

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 7, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Jules Bailey and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

Also attending were Jacqueline Weber, Deputy County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THINGS A LITTLE OUT OF ORDER THIS MORNING BECAUSE WE HAVE A DISTINGUISHED GUEST IN OUR PRESENCE. I KNOW WE'RE ALL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TO HEAR FROM HIM. WE WANT TO ALLOW HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE AS HE HAS OTHER PLACES HE NEEDS TO BE TODAY. WE ARE GOING TAKE HIM FIRST. AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE VOTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THEN OUR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. SO IF JOHN POWELL WOULD PLEASE COME UP TO THE FRONT.

R.2 Health Dept. Presentation on Public Health Week. Presenter: Guest Speaker John A. Powell. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Director; Tricia Tillman, Deputy Director.

Ms. Fuller: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, JOANNE FULLER YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH TRICIA TILLMAN, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND JOHN A. POWERFUL. I'LL LET TRICIA INTRODUCE DR. POWELL. I FIRST WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHY WE INVITED JOHN POWELL HERE TODAY. WE ARE CELEBRATING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK HERE. IT IS AS YOU KNOW FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON FIRST PROCLAIMED PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, WHAT, ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO. AND IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATED PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. THIS IS ALSO THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH, WHICH IS WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON CHOSE THIS WEEK FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, FIRST DECLARED BY BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

WE KNOW WHAT THE DRIVERS ARE OF POOR HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVEN THOUGH WE SPEND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY ON HEALTH CARE WE KNOW THOSE DRIVERS ARE MUCH MORE ABOUT POVERTY, THEY ARE MUCH MORE ABOUT RACISM, AND WE KNOW THAT WE ARE THE COUNTRY THAT HAS THE STRONGEST HEALTH, WEALTH CONNECTION IN THE WORLD.

WE ALSO KNOW THAT INCOME INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTRY IS VERY MUCH TIED TO RACE. AND SO THAT MEANS TO US THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE FUNDAMENTAL DRIVERS OF ILL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE OF HELPING ALL OF OUR CITIZENS BECOME HEALTHY. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND ASSURE THE PUBLIC OF ALL CITIZENS, ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS LONG AS WE AREN'T ADDRESSING THOSE FUNDAMENTAL DRIVERS, OUR EFFORTS TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE CORE ISSUES OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO BE COSTLY AND INEFFICIENT. AND WE REALLY WON'T BE GETTING AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.

SO HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAYS THAT WE AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AS A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAN GET AT THE ROOTS OF HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND GET AT THE CORE ISSUES OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SO EARLIER TODAY, EARLIER THIS WEEK YOU ALL WERE IN THIS ROOM, WE CELEBRATED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALL OF THE COUNCIL'S ADVISORY GROUPS AND TASK FORCES THAT WORKDAY IN AND DAY OUT WITH OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DELIVER HEALTH OUTCOMES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THAT WAS A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION AND IT'S TRADITIONALLY HOW WE CELEBRATE PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT THIS YEAR WE DECIDED IN ADDITION TO THAT WONDERFUL CELEBRATION WE WANTED TO HAVE A THOUGHT-PROVOKING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU ALL TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE WHO IS EXPLORING ESPECIALLY HOW GOVERNMENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MORE EQUALITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE KNOW THAT THAT EQUALITY WILL LEAD TO PUBLIC HEALTH. I'M GOING TURN IT OVER TO TRICIA TILLMAN TO INTRODUCE JOHN POWELL TO YOU. THANK YOU.

Ms. Tillman: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS TRICIA TILLMAN, I'M THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AND HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY DURING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. SO IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU PROFESSOR JOHN POWELL. HE'S THE DR. OF THE INSTITUTE FOR A FAIR AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY. THE CHAIR AND EQUITY INCLUSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. FORMERLY HE DIRECTED THE INSTITUTE FOR RACE AND ETHNICITY AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE INSTITUTE FOR RACE AND POVERTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. HE LED THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPPORTUNITY-BASED MODEL THAT CONNECTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO RACIALIZED HEALTH CARE AND EMPLOYMENT, SO WE KNOW THERE'S A BIG FOCUS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

HE'S THE AUTHOR OF "RACING TO JUSTICE," TRANSFORMING OUR CONCEPTS OF SELF AND OTHERS TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY. HE REGULARLY CONSULTS WITH NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HE'S DONE A LOT OF WORK WITH US HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WITH A NUMBER OF OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. SO WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE

HIM HERE. THERE'S A LOT MORE I CAN SAY BUT I THINK THE TIME IS BETTER SPENT WITH HIM SPEAKING THAN WITH ME.

Dr. Powell: GOOD MORNING, THANKS FOR HAVING ME AND THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO. I KNOW THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL MORNING, ON MANY INDICATIONS OCCASIONS FOR MANY REASONS. I HAVE A POWERPOINT, I WON'T GET THROUGH THE ENTIRE BUT I'LL LEAVE IT WITH US. THESE ARE VERY COMPLEX ISSUES; YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH SOME OF THE MORE INNOVATIVE STUFF IN THE COUNTRY HAS COME OUT OF THE PORTLAND REGION BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE LEARNED IS THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HEALTH, THE WAY WE TALK ABOUT HEALTH HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE NUANCED IF YOU WILL.

SO, THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT HEALTH AND TALK ABOUT HEALTH AND APPROACH HEALTH HAS CHANGED OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS. WE'RE GET TOKING INTO NOT JUST THE BIOLOGICAL MODEL OR EVEN THE BEHAVIORAL MODEL BUT ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT'S CALLED THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS, THE ENVIRONMENT. I'M GOING TOUCH ON THOSE TODAY AND SUGGEST HOW SOME. WORK YOU'RE ALREADY DOING CAN BE DEEPENED USING SOME OF THESE METHODS. PART OF IT IS ATTENDING TO STRUCTURES, THINKING ABOUT HOW SYSTEMS WORK. ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES IN HEALTH IS OTHERING. WHAT TRISH DIDN'T SAY IS THAT I WAS ACTUALLY ON MY WAY UP TO PORTLAND TO WORK ON A BOOK ON OTHERING AND BELONGING. MY ASSISTANT TOLD TRICIA, NO I'M NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE I'M HERE WORKING ON MY BOOK. OF COURSE I SAID I AM AVAILABLE BECAUSE I'M HERE WORKING ON MY BOOK AND I LOVE THE WORK YOU'RE DOING AND HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR TRICIA.

PART OF OTHERING, IT'S SORT OF AN UNUSUAL APPROACH TO HEALTH THAT TURNS OUT TO BE QUITE IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF HEALTH OUTCOMES. DO PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG? IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHY, WHERE DO PEOPLE LIVE AND WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITIES PEOPLE LIVE IN. I'LL TALK ABOUT TARGETED STRATEGIES AND TALK ABOUT WHAT I REFER TO AS TARGETED UNIVERSALISM. TARGETING WITHIN A UNIVERSAL FRAMEWORK. I'M SURE BUT THEN WE'LL BE REALLY OUT OF TIME. WE ALL LIVE IN STRUCTURES, AND THEY ARE NOT NEUTRAL. THEY AFFECT OUR OUTCOMES IN SO MANY WAYS. THEY DETERMINE OUR LIFE CHANCES, THEY DETERMINE OUR HEALTH. WE LIVE IN STRUCTURES AND STRUCTURES LIVE IN US. SO THAT LITERALLY OUR BODY ACTUALLY WRITES AND ENCODES THE KIND OF STRUCTURES WE LIVE IN.

AS WE GET MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED IN TERMS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT. DOES SOMEONE GROW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE WAS BAD AIR. DID SOMEONE GROW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS OVERSTRESSED. THAT'S IMPRINTED ON THE BODY

AND HAS SERIOUS HEALTH OUTCOMES. WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE STRUCTURES IT'S ANOTHER WAY OF TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL DETERMINANTS SO. NEIGHBORHOODS MATTER AND RACIAL SEGREGATION MATTER. AND I WANT TO JUST PAUSE FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETIMES PEOPLE AREN'T COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT RACE, THEY PREFER TO TALK ABOUT SOCIOECONOMIC, WHICH IS ALSO IMPORTANT AND THOSE TWO THINGS ARE RELATED. BUT THERE'S A GREAT BODY OF RESEARCH SHOWING EVEN WHEN YOU ACCOUNT FOR SES RACE STILL HAS AN INDEPENDENT INDICATOR IN TERMS OF HEALTH OUTCOMES.

Dr. Powell: IF WE DRILL DOWN MORE DEEPLY WE CAN SEE WHY THAT IS. YOU DON'T ADDRESS RACE JUST BY LOOKING AT SES. ONE EXAMPLE IS THERE'S A STUDY NOW OF 172 LARGE METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE COUNTRY INCLUDING PORTLAND. AND NO METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE COUNTRY DO POOR WHITES LIVE UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS POOR BLACKS. SO SOMETHING'S GOING ON BEYOND JUST POVERTY. POVERTY IS AN INDICATOR BUT IT'S NOT A SUFFICIENT INDICATOR TO CAPTURE WHAT'S GOING ON. AS I SUGGESTED, I TALK ABOUT OTHERING. WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT RACE, RACE IS ONE FORM OF OTHERING. BUT SO IS ETHNICITY. SO IS DISABILITY. SO IS IF ENGLISH IS NOT YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE. SO THE MANY DIFFERENT MECHANISMS THAT WE USE TO ACTUALLY SEND A MESSAGE, CONSCIOUSLY AND UNCONSCIOUSLY, THAT THIS PLACE IS NOT YOURS. WE ACTUALLY RESPOND TO THAT.

WE CAN MEASURE THE BIOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO FEELING LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG. ALL OF US HAVE HAD THAT EXPERIENCE SOMETIME. YOU WALK INTO A PLACE AND EVERYBODY'S A DIFFERENT AGE. YOU WALK INTO A PLACE AND EVERYBODY'S DRESSED DIFFERENTLY. FOR MANY COMMUNITIES THE MAJOR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT SOCIETY IS A CONSTANT REMINDER THAT THEY DO NOT BELONG. SO IT'S NOT ONE INCIDENT, IT'S ONE INCIDENT AFTER ANOTHER AFTER ANOTHER AND IT BECOMES CUMULATIVE. IF YOUR EYES ARE ANYTHING LIKE MINE, YOU CAN'T READ THIS. [LAUGHTER]

BUT THIS IS CAPTURING SOME OF THE WORK THAT YOU'RE ALREADY DOING AROUND COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT. AND PART OF THIS WORK HAS BEEN INCENTIVIZED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NOW, WHICH ASKS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO THINK ABOUT HOW DO YOU BRING DOWN HEALTH COSTS. WE KNOW IF WE FOCUS JUST ON THE BIOLOGICAL MODEL, EVEN AS WE HAVE THE HIGHEST HEALTH COSTS IN THE WORLD IT'LL SKYROCKET AND ESSENTIALLY IT WON'T BE SUSTAINABLE. THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INCENTIVIZES HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND YOU GET POINTS AND RESOURCES FOR DOING JUST THAT. THIS IS A RESOURCE THAT YOU'RE ALREADY STARTING TO USE. IT'S STILL RELATIVELY NEW, WE DON'T KNOW

EXACTLY HOW IT'S GOING PLAY OUT BUT WE KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS.

Dr. Powell: SO WE TALK ABOUT OPPORTUNITY, WE'LL TALK ABOUT PLACE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ACTUALLY COIN WAS THE IDEA OF OPPORTUNITY STRUCTURES. PEOPLE LIVE IN STRUCTURES AND THOSE EITHER ENHANCE YOUR LIFE OUTCOMES, OR THEY DEPRESS THEM. NOW, ALL OF US KNOW THAT INTUITIVELY. WHEN WE GO TO LOOK FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD, WE LOOK FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD TO HAVE THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES, FRANKLY, THAT WE CAN BUY. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN YOU LOOK FOR SCHOOLS. WHEN YOU BUY OR RENT A HOUSE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT WHERE IS MY CHILD GOING GO TO SCHOOL. YOU THINK ABOUT WHERE I'M GOING TO SHOP. WHERE DO I GET COFFEE? HOW DO I GET TRANSPORTATION? WE CALL THAT OPPORTUNITY STRUCTURES. AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO NOW, WE'VE DONE IT PROBABLY OVER A HUNDRED TIMES, IS MAP OUT THE STRUCTURE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A REGION AND OVERLAY THAT WITH POPULATIONS.

WE CAN SEE THAT CERTAIN POPULATIONS LIVE CLOSE TO OPPORTUNITY AND CERTAIN POPULATIONS LIVE A LONG WAY FROM OPPORTUNITY. AGAIN, THOSE HAVE VERY SERIOUS HEALTH OUTCOMES. FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE YOU SEE TOXIC DUMPS IN URBANIZED AREAS, CONSISTENTLY THERE'S A HIGH CORRELATION OF PEOPLE OF COLOR LIVING CLOSE TO TOXIC DUMPS. ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, YOU KNOW YOU EXPECT MORE NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. IF THEY ARE STABILIZED, HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION, IF THERE'S STABILIZED HOUSING, IS THERE SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT, AND SO ON. SO SINCE WE ALL LIVE IN SYSTEMS THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE ACTUALLY THEN THINK ABOUT THOSE SYSTEMS AND MAKE THOSE SYSTEMS WORK FOR US. AND MAKE THOSE SYSTEMS SUPPORT THE KIND OF OUTCOMES WE WANT.

SO I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF RACE AND THE ISSUE OF OTHERING. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE SAYING NOW, THE ISSUE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY IS WHO BELONGS AND WHO DOES NOT BELONG. THAT IS NOT JUST AN IDEA, IT'S NOT JUST A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE. WE ACTUALLY REFLECT THAT IN OUR STRUCTURES THEMSELVES. IT'S A STRUCTURE BUILT IN SUCH A WAY TO SAY PEOPLE BELONG, OR IS IT STRUCTURE BUILT IN SUCH A WAY TO TELL PEOPLE THEY DON'T BELONG. AN OBVIOUS EXAMPLE IS IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO SOMEONE IN A CHEECH. IF YOU DON'T, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT SAY ANYTHING VERBALLY OR INTENTIONALLY WE'RE CREATING STRUCTURES TO SAY TO PEOPLE, YOU DO NOT BELONG. THERE ARE BIG FIGHTS GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTRY AROUND WHAT DO WE DO WITH TRANSGENDER POPULATIONS. DO WE CREATE BATHROOMS TO SAY YOU BELONG OR YOU DON'T BELONG. NOT JUST AT THAT LEVEL, YOU ACTUALLY GENERATE STRESS IN THE BODY BY SAYING TO PEOPLE, YOU DON'T BELONG.

Dr. Powell: SO HISTORICALLY WHAT WE'VE SAID IN THIS COUNTRY TO LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, THAT IS YOU DON'T REALLY BELONG. OR THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOU CAN'T LEAVE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU CAN'T LEAVE THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU DON'T REALLY BELONG. OR GO TO A MALL. WE BASICALLY FOLLOW PEOPLE AT A MALL WE'RE SAYING, YOU DON'T BELONG. THIS IS NOT YOUR PLACE SO. THIS PROCESS OF OTHERING, WHO BELONGS, TURNS OUT TO BE, IT'S GOING TO BE A MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE AS THE COUNTRY BECOMES MORE DIVERSE. AND THE THINGS WE CAN DO TO ACTUALLY AFFIRMATIVELY SAY TO PEOPLE, YES, YOU BELONG, THIS IS YOUR PLACE, AND YOU SHOULD VERY COMFORTABLE HERE. THERE'S A STUDY THAT CAME OUT OW THAT'S NOW COME OUT OF COLLEGE, IT STARTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND NOW IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN SEVERAL COLLEGES ABOUT LACK AND LATINO STUDENTS NOT DOING WELL. THEY SPENT MILLIONS TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THOSE STUDENTS THINKING THEY WERE NOT ACADEMICALLY PREPARED.

ONE OF THE PROFESSORS EVENTUALLY PULLED THOSE STUDENTS TOGETHER AND TALKED TO THEM, WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE BEING AT U.T. AUSTIN. IT'S SORT OF INTERESTING, ONE OF THE PLACES I WAS RECRUITED TO GO TEACH WAS AT U.T. AUSTIN. IT'S A WONDERFUL CAMPUS, I WAS ABOUT TO GO THERE AND I GOT A CALL FROM BERKELEY SO I WENT TO BERKELEY INSTEAD. REALLY I WENT THERE BECAUSE MY GRANDDAUGHTER IS THERE. BUT AT U.T. AUSTIN THEY WERE SHOWING ME AROUND THE CAMPUS AND SAYING, WE REALLY WANT YOU HERE, WE'RE GOING GIVE YOU MONEY TO SET UP THIS WONDERFUL INSTITUTE. DON'T BE PUT OFF BY ALL THE CONFEDERATE MEMORABILIA. NOW, WE FOUGHT, WE'RE A SOUTHERN STATE, WE FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE SOUTH, MANY OF OUR KNOWLEDGES AND STATUES AND NAMES ARE ALL REFLECTING THE PRIDE OF PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN SLAVERY.

