR ONE OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAD MOVED OUT OF COUNTY, AND WE WERE APPOINTING FOR THAT VACANCY. AT THAT TIME I MENTIONED THAT I WOULD BE BACK BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE IS A POSITION NOW THAT EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, AND THIS IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD AS A REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CURRENT INCUMBENT WHO IS AN H.R. PROFESSIONAL AT MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? THIS PERSON IS CURRENTLY SERVING -- JUST A RE-APPOINTMENT?

Steve Herron: CORRECT.

Chair Kafoury: HOW LONG ARE THE TERMS FOR?

Steve Herron: TWO YEARS.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE APPOINTMENT IS RE -- THE RE-APPOINTMENT, I GUESS, IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.6 Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement 2018-2021 between Multnomah County and Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). Presenters: Steve Herron, James Opoka & ONA Representative.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R6. WELCOME BACK.

Steve Herron: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS STEVE HERRON, I AM THE LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY, AND THIS IS THE RATIFICATION VOTE ON THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE OREGON NURSES ASSOCIATION ON OUR SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS THANK EACH OF THE TWO BARGAINING TEAMS. THE ONA TEAM STARTING WITH BRYAN HOWARD, THE ONA REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CHIEF SPOKESPERSON MICHELLE CHOW, KATHY OLSEN DENNIS, JOANNE BUCK, MARCUS COOKSY, JACQUELINE JONES, AMANDA COURT, JUSTINE [INAUDIBLE], EMILY MARKS, AND KELLY CURTAIN.

THOSE FOLKS WERE THE ONA REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEY DEDICATED TIME, ENERGY, AND SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE BARGAINING ON BEHALF OF THE UNION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MANAGEMENT TEAM CHRIS WAS OUR SECOND CHAIR, A DCHS MANAGER. ARENA, STEPHANIE, ASHLEY, MIKE, CAITLIN DAWN, AND LYNN, AND I ALSO WANT TO PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZE AND THANK JAMES OPOKA, MY LABOR RELATIONS MANAGER APPOINTEE WHO WAS THE CHIEF SPOKESPERSON IN THAT BARGAINING. THE PARTIES BEGAN BARGAINING IN APRIL AND HAD 14 BARGAINING SESSIONS. IT WAS NOT A SIMPLE BARGAINING. IT WAS A CHALLENGING BARGAINING, BUT I THINK THAT THE PARTIES WORKED THROUGH THE DIFFICULT ISSUES AND GOT TO A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME. WE AGREED TO THE CPI BASED COLA IN YEAR ONE, AGREED TO A MARKET ADJUSTMENT FOR A CLASSIFICATION THAT WAS BEHIND MARKET. WE AGREED TO SOME ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AND PREMIUMS. THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION ON THAT IS TO THE CORRECTIONS HEALTH PREMIUM, AND THAT'S SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TURNOVER AND THE ISSUE OF RETENTION IN THAT.

WE HAD A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS THAT ARE RECOGNIZING ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES, WHICH WE'VE BEEN DOING IN SEVERAL OF OUR CONTRACTS, AND EXPANDING SOME DIFFERENTIALS. SOME OF THE THINGS THE COUNTY ACCOMPLISHED ON OUR LIST OF ASPIRATIONS WAS THE MOTORCYCLES OF THE BENEFITS PLAN AS WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH EACH OF THE CONTRACTS AND TRYING TO DO BRINGING THE SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW OREGON SICK TIME LAW, WORKING ON THAT INCLEMENT WEATHER CONSTRUCT THAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO SHIFT OVER TO A CLEARER SYSTEM FOR EACH OF THE CBAS. SO THAT KIND OF ENCAPSULATES THE THINGS THAT WE ADDRESSED IN THIS BARGAINING, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS? COMMENCE? NOPE? OKAY. YEAH.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANKS SO MUCH FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND GOOD JOB TO YOU AND TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE A PART OF THIS NEGOTIATION TO GETTING THIS TODAY. I JUST WAS LOOKING AT THE AGREEMENT, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT THERE WAS A LOT DONE WITH LIKE MARKET RATE ADJUSTMENTS. WAS THERE A DIFFERENT LIKE GEOGRAPHIC AREA USED, ORN WAS IT JUST TIME TO DO THE MARKET RATE ADJUSTMENTS DURING THIS BARGAINING SESSION?

Steve Herron: IN TERMS OF -- THERE WAS ONLY ONE CLASSIFICATION THAT WE MADE, A MARKET ADJUSTMENT TO, THE CHN CLASS. ARE YOU REFERRING TO THAT OR TO THE -- SO THIS CONTRACT HAS A MID CONTRACT MARKET ADJUSTMENT EXAMINATION. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE CLASSIFICATION MID MARKET, EXCUSE ME, MID CONTRACT ON THIS CONTRACT, THERE WERE A COUPLE OF CLASSIFICATIONS THAT NEEDED ADJUSTMENT. WE MADE THOSE ADJUSTMENTS. THOSE WERE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. IT HAPPENED THAT BY THE TIME THAT WE GOT TO BARGAINING, THIS CLASSIFICATION HAD ALREADY FALLEN OUT OF ADJUSTMENT, AND SO WHEN WE LOOKED AT OUR REGIONAL COMPARITORS, WE DISCOVERED THAT PARTICULAR CLASSIFICATION HAD BEEN GROWING AT A RATE SUCH THAT WE HAD TRIED TO ADJUST IT, AND WE HAD ALREADY FALLEN BEHIND IN THE MARKET.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THAT JUST SHOWS THE RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW. THANKS SO MUCH.

Steve Herron: YOU BET.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOUR TEAM AND ONA BARGAINING AND TEAM AND OUR ONA MEMBERS WHO WORK REALLY HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY EVERY DAY. THIS WAS NOT AN EASY ONE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON, SO I AM HAPPY THAT WE GOT THERE AND WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE AGREEMENT IS RATIFIED.

Steve Herron: THANK YOU.

**R.7 Resolution Approving A Limited Extension of Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Franchise.** Presenters: Tyler Dice, Office for Community Technology, City of Portland

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R7. GOOD MORNING.

Nathan Clark: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER, I AM NATHAN CLARK, POLICY ADVISOR FOR LOR STEGMANN, AND I HAVE TYLER DICE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND CAROL STUDENMUND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION. SO MOUNT HOOD CABLE

REGULATORY COMMISSION WAS CREATED BY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 24, 1992 TO CARRY OUT CABLE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, TROUTDALE, AND WOOD VILLAGE, THE RESOLUTION WAS BROUGHT TO AND PASSED BY THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION LAST MONTH, AND NOW REQUIRES CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD. CASCADE ACCESS, LLC IS SWITCHING TO PROVIDE OVER THE TOP SERVICES, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY WILL BE DELIVERING THEIR CONTENT THROUGH THE INTERNET, WHICH IS NOT REQUIRED, DOES NOT REQUIRED USERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO A CABLE OR SATELLITE SERVICE. THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT THE PUBLIC INTERESTS WILL BE SERVED BY GRANTING IS A FRANCHISE EXTENSION AS CASCADE ACCESS LLC HAS REPRESENTED TO THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT IT WILL NOT SEEK RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE ACCEPT FOR THE LIMITED EXTENSION NECESSARY TO CONDUCT ORALLY DISCONNECTS WITH CABLE SUBSCRIBERS, REMOVE COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM FROM COUNTY STREETS AND RESTORE THE COUNTY STREETS BY JUNE 30, 019. MY -- 2019.MY PRESENTERS ARE AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

Carol Studenmund: GOOD MORNING, I AM CAROL STUDENMUND, YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION. WE CERTAINLY RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TODAY, AND OUR STAFF ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK OF SHUTTING DOWN THE FRANCHISE BY JUNE 30, 2019. AND I WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY. DID YOU HAVE SOMING TO ADD?

Tyler Dice: I AM TYLER DICE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT NATHAN AND CAROL HAVE COMMUNICATED. OUR STAFF WORKED DILIGENTLY TO REPRESENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION AND AS CAROL STATED WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN WIND DOWN THE FRANCHISE WITH CASCADE ACCESS BY THE JUNE 30, 2019 DATE.

Chair Kafoury: WONDERFUL. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THE MHCRC AND TO NATHAN, MY STAFF, GOOD JOB.

Chair Kafoury: IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE FANS IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING. THANKS, CAROL, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU, AND I KNOW THAT YOU

-- THE ADVICE YOU GIVE US IS WELL RESEARCHED, WELL THOUGHT OUT, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ADVOCACY ON THIS. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, TYLER, THANKS FOR COMING TODAY. GREAT JOB, NATHAN, I WILL CLAP FOR YOU, TOO, WE WILL GET IT DONE, JUNE 30.

Carol Studenmund: I HAVE ONE MORE COMMENT, I WANTED TO THANK LORETTA SMITH BUT SHE SMUCK AWAY. I WANTED TO THANK HER FOR HER, THE WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE WITH COMCAST PROMOTING THE INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THAT WORK HAS REALLY STOOD OUT TO US, THAT PROGRAM HAD NOT GOTTEN A LOT OF LEGS IN THE COUNTY, AND NOW IT HAS. AND WE ALL WISH HER THE BEST IN THE NEXT ACT IN LIFE.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU STICK AROUND, THERE IS A VIDEO THAT COMES UP THAT MAY MENTION A PART OF THAT, SO THE NEXT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA.

Carol Studenmund: EXCELLENT, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, AND WE WILL GET IT DONE BY JUNE 30, 2019, ALL RIGHT, EXCELLENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. I HEARD IT. I HEARD THE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

Tyler Dice: THANK YOU.

Nathan Clark: THANK YOU.

**R.8 Recognition of Service of Commissioner Loretta Smith.** Presenters: Staff & Community Member.

Chair Kafoury: WELL, NOW IS THE TIME TO COME WHERE WE GO TO SEND OUR THANK YOU AND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR BEST WISHES TO COMMISSIONER FROM DISTRICT 2, LORETTA SMITH. WE ARE GOING TO START -- WE ARE GOING TO KICK OFF OUR FESTIVITIES WITH A VIDEO FROM OUR OWN OFFERS OF COMMUNICATIONS. THANK YOU. APPARENTLY, SOME FOLKS WERE INVITED TO GET HERE AT 10:30, AND IT IS 10:23, SO WE ARE GOING TO PAUSE FOR A FEW MINUTES AND LET THE FOLKS ARRIVE AT 10:30 BECAUSE THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SPEAKING. SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A SEVEN-MINUTE RECESS. IF YOU BEAR WITH US, DON'T LEAVE YOUR SEATS. THIS IS AN ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILM HERE, FOLKS. ALL RIGHT, WE WILL BE BACK AT 10:30. [BREAK TAKEN]

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, IT LOOKS LIKE FOLKS ARE HERE, SO IF WE COULD GET STARTED. IS COMMISSIONER SMITH IN THE ROOM? COMMISSIONER SMITH? NO. OKAY. MATOYA. CAN SOMEONE BRING COMMISSIONER SMITH DOWN SO WE CAN START THE VIDEO? OKAY. ALL RIGHT, IS SOMEONE GOING TO START THE VIDEO FOR US, PLEASE? THANK YOU. NOT ACCORDING TO MY

CLOCK. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DREAM SMALL. YOU CAN DREAM BIG. AND THAT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Commissioner Smith: START IT FROM THE BEGINNING.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

Chair Kafoury: WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. I THINK NEXT UP WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS FROM THE EOC. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP, EMPLOYEES OF COLOR.

