

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shprack and Diane McKeel present.

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

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

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THIS BOARD BRIEFING FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY WILL KICK US OFF WITH A DANCE PERFORMANCE. [LAUGHTER] WELL, TODAY'S BELIEVING IS ON THE BIG LOOK. AND THIS IS ABOUT LIMITED TAX ABATEMENTS, AND THE EFFORT THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN MAKING TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM. SOMETIMES IT'S THE CASE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN COME TOGETHER AROUND A SIMPLE, ELEGANT IDEA TO DO SOMETHING GOOD. AND THEN THERE IS TAX ABATEMENTS. WHICH IS JUST -- WHICH IS A VERY COMPLICATED PROGRAM THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND OTHERS HAVE WORKED ON TO TRY AND ADDRESS SOME SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY, IT'S ABOUT TRYING TO INCREASE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND OTHER PUBLIC POLICY GOALS THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE. IT'S COMPLICATED ENOUGH THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE CITY COMMISSIONER, NICK FISH, AND AMANDA FRITZ, BEGAN A PROCESS, ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND MYSELF TO LOOK AT THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE, AND TO TRY AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO IT. AND THAT'S WHAT THE BIG LOOK REFERS TO. SO THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BRIEFING ON THE EFFORT TO DATE AND WHERE WE ARE, AND SO WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO TRACI AND RANDY OR KATE -- I WILL TURN IT OVER TO WHATEVER WANTS IT. EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE, COME ON DOWN.

>> YES, YOU ARE THE PUSHER.

Chair Cogen: IS RANDY, ARE YOU STARTING?

Mr. Walruff: YES, I AM. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM RANDY WALRUFF, YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND MARISSA HAS ASKED ME TO COME AND KICK THIS OFF WITH A BIT OF BACKGROUND, QUICKLY. THE FIRST QUESTION IS WHAT IS A LIMITED TAX EXEMPTION? WELL, WE KNOW THAT ALL PROPERTY IS TAXABLE UNLESS IT'S EXEMPTED FOR

SOME REASON, AND WE HAVE HAD THAT DISCUSSION BEFORE. OUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS, SO BEYOND THAT, THE LEGISLATURE HAS AUTHORIZED A NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS LIMITED TAX EXEMPTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY, OR BY 7.540, 651, AND 600, THEY ARE ALL IN THE SERIES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, A PROPERTY THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE TAXABLE, EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC RULES. THESE ONES ARE SPECIFICALLY GRANTED BY THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, WHICH IS OUR OFFICE, AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WHAT HAPPENS IS GENERALLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAVES UP TO 100% OF THE IMPROVEMENT THAT THE LAND GENERALLY STAYS TAXABLE, AND WE HAVE FOUR PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH, THE ZOOM FAMILY HOMES, NEW CONSTRUCTION, DISTRESSED AREAS, AND MULTI-FAMILY RENTALS, TRANSIT ORIENTED RENTALS, AND NONPROFIT RUN BY, RUN BY NONPROFITS FROM MULTI-FAMILY RENTALS, AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT DISTINCTIVE RULES, AND YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THAT LATER. THE HISTORY ON THIS IS AFTER THE LEGISLATURE CREATED THE ABILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE THESE PROGRAMS, THAT THEY WERE -- DID MOST OF THIS IN THE 1980s. AND THE GOAL WAS TO -- FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, WAS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, REVITALIZE DISTRESSED NEIGHBORHOODS, ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COULD CHOOSE TO OPT INTO THESE PROGRAMS, AND THE WAY IT WAS SET UP WAS IF THE CITY OF PORTLAND OR A COUNTY ADOPTS THE PROGRAM WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION, THEY COULD ABATE THEIR OWN TAXES, BUT IF THEY COULD GET TAXING DISTRICTS THAT REPRESENT 51% OF THE TAXING AUTHORITY, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION, TO AGREE TO THE PROGRAM, THEN 100% OF THE TAXES ARE ABATED. WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CITY OF PORTLAND, YOU REACHED THAT THRESHOLD OF OVER 51%, SO THEREFORE, 100% OF THE TAXES WOULD BE ABATED. MULTNOMAH COUNTY, LAST VOTED TO OPT INTO THIS PROGRAM IN 2007. I WOULD NOTE THAT TODAY IS APRIL 3, AND WE STARTED THIS CONVERSATION EXACTLY FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AT THAT TIME, IT WAS PDC, SO THEY MADE A NUMBER OF CHANGES THERE, AND SO, WE'RE HERE TODAY WITH QUITE A LOT OF PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE IN FIVE YEARS. THE TRADE-OFF, THOUGH, IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOREGOES REVENUE, AND OUR LATEST ESTIMATE IS 3.48 MILLION FOR THE 2011-2012 TAX YEAR. WHAT THE COUNTY IS GETTING TO THAT IS, IS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NOW IS TURN THIS OVER, AND THE NEXT --

>> TRACI IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE GOALS OF THE BIG LOOK PROCESS AND THE REVIEWS, YOU KNOW, AFTER THE LAST TIME THE BOARD OPTED IN, TO REVIEW THE PROGRAMS AND MAKE SURE THAT THE GOALS WERE IN LINEUP WITH THE POLICIES OF BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS MAKE TECHNICAL FIXES TO THE OPERATION, ALIGN THE PROGRAMS WITH STATUTE.

>> AND ENSURE THAT THE INVESTMENT IS CREATING THE BENEFIT WE NEED.
[LAUGHTER]

>> TRACI MANNING, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US, AND FOR ALL OF THE ENERGY THAT YOU ALL AND YOU DIRECTED YOUR STAFFS TO PUT INTO THESE. THESE ARE, AS JEFF SAID, NOT THE SEXIEST WORK THAT WE DO, BUT I THINK THESE RELATIVELY SIMPLE LOOKING GOALS DO A GOOD JOB OF DISTILLING WHAT IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE, AND THERE IS NOT AN EASY ANSWER, SO I HAVE A LOT OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PEOPLE DOING THE GOOD PUBLIC WORK OF STICKING WITH THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION BECAUSE THERE IS FOREGONE TAX REVENUE THAT'S PART OF IT. SO, A LOT OF THE TECHNICAL FIXES CERTAINLY ARE IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY, AROUND ACCOUNTABILITY, MAKING SURE THE PROGRAMS ARE IN LINE WITH JURISDICTIONAL PRIORITIES. CERTAINLY, I CAN SPEAK ONLY FOR THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. I HAVE ONLY BEEN WORKING -- I WORKED WITH THIS PROGRAM FOR YEARS AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN FOR THE NONPROFIT EXEMPTION, AND I KNOW THAT PLAYS A REALLY VALUABLE ROLE IN Eeking OUT THOSE LAST BENEFIT DOLLARS FOR THE VERY LOW INCOME PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. THIS PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT, AND WHAT I HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE SINCE I CAME TO THE BUREAU AND GOT A LARGE EDUCATION FROM KATE ALLEN ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS IS SOME OF THE FEEDBACK THAT WE GET FROM THE COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, WHY CAN'T -- CAN YOU HELP US WITH THIS HOUSING AND THAT HOUSING. MOST OF THE TIME WE HAVE TO SAY NO, WE HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARILY AMOUNT OF LIMITED RESOURCES, SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO HEAR ABOUT THAT, THAT WE ARE, FRANKLY, LESS EFFECTIVE AT, THAT I THINK THAT I APPRECIATE THIS PROGRAM GETTING TO IS A SORT OF MID LEVEL OF, OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY THAT, THAT PARTICULARLY, IN THESE, IN THESE, FRANKLY RAPIDLY GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS. IT'S NOT A GIGANTIC TOOL. BUT, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO HELP FOLKS STAY IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, I THINK THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, THAT, THAT I WOULD LIST AS, AS A MEETING, A PRIORITY OF THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. AND SO FINALLY, THEN, INVESTMENT OF FOREGONE REVENUE, WHICH IS, I THINK, HOPEFULLY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN PROVIDE YOU SOME INFORMATION ON YOUR DELIBERATION. SO, THANKS, AGAIN, FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. KATE.

>> SO, I ALSO APPRECIATE THE TIME HERE. I'M KATE ALLEN, A SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. I STARTED WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER FISH, AND THEN AS CHAIR COGEN STEPPED IN TO LEAD THIS PROJECT WITH HIM, ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER FRITZ ON OUR SIDE OF THE RIVER, REALLY, THIS WAS A LOT OF LEARNING FOR ME, SO MY DEEP HISTORY IN HOUSING HAS HAD NOT A LOT