I DO A LOT OF WORK IN TERMS OF THE MIND SCIENCE. I CAN TELL YOU, YOU CAN'T JUST TURN THAT OFF AND IGNORE IT. THEY WERE GOING BRING ME THERE AS AN ENDOWED PROFESSOR. I'M THINKING BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS WALKING AROUND THE CAMPUS, THERE ARE CONSTANT REMINDERS THAT THIS IS NOT YOUR PLACE. SO WHAT THIS PROFESSOR DID IS HE PULLED THESE STUDENTS TOGETHER. AND HE TALKED TO THEM. HOW DOES IT FEEL BEING HERE AT U.T. AUSTIN. ONE, PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH. TWO, YOU HAVE ALL OF THESE REMINDERS THAT THIS PLACE ACTUALLY FOUGHT TO SAY YOU DON'T BELONG. THREE, YOU DON'T SEE ANY BLACK PROFESSORS. AND THE STUDENTS JUST STARTED LETTING STUFF OUT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS AWFUL. I FEEL ISOLATED, I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A WHOLE NUMBER OF BODY OF WORK ON THIS INCLUDING SOMETHING CALLED STEREOTYPE THREAT I CAN TALK ABOUT LATER IF THERE'S TIME. BUT THE POINT IS, BASED ON THIS, THE PROFESSOR AND THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE

TO CHANGE THE SENSE OF THE STUDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING. AND THE BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS START PERFORMING ON THE PARITY WITH THE WHITE STUDENTS.

Dr. Powell: IT WASN'T THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF DOING THE WORK, THEY DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THEY BELONGED. NOT BELONGING WAS CREATING STRESS AND DISQUIET, ACTUALLY NOT ONLY AFFECTED THEIR HEALTH BUT ALSO AFFECTED THEIR PERFORMANCE. WE CAN SEE THIS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY POPULATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO PART OF THE THING AS YOU SORT OF DO YOUR WORK IS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT ARE YOU SAYING AND DOING TO ACTUALLY TELL GROUPS THAT ARE TRADITIONALLY MARGINALIZED, NATIVE AMERICANS, BLACKS, LATINOS, ASIAN-AMERICANS, YOU'RE COLLECTING DATA. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO THOSE GROUPS TO MAKE SURE THEY FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG. WITH THE MAP PROJECT YOU'RE ACTUALLY REACHING OUT TO THOSE COMMUNITIES AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT START. SOMETIMES I'M SURE YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN SOME OF THIS DATA. THIS IS THE RISK OF PREMATURE DEATH FOR CHILDREN. AND IT'S BASED ON INCOME, WHICH IS WHAT WE'D EXPECT. BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT INCOME AND RACE WE SEE SOMETHING THAT'S ACTUALLY STRANGE.

IN THIS CASE WHAT WE SEE, AND YOU CAN LOOK AT THIS CHART MORE CAREFULLY, IF YOU LOOK TO THE FAR RIGHT YOU'LL SEE BLACK WOMEN WITH COLLEGE EDUCATION ARE PERFORMING WORSE THAN WHITE WOMEN WHO DON'T GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. NORMALLY PERFORMANCE IN TERMS OF REDUCING CHILD MORTALITY IS CORRELATED WITH RACE AND EDUCATION. AND IT IS, IT GOES DOWN FOR BLACK WOMEN. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON WHERE THE RACE OF A WOMAN -- IN THIS CASE A BLACK WOMAN -- EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS MORE MONEY AND MORE EDUCATION SHE'S STILL PERFORMING WORSE IN TERMS OF MORTALITY OF CHILD THAN A WHITE WOMAN WHO IS LOW-INCOME AND DID NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. NOW, EMPHASIZE THAT AGAIN: WHEN WE FIRST FOUND THAT, IT WAS LIKE, THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HOW IT WORKS. MORE MONEY AND EDUCATION ALL THESE OTHER THINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW. WHAT HADN'T BEEN FACTOR IN WAS RACE AS AN INDEPENDENT FACTOR.

SO HEALTH IS ALSO RELATED TO NOT JUST INCOME BUT INCOME INEQUALITY. AND THERE'S A BOOK COMING OUT, I THINK LATER THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR CALLED "TOXIC INEQUALITY." THE IDEA IS WE'RE NOT SAYING EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE EXACTLY THE SAME THING BUT THERE'S A POINT WHERE INEQUALITY BECOMES SO EXTREME, IT BECOMES TOXIC. WHEN IT BECOMES TOXIC, NOT ONLY DOES IT PRODUCE NEGATIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE LOW-INCOME GROUP, IT PRODUCES NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOME FOR THE ENTIRE SOCIETY. THIS IS FROM A BOOK CALLED SPIRIT LEVEL, WHICH SHOWS THAT THE HEALTH OUTCOMES IN THE UNITED STATES, ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE DOING SO POORLY IN TERMS OF HEALTH IS BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME

INEQUALITY. WE'RE A RICH COUNTRY BUT WE HAVE EXTREME INEQUALITY. HERE AGAIN IS AN EXAMPLE WHICH CAPTURES THE SAME.

Dr. Powell: SO YOU CAN SEE THE UNITED STATES IS AN OUTLIER. WE'RE SPENDING MORE MONEY AND HAVING WORSE OUTCOMES. AS THE CHARGE IS, HOW DO WE BEGIN TO CHANGE HEALTH OUTCOMES, ONE IS TO THINK ABOUT INEQUALITY AND WHAT THAT DOES TO A SOCIETY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M WORKING WITH A COUPLE OF PH.D. STUDENTS AT BERKELEY LOOKING AT SOMETHING CALLED ANISOTROPIC LOAD IN THE UNITED STATES. IT'S A WAY OF MEASURING STRESS IN THE BODY. STRESS IS VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF HEALTH OUTCOMES AND VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF AGE. THERE'S GREATER STRESS IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND GREATER STRESS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. AND AGAIN, EVEN BLACK EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO HAVE ECONOMIC RESOURCES ON AVERAGE HAVE MORE STRESS THAN WHITE PEOPLE WHO ARE LESS EDUCATED AND HAVE LESS MONEY.

SO WHAT'S GOING ON? AND WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SAYING, IT'S STRESSFUL. THEY SOUND WHATEVER CONTROVERSIAL OR OFF COLOR, THE STRESSFUL, IT'S STRESSFUL BEING BLACK IN AMERICA. ONE COLLEAGUE AT BERKELEY TALKED ABOUT ANTICIPATE ANTICIPATORY DISCRIMINATION. PEOPLE GO WHERE THEY FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T BELONG, THEY STRESS OUT. I HAVE A SON WHO'S NOW IN HIS 30S. WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER HE WANTED TO GET A CELL PHONE, THAT'S WHAT TEENAGERS DID. AND WE WERE LIVING IN MINNEAPOLIS IN A VERY NICE NEIGHBORHOOD AMONG OTHER THINGS I'M A RESEARCHER. SO I WENT ONLINE AND RESEARCHED CELL PHONES AND YOUNG BLACK MEN. IN THAT YEAR THERE HAD BEEN DOZENS OF SHOOTINGS OF BLACK MEN WITH CELL PHONES. THERE HAD NOT BEEN ONE SHOOTING OF A WHITE MAN BECAUSE THE POLICE THOUGHT THE CELL PHONE WAS A GUN. I WON'T GET INTO THE DETAILS BUT POLICE HAD MISTAKEN WHEN BLACKEN HAD CELL PHONES THEY MISTOOK THEM FOR A GUN AND SHOT THEM IN DOZENS OF CASES AROUND THE COUNTRY. I SAID TO MY SON, YOU CAN'T GET A CELL PHONE. HE WAS PISSED. WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME? IT'S NOT FAIR, I KNOW IT'S NOT RIGHT, BUT I WANT TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.

HIS EXPERIENCES IS REPLICATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. SO THE STRESS ASSOCIATED WITH NOT BELONGING, WITH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, GETS TRANSLATED INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES. ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE BEEN ADVOCATING PEOPLE DO IS TO TAKE A MEASUREMENT OF STRESS LEVELS IN THE COMMUNITY. THOSE LEVELS, MANY OF THEM ARE CAUSED BY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. THERE ARE GUNSHOTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HAS ANYONE GOT KILLED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? ARE PEOPLE GETTING HIT AS THEY CROSS THE STREET IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? I KNOW I'M JUST ABOUT OUT OF TIME. I WANT TO SAY THREE MORE THINGS. IT'S NOT SIMPLY STRESS THAT'S THE PROBLEM. HEALTHY STRESS AND UNHEALTHY STRESS. THERE'S CHRONIC AND ACUTE STRESS.

Mr. Powell: SOMETIMES I HAVE PEOPLE DO THIS IN A ROOM. MAKE A FIST, RELEASE IT. YOU CAN DO THAT FOR 10 MINUTES. YOUR HAND WILL BE TIRED BUT IF I TELL YOU TO MAKE A FIST AND HOLD IT YOU CAN'T DO THAT FOR THREE MINUTE. IT'S NOT SIMPLY STRESS THAT'S THE PROBLEM, IT'S WHEN THERE'S NO RELEASE. WHEN PEOPLE LIVE IN COMMUNITIES OR NEIGHBORHOODS SUCH AS CONCENTRATED POVERTY, THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS CONSTANTLY UNDER STRESS, THERE'S NO RELEASE. THAT'S THE STRESS THAT SHORTENS OUR LIFE SPAN. THAT'S THE STRESS THAT MANY OF THESE MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES ARE LIVING IN. I WANT TO END BY TALKING ABOUT, I KNOW I'M SKIPPING OVER A LOT, BUT I'M TALKING LATER TODAY, AND THIS IS A PLUG. THESE ARE SOME MAPS LOOKING AT THE PORTLAND AREA. I HAVE A FORMER PH.D. STUDENTS WHO NOW HAS A DOCTORATE LOOKING AT THE RELATIONSHIP OF HEALTH OUTCOMES AND FORECLOSURE. A VERY POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HIGHER THE FORECLOSURE THE WORSE OF OUTCOME FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THIS IS PORTLAND. AND SIMILARLY IN TERMS OF GENTRIFICATION, AS PEOPLE ARE FORCED OUT YOU HAVE NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES.

SO THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO END ON. TWO THINGS: ONE, I ADVOCATE SOMETHING I CALL TARGETED UNIVERSALISM. IT'S A SIMPLE EXCEPT, A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED TO ACTUALLY OPERATIONALIZE. BUT IT'S NOT JUST DISPARATE BETWEEN TWO GROUPS. WE'RE NOT SAYING WHAT DO WHITES HAVE AND BLACKS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME. WHAT TARGETED UNIVERSALISM SAYS, WE LIVE IN STRUCTURES AND STRUCTURES AFFECT OUTCOMES BUT WE HAVE A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE STRUCTURES. SO THE GOAL IS TO HAVE STRUCTURES GET US TO THE SAME OUTCOMES. WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES WE WANT? THAT'S THE UNIVERSAL GOAL. THE UNIVERSAL GOAL IS THE GOAL WE WANT FOR ALL COMMUNITIES. AND THE GOAL FOR BLACKS, LATINOS, NATIVE AMERICANS, IS NOT TO GET WHAT WHITES V UNLESS WHITES HAVE THAT UNIVERSAL GOAL. IN MOST CASES WHITES DON'T HAVE THAT.

IN RECENT STUDIES SOME OF THE FASTEST INCREASE IN DEATH BY SUICIDE AND MORBIDITY IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN THE WHITE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS SURPRISING TO PEOPLE. SO SOMETHING'S GOING ON THAT'S AFFECTING NOT JUST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES BUT IT'S AFFECTING WHAT WE CALL THE DOMINANT COMMUNITY, AS WELL. WHAT ARE THE HEALTH OUTCOMES WE WANT FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AS MANY STATE WHAT THAT IS, BE VERY SPECIFIC, AND EXPLAIN WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT. A BUMP FOR WHITES AND PROBABLY A BIGGER BUMP FOR OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS. THAT'S THE UNIVERSAL. YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH SCHOOLS. WHAT DO WE WANT FOR ALL STUDENTS IN TERMS OF SCHOOL, THAT'S THE UNIVERSAL. THE TARGET IS FIGURING OUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO FOR DIFFERENT POPULATIONS TO GET THEM TO THE TARGET. SOMETIMES WE THINK WE HAVE

TO TREAT GROUPS ALL THE SAME. WE ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT OUTCOME DO WE WANT, NOT TREATING EVERYBODY THE SAME.

Dr. Powell: I TELL THIS STORY, A TRUE STORY, I'M A LITTLE TALL. WHEN I WENT TO OHIO STATE THEY HAD A RULE THAT IF YOU TRAVELED ON COMPANY BUSINESS YOU HAD TO DRIVE AROUND IN A SUB COMPACT EVEN IF YOU WERE PAYING FOR IT YOURSELF. I'M ALMOST 6'4". WHEN I WAS YOUNGER I WAS OVER THAT, NOW I'M A LITTLE LESS THAN 6'4". I GOT THERE AND SAID I CAN'T RIDE AROUND IN A SUB EXACT. THEIR RESPONSE IS WE'RE TREATING EVERYBODY THE SAME. EVERYBODY RIDES AROUND IN A SUB COMPACT. I'LL BET YOU A DIME TO A DOUGHNUT THE PERSON WHO WROTE THAT WAS UNDER SIX FEET. IT BECAME A BIG DEAL. THE UNIVERSITY SAID WE WANT TO TREAT EVERYBODY FAIRLY. DOESN'T MEAN EVERYBODY RIDES AROUND IN A SUB COMPACT.

YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE PEOPLE ARE SITUATED DIFFERENTLY. I'LL END BY SAYING THAT YOU DO YOUR WORK, RECOGNIZE THESE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES ARE SITUATED DIFFERENTLY IN RAPE TO COMPLEX STRUCTURES. IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE UNIVERSAL GOAL, FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO GET TO THAT GOAL WHICH WILL BE DIFFERENT. THOSE WILL HAVE VERY POWERFUL HEALTH OUTCOME AND HELP THE WORK YOU'RE DOING WITH MAPP AND CHIP AND SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS MORE PROFOUND. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS. AGAIN, SOMETIMES WE HAVE DIFFICULTY TALKING ABOUT RACE AND ETHNICITY BECAUSE WE THINK WE ARE SUPPOSED TO TREAT EVERYBODY THE SAME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT AND STRATEGIES WE CAN USE HERE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY TO HELP WITH DISPARITIES AND HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

Dr. Powell: SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS. THERE'S THE HEALTH IN ALL POLICY I KNOW YOU'RE CONSIDERING. PART OF IT IS BEING PROCEED ADVERTISEMENT A LOT OF TIMES WE DO SOMETHING AND THEN FIND OUT IT HAD A NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE AND THEN TRY TO FIX IT. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A ROLE. WE'RE DOING IT NOW WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING THAT HAS AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, WE HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IMPACT BUILDING A HOUSE OR A ROAD WILL HAVE ON THE PEOPLE AND ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. WHY DON'T WE DO THE SAME THING WITH PEOPLE? IF WE'RE GOING BUILD A NEW ROAD IF WE'RE GOING TO, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT IMPACT THIS.

Dr. Powell: AND SO HEALTH IN ALL POLICY BASICALLY SAYS, EVERY POLICY THAT YOU LOOK AT YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE HEALTH IMPACT OF THAT POLICY. AND YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT THAT AT THE FRONT IN. BOTH IN A AGGREGATED WAY BUT ALSO IN A DISAGGREGATED WAY. I WAS TALKING TO TRICIA THIS MORNING AND I'M NOT POINTING TO THE AUDIENCE BUT THERE'S SOME ISSUES AROUND HOUSING HERE. DISPLACEMENT, ESPECIALLY DISPLACEMENT FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAS HUGE HEALTH IMPACTS.