>> HI.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

EOC Members: HI. HI. ON BEHALF OF THE EOC WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH SO YOUR SERVICE, I HAD SOME REMARKS THAT I WANTED TO SAY TODAY. OH, BOY, ME CRYING. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU MATTER. YOUR PLACE HERE MATTERS. YOUR VOICE MATTERS. YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE MATTERED. I CAN RELATE TO YOU BEING A SINGLE MOM WHILE WORKING FULL-TIME AND BEING THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE. ALL WHILE NAVIGATING INSTITUTIONS THAT CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION, AND THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK. AND YOU DID IT WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH. AND I APPLAUD YOU AND HONOR YOU FOR THAT. I KNOW AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IT'S PROBABLY NOT A CAKEWALK, AND I KNOW MOST LIKELY THERE HAS BEEN SOME HARD DAYS, BUT REGARDLESS TO THE NUANCES, THE ISSUES OR CRITIQUES THAT COME WITH A ROLE LIKE THIS, YOU SPOKE FOR AND YOU STOOD UP FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO DO SO FOR THEMSELVES.

YOU GAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PEOPLE THROUGH YOUR POLICIES, YOUR ADVOCACY, AND THE RESOURCES THAT YOU HELPED TO FACILITATE FOR THE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND YOU WERE ALWAYS A CHAMPION FOR THE PEOPLE THAT MATTERED. WHEN WE HOLD THESE POSITIONS, PEOPLE LOOK UP TO US, AND WE BECOME ROLE MODELS, WHETHER WE WANT TO OR NOT. WE REPRESENT BLACK PEOPLE, WHETHER WE WANT TO OR NOT. THIS IS WHAT WE CARRY BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE DIGEST FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY. AND YET WE FACE SO MANY HURDLES AS A PEOPLE. BUT, YOUR PRESENCE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR US AS BLACK PEOPLE. YOUR PRESENCE MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOUR JOURNEY BROUGHT YOU HERE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO SERVE AS THE SECOND BLACK COMMISSIONER. YOU SHOWED UP. YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND YOUR PLACE HERE MATTERS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR AND FOR USING YOUR PLATFORM TO PUT POLICIES IN PLACE

THAT DON'T JUST HELP BLACK PEOPLE, BUT THEY HELP AND SUPPORT ALL PEOPLE. I KNOW YOU HAVE GREAT THINGS IN STORE, AND I WISH YOU NOTHING BUT BLESSINGS. YOU ARE NOT JUST A COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BUT YOU ARE A MOTHER, A GRANDMOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER, AND YOU ARE GOD'S DAUGHTER. AGAIN, I HONOR YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, YOUR DEDICATION, YOUR COMMITMENT, AND FOR BEING YOU, MISS LORETTA SMITH, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND CAPE YOU, AND MAY HIS PEACE AND LOVE SURROUND YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] AND SO ON BEHALF OF EOC, WE APPRECIATE YOU ALWAYS BE THERE FOR US STANDING UP FOR US AND OUR CAUSES AND BEING THAT VOICE BECAUSE WITHOUT IT YOUR VOICE, WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR WORKFORCE EQUITY READOPTION COMING UP, SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU FULL FORTH GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR YOU WITH A GIFT THAT WE HAVE. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: I THINK WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL?

Board Clerk: YES. PROMISE KING, DESEAN HARDY, WILLIAM MYERS, JORDAN POLK.

Chair Kafoury: GO AHEAD. JORDAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FIRST?

Jordan Polk: YEAH, I WILL GO AHEAD AND GO.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK THAT MAKES SENSE.

Jordan Polk: HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER BEING HERE IN THIS OFFICE, AND I HAVE ALWAYS WORKED AND ALWAYS BEEN GOING OUT OF TOWN, AND I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE MY MOM LIKE I DON'T WANT TO CRY BECAUSE I LOVE HER. I REALLY DO. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T, LIKE I SAID, I TOLD THIS BEFORE, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE THINGS THAT SHE HAS DONE. SHE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE THINGS THAT SHE HAS BATTLED WITH. SHE HAD A BRAIN TUMOR IN HER HEAD, YOU KNOW WHAT I AM SAYING, AND SHE WOULDN'T BE HERE LIKE EIGHT YEARS AGO IF SHE WASN'T A STRONG WOMAN LIKE I KNOW THAT SHE IS, YOU KNOW. SHE BATTLES, SHE FIGHTS. MAN. MY DAUGHTERS, THEY LOOK UP TO HER BECAUSE SHE HAS MADE A STANDARD IN OUR HOUSEHOLD THAT EXCELLENCE IS IT. BEING THE BEST YOU CAN IS IT. AND I APPRECIATE YOU, MOM. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I LOVE YOU. I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO MISS THIS. BUT YOU DID EVERYTHING THAT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DO, AND I AM PROUD OF YOU, AND I WOULDN'T CHANGE IT FOR ANYTHING. I DON'T WANT ANY OTHER MOM. YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO, AND I AM PROUD OF YOU. JUST KEEP BEING THE STAR THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE. I KNOW YOU HAVE GOT GREAT THINGS AFTERWARDS, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT BIG. AND

JUST KEEP THAT PRETTY SMILE THAT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE. LET'S KEEP GOING. I LOVE YOU, MOM. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN GO NEXT.

Desean Hardy: ON ME, RIGHT?

Chair Kafoury: IT'S YOU.

Desean Hardy: LAST TIME I SAT HERE I GOT EMOTIONAL SO I WILL NOT DO IT THIS TIME. BUT I AM DESEAN HARDY, THE SON OF THE, I WILL SAY IT, LATE, GREAT DR. W.G. HARDY JR. WHEN I RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT THIS, IT WAS THIS WEEK, AND THEY SAID IF YOU CAN MAKE IT DOWN, THE FIRST THING I COULD SAY WAS, IF MY FATHER WAS HERE, HE WOULD DEFINITELY CLEAR HIS CALENDAR TO MAKE IT DOWN, AND SO I DID THE SAME. AND I CAME DOWN. I DIDN'T EXPECT WORDS, AND THEY DIDN'T ASK ME TO, IT TAKES ME BACK TO A FEW THINGS. MY FATHER WAS ABOUT TO PASS, AND WE HUNG OUT A LOT TOGETHER. THERE WERE CERTAIN PEOPLE AND CERTAIN THINGS THAT HE WOULD PUT ME IN PLACE, AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS PUTTING ME IN PLACE TO DO THESE THINGS, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND HE WAS MAKING CONNECTIONS BECAUSE HE WAS LEAVING, AND HE WANTED ME TO CONTINUE SOME WORK. AND ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE HE SAID, IF THEY EVER CALL YOU OR IF THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU OR TO TALK TO THEM, IS LORETTA SMITH. MAKE SURE YOU OPEN THAT DOOR. AND THERE WAS VERY FEW PEOPLE HE PUT ON THAT LIST, AND I REMEMBER ONE STORY I REMEMBER THAT WHEN -- I SAW HER AROUND, AND SHE CAME TO THE CHURCH AND TALKED TO ME ABOUT HER JOBS AND DONE THINGS, AND MY FATHER TALKED TO HIGHLY ABOUT HER, BUT I NEVER PERSONALLY HAD INTERACTION WITH HER.

THE FIRST PERSONAL INTERACTION WAS, THEY BROUGHT IN A CONVENTION WITH SENATORS AND PEOPLE AND THEY WANTED TO HAVE CHURCH AND MY DAD SAID WE WILL BRING IT TO YOU DOWNTOWN. MY DAD GOT SICK, REALLY SICK. NOBODY KNEW, HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. AND SO I GET THIS CALL TO COME TO THE HOSPITAL, AND HE SAID SON, NOT GOING TO MAKE IT BUT LORETTA DOESN'T KNOW, I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE IT, AND I HAVE NOT TOLD HER I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE IT, AND I WAS LIKE OH, SO WE HAVE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS GOING TO RUN THE SERVICE THAT DAY BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT KNOW. AND I WAS LIKE WELL, DAD, MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL HER, AND HE SAYS NO, YOU KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO, I AM GOING TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR SISTER RUN THE SERVICE, AND I SAID OH, THIS IS GOING TO BE SO -- WE GET THERE SUNDAY, AND I AM NERVOUS AND SITTING THERE AND LORETTA COMES IN AND THE FIRST THING SHE SAYS IS, WHERE IS YOUR DAD? AND I GO YOU KNOW, HE WILL BE HERE. AND SO I SAT UP THERE, AND ONE OF THE FUNNY THINGS, THE SENATORS GOT TO TALKING AND HE LOOKED AT ME AND HE SAID, WE WANT TO THANK DR. HARDY FOR OPENING HIS DOORS, AND I SHOOK MY HEAD LIKE YOU ARE WELCOME, BUT KNOWING I WAS NOT

DOCTOR HARDY, AND WE RAN THE SERVICE AND WE GOT DONE AND WE DO GOT DONE AND LORETTA SAID, YOU DID A PHENOMENAL JOB, AND LIKE A GOOD FATHER, HE CALLED AND HE ASKED HEAR HOW WE DID, BUT IT WAS -- THAT WAS MY FIRST PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HER, AND SINCE THEN, I'VE GOTTEN PHONE CALLS, AND I REMEMBER I GOT A CALL ASKING RECENTLY AT THE CHURCH BECAUSE SHE WOULD TALK ABOUT HER JOBS, AND, WHEN I GOT THE CALL AND I SAID MAN, LORETTA SMITH'S OFFICE CALLED ME, I HAVE MADE IT. I AM DOING BIG THINGS, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE. AND THANK YOU. I KNOW, YOU KNOW HOW MY FATHER FELT BUT AND HOW HIGHLAND FEELS BUT AND OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR THINGS THAT WE CAN DO AND THE HARDY FAMILY CAN DO FOR YOU. YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN OUR PRAYERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Willie Myers: I AM WILLIE MYERS, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE COLUMBIA PACIFIC BUILDING TRADES, AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNION WOMEN AND MEN IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, WE GIVE OUR HEART HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE FIGHT FOR THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. YOUR DEDICATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE EQUITY GOALS THAT WERE SET BY THE COUNTY IN A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT THAT NOW IS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR HOW TO BUILD EQUITY ON THE PUBLIC PROJECTS. AND FOR THOSE REASONS AND SO MANY MORE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE. LOVE YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Promise King: MY NAME IS PROMISE KING, PRESIDENT, CEO OF THE LEAGUE OF MINORITY VOTERS. WE HAVE COME TO AN APPOINTED TIME TO SEND NOT JUST A COMMISSIONER, BUT A MOTHER, A SINGLE MOM, A LEADER, COMMUNITY LEADER, WE LOVE HER. WHEN SHE WAS A SINGLE MOM, DRAWING THE LITTLE BABY IN THE STREET OF NORTH PORTLAND, WE LOVE HER. WHEN SHE WAS A TINY LITTLE TOT RUNNING AROUND THE CHURCH PEW, WE LOVE HER. SO OUR LOVE IS NO SENTIMENTAL, MUSHY, LOVE IS ROOTED IN OUR CORE AS A HUMAN BEING. SO WE LOVE HER. BEYOND OUR WORDS, BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION, WE LOVE HER. SHE DID BECOME A LEADER OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS, SHE BECAME A LEADER OF ALL OF US, LATINO, ASIAN, LOW INCOME, MOMS, SINGLE MOM, TALL AND SHORT, BLACK AND BROWN, AND GREEN AND THE IN BETWEEN, SO WE LOVE HER. ONE, WE LOVE HER BECAUSE SHE IS A LEADER THAT CAME TO US AND TOLD US THAT WE CAN DO BETTER, WHEN POLITICIANS APPEALS TO OUR GREED, WE LOOK THEM IN THE FACE AND WE SAY LOOK, WE CAN DO BETTER. SHE SHOWED THAT WE CAN DO BETTER. SO WE LOVE HER. LORETTA, I LOVE YOU. YOU KNOW I DO THAT. YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU NEVER, NEVER ASK ME TO HATE. I KNOW YOU CAN LOVE EVERYBODY. KEEP ON LOVING. THANK YOU. BECAUSE YOU ARE THE VOICE THAT I SAW MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, THAT I SAY LOOK, I CAN BE A STAFFER. THIS GREAT WOMAN, WHO YOU SIT BY,

CHAIR KAFOURY, CALLED ME AND SAID YES, INDEED, YOU CAN BE A STAFFER. BECAUSE OF YOUR AS OPERATIONS AND EMPOWERMENT, I ROSE UP ONE DAY, AND I SAID I CAN WORK IN AN ORGANIZATION THAT WENT POWERFUL, IN LORETTA'S, NEW JESSICAS, BECAUSE OF YOUR INSPIRATION. SO I LOVE YOU. RAISE UP YOUR HEAD, GIRL. I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE A FIGHTER. YOU NEVER GAVE UP. YOU NEVER, NEVER GAVE UP. WHEN YOU STRUGGLE, YOU CALL ME AND SAY WHAT DO WE DO? AND I SAID MAKE THIS FIGHT ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIZENS. ABOUT ORDINARY MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIZENS. YOU DID. YOU LISTENED TO ME. YOU MADE THE FIGHT ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIZENS. HERE WE ARE BEFORE YOU, WATCH YOUR WARD. CALIBRATING, LOOKING BACK WITH PRIDE ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I KNOW THAT THERE IS NO MONUMENT YET TO YOUR NAME, BUT I TELL YOU WHAT, IN MY HEART, I HAVE SEVERAL MADE TO KAFOURY, TO SALTZMAN, TO EDWARDS, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT INSPIRED ME IN MY YEARS, IN MY LIFE. BUT YOU, YOU HAVE [INAUDIBLE] HAVE YOU AS A MONUMENT IN YOUR HEARTS. RAISE UP YOUR HEAD, GIRL. I AM HERE FOR YOU. I HAVE GOT YOUR BACK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: LAKIFA ELLIOTT.