OF DEPTH IN LIMITED TAX EXEMPTIONS. I NOW KNOW THE PROGRAMS BETTER THAT HAPPEN I WOULD EVER, EVER HAVE IMAGINED. AND I WAS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO LEAD SUCH A PURPOSEFUL DIALOGUE AROUND REALLY THIS BALANCING ACT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO BETWEEN A TOOL THAT IS EFFECTIVE IN LEVERAGING PRIVATE SECTOR ACTIVITY TO GET SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED AS PUBLIC BENEFITS, AFFORDABILITY, AND SOME ABILITY TO RETAIN KIND OF WORKING PERSON, LOW INCOME, WORKING PERSON HOUSING IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE RAPIDLY GENTRIFYING. WE FOCUSED THE CONVERSATIONS AND THE CHANGES IN FRONT OF YOU ARE FOCUSED AROUND TWO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, AND I AM GOING TO TAKE SORT OF THE SHORTEST LIST OF CHANGES FIRST, AND THAT WOULD BE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THAT PROGRAM PROVIDES AN EXEMPTION FOR A HOME BUYER IN A SPECIFIC HOME BUYER OPPORTUNITY AREA. THE DEFINITION, BY STATUTE, IS A BLIGHTED AREA, AND THERE ARE SIX OR SEVEN TESTS OF BLIGHT THAT ARE STATUTORILY DIRECTED. THOSE HAVE TO DO WITH PROPERTY VALUES, RATES OF CRIME, RATES OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN CERTAIN AREAS. IN SOME WAYS OF THINKING, IT IS A TOOL THAT WAS AT THIS, AT ITS INCEPTION, USEFUL IN CREATING STABILIZED HOUSING IN AREAS THAT HAD NOT NECESSARILY HAD THAT. WE'RE ALSO THINKING OF OTHER TOOLS THAT WE NEED AROUND AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP THAT MAY AIM FOR SOME OF THOSE AREAS THAT ARE INCREASINGLY LESS AVAILABLE TO LOWER INCOME FAMILIES. WE DON'T HAVE THAT TOOL YET BECAUSE THAT WOULD TAKE DIFFERENT STATUTORY AUTHORITY, BUT WE HAVE DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO THE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO BETTER ALIGN IT WITH THE CITY'S PRIMARY HOME OWNERSHIP GOAL, WHICH IS CLOSING THE MINORITY HOME OWNERSHIP GAP. SO, SHORT LIST OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN FIRST, TO CAP THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM HAS TRADITIONALLY SERVED, I THINK, THE LAST APPLICATION YEAR WAS ABOUT 180 APPLICATIONS. IN PART, RECKONING THIS BALANCING ACT BETWEEN FOREGONE REVENUE AND THE GOALS THAT WE'RE AIMING FOR, WE HAVE CHOSEN -- WE HAVE AGREED TO PUT A CAP ON EACH OF THE PROGRAMS, AND I WILL DESCRIBE THAT A BIT IN MORE DEPTH. WITH A CAP ON THE PROGRAM, WE HAVE ALSO, ON THE SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAM, WE HAVE TIGHTENED UP WHAT WE ARE REQUIRING OF, OF APPLICANTS WHO ARE TYPICALLY SINGLE FAMILY HOME BUILDERS, USUALLY, FAIRLY SMALL SCALE BUILDERS. AND WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO AFFIRM TO US THAT THEY ARE CONNECTING WITH ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THAT'S BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN MOVING MINORITY FAMILIES INTO HOME OWNERSHIP. SO, A DEVELOPER HAS, OR A BUILDER HAS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY THERE, ALMOST SOME, SOME GOOD NEW MARKETING TOOLS THAT ALSO AIM AT OUR GOALS. WE HAVE SET NEW STANDARDS FOR, FOR ENERGY, EFFICIENT, AND HEALTHY BUILDING. NOT PUTTING A, A BUILDER IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO GET A CERTIFICATION, A LEAD OR SOMETHING, BUT REALLY SAYING DEMONSTRATE TO US WHAT PROGRAMS YOU ARE USING TO BE SURE THAT HOME IS EFFICIENT TO THE

HOMEOWNER AND IS A HEALTHY HOME. WE HAVE ALSO PUT INTO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT BUILDERS NEED TO BE BUILDING A THREE-BEDROOM HOME, A FAMILY-SIZED HOME VERSUS SOME OF THE VERY SMALL THINGS THAT ARE ECONOMIC FOR BUILDERS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY RIGHT SIZED FOR FAMILIES. THE EXCEPTION WOULD BE IF THE BUILDER IS BUILDING IN A TRANSIT ORIENTED LOCATION WHERE YOU CAN DEMONSTRATE A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S NEEDED THERE, THAT EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE. THAT'S KIND OF THE BODY OF CHANGES TO THE SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION. WOULD WE LIKE TO TAKE QUESTIONS IN BETWEEN OR WOULD WE LIKE TO GET THROUGH AND THEN TAKE QUESTIONS?

>> WELL, WE DO HAVE TIME SET ASIDE AT THE END FOR DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS, SO, YOU KNOW.

>> Chair Cogen: IF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK THEM.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU FOR COMING. I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS, IS THERE SOME CONCERN THAT THERE IS ABUSE IN THE PROGRAM? OR THAT WE ARE, WE ARE TAKING -- THAT THERE IS A SUNSET ON SOME OF THE DEVELOPERS? I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING IF THE PROGRAM IS WORKING, WHY WE'RE DOING THE BIG LOOK RECOMMENDATIONS.

>> I WOULD SAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN -- I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO WHAT RANDY STARTED WITH AND SAID IN 2007, BOTH AUDITOR'S, THE COUNTY AND CITY'S AUDITOR SAID SOME, SOME NEW THINGS NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO BE SURE THAT WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY, CERTAIN CONTROLS, AND SO ON. SO, THE FIRST PHASE OF CHANGES THAT WE WORKED ON TOGETHER WERE THE PRODUCTION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT, CREATION OF A HIGHER LEVEL OF SCRUTINY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS, BY NOW, THE HOUSING BUREAU, WHO CONTROLS THESE. THE OTHER THING THAT WE HAD WAS, ESSENTIALLY, A NEW PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, SO WE BROUGHT PDC FOLKS AND GOALS, AND WHAT, WHAT -- THEY DID NOT ALL ALIGN JUST RIGHT WITH THE CITY'S HOUSING GOALS. SO THESE PROGRAMS MIGRATED, AS WELL. THEY NEEDED A FRESH LOOK FOR HOW, HOW COMMISSIONER FISH INTENDED IT.

>> Comm. Smith: SO THE ORIGINAL MISSION OF THE PROGRAM IN 2007, YOU FEEL LIKE IT HASN'T BEEN MET, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE MODIFYING THE PROGRAM? OR SUGGESTING TO MODIFY IT? I'M NOT CLEAR ON THAT.

>> SURE. I THINK THAT THERE WAS SOME MANDATE TO DO A REVIEW, SO THE AUDITS, THEMSELVES, REQUIRED THAT. THE PROGRAMS, IN WHOLE, WERE TO BE REVIEWED. WE SORT OF TOOK THOSE IN SOME PHASES. THERE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE CLEANUP. WE'RE LOOKING MORE AT THE POLICY LEVEL.

ARE THESE TOOLS AIMED AT DOING THE POLICY THINGS THAT WE IDENTIFIED.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT YOU ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED.

>> Chair Cogen: I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING THE BIG LOOK. THE NOTION WAS, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE. IS IT STILL MEETING OUR GOALS? HAVE OUR GOALS CHANGED? ARE THESE TOOLS ADEQUATELY AIMED IN THE RIGHT PLACE TO HAVE BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY'S GOALS BE MET? AS WE HEARD FROM RANDY IN THE BEGINNING, WE ARE FOREGOING A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TAX REVENUE HERE, SO WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT, THAT IF THAT'S GOING TO BE THE CASE, THERE IS ENOUGH OF AN UPSIDE TO JUSTIFY IT.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU. WE HAVE \$3.4 MILLION THAT WE -- THAT IS FOREGONE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES. IS THERE A LIMIT IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH WE CAN FOREGO?

>> NO, THERE IS NOT. AND JUST BRIEFLY I WOULD ADD WHEN WE STARTED THE CONVERSATION IN 2007, IT WAS WITH PDC, AND WE HAD A LOT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES THAT WE HAD TO WORK OUT IN THE CITY. WE HAD GOALS THAT DID NOT NECESSARILY ALIGN WITH THE STATUTE. SO, THEY HAVE WORKED REAL HARD TO, TO HAVE THEIR PROGRAM FIT INTO THE STATUTE NOW, AND SO, FROM THE BIG LOOK, AS I AM READING THIS AND SEEING IT, AND KATE ALLUDED TO THIS, THAT SOME STATUTORY CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED, AND WE HAVE OUR ATTORNEYS WORKING WITH THEIR ATTORNEYS SO THERE COULD BE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT COMES OUT OF THIS TO MODIFY THESE PROGRAMS TO MEET YOUR JOINT NEEDS, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU DECIDE.

>> Comm. Smith: SO WE AVERAGE \$3.4 MILLION A YEAR, AND FORE, IN FOREGONE REVENUE?

>> FOR ALL THE PROGRAMS COMBINED.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S THE AVERAGE?

>> THAT'S THE FOREGONE REVENUE THIS YEAR. IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY MOVING UP SOMEWHAT, OBVIOUSLY, AS MORE PEOPLE JOIN THIS PROGRAM, AND WE DID SEE QUITE AN ACCELERATION A FEW YEARS AGO IN THE SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAM. ONE YEAR WE WENT FROM 80 SOME APPLICANTS, NEW, NEW EXEMPTIONS TO 180 IN ONE YEAR. SO, THAT, THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE POINTED OUT TO THE BOARD HE YEARS AGO THAT THERE IS, THERE IS AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF, OF POTENTIAL DOLLARS FLOWING OUT THE DOOR THE NEXT YEAR.

>> Comm. Smith: YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE. MAYBE WE JUST PUT A CAP ON HOW MUCH WE CAN FOREGO, AND, YOU KNOW, FORGET THE 100 APPLICATIONS, AND WE WOULD GET TO 50, AND WE GET TO 3.4, AND WE ARE DONE.

>> ONE OF THE CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED IS PUTTING A CAP. SO, YOU ARE RIGHT ON TARGET THERE.

>> Comm. Smith: NOW, I HAVE -- I WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE MATERIALS LAST NIGHT AND I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY WE ARE DOING THIS? IS THERE IN THE STATUTE THAT WE HAVE TO REVIEW IT EVERY FIVE YEARS OR WHAT, IF THERE IS ABUSE OF THIS PROGRAM AND WE ARE TRYING TO REWORK IT.

