

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

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MEETING DATE: 9/19/13

AGENDA ITEM: R.2 OCC Hotel Project

FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: Raihana Ansary

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: Portland Business Alliance

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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AGENDA ITEM: R-1, R-2 OC HOOD

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ NEUTRAL: _____

NAME: TERRY PARKER

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97213

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AGENDA ITEM: Convention Center Hotel

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐

NAME: Wade Lange

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 800

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Oregon 97232

PHONE: 503-872-1054 EMAIL: Wlange@americanassets.com

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CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Good morning Chair Madrigal and Commissioners. My name is Wade Lange; I am General Manager for American Assets Trust here in Portland and also serve on the Boards of the Lloyd Business Improvement District, the Lloyd Transportation Management Associations and the Lloyd EcoDistrict. I am here today in support of the Oregon Convention Center Hotel project.

Just as we see our development, Hassalo on 8th as a catalyst for economic growth and vitality for the District and our community we see the construction of the Convention Center Hotel as that same type of catalyst.

The Convention Center Hotel is the most effective way to grow the attractiveness of the Oregon Convention Center as a convention destination both regionally and nationally. Additionally, the Hotel will bring more and larger events to the Rose Quarter.

Not only will Oregon businesses benefit from increased national tourist spending, but the Hotel is estimated to add 3,000 hospitality and construction jobs. The Lloyd District is changing as underdeveloped property becomes housing, offices and retail outlets and this project integrates well with all the other private development currently underway or scheduled to begin.

But beyond the local and regional businesses that will benefit, the resulting estimated \$11 million in state and local taxes will support vital government services.

It is an exciting time to be part of the Lloyd District community, development that has been talked about for so long is finally underway and like the Lloyd Superblocks, now is the time for the Oregon Convention Center Hotel to break ground.

We appreciate your leadership in moving the Convention Center Hotel project forward, and look forward to working with you to achieve this important local, regional and state initiative.

Thank you.

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AGENDA ITEM: R-2 - Convention Center Hotel

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐

NAME: Bob Carroll

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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AGENDA ITEM: R 2

FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: DAVE MOORE

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: 360 641-8087 EMAIL: Dmoore3839@msn.com

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AGENDA ITEM: R2

FOR: X AGAINST:

NAME: JEFF MADDEN

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 600 SW ALDER SUITE 200

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97205

PHONE: EMAIL:

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AGENDA ITEM: MOU on OCC Hotel Project

FOR: ✓ AGAINST:

NAME: MICHAEL A BURCH

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 1636 EAST BURNSIDE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97214

PHONE: 503-320-8808

EMAIL: mburch@NWCarpenters.org

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Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters



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September 10, 2013

Dear Chair and Council Members:

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters which represents 6 states throughout the Northwest - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska, and nearly 17,000 working men and women in Washington and Oregon alone believe it is economically and socially imperative that the Metro Council, City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the Portland Development Commission work together to see the Headquarters Hotel Project moves forward.

The Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters has invested a lot of time and effort into seeing that this hotel is built. Our interests are in the job creation and the positive economic impact this project could have on our region. Not only will this hotel bring hundreds of good family wage construction jobs during this economic downturn in the construction industry, but also thousands of jobs post-completion. Obvious jobs include the hotel staff. However with a Headquarters Hotel, Portland's tradeshow market will see increases also which will boost sales at local restaurants, nightclubs, and tourism sites. Furthermore, the workforce needed to install these larger shows will be another boost, providing even more decent, blue-collar jobs.

It is widely known that Portland is not a destination for larger tradeshow, conventions, and conferences and this is primarily due to the lack of a hotel connected to our Convention Center. These tradeshow and conferences will still happen if we choose not to move forward with this project--they will just happen in Seattle, or San Francisco. Portland needs to make the smart choice, and reap the benefits brought on from increases in tradeshow traffic.

Building this hotel will be an immediate boost to the construction industry, and a sustaining boost to our city's economy and to local business. For these reasons the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters urges you to move forward with building this hotel, and all important aspects needed to move forward such as the VFGIA (Visitors Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael A Burch
PNWRCC Political Representative

MB:bas/opeiu#11/afl-cio



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AGENDA ITEM: R2 RESOLUTION

FOR: L AGAINST:

NAME: Jodi Guetzloe Parker
(gets slow?)

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97266

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AGENDA ITEM: RZ

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐
NAME: Jennifer Graham

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 1612 NE Skidmore

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDY OR 97211

PHONE: (503) 358-8774 EMAIL: jennifergraham311@gmail.com

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AGENDA ITEM: R.2

FOR: X AGAINST:

NAME: Ben Marston

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OK 97205

PHONE: 971-275-6835 EMAIL: ben@unitehere8.org

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FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: Harold Pollin

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: David Penilton

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: _____

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NAME: Gale Castillo

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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FOR: ✓ AGAINST: _____

NAME: JOHN MOHLIS

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97266

PHONE: 503.780.7153 EMAIL: john.mohlis@comcast.net

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FOR: X AGAINST:

NAME: Bob Tackett

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND 97202

PHONE: 503-986-8225 EMAIL: BTackett@qwestoffice.net

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FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: RON Hebron

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 2104 NE 33rd Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Gresham, OR 97030

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~~LAURA WILLIAMS~~ R-2

FOR: X AGAINST: _____

NAME: LAURA WILLIAMS

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NAME: ~~NOELAS~~ MELISSA ESPINOZA

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R2 - CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: PAIGE RICHARDSON

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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MEETING DATE: 9/19/2013

AGENDA ITEM: R.2

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐

NAME: Page Phillips

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MEETING DATE: Sept 19
AGENDA ITEM: R.2 / R.3

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____
NAME: Tim Ramis RAMIS

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: 2 Cascade Pk. Dr.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: L.O. OR 97035

PHONE: 503.598.7070 EMAIL: Tim.Ramis@jordanramis.com

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submitted by
Paige Richardson.