WHAT WE TRIED TO DO IN TERMS OF HOUSING, I'M HAPPY TO MAKE THIS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND WE'VE DONE SOME FOR PORTLAND. WE'VE LOOKED AT OPPORTUNITY FOR STRUCTURES GEOGRAPHICALLY. THERE WILL BE SOME DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE WILL MOVE AND SOME PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO MOVE, TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A CHANCE OF MOVING TO HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREAS. OFTENTIMES WHEN PEOPLE MOVE, THIS IS NOT JUST IN PORTLAND, IT'S HAPPENING ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S A DOUBLE INJURY. SOMETIMES THEY ARE FORCED TO MOVE. AND THEN THEY END UP LIVING IN A PLACE WHERE THEY ARE WORSE OFF. AND EVEN WHEN WE'RE USING FEDERAL POLICY AND GOVERNMENT POLICY WE OFTENTIMES DON'T LINK PEOPLE TO HIGH OPPORTUNITY. I'LL GIVE YOU A CONCRETE EXAMPLE. TWO OF THE LARGE PROGRAMS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, IS THE LOW-INCOME TAX CREDIT UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

UNTIL RECENTLY THE WORK AROUND NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND WHICH IS NOW BEING RECONSIDERED. THOSE TWO THINGS WERE CONSIDERED COMPLETELY SPRAY. YOU WOULD ACTUALLY BUILD HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN PLACES WHERE THERE WERE FAILING SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I HAD LITERALLY MET WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYING, WHY DO THAT? YOU KNOW THE FAMILY HAS CHILDREN. YOU KNOW THE CHILDREN WILL GO TO SCHOOL. YOUR SPENDING FEDERAL MONEY. WHY NOT BUILD HOUSING WHERE THE SCHOOLS ARE ACTUALLY PERFORMING? CONNECT THOSE TWO THINGS. SO IF YOU START CONNECTING THINGS, AS PEOPLE HAVE TO MOVE AND HAVE CHILDREN, IT'S DIFFERENT THAN MOVING PEOPLE WHO ARE ELDERLY.

ANOTHER THING, I'VE BEEN ADVOCATING IS REALLY GETTING STRESS LEVELS. UNDERSTANDING STRESS AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL, NOT JUST THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL. IT'S RELATIVELY EASY TO MEASURE AND MONITOR SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING TO REDUCE STRESS LEVELS. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS I WOULD SAY. AND THIS IS THE DATA CENTER OF THE WORLD IN MANY RESPECTS. BUT TO KEEP REALLY GOOD DATA TO KNOW WHAT GROUPS OF ARE DOING. INEQUALITY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN INEQUALITY BETWEEN GROUPS. THE FACT THAT YOU AND I MAY BE PERFORMING AT DIFFERENT LEVELS AND THERE'S ONE STORY TO EXPLAIN THAT. BUT WHEN WE HAVE DISPARITIES THAT ARE RACIALLY CODED, THE

RATIONALE FOR THAT CANNOT BE CLAIMED AS THE RATIONALE FOR INDIVIDUAL DISPARITIES. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR KEEPING DOWN THE NOISE. I APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS IN HERE AND I APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO TALK TO US TODAY. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Bailey: I'M SO GLAD YOU MADE TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE TO COME HERE AND TALK TO US TODAY. THIS IS SUCH AN ISSUE BEFORE US AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND YOU'RE GIVING A CONTEXT AND FRAMEWORK FOR CHALLENGES THAT ARE MANIFEST RIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M ACCUSER IOUS AS WE LOOK AT THESE STRUCTURES AS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THEM, ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES OF JURISDICTION THAT ARE IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC POLICY THAT'S ADDRESSING THIS WELL THAT YOU'VE SEEN?

Dr. Powell: THERE ARE. AND YOU KNOW, NO ONE'S FIGURED IT ALL OUT. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AS YOU KNOW IS RELATIVELY NEW AND PEOPLE ARE FIGURING IT OUT AS A NEW RESOURCE. BUT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK FOR EXAMPLE ON DECREASING INEQUALITY OR MANAGING INEQUALITY. I'M GIVING THE RESOURCE TEAM SOME OF THE INFORMATION. IT'S DONE BOTH AT A STATE LEVEL, A REGIONAL LEVEL AND A NATIONAL LEVEL. AND THERE'S A COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND NAMED DAVID WILLIAMS, I THINK HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN HERE. HE WRITES A LOT ABOUT SEGREGATION, RACIAL AND ECONOMIC SEGREGATION HAS POWERFUL NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. IT'S POWERFUL. AND THERE ARE SOME PLACES, AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SOME LIMITATIONS THAT HAVE DONE THINGS LIKE INCLUSIONARY ZONING, MIXED INCOME, TO ACTUALLY CREATE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BOTH STABLE AND RACIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED. THERE'S A SCHOOL SYSTEM IN RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

IF YOU HAVE HIGH SEGREGATION IN TERMS OF SCHOOLS, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND RACIALLY, NEGATIVE HEALTH AND NEGATIVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHAT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, D THEY SAID NO SCHOOL WILL HAVE MORE THAN 40% OF STUDENTS ON FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH. NO SCHOOL. THEY SAID NO SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN 25% OF THE STUDENTS THAT FAILED THE STATEWIDE PROFICIENCY EXAM. THEY WENT A LITTLE FURTHER AND BASICALLY SAID, IN TERMS OF DROP OUT, PUSH OUT, IF YOU WENT PAST A CERTAIN LEVEL, IF MORE STUDENTS WERE KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL OR SENT TO REMEDIAL, THEY HAD TO EXPLAIN WHY THAT WAS. IF YOU LOOK AT THIS AROUND THE COUNTRY, DROPOUT AND PUSH OUT IS PROFOUNDLY AFFECTING BLACK STUDENTS. IT'S A MESSAGE TO BLACK STUDENTS THAT YOU DON'T BELONG AND YOU CAN'T PERFORM. THEY STOPPED THAT.

Dr. Powell: WITHIN FIVE YEARS THE BLACK STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE ON STATEWIDE EXAMS DOUBLED. THE LATINOS MORE THAN DOUBLES. AND THE WHITES WENT UP ABOUT 5%. SO THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE. I CAN GIVE YOU MANY BUT LET ME GIVE YOU TWO MORE VERY QUICKLY. I TALKED ABOUT STEREOTYPE THREAT. IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A COMPLICATED SUBJECT AND I FEEL PRESSED FOR TIME. BUT STEREOTYPING IS BASICALLY WHERE YOUR IDENTITY IS THREATENED EITHER BECAUSE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG AND THERE'S SOME NEGATIVE ASSUMPTION WITH THE IDENTIFY. THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES. ALL OF US HAVE IDENTITIES THAT CAN BE THREATENED. THE FIRST TEST WAS DONE AT STANFORD AROUND WOMEN, ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. THE PROFESSOR WENT IN AND SAID I LOVE TEACHING HERE AT STANFORD BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY BRIGHT WOMEN. 20 MINUTES LATER HE GAVE THEM A MATH TEST AND THEY DIDN'T PERFORM WELL.

FROM THE SAME GROUP, THE SECOND TEST HE SAID, I LOVE TEACHING HERE AT STANFORD BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY BRIGHT ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. NOW THEY PERFORMED EXCEEDINGLY WELL. THEY HAD EXACTLY THE SAME ABILITY THAT DESCRIBED IS STEREOTYPE THREAT. WE KNOW IN OUR SOCIETY THAT WOMEN ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD AT MATH. WHEN HE EMPHASIZED THEIR WOMAN-NESS AND GAVE THEM A MATH TEST, HE INCREASED THE STRESS IN THE BODY AND AFFECTED THEIR PERFORMANCE. WE KNOW IN SOCIETY, THERE'S A STEREOTYPE THAT ASIAN-AMERICANS DO PERFORM WELL IN MATH. SINCE THEN THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN RELATIONSHIP TO RACE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GIVE A STANDARDIZED TEST AND BEFORE YOU GIVE THE TEST YOU HAVE THE STUDENTS CHECK THEIR RACE, FOR BLACK STUDENTS AND LATINO STUDENTS YOU'VE JUST DISTRESSED THEIR PERFORMANCE ON THE TEST. THEY KNOW THAT BLACKS AND LATINOS ARE NOT GOOD AT STANDARDIZED TEST. I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE BLACK, EURASIAN, AND NOW GO TAKE THE STANDARDIZED TESTS. THE PERFORMANCE DROPPED. YOU CAN TURN THAT AROUND, WE'RE TRYING TO COLLECT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AFTER THE TEST IS DONE. AND SOME ARE DOING THAT. WE'VE ACTUALLY CLOSED THE GAP ON MCAT EXAMPLE BY CHANGING STEREOTYPES. ALL OF THESE EXAMPLES THAT COULD BE DONE. UNFORTUNATELY TOO MANY OF THEM ARE STILL WITHIN THE ACADEMY AND PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU COULD BE WITH US HERE TODAY AND LEFT YOUR BOOK TO COME AND JOIN US. THIS IS JUST FASCINATING. TO ME A COUPLE OF THINGS YOU SAID; I'VE WRITTEN A LOT OF WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT. THIS PROBABLY GOES A LITTLE BIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMISSIONER BAILEY'S QUESTION, AS WELL. YOU TALKED ABOUT SYSTEMS THINKING AND A PLACE TO BELONG. SO AS HE ASKED, ARE THERE PLACES

THAT ARE REALLY DOING THIS WELL THAT WE CAN LOOK TO? I GUESS THAT WOULD BE MY QUESTION.

Dr. Powell: YES, THERE ARE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE EVEN AMONG POLICE, YOU KNOW, UNFORTUNATELY FOR MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT IS THROUGH THE POLICE AND OFTENTIMES IS PERCEIVED AS NEGATIVE. TWO EXAMPLES. THE OAKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT WE WORKED WITH THE MAYOR THERE. WE HAVE POLICE IN THE SCHOOLS IN UNIFORMS AND THEY WERE CHANGING THE CULTURE OF THE SCHOOL BECAUSE THE STUDENTS WERE SEEING THAT THEY WERE COMING TO SCHOOL TO BE POLICED, NOT TO LEARN. NOW, THERE WERE SOME ISSUES AROUND SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL, BOTH REAL AND PERCEIVED. BUT HAVING THE POLICE IN SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY IN FULL REGALIA, WE WANT TO BE SAFE, WAS ACTUALLY SENDING A MESSAGE SO. WE GOT THEM TO TAKE THE POLICE OUT OF UNIFORM. AND THEY ARE STILL IN SCHOOLS. ACTUALLY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STUDENTS.

WHAT ARE THE STUDENTS THERE FOR? THEY ARE THERE TO LEARN AND ACTUALLY STRENGTHEN THEIR BODIES. THE POLICE ACTUALLY HELPED IN TERMS OF COACHING. THERE STARTED TO BE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE STUDENTS. NOW, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE MAJOR REASON FOR THIS WAS ACTUALLY DECREASE THE LEVEL OF STRESS IN THE STUDENTS. BUT ALSO IT WAS TO HELP THE POLICE HAVE EMPATHETIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STUDENTS. THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE STUDENTS. WHENEVER THEY SAW THE STUDENTS, THEY WERE IN TROUBLE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WHERE THEY KNEW THE STUDENTS AS PEOPLE. THIS ACTUALLY CHANGED THE RELATIONSHIP AND PERCEPTION BOTH FROM THE POLICE SIDE AND FROM THE COMMUNITY SIDE. AND ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME WENT DOWN. AGAIN, A RELATIVELY SMALL THING, IT DIDN'T TAKE ANY NEW MONEY.

IT TALKED ABOUT CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE IF YOU WALK INTO A PLACE MANY BLACK STUDENTS, IF THEY WALK INTO A PLACE AND SEE POLICE THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE. THEY IMMEDIATELY FEEL LIKE THEY DO NOT BELONG. I DID A SURVEY ON COLLEGE STUDENTS, BLACK STUDENTS, TO SEE HOW MANY MALES WOULD CALL THE POLICE IF THEY GOT IN TROUBLE. VIRTUALLY NONE SAID THEY WOULD CALL THE POLICE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THE POLICE WOULD BE COMING THERE FOR THEM. HOW DO WE CHANGE THAT? SO THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE, STAYING TON THAT TOPIC FOR A MINUTE. THERE'S DOZENS OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO ACTUALLY AFFIRM ACTIVELY MAKE IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS FEEL WELCOME. TRYING TO MAKE THAT A NATIONAL PROGRAM. BUT THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO TO SAY, YOU DON'T BELONG, PROBABLY THE MOST EXTREME EXAMPLE IS ARIZONA. OR TO SAY THAT YOU DO BELONG. YES, THIS IS YOUR PLACE, WE WANT TO YOU FEEL SAFE, TALK TO US. SO THERE ARE VERY CONCRETE EXAMPLES ALL AROUND THE

COUNTRY. ONCE WE DECIDE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK THAT'S A PERFECT MESSAGE TO END THE CONVERSATION ON, HOW DO WE AS A COMMUNITY MAKE SURE EVERYONE FEELS LIKE THEY BELONG. WE KNOW THAT'S DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE WITH ALL THE FOLKS WE HAVE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. SO I KNOW THAT THIS IS REALLY A WONDERFUL TIMING FOR YOU TO COME TO OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY AND WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: I KNOW WAVE LOT OF FOLKS IN HERE AND WE WANT TO HEAR EVERYONE'S COMMENTS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY THIS MORNING. I'M GOING ASK THAT PEOPLE KEEP THEIR COMMENTS TO THE TIME THAT'S LIMITED. WE HAVE LIGHTS FLASHED OVER HERE. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE HAVE SIGNED UP? OKAY. WE HAVE THREE MINUTES PUBLIC TESTIMONY PER PERSON. IF YOU PLEASE STICK TO THE TIME SO WE CAN GET EVERYONE.

CONSENT AGENDA

Acting as the Multnomah County Board

C.1 Budget Modification DCA-21-16 Reclass Project Manager to Facilities Specialist 3 in the Dept. of County Assets.

C.2 Reappointment of Joe Smith to the Citizens Noise Advisory Committee.

Chair Kafoury: I'M GOING ASK FOR A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT.

Acting as the Library District Board

C.3 Notice of Intent to Apply for Year 2 of a Library Services & Technology Grant from the Oregon State Library for Program Evaluation.

C.4 Notice of Intent for Library to Apply for \$10,000 from Mozilla Foundation for Web Literacy Skill Training for Library Staff.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY ADDITIONS CONSENT ALL IN FAVOR BOTH AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE LIBRARY DISTRICT'S CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL NOW ADJOURN AS THE LIBRARY DISTRICT AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND WE WILL HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation

Board Clerk: I WOULD ASK THAT YOU PLEASE MUTE YOUR CELL PHONES, THEY DO INTERFERE WITH THE MICROPHONES, WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR TESTIMONY. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. I WILL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. [NAMES BEING READ]

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL ADOLPH PHILLIPS AND I LAST SPOKE HERE ON APRIL 24TH AND THE 31ST, ABOUT NOTICE TO ENTER APARTMENT. AND THIS IS THE SAME SUBJECT AS THE TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS. AND I FAILED TO EXPLAIN THAT THE NOTICES THAT I WAS GETTING TO REPAIR THE FLOOD DAMAGE THAT WAS CAUSED FROM A SPRINKLER BEING BROKEN IN THE BUILDING, I FAILED TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE WAS 18 DAYS OF INSPECTION NOTICES THAT I SUPPLIED HERE. AND I SAID THAT IT WAS A TWO-MONTH PERIOD BUT ACTUALLY IT WAS FROM FEBRUARY 28TH TO APRIL 1ST, WHICH IS 31 DAYS FOR MARCH, AND THEN THE TWO DAYS IN FEBRUARY, THAT'S 33 AND 34 DAYS, AND THERE WAS 18 DAYS AGAIN AS I HAD SUPPLIED TO THE COURT CLERK, THE TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS. 18 DAYS, I WAS EXPECTING THEM TO START PAYING ON THE RENT BECAUSE THAT'S MORE THAN HALF THE DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE 33 DAYS THAT I WAS SAYING THAT THE 18 WOULD BE 36 IF IT WAS HALF, BUT IT WASN'T.

ANYBODY WOULD BE AGGRAVATED. BUT THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS WHERE I'VE LIVED, IT'LL BE 12 YEARS THIS DECEMBER 3RD. AND THEY HAVE INSPECTIONS, HOME FORWARD DOES, IN MY BUILDING. SOMEWHERE AROUND 20 TO 30 INSPECTIONS A YEAR. THEY WILL HAVE AN INSPECTION FOR WATER SPRINKLERS, TO SEE THAT THEY ARE NOT LEAKING. THEN ANOTHER INSPECTION FOR THE ELECTRICAL PLUG-INS, THEN ANOTHER INSPECTION FOR THE DRAINS OF A BUILDING. AND THEN ANOTHER INSPECTION FOR WATER LEAKAGE, THE VALVES IN THE TOILET DOESN'T FLUSH OR THINGS LIKE THAT. AND THEN INSPECTIONS FOR THE FIRE ALARM THIS. GOES ON EVERY YEAR. THAT ISN'T JUST THE END OF THE INSPECTIONS.