>> I COULD ANSWER THAT. FOR US, AS THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, IF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE LAST AGREED TO THE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS IN 2007, AND IT WAS BASED ON, FOR SOME OF THE PROGRAMS, A 2012 EXPIRATION. SO, THIS IS COMING TO BACKUP BEFORE THE BOARD TO AGREE TO BUY INTO THESE PROGRAMS. IF NOT, THE CITY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ABATE THEIR SHARE OF THE TAXES, NOT 100% OF THE IMPROVEMENT TAXES. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE HEAR.

>> Comm. Smith: MAKES SENSE.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. JUST FOR MY CLARIFICATION, I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. BUT, THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS PROGRAM ARE THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AM I CORRECT ABOUT THAT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> SO NOT THE REST OF THE COUNTY?

>> RANDY, DOES GRESHAM HAVE A PROGRAM THAT THEY OPERATE?

>> NOT IN THIS SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAM. THEY HAVE HAD SOME OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS LIMITED IN THE PAST. BUT --

>> NONPROFIT EXEMPTIONS.

>> RIGHT. BUT AS FAR AS THE PROGRAM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT HERE, THE SINGLE FAMILY DISTRESSED NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM, ONLY THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS ADOPTED THIS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SO, I WILL SWITCH -- SHIFT GEARS AND WE CAN ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS AND GO TO THE SET OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE MAYBE THE SLIGHTLY MORE COMPLEX BECAUSE WE ARE MAKING MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, FIRST AND FOREMOST, TO TAKE TWO PROGRAMS. WE HAD CALLED IT THE NEW MULTIPLE UNIT HOUSING, WHICH WAS USED IN THE DOWNTOWN AND CENTRAL CITY AREA, AND ALL URBAN RENEWAL AREAS ACROSS THE CITY. AND THEN A VERY SIMILAR BUT NOT QUITE THE SAME PROGRAM CALLED THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. AND BECAUSE BOTH OF THOSE PROGRAMS AIM PRIMARILY AT INCENTIVE, BUT THE INCLUSION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS IN HOUSING, WHERE THOSE MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAPPEN. IT MADE SENSE TO COMBINE THOSE PROGRAMS. THE LOCATIONS ON THE MAP THAT HAVE COME AROUND ARE, ARE AIMED AT TRANSIT ORIENTED PLACES AS THEY OCCUR EITHER ACROSS THE CITY IN THE TRANSIT ORIENTED PLACES OF URBAN RENEWAL AREAS, OR 2040 MAIN STREETS, AS DESIGNATED BY METRO, THAT HAVE ALSO MET SOME OF THE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY'S INITIAL TESTS OUT OF THE PORTLAND PLAN FOR ACCESS TO, TO, TO GROCERIES AND OTHER WALKABLE OR SHORT TRIP AMENITIES. THE REASON THE PROGRAMS ARE AIMED THERE, IN PART, IS BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE FIRST RISK LOSING ACCESS OR AFFORDABILITY, AS THOSE AREAS GROW. SO, OTHER SIMILAR -- SO A SET OF CHANGES THERE INCLUDE, ALSO, LIKE THE SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAM, A CAP ON THIS PROGRAM. THE CAP INSTITUTED FOR THE MULTIPLE UNIT PROGRAM, NOW A COMBINED PROGRAM, WOULD BE NO MORE THAN \$1 MILLION OF FOREGONE REVENUE, AND THAT'S THE TOTAL ACROSS ALL JURISDICTIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, WOULD BE ADDED. WE FIGURE LOOKING AT THE LAST YEAR'S ACTIVITY, THAT TRANSLATES TO FOUR PROJECTS, MAYBE FIVE, IF IT'S A SMALLER PROJECT.

>> CAN I JUMP IN WITH A QUESTION? THIS IS JUST FOR THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLUS THE NEW MULTI-UNIT HOUSING PORTION OF THE PROGRAM? SO, AND THE REASON I ASK THAT IS THAT THERE IS A LIMIT AT SOME POINT ON THE, THE AVAILABILITY OF SITES TO BUILD NEW TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND MULTI-UNIT HOUSING, JUST, JUST -- I MEAN, THERE ARE OTHER LIMITS BESIDES THE LIMITS WE IMPOSE IN ACCESSING THE, THE TAX AMOUNT. SO, THERE IS A FIT HERE SOMEWHERE, AND IF I COULD JUST PUT THIS ON THE DASHBOARD, MY OTHER CONCERN, WHILE I'M LISTENING TO YOU, IS WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU IMPOSE IN THE APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS OTHER THAN LOCATION.

>> ABSOLUTELY. AND THAT'S THE NEXT LITTLE BIT. I HAVE PUT IN FRONT OF YOU THE SORT OF TWO-SIDED PAGE THAT WE'RE USING IN A LOT OF PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS RIGHT NOW THAT ARE SORT OF THE, THE SHORT LIST, THE SUMMARY OF WHAT WE'RE CHANGING. BUT, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK'S QUESTION, SO IN ADDITION TO A CAP, THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU WILL INSTITUTE A COMPETITIVE PROCESS BECAUSE WE NOW HAVE A LIMITED

CAPACITY. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT JUST GETTING THE, YOU KNOW, THE FIRST SMART GUY IN THE DOOR, THAT WE'RE REALLY MAKING A DELIBERATIVE PROCESS ABOUT THE PROJECTS AND WHAT RISES TO THE TOP AS FAR AS A SCORE OF THE COMBINATION OF LOCATION, BUT AFFORDABILITY AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS. SO, SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, THE PROGRAM HAD THAT HISTORICALLY OPERATED WITH A, A CONTRACT, OR A DEVELOPER MEETING TO INCLUDE A THRESHOLD LEVEL OF AFFORDABILITY, AND THAT HAS BEEN FOR THE TRANSIT ORIENTED PROGRAM, 20% OF THE UNITS, AFFORDABLE AT 60% OF THE MEDIAN OR LESS. THAT'S, THAT CONTINUES TO BE THE THRESHOLD FOR THE PROGRAM BROADLY. WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATION ABOUT MAKING AN EXCEPTION IN HIGH-COST MARKETS. AND WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF WHAT LOOKS TO BE A RENTAL HOUSING BOOM WHERE, WHERE IF DEVELOPERS ARE, ARE BUILDING IN HIGHER COST MARKETS AND, AND THEY, THEY -- WE ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING THEM INCLUDE AFFORDABILITY IN THOSE UNITS, AS WELL. SO, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, WE MIGHT CONSIDER INCLUDING AFFORDABILITY UP TO 80% OF MEDIAN WITH THE DEVELOPER'S DEMONSTRATION OF A HIGH-COST MARKET. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS WOULD BE SURE THAT THOSE THINGS THAT ARE MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING, OR THE PUBLIC NEEDS ARE BEING MET. SO, THOSE THINGS THAT, THAT -- SO, SOME THINGS BECOME PART OF THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. GREEN BUILDING, AGAIN, IN SOME FORM, THAT DEMONSTRATES HEALTHY AND ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING, BECOMES NOT A BONUS POINT BUT SOMETHING THAT, THAT, THAT A DEVELOPER MUST DO. THERE ARE, THERE ARE A WHOLE RANGE OF, OF ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE AFFORDABLE UNITS ACROSS ALL TYPES OF UNITS SO WE DON'T JUST END UP WITH 20 STUDIOS IN A 100-UNIT BUILDING. THOSE WOULD BE SCATTERED ACROSS THE TYPES OF UNITS THAT DEVELOPER IS PROVIDING. MOVE INTO THE AREA THAT PUTS PEOPLE IN GOOD COMPETITION ACROSS A COMPETITIVE PROCESS. THOSE ARE THINGS THAT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AFFORDABILITY ABOVE THE, THE 20%. THAT, FOR THE HOUSING BUREAU, IS THE PUREST GOAL. SO, SOMEONE WHO COMES IN AND PROPOSES ADDITIONAL AFFORDABILITY, THAT'S A HIGH-SCORING PIECE. AND INCLUSION OF ACCESSIBLE UNITS OR UNIVERSAL DESIGN UNITS BEYOND WHAT'S REQUIRED UNDER THE EXISTING CODE. SOMETHING THAT WE'RE HEARING MORE AND MORE ABOUT FROM, FROM CERTAINLY THE WORK THROUGH THE PORTLAND PLAN, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND THE, THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING ACROSS THE CITY. INCLUSION OF FAMILY-SIZED UNITS, TWO OR MORE BEDROOMS, IN AREAS OF THE CITY WHERE THOSE UNITS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. SO, WE SORT OF THINK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF PRESS AROUND NO, NO FAMILY HOUSING IN THE PEARL DISTRICT. THIS CAN BE A, IS A TOOL THAT, THAT COULD CREATE THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE FAMILY UNITS. THIS WAS A TOOL THAT WAS USED ON THE RAMONA APARTMENTS, WHICH ACTUALLY BROUGHT GREAT FAMILY HOUSING, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SPACE INTO THAT DEVELOPMENT IN THE

PEARL DISTRICT. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC GATHERING SPACE, EITHER PLAZA OR OUTDOOR SPACE OR COMMUNITY SPACE THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN GENERAL, NOT JUST THE RESIDENTS OF THE BUILDING. AND THEN THERE IS AN INTEREST IN CREATING INCENTIVE FOR DEVELOPERS WHO MIGHT MEET A PARTICULAR HOUSING NEED, AND WHAT WE HAVE DESCRIBED AND WHAT WE HAVE HEARD ARE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT, ARE AROUND HOUSING FOR, FOR VETERANS, AND HOUSING POTENTIALLY FOR, FOR YOUTH WHO ARE AGING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND POTENTIALLY, FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE ESCAPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE MIGHT HAVE A DEVELOPER WHO WOULD COME IN AND SAY I HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MEETING THIS HOUSING NEED. NOT A NONPROFIT, BUT I AM PARTNERING WITH A SERVICE PROVIDER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE, YOU KNOW, ASSURE THAT TEN OF MY AFFORDABLE UNITS ARE, ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS POPULATION. SO, THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT WOULD SCORE WELL.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I'M SORRY, BUT MY COLLEAGUES CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE I, YOU KNOW, I GO -- ANYWAY. GIVEN THE MARKET FOR HOUSING RIGHT NOW, DO YOU SEE THIS AS BEING JUST REALLY PREPARATION FOR WHEN THAT MARKET FOR NEW HOUSING ARRIVES? MY UNDERSTANDING FROM JUST THE READING THAT I DO IS THAT THERE HAVEN'T BEEN A LOT OF BUILDING PERMITS BEING ISSUED, OR IS THAT CHANGING? ARE WE, ARE WE SEEING INCREASED DEMAND, AND THERE IS A SECOND PART TO THIS QUESTION, BUT WHAT'S, WHAT'S --

>> DO YOU WANT ME TO DO THE FIRST?