September 18, 2013

Dear Members of the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Commission,

As a resident of metro Portland and a local hotel owner and operator I have been following the developments in the proposed convention center hotel deal with keen interest. The more I learn, the more I'm concerned.

If hotel revenue projections aren't met the bonds will still have to be paid and as the deal is currently structured, neither Hyatt nor the developer/builder will have any responsibility for those payments. Only us, the local taxpayers.

For a moment let's set aside my sense of injustice and unfairness at the fact that the lodging taxes from my business will go directly to subsidize a wealthy out of state hotel corporation, paying 40% of their cost for a new hotel. For the moment let's not think of me as a local minority business owner who employs other local residents and would jump at the chance to expand my business and employ more folks by using my lodging tax revenue as a repayment source for my expansion.

For the moment, let's just consider the deal before us.

We are giving the developers 10 times as much public money as Metro indicated would be available for the project in their original RFP process - \$78 million so far.

And we are giving the developers all the money up front, unlike the Daimler deal that was just announced where the public subsidy has to be earned by meeting performance goals, like the number of jobs actually created.

\$80 million is way too much public subsidy to pay upfront, especially for what we are getting in return. According to Metro Councilor Sam Chase, what taxpayers are really buying is access to room blocks to book convention business. I'm betting we can get that for a lot less than \$80 million. And how about the hotel design itself? If the hotel is supposed to be a partner of the convention center then they should not have any significant meeting space in the hotel, and the convention center should get all the meeting business. Certainly the convention center could use the business. They were half empty last year and that qualified as their best year yet. The current design has 35,000 sq ft of meeting space, which will put it in direct competition with the OCC for much of the year.

Again, Hyatt makes money, taxpayers foot the bill.

Even the site selection looks to have been an insider deal. The PDC owns land adjacent to the convention center already, yet in this deal Metro is agreeing to pay top dollar for private land - private land owned by a member of the hotel development team.

Successful convention centers have shopping and restaurants right outside their doors. We don't and OCC occupancy rates reflect that reality. Metro is telling us that building the hotel will spur the revitalization of the area around the OCC. We've been promised this before. You're Metro's partner in this deal. What are you, the PDC, or Metro doing to bring shopping and restaurants the OCC neighborhood? And are you including the downtown merchants in the planning process?

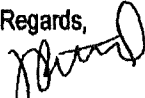
Now let's go back to me and the many small business owners like me who make up the bulk of local hotel owners. If the new hotel revenue projections do not come in as stated then we, the public, will still need to pay the \$60 million bond. That money is first going to be taken from the pool of taxes paid from other

hotels, which is meant to benefit the regional travel and tourism industry. Less money for advertising and incentives to get people to our region means we all suffer – except for Hyatt.

Hyatt not only doesn't have to worry about the bond repayment but their income from the new hotel will all come off the top of the hotels revenue stream in the form of licensing and management fees. And if they run short, look out, Metro will have to get the money from somewhere.

I know that ultimately Metro is the "deal maker" here, not the city or the county, but look at the deal they've made so far. Metro has repeatedly put the hotel developer's and Hyatt's interests before that of local taxpayers. If you don't call them on it, who will?

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jatin Patel', written over the word 'Regards,'.

Jatin Patel
Local Hotelier
Red Lion Hotel Portland Airport

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
County Chamber
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd
Portland, Oregon

Dear County Commissioners:

My name is Carolyn B. Wence, CMP, CGMP, and I am a small business my business is a Destination Management Company. What does that mean? I plan meetings, conferences, seminars, special events, meet & greet at the airport, tours, registration services and much more and just about anything a meeting planner coming in with a conference might need or want unless it is illegal. This also pertains to the local community and I do this locally, nationally and internationally.

For groups coming into Portland, I am the connection between them and the local businesses. I employ people on a needs by basis working with groups. Sometimes that could be 1-2 people up to 50-60 people for one event.

As a small business, you might think so what, well, last year when the Daughters of the Nile were in town in force of 1600 women, working with them over 10 days, my bus bill alone for tours, etc was \$189,000.00 and they spent money in restaurants on dine arounds, reserved the Portland Spirit on several occasions, OMSI, wine tours and much more. For a small business, this makes a big impact on my budget, the cities and local businesses. I tell you this because they like coming to Portland but may not schedule back here without a headquarters hotel.

I employ people part time, I do tours, I get hired to work with the hotels for groups, I do meet and greet at the airport, sometimes trips to special nurseries for center pieces for their banquets and many other things within the city to help them have a great conference. I get about 75% of my income from conference groups and if we keep losing groups because we lack the headquarters hotel, then I lose money, part time people lose money, the local businesses lose money and in fact all of us lose a lot of money.

I love my job but most of all it gives me pleasure to work with our local businesses to help them and show our conference attendees a great time and usually we get about ½ of them that will schedule a vacation later on back to our beautiful city and state, where we end up making money twice on a lot of people.

So I urge you to back the building of the headquarters hotel.

Thank you,
Carolyn
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