Board Clerk: EUGENE RASHAD, TONY HOBSON, ANDREW [INAUDIBLE] AND BARB.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN GO FIRST.

LaKeitha Elliott: MY NAME IS LAKEITHA ELLIOTT, AND I AM HERE FOR A COUPLE REASONS. FIRST I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF MY BOSS, REPRESENTATIVE JONELLE BYNUM WHO REGRETS THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO BE HERE BUT WANTED TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE WAS HERE, AND ABLE TO TELL YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENCOURAGE ELEMENT, FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR BEING A STRONG LEADER, AND MODELING THAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP FOR BOTH HER AND I. SO THANK YOU. I AM SECOND HERE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY. I WAS ABLE TO BE HERE WHEN YOU BROUGHT THOSE YOUNG AND OLD BLACK MEN TO GO, AND WATCHED WHAT CAME OUT OF THAT. YOU LISTENED TO THEM, AND YOU MADE THINGS HAPPEN FOR THEM. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WAS ALSO ABLE TO HEAR FROM THE YOUNG WOMEN FROM JEFFERSON THAT YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH OTHER BLACK WOMEN LEADERS WHO OFTENTIMES THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY GOT TO SIT WITH A BLACK LAWYER, DOCTOR, ELECTED OFFICIAL AND FEEL LIKE THEY WERE BEING HEARD AND INSPIRED AND ENCOURAGED, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO, I GOT TO BE HERE FOR A NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY THAT FEATURED BLACK FAMILIES OF LGBTQ FOLKS WHO VOICES DON'T OFTEN GET HEARD ABOUT THEIR ISSUES, SO YOU MADE THAT HAPPEN FOR US, TOO. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, PERSONALLY, FOR MY FAMILY, FROM MY NEPHEW, WHO WAS EXCITED, ANY TIME THAT THERE IS A PARADE, SAYS REMEMBER WHEN I GOT TO RIDE WITH LORETTA IN

THE ST. JOHN'S PARADE, HE REMEMBERS THAT EXCITEDLY ALL THE TIME. MY OWN KID, LONDON, WHO GETS EXCITED ABOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP EVENT, PICKS OUT THE BEST SHOES FOR YOUR EVENT AND HAS LIKE POSTS IT ON FACEBOOK ABOUT THE OUTFIT AND GOING TO YOUR EVENT. LONDON ALSO RECEIVED YOUR FIRST SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH HELPED ENCOURAGE LONDON TO DO REALLY GREAT THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU HELPED WITH SPARKING THAT, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND ALSO, ON BEHALF OF MY MOM, WHO I BROUGHT HER IN TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST, AND FROM THERE SHE BECAME YOUR PANCAKE LADY. SHE BOASTS EVERYWHERE THAT SHE GOES, ANY TIME, YEAH, I MAKE HER PANCAKES, WE DO THE SENIOR BREAKFAST. SHE GETS EXCITED ABOUT THAT. THE ONE TIME THAT SHE OVERSLEPT AND MISSED BEING THERE ON-TIME, SHE CRIED. SHE WAS LIKE OH, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, I HAVE TO MAKE THIS UP. LIKE I REALLY CRIED, AND SO THAT'S THE KIND OF IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD ON MY FAMILY, AND SO I WANTED TO TELL YOU THANK YOU. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE CONTINUE TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND FOR OTHERS. AND ME AND MY FAMILY WILL BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU HOWEVER WE CAN. SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVE, LOVE, LOVE YOUR MOM. SHE DOES NOT LET ANYBODY MESS WITH THOSE PANCAKES, THAT'S HER WORLD. BACK UP. SO SHE'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. AND WE WILL KEEP DOING THAT.

LaKeitha Elliott: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Yugen Rashad: GOOD MORNING, COUNTY CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I FIRST MET COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH WHEN I WAS A COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR SENATOR AVEL GORDLY. IT WAS LIKE DECADES AGO. THAT'S WHEN I FIRST MET HER, AND SHE STRUCK ME OF SOMEONE THAT WAS A SOLID PERSON. AND WATCHING HER IN HER COMMUNITY WORK, AND BEING ELECTED TO THE SEAT, I WAS PROUD. I KNOW THAT SHE IS FROM NORTHEAST PORTLAND, AND I KNOW THAT JORDAN'S FAMILY VERY WELL, AND EVERYBODY WAS SO PROUD OF HER WHEN SHE GOT ELECTED. I ALSO KNOW THAT SHE REPRESENTS A LEVEL OF HUMANITY THAT IS HARD, HARD TO ACHIEVE, BUT EASY TO RECOGNIZE. AND HER DISPATCH OF HER DUTIES AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, I HAVE SEEN IT, I WORKED FOR THE COUNTY SINCE 2009, AND I HAVE SEEN A DIFFERENT SIZE OF COMMISSIONER SMITH THAT ALWAYS REPRESENTS THE FRAMEWORK OF HUMANITY THAT WE ALL ASPIRE TO. SHE REPS DISTRICT 2, BUT SHE REPRESENTS ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN TERMS OF THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE AND THE INITIATIVES THAT WE ALL KNOW SO WELL. IT JUST BRINGS TO MY MIND THE IDEAL OF RACE AND

SOCIAL STATUS AND GENDER. WE KNOW THAT RACE IS, IS NOT A BIRTH EVENT, IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT, AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT BECAUSE IT'S THE ACCIDENT OF BIRDS, WE DON'T KNOW ECONOMICALLY HOW WE'RE GOING TO WIND UP, WHAT OUR ZIP CODE IS GOING TO BE. BUT WATCHING COMMISSIONER SMITH DO THE WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE IN HER TWO TERMS AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, IT MAKES SENSE TO ME THAT WE ALL ASPIRE TO A LEVEL OF HUMANITY THAT SHE HAS DEMONSTRATED IN HER TWO TERMS, AND FINALLY, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY THERE IS A REAL SHORT STORY ABOUT THE GREAT CANADIAN PIANO I WAS, OSCAR PETERSON. HE WAS OUT AND ABOUT ONE NIGHT, AND HE WENT TO A JAZZ VENUE. THERE WAS SOMEONE ON THE STAGE PERFORMING. AND SOMEONE NOTICED OSCAR COMING INTO THE ROOM AND SAYING, OH, OSCAR PETERSON JUST WALKED IN. AND ANOTHER PERSON SAID OH, GOD JUST WALKED INTO THE HOUSE. THIS JAZZ MUSICIAN TALK. AND SOMEONE SAYS, NO, OSCAR PETERSON SAYS NO, GOD IS UP ON THE STAGE. AND IT WAS ART TATUM. THE TAKE-AWAY FROM THAT STORY IS WHEN SOMEONE WALKS INTO THE ROOM, THEY WITH THEM A LEGACY, A LIFE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SACRIFICE, AND THERE IS NOT MANY PEOPLE THAT I PERSONALLY KNOW THAT I CAN SAY THAT ABOUT. I CAN'T SAY THAT ABOUT MY FORMER BOSS, SENATOR AVEL GORDLY, AND I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT ABOUT COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH. SHE WILL NEVER BE A GHOST. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE A SPIRIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Andrew McGowgh: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR. I AM ANDREW, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORKS SYSTEMS. # 7,000 KIDS OVER THE START OF THAT PROGRAM. IT IS JUST AN AMAZING CONTRIBUTION YOU'VE MADE THAT WILL BE LASTING, THAT WILL BE HERE AS LONG AS I'M HERE, I HOPE, AND BEYOND. BECAUSE IT MATTERS AND IT WORKS. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN AMAZING. I JUST WANT TO SAY I'VE LEARNED FROM YOU THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. AND I HAVE BEEN HUMBLLED BY YOU AND PEOPLE ASK ME WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT COMMISSIONER SMITH. I THINK ABOUT HER PERSISTENCE WITH JORDAN AND HER FAMILY AND HOW MUCH SHE LED FOR HIM AND I THINK IT IS REFLECTED HOW MUCH SHE LED AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. WHEN YOU ARE READY I WILL GIVE YOU THIS AWARD AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, ANDREW. LOVE YOU.

Commissioner Smith: HI, BARB.

Barb Timper: HELLO, COMMISSIONERS, I'M GOING TO JUMP IN WITH ANDREW. IT IS EMOTIONAL TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD FOR ME PERSONALLY AS WELL AS THE THOUSANDS OF YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE DIFFERENCE I SEE IT, I SEE YOUTH AFTER A SUMMER, AFTER TWO SUMMERS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED. THEIR GOALS, THEIR DESIRES TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND THE FACT THEY HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED TO THEM THEY NEVER THOUGHT WERE POSSIBLE ARE JUST -- YOU CAN'T REPLACE THAT. I JUST HAVE TO SAY THANK YOU AND I WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER, DO YOU WANT TO GET A PICTURE WITH THE WORK SYSTEMS FOLKS?

Commissioner Smith: YEAH.