>> YEAH.

>> OUR BEST -- MY BEST, ABSOLUTELY RECENT ANSWER FOR THIS IS WE HAD NOT SEEN ANY APPLICATIONS UNDER THESE PROGRAMS FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS. THIS YEAR, WE REVIEWED ABOUT EIGHT APPLICATIONS, AND JUST PASSED TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE MEETING THE APRIL 1st DEADLINE SIX PROJECTS. THOSE ARE LOCATED IN THE RIVER DISTRICT, THE OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO IN HOLLYWOOD, AND TWO IN --

>> BOISE?

>> A LITTLE FURTHER OUT.

>> OK.

>> SIX PROJECTS, IN EXCESS OF 500 UNITS, AND THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS, ONE OF THE PROJECTS IN THE RIVER DISTRICT HAS OTHER HOUSING BUREAU FUNDS IN IT. ALL OF THE OTHERS ARE ONLY WITH LIMITED

TAX EXEMPTION. WE'RE GETTING 240 AFFORDABLE UNITS. UNITS THAT WILL BE AFFORDABLE AT 60% OF MEDIAN OR LESS.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THAT'S VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR JUST AS A SORT OF ECONOMIC NEWS FLASH. BUT, IT ALSO SEEMS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT, THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS CREATING A MARKETING TOOL THAT, THAT IS BEING ABLE TO MARKET A UNIT OF HOUSING WITH -- THAT CARRIES A TEN-YEAR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION WITH IT IS A REAL LEG UP FOR A DEVELOPER. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BENEFIT THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH, YOU KNOW, UNDERLINES WITH, WITH 3.4 MILLION ANNUALLY OF FOREGONE REVENUE FOR, FOR PROGRAMS FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT BENEFIT IS PASSING THROUGH TO, TO THE RESIDENT AND NOT TO THE DEVELOPER. AND BECAUSE WE REALLY DON'T HAVE PROGRAMS HERE THAT BENEFIT THE DEVELOPERS. WE HAVE A LOT OF PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT LOW INCOME VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. AND SO, I WONDER IF WE HAVE EVER LOOKED AT A TAX EXEMPTION THAT, THAT GOES TO A PERSPECTIVE HOME BUYER THROUGH SAY THE HOUSING CENTER, AND WHETHER A FLOATING TAX EXEMPTION IS SOMETHING THAT, THAT YOU HAVE LOOKED AT IN THE BIG LOOK, AND WHETHER IT'S WORTH LOOKING AT AS A WAY TO CREATE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE, WE'RE LOOKING AT.

>> DO WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF SCENARIO OF HOW WE ASSURE THAT THE AFFORDABILITY GOES TO THE RESIDENT. A DEVELOPER WHO RECEIVES AN EXEMPTION SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. IT'S A RECORDED AGREEMENT. THEY MUST DEMONSTRATE IN THE BEGINNING, WITH THE CITY'S STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR, IS TO DEMONSTRATE THROUGH A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS THE, THE NEED FOR THE EXEMPTION TO CREATE THE AFFORDABILITY. SO, WE DO A, A RATE OF RETURN ANALYSIS, AND PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO COUNCIL, AND THEN THE DEVELOPER SIGNS A TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT THAT THEY SEND ANNUAL INCOME, THEY SEND ANNUAL REPORTS, THEIR INCOME STATEMENTS. THOSE ARE REVIEWED, AND THERE IS A PROVISION WITHIN THE AGREEMENT THAT IF THEIR RATE OF RETURN EXCEEDS THE, THE STATUTORY LIMIT, THEN THEY ARE SUBJECT TO, TO A [INAUDIBLE] OF ANY EXCESS RETURN. THEY HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE RENTING THOSE APARTMENTS TO INCOME-QUALIFIED PEOPLE FOR THE EXEMPTION PERIOD OF TEN YEARS. SO, THERE ARE PROCESSES BUILT IN THAT HAVE US, THE HOUSING BUREAU, MONITORING THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

>> I WOULD ALSO ADD, AS A SIDE BAR, WE OPERATE A PROGRAM THAT I AM GOING TO FORGET THE NAME OF, BUT SPECIFICALLY, FOR LOW INCOME HOME BUYERS, THAT IS INCOME TAX CREDIT. WE OPERATE. THE MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE. THERE YOU GO, SO YES, THAT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHARE.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I HAVE A QUESTION. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE SIX APPLICATIONS THAT YOU RECEIVED, WHICH IS GOOD. AND COULD YOU TELL ME AGAIN WHERE THOSE ARE LOCATED, DO YOU KNOW? OR HOW FAR EAST DID, DO THEY GO? I GUESS THAT'S MY QUESTION.

>> I HAD SENT THAT SHEET AROUND THE TWO PROJECTS ARE IN THE [INAUDIBLE] NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY ARE BOTH IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I APOLOGIZE. IT WAS PROBABLY THE ONE THING OFF MY DESK THAT I DID NOT GRAB.

>> THAT'S OK. I JUST WONDERED HOW FAR EAST THAT WE WERE GETTING TO SERVING. WE KNOW THE SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS AND JUST MAKING SURE THAT EAST PORTLAND IS REALLY -- YEAH. AND I KNOW IT'S DRIVEN BY THE DEVELOPER, AS WELL AND WHERE THEY WANT TO BUILD AM BUT OK. THANK YOU.

>> SO I WOULD PROBABLY CLOSE BY JUST DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CHANGES THAT WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY. SO, WITHIN THE BIG LOOK PROCESS, THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU TOOK THE LEAD ON THIS. WE RELIED HEAVILY ON THE WORK BEING DONE AROUND THE PORTLAND PLAN AND THE PORTLAND -- AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE. AND REALLY WE TURNED OVER THE SET OF GOALS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE BIG LOOK COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO OUR PARTNERS IN PLANNING TO SAY HOW DO WE NEED TO, TO TIGHTEN UP THIS PROGRAM AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE HITTING THE GOALS, MAKE SURE THAT OUR GEOGRAPHIES MAKES SENSE TO WHAT WE ARE SAYING, AND THE RESULT HAS BEEN TO REDUCE SOME AREAS. THEIR DETERMINATION WAS THAT BROADLY ACROSS ALL URBAN RENEWAL AREAS, IS NOT NECESSARILY A GOOD USE OF THIS TOOL. MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN ALL OF THOSE PLACES. WE REALLY ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING THAT HAPPEN, INCLUDING AFFORDABILITY IN THOSE PLACES THAT HAVE THE BEST CHANCE FOR KIND OF LEAVING THAT PRIORITY BEHIND. SO, IDENTIFYING THOSE PLACES ALONG SOME OF THE INNER SOUTHEAST AREAS, AND THEN, SHRINKING THE AREAS WITHIN URBAN RENEWAL AREAS THAT WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIVE TO METRO 2040 MAIN STREET CORRIDORS AND STATION AREAS. THAT'S SORT OF WHAT IS REPRESENTED ON THIS DRAFT MAP. THERE IS AN ACCOMPANYING MAP FOR THE SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. WE'RE HAVING IMMEDIATELY UPDATED THAT. THAT'S THE FAST MOVING WORK, AND WE HAVE BEEN APPRECIATIVE OF THE PARTNERSHIP WE ARE HAVING WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

>> KATE, SO THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, KATE AND PLANNING HAVE BEEN ON A ROADSHOW WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REALLY, AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF, OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND SOME GREAT PARTICIPATION FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SOME FEEDBACK. SO, COULD

YOU JUST DO AN OVERVIEW OF THE PLACES THAT YOU'VE BEEN AND THAT YOU ARE STILL UP TO?

