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County of Multnomah)

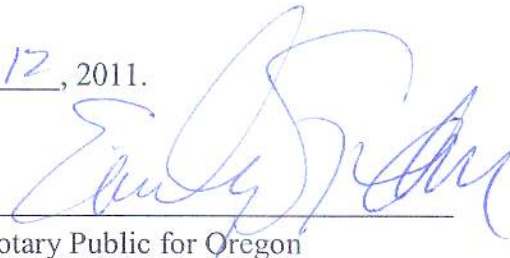
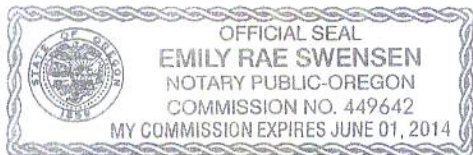
I, Keith Witcosky, being duly sworn do depose and say that:

1. I am the Deputy Director of Government Relations/Communication at the Portland Development Commission; and
2. In conformance with ORS 457.085(5), the Portland Development Commission presented via email copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan and accompanying Report to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction affected by the Plan.



Keith Witcosky
Deputy Director –
Government Relations & Communications

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on May 12, 2011.



Notary Public for Oregon



Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Chair

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July 12, 2011

Dear Portland Development Commission and Portland City Council:

Thank you for inviting Multnomah County to engage in a community discussion about the future of urban renewal in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area.

Multnomah County's representative on the North/Northeast Economic Development Initiative (N/NE EDI) Advisory Committee, my chief of staff and resident of NE Portland, Marissa Madrigal, reported to me that PDC's outreach process was engaging and inclusive, regular opportunities for public comment and questions were provided, and the pros and cons of proposed changes were actively discussed.

While the committee's proposed changes to the Interstate Corridor URA boundaries do have a financial impact to the county of about \$7 million dollars over the life of the district, I believe the changes are modest and targeted to the areas with the greatest need. I also agree with the committee's recommendation that housing investments in the Interstate Corridor URA focus on preventing displacement of existing residents as the district economy expands - and that the Portland Housing Bureau provide culturally competent services for vulnerable homeowners, including seniors.

I am grateful to PDC for designing a process that engaged with the community in a meaningful way, one which didn't shy from difficult discussions and which weighed the trade-off's inherent in urban renewal decisions openly and transparently. Ultimately, it was clear to me that representatives of the affected community supported the proposed changes to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area. For that reason, I endorse the recommendations made to you by the N/NE EDI Advisory Committee and ask you to approve them.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cogen
Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon



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Carole Smith
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

May 23, 2011

To the Portland Development Commission (PDC) and the Portland City Council:

Thank you for including Portland Public Schools in the valuable process that has led to these recommended expansions to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area now before you.

Our representative on the North/Northeast Economic Development Initiative Committee supported these expansions in committee, and Portland Public Schools continues to support this action.

These amendments focus tightly on neighborhood commercial districts and businesses in Portland neighborhoods with amongst the highest unemployment and the greatest need for investment. We support that focus, especially given the PDC's commitment to reach out to ensure that the disadvantaged business owners and residents of the area have full access to these opportunities.

Portland Public Schools believes that our families and community benefit from urban renewal: Through creation of family-wage jobs, affordable family housing, Safe Routes to Schools, livable neighborhoods and ultimately an increased tax base.

Urban renewal does have an impact on our school finances. Across all urban renewal areas, Portland Public Schools is directly forgoing \$6.6 million in local tax revenue in 2010-11, with an additional \$19.6 million forgone in PPS taxes collected toward the State School Fund.

The PDC projects that the Interstate Corridor URA's expansion will add a total of \$5.4 million forgone over the next 15 tax years. At the same time, it is worth noting that the total cost of the urban renewal area – its maximum debt – is not expanded. By increasing tax increment funds to the PDC but not increasing debt, the amendments should accelerate the urban renewal projects and pay them off sooner. That would allow the properties to return to the tax rolls to benefit all local taxing jurisdictions earlier. We see that as an ultimate benefit to PPS and the community.