I'M SAYING THERE'S ALSO INSPECTIONS FOR ANY CRACKED WINDOWS. I'M SAYING DIFFERENT DAYS OF THE YEAR. AND SO I THINK THAT ANYBODY THAT RENTS FROM HOME FORWARD COULD VALIDATE THAT KIND OF INSPECTIONS, UNLESS THEY ARE JUST DOING IT IN MY BUILDING. THEY ALSO WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE, AS I SAID, THREE OF THEM HAVE JUMPED OUT OF THE BUILDING. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY NOW WITH ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF

GOING ON. THREE OF THEM HAVE JUMPED OUT THAT I'VE HEARD OF SINCE THE BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1999. TWO OF THEM THAT I KNOW OF HAVE JUMPED OUT. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, THE PRESENTATION FROM I GUESS IT WOULD BE THE HASS INSTITUTE, REALLY GOOD PRESENTATION, VERY GOOD INFORMATION. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. TO THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS, WILL YOU PLEASE KEEP YOUR OVERREACHING SPEECH CODES AWAY FROM MY FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THE FREE SPEECH BEING EXERCISED BY CITIZENS DURING A PUBLIC MEETING DURING TESTIMONY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT CONDUCT ITS DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS. DURING A LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM OF THE SUPREME COURT RECOGNIZED THE DUAL FUNCTION OF SUCH PUBLIC MEETINGS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC BUSINESS, AND HEAR THE VIEWS OF CITIZENS. IT HAS BECOME APPARENT FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OR LOBBYISTS, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FACE TO FACE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THEIR VOTES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. AGAIN, WE NEED TO START SHOWING RESPECT FOR THE CITIZENS THAT APPEAR HERE DURING PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE EVERY MUCH RIGHT TO BE IN THESE BUILDINGS TO HEAR THEIR VOICES, AND TO PORTRAY THEIR IDEAS TO YOU US A HAVE SITTING IN THOSE SEATS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Anderson: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR TUESDAY'S EVENT, IT WAS AWESOME TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PUBLIC HEALTH HERO. WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE TODAY WAS A LITTLE MORE AROUND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. A LOT OF MY IDEAS THAT I HAVE FLOATING IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES I'M AFFILIATED WITH IS HOW DO WE PUT MORE PEOPLE BACK TO WORK EARNING A LIVING THAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE ENORMOUS RENTS THEY ARE NOW BEING ASKED TO PAY. SO TUESDAY NIGHT AFTER ATTENDING I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PORTLAND HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION. SO WE HEARD A PRESENTATION FROM PDC, THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AROUND THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THEY WANT TO POUR INTO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY. AND TECHNOLOGY IN ITSELF IN ALL THESE OTHER AREAS. WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU TODAY WAS TO THINK ABOUT THE NEW WORK FORCE CALLED PEER DELIVERED WORKFORCE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET ON THE BOOKS WITH THE COUNTY.

I BELIEVE IF WE UNITED OUR FORCES AROUND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WE COULD CREATE A MUCH MORE ROBUST WORKFORCE AT FAR LESS COST, AND THE MONEY THAT WE'RE POURING INTO THE SYSTEMS COULD BE BETTER USED BETWEEN ALL OF THE AGENCIES. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW

THAT PDC GAVE A GREAT PRESENTATION, YOU SHOULD HAVE THEM COME HERE AND GIVE IT TO YOU SO WE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS OUT THERE FOR THE YOUTH AND FOR THE ADULTS TO HELP THEM GET LIVING WAGE JOBS AND THE INDUSTRIES ARE ALL TRYING TO SUPPORT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND TO LET YOU KNOW, I'M OUT THERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY VULNERABLE AND VERY DISPLACED, GET A LIVING WAGE JOB THAT THEY CAN GO BACK TO WORK IN. SO YOUR SUPPORT IS REALLY NECESSARY AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE PEER DELIVERED WORKFORCE MOVEMENT. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND I HOPE WE CAN DO MORE BUSINESS TOGETHER.

Mr. Cardinale: GOOD AFTERNOON, HEY, EVERYBODY, MY NAME'S MATTHEW CHARLES CARDINALE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR 20 YEARS, WHICH MEANS SINCE I WAS 14. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF EMERGENCY RENT CONTROL MEASURE AND DEMAND THAT THE RENT FREEZE. IN A OUR COMMUNITIES ALL WE HEAR PEEK TALKING ABOUT IS THE SKYROCKETING COST OF HOUSING. I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE RENT CONTROL, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME. I ATTENDED A TOWN HALL MEETING ACTUALLY A YEAR AGO IN APRIL 2015. THE TENANTS THERE BUILT A MOVEMENT TO PASS A RESOLUTION ASKING THE STA IT TO ALLOW WASHINGTON TO ALLOW RENT CONTROL IN THE CITIES THERE. THE LEVEL OF ENTHUSIASM AND CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS HERE IS EQUAL IF NOT GREATER I BELIEVE. WE NEED RENT CONTROL BECAUSE WE CANNOT SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY THROWING MORE MONEY AT IT. WHEN MARKET RATE HAS NO END, NO CONSTRAINT, NOT EVEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND -- SOME PEOPLE WON'T LIKE TO HEAR THIS.

THE VOUCHERS, THE SUBSIDIES THAT REIMBURSE PROPERTY OWNERS, THEY EAT THEM UP LIKE GRITS BUT THEY INFLATE COSTS. EVEN INCLUSIONARY ZONING IS PREMISED ON USING IT TO BRING PROPERTY RIGHTS. ON A RELATED NOTE I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU IN 2014 I WROTE A MODEL ORDINANCE FOR SOMETHING CALLED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT STATEMENTS. AND IT'S ALMOST UNCANNY THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID THAT WE NEED TO CONSERVE IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR HEALTH, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS HOUSING. I ASKED THE CLERK TO DISTRIBUTE THIS TO YOU, SEVEN COPIES. BASICALLY IT WOULD REQUIRE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO PREPARE AND CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS ON THE LOCAL HOUSING STOCK. WE NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THE IMPACT OF LAND USE DECISIONS, DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL GRANT DOLLARS IN TERMS OF HOW AFFORDABILITY IS DEFINED.

THIS MODEL WAS ADOPTED IN ATLANTA IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR AND IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED IN PITTSBURGH, ENORMOUS HE ALBANY, NEW YORK. I BELIEVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH A POLICY ESPECIALLY AS A TOOL TO CONSIDER THE BENEFIT. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH NICK FISH IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND I'D BE HAPPY TO

WORK WITH ANY OF YOU ALL. THIS IS THE DRAFT ORDINANCE THAT PASSED IN ATLANTA AND I ASKED THE CLERK TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO YOU. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WOULD TALK TO MY STAFF RIGHT OVER HERE ABOUT PUTTING IT TOGETHER THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

Ms. Breuer: THANK YOU FOR HEARING US. BEAR WITH ME, GUYS. THEY ALREADY HEARD THIS THIS MORNING BUT I'M GOING REPEAT MYSELF. I'M MARSHA BREUER. I'VE LIVED IN MY APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR 21 YEARS. THE LANDLORD PASSED AWAY AND THE APARTMENT COMPLEX WAS SOLD. OF THE 16 UNITS MOST EVERYONE GOT NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS. THE TWO OF US WHO LIVED THERE THE LONGEST WERE GRACED WITH OUTRAGE RENT HIKE, MINE BEING \$365 A MONTH AS OF JULY. I'M ON SOCIAL SECURITY. I WORK TWO JOBS, SIX DAYS A WEEK. I CANNOT KEEP UP EVEN NOW. BEFORE THE RENTS HAVE BEEN RAISED EVEN NOW. THE NEW OWNERS LOOKED AROUND AND TOOK PHOTOS IN MY PRIVATE SPACE WITHOUT SO MUCH OF A REQUEST TO TAKE THOSE PHOTOS. THEY LATER CAME EARLY IN THE MORNINGS WITHOUT ANY WARNINGS, NO NOTICES, MIND YOU, IS THIS LEGAL? COME ON. AND STARTED BANGING, PULLING SIDING OFF THE SIDES OF OUR DUPLEX, GOING UNDER THE CRAWL SPACE, BANGING, HAMMERING, SAWING. THIS WENT ON TWO WEEKS SHAKING OUR BUILDING. IT WASN'T INTIMIDATION TACTICS IT CERTAINLY WAS REPREHENSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES. THE CLIMATE OF APATHY IN OUR CITY IS INTOLERABLE AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. [APPLAUSE]

I HOPE I HAVE ENOUGH TIME. WHAT IS HAPPENING TO SO MANY OF US BEING DISPLACED IS NOT ONLY ABOUT BEING KICKED OUT OF OUR LONGSTANDING NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES, WHICH IS A HORROR IN ITSELF BUT A LARGER ISSUE OF SYSTEMIC GREED DISEASE I CALL IT. OUR HOMES AS RENT VERSE BECOME COMMODITIES TO BE BOUGHT AND SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE RUG BEING PULLED OUT FROM UNDER US AS OUR LIVES ARE DISRUPTED AND TRAUMATIZED TO BE BEYOND. WE ARE THROWN OUT, OUR RENTS DOUBLED OR TRIPLED OR MORE. WE MUST REALLY STOP THESE OUTRAGEOUS RENT HIKE AND FREEZE THEM. ALSO WE NEED NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS TO BE ELIMINATED COMPLETELY. [APPLAUSE] AND YOU KNOW, ALSO, HOW CAN WE EVEN FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO LIVE? I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE LAST YEAR. AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT. THEY ARE ONE TO THREE YEARS, MAYBE LONGER WAITING LISTS AND I AM ON MANY OF THEM. I GET NO CALL-BACKS. SO -- I'M SORRY. THE DEMOLITION OF OUR CITY, NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES AND OUR PEOPLE AND OUR VERY LIVES, IT'S REALLY APPALLING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORTLAND NOW. I ALSO SAID THIS, CAN I JUST HAVE ONE MORE MINUTE?

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

Ms. Breuer: I SAID THIS OUTSIDE BUT I INVITE EVERYONE WHO'S NOT EXPERIENCING THIS RIGHT NOW TO THINK ABOUT HAVING YOUR RENTS AND MORTGAGES DOUBLED AND TRIPLED. I INVITE YOU ALSO TO LIVE IN HOMELESS CAMPS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. REALLY, TO EXPERIENCE THAT. I INVITE YOU TO WALK MANY MILES IN OUR SHOES WITHOUT THE PRIVILEGES THAT ARE SO TAKEN FOR GRANTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE AND I'M ALSO A RENTER. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN \$80 RAISE IN OUR RENT. WE CAN HANDLE THAT, CAN'T HANDLE TOO MANY MORE AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM. THERE'S NOTHING STOPPING THESE LANDLORDS FROM DOING THIS KIND OF STUFF. IF YOU FIGHT THEM, THEY HAVE THE 90-DAY CLAUSE AND THEY CAN THROW YOU OUT WITHOUT CAUSE. WE'RE REALLY IN A CATCH-22. AND THESE PEOPLE THAT CAME TO SEE YOU TODAY ARE ASKING YOU FOR HELP. HOW DO YOU TREAT THEM? YOU REMOVE ALL THE FURNITURE IN THE LOBBY. WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? YOU'RE PARANOID. THESE ARE VERY NONVIOLENT PEOPLE. THEY COME TO YOU AND THEY ASK, WILL YOU HELP US? AND YOU REMOVE THE FURNITURE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF -- WHEN I CAME IN TODAY, I WAS PROTESTING THE SHERIFF. SO WHEN I GOT INSIDE I REALLY TIRED. I'M ON OXYGEN, YOU ALL KNOW THAT. THERE ARE NO CHAIRS. NO CHAIRS FOR ME. THERE WAS A VERY NICE LADY AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT THAT WENT AND GOT A CHAIR FOR ME. SHE'S GOING STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN, I REALLY LIKE HER. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: YOU BELONG.

Mr. Walsh: MY ARGUMENT WITH YOU AND YOU KNOW THAT I LIKE THIS GROUP, DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE CITIZENS. WE ELECT YOU TO DO THIS. WHY ARE YOU AFRAID OF US? WE KIND OF LIKE YOU BUT WE WANT YOU TO DO THE JOB. [LAUGHTER] DON'T MOVE THE FURNITURE OUT AND LOOK LIKE YOU'RE PARANOID. DON'T BRING THE POLICE IN AND PUT THEM IN THE BACK ROOM. DON'T BRING SECURITY IN. JUST DEAL WITH US. WE LIKE YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Mr. McKelvey: I'M A 23-YEAR-OLD LAW STUDENT AT LEWIS & CLARK. I'M SKIPPING CLASS RIGHT NOW, DON'T TELL MY PROFESSOR. I'M THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER, AND I WAS THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER ANN SCHUSTER CURRENTLY ON THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOUR JOBS ENTAIL. I VOTED FOR SOME OF YOU. I VOTED FOR YOU TO REPRESENT ME. I THOUGHT YOU WERE LISTENING. I SOON LEARNED YOU WERE WILLING TO LISTEN WHEN YOU NEEDED MY VOTE BUT NOT WHEN YOU GOT INTO OFFICE. I DIDN'T COME HERE TO STOP FROM YOU DOING YOUR JOBS, I CAME HERE TO DEMAND THAT YOU DO YOUR JOBS. A BIG PART OF BEING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS TO RECOGNIZE THE PRIVILEGE. MOST OF THE

PEOPLE WHO CAME TO RALLY ARE NOT ON THE LIST OF CALLS TO MAKE WHEN IT'S TIME TO FUND-RAISE. THEY ARE NOT INVITED TO COFFEES AND HOUSE PARTIES DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE BUT YOU STILL REPRESENT THEM.

Mr. McKelvey: MANY OF THEM VOTED FOR YOU AS DID I. MR. JULES BAILEY, YOU ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING FOR MAYOR. I WOULD ASK YOU IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT HOMELESS ISSUES WHY ARE YOU ABANDONING YOUR POST TO RUN FOR A MAYORAL RACE IN WHICH YOU ARE POLLING EXTREMELY LOW. WE ARE NOT GOING TO FALL FOR THE SAME TRICK AGAIN. DON'T EVER CALL YOURSELF A PROGRESSIVE, DON'T EVER ACCEPT ANY COMPARISON TO BERNIE SANDERS. YOU ARE NO PROGRESSIVE AND YOU ARE NO BERNIE SANDERS. AS YOU GUYS NOW, ON JULY 4TH, 1776, OUR FOUNDERS DECLARED EACH OF US HAVE A CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS. THESE ARE RIGHTS EVERY SINGLE HUMAN ARE BORN WITH. THESE INCLUDE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THIS CAME BEFORE THE BILL OF RIGHTS. THIS IS WHAT WE WERE FOUNDED UPON. I ASK YOU AND OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IF WE ARE PRICED OUT OF OUR HOMES, IF WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE CITY WE GREW UP IN, IF WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN RENT AND FOOD, HOW THE HELL CAN WE PURSUE HAPPINESS? [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

EACH OF YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN THIS CITY BUT MANY OF US CANNOT. YOU WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH US ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I FOR ONE WILL COME TO EVERY ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS UNTIL YOU ACT IN A SUBSTANTIAL WAY ON OUR HOUSING CRISIS. YOU CANNOT GET RID OF ME, YOU CANNOT GET RID OF US. IF YOU CHOOSE TO IGNORE OR DEMANDS WE THE PEOPLE WILL FIRE YOU AND ELECT SOMEONE WHO IS LISTEN TO US. OUR CITY IS ON FIRE AND YOU ARE WATCHING IT BURN. WE DEMAND A RENT FREEZE AND MORATORIUM ON NO CAUSE EVICTIONS UNTIL YOU, THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT US, DO YOUR JOB. THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Mr. Davis: SO MY NAME IS DAVID KIF DAVIS, FOUNDER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COP WATCH. I ALSO DO A THING CALLED FIGHT THE SWEEPS PORTLAND WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER GROUPS. I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT ACTUALLY A COUPLE THINGS HERE, THE HOUSING STUFF. AND I THINK A REAL SIMPLE SOLUTION TO A LOT OF THIS HOUSING CRISIS IS THERE'S A 37% VACANCY RATE IN THE VANCOUVER AND PORTLAND AREA OF BANK FORECLOSURES. THESE BANK SCUM LORDS TOOK OVER THIS COUNTRY. THEY HAVE MADE EVERYONE HOMELESS. THEY HAVE CREATED THIS HOMELESS STATE OF EMERGENCY ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER CORPORATE SCUM IN THIS LITTLE CITY, COUNTRY AND WORLD. WE NEED TO DELETE THE ELITE. WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE RULING CLASS. WE NEED TO ABOLISH THE POLICE. WE NEED TO TAKE OVER ALL THE ABANDONED PROPERTIES THAT THE RULING CLASS OWN AND SQUAT 'EM, TAKE 'EM OVER, GO IN, THE WAY TO DO IT IS YOU GO INTO THESE ABANDONED PROPERTIES, YOU LOOK LIKE A LANDSCAPING

CREW AND THEN YOU GO IN THERE AND CREATE A NOISE DIVERSION. AND THEN YOU OPEN UP THE PROPERTY AND THEN YOU TAKE IT OVER.