>> SURE. CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY WILL REMEMBER THAT COMMISSIONER FRITZ WAS VERY INTERESTED IN, YOU KNOW, WE'RE MAKING CHANGES TO PEOPLE'S NEIGHBORHOODS, AND HOW ARE WE COMMUNICATING WITH THEM ABOUT THAT? BEFORE THIS IS DONE DEAL, ARE WE GETTING FEEDBACK? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE RIGHT AND DON'T, YOU KNOW, DON'T WAIT, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THAT? SO WE PUT IN PLACE, WITH GREAT COOPERATION FROM, FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND, AND THE DISTRICT LIAISONS AND THE PLANNING OFFICE, REALLY, REALLY STOPS AT EACH OF THE, OF THE LAND USE GROUPS FOR THE, THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, SO WE WERE AT SOUTHEAST UPLIFT, A WEEK AND A HALF AGO, AND WE WENT TO, TO NORTHEAST COALITION OF NEIGHBORS, AND LAST WEEK, AND COALITION OF NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS LAST NIGHT, AND WE'RE DUE FOR NORTH PORTLAND LATER IN THE WEEK, AND WE'RE GOING TO, TO EACH OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AREAS THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTED. THEIR AREAS HAVE SHRUNK IN SOME CASES. AND THEN WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC SESSIONS AHEAD OF GOING BACK TO OUR COMMISSION. THE FIRST WOULD BE ON MAY 1st. WE'LL HAVE A HEARING IN FRONT OF THE PORTLAND HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION. OUR ADVISORY BOARD. EN AND ON THE THIRD, THE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY IS HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE LIMITED TAX EXEMPTIONS WHERE THEY WILL HEAR AND ACT ON THE SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION MAP, BUT ALSO, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE BREADTH OF CHANGES. WE WOULD EXPECT TO -- WE HAVE ALSO, ON THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU WEBSITE, A LIVE LINK FOR FOLKS TO LOG IN AND LOG THEIR COMMENTS. WE'RE, TRACKING THOSE. WE WOULD HAVE A SET OF, OF REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE WOULD GET BACK AROUND FOR ALL OF THE PARTNERS TO BE REVIEWING AHEAD OF, OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS. WE LOOK TO HAVING THIS GO TO THE PORTLAND HOUSING, OR EXCUSE ME, TO THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL, THE END OF MAY, AND REFERRED ON TO, TO YOUR, YOUR PROCESSES WITHIN JUNE. HOPING TO HAVE THESE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATION IN THEIR NEW FORM BY THE 1st OF JULY.

>> Comm. McKeel: I AM JUST CURIOUS WHAT KIND OF FEEDBACK HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING FROM YOUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS?

>> IT'S BEEN A GOOD, A HEALTHY MIX, SO YOU WILL KNOW FROM, FROM THE HEADLINES THAT, THAT A LOT OF THE INNER PORTLAND INNER SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE DEVELOPMENT THAT'S HAPPENING, YOU KNOW. 85 UNITS WITH NO PARKING CREATES A LOT OF CONCERN FOR PEOPLE IN INNER SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS. WHAT'S BEEN HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO SAY WITH A VERY STRONG PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU HAT ON IS WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT

IS HAPPENING AND WOULDN'T INCLUDE LOW INCOME PEOPLE. THAT'S WHERE WE WANT THIS TOOL AIMED. WE, YOU KNOW, IN SOME CASE, WE HAVE A LOT OF SYMPATHY FOR THE IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORHOODS, THAT IS A LITTLE BIT THE NATURE OF THE BIGGER SET OF PLANNING THAT'S GOING ON ACROSS OUR REGION. WE ARE REALLY SQUARELY AIMED AT, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD LOVE 20% OF THOSE 85 UNITS TO BE AFFORDABLE AND TO BE ABLE TO HAVE LOWER INCOME PEOPLE ABLE TO ACCESS THAT RAPID TRANSIT, AND THE OTHER THINGS THAT THEY CAN WALK TO AND NOT HAVE TO OWN A CAR IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. IN OTHER CASES, WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE DEVELOPERS. WE HAD A GREAT MEETING AT CENTRAL NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS LAST NIGHT, WHO WERE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW, 42nd AVENUE HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, IN PART, BECAUSE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY IS PAYING ATTENTION TO WHERE PLANNING PROCESSES ARE STILL UNDERWAY. THAT SET OF PARTNERS REALLY TALKED ABOUT 42nd AVENUE, BETWEEN FREMONT AND KILLINGSWORTH AS BEING A REAL AREA OF EMPHASIS WHERE WE HAVE A PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ECONOMIC PRIORITY DISTRICT, THE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT THERE, AND FOLKS AROUND THAT TABLE WERE ASKING, THIS MIGHT BE A REAL USEFUL TOOL TO, TO CREATE THAT KIND OF HOUSING IN, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITIES THAT NEIGHBORHOOD MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR. SO, I THINK IT'S A REALLY HEALTHY SET OF PERSPECTIVES.

>> Comm. Shiprack: SORT OF PIGGYBACKING -- SORRY.

>> Comm. McKeel: I COMMEND YOU FOR PRIORITIZING THAT. I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT WORK, SO SORRY, GO AHEAD.

>> Comm. Shiprack: ON THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POLICY, AND PARTICULARLY, WHAT YOU JUST MENTIONED, WHICH IS THAT THE CONCEPT OF HAVING MIXED INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS AND HAVING THAT BE SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ENCOURAGE WITH POLICY-MAKING, BECAUSE POLICY-MAKERS HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE PAST FOR CREDITING THE SETUP FOR EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE, WHICH IS VERY ISOLATED ENCLAVES OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE BY DESIGN. SO, LOOKING AT THIS MAP, THE QUESTION THAT OCCURS TO ME IS, IS WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO DEFINE ELIGIBILITY BY GEOGRAPHY WHEN, WHEN YOU, YOU ARE DEFINING ELIGIBILITY BY, BY POLICY ALREADY? SO THAT, YOU KNOW, IF, IF A QUALIFIED PROPOSAL WERE TO COME TO YOU THAT WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD OTHER THAN THE ONES YOU DESIGNATED, I GUESS, JUST NOT, NOT ELIGIBLE AT ALL BY, BY --

>> IT HAS TO DO WITH THE STATUTORY DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE TO OPERATE UNDER. SO, THE STATUTE SAYS YOU NEED TO DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC AREA, AND YOU NEED TO, IN YOUR PROCESS, DEMONSTRATE THAT THE, THE THING THAT YOU WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN, IN THIS CASE, MIXED INCOME THAT INCLUDES LOWER INCOME HOUSING, WOULDN'T HAPPEN

WITHOUT THIS TOOL. SO, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE REALLY -- SO MEETING THOSE STATUTORY TESTS, IT IS DESIGNATED BY AREA. PART OF WHAT WE HAVE SET UP WITH A THREE-YEAR PILOT OF THIS SET OF CHANGES IS AN ABILITY TO DO TWO THINGS. FIRST, SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH A BUNCH OF CHANGES OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL, ACTUALLY, BE A FAIRLY HEAVY DEVELOPMENT PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE VACANCY RATES RIGHT NOW. AM THE SECOND THING IS, AS THE PORTLAND, OR AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE IS PROCEEDING AND IS ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2012 OR 2013, THERE MAY BE THEN SOME FURTHER REFINEMENTS TO AREAS THAT WOULD BE DESIGNATED OUT OF THAT PROCESS.

>> Comm. Shiprack: THE REASON I BRING IT UP, AND MY CONCERN IS I'M LOOKING AT MOST OF THE AREAS THAT ARE WITHIN THE DISTRICT NO. 3, PARTICULARLY, IN THE FOSTER NEIGHBORHOOD BETWEEN HOLGATE AND 82nd, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE AREA THAT IS AN EXISTING AREA. I KNOW THAT THERE IS A LOT OF PIT STOP. IT'S MAPPED. AND IT'S MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I WOULD THINK THAT THE PORE PRESSING CHALLENGE WOULD BE ATTRACTING THE, THE, THE HOME BUYER OR RENTER WHO EARNED MORE THAN 100% OF THE ANNUAL MEDIAN SALE PRICE TO THOSE AREAS. SO, TURNING THIS AROUND, I THINK YOU HAVE GOT A NATURAL POPULATION FOR LOW INCOME TO APPEAL TO LOW INCOME, BUT I DON'T SEE, YOU KNOW, AT LEAST OUT IN DISTRICT NO. 3, WHERE THE, THE, THE, WHERE THE UPPER CRUST INVITATION WELCOME MAT IS OUT.

>> YEAH.

>> AND YOU ARE SO FAMILIAR WITH THE GOALS OF, YOU KNOW, THE LENTS URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND THE TOWN CENTER, AND THE DESIGNATION OF, OF THE SORT OF FOSTER EXTENSION IN THAT AREA. THERE IS A VISION BY BUSINESSES AND OTHERS TO BEGIN TO, TO STIMULATE THOSE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE MORE MARKET DRIVEN. BECAUSE THIS IS A TOOL THAT THE PRIVATE MARKET USES, AS OPPOSED TO ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT THE HOUSING BUREAU USES, WHICH ARE MUCH MORE AIMED AT THE LOWER INCOME, WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF THAT IN LENTS, OF COURSE, FOR BOTH RENTERS AND HOME BUYERS, AND THIS IS A TOOL THAT, THAT REALLY, THAT REALLY COULD, COULD HAVE A DEVELOPER SAYING, THIS, YOU KNOW, THIS COMBINATION OF THINGS MIGHT HAVE ME CREATING A MIXED INCOME PROJECT BECAUSE WHILE THIS AREA EXPERIENCES A CERTAIN KIND OF, OF FLAVORS NOW, IT WILL BE ONE OF THOSE AREAS THAT, THAT, THAT GROWS, AND POTENTIALLY GROWS BEYOND ITS CURRENT.

>> Comm. McKeel: KATE, WHEN YOU TALKED TO THESE DEVELOPERS, DID THEY HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT MEETING THE THRESHOLD.