Chair Kafoury: COME ON UP. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

Tony Hobson: SO CHAIR AND FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, TONY HOBSON, PRESIDENT CO ENHANCEMENT, INC. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND SAID A FEW THINGS. LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS FROM A VERY SPECIFIC PERSPECTIVE. AS HAS BEEN SAID, COMMISSIONER SMITH HAS DONE A LOT FOR OUR COUNTY, OUR CITY, HAS TOUCHED LIVES ACROSS CULTURAL LINES. MY WORDS COME FROM BLACK PEOPLE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOU COME. THE PEOPLE WHO GREW UP IN ALBINA, STRUGGLING FOR YEARS HOW TO CHANGE THE CONDITION OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE SEEN AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO HAVE COME BEFORE YOU THAT DID NOT HAVE THE COURAGE, DID NOT HAVE THE PASSION YOU HAD, THE WILLINGNESS TO TOUCH A COMMUNITY, TO ASK QUESTIONS OF A COMMUNITY, TO BRING A COMMUNITY TO A FOREFRONT, TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. A LOT OF FOLKS OFLE COLOR GET INTO POLITICIAN AND TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MANY OF THEM STRUGGLE BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL PAINS AND STRUGGLES YOU HAVE AS A PERSON OF COLOR SITTING IN THAT SEAT. OFTEN WE FIND MANY BLACK LEADERS DON'T WANT TO BECOME TOO BLACK. IF YOU ARE THE COMMISSIONER. WE SAW THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BARACK OBAMA DEAL WITH THE SAME ISSUE. THOSE ISSUES CAN KEEP YOU FROM BEING SUCCESSFUL. IN YOUR PARTICULAR CASE, YOU NAVIGATED IT EXTREMELY WELL. YOU WERE ABLE TO SERVE THE MULTITUDES, BUT ALSO ABLE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY THAT NO ONE HAD BEFORE YOU. THE THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF THAT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND SPECIFICALLY THE BLACK COMMUNITY HAVE NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. THE LIVES YOU WERE ABLE TO TOUCH, THE RESOURCES YOU MADE AVAILABLE FOR US TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE OFTEN TIMES ARE FOLKS OF COLOR AND POOR PEOPLE. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU. THE SERVICES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF YOUR GROUP, WE CAN RE-CREATE THE NEXT LORETTA SMITH OVER AND OVE AND OVER AGAIN. OFTENTIMES YOU NEED SOMEBODY TO LOOK AT, SOMEBODY THAT LOOKS LIKE YOU THAT YOU, TOO, CAN DO THAT. YOU HAVE SERVED IN THAT ROLE FOR A LONG TIME AND THE SUCCESS YOU HAVE HAD LETS US KNOW, YES, IN FACT, IT CAN BE DONE. WE WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR ONE OF

OUR OWN COMING OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR COMMUNITY TO RISE TO SUCH A LEVEL AND HAVE THE IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD IS TRULY REMARKABLE. WE LOVE YOU FOR THAT. WE LOVE YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE. WE LOVE YOU FOR YOUR PASSION AND WE LOVE THE FACT THAT NOW YOU HAVE DONE IT, WE UNDERSTAND IT IN FACT CAN BE DONE AND WILL BE REPEATED BASED ON THE FACT YOU HAVE SHOWN US THE WAY. FOR THAT, MUCH, MUCH, MUCH, MUCH LOVE. APPRECIATE YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MUCH LOVE FOR YOU,

Board Clerk: TONY. KEITH EDWARDS. JANELL BELL, CALLIE LADD, AND LISA ROCKOER.

Keith Edwards: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. LOOKS LIKE WE LOST ONE. AND GOOD MORNING LORETTA. HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS MORNING?

Commissioner Smith: I'M DOING GOOD.

Keith Edwards: YOU SHOULD BE DOING GOOD. MUCH LOVE IS COMING YOUR WAY AND WE WILL CONTINUE THAT. I GUESS I CAN'T REALLY ADD ON TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE SAID EXCEPT THAT YOU HAVE CHANGED THE WAY THE COUNTY WORKS. YOU HAVE CHANGED THIS COMMUNITY. AND IT HAS ALL BEEN FOR THE BETTER BECAUSE THE CULTURE HAS CHANGED. AND EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE LEAVING AS COMMISSIONER, THE CULTURE HAS BEEN SET. THE BAR HAS BEEN SET HIGH AND THAT WILL NOT CHANGE. WE WILL NOT GO BACKWARDS BECAUSE OF YOU. WE LOVE YOU FOR THAT. DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, EQUITY, WE TALK ABOUT THOSE WORDS AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM PART OF THE CULTURE OF THE COUNTY. NOW EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE INCLUSIVE, TO BE DIVERSE AND TO BE EQUITABLE. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT BECAUSE THAT WE CAN BUILD ON. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON WHAT YOU HAVE DONE GOING FORWARD. AS TONY SAID, WE ARE GOING TO REPLICATE YOU. WE ARE GLAD WE HAVE SOMEONE TO REPLICATE. THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOU HAVE STOOD UP FOR US. LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY, ARTICULATED OUR MESSAGE AND MADE SURE THE COMMUNITY WAS TAKEN CARE OF, BUT MOST OF ALL WHAT I REALLY APPRECIATE IS YOU KEPT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL, YOU GOT DOWN AND FOUGHT FOR US, DESPITE ANY PERSONAL ISSUES YOU MAY HAVE HAD, YOU SACRIFICED FOR US AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. AND YOU KEPT OUR YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT AND THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL ESPECIALLY IN OUR COMMUNITY AS OUR YOUTH HAVE BEEN STRUGGLES. YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE APPRECIATE YOU AND LOVE YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU AGAIN. WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. I HAVE ONE ASK, YOU CONTINUE TO KEEP UP THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVEN

THOUGH YOU ARE NOT A COMMISSIONER, YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD AND YOUR VOICE WILL BE RESPECTED. WE LOVE YOU

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, KEITH. LOVE YOU, TOO.

Kalli Ladd: COMMISSIONER SMITH, THE FIRST TIME I RECALL WORKING WITH YOU IS WHEN I WORKED IN MAYOR ADAMS OFFICE AND WE WORKED ON THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM TOGETHER. HE HAD A PASSION FOR YOUTH THAT WERE UNEMPLOYED AND DISENFRANCHISED. WHEN HE TRANSITIONED OUT OF OFFICE IT MEANT SO MUCH TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO COULD TAKE THAT PROGRAM OVER AND LEAD IT AND GROW IT. HE KNEW THE YOUTH MATTERED TOO MUCH FOR IT NOT TO BE. YOU WERE THAT PERSON. YOU TOOK THAT PROGRAM AND GAVE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES THAT WOULD IS NOT HAVE HAD OTHERWISE. I HEARD YOU SPEAK ABOUT SUMMER WORKS EVERYWHERE. YOU SPOKE ABOUT THE YOUTH EVERYWHERE YOU WENT. IN MY OWN PERSONAL JOURNEY WITH CHYROS YOU STEPPED UP AND FOUGHT. IT DIDN'T MATTER IF IT WAS POPULAR. THE POLITICS OF CHATTERS DIDN'T STAND IN YOUR WAY BECAUSE YOU SAW OUR CHILDREN AND SAW THEY DEY A QUALITY EDUCATION. WHAT I SAW IN YOU IS STANDING UP FOR CHILDREN WHETHER IT WAS POPULAR, BEING A VOICE FOR THEM, BEING VISIBLE FOR THEM. FOR OUR YOUNG YOUTH TO SEE A YOUNG BLACK AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE SPEAKING UP FOR THEM THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE IT. IT WILL LAST IN THEIR HEARTS FOREVER AND OUR COMMUNITY FOREVER AND CERTAINLY LAST IN MY HEART FOREVER. I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Lisa Rockower: AND WONDERFUL COMMISSIONERS, WHAT A PLEASURE AND HONOR IT IS TO SIT BEFORE FOUR OF THE FIVE AMAZING WOMEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WE HAVE IN OREGON. MY NAME IS LISA ROCKOWER. I HAVE A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH THAT GOES BACK 22 YEARS. FOR 22 YEARS I HAVE BEEN SO HONORED TO CALL COMMISSIONER SMITH A DEAR FRIEND, CONFIDANT, COLLEAGUE, TEAMMATE, SO MANY THINGS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE ARENA AND OFFICE AS WELL AS WATCHING YOU AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND TRULY APPRECIATING ALL THE WORK YOU STARTED OVER 22 YEARS AGO AND CARRIED INTO YOUR DRIVE AND PASSION AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER, WORKING EVERY DAY ON BEHALF OF SENIORS, ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH. EVERY SUMMER WHEN WE HAVE THE HONOR OF HAVING YOUR SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE OFFICE I THINK OF YOU AND I THINK ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT YOU HAVE, ENSURE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE MOVING FORWARD. IT IS INSPIRE ING. I HOPE WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THAT LEGACY. I LOOK SO FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT CHAPTER BECAUSE I KNOW THIS IS A BEGINNING. YOU FOUND

YOUR VOICE A VERY LONG TIME AGO AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOU AND I LOVE YOU. SENATORS S S S S -- SENATOR IS IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD ECHO EVERYTHING I HAVE TO SAY. WE WILL ALL LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO FLIP PANCAKES IF WE ARE ALLOWED. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AND LETTING ME SPEAK.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. LOVE YOU.

Johnell Bell: COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS JOHNELL BELL, STATE FIELD DIRECTOR FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR. I ECHO WHAT LISA SAID. I WANT TO TALK ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. WHEN I STARTED WORKING FOR SENATOR MERKLEY, THE FIRST ITERATION, THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO WAS MY COUNTERPART, THAT WAS LORETTA SMITH WHO REPRESENTED SENATOR WHITE. I WAS REPRESENTING SENATOR MERKLEY. LORETTA TAUGHT ME EVERY SINGLE THING I KNEW IN TERMS OF WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A STAFFER FOR A UNITED STATES SENATOR. I WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE IN THAT ROLE. IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU I'M THE FIRST STATE FIELD DIRECTOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE] AND I'LL CLOSE. MARTIN LUTHER KING ONCE SAID THE ARC OF THE UNIVERSE IS LONG BUT IT BENDS TOWARDS JUSTICE. WHAT FOLKS FORGET ABOUT THAT QUOTE IS IT DOESN'T BEND THROUGH OSMOSIS OSMOSIS. THERE ARE LEADERS, INDIVIDUALS, PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE THAT BENDS AND POOLS AND ARCS THAT ARC. COMMISSIONER, YOU HAVE BENDED THAT ARC FOR THE BETTERMENT FOR ALL OREGONIANS. IT HAS BEEN A TRUE HONOR TO SERVE ALONGSIDE YOU AND TRUE HONOR TO WATCH YOU WORK AND DO SO MUCH GREAT WORK. GLADYS MCCOY, HANK, DICK, SO MANY LEADERS ARE SMILING BECAUSE OF YOUR WORK. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. MUCH LOVE.

Elizabeth Myers: JUST GOING TO GET PREPARED. CHAIR KAFOURY, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, AS YOU KNOW, I'M USUALLY A STAFFER, SO SPEAKING IS NOT SOMETHING I'M VERY USED TO DOING. SO I WROTE SOME NOTES. IT IS GOING TO BE VERY QUICK, BUT IT WAS ALMOST EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO -- THIS IS WHY I SHOULDN'T DO THIS THAT WE SAT DOWN WITH THE OREGON PUBLIC HOUSE FOR CONVERSATION IN WHAT TURNED INTO MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE GLASS OF WINE THAT ENDED IN ME BECOMING YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING, DIFFICULT, SOMETIMES UPHILL BATTLE, BUT I WOULDN'T TRADE THE LAST TWO YEARS FOR ANYTHING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND YOU ARE MY SISTER.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, ELIZABETH. MUCH LOVE. [APPLAUSE] DON'T FORGET TO STATE YOUR GUYS' NAME FOR THE RECORD.

Giovanni Battles: HI, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, GIOVANNI BATTLES FOR THE RECORD. TO THE CROWD, WE ARE GOING TO BE THE LAST SPEAKERS AND WE HAVE FOOD SO STICK AROUND TO MAKE SURE TO EAT. SO AS I SIT HERE, I STARTED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, A LITTLE OVER THAT. I'M A BORN NORTHEAST PORTLANDER U BORN AND RAISED. I THINK A QUOTE THAT CHANGE IS THE ONLY THING IS CONSTANT, WHILE THAT IS TRUE, MY TWO YEARS BEING HERE, I HAVE SEEN YOU CHAMPION YOUR CONSTITUENTS, THE UNPOPULAR DECISION, IT DIDN'T MATTER YOU CHAMPIONED THE PEOPLE WHO PUT YOU THERE. YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS ROOM AND OVER AND OVER I HAVE SEEN THE PEOPLE EXPRESS THAT LOVE TO YOU. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT MY FAMILY IN A BETTER POSITION AND YOU LIVE WHAT YOU TALK. WITH THAT BEING SAID I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME AND THE CONSTITUENTS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU GIOVANNI.

Callie Love: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS KELLY LOVE FOR THE RECORD. DISTRICT TWO, COMMISSIONER SMITH'S OFFICE. I HAVE BEEN UP HERE AND PLAYED MANY DIFFERENT ROLES AS A STAFFER BUT NEVER SAT HERE AND ADDRESSED YOU ALL. VERY NERVOUS. I SPEAK TODAY AS A BLACK WOMAN, AS A MOTHER. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT EVERYTHING EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SAID TO YOU, YOUR REACH, YOUR IMPACT, YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS AN EMPLOYEE. I TAKE THIS PERSONALLY A BLACK WOMAN WHO WORKED FOR A BLACK WOMAN. THIS HAS BEEN HISTORIC. EVERYTHING I HAVE BEEN A PART OF KNOWING MY NAME IS SIGNED ON PROCLAMATIONS, I'M IN PICTURES AND YOU TRUSTED ME TO REPRESENT YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT FIRST. WHEN I STARTED WORKING HERE ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, I CAME IN AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THIS OFFICE AS NEEDED.