Mr. Davis: THAT IS ONE WAY WE CAN SOLVE THIS HOUSING CRISIS IN PORTLAND. THIS IS A COMMON SENSE APPROACH, NOT A POLITICAL PARASITE PROMOTE OKAY? THIS IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO A COMMUNITY PROBLEM. AND I SAY THERE'S ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW THAT WE COULD GO TAKE OVER ABOUT 10 PROPERTIES AND THAT WE SHOULD START DOING THAT. AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO TALK TO ME ABOUT MILITANT SQUATTING, I'VE TAKEN OVER PROPERTIES SINCE THE 1990S IN BALTIMORE, AND ACTUALLY I CREATED A RETAIL AN NARCOTIC CIST BOOKSTORE ON REED STREET IN BALTIMORE. IN A PLACE I TOOK OVER. SO NOT ONLY CAN WE TAKE OVER THESE ZOMBIE HOUSES, WE CAN TAKE OVER ALL OF THE RETAIL STORES AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S SITTING THERE LEFT TO ROT. I'VE SEEN MILLIONS OF RETAIL STORES OVER THIS CITY, SITTING THERE FIRE, 10 YEAR, NOTHING GOING ON.

ALL THE POVERTY PIMPS ARE GETTING THEIR MONEY, THEY ARE ALL FEEDING AT THE TROUGH FOR THIS \$30 MILLION. WHAT'S HAPPENING? WE HAVE A ROGUE POLICE FORCE NOW IN THAT COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE THE ONES EVICTING PEOPLE. THEY ARE THE ONES BEATING PEOPLE'S HEADS IN AND CRACKING THEIR SKULLS IF THEY DON'T LEAVE THEIR PLACES. AND NOW THE PORTLAND POLICE UNION AND THE PORTLAND POLICE CAPTAIN HAVE THREATENED TO PULL OUT OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW PROCESS. THEY BOYCOTTED THE MEETING YESTERDAY AT THE CRC THING. AND ACTUALLY YESTERDAY I WENT TO TALK TO AN INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW INVESTIGATOR AND HE SLAMMED THE DOOR ON MY HAND. THIS IS SOMEONE WHO IS THERE TO INVESTIGATE THE POLICE. ERIC BARRY WHO IS ACTUALLY A PORTLAND POLICE SHILL, AND THE WHOLE IPR AND ALL THESE VARIOUS, I'M SICK OF THE PANDERING. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AND WE NEED TO DO IT BY FORCE. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO WIPE OUR ASSES, THEY ARE NOT GOING FIX OR PROBLEMS, WE NEED TO DO IT ON OUR OWN. LET'S TAKE REAL COMMUNITY CONTROL AND SHOW THE CITY LEADERS HOW TO RUN A CITY RIGHT. THAT'S THE END OF MY TESTIMONY.

Ms. Rodenburg: MY NAME IS ELIZABETH RODENBURG, I WAS BORN HERE IN PORTLAND AS WAS MY FATHER. I AM INCREDIBLY ILL AND HAVE TO WORK PART TIME BECAUSE MY DISABILITY CHECK ISN'T ENOUGH TO COVER MY RENT, MY GROCERIES, MY ELECTRIC BILL. IN 1975 TOYED LEAVE HOME AND SUPPORT MYSELF BEFORE I GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS ABLE TO WORK PART TIME GO, TO HIGH SCHOOL AND RENT A 950 SQUARE FOOT APARTMENT. I HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE A CAR, DO SOME THINGS, GO TO THE MOVIES, GO TO A CONCERT. NOW I CAN'T AFFORD GROCERIES. I MAY BE PUT ON A LIVER TRANSPLANT LIST SOON AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK ANYMORE.

Ms. Rodenburg: I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO EAT. I GO TO FOOD BANKS TO EAT. GO TO THE SOUP KITCHENS TO EAT AND I'M WORKING IN A CHILD CARE CENTER TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE'S CHILDREN. THERE ARE TEACHERS AT THAT CHILD CARE CENTER WITH MASTERS MASTER'S DEGREES THAT CANNOT AFFORD TO SEND THEIR OWN CHILDREN THERE. THEY CAN NOT AFFORD TO RENT HERE. THEY LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY. I LOVE THIS CITY. I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THIS CITY AND I WANT TO STAY HERE. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE AND I HAVE NO MONEY TO MOVE. IF I GET EVEN A 10% INCREASE IN MY RENT I WILL BE HOMELESS AND I WILL DIE SOONER. THANK YOU.

Ms. Goodwin: HI, THERE, MY NAME IS ILLANA GOODWIN, I FIND IT AN HONOR TO BE HERE. I THANK MARGO BLACK AND PTU FOR INVITING ME HERE. I WANT TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY STORY. I LIVED IN NORTH PORTLAND FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, A NICE THREE BEDROOM, TWO-BALLOT HOME. I RETURNED TO SCHOOL IN PURSUIT OF A DEGREE. PAID MY RENT FAITHFULLY, WAS RESPONSIBLE IN BETTERING MY LIFE. EVENTUALLY HOME FORWARD CAME AND SAID YOU NO LONGER QUALIFY FOR THIS HOME. YOU HAVE TO FIND A SMALLER UNIT. I SAID THAT'S FINE. I PUT IN MY NOTICE AND WITH MY VOUCHER IN HAND STARTED SEARCHING. AFTER IT BECAME PAINFULLY CLEAR THAT I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO LIVE IN NORTH PORTLAND WHERE I HAD RAISED MY CHILDREN, WHERE I HAD BEEN A PART OF THE COMMUNITY, I LOOKED ELSEWHERE. I EXPANDED MY SEARCH. I HAD NO CLUE WHAT WAS WAITING FOR ME, THE JOURNEY I WAS EMBARKING UPON. LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS WOULD BE THE MOST HEART-WRENCHING AND DISAPPOINTING AND EXCRUCIATING TIME OF MY LIFE. NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT FOR THESE PEOPLE HERE. HOW DARE SOMEONE SAY THAT WE DESERVE NOT THE BASIC RIGHT OF HOUSING! [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

I WAS BORN FOR THIS, TO LIVE, TO PROSPER. I WAS BORN FOR THIS. WE WERE BORN FOR THIS TO, TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. WHEN YOU SAY I WILL NOT LOOK ON THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU ACTUAL ME I DON'T DESERVE TO BE HERE BUT MY LIFE DEMANDS IT, DEMANDS IT. I LIKEN THIS CRISIS TO A PIPE THAT BURST ON A HIGH HILL DROWNING THE PEOPLE BELOW. WE ARE THOSE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE ATOP THE HILL HAD WRENCHES IN HAND AND PIPING AND ENGINEERS WHO KNEW HOW TO FIX THE PIPE. OH, BUT THEY TALKED ABOUT THE PIPE. THEY LOOKED AT THE PIPE. THEY POINTED AT THE PIPE. THEY LOOKED AT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE DROWNING FROM THE WATER. O AND AS THEY STOOD THERE WITH THE ANSWER THEY DID NOTHING. HAVING SOLUTIONS IN THEIR HANDS THEY WOULD NOT ACT. SOME THREW LIFE JACKETS AND BREATHING APPARATUS BUT NO ONE FIXED THE PIPE.

WE ARE DEMANDING TODAY THAT YOU NO LONGER TALK FROM ATOP THE HILL, THAT YOU ACT. STOP WATCHING US DROWN! WE ASK THAT YOU BE HONORABLE AND DO THE HUMANE THING IN AN ACT OF RENT FREEZE AND OBLITERATE NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS. IT IS THE RIGHT THING! I KNOW THAT YOU

WANT TO DO THE HONORABLE THING, THE HUMANE THING. SO DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT IN YOUR SECRET CHAMBERS. BE ABOUT IT! [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Bartleson: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HEDY BARTLESON, I'M A LANDLORD IN PORTLAND AND I SUPPORT TENANTS' RIGHTS. AS YOU KNOW THE CITY OF PORTLAND DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING HOUSING EXACTLY SIX MONTHS AGO TODAY. IN THAT TIME THINGS HAVE NOT WORKED IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY TO SUPPORT TENANTS. IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE DICHOTOMY OF GROWTH AND DISPLACEMENT WHICH IS STILL SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL. SOME HAVE CALLED THIS A MAN MADE DISASTER AND I AGREE WITH THEM. IN MY OWN LIFE I'VE WATCHED FAMILIES DISPLACED, FAMILIES I KNOW, FRIENDS, IT'S VERY DISHEARTENING TO WATCH COMMUNITIES DISMANTLED HASTILY BECAUSE THE MARKET WILL BEAR SOMETHING OR CITIZENS CAN'T SUPPORT. OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY IS PRECARIOUS AT THIS TIME AND THAT'S UPSETTING TO MANY AND RIGHTLY SO. IT'S PAINFUL TO LOSE YOUR COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABOUT STABILITY. IT SHOULD SUPPORT CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR SCHOOLS WITH THEIR FRIENDS. IT SHOULD REPRESENT A SENSE OF BELONGING COMMITMENT RATHER THAN SURVIVAL MODE.

ACROSS TOWN AND AROUND TOWN I'VE NOTICED MORE AND MORE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS STARTING UP. IF YOU HAPPEN UPON ANY OF THE ENCAMPMENTS YOU'LL SEE LITTLE KIDS RUNNING AROUND. THESE PEOPLE MAY BE ELDERLY, CHRONICALLY ILL, LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME, THEY CAN'T AFFORD HIGHER RENTS. A 90-DAY MAY SEEM REASONABLE BUT WHEN I LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK YOU LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. HAVING TO SUDDENLY SAVE ENOUGH FOR FIRST LAST AND DEPOSIT, NOT HE DOES AT ALL IN THIS CASE. IT'S VERY OFTEN SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CONTROLLED THOUGH. THE RECENT NUMBER OF NEW AIRBNB LISTING WAS AROUND 1300. AND I KNOW PEOPLE THINK THIS IS GREAT. I KNOW THE MARKET IS BOOMING AND IF YOU CAN'T RENT RESIDENTIALLY YOU CAN JUST LIST ON AIRBNB AND MAKE A KILLING. THINK ABOUT WHO GETS DISPLACED BY THIS. WE'RE NOT A HOTEL CITY. WE ARE CITIZENS THAT NEED STABILITY AND TO KNOW THEY WON'T BE ON THEIR EAR TOMORROW BECAUSE SUDDENLY THE MARKET WILL BEAR WHATEVER WE WANT.

THE LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT SHOULD BE A PARTNERSHIP. TENANTS SHOULD BE LISTENED TO AND CONCERNS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. IT'S VERY HARD ON PEOPLE AND THEIR HEALTH WHEN ALL THE POWER LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE LANDLORD AND THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE OF SUDDEN REASON NATIONS, PAY HUNDREDS MORE A MONTH OR LEAVE. WHERE DO THESE PEOPLE GO? I'VE HEARD PEOPLE ARGUE THIS IS HOW CITIES GROW. THIS IS NOT A SLOW

CREEPING SCENE, THIS FEELS MORE LIKE A COUP D'ÉTAT. WE'RE LOSING OUR CULTURE AND DIVERSITY, TOO. OUR WORKING ARTISTS WHO PUT US ON THE MAP ARE LEAVING OR SCATTERED. AGAIN, I HAVE TO SPEAK TO COMMUNITY HERE. ARTISTS THRIVE ON COMMUNITY WITHOUT ARTISTS WE'RE ALL IN SURVIVAL MODE. WITHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES AND SENSE OF BELONGING WE ARE LOST. IT'S TIME TO CALL THIS WHAT IT IS. IT IS A MAN MADE DISASTER AND WE CAN ENACT RENT CONTROL. IT'S WORKING IN OTHER CITIES AND IT CAN WORK HERE, TOO. THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Ms. Escamilla: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBECCA. I'M A RENTER IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND AND AN UNEMPLOYED MOTHER OF THREE. AFTER BEING LAID OFF AS AN EDITOR LAST YEAR MY MIDDLE CLASS FUN. IN ORDER TO STAY IN OUR HOME AND MAINTAIN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE STOPPED SPENDING MONEY AT THE NEW SHOPS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OF WOODSTOCK THAT'S MAKING IT NEW AND UP-AND-COMING. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO SHOP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE OF MY JOB LOSS. WE STAYED IN OUR CURRENT HOME FOR FOUR YEARS. I LIVED RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO MARSHA WHO IS -- ALL MY NEIGHBORS GOT NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS EXCEPT MARSHA AND ONE OTHER PERSON. WE MAINTAIN OUR HOME WELL, WE GROW FOOD IN OUR BACKYARD AND PAY OUR RENT ON TIME. WE PASS EVERY INVASIVE INSPECTION WITH FLYING COLORS.

LAST MONTH I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MY LAND LOWER. DEAR REBECCA, YOUR RENT WILL INCREASE EFFECTIVE THE TIME OF YOUR LEASE RENEWAL. THAT'S ABOUT \$2,000 MORE A YEAR FOR MY FAMILY. THEY THANKS ME AND IMMEDIATELY HILT ME WITH AN INCREASE MY FAMILY CANNOT AFFORD. I ATTEMPTED TO NEGOTIATE THE INCREASE AND EXPLAINED MY EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND HOW WE HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKING TO MAINTAIN OUR HOUSING THERE. I WAS TOLD THEY ARE FREE TO ADJUST THE RENT TO MARKET RATES AS THEY ALLOW. I AM TOTALLY FREE TO MOVE OUT IF I WOULD LIKE. I WAS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND HAD A SIX MONTH CUSHION OF SAVINGS BEFORE I WAS LAID OFF.

NOW THAT'S GONE AND I HAVE NOT FOUND A JOB. HOW CAN I AFFORD A DEPOSIT AND FIRST AND LAST MONTHS' WITH MARKET RATES PUSHING EVERYONE FURTHER AND FURTHER EAST AND OUT. HOW CAN WE AFFORD FOR TO TAKE TIME OFF? HOW DO I PAY FOR CHILD CARE SO I CAN FIND A NEW HOME? MY FAMILY IS FACING ALL THESE UNKNOWN FEARS TODAY. THE STRESS ALONE IS OVERWHELMING. LANDLORDS AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES CITYWIDE HOLD ALL THE POWER. TO THEM WE ARE FUNDING THEIR PROPERTIES. TO TENANTS THEY ARE SUPPLYING OTHER HOMES WHERE WE ARE RAISING OUR CHILDREN. THIS MAN MADE HOUSING DISASTER DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION. I SUPPORT A RENT FREE-THROW AND MORATORIUM ON NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Ms. Shannon: GOOD MORNING. I HAD GIVEN ONE OF THESE FLYERS TO YOUR CLERKS FOR EACH OF YOU. MY NAME IS COURTNEY SHANNON, I AM LISTED ON FACEBOOK AND ON GOFUNDME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING SOME OF YOUR NAMES ON THERE, THAT WOULD BE AMAZING. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. I WAS HOMELESS IN THIS STATE ON AND OFF FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS. I'VE BEEN A WIFE, I'VE BEEN A MOTHER, I'VE RAISED CHILDREN. I'VE OWNED A HOME HERE. AND RIGHT NOW I'M FACING A NO CAUSE EVICTION. SO MANY MEETINGS I'VE ATTENDED LIKE THIS YOU FOLKS WONDER HOW DOES THIS STUFF HAPPEN? HOW DO PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOMES? HOW DO THEY END UP OUT ON THE STREETS. LET ME TELL YOU. WHEN I WAS OUT ON THE STREET I WAS RAPED THREE TIMES. LAST TIME WAS THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO. I FOUND MYSELF IN THE HOSPITAL SIX MONTHS LATER AT OHSU FOR A MONTH AND A HALF. I WAS DYING, I WAS BLEEDING OUT INTERNALLY.

LET ME TELL YOU, IT WAS GOD AND BRAN STICKILY FROM NCNN AND JOINT THAT SAVED ME FROM THE DRUG CARTELS. IT TOOK ME A LONG, LONG TIME TO GET TO THAT POINT. YOU KNOW WHY, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY? I DON'T HAVE A MENTAL CONDITION. I DIDN'T HAVE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AT THE TIME. I'M NOT AN ALCOHOLIC, I'M NOT A DRUG ADDICT. I'M ONE OF THE RARE FEW WHO DON'T. THERE ARE SO MANY OF US OUT HERE IN SO MANY DIFFERENT CAPACITIES. AND BEING GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN A REASON PROGRAM RELATED TO MY HEALTH AND HOME FORWARD WAS AUTO GOD SEND. I WAS LITERALLY IN A WHEELCHAIR. KIND GO THROUGH A BAG OF CLOTHES AND GET MYSELF A SHIRT. BUT I'M ALSO AN AMERICAN DREAMER. AFTER ALL THIS TIME AND ADVOCACY IN THE COMMUNITY, ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW, ALL THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS I GO TO, AND EVERYTHING ELSE, THE BILLS THAT I'VE HELPED WRITE, TO HELP OUT THE HOUSELESS COMMUNITY, I FINALLY HAVE A PLACE SO I CAN CLOSE THE DOOR AND TAKE A SHOWER AND HAVE PRIVACY AND RUN AROUND MY LIVING ROOM NAKED IF I WANT TO. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT IS TO BE NAKED. ALL RIGHT?