>> Comm. Smith: LAST YEAR, WE DID NOT HAVE ANY -- I TALKED ABOUT ABUSES EARLIER, BUT WE DID NOT HAVE ANYBODY TO USE THE MONEY. WAS THAT THE ISSUE THAT THEY FELT THAT THEY COULD NOT MEET THE 60% AND NOW WE ARE SUGGESTING TO CHANGE THAT TO THE 80% OF MEDIAN?

>> THERE IS TWO THINGS. THE FIRST IS UP UNTIL THIS YEAR, EVEN SOME OF OUR MOST TALENTED PEOPLE WERE NOT GETTING THE FINANCING OR AT A PRICE THAT MADE SENSE. WHAT WE HAD DURING THE BIG LOOK PROCESS WAS THIS GOOD EDUCATION FROM ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS WHO CAME AND SORT OF SHOWED US HOW, IN ORDER TO GET 60% UNITS IN AN OTHERWISE MARKET PROJECT, IT TAKES TWO THINGS. IT TAKES THE SUBSIDY FROM THE MARKET UNITS, AND IT TAKES THE EXEMPTION TO MAKE 60% UNITS WORK. SO, IT'S A STRETCH, AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PUT IN FRONT OF US TWO PRO-FORMAS, AND ONE SAYS IF I GET CROSS SUBSIDY AND THE EXEMPTION, I CAN MAKE THESE WORK FOR TEN YEARS. SO, I THINK THAT WE'RE STICKING WITH 60% IN, AND ANTICIPATE THAT WILL BE APPLICABLE IN MOST AREAS OF THE CITY. BUT, NOT WANTING TO, TO PRECLUDE THE POTENTIAL FOR INCLUSION OF AFFORDABILITY IN SOME OF THOSE AREAS THAT MIGHT TAKE IT --

>> Commissioner Smith: THE 60% WILL BE THE BASELINE. IF WE RAISE IT TO 80%, REALLY, LOW INCOME FOLKS, WE KIND OF HELP HERE, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THOSE PROJECTS. AND I KNOW THE MAYOR TALKED ABOUT A COUPLE OF PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE QUEUE. THEY ARE GOING IN THE LLOYD CENTER AREA, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SOME OF THOSE FOLKS GET A CHANCE TO GET INTO THOSE BUILDINGS.

>> THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, AS WELL.

>> I WANT TO JUMP ON THAT. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT, THAT I HAVE BEEN REALLY STRONG ABOUT THIS WHOLE PAINFUL PROCESS OF LOOKING AT ALL THESE LIMITED TAX EXEMPTIONS. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE \$3.4 MILLION WE'RE FOREGOING, BUT THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT IS GOING TO INCREASE, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM, I HAVE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT IS THIS MILLION DOLLAR CAP FOR NEW PROJECTS EACH YEAR BECAUSE FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, THEY ARE GOING TO BE, IT COULD BE A LARGE NUMBER. WE HAVE SEEN SOME PROJECTIONS OF, OF MUCH HIGHER LEVELS OF FOREGONE REVENUE, SO I HAVE -- AND THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD WE PUT THE THREE-YEAR LOOK BACK SO WE CAN SEE IF IT'S GROWING MORE THAN WE THINK THAT WE CAN AFFORD, THAT WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SO, I WANTED TO ASK RANDY, URINE APPROXIMATES ON, ON THAT, THAT CAP THAT -- THE MILLION DOLLAR CAP. DOES THAT SEEM LIKE A FAIR AMOUNT? DO YOU THINK THAT THAT'S, THAT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH? DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THAT?

>> WELL, FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE POINT, WE CAN ADMINISTER WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED, FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT IN TALKING WITH YOU AND BECKIE LEE, IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS REASONABLE. YOU GET THE THREE YEARS TO TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S GOING TO OCCUR. ONE OTHER THING THAT I WILL JUST ADD IS, YOU ALSO, AND WE'LL TRY TO TRACK THIS, MY STAFF WILL KILL ME FOR THIS COMMIT, BUT, WHEN YOU CREATE THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND THERE IS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL OCCUR THAT WILL GO ON THE TAX ROLL FULLY TAXABLE, SO YOU ARE LOOKING AT, AT IT AS SEED TO, TO NOT KNOWING YOUR LOW INCOME GOALS, BUT WHEN COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK TALKS ABOUT THE AFFORDABILITY AND BRINGING IN MIDDLE AND UPPER INCOME PEOPLE, KATE ALLUDED TO THE BUT-FOR TEST. THEY DEVELOP THE AREAS IN ADVANCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO SHOW IF IT WASN'T BUT FOR THE EXEMPTION, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT OCCUR. NOW THAT IT OCCURRED, BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME. SO RIGHT NOW THE UNITS PROBABLY ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE MIDDLE AND UPPER INCOME PEOPLE TO PURCHASE, SO THIS HELPS GET THE UNITS OUT THERE AND INTO THE MARKET, IS WHAT I'M SEEING, AND THE THREE YEARS COULD HELP TO TELL US THAT, AND WILL THERE BE OTHER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT UP AND DOWN THE STREET? SO, WE CAN TRY TO ISOLATE THOSE AREAS AND LOOK AT THE BUILDING PERMIT AT THIS TIME THERE, HISTORICALLY, AND SEE WHAT THE INCREASE IS FOR YOU.

>> YEAH. THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: THIS IS PART OF THE BALANCE. AND RANDY, YOU KNOW THAT I GET CONCERNED WITH THE HOME OWNERSHIP THAT THESE UNITS BE REMEMBERED IN SOME ADMINISTRATIVE WAY SO THAT THEY ARE NOT PURCHASED BY A QUALIFIED, ELIGIBLE PURCHASER, WHO THEN SELLS THEM BEFORE THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD HAS GONE BY TO A NON QUALIFIED INCOME PURCHASER, WHO NONETHELESS, KEEPS THE, THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS. THAT IS A CONCERN TO ME.

>> THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SAW HAPPENING AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE MADE THE CHANGES. THAT WAS REALLY HAPPENING.

>> AND I WILL JUST ADD TO THAT, THAT OUR STAFF IS, HAS WORKED VERY WELL NOW, WITH THE CHANGE TO THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, TAKING THESE OVER, AND KATE AND THE STAFF THERE, AND WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP THAT'S OCCURRED, AND SHARING THE INFORMATION, WE GLEAN THE INFORMATION OUT OF IT, AND YOU CAN, YOU CAN REST ASSURED MY OFFICE IS TRACKING EVERY DEED THAT TRANSIT CENTERS ON THESE PROPERTIES, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RULES ARE FOLLOWED.

>> I AM PROUD OF THAT. AND I AM REALLY, REALLY DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE, THAT, THAT YOU ARE ON THE BALL WITH THAT, AND I GUESS THE ONLY

OTHER CONCERN IS BEYOND THIS DISCUSSION, I GUESS, BUT, AFTER TEN YEARS, WHAT HAPPENS? BECAUSE WE PAY, YOU KNOW, WE DEVELOPED THIS RULING DEBT, A FOREGONE REVENUE. THIS IS A REAL -- I KNOW THIS FLIES UNDER THE RADAR. AT THE END OF TEN YEARS, IF WE LOOK AT THIS IN THIS DISTRICT, WE WANT AN INVESTMENT IF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE LIFTED AND WE NO LONGER HAVE A STOCK OF COMMITTED, AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

>> SO TWO THINGS HAPPEN, AFTER TEN YEARS, THE PROJECT ARGUABLY COMES BACK ON FULLY TAXABLE. THAT'S, THAT'S A GOOD THING ON THE REVENUE SIDE. WE HAVE TIGHTENED UP THE PROVISIONS UNDER WHICH WE WOULD HONOR A REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION. A DEVELOPER COULD REQUEST AN EXTENSION, NOT FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT, BUT IF THEY ARE CONTINUING THE AFFORDABILITY AND SIGN AN EXTENDED USE AGREEMENT AROUND THAT AFFORDABILITY, WE ARE FEELING LIKE THAT, THAT SET OF EXTENSIONS, THAT POTENTIAL FOR RETAINED AFFORDABILITY IS SOMETHING THAT, THAT WOULD BE INSIDE THE MILLION DOLLARS. SO, WE WOULD HAVE, WITHIN AN ANNUAL MILLION DOLLARS, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT, THAT SOME DEVELOPERS MAY COME IN AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION FOR AN OTHERWISE EXPIRING PROJECT. THE REST OF THE PROJECT GOES BACK ON. THE AFFORDABLE UNITS RETAIN AS AFFORDABLE, AND OUR TOTAL MILLION DOLLAR CAP IS REDUCED BY THAT AMOUNT OF EXTENSION DETERMINED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? GREAT. THANK YOU FOR, FOR HELPING TO EXPLAIN A VERY COMPLICATED SITUATION. THIS IS A MATTER THAT WILL, WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT SOME POINT IN APRIL FOR, FOR ACTION. WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN -- JUNE? I WAS THINKING MAY WHEN I SAID APRIL, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY JUNE. IT'S COMING UP SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, BUT WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN TO CONTINUE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, SO THANKS VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT ITEM IS THE, THE PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES AWARDS, I DON'T THINK THAT THEY ARE QUITE READY SO WHY DON'T WE TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS AND COME BACK FOR THE AWARDS. GREAT. WE ARE RECESSED.