I WAS WELCOMED WITH EXCITEMENT BY YOUR OTHER STAFFERS AS PART OF THE DISTRICT TWO TEAM. I KNEW FROM THE FIRST BOARD MEETING I ATTENDED I WANTED TO LEARN AS MUCH AS I COULD REGARDLESS OF HOW TEMPORARY IT WAS GOING TO BE. YOU DIRECTED ME TO PARTICIPATE IN AS MUCH AS I WAS INTERESTED IN AND INVITED ME TO COME TO YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS I HAVE HAD. I HAD HAVE BEEN IN MEETINGS WITH YOU MULTIPLE TIMES AND YOU STOPPED AND SHARED THE HISTORY WITH ME OF WHY IT WAS RELEVANT TO DISTRICT TWO OR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. NOT ONLY DID IT ALLOW ME TO ASK QUESTIONS IN A MOMENT, BUT GET UP TO SPEED WITH THE WORK YOU ARE DOING HERE. I PUT TOGETHER A BENEFITS MEETING, ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I HELPED WITH HERE. ALL WHO WORKED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR WERE INVITED TO HEAR ABOUT THE BENEFITS MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAD. I WAS TEMPORARY. I DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO SOME OF THE THINGS I SAT IN ON THIS MEETING AND LEARNED -- SORRY -- WHAT I LEARNED THROUGH THAT MEETING WAS INVALUABLE TO ME AND LET ME KNOW WHAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF I BECAME A PERMANENT

EMPLOYEE IN THE COUNTY. LUCKILY I DID GET HIRED IN YOUR OFFICE. BECAUSE I WAS IN THE KNOW OF WHAT WAS AVAILABLE, I COULD ACT QUICKLY TO COMPLETING THE STEPS TO PURCHASE MY FIRST HOME. COMMISSIONER SMITH, BECAUSE OF YOUR AWARENESS TO BARRIERS THAT ALL PEOPLE FACE AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO DO OUTREACH AND EDUCATION WHEN AND WHERE IT IS NEEDED I'M THE FIRST IN MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO OWN PROPERTY SINCE MY GRANDFATHER. I'M ALSO A SINGLE MOTHER TO TWO BOYS. MY ROLE AS A MOTHER HAS ALWAYS HAD TO COME FIRST BUT I'M EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND PROUD TO BE A WORKING MOTHER BREAKING GENERATIONS OF CYCLES. I HAD THESE EXPECTATIONS SINCE I BECAME A MOTHER AND FELT CHALLENGED TO DECIDE WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, MY WORK OR MY CHILDREN.

Callie Love: BEING A STAFFER IN DISTRICT TWO MEANS THAT WE GOT TO GO IN THE COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS THAT WERE CRITICAL TO THE CONSTITUENCIES WE SERVE. THESE EVENTS TYPICALLY HAPPENED ON THE EVENINGS AND THE WEEKENDS, BUT THIS OFFICE UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS NEVER ONCE MADE ME FEEL IF I HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MOTHER AND STAFFER. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTED BY YOU AND THESE FOLKS AND OTHER STAFFERS WHO ARE NO LONGER HERE TO TAKE CARE OF MY HOME FIRST. THIS MADE ME GAIN CONFIDENCE AS A WORKING MOTHER, MY BABIES ARE TAKEN CARE OF AND SO IS MY ROLE IN THIS TEAM. IT IS A HUGE GROWTH AND HOW MY BOYS SEE THEIR MOM DO IMPORTANT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY WHILE STILL FEELING THEIR NEEDS ARE MET FIRST. THE IMPROVED CONFIDENCE ALONG WITH CONSISTENT ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOU HAS DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO MY PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, TAKING ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND BE THE BEST IN ALL AREAS OF MY LIFE. CLEARLY YOU HAVE HELD THE STANDARDS HIGH FOR DISTRICT TWO STAFFERS IN MY OPINION AND EXPERIENCE WHILE THAT MAY NOT BE THE MOST COMFORTABLE PLACE TO BE IT IS BY FAR THE PLACE WHERE MOST GROWTH TAKES PLACE. I KNOW OUR STAFF HAS PROVIDED EXCELLENT SERVICE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE CONSTITUENTS OF DISTRICT TWO AND THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE AND YOU HAVE TOLD ME TIME AND TIME AGAIN EXCELLENT. I WILL CONTINUE TO MODEL GRACE, PROFESSIONALISM, ACCURACY, GRIT, AND WILL DO IT WITH A SMILE. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE WORKING WITH YOU, COMMISSIONERS SMITH. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

George Hocker: STILL MORNING. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER PEDERSON AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. COMMISSIONER SMITH, MAY THE PEACE OF GOD THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING BE WITH YOU AND MAY GOD UPHOLD YOU WITH HIS VICTORIOUS RIGHT HAND. I'M GEORGE HOCKER, POLITICAL ADVOCATE FOR COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH. I WANT TO THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER,

FOR RESCUING ME FOLLOWING MY FIFTH RETIREMENT SO I ONLY HAD 15 DAYS WHICH WAS STARTING TO BECOME BORING AND SET ME ON A PATH TO COMPETE FOR THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS FOR RETIREMENTS. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED COMMISSIONER SMITH TO SERVE AS YOUR PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR 3 AND 3/4 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO WITNESS YOUR COMPASSION, YOUR SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TO SIT HERE IN THESE CHAMBERS AND WITNESS YOUR DIGNITY, INTEGRITY AND THE STRENGTH OF YOUR CONVICTIONS, OFTEN AS A LONE VOICE AMONG FIVE VOICES, FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVED WAS RIGHT AND IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR I WILL CHERISH. I WILL COMMENT ON TWO MORE THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, YOUR SUMMER WORKING PROGRAM.

George Hocker: IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS WELL AS A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. TO TRAVEL WITH YOU TO MOST OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE VICINITY, TO MOST OF THE CHURCHES, TO DO WHAT WORK SYSTEMS, INC. WAS DOING. YOU WANTED TO PUT YOUR STAMP ON IT. YOU WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THE PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR YOUTH BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE THAT FIRST JOB. AND FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD SIX CAREERS I KNOW THAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE JOB IT'S HARD TO GET ANOTHER JOB. YOU HAVE TO HAVE TO BEGIN TO BUILD A RESUME, BEGIN TO LEARN WORK SKILLS, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A CONTRIBUTION. AND YOU'VE BEEN DEDICATED TO THAT AND YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED IT AND I HAVE WITNESSED IT. AND I AM PROUD TO DO THAT WITH YOU, RAIN OR SHINE WE'VE BEEN OUT THERE IN THE TRENCHES AND I THINK ITS MADE A DIFFERENCE. AND EVERYONE HAS ATTESTED TO THE NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY YOUR FOCUS ON GETTING THIS PROGRAM. THE INTERNAL NEGOTIATING THAT YOU'VE HAD TO DO WITH YOUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO GET MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO THROUGH THIS PROGRAM EACH YEAR AND I HAVE BEEN WITNESSING THAT FOR 3 AND 3 QUARTER YEARS.

THE LAST THING I WANT TO COMMENT ON SINCE THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH MENTION OF THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST. I FEEL LIKE IM THE PERSON TO PUT IN PERSPECTIVE, SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT THOSE BREAKFASTS ARE. COMMISSIONER SMITH PUTS ON A PANCAKE BREAKFAST QUARTERLY, THAT'S FOUR TIMES A YEAR. AND WE FEED ANYWHERE FROM 85 TO 115 SENIORS. AND THAT ENTAILS GIOVANNI MY BROTHER HERE AND MYSELF GOING OUT TO HAYDEN ISLAND AND BUYING 40 POUNDS OF BACON. 340 POUNDS OF SAUSAGE. 20 POUNDS OF PANCAKE MIX. 600 INDIVIDUAL PADS OF BUTTER. 134R123 GALLONS OF ORANGE JUICE. TWO CANS OF SPRAY. STOP THEN THIS STAFF OF FOUR HERE AND ONE OR TWO OTHER VOLUNTEERS STARTED. ELIZABETH. STARTED 7:00 IN THE MORNING COOKING. AND BY 8:30 WE'RE READY TO SERVE. THE COMMISSIONER SERVES ON OCCASION WE'VE HAD THE CHALLENGE TO CONTINUE THIS ASK COMMISSIONER MY RON TO DO THIS. THERE ARE 85-115 SENIORS OUT THERE FOUR TIMES A YEAR LOOKING

FORWARD TO THAT. MANY OF THOSE SENIORS ARE ON MEALS FOR WHEELS THE ONLY MEAL THEY GET ONLY SOCIALIZATION THEY GET TO TWO OR THREE MINUTES THAT THE PERSON CAN SPEND DELIVERING THAT FOOD ON THE ROUTES. IT'S REALLY A MAJOR EVENT FOR THEM TO COME TO ONE OF THESE BREAKFASTS. TO HAVE SOME TIME TO SOCIALIZE AND OTHER THING IS THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH HAS MADE SURE THAT THIS IS ALSO AN EDUCATION PROCESS. INFORMATION THAT A LOT WOULD NOT GET AND MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE WANT TO HELP OUT A FRIEND WHEN THEY SAY THAT THEIR MEDS ARE GONE OR CAN'T AFFORD THEM. THAT IS SOMETIMES STARTS AN OLDER ADULT ON THE ROAD TO OPIOID ADDICTION. WE'VE TRIED TO ENLIGHTEN THEM WITH THAT. FINALLY, COMMISSIONER, I WILL MISS WORKING FOR YOU, EVERYBODY HAS TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, YOU'RE NOT ONLY THE FIRST WOMAN THAT HAS BEEN MY MAJOR BOSS BUT FIRST BLACK WOMAN THAT HAS DONE THAT. I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, GEORGE. [APPLAUSE]

Jimmy Brown: IT IS STILL MORNING. WHEN I GET DONE IT MAY BE AFTERNOON.

Commissioner Smith: WHEN YOU GET FINISHED. IF ANYBODY KNOWS JIMMY BROWN THAT IS GOING TO BE MY OLDEST AND MOST LOYAL STAFFER AND HE IS VERY GOOD WITH \$230,000 WORDS. AND HE HAS THE GIFT OF GAB. AND I LOVE HIM FOR THAT HE CAN WRITE VERY BRILLIANTLY, THANK YOU, JIMMY BROWN.

Jimmy Brown: AND FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS JIMMY BROWN. CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, AND OF COURSE, COMMISSIONER SMITH, I WROTE SOME WORDS AND THEN I DIDN'T LIKE THEM. BECAUSE IT WAS TOO SMALL. SO I WROTE MORE WORDS. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO HONOR MY COMMISSIONER, MY FRIEND AND MY SHE-RO. YOU ALL KNOW THAT I HAVE A HABIT OF TELLING STORY, SOMETIMES SHORT, OFTENTIMES LONG, TODAY IS GOING TO BE A BIT LONGER. SO I WILL ASK THAT YOU BEAR WITH ME AND IF BY CHANCE ANY OF YOU FILE TIRED, IT'S OKAY WITH ME IF YOU PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN. IT'S OKAY IF BY CHANCE YOU FALL ASLEEP, BUT IF YOU SNORE THEN I WILL KINDLY ASK THE CLERK TO COME UP AND GIVE ANY OF YOU A GENTLE NUDGE. LET ME BEGIN. IN DECEMBER 2012, WHILE WATCHING AN EPISODE OF DORA THE EXPLORER WITH MY GRANDSON I RECEIVED A CALL FROM COMMISSIONER SMITH. I HAD RETIRED LIKE GEORGE, MY FIRST RETIREMENT IN MAY OF 2012 WOULD SETTLE INTO A LIFE OF GRANDKIDS, GOLF, TRAVEL AND REFLECTION. BUT THAT PHONE CALL CAME. COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL, PASSIONATE, FOCUSED TONE, JIMMY, I NEED A CHIEF OF STAFF. I HAVE SOME THINGS I NEED TO DO, THEY ARE BIG, THEY ARE IMPORTANT AND I NEED HELP. NOT A PROBLEM, I SAID.