MY LIFE IS LITERALLY ON THE LINE HERE. I GOT CANCER, I GOT HIT BY A CAR IN DECEMBER. I WEAR LEG BRACES. I'M BARELY WALKING. BUT I'VE GOT TO MOVE! AND I'M BEING BROUGHT TO COURT ON SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T FIGHT BECAUSE THE LAW IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE DOWNTOWN. IT'S NOT FOR PEOPLE THROUGH THE WHOLE COUNTY. WHY NOT? WHY ARE PEOPLE BEING SEGREGATED? THEY SAY DISPLACED? YOU'RE ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM BEING WHERE I'M AT. IT'S HORRIBLE. THIS ISN'T A HOMELESS EMERGENCY; IT'S BEEN AN EPIDEMIC. IT'S BEEN A CRISIS, FOLKS! WHY AREN'T YOU DOING SOMETHING? WHY AREN'T YOU UPSET ABOUT IT? WHY AREN'T YOU WIPING TEARS OUT OF YOUR EYES? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WON'T EXERCISE YOUR POWER. [APPLAUSE]

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I REALLY DON'T. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD TO BE OUT ON THE STREET NEXT WEEK, MA'AM? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

BECAUSE I'M YOU AND I'M YOU, AND I'M YOU AND I'M YOU. I AM! WHAT WOULD YOU DO? I'VE GOT NO INCOME. I CAN'T DIAL 1-800-RICH-UNCLE. IT AIN'T THERE FOR ME. IT'S NOT! WHAT DO I DO? WHAT CAN YOU DO TO END THIS TODAY? [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE] THERE NEEDS TO BE A RENT FREEZE. THIS MADNESS NEEDS TO STOP. IT ABSOLUTELY NEEDS TO STOP.

Ms. Shannon: IT'S NATIONWIDE. IT'S EVERYWHERE AND WHAT KILLS ME IS IF WE SAW A DOG GET HIT OUTSIDE, 50 PEOPLE WOULD BE RUNNING THERE, OH, MY GOSH, SOMEBODY CALL SOMEBODY, GET SOME HELP. BUT WE PASS BY PEOPLE IN BLANKETS ON THE STREET. WHAT KIND OF AMERICANS ARE WE? WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE? IT'S UNCONSCIONABLE. HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH YOURSELVES AND LET IT EXIST? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Cooke: MY NAME IS SHAMUS COOKE, I'M A SOCIAL WORKER AT THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE AND WE HAVE BROKEN RECORDS FOR NUMBER OF CALLS. MANY OF OUR CALLS ARE CONNECTED TO HOUSING. WE GET CALLS ABOUT HOMELESS FAMILIES IN THE STREETS, WITH BABIES OFTEN, CALLS FROM TERRIFIED FAMILIES FACING EVICTION WHO ARE BEGGING US FOR HELP. AND WE HAVE NOTHING FOR THEM. NOBODY DOES. A LONG WAIT LIST, THAT'S IT. SO THIS HOUSING CRISIS IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE IN THE COUNTY BY FAR. IT IS A DISASTER, A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THIS IS NO EXAGGERATION. AT REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT, 30% OF THE KIDS DO NOT HAVE STABLE HOUSING. THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY HOMELESS. 30%. 30%! AND MANY MORE FAMILIES LIVE IN FEAR OF A RENT INCREASE THEY CAN'T AFFORD OR A NO-CAUSE EVICTION THEY CAN'T AFFORD SO WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS YOUR JOB HERE?

IS YOUR JOB TO OVERSEE THE CRISIS UNFOLD AS IT GETS WORSE AND WORSE AND WORSE? OR IS YOUR JOB TO TACKLE THE CRISIS HEAD ON AND CHAMPION REAL SOLUTIONS LIKE RENT CONTROL? THIS IS A DISASTER. WE NEED LEADERS TO ACTS WITH URGENCY. THE CRISIS DEMANDS. WE THINK YOUR JOB IS TO USE THE BEST TOOLS AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO FIX THE PROBLEM NOW. WE CAN'T WAIT 20 YEARS FOR MARKET BASED SOLUTIONS THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WON'T WORK. IT HASN'T WORKED. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. SO WHEN THE RENTAL MARKET IS BROKE AS IT IS OBVIOUSLY AND IS CAUSING HARM ON A MASS SCALE, IT'S THE DUTY OF GOVERNMENT TO ACT. IT'S YOUR DUTY. SO WE BELIEVE YOUR JOB IS TO DECLARE A HOUSING DISASTER, COMBINED WITH A RENT FREEZE AND A MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS NOW. [APPLAUSE] SO THIS IS OUR DEMAND AND HUNDREDS OF US CAME HERE FOR YOUR RESPONSE AND PLEASE DON'T MAKE US COME BACK. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Ms. Black: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US HERE. MY NAME IS MARGO BLACK. WHY ARE WE HERE? CHAIR KAFOURY, YOUR SEAT OF THE COUNTY, YOU SAID THAT THE GREATEST

CHALLENGE WE FACE IN YOUR VIEW IS HOW TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. OVER THE LAST YEAR, RENTS COUNTRYWIDE HAVE JUMPED BY DOUBLE DIGITS AND THE NUMBER OF VACANT APARTMENTS IS HOVERING AT 3%. PORTLAND'S RENTS ARE RISING FASTER THAN ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, 14% IN 1 MONTH. YOU WENT ON TO SAY WE MUST FIND WAYS TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE UNITS IN THE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE WORKING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, THAT WE NEED TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE ALSO MUST KEEP RENT AFFORDABLE, OTHERWISE THE SKY HIGH RENT INCREASES AND NO CAUSE EVICTIONS WILL PUSH MORE PEOPLE TO NEED HELP AND I'M HERE TO AGREE THAT WE DO NEED TO KEEP RENT AFFORDABLE.

Ms. Black: AND THAT WE NEED TO STOP SCRATCHING OUR HEADS AND WONDERING HOW TO DO THAT AND STOP WAITING FOR THE SUPPLY TO COME ONLINE IN ORDER TO EASE THE RENT AND ACCEPT THAT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WILL NEVER BUILD THEIR WAY INTO A SUPPLY GLUT FOR OUR RENTS TO GO DOWN, OKAY? YOU UNDERSTAND THAT RENT CONTROL IS PREEMPTED AT THE STATE BUT WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO OREGON REVISED STATUTE SECTION FIVE, IT SAYS THAT IN A MAN MADE DISASTER, THAT RESULTS IN A SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL ELIMINATION OF THE RENTAL HOUSING SUPPLY THAT LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CAN ENACT RENT CONTROL. I DON'T THINK I NEED TO ENUMERATE THAT THIS IS A DISASTER, COMMISSIONER BAILEY IS AWARE OF OUR HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM AS IS YOUR OFFICE SINCE YOU'RE MOVING THE OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS INTO THE COUNTY.

WE HAVE 79 CHILDREN IN THE DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT BECOME HOMELESS IN ONE MONTH. MOST DUE TO NO CAUSE EVICTIONS. WE HAVE 1,300 HOMELESS STUDENTS IN PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE HOMES ARE BEING COMPLETELY UNENFORCED BY THE CITY OF PORTLAND. SO CLEARLY WE'RE IN A DISASTER. CLEARLY, IT IS MAN MADE. AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE RENTAL HOUSING STOCK HAS BEEN MATERIALLY ELIMINATED I ASK YOU LOOK AT SOMEONE IN THE EYES WHOSE RENT HAS GONE UP BY THREE, FOUR, \$500, SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE \$2,000 FOR A SECURITY DEPOSIT WHO CAN'T GET INTO NEW HOUSING BECAUSE THEY HAVE A MISDEMEANOR ON THEIR RECORD 15 YEARS OLD AND THEY'RE A PERSON OF COLOR AND IF THAT LANDLORD HAS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A SINGLE MOM WHO'S A PERSON OF COLOR AND THE CUTE WHITE COUPLE WHO GOT THEIR NEW JOB AT GOOGLE THEY WILL PICK THE WHITE COUPLE EVERY SINGLE TIME! I WANT YOU TO LOOK THEM IN THE EYES AND TELL THEM THAT THEIR HOUSING HAS NOT BEEN MATERIALLY ELIMINATED WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN NO-CAUSE EVICTED OR EVICTED FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT BECAUSE WHEN YOUR RENT IS UP BY \$300 AND YOUR WAGES HAVEN'T GONE UP, YOU CAN'T PAY THE RENT.

Ms. Black: I HAVE A DIVORCED MOTHER IN GRESHAM, MOTHER OF TWO, WHOSE YOUNGER DAUGHTER IS PROFOUNDLY DISABLED, \$50 SHORT ON RENT AND WAS EVICTED AND THEN WAS CHARGED WITH A LEASE BREAK FEE AFTER SHE MOVED OUT ON TIME ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT THAT SHE MADE WITH LAWYERS, WHICH IS WHY WE NEED MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DO THIS AND NOT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WE NEED TO PROTECT FOLKS LIKE COURTNEY IN UNINCORPORATED MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WHO WILL NEVER BE COVERED BY CITY PROTECTIONS, WE NEED TO PROTECT THE FOLKS IN GRESHAM AND TROUTDALE. WE NEED YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT AIR B AND B, THE DEMOLITIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE EVICTION CRISIS, THE RENTS PRICING PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES IS A SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL ELIMINATION OF HOUSING FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE TO LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND, I HAVE KIDS, MY CHILDREN GO TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I LIVE IN HILLSDALE, THERE ARE KIDS IN MY SON'S CLASSROOM WHO TOLD ME ABOUT HAVING TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSE WITH ALL THE THINGS IN IT BECAUSE THEY HAD NOWHERE TO GO. TELL THEM THAT THEIR HOUSING HAS NOT BEEN MATERIALLY ELIMINATED OR STOP MAKING EXCUSES, USE YOUR STATUTORY POWER AND DECLARE A RENT FREEZE TODAY. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

ONE MORE MINUTE? IF I HAVE NOT MADE MY CASE I ASK YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AND THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE] YOU HAVE THE POWER AS THE COUNTY TO CONVENE AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY AND RECOGNIZE THIS AS AN IMMINENT PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE] THINK ABOUT THE LEGACY THAT YOU WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT FOR ME AND THE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM WHO CAN'T PAY THE RENT, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT FOR THE BUSINESS OWNERS WHO CAN'T RAISE WAGES FAST ENOUGH, FOR THE COMMUNITIES AND THE CHURCHES WHO ARE LOSING THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BUILT THIS COMMUNITY THEN DO IT FOR YOUR OWN LEGACY.

WHEN YOU ARE OUT OF OFFICE AND FOLKS LOOK BACK AND TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID FOR THIS COMMUNITY, DO YOU WANT IT TO BE ANOTHER COMMITTEE, ANOTHER STUDY, ANOTHER TIME TO SCRATCH YOUR HEAD AND WONDER WHAT CAN WE DO OR DO YOU WANT TO DO REAL CHANGE RIGHT NOW THAT WILL CHANGE LIVES TODAY? [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

Ms. Shannon: SO THE COMMISSIONERS ARE AWARE, I KNOW PERSONALLY THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LAST MONTH, THREE. ON THE STREETS. AND I'M GOING TO BE THE NEXT ONE IF THIS HAPPENS.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE, WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AND I WANT TO RESPECT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO SPEAK.

Mr. Stull: CAN I GET A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MY FRIEND JIMMY BOYAR, HE PASSED AWAY WHILE I WAS IN JAIL. I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO GO TO HIS MEMORIAL BECAUSE I WAS TOO SICK TO KNOW THAT THERE ACTUALLY WAS ONE, I WAS OUT OF CUSTODY SO IF WE CAN CALM DOWN, JUST FOR A MOMENT. JIMMY BOYAR WAS THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW THAT EVER MET HIM. HE TOLD ME TWO OF MY FRIENDS. I'M IN THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS AND I'M HERE TO ENTERTAIN YOU. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN I WENT TO ONE OF MY MUSICIANS' PLACES ON EASTER, WE WENT A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY AND 4066 NORTHEAST GRAND KAFOURY COURT, THE FIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX HAS BEEN VACANT FOR FOUR YEARS! FIVE YEARS! IT'S NAMED AFTER YOUR MOTHER, BY THE WAY. I GOT EVICTED FROM THERE IN 2006 WITH A 30 DAY NO CAUSE EVICTION WHICH WAS FILED AGAINST AN EXPRESS STATUTORY PROHIBITION AGAINST FILING THAT CASE BECAUSE THE RENT WAS PAID IN AUGUST OF 2005, I APPEALED ASK THE NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING LANDLORD DESTROYED \$20,000 OF MY GOODS IN 2006 AND NONE OF YOU!

AND MANY OF THESE PEOPLE CANNOT STAND UP RIGHT NOW AND SAY THEY'VE NEVER HEARD THIS BEFORE! AND HERE'S WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU. I WENT TO PRISON FOR MARIJUANA, WHICH IS NOW LEGAL. WHEN I WAS IN CUSTODY I FILED A CASE THAT WENT TO THE OREGON SUPREME COURT. IT DEFINES THE ACT OF FILING A CASE. MY LANDLORD LEGALLY WASN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO TAKE THAT CASE INTO THE COURTHOUSE, TO BE IN THE SITUATION TO HAVE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIVIL UNIT DEPUTY COME OUT AND TALK TO ME IN OCTOBER, 2006, WHERE I WARNED HIM THAT MY GOODS WOULD BE DESTROYED AND THEY WERE. AND I WENT IN FRONT OF JUDGE EDWARD JONES. AND HE ALLOWED THEM TO GET AWAY WITH IT. AND WHEN I WAS IN CUSTODY, AFTER THIS GENTLEMAN WAS ARRESTED FILMING ME, WHEN I WAS ON THE AGENDA AT PORTLAND CITY HALL, I WENT IN FRONT OF JUDGE JONES AND HE'S NOW THE CHIEF CRIMINAL JUDGE! AND WHO KNOWS THIS? THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BECAUSE I PROMISED YOU WHEN I CAME IN HERE LAST MONTH THAT I WOULD DO THAT AND I DID IT YESTERDAY. AND I WILL TELL YOU ALL RIGHT NOW, THE ARROW HAS LEFT THE BOW. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO THE ARCHER. IT WILL STRIKE THE TARGET. YOU'RE DONE TRYING TO KILL ME! IT'S OVER! IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

YOU ARE FINISHED! I RAN AGAINST YOU IN 2000 AS A PERSON WHO FEARLESSLY TACKLES GOVERNMENT AND RACIST POLICE CORRUPTION AND MY NECK HURTS BECAUSE MY HEAD WAS SCOURED ON THE PAVING STONES OF LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE WHERE I GRADUATED. WE ARE FINISHED! YOU WANT TO DANCE WITH ME AGAIN HERE LIKE WE DID A YEAR OR SO AGO, THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO, MS. KAFOURY! WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A WAR. IF YOU WANT THESE PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT IF YOU MIX BLEACH AND AMMONIA, YOU GET A LETHAL GAS, WE NEED TO CLEAN UP THIS TOWN. AND IF WE NEED TO USE BLEACH AND AMMONIA, WE WILL CERTAINLY DO THAT! DO

NOT CHALLENGE ME TO BE VIOLENT BECAUSE I WILL OUTVIOLENT YOU ANY TIME AND I WILL OUTPEACE YOU RIGHT NOW! ALL RIGHT. NOW, LET'S GO UP TO 4066 NORTHEAST GRAND AND GET IN THERE TODAY, DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT WITH ME TODAY? IT'S VACANT. IF YOU FOLKS WANT TO GO IN 4066 GRAND AND MAKE THE VACANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK, IT'S BEEN VACANT, THEY'RE GETTING THEIR TAX CREDITS FOR IT, THEY'RE GETTING FUNDED BY THE CITY.

Chair Kafoury: WE'VE GOT OTHER PEOPLE.

Mr. Stull: THEY'RE KEEPING THAT PROPERTY OFF THE MARKET! YOU FOLKS WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT? 4066 NORTHEAST GRAND AVENUE. IT'S CALLED KAFOURY COURT. IT'S ON MASON STREET BETWEEN SKID MORE AND SHAVER. NOTHING BUT FIVE VACANT AFFORDABLE HOUSES! IT'S A FIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX. IT'S VACANT RIGHT NOW!