>> THIS IS ORIENTATION FOR THE BOARD. THE WAY THIS HAPPENS IS WE FRAME THE AWARD CEREMONY. WE CALL IT OUT, AND THEN IT'S REALLY -- WE WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE WE LEARNED FROM FEEDBACK IN THE PAST, IT'S REALLY VERY IMPORTANT. COMMUNITY MEMBERS APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERSONALLY TAKES SOME TIME TO THANK PEOPLE. SO GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY, AND JUST TO PUT THIS IN CONTEXT, SINCE 1995, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE CELEBRATED THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON FIRST PROCLAIMED PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN 1995, AND HE WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH CONTRIBUTES IN THE OVERALL FABRIC OF OUR

COMMUNITIES. AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES AND CELEBRATES THE FACT THAT COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORK DAILY TO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER AND TO ENABLE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACHIEVE THE MISSION OF HEALTHY PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THIS YEAR, THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE THEME IS A HEALTHIER AMERICA BEGINS TODAY. JOIN THE MOVEMENT. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES AND NOMINEES HAVE NOT ONLY JOINED THE MOVEMENT, BUT THEY ARE LEADING THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS A HEALTHIER MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. THIS YEAR, WE HAD 50 NOMINEES AND CAN ALL BE CALLED PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMPIONS. EACH ONE DESERVES A THANK YOU FOR THE TIME AND THE COMMITMENT THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN IN HELPING TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. ALL THE NOMINEES ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF YOUR PROGRAM, AND SOME OF THEM ARE HERE WITH US TODAY. IF YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE TIME OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULES TO JOIN US, PLEASE STAND SO WE CAN GIVE YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SO AFTER AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW PROCESS WITH INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS, IT'S WITH A GREAT HONOR THAT I RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES OF 2012. THE COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE ALREADY COME FORWARD, WILL RECOGNIZE, WE'LL RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THESE PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. AND THE FIRST AWARD IS THE GOVERNOR JOHN KITZHABER, PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD, THE LEADERSHIP AWARD IS PRESENTED TO AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC POLICY LEADER AND ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO INFLUENCE SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE IMPROVED THE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR THE AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE PARKROSE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. KAREN GRAY. [APPLAUSE] KAREN HAS SPENT 32 YEARS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AS THE, AS BEING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHE'S THE CHAIR OF THE OREGON ENTERPRISE STEERING COMMITTEE. AND SHE IS THE CO-DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON COLLABORATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE MENTOR PROGRAM, AND, AND WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE CONFEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. SHE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND SHE REPRESENTS EDUCATION IN THAT BODY. SHE'S A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR THE ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING. KAREN IS ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE, AND IS A COMMISSIONER ON THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION. AND IN 2010, KAREN PARTNERED WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM TO HELP AND ENHANCE STUDENTS' ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. HER SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADOPTED POLICY THAT IS IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALL STUDENTS. SHE SUPPORTED THE PROCESS OF REVISING THE DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICIES AND ENHANCED STUDENTS' OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH IN SIX AREAS. HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOCATION OF A SCHOOL, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF FRESH DRINKING WATER, REGIONAL PURCHASING OF SCHOOL FOODS, ESPECIALLY PRODUCE, AND MORE NUTRITIOUS CHOICE THIS IS SCHOOL, SNACKS AND PROMOTION OF HEALTHY MEAL OPTIONS FOR EACH STUDENT. KAREN SUPPORTS BEST PRACTICE CHANGES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT CHANGING POLICY HAS A FAR REACHING EFFECT AND CAN IMPROVE WELLNESS FOR ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING THE MOST VULNERABLE. WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THIS AWARD, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE] OUR NEXT AWARD IS FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, GIVEN TO AN ORGANIZATION OR PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH THEIR SERVICES. THIS YEAR WE HONOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF NATIVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES THROUGH EDUCATION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING. OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE FAMILY CENTER HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY. IN 2010, THEY SERVED 5,000 FAMILIES AS A WRAP-AROUND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION OFFERING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, A FULLY ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL, FINANCIAL LITERACY, AND MICROENTERPRISE VERY MANY, AS WELL AS SOCIAL SERVICES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS, AND HOUSING AND A COMPREHENSIVE POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAM. SOME OF THE FAMILY CENTERS' PROUDEST MEMORIES ARE OPENING A HIGH SCHOOL, NOW NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, AND INSTALLING THE SECOND LARGEST SOLAR PANEL PROJECT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND HELPING MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY FIND FULFILLING EMPLOYMENT. THEY RECENTLY PARTNERED WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE FEDERAL COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK GRANT. AND THEY WORK TO PROMOTE REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY THAT CAN HELP TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND HEALTHY FOODS, AND BY INSURING AN EQUITY LENS IS USED IN DECISION-MAKING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. THEY CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION SERVICES FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY EATING AND AN INCREASED OPPORTUNITY FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. ACCEPTING THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, IS THEIR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATT MORTON. CAN YOU COME UP NOW? [APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, MATT. OK. [APPLAUSE] ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY WE'RE SO LUCKY TO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE BUSINESS AWARD. THE

BUSINESS AWARD IS GIVEN TO A BUSINESS THAT PROMOTES PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH THEIR BUSINESS PRACTICES. THIS YEAR, THE AWARD GOES TO KUNP-TV IN PORTLAND. A UNIVISION NETWORK AFFILIATE IS THE MOST WATCHED SPANISH LANGUAGE TELEVISION NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PROGRAMS ARE SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE U.S. AND HISPANIC AUDIENCE. KUNP WAS THE FIRST LOCAL SPANISH LANGUAGE TV STATION IN THIS MARKET, AND HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY IN NORTHERN OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON. IN THE SUMMER OF 2007, THEY LAUNCHED THE FIRST LOCAL NEWSCAST IN SPANISH, AND ALMOST FIVE YEARS LATER, IT CONTINUES TO BE THE ONLY SOURCE OF DAILY NEWS AND LOCAL CONNECTIONS FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY. KUNP-TV HAS BEEN A CRITICAL PARTNER FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GET CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION MESSAGES TO THE LATINA COMMUNITY. AS A PARTNER WITH HEALTHY, ACTIVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IT STARTS HERE. KUNP-TV APPLIED THEIR CREATIVE AND CULTURAL EXPERTISE TO THE PRODUCTION OF FIVE TELEVISION SPOTS PROMOTING INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY BEVERAGE OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN. IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING AND AIRING THE SPOTS, THEY HAVE COORDINATED WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP NEWS AND COMMUNITY SEGMENTS AND INCORPORATE THE NOTION THAT POLICY, SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ARE VITAL TO CREATING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. ACCEPTING THE BUSINESS AWARD ON BEHALF OF KUNP-TV IS THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE ACCOUNT MANAGER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> OK. [APPLAUSE]

>> WE ALL KNOW OUR FUTURE BELONGS TO THE YOUTH, AND EVERY YEAR WE GIVE AN AWARD FOR YOUNG HEROES THE [INAUDIBLE] FOR YOUNG HEROES, AND THIS IS PRESENTED TO YOUTH OR YOUTH RELATED GROUPS WHO INSPIRE OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES. THIS YEAR THE AWARD FOR YOUNG HEROES GOES TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS. IS A PEER ADVOCACY GROUP WHICH FOCUSES ON PROMOTING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IS THERE IS A THREE-WAY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION, THE CASCADE AGE PROJECT, TEEN TO TEEN, AND THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS. THEY ARE COMPRISED OF 12 TO 15 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RANGING FROM 15 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND THERE ARE AGO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS CONNECTED TO THE EIGHTH HEALTH CENTERS IN HIGH SCHOOLS. THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS ARE ORGANIZED LIKE A SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH GROUP ACTIVITIES, SELECTED BY INVOLVED STUDENTS BASED ON TOPICS THAT ARE

IMPORTANT TO THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES. EACH OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS HAVE SIMILAR GOALS SUCH AS IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS, EMPOWERING THE YOUTH TO WORK TOWARDS CHANGE, AND INSURING EACH HEALTH CENTER IS YOUTH FRIENDLY, AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH CENTER AMONG OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS PAST DISEASE, THE DAVID DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL HOSTED A HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT FOCUSING ON NUTRITION. THE STUDENT LEADERS SHARED AND DISCUSSED WITH OTHER STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL THE PURPOSE OF HAVING HEALTHY SNACKS INTRODUCED INTO THE CAFETERIA. AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE ALSO CHOSEN TO ADD NEW READING MATERIALS TO THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER WAITING AREAS, AND THESE BOOKS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARIES, READ WHILE YOU WAIT PROGRAM. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PROMOTE THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND THE SERVICES THAT THEY OFFER, BY PRESENTING IN CLASSROOMS AND ENGAGING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS BOTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND, AND DOWN IN SALEM. BIG OR SMALL, THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE IMPACTING AND MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE BOTH IN THEIR OWN LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS, AND IN OUR HEALTH CENTERS THEMSELVES WITH THEIR PEER AND INDIVIDUAL, INDIVIDUAL LIVES THAT THEY BRING TO THESE EFFORTS. THIS IS A NEW EFFORT AND IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THE STUDENTS' ENERGY HAS REALLY REINVIGORATED OUR OWN THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE PROVIDE AT THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS ONCE AGAIN, THE LESSON IS, LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY. SO, ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR YOUNG HEROES IS ANIKA SHORE, AND A FEW OF OUR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS. PLEASE COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE]

>> DR. GRAY, YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE STUDENTS DID NOT SKIP SCHOOL TO COME TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