I KNOW PEOPLE. I CAN GIVE YOU SOME NAMES OF TALENTED PEOPLE. THERE WAS A PAUSE AND IN THAT STRONG FOCUS PASSIONATE VOTE SHE SAID DELIBERATELY, I DON'T NEED SOMEONE ELSE, I WANT YOU. I SAID, COMMISSIONER, I'M RETIRED. I HAVE GRANDKIDS. I HAVE GOLF PLANS, I HAVE TRAVEL PLANS. AND IN A STRONG, FOCUSED, PASSIONATE VOICE WITH DELIBERATION SHE SAID, SO? [LAUGHTER] I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS I MUST DO.

Jimmy Brown: I NEED YOU TO HELP ME DO THOSE THINGS, SO CAN YOU START ON JANUARY 2ND? AND SO THE JOURNEY BEGAN. NOW ALMOST SIX YEARS TO THE DAY I AM HERE WITH BY COLLEAGUES, WITH AN AUDIENCE OF WELL WISHERS, PUT CAN A PAP TO A WONDERFUL JOURNEY AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER. WHAT WERE THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE THAT WOULD TAKE A PERSON FROM A LIFE OF GRANDKIDS, GOLF, TRAVEL AND REFLECTION AND YOU'VE HEARD SOME OF THOSE. YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT SUMMER WORKS. YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS. BUT JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS, WE'VE RECENTLY HEARD ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CULLY PARK AREA, THE CLOSING OF AN OLD STRIP JOINTED THAT WILL BECOME A NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. DID YOU KNOW THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH WAS ONE OF THE INITIATORS OF THE CULLY NEIGHBORHOOD CAPITAL PARK. DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE LED THE FIGHT TO INSTALL TWO TURF FIELDS AT HIGH END NEEDS SUN SCHOOLS. JEFFERSON AND MADISON. LEVERAGING PRIVATE FUNDS TO ALLOW PORTLAND INTER SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYER AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE ARTIFICIAL TURF NOT MUD FIELDS. DID YOU KNOW THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH BROUGHT MENTAL HEALTH AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTO DISTRICT 2?

DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE EXPANDED THE SENIOR HUNGER INITIATIVE AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC MEAL SITES TO FIVE DAYS A WEEK. DID YOU ALSO KNOW THAT SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING THE INCLUSIVE START UP INVESTMENT FUND AND WORKING WITH THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT \$500,000 OF RESOURCES WENT INTO THAT POT. DID YOU ALL KNOW THAT? SOME OF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT. AND IT IS MY OBLIGATION AND HONOR TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU. SHE CAPITALIZED PROMISED WORKS. SHE CAPITALIZED SUMMER WORKS. BY CAPITALIZE, I MEAN SHE BROUGHT THOSE THINGS INTO THE COUNTY'S OVERALL BUDGET NOT JUST AS ONE TIME ONLY FUNDING BUT SAY SAYING WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE HERE LONG AFTER I'M GONE. [APPLAUSE] ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER STEGMANN IN 2017, THEY PERMANENTLY BROUGHT FUNDS TO THE VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM WHICH WORKS TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO VOTER PARTICIPATION IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND OUTED REACH. DON'T TELL ME THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH ONLY DEALS WITH BLACK FOLKS. GEORGE SAID, THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE THE QUARTERLY FORMS AT THE SENIOR CENTERS LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2 CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH THE

BRANCH LIBRARIES, PARTICIPATING IN MEETING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS. METROPOLITAN OR METRO BOARD MEET MEETING, STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL. MEETINGS WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS. AND OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ENSURE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CITY OF PORTLAND RECEIVE THEIR SHARE OF APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING AND DOING SO IN A PASSIONATE, DELIBERATE FOCUS, IN FENCE MANNER. WAS THIS EASY? CITY OF PORTLAND WHEN COMMISSIONER SMITH AND HER COLLEAGUES WERE ON THE SAME PAGE THE COLLABORATION WAS IMPRESSIVE. BUT THE TRUTH BE TOLD THERE WERE TIMES WHEN IT FELT AS THOUGH WE WERE ALL PULLING HEN'S TEETH. YES, SHE PERSISTED.

Jimmy Brown: THOUGH SHE DID NOT ALWAYS BRING HER COLLEAGUES TO HER POSITION SHE NEVER SHIRKED FROM LETTING HER POSITION BE KNOWN. I ASKED HER ONCE, WHY DO YOU ASK SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU DO? KNOWING FULL WELL I HAD WRITTEN SOME OF THE ANSWERS. [LAUGHTER] HER RESPONSE CAUSED ME TO ASK NO MORE. I ASKED BECAUSE WHILE I MAY GET LOTS OF INFORMATION HELPS ME UNDERSTAND AN ITEM, THE PERSON SITTING AT HOME WATCHING ON THEIR COMPUTER OR THEIR TV, IT'S ONLY WHAT WE DISCUSS DURING OUR SESSION. THROUGHOUT MY SIX YEARS OF WORK WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH, IT IS THAT PRESENCE OF MIND, PURPOSE AND FOLK US THAT MAKES HER MY SHE-RO. COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES THAT HAVE COME HERE TO HONOR COMMISSIONER SMITH I KNOW I AM LONG IN SPEECH. BUT I ASK TO YOU BEAR WITH ME, THE WORDS YOU HEAR TODAY, THE STORIES AND REFLECTION WE HERE AT THE END OF A PERSON'S LIFE, AT THOSE TIMES WE SAY, WHY DIDN'T WE SAY THIS WHEN THEY WERE STILL WITH US?

WELL COMMISSIONER STILL IS STILL WITH US AND WE ARE SAYING THAT BECAUSE WE ALL NEED IT TO BE HEARD. GIVEN LIKE GEORGE, THIS WILL BE MY FOURTH RETIREMENT, ALLOW ME TO GIVE MY PARTING COMMENTS AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN I, AS I TURN AROUND AND LOOK BRIEFLY, I APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION OF MY ELDER STATUS, WHILE SAYING TO YOURSELF, LORD, LET THIS OLD MAN HURRY UP. I STARTED MY PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER IN 1974. BEAR WITH ME. FIRST WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S HUMAN RESOURCES BUREAU WORKING WITH MODEL CITIES AND ESTEEMED CHARLES JORDAN, ERMA HELP BURN, LEON JOHNSON, FRED, AFRICAN AMERICANS WELL-KNOWN IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. ADVOCATES FOR FAMILIES, EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR IN 2018? IN MY 44 YEARS OF SERVICE I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO WORK WITH THE TWO MOST ACCOMPLISHED BLACK WOMEN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY POLITICAL HISTORY. CHAIR GLADYS MCCOY AND LORETTA J. SMITH. AND 38 YEARS SEPARATED THE TIMES OF THESE TWO WOMEN, THEIR IMPACT ON COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL REMAIN FOR YEARS TO COME.

I'VE OFTEN LISTENED TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FELT THE PRESENCE OF CHAIR MCCOY, THE PASSION, THE FOCUS, THE DELIBERATION, THE INTENSITY, THE REFUSAL TO SHIRK ON HER RESPONSIBILITIES. SIMPLY BECAUSE OTHERS DID NOT AGREE. WE'RE ALL TRAITS THAT SO ENDEAR CHAIRMAN MCCOY TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY. HER INTEREST IN THE WELL BEING OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OPENING UP THE HIRING PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED AFRICAN AMERICAN COUNTY RESIDENTS WERE OFFERED THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS OTHERS WAS MET WITH RESISTANCE IN MANY CORNERS.

Jimmy Brown: BUT SHE PERSISTED. ENSURING YOUNG BLACK MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE COMING OUT OF THE STATE'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM HAD JOB OPPORTUNITIES MEANT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FUNDS WERE USED TO INITIATE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY YOUTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WAS MET WITH RESISTANCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHAIR MCCOY AND COMMISSIONER GRETCHEN KAFOURY. AND THEY PERSISTED. SO WE LOOK NOW AT THE TIME OF LORETTA J. SMITH AND STEVIE WONDER CAN SEE THE PARALLELS. ENSURING THAT BLACK EMPLOYEE VOICES WERE HEARD AS THEY TOLD THEIR STORIES OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOR BY MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS AND CO-WORKERS AND SHE PUSHED COLLEAGUES, DIRECTED FOCUSED QUESTIONS AT DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS THOUGHT TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES FEARING RETALIATION AND SENSE OF NOT BEING HEARD WOULD HAVE BOTH AN EAR AND VOICE AND WAS MET WITH FORMS OF RESISTANCE. BUT SHE PERSISTED. HER FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF YOUNG BLACK MEN IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR FUTURE LEARNING AND EARNING OPPORTUNITIES SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE CRITICAL ROLE OF LISTENING, PROMOTING, DEVELOPING AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

THOUGH SHE WAS MET WITH SOME MEASURE OF RESISTANCE SHE PERSISTED AS ANDREW SAID, 7,000 YOUNG PEOPLE LATER WE ARE ALL GLAD THAT SHE DID. LASTLY, BECAUSE I AM GETTING TO THE END, I GIVE THIS MESSAGE TO THE COLLEAGUES OF COMMISSIONER SMITH AND ALSO TO THE NEW DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER. THE EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOOK TO YOU TO ENSURE THAT THE VALUES WE HOLD SO DEAR REMAIN UPPER MOST IN YOUR VISION. INTEGRITY, STRIVING TO BE HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY, PUTTING THE COUNTY'S WORK ABOVE YOUR PERSONAL GOAL, STEWARDSHIP, SEEK SEEKING TO DEMONSTRATE DECISIONS ARE CLEAR, R, EVIDENCE-BASED AND FAIR. HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, PROMOTING EQUITY IN THE COMMUNITY, WE INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PAST AND I WOULD ADD NOT ONLY THOSE RESIDING IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT IN OUR WORKFORCE AND HELP THOSE WHO NEED HELP. SUSTAINABILITY IS A VALUE, FOCUSING ON THE LONG TERM, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY.