Throughout this process, representatives of the city and the PDC have recognized and supported the role that healthy public schools play in creating vital neighborhoods, expanding educational and employment opportunities and as centers of community. With this proposed expansion, the Interstate Corridor URA—now home to 10 PPS school sites—will also include Roosevelt High School, long a pillar of the St. Johns community. We very much appreciate that advocacy for our students and our schools and look forward to our continued work with the PDC and the City of Portland to increase educational success and enhance our city's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Carole Smith
Superintendent

Portland Development Commission
222 NW Fifth Avenue
Portland OR 97209

May 4, 2011

Chair Scott Andrews
Commissioner Aneshka Dickson
Commissioner John Mohlis
Commissioner Steven Straus
Commissioner Charles Wilhoite

RE: Support for Oregon Convention Center Amendments

On April 11, 2011, PDC staff presented the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) a preview of three upcoming amendments to the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Plan.

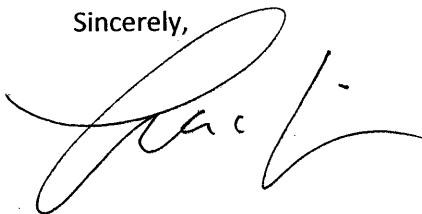
From our understanding these amendments achieve the following:

- The 18th Amendment: Is essentially a "housekeeping" action which makes certain types of amendments more efficient.
- The 19th Amendment: Allows tax increment resources to be invested in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.
- The 20th Amendment: Removes property along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. with the intention of transferring it into the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area in order to continue investment along the corridor.

This letter is intended to convey our support for all three amendments.

During the briefing, staff also reviewed a proposal to remove right-of-way from the district. The URAC felt the Sullivan's Gulch area adjacent to Interstate 84 and Interstate 5 should remain in the district to preserve the opportunity to extend the 40-mile loop trail. We understand PDC staff heard these concerns and will leave this right-of-way in the district to allow for potential funding opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Traci Manning', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Traci Manning, OCC URAC Chair



27 June 2011

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97201

Re: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area Expansion Proposal

Dear Chair Andre' Baugh and Commissioners,

The St Johns Boosters, a non-profit organization promoting businesses in the St Johns area, requests that the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission recommend the addition of the St Johns area to the City Council.

Thank you for your consideration,

On Behalf of the St Johns Boosters Board of Directors
Curt Schneider, President
St Johns Boosters

Cc: via email
Sara King, PDC
St Johns Boosters Board of Directors
St Johns Main Street Coalition, Holly Heidebrecht, Executive Director
St Johns Neighborhood Association, Babs Adamski, Chair
Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association, Barbara Quinn, Chair

June 8, 2011

To:
Portland Development Commission

From:
St. Johns Neighborhood Association

This is a letter in support of the expansion of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area into the St. Johns neighborhood.

Our community outlined it's vision for development in the St. Johns/Lombard Plan in 2004. This plan is still supported by the community although many of the envisioned improvements are unfunded and unfulfilled. We specifically welcome PDC's expertise and urban renewal funding to help us with:

- Gateway streetscape features,
- Improvements to traffic flow and pedestrian safety,
- Development of key commercial opportunity sites,
- And support to our existing businesses to improve and expand.

St. Johns' commercial district is in need of improvements. We are on the brink of reaching a critical mass of activity to make our mainstreet a destination. The strategic use of urban renewal resources in a few catalytic improvements could push the market in St Johns and encourage private-sector reinvestment.

Recent efforts in our community are helping us develop unprecedented relationships between community residents and business and property owners to push to achieve a shared vision in St. Johns. Two neighborhood groups (St. Johns Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association), two business associations (St. Johns Business Boosters and North Portland Business Association) and the St. Johns Main Street Coalition are committed to work together to realize these improvements. However, we need the public sector investment that urban renewal brings to help us achieve these goals.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with PDC to implement key components of the Neighborhood Economic Development Strategy in the expanded Interstate Urban Renewal Area, particularly those that improve equity in opportunity for the full diversity of Peninsula residents and business owners. We're aware that even an expanded URA will have limited resources to bring to the communities in North and Northeast Portland, but we look forward to working with our neighbors across the area to prioritize projects that will improve community and business opportunities for all. We are confident that St. Johns' participation in the URA will lead to a more complete mix of community-scale businesses and support the economic vitality of the multiple commercial centers currently in the URA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Babs Adamski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Babs Adamski
Chair, St. Johns Neighborhood Association