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE OTHER FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Ms. Pagan: HELLO. MY NAME IS ALYSSA PAGAN AND I'M A STUDENT AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. I'M FROM NEW JERSEY AND I CAME HERE TO TRY TO CHANGE MY LIFE AROUND. I WAS INTO SOME BAD THINGS AND I DECIDED I WANTED TO BETTER MYSELF AND I THOUGHT GOING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ENROLLING IN SCHOOL WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO DO THAT AND HONESTLY, I FEEL LIKE I'M A PART OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE TURNING PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY INTO A SITE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOY A LOT OF DEVELOPERS THAT ARE DRIVING UP THE COST OF HOUSING RIGHT NOW AND IF YOU'RE TAKING NOTES ON WHAT TO DO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK INTO HOW THAT'S BEING DONE AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY AND LOOK INTO WHETHER IT'S LEGAL, LET ALONE MORAL.

I WANT TO SAY TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE UP HERE SHARING THEIR STORIES TODAY THAT THIS IS HUMILIATING THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO POUR THEIR HEARTS OUT LIKE THIS, AND I'M WATCHING YOU, I'M IN THE FRONT ROW AND HONESTLY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST REALLY DON'T CARE. IT'S REALLY FUNNY. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE OF THESE THINGS BEFORE AND I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL COME TO ANOTHER ONE BECAUSE IT'S VERY STRESSFUL TO WATCH. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW THAT PROBABLY IT'S JUST A BURDEN THAT YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE AND WAIT FOR THEM TO FINISH THEIR POINTS SO THAT YOU CAN GO ALONG WITH YOUR LIVES AND I KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY PERSON THAT MUST SEE THAT AND THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ONE OF THE REASONS THAT PEOPLE ARE TURNING AWAY FROM FORUMS LIKE THIS IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND EFFECT THE KIND OF CHANGE THAT THEY NEED IN THEIR LIVES.

Ms. Pagan: THIS IS WHY PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD RIGHT NOW ARE TAKING TO THE STREETS, WHY PEOPLE ARE COMING TO RADICAL AND MILITANT CONCLUSIONS AND THEN SUFFER THE BRUNT FORCE OF THE STATE AT THE HANDS OF VIOLENT POLICE BECAUSE WHEN THEY COME TO PLACES LIKE THIS, THEY'RE SHRUGGED OFF AND THE THINGS THAT THEY DEMAND ARE IGNORED AND THEY'RE TREATED LIKE THEY'RE JUST A BURDEN TO A PROCESS THAT WAS NEVER MEANT FOR THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. I JUST WANT TO SAY DECLARE AN IMMINENT PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER. WE WANT A RENT FREEZE AND A MORATORIUM ON NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Johnson: HELLO, AGAIN COMMISSIONERS. CHARLES JOHNSON. OBVIOUSLY, EVEN BEFORE THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO SPEAK, YOU HEARD YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS PRESENT DR. JOHN POWELL, WHO HAS LAID IN THE PUBLIC RECORD A CLEAR CASE, YOUR MORAL DUTY NOW IS TO GET WITH THE MANY PEOPLE YOU PAY HIGH WAGES IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND TELL THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ENFORCING AND DEFENDING THE RENT FREEZE RIGHT NOW. WHEN WE'RE ALL DONE TALKING, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU RECESSING AND INTRODUCING A VERY BRIEF -- I THINK SOMEBODY SAID THEY HAD MODEL LANGUAGE. A FREEZE ON RENT, A SUSPENSION OF EVICTIONS. YOU NEED TO ACT LIKE THIS BECAUSE IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, WHEN NAN WALLER CAME HERE, YOU DIDN'T ASK HER TO WORK WITH THE OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SPECIFIC NUMBERS ON EXACTLY HOW MANY EVICTIONS ARE HAPPENING AND HOW MANY ARE GOING UP.

YOU HAVE NOT ACTED RESPONSIBLY ENOUGH IN THE PAST SO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, YOU MUST FEEL THEY'RE WORTH WHAT THEY'RE PAYING OR YOU WOULD HIRE A DIFFERENT PERSON SO NOW YOUR JOB IS TO ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE WE PRESENT OR CRAFT YOUR OWN LANGUAGE AND SEE IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OREGON WILL SIDE WITH THE PEOPLE OR WITH THE PROFITEERS. THAT'S THE ONLY RESPONSE THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE MADE TO HOUSING RECENTLY IS TO TRY TO FIND MORE MONEY TO GIVE TO PREDATORY PROFITEERS. THE COST OF HOUSING IS NOT GOING UP. THE AMOUNT OF RENT THAT'S BEING EXTORTED FROM PEOPLE IS GOING UP. THE COST IS STABLE. PEOPLE'S COSTS ARE GOING UP VERY, VERY LITTLE AND YOU SHOULD BE REGULATING THEM JUST LIKE YOU REGULATE PAYDAY LENDERS. YOU'RE VERY VEHEMENT ABOUT THEM.

SAME DISGUSTING PREDATORY BEHAVIOR THAT AFFECTS PUBLIC HEALTH AS DR. JOHN POWELL HAS TESTIFIED HERE. SO DON'T WAIT, HAVE THE LANGUAGE READY, VOTE TODAY FOR AN EMERGENCY FREEZE THAT'S AUTHORIZED AS YOU'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE OREGON STATUTES AND IT

DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S AUTHORIZED BY OREGON STATUTES BECAUSE IT'S EVIDENTLY NECESSARY. SO CONTINUE TO HEAR THE REST OF THE PEOPLE PROVIDE YOU WITH FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THAT AND TAKE ACTION. THANK YOU, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Edens: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS CAMERON EDENS. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF WHAT ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE SAYING. I AM A PERFORMER, AN ENTERTAINER, AN ARTIST, AN EDUCATOR, A SYMPHONY DIRECTOR, A PIANO TECHNICIAN, A GRADUATE OF MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY, I ACHIEVED MOST OF THOSE THINGS WHILE IN A HOUSE FOR EIGHT YEARS. IN THAT TIME, THE OLD LADY BACK EAST DIED AND IT WENT TO A DIFFERENT PRIVATE COMPANY AND SMALL PRIVATE OWNERS, AND NOW THERE'S A GENTLEMAN WHO OWNS IT WHO CHOSE AT FIRST TO TRY TO EVICT ME ILLEGALLY. SO I WENT TO COURT, I STOOD UP FOR MYSELF, PAID THE MONEY. WENT ON TO THE NEXT ROUND, SERIES OF INCREASES, OKAY, THAT'S FINE, I CAN DEAL WITH THESE THINGS. I HAD A SMALL AMOUNT OF RESERVOIR TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TWO ROUNDS THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM TO HAVE THE JUDGE SAY I'M SORRY, YOUR TENANT IS CORRECT, YOU CAN'T DO IT THIS WAY. YOU CAN'T DO IT THAT WAY.

IT TAUGHT HIM OH, WAIT THERE IS A WAY THAT I CAN EVICT THIS PERSON. I'LL GIVE HIM A 30 DAY NO-CAUSE EVICTION. MAYBE IT WAS 60 DAY. THE RATE HAS INCREASED NOW, THAT WAS THE SUMMER OF 2014. WHATEVER IT WAS AT THAT POINT. SO HE HAD CLAIMED, REMEMBER, EIGHT OWNERS, NINE OWNERS, SOMETHING TO THIS EFFECT, OH, WELL, I HAVE NO RECORD OF YOU PAYING YOUR FIRST MONTH'S RENT. THEREFORE, I AM SAYING I WANT YOU OUT 30 DAYS BEFORE THIS POINT. SO I GAVE HIM AN ADDITIONAL MONTH'S RENT WHICH WAS NOW \$300 ABOVE THE AMOUNT THAT I HAD PAID WHEN I MOVED IN. OKAY, THAT'S FINE. I DID THAT BECAUSE I WAS HOPING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ANY DEPOSIT MONEY BACK SO THAT I COULD AFFORD TO MOVE INTO ANY PLACE AFTER THAT. NOT ONLY DID I NOT GET ANYTHING BACK, IN THE END, I WAS GIVEN A \$500 BILL FOR THE REMOVAL OF ITEMS THAT AS OF LAST WEEK ARE STILL SITTING OUTSIDE THAT HOUSE. I PAID IT BECAUSE IT WENT THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM.

AT THAT POINT I BECAME HOMELESS. I CHOSE TO BE HOMELESS BECAUSE RATHER THAN TAKING CARE OF MYSELF AND SAYING SCREW YOU, I DID WHAT WAS ASKED OF ME. SO THEN I MOVED AND LIVED IN MY CAR FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. I CONTINUED TO SHOW UP AS AN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR, A YOUTH SYMPHONY LEADER, A MUSIC TEACHER, A PERCUSSIONIST FOR THE BELLY DANCE TROUPES IN TOWN. AN UPRIGHT BASSIST, A SINGER. I CONTINUED TO SHOW UP TO ALL OF THESE THINGS WITHOUT TELLING ANYBODY WHAT HAD HAPPENED BECAUSE I WAS IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP AND I COULDN'T RATIONALIZE HOW TO DESCRIBE TO THE

PEOPLE THAT I WAS SHOWING UP TO INSPIRE TO CHOOSE ART THAT I HAD LOST MY HOME. SO I LIVED OUT IN MY CAR. I CONTINUED TO SHOW UP TO MY PIANO TUNING CUSTOMERS, I'M GOING TO TALK FOR 30 MORE SECONDS. I CONTINUED TO SHOW UP, MY SYMPHONIES, EVERYTHING, DIDN'T SAY A THING.

Mr. Edens: FORTUNATELY, ONE OF MY BAND MATES REALIZED AFTER THREE MONTHS BECAUSE MY BODY WAS BREAKING OUT IN STRESS HIVES, MY HEALTH DETERIORATED SEVERELY. I WAS RAGGED. FRIEND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I PLAY MUSIC WITH SAID JUST ABOUT SEVEN BLOCKS FROM HERE CAMERON, ARE YOU HOMELESS? WHAT HAPPENED? I BROKE DOWN BECAUSE I HADN'T EVEN ADMITTED IT TO MYSELF. I WAS STILL PRAYING AND HOPING AND TRYING TO SEE THAT ANY GOOD SOLUTION WOULD COME FROM THE FACT THAT I HAD BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY AND INSPIRING AND GIVING TO THE CITY AND GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY IN EVERY WAY THAT I COULD, WHEN I HAD EVERYTHING TAKEN FROM ME I THOUGHT MAYBE SOMEBODY WILL HELP. FORTUNATELY, ONE PERSON DID. I'M STILL THERE TODAY, IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT PERSON, I WOULD BE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS, AS WELL. THIS IS A MAN MADE DISASTER.

Ms. Grasso: HI, MY NAME IS LAURIE GRASSO. I WASN'T PLANNING ON COMING HERE TODAY. MY CURRENT JOB IS BEING EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT AND HOMELESS. I USED TO LIVE IN NORTH PORTLAND FOR EIGHT YEARS UNTIL MY LANDLORD PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR. THE NEW OWNERS GAVE ME A NO-CAUSE EVICTION. YOU WOULD THINK BEING EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT AND HOMELESS THAT OH, I WOULD GET HOUSING REALLY QUICK. NO. WAIT LIST. WAIT LIST, WAIT LIST, WAIT LIST, AND MORE WAIT LIST. THE ONLY REASON I EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO STAY RIGHT NOW WHICH IS IN VANCOUVER, WHICH IS SO FAR I HAVE ACTUALLY LOST TWO POUNDS IN TWO WEEKS WALKING AROUND FROM PLACE TO PLACE WITH NO FUTURE PERMANENT HOUSING IN SIGHT. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I HAVE NO FAITH IN ANY OF YOU THAT ANY OF THIS WILL CHANGE.

I HAVE NO FAITH IN THE SYSTEM. I HAVE NEVER HAD FAITH IN THIS SYSTEM SINCE MY FATHER DIED FOR THIS COUNTRY AND I WAS ORPHANED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. NOTHING WILL CHANGE. THE ONE THING THAT HAS HELPED WAS MY ABILITY TO GET INTO ABANDONED HOUSES, SQUAT IN THEM, THE MOST NOTORIOUS ONE BEING ON HAWTHORNE. I WAS THE FIRST PERSON THROWN OUT OF THAT SQUAT AND BEFORE THE COPS GOT THERE, WAS FIRST-DEGREE ASSAULTED BY THE LANDLORD AND A WOMAN DID DIE IN THAT HOUSE. THEY DIDN'T CLEAN UP AFTER HER. I HAD TO FIND HER HAIR, HER TEETH, AND MANY OF HER BELONGINGS, THAT DEATH IS NOT ON RECORD AT THE COUNTY. I HAVE DONE MY RESEARCH AND THERE WAS MANY OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST FOUND IN THAT HOUSE. YEAH, THERE'S BASICALLY NOWHERE FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME TO GO. THE ONLY REASON I HAVE A PLACE TO STAY IS BECAUSE THE MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY, FACEBOOK GROUPS,

LEGACY EMMANUEL HAS BEEN OF GREAT HELP, BUT YEAH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS THINK IS GOING ON, LIKE WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING BUT IT'S NOT WORKING. IT'S NOT WORKING AT ALL.

Ms. Eden: I USED TO BE A COMMUNITY MEMBER. I USED TO HAVE A JOB. BUT QUITE FRANKLY, IT'S JUST AS EASY TO GET FIRED FROM A JOB FOR NOT BEING SHOWERED OR HAVING A BACKPACK, JUST HAVING A BACKPACK WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO WORK WILL GET YOU FIRED FROM A JOB. AND THE HOUSE CLEANING JOB THAT I USED TO DO ON MY OWN, I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT WITHOUT A PLACE TO KEEP STUFF. SO EVEN THE HOMELESS CAMPS THINGS, THAT DOESN'T WORK BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE NEIGHBORS HAVE SUCH A HORRIBLE OUTLOOK TOWARDS HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT QUITE FRANKLY, I HAVE A HARD TIME EVEN GOING INTO A STORE TO BUY GROCERIES BECAUSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN VERY VIOLENT TOWARDS ME, I HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY ATTACKED BY MEMBERS OF THE HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY AND QUITE FRANKLY, SOME OF THE BEST PEOPLE I'VE MET THERE ARE THE COPS, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME WHEN I CALL WHEN I'VE BEEN PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY THE NEIGHBORS. SO I HOPE YOU'RE HEARING THIS BUT I DON'T THINK YOU ARE.

>> WE HAVE ONE MORE SIGNED UP. REGINA LAROCCA.

>> AND I GREW UP HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> HEY, GUYS. I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK BUT AS I SIT HERE CHOKING BACK TEARS, WATCHING PEOPLE HUMILIATE THEMSELVES BEFORE YOUR STONE FACES, I SAID TO MYSELF I DON'T CARE IF I'M INVITED OR NOT.

Chair Kafoury: SAY YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

Mr. Sponberg: JESSIE SPONBERG, MOST OF YOU GUYS KNOW WHO I AM HI, JULES. YOU GUYS SHOULD BE SO THANKFUL RIGHT NOW BECAUSE FOR A LONG TIME YOU HAVE HAD THESE PROGRAMS THAT DO NOTHING, NOTHING, AND THE COMMUNITY CAME TO YOU GUYS WITH A SOLUTION, WE GIFT WRAPPED A SOLUTION AND PUT IT WITH A BOW AND HANDED IT TO YOU. YOU GUYS DON'T EVEN HAVE TO DO YOUR JOB OF FIGURING OUT A STRATEGY. THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER WITH THEIR OWN SOLUTION! ALL YOU GUYS HAVE TO DO, ALL YOU GUYS HAVE TO DO IS SAY WE AGREE. IT'S NOT HARD. WE DON'T NEED A STUDY AND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DRAWN OUT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU GUYS ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO TODAY BECAUSE IF YOU CANNOT SMELL THE DESPERATION IN THE AIR IN THIS ROOM, THEN YOU ARE FOOLS!

PEOPLE ARE LITERALLY LIVING ON THE STREET, JULES, YOU SLEPT IN THE HOMELESS CAMP WITH ME, IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU? I BROUGHT YOU TO THE HOMELESS CAMP SO YOU COULD FEEL WHAT THREES PEOPLE FEEL LIKE AND I'VE LOST YOU FOR AN HOUR AND YOUR FACE HASN'T MOVED ONE BIT. SHAME ON YOU GUYS! IF YOU DO NOT PASS THIS TODAY, TODAY, WE GIFT WRAPPED IT, WE HANDED IT TO YOU, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WHAT WE PAY YOU TO DO WHICH IS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS IN MICE CITY AND IF YOU DON'T, SHIT'S GOING TO GET REALLY CRAZY AROUND HERE.