CREATIVITY AND NOVATION, VALUING NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND ENCOURAGING DIVERSE OPINIONS RECOGNIZING INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS, THESE ARE THE VALUES THAT HAVE BEEN STATED AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY VALUES. ACCORDING TO OUR VALUE STATEMENT WE KNOW THAT SUPPORTING DIVERSE AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT WORKFORCE IS THE BEST WAY TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR EMPLOYEES AND THE ONLY WAY TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY. EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE RELIES ON AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE WITH THE FOCUS ON CONTINUOUS GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT. THESE ARE NOT MY WORDS, THEE ARE THE WORDS OF THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Jimmy Brown: IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY PERHAPS AND BEYOND YOU WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE WORKFORCE STRATEGIC PLAN. PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL WORK WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS TO, AND I QUOTE, IDENTIFY PRIORITIES THAT WILL GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES, INFORM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS AND SURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION AND INVESTMENT TIMELINES REFLECT WHAT OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE SAID ARE THE MOST CRITICAL AREAS OF FOCUS. YOUR WORDS. THROUGHOUT YOUR PROCESS AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATED VALUES I HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE TO HEART THIS STATEMENT, WE VALUE NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND ENCOURAGE DIVERSE OPINIONS. BY INFUSING THAT IN ALL THAT YOU DO, THIS DEFINING STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WILL TRULY GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE YEARS TO COME. COMMISSIONER SMITH, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ARE YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND RESIDENTS, I AM HONORED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF YOUR TEAM. THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME. I AM DONE. PUT A FORK IN IT. THE STEAK IS DONE. [APPLAUSE]

Walter Robins II: SURE, COMMISSIONER SMITH. CHAIR KAFOURY, MY NAME IS WALTER ROBINSON II AND I GOT A CALL FROM CALI THIS WEEK, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THIS CELEBRATION WOULD BE AND OF COURSE I WILL BE HERE. SO MUCH SO THAT I CHANGED MY SCHEDULE OF GOING HOME TO MAKE SURE I WAS HERE. AND THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE HAD SUCH A HUGE IMPACT ON MY LIFE DURING MY TIME AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR EMPOWERING MY VOICE AND SHOWING ME HOW TO DO THAT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T WORK FOR YOUR STAFF, I FELT LIKE I WAS OF YOUR STAFF. AND YOU TAUGHT ME SO MUCH THAT IT'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO ME NOW NOW. JIMMY DID MENTION SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A WHILE IN A CATEGORY THAT I KEEP AMAZING IN, THAT'S THAT SHE-RO CATEGORY. YOU ARE A SHE-RO EVEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT

WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH WHO DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS THEY'RE RECEIVING AND HOW THEY RECEIVE THEM, AS SOON AS THEY LEARN TO UNDERSTAND THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THE SAME THING THAT I UNDERSTAND ABOUT YOU. AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO EMPOWER YOUNG BLACK MEN AND WOMEN ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR YOUTH AND CREATING JOBS THAT HAVE LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES. AND HELPED THEM MOVE TOWARDS CAREERS AND NOT JUST JOBS. WHICH IS HUGE. I GREATLY APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING A DREAM OF MINE, MAKING SURE THAT WE ENSURE THAT YOUNG BLACK MEN ARE CONTINUING TO STAY IN THE PIPELINE FOR SUMMER JOBS AND ALLOWING ME TO WORK WITH YOU TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT HAS HELPED MANY YOUNG BLACK MEN OVER THE PAST SUMMERS. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND BEING SMART ABOUT INSTITUTIONALIZING THINGS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS BUT I KNOW IT WILL BE EXTRAORDINARY AND I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE FOR CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU SO MUCH, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] CAN YOU GUYS SIT DOWN UP HERE?

Chair Kafoury: IT'S YOUR TURN.

Commissioner Smith: WOW. THINKING ABOUT WHAT THIS DAY WOULD BE LIKE AND THINKING ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE IN DISTRICT 2, IT IS JUST SHORT OF AMAZING AND OUTSTANDING. AND THE REASON WHY IT HAS BEEN SO GREAT FOR ME IS BECAUSE I HAD GREAT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF PAST AND PRESENT FOR ALL THE WORK, THE WEEKENDS, THE NIGHTS AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WAS ASKED BY THE "OREGONIAN" JANUARY 2011, WHICH WAS MY FIRST MONTH ON THE JOB. AND THEY SAID, WHEN YOU LEAVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR LEGACY TO LOOK LIKE? AND I SAID, I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT I HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE AND THAT I WAS ACCESSIBLE AND THAT PEOPLE COULD COME AND TALK TO ME. AND AS I LOOK AT ALL THE WORK THAT YOU ALL HAVE HELPED ME DO, WE HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE. WE HAVE BUILT AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE HAVE PROTECTED OUR SENIORS. AND SO FOR THAT, I AM VERY PROUD. WITHOUT A DOUBT WE HAVE CHANGED THE GAME AROUND EQUITY, A DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVENESS AND WE LED WITH GRACE. JUST LIKE THE WORKFORCE EQUITY GROUP. JUST LIKE THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR DEMANDED OF US. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD RIDE. IT HAS BEEN GREAT.

AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THIS I THINK ABOUT MY GRANDPARENTS. IN 1944, ARTHUR SMITH MOVED TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. AND MY GRANDFATHER WORKED IN THE KIESER SHIPYARD TO HELP BUILD STUFF FOR WORLD WAR II. AND AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER, THE FOLKS WHO RECRUITED ALL THESE BLACK PEOPLE TO COME TO PORTLAND THEY WANTED THEM TO GO BACK TO WHEREVER THEY CAME FROM. SO I WANT TO THANK MY GRANDPARENTS. THANK MY GRANDFATHER, ARTHUR ROCK SMITH FOR NOT LEAVING. BUT BECAUSE HE HAD THE COURAGE TO STAY AND BUILD A FAMILY HERE, A FAMILY THAT HAZARDS SUPPORTED ME SO GREATLY OVER THE YEARS, I WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT YOU AND MANY OF YOU KNOW MY AUNT, MY COUSIN, I ALWAYS BRING THEM AROUND WHEREVER I GO. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING ME.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING ME THAT GRIT THAT IT TAKES TO DO THIS KIND OF WORK. AND WITHOUT A DOUBT I WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT LEARNING SOME THINGS FROM SENATOR WYDEN WHO I ABSOLUTELY LOVE AND RESPECT AND WATCHED FOR MANY YEARS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO GO BACK A STEP. PEOPLE SAY THAT IT'S GREAT, IT'S WONDERFUL, YOU LEARNED ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR SO MANY YEARS AND SENATOR WIDEN'S OFFICE BUT THAT WAS GREAT. BUT I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE IT BACK GROWING UP IN MICHIGAN AND COMING TO PORTLAND IN THE SUMMERS, I WATCHED MY MOTHER SERVE AND COOK FOOD FOR THE HEADSTART KIDS. I WATCHED MY MOTHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER AND ME GIVE FRESH PRODUCE AS A KID TO PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ON SATURDAYS. SO MY FIRST WITNESS OF WHAT SERVICE LOOKS LIKE, IT CAME FROM MY MOM WATCHING HER SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE KIDS IN A COMMUNITY AND I NEVER FORGOT THAT. AND I ALWAYS HAVE THAT IN THE BACK OF MY MIND. AND AS MANY OF YOU KNOW MY DAD WAS A BOXER, HE WAS A FIGHTER, AND HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY TO ME, YOU'RE GOING TO BE GREAT.

AND HE ALWAYS SAID, HOW ARE YOU DOING, CHAMP? HOW ARE YOU DOING, CHAMP? HE FOUGHT A FIGHT THAT WE'RE FIGHTING TODAY WITH OPIOID ADDICTION. AND HAD WE HAD THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WE DO NOW MAYBE HE WOULD BE HERE TODAY. HE HAD OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT, HE WAS IN CHRONIC PAIN FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. HE HAD HOT STEEL THAT FELL ON HIS LEG. THEN WHEN HE COULDN'T GET REGULAR PRESCRIPTION HE HAD A BATTLE, HE HAD A LIFE LONG BATTLE WITH DRUGS. AND HE USED THAT TO COVER UP A LOT OF HIS PAIN AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AT THE TIME, BUT I UNDERSTAND IT TODAY THAT MANY PEOPLE LIKE MY DAD WHO SUFFERED WITH CHRONIC PAIN THEY DO THINGS AND THEY STRUGGLE IN AREAS THAT THEY HAVE NO CONTROL OVER. AND LUCKILY FOR US, HE FIGURED IT OUT AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET CLEANED UP AND FIGHT THAT FIGHT. AND THE REASON WHY I STARTED, TAKE YOUR DAD TO THE DOCTOR DAY, WAS BECAUSE OF MY DAD AND MY GRANDFATHER. MY DAD PASSED AWAY OF PANCREATIC CANCER AND MY GRANDFATHER, PROSTATE CANCER

AND I DO BELIEVE, WHEN WE STARTED HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS KIND OF WEIRD AND CRAZY. BUT ONE THING I DO KNOW IS THAT MEN, THEY DON'T LIKE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. SO WE PROVIDED A SAFE SPACE RIGHT HERE IN OUR CONFERENCE ROOM TO HAVE DOCTORS HERE, NURSES THAT COULD SEE FOLKS WHO ARE IN THIS BUILDING, PARTICULARLY MEN, TO GIVE YOU A NOTE THAT IT'S TIME TO GO TO THE DOCTOR.

Commissioner Smith: AND PARTICULAR BLACK MEN, THEY DON'T LIKE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. JUST MAYBE IF MY DAD AND MY GRANDFATHER, MAYBE IF THEY WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE DOCTOR OFTEN THAT THEY WOULD STILL BE HERE TODAY. BUT THEY WERE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF COURAGE AND THEY HAD A LOT OF FIGHT IN THEM. AND I AM SO HAPPY THIS THEY PASSED THAT ON TO ME. I JUST WANT ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR TO KNOW, I LOVE YOU, I HEAR YOU, I SEE YOU AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS FIGHT. TO ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OUR 6500 EMPLOYEES IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO REPRESENT ALL OF YOU. MY SON IS NOT HERE BUT I WANT TO THANK HIM BECAUSE HE HELPED ME TO GET THAT BLUEPRINT, TO KNOW HOW AND WHEN AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO FIGHT AND WE WILL ALL GO ON OUR SEPARATE WAYS AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES HERE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ALL THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ON INITIATIVES THAT HAVE SO MUCH MEANING AND WILL HAVE LOT OF MEANING IN THE COMMUNITY, THANK YOU.

AND MY STAFF, WOW. MISS ELIZABETH, IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO KNOW YOU, I DON'T THINK ANY CHIEF OF THAT HAVE COULD HAVE DONE ANY BETTER THAN YOU DID THIS LAST TWO YEARS. WOMEN AT WORK, BLACK WOMEN AT WORK WAS BRILLIANT. IN HELPING TO SERVE IN THIS KIND OF ROCKY POLITICAL CLIMATE, YOU GET TWO THUMBS UP. I TOTALLY LOVE IT. AND GEORGE, YOU'RE A SCHOLAR AND A GENTLEMAN. AND YOU HAVE SERVED US WELL AND I BELIEVE THAT I AM A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE OF IT. GIOVANNI, YOU CAME INTO A SPACE AND YOU DIDN'T QUITE KNOW WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO DO BUT WHAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU YOU VOLUNTEERED IN MY OFFICE FOR ABOUT TEN MONTHS BEFORE WE ACTUALLY HIRED YOU. I HAVE MUCH LOVE FOR YOU IN THE WORK AND RESPECT THAT YOU GAVE ME, THANK YOU FOR PULLING UP THE REAR ON THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM. AND MISS CALI, A YOUNG LADY WHO HAS SEEN MUCH GROWTH, I AM PROUD OF YOU AS A SINGLE PARENT I SEE YOU. YOU'VE MADE SACRIFICES AND YOU HAVE GROWN SO, SO. JUST LIKE YOU SAY YOU GOT YOUR FIRST HOME, I DID THE SAME THING THING. I DON'T KNOW IF LISA IS HERE. LISA, JUST LIKE CALI LEARNED FROM ME I LEARNED FROM YOU. I WOULDN'T HAVE MY FIRST HOUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU. SO, THANK YOU FOR TEACHING THIS YOUNG LADY ON HOW TO DO THIS. JIMMY BROWN, I HAVE ONE WORD FOR YOU.

Jimmy Brown: GO HOME.

Commissioner Smith: IT'S NOT LONG WINDED. YOU, WOW, YOU'RE AMAZING. YOU ARE JUST ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. JIMMY LEFT ME, WELL, WE SEPARATED FOUR TIMES BUT WE GOT BACK TOGETHER FIVE. [LAUGHTER] EVERY SINGLE TIME HE RETIRED HE CAME BACK MAYBE COUPLE MONTHS LATER. I'M SORRY. BUT YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT FAMILY AND YOUR GRANDKIDS AND JUST THANK THEM FOR ALLOWING ME IN DISTRICT 2 TO HAVE YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER. I DON'T KNOW ANY ONE STAFFER WHO HAS LISTENED TO ME AT 2:00, 3:00 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 IN THE MORNING IT'S ALWAYS AN EMERGENCY, SOMEWHERE. SO WHEN THE FOLKS CALL ME, I CALL JIMMY.