>> WE ALSO, EVERY YEAR, ASK PEOPLE TO NOMINATE A MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. EACH DAY MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES WORK HARD BEHIND THE SCENES AND ON THE FRONT LINES TO PROVIDE QUALITY OF CARE AND SERVICE AND INNOVATE SOLUTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE SO MUCH OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES NOMINATED THIS YEAR, WHICH MADE THE DECISION VERY DIFFICULT FOR OUR REVIEW COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, WE WERE ABLE TO NARROW IT DOWN TO ONE INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYEE THAT STANDS OUT AMONG HER PEERS, AND THAT IS ERIKA PRUETT, DISTRICT MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. [APPLAUSE] SHE PROMOTES PUBLIC HEALTH BY WORKING TO END VIOLENCE AND MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER AND A HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE. SHE APPROACHES HER WORK WITH A PASSION FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY

GANG VIOLENCE. WHEN RESPONDING TO ANY INCIDENT, SHE TRIES TO TAILOR HER RESPONSE TO THE, TO THE NEEDS OF THAT INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILY AFFECTED, AND ALSO TO CREATE A PLAN ON HOW TO STOP THE VIOLENCE FROM SPREADING. SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COORDINATING THE COUNTY RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO GANG RELATED INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SHE COORDINATED THE INITIAL SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE. SHE PROMOTED A COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND SHE CREATED A COMMUNICATION CHANNEL THAT EXCHANGED THE MEETING SCHEDULES, THE POPULATION MAPS, AND THE TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES ON INTERACTING WITH GANGS. THAT WORK HAS CONTINUED, HAS A LEGACY LEADING ONTO THIS DAY AND, AND MOST RECENTLY SHE HAS BECOME PART OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE. IT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CENTERED COLLABORATION DESIGNED TO, TO STOP YOUTH AND GANG VIOLENCE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BY ADDRESSING ITS ROOT CAUSES. SOME OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT SHE HAS PULLED TOGETHER AROUND THIS, IS, IS YOUTH AND FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PORTLAND OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER, THE LATINA NETWORK, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND, AND OF THE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, THE GRESHAM POLICE BUREAU, THE OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY, AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. OTHER MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENCIES, COMMUNITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROVIDERS. COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROVIDERS. SCHOOLS AND OTHER PROVIDERS. SHE IS AN ABSOLUTE CHAMPION FOR, FOR NO ONE CAN DO IT ALONE, BUT WE CAN DO IT AS A COMMUNITY. HER LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING STAFF FROM THESE UNITS IS REALLY A MODEL FOR ALL OF US IN OUR WORK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] FINALLY, WE HAVE THE JOSIAH HILL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD. AS I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM, I SEE A LARGE AND COMMITTED COMMUNITY THAT SURROUNDS AND SUPPORTS ALL OF THE WORK. BUT SOME PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES PERSEVERE ALONE, SPEND HOURS CREATING THEIR NETWORKS, FINDING THEIR OWN FUNDING, AND FORGING AHEAD IN ISOLATION. JOSIAH HILL III WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT WHO FOUGHT FOR RACIAL, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES TO JUST SUCH A HERO. JACKIE, YOU ARE HERE? AND YOUR MOM IS HERE, TOO.

>> MY PROGRAM IS CALLED WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE, OR AS WE AFFECTIONATELY CALL IT, WOACA, AND WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS, A PEER-BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM TO GET OUT AND HAVE WOMEN TEACH OTHER WOMEN AND TO HELP PREVENT HIV I FIRST BECAME INVOLVED WHEN I WAS IN MASSAGE SCHOOL IN 1986, I GRADUATED IN 1987 IN BOULDER, COLORADO. THE FIRST CONFERENCE, AIDS MEDICINE, THE FIRST HOLISTIC IN WESTERN MEDICINE, AIDS CONFERENCE WAS HELD THERE. IT WAS A THREE-

DAY CONFERENCE. THERE WERE 300 PEOPLE. AS MY GIRLFRIEND HAD BECOME INFECTED WITH HIV, AS A RESULT OF A RELAPSE IN HER RECOVERY, I WANTED TO KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT THE CONFERENCE AS I COULD. I DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR THE CONFERENCE. MY GIRLFRIEND AND I OFFERED TO DO MASSAGES. WE WERE MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND WE WERE SURE THAT WE COULD HEAL EVERYBODY. WE WENT TO THIS CONFERENCE AND OFFERED A CHAIR MASSAGE IN THE BACK, WHICH WAS A VERY POWERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN DEALING WITH THE STIGMA OF HAVING HIV WHERE PEOPLE WOULD NOT TOUCH THEM AT ALL, WORE GLOVES, FACEMASKS, THE WHOLE THING. IT WAS A PIVOTAL POINT FOR ME. I REALIZED THIS IS WHERE I WANTED TO SPEND A LOT OF MY TIME. THE WAY THAT MY PROGRAM IS SET UP, IS TO DO PEER EDUCATION TRAININGS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE COMFORTABLE SPEAKING ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, THAT ARE IN A WORKPLACE, A RETIREMENT HOME, A CHURCH, A BOOK GROUP, AND FOR THEM TO BE THE GO-TO PERSON. WHAT THEY ARE THERE FOR IS TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO GET TESTED, TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO BE TESTED JUST FOR THAT KIND OF SUPPORT, TO SUBURBAN THEM TO USE MORE SAFE SEX TECHNIQUES, AND TO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO USE A CONDOM AND HOW TO USE A FEMALE CONDOM SO THAT THEY FEEL MORE, MORE ADEQUATE AND BEING ABLE TO ASSERT THEMSELVES IN THAT SITUATION, TO DO SOME ROLE PLAYING AND TALK WITH THEM ABOUT HOW TO WALK AWAY WHEN IT'S AN UNSAFE SEXUAL SITUATION AM IT'S AN EXPERIENCE WHERE, WHERE WOMEN ARE JUST GOING TO START TALKING TO EACH OTHER MORE. I TALK TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE PLACE. IN FACT, MY 88-YEAR-OLD MOTHER IS VERY EMBARRASSED BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT SEX EVERYWHERE WE GO. I GO YES, WE DO. BUT, I FEEL IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE AGAIN, EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, YOU WILL REMEMBER WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, AND HOPEFULLY, YOU WILL SHARE IT WITH SOMEBODY ELSE. SO, I AM REALLY HOPING THAT WOMEN WILL WAKE UP TO THE AWARENESS THAT THEY HAVE A LOT TO OFFER, A LOT TO GIVE, AND THEY HAVE A LOT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN TERMS OF STAYING SAFE AND HAPPY, AND BEING ABLE TO LIVE THE REST OF THEIR LIVES AS ENERGETICALLY AND HAPPILY AS HOPEFULLY THEY LED THEIR FIRST PART OF THEIR LIFE. [APPLAUSE]

>> SO AS YOU CAN SEE SHE IS AN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ADVOCATE ACTIVIST AND EDUCATOR. IN 1987, SHE LAUNCHED HER PRACTICE, REGENERATIVE THERAPIES, AND THIS YEAR SHE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN COUNSELING AND BODY WORK. SHE RECOGNIZED THE FACT THAT OLDER WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS ARE SEVERELY UNDERSERVED AND OFTEN EXPERIENCE LATE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, AS WELL AS AN EARLY DEATH. SHE FOUND A WOMAN OF A CERTAIN AGE, DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THAT TITLE? A WOMAN OF A CERTAIN AGE, A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES, INFORMATION, AND SUPPORT REGARDING HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. I HOPE YOU SAW THE LINKAGES ON THAT LOVELY VIDEO SO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER. SHE PARTICIPATES IN REGULAR RADIO CALL-IN SHOWS, SUBMITS

EDITORIALS TO NEWS SOURCES, AND AS SHE SAID, ON THE VIDEO, TALKS TO WOMEN ANYWHERE THAT SHE CAN FIND THEM. AT THE MARKET, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, BOOK CLUBS, ETC. SHE IS A RECOGNIZED, RECOGNIZED AS A PIONEER AND A SEASONED HEALER IN THE PREVENTION AND SELF CARE OF AIDS AND HIV DISEASE, AND IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, AND ALSO THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE REGION. SO, ONCE AGAIN, IF ANYONE CAN WALK IN THE STEPS OF THE JOSIAH HILL AWARD, IT'S YOU, JACKIE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] NOW IT'S TIME TO THANK YOU ALL AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR OWN WORK IN YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR WORK AS AN INSPIRING, IS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION. THERE IS MANY PEOPLE THAT PUT TOGETHER THESE KINDS OF EVENTS, AND IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME FOR EACH OF YOU WHO WERE NOMINATED, PEOPLE REFLECTED ON THEIR WORK, AND THEY THOUGHT ABOUT WHO THEY REALLY WANTED TO NOMINATE AND, AND PUT PEN TO PAPER. AS WE SAID, WE HAVE ALL THESE NOMINATIONS, SO, I WANT TO REALLY THANK THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WHO CAME OUT AND REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY COMMUNITY AND WHO ALL OF US, TOGETHER, ARE WORKING TOGETHER AND HOW CAN WE RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER. HOWEVER, ON THE BACK OF THE PROGRAM, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO DID THE TECHNICAL DETAILS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT HERE, GOT THE REVIEW COMMITTEES TOGETHER, AND ORDERED THE PLAQUES, GOT THE CAKE. YOU OUGHT TO SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL CAKE OUT THERE. BUT, THERE WAS SOME ONE PERSON WHO WAS THE SECRET SAUCE IN ALL OF THIS, AND I JUST WANTED TO GIVE HER A SHOUT OUT RIGHT NOW AND THANK HER FOR DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND THAT WOULD BE OUR OWN JAMIE MAYFIELD.

>>> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS THE END OF THE FORMAL PROGRAM. JOIN US FOR A LUNCH RECEPTION IN THE BACK. STAY AND ENJOY YOURSELVES AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE HEALTH HERO CELEBRATION. WE ARE ALL HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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