Mr. Sponberg: IT TAKES COURAGE. IT TAKES COURAGE. IT TAKES COURAGE. ALL OF YOU GUYS, ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED, ALL OF YOU GET A PAYCHECK, YOU LIVE IN THESE COUNTIES. YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE THAT ELECTED YOU TO BE THE OFFICERS ON THEIR BEHALF, IT TAKES COURAGE! JUST DO THE RIGHT THING! YOU HEARD THESE VOICES BEFORE! AND IT'S NOT YOUR STATUS, IT'S THE HUMANS THAT ARE RELYING ON YOU TO DO THE JUST THING, DO IT! JUST DO IT! MAKE PRECEDENT! BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO IT WHEN GENTRIFICATION HAPPENED AND YOU NEVER HAD THE INTENTION BECAUSE THAT WAS A BUSINESS PACKAGE. THIS DISPLACEMENT IS A BUSINESS PACKAGE, AIN'T NOBODY CRAZY, THIS IS NOT A MISTAKE. IT'S NOT AN OVERSIGHT. IT WAS INTENTIONAL. INTENTIONALLY DISMANTLE IT RIGHT NOW! INTENTIONALLY DISMANTLE IT RIGHT NOW! RIGHT NOW! [APPLAUSE] YOU DON'T DO IT OFF THE BACK OF POOR PEOPLE AND WE'RE NOT SALACIOUS BECAUSE WE'RE HERE, AND YOU'RE OUT OF LINE FOR MOVING THE FURNITURE. THAT WAS PLAIN DISRESPECTFUL. I DIDN'T ASK YOU SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO ME. YOUR TURN.

Ms. LaRocca: MY NAME IS REGINA LARocca AND I'M GOING TO BRING UP A COUPLE OF POINTS AND ONE IS ACTUALLY AFTER YOUR FORCED EVICTION FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG, EXCEPT BEING RESPONSIBLE, YOU'RE UP AGAINST A SITUATION THAT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU'RE FROM THIS CITY. THE PEOPLE THAT ARE MOVING HERE THAT ARE NOT FROM THE CITY, IN A DIFFERENT INCOME BRACKET, THEY GET PRIORITY OVER ALL THE HOUSING THAT IS AVAILABLE. WE PAY THE RENT. I HAD FIRST, LAST AND DEPOSITS IN MY SAVINGS. I EVEN HAD THE NEXT MONTH'S RENT BECAUSE IT WAS ME AND MY PARTNER AND OUR POOLED RESOURCES. NO ONE WOULD RENT TO US BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE THREE TIMES OUR RENT IN INCOME. NOBODY HAS THREE TIMES THEIR RENT IN INCOME, IT NEEDS TO BE ILLEGAL IMMEDIATELY! MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN HAVE TWO RENTS IN INCOME. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON TIME AND IF WE HAVE \$50 LEFT AFTER OUR RENT IS PAID, THAT'S NOBODY'S BUSINESS. NOBODY. AND THAT IS WHY THE PEOPLE FROM THIS CITY CANNOT LIVE IN THIS CITY ANYMORE.

THIS NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IMMEDIATELY. THE OTHER PROBLEM I WAS COMING UP AGAINST WAS THESE CREDIT CHECKS, PEOPLE PAYING \$75 PER APPLICATION TO RENT A HOUSE, PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR ONE RENTAL APPLICATION, NEVER MIND THE 20 OR 30 TO GET HOUSING. AND

PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD THAT THEY WILL GET THE HOUSING BEFORE ANYONE THAT'S FROM HERE. IF THIS WAS THE 12 CENTURY, THIS WOULD BE A WAR, LIKE A PHYSICAL WAR, WE'RE GOING TO RAPE AND PILLAGE AND KICK EVERYBODY OUT AND WE'RE GOING TO LIVE HERE NOW AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MONEY. JUST BECAUSE OF MONEY.

Ms. LaRocca: SO THE APPLICATION FEES, THEY NEED TO HAVE SOME WAR WHERE THERE'S LIKE FIVE PEOPLE GET TO APPLY AND THEY NEED TO PICK FROM THOSE PEOPLE AND IF THEY'RE LEGAL AND GOT THEIR SHIT TOGETHER, THEY GET RENTED TO. THEY DON'T SIT AROUND COLLECTING TWO OR \$300 A DAY BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING THAT ON APPLICATION FEES AND RAKING IT IN MAKING MORE MONEY THAN THEY WOULD BE BY RENTING THE ROOM. SOME OF THOSE ROOMS ARE 500 SQUARE FEET! THEY'RE LITTLE. AND THERE'S 30 PEOPLE A DAY TRYING TO GET THE RENTAL FOR A STUDIO APARTMENT. THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE! THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Tyler: MY NAME IS TYLER, I'M A LIFE-LONG PORTLAND RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER. PORTLAND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS PLANNED. THIS WHOLE THING IS PLANNED. THIS RENTAL CRISIS THAT WE'RE SEEING QUOTE/UNQUOTE CRISIS, THIS IS A PROFIT PLAN MADE BY THE CITY TO KEEP PORTLAND ALIVE UNDER THE GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING OF CAPITALISM THAT'S HAPPENED SINCE DEINDUSTRIALIZATION. IN 1980, THE CITY OF PORTLAND VOTED TO INCORPORATE EAST PORTLAND INTO THE CITY AND WHAT HAPPENED THEN? THEN THEY RECHANGED THE ZONING LAWS TO ALLOW ALL OF THE HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING TO BE MOVED OUT THERE, THEY SWITCHED OUT THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING VOUCHERS TO BE PLACED IN EAST PORTLAND AND THEY NEVER INTENDED TO INVEST A DIME INTO THAT COMMUNITY AND WHAT DID THEY DO? WE HAVE A BUNCH OF ORDERS FROM PORTLAND SO HOW IS THE CITY OF PORTLAND GOING TO SURVIVE ON A GLOBAL CAPITALIST MODEL?

PORTLAND SAYS WE'RE GOING TO INVEST IN CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MODELS SO IT'S GREAT FOR US, SO LET'S MAKE PORTLAND A DISNEYLAND FOR 20 SOMETHING WHITE PEOPLE TO COME INTO THE CITY AND WE'RE GOING TO MARKET THAT WITH "PORTLANDIA" AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS LITTLE DISNEYLAND SO OUR CITY CAN KEEP MAKING BIG MONEY AND ATTRACT THE ELITE TO COME IN AND PARTY WHEN IN REALITY THERE ARE PORTLANDERS LIVING HERE RIGHT NOW. THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT. AND SO NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T LOOKED AT, WE'RE GETTING PUSHED OUT OF THE CITY. CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE FACING HUGE DROUGHTS IN NEVADA, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, EVERYWHERE. THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE COMING TO OUR CITY AND THEN WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? STRATIFICATION OF GOAL CAPITALISM. RENT IS GOING TO KEEP GOING UP, UP, AND UP AND ALL THE POOR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET PUSHED OUT FOR THE RICH TO HAVE THEIR PLAYGROUND

IN THE CITY AND THE ONLY WAY THIS IS GOING TO STOP IS NOT BY BEGGING A BUNCH OF BUREAUCRATS TO CHANGE SHIT.

Mr. Tyler: COMMUNITY CONTROL OVER EVERYTHING! LAND-BASED STRUGGLE AND WE'VE GOT TO IDENTIFY THE REAL CULPRITS HERE, WHICH IS THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND THE URBAN PLANNERS WHO HAVE CREATED URBAN RENEWAL ZONES, DOZENS OF THEM THROUGHOUT THE INNER CITY THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO CLOSE DUE TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND RAISE THE MONEY THAT THEY'RE GETTING AND THEN THEY SAY WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE THEM EVENTUALLY AND ALL THAT TAX REVENUE WILL GO BACK TO THE CITY. IN REALITY THE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ANOTHER LOSS OF REVENUE. YOU LOOK AT THE AIRPORT. OH, IT'S THE URBAN RENEWAL ZONE.

THE COMMISSION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE BIKE LANES, FROM THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM TO EMMANUEL HOSPITAL, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THEY CLEARED IT ALL OUT AND THEY PUSHED IT OUT, AND NOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS SAY PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO THE COMMUNITY AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE FINAL SAY OVER ANY OF YOUR PLANS, THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANOTHER ALBINA COMMUNITY PLAN THAT WOULDN'T -- AND THROWS OUT THE WINDOW AFTER THE BLACK COMMUNITY CAME IN AND DEVELOPED A VISION FOR THAT. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ANYMORE BECAUSE GUESS WHAT? WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU FUNCTION UNTIL WE HAVE COMMUNITY CONTROL AND WE'RE GOING TO SHUT YOU DOWN AND NO MORE OF YOUR FICTITIOUS COMMUNITY MEETINGS, THAT'S BULLSHIT. WE'RE TAKING OVER.

Ms. Roberts: MY NAME IS THERESA ROBERTS. I RENT AND I VOTE. [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE] THIS IS A VENTURE CAPITALISM CREATED DISASTER. FIRST, THEY STOLE OUR HOMES AND HELD THEM CAPTIVE SO WE GET MORE RENTERS AND LESS PROPERTY BEING RENTED AND THEN RENT HAS BECOME A COMMODITY AND WALL STREET IS NO LONGER INVESTING IN HOUSES BECAUSE WE CLOSED THAT LOOPHOLE. NOW, WALL STREET IS INVESTING IN RENT. WE HAVE BECOME THEIR COMMODITY. YOU STOOD BY AND LET THIS HAPPEN! YOU ARE GOING TO STAND BY AND LET IT HAPPEN ON ANOTHER LEVEL NOW! FIRST, THEY TOOK AWAY THE HOMES OF THE ELDERLY, OUR VETERANS WHO ARE OFF FIGHTING WARS WHILE THEY WERE OVERSEAS, FROM OUR VETERANS, FROM OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, FROM OUR ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS, BROKE UP FAMILIES, GENTRIFIED US OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR CHILDREN OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS, YOU FORCED US INTO OUR CARS, YOU FORCED PEOPLE UNDER BRIDGES.

YOU LET THIS HAPPEN. WELL, GUESS WHAT? BERNIE SANDERS AND OTHERS HAVE INTRODUCED A POLITICAL REVOLUTION! PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE AND ARE DESPERATE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE AND ARE DESPERATE AND CRIME RATES GO UP AND WE START LISTENING TO ELTON JOHN

RECORDS AND BURN IT DOWN! WE ARE TIRED OF NOT BEING ABLE TO EAT WHERE WE WORK, WE'RE TIRED OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOP WHERE WE WORK, AND NOW, YOU'RE TELLING US WE CANNOT LIVE WHERE WE WORK! WE ARE DESPERATE! WE ARE ANGRY AND WE ARE GETTING VERY HARD TO CONTROL! AND WE ARE CLOSING YOUR SECRET FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND WE ARE GOING TO MAKE YOU ACCOUNTABLE TO US. THIS IS A POLITICAL REVOLUTION! AND IF YOU DO NOT LISTEN TO THE WINDS OF CHANGE, WE WILL BLOW! YOU! AWAY! [APPLAUSE] AND WE WILL DO IT LEGALLY AND THROUGH THE CHANNELS BECAUSE WE ARE LEARNING! WE ARE NOT STUPID AND WE ARE LEARNING.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

Mr. Zamora: ANTONIO ZAMORA. I AM FROM HERE. THIS IS MY HOME CITY. THE CITY SHOULDN'T BE THIS EXPENSIVE. MY PLACE OF BIRTH SHOULD NOT BE THIS OUTRAGEOUS. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THIS HOUSING EMERGENCY BUT REALLY GETS EXPRESSED AS HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS BECOME A LEGAL CRIMINAL INSTITUTION BECAUSE RENT IS TOO HIGH TO PAY. POLICE ARE FORCING PEOPLE INTO THE STREETS AND WHEN PEOPLE SLEEP OUTSIDE, POLICE TAKE THEIR BLANKETS AWAY. THIS IS IMMORAL AND UNJUST. HOUSING SHOULDN'T BE A CAPITALIST INDUSTRY BECAUSE HOUSING IS TRULY A HUMAN RIGHT. [APPLAUSE] THAT'S WHAT I'M SPEAKING OF, STRUCTURED OPPRESSION. WE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND DO IT. I AM A PERSON WHO WILL AGITATE THE PEOPLE HERE AND GO FURTHER AND GET JUSTICE. I AM A RAG TAG. I WILL GO GET JUSTICE AND I WILL NORMALIZE JUSTICE. DO YOU REMEMBER? I WAS THERE. WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN LIKE THAT. I AIN'T PLAYING. I NEVER PLAY. WE'RE PRETTY OPEN MINDED HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I'M SORRY. ONE LAST SPEAKER, AND THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM. GO AHEAD, SIR. [YELLING] CAN YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

Mr. Chris: THESE PEOPLE HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO SPEAK. THEY HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THEY WANT TO TAKE THEIR TURN SPEAKING I'M ALL FOR IT. I WILL WAIT ALL DAY. I'M CHRIS, I APOLOGIZE, I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK BECAUSE I WAS DOWN AT COURT HAVING TO DEFEND MYSELF AND MY SON AGAINST CRIMINAL CHARGES PLACED ON US BY THE CITY OF GRESHAM WHO SEEMS TO BE JUST AS UNSYMPATHETIC AND UNEMPATHETIC AS THE COMMISSIONERS SITTING HERE BEFORE ME. SO WHILE I'M ARRESTED FOR STANDING UP FOR THE VOICES OF THE VOICELESS WHO ARE ECONOMIC REFUGEES BECAUSE OF THIS CITY'S, MY CITY'S, THIS COUNTY'S AND THIS STATE'S POLICIES, ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. NOW, I'M FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR STANDING UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN, FOR WHAT IS A HUMAN RIGHT. HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT. ALLOWING INVESTORS AND PREDATORY LENDERS TO COME TO OUR CITY AND TAKE IT OVER, TO COME TO OUR

COUNTY AND TAKE IT OVER AND PUSH THESE ISSUES OUT INTO GRESHAM IS A PROBLEM. AND IT'S A PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER.

Mr. Chris: THIS IS A MAN MADE PROBLEM. EVERY ONE OF YOU COMMISSIONERS SITTING UP THERE HAVE THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING TODAY. YOU'VE HAD THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING FOR MANY YEARS AND YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING. YOU'VE ALLOWED THIS PROBLEM TO BECOME WORSE AND WORSE AND WORSE. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PORTLAND. I HAD TO RAISE MY FAMILY IN GRESHAM BECAUSE I WAS GENTRIFIED OUT OF MY OWN NEIGHBORHOOD, NOT ONCE, NOT TWICE, THREE TIMES I HAD TO MOVE. NOW, I LIVE 242 BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF DOWNTOWN. 242 BLOCKS. THAT'S NOT WHERE I WANT TO LIVE. IT'S NOT THE CITY THAT I WANT TO LIVE IN. BUT THAT'S WHERE I'M AT BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE A HOME, A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE HOMES.

AND NOT ONLY IS THIS COUNTY NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT RENT CONTROL AND NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS, THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS EITHER SO I'M SPEAKING ON BOTH POINTS TODAY BECAUSE THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. THEY HAVE NO HOMES. AND YOU ARE PART OF THE REASON WHY THEY DON'T HAVE HOMES. MY CITY AND THIS CITY ARE PART OF THE REASONS WHY THEY DON'T HAVE HOMES. SO I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I EXPECT YOU, IN FACT, I DEMAND OF YOU TO DO SOMETHING TODAY BEFORE WE LEAVE, IT'S A VERY SIMPLE THING THAT YOU HAVE TO DO. PULL OUT THOSE PENS AND SIGN THAT DOCUMENT AND MAKE THIS SHIT HAPPEN BECAUSE I'M GETTING TIRED OF IT. I'M TIRED OF IT. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES, ASHAMED, SHAME, SHAME! [AUDIENCE YELLING]

Mr. Entwistle: I WANT TO SPEAK FOR 30 SECONDS, JUST 30 SECONDS. JUST REAL QUICK. JUST REAL QUICK. I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR AND I SEE A LOT OF HURT HERE. WE NEED TO HEAL. AND WE NEED TO CALL OFF THE DOGS, OKAY AND THE BULLETS, OKAY. WE NEED TO HEAL. I REPRESENT OREGON HEALING MAN SANCTUARY, OKAY AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE AND WE NEVER HAVE, OKAY. BUT WE CAN HAVE IT OKAY. BOBBY KENNEDY ONCE SAID, HE SAYS THERE WAS A QUOTE, HE SAYS THAT PEOPLE SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE AND ASK WHY. I SEE THINGS AS IT HAD NEVER BEEN AND SAY WHY NOT? THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I APPRECIATE EVERYONE COMING THIS MORNING. WE CAN'T LISTEN, WE CANNOT HEAR, WE CANNOT THINK WHILE YOU'RE SCREAMING. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A RECESS. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS GOING TO TAKE A RECESS. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:48 a.m.

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