Commissioner Smith: MY PHONE RINGS 24 HOURS. AND HE HAS BEEN A ROCK IN A PLACE THAT I SO MUCH NEEDED AND I'M GOING TO WRAP THIS UP. BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ONE OF MY DEAR SENIORS IN MR. GETT, CAN YOU STAND UP, PLEASE? CAN YOU JUST STAND UP AND JUST SAY, HI? I DON'T THINK THERE'S BEEN ANY PERSON WHO HAS GONE TO EVERY SENIOR EVENT THAT I HAVE DONE AND THIS IS THE ISSUE, HE MIGHT BE THERE EARLY IF I'M NOT THERE HE'S GOING TO WAIT FOR ME TO SERVE HIM. HE WON'T EAT UNTIL I GET THERE. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING ME AND BELIEVING IN ME AND JUST HELPING ME UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS. IT IS SO, SO IMPORTANT. AND LASTLY, TONY HOBSON. WHERE ARE YOU, SIR? I REMEMBER A CONVERSATION WE HAD AT 10:00 AT NIGHT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP KIDS OF COLOR. AND BECAUSE OF IT, IT HAS LED US HERE. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOICE BECAUSE IT MATTERS. I DON'T THINK THAT IF SELF ENHANCEMENT WAS NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY, I DARE TO THINK WHERE OUR BLACK YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE TODAY.

SO, I APPLAUD YOU AND I SALUTE YOU AND ALWAYS PERSONALLY I SALUTE YOU BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT MY SON AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE HAD EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IF IT WAS NOT FOR YOU TAKING AN INTEREST IN ALL OF OUR KIDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN, YOU KNOW, MY SON HE KIND OF GOT KICKED OUT OF FBI BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GO TO -- NOT FOR A BAD THING, IT WASN'T IN ALL SCHOOLS AT THE TIME. AND I HAD THE BRIGHT IDEA TO MOVE HIM FROM WOODLAWN AND THAT PUT ME -- I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. BUT MR. HOPSON WAS GREAT, HE ALLOWED MY SON BECAUSE THE KIDS IN WEST SYLVAN THEY GOT ALGEBRA EARLY. HE ALLOU MY SON TO COME IN THE EVENING BE TUTORED WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM THE KIDS AT JEFFERSON EVEN THOUGH HE KINDLY PUSHED ME OUT. BUT ALLOWED JORDAN TO COME BACK AND HE WAS ABLE TO SUCCEED IN ALGEBRA WHEN HE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL. SO I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR HIM AND MANY SINGLE PARENTS WHO DIDN'T HAVE A PLACE OR A SPACE TO HELP US RAISE OUR CHILDREN TO BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE AND THEY HAD THOSE OPTIONS. THAT'S WHO I AM. THAT'S WHO I'VE BEEN AND, ANDREW ANDREW, YOU CAPTURED IT SO

GREATLY, MUCH OF WHO I AM IS BECAUSE OF MY SON. I WILL ALWAYS BE A PARENT AT HEART AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PARENT IN MANY CASES A SINGLE PARENT. BUT I HAD A COMMUNITY AND A FAMILY THAT HELPED ME. THIS HAS BEEN FAMILY, MADAM CHAIR AS I TOLD YOU PRIVATELY, ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT ME TO DO TO HELP YOU PUSH THIS AGENDA, I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE, IT WILL BE AN HONOR TO SUPPORT YOU AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SO THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, THANK YOU ALL FOR RESPECTING WHAT WE WANTED TO DO IN DISTRICT 2. NOW I CAN FINALLY GO AND GET SOME REST. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: SO CLOSE TO THAT FOOD. WE'RE SO CLOSE TO THE FINISH LINE BUT WE HAVE ONE MORE ORDER OF BUSINESS. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: COMMISSIONER SMITH, IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY TO SERVE WITH YOU THESE PAST TWO YEARS ON THE BOARD. YOU'VE TAUGHT ME MUCH ABOUT COURAGE, TENACITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE HAVE SOMETIMES DISAGREED ON POLICY MATTERS YOUR ABILITY TO BRING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE TO AN ISSUE HAS HELPED BROADEN THE CONVERSATION AND ENABLED ME TO SEE ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW. ONE OF MY FAVORITE SPEECHES WAS WRITTEN BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT IN PARIS, FRANCE, ON APRIL 23RD, 1910. WITH YOUR DAD BEING A BOXER I THINK THIS IS REALLY APPROPRIATE APPROPRIATE. IT'S REFERRED TO AS THE MAN IN THE ARENA. IT'S PRONOUNCE WERE OUTDATED SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY TO UP DATA PORTION OF IT TO HONOR YOU TODAY AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE ON THIS BOARD. IN THAT SPIRIT, I HAVE RENAMED IT TO THE WOMAN IN THE ARENA.

IT IS NOT THE CRITIC WHO COUNTS, NOT THE PERSON WHO POINTS OUT HOW THE STRANG WOMAN STUMBLES OR WHERE THE DOER OF DEEDS COULD HAVE DONE THEM BETTER. THE CREDIT BELONGS TO THE WOMAN WHO IS ACTUALLY IN THE ARENA. WHOSE SPACE IS MARCHED BY SWEAT AND BLOOD. WHO STRIVES VALIANTLY, WHO ERRS, WHO COMES SHORT AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE THERE IS NO EFFORT WITHOUT ERROR AND SHORTCOMINGS. BUT WHO DOES ACTUALLY STRIVE TO DO THE DEEDS, WHO KNOWS GREAT ENTHUSIASM, THE GREAT DEVOTION, WHO SPINS HERSELF IN A WORTHY CAUSE. WHO AT THE BEST KNOWS IN THE END THE TRIUMPH OF HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AND WHO AT THE WORSTF SHE FAILS, AT LEAST SHE FAILS WHILE DARING GREATLY. SO HER PLACE SHALL NEVER BE WITH THOSE COLD AND TIMID SOULS WHO NEITHER NOVICK TORI NOR DEFEAT. COMMISSIONER SMITH, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DARING GREATLY AND THANK YOU FOR SERVING YOUR DISTRICT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THIS BOARD WITH PASSION AND THE HEART OF A WARRIOR. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO, COMMISSIONER SMITH, IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH YOU HERE AND THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH LOVE, SO MUCH HONOR SHARED IN THIS ROOM TOWARDS YOU AND SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE TALKED ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND I THINK THAT THE PERSPECTIVE THAT I WANTED TO SHARE WAS JUST PERSONALLY HOW YOU HAVE BEEN SO OPEN TO SUPPORT SUPPORTING ME WHEN I WAS COMING IN AS A COMMISSIONER, SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING YOUR BELIEF THAT IS A ROLE MODEL AND A REGULAR SEE I THINK AS YOU LEAVE THIS BOARD FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL HERE TO CONTINUE ON. JUST BELIEF AND EXAMPLE IN MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, THAT WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THIS PROCESS AND WHAT IS GOING ON AND HOW WE'RE MAKING OUR DECISION, SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR JOB AND I'VE ALWAYS REALLY ADMIRERD HOW YOU DO THAT AND TENACIOUSLY.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: EVEN WHEN IT RUFFLES FEATHERS. BUT THAT'S GREAT WORK. I THINK THAT THE LEGACY OF THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE HAVE THESE JOBS AND WE CAN AFFECT PEOPLE'S LIVES. BUT YOU KNOW THERE ARE 7,000 PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES YOU HAVE CHANGED, YOUNG PEOPLE LIVES YOU HAVE CHANGED DIRECTLY BECAUSE OF THIS, THAT IS AN AMAZING LEGACY AND SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF. AND YOU'RE SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST WAS ME DOING RESOURCE FAIR, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONCERN CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESOLUTION, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE SENIOR RESOLUTION TO HAVE THAT. SO, YOUR LEGACY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO LIVE ON IN SO MANY WAYS CAN YOU CAN TALK ABOUT LEGACY, SOMEBODY WHO IS LIKE GOING WAY, I DON'T THINK YOU ARE GOING AWAY. I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO THE NEXT BRIGHT THING IN YOUR FUTURE FUTURE, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THAT S. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH YOU ON THIS BOARD, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH YOU ON THE CENTER FOR WOMEN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP BOARD. AND I THINK THAT'S JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE YOUNG PEOPLE AND DEVELOPING THE LEADERSHIP IN YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WOULDN'T OTHERWISE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK AND THE LEADERSHIP YOU'VE SHOWN IN TAKING THIS ROLE AND WORKING STATEWIDE WITH AOC AND THE ASSOCIATION AND NATIONALLY AT NACO BECAUSE THE WORK THAT WE DO, RESONATES NOT JUST HERE BUT ALL ACROSS THE STATE AND ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS TO BE LEADERS IN ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT OUR JOB ALLOWS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND AGAIN IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH, I ONCE HAD TO LEAVE A JOB THAT I LOVED AND I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS. IT ROCKS YOUR WORLD. BUT THE THING

THAT I WAS MOST WORRIED ABOUT IS WHAT I THINK YOU'RE THE MOST WORRIED ABOUT, THAT IS THAT THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE HERE WILL CONTINUE. SO I'M HERE TO MAKE PLEDGES AND PROMISES TO YOU TODAY. THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE CHAMPIONED AND YOU HAVE LOVED AND FOUGHT FOR, THEY WILL CONTINUE. SUMMER WORKS WILL CONTINUE. PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS -- [APPLAUSE] PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS WILL CONTINUE. INTERNET ESSENTIALS WILL CONTINUE. THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE BELIEVED IN WILL CONTINUE. BUT I KNOW FOR YOU IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR THE TITLES, IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE. IT'S ABOUT THE YOUTH THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT THE SUMMER INTERN THAT WE HAD A FEW YEARS AGO WHO WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO WITH THE \$3,000 THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET OVER THE SUMMER, SAID HE WAS -- THAT HE WAS GOING TO BUY A BED BECAUSE THIS YOUNG MAN-CHILD WHO WAS 6'3 6'3" WAS SLEEPING ON A TWIN BED IN HIS HOUSE. SO HE WAS GOING TO BUY A MATTRESS THAT FIT HIM. IT'S ABOUT THE SENIORS WHO SUPPORT YOU SO MUCH THAT THEY HAVE COME TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR EVENTS.

Chair Kafoury: I KNOW THAT'S WHY YOU'VE DONE THIS. AND YOU KNOW THEIR NAMES, YOU KNOW THEIR STORIES AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE ALL ABOUT. NOW, I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE BEFORE YOU SAY THAT IT'S ALL BEEN EASY, I THINK NO ONE OUT THERE WOULD BELIEVE IF I SAID THAT IT'S BEEN EASY. WE'VE HAD OUR CHALLENGES, WE HAVE HAD SOME GOOD ONES. BUT WHEN I -- I'VE KNOWN YOU LONGER THAN THIS JOB. WE GO WAY, WAY BACK. AND THERE WERE TIMES WHEN IT WAS YOU AND ME AT EVENTS AND WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE. AND WHEN I THINK BACK ON YOU AND I THINK BACK ON US YEARS FROM NOW, WHAT IS GOING TO REMEMBER WHAT I'M GOING TO REMEMBER IS THE TIMES THAT PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM DID -- WELL MAYBE A FEW OF YOU BUT I DON'T THINK ACTUALLY ANY OF YOU WERE AROUND, THE TIME THAT I'M GOING TO REMEMBER THAT WILL STICK IN MY HEAD WAS, WHEN ONE OF MY IDOL IDOLS AND YOURS WHEN DONNA SUMMER PASSED AWAY. WE BOTH RAN DOWN THE HALL TO EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT NOBODY WOULD APPRECIATE THIS BUT EACH OTHER. WE TURNED ON THE RADIO, I GUESS THAT DATES ME, THE COMPUTER AND WE PLAYED DONNA SUMMER MUSIC AND WE DANCED AND WE SANG. BECAUSE, THAT'S WHO WE ARE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] AND NOW SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, EXCEPT A PARTY IN THE BACK. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

**ADJOURNMENT – 12:17 p.m**

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