

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting the *East Portland Action Plan*

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Much of the East Portland area east of Interstate 205 was annexed to Portland from unincorporated Multnomah County during the 1980s-1990s with a substantial lack of urban infrastructure.
- b. The 2007 *East Portland Review* describes the existing conditions, needs and trends of the East Portland area and highlights: significant infill development in single- and multi-dwelling areas; a loss of trees and landscape character; increasing population growth and diversity; pockets of increasing poverty; unmet local neighborhood commercial and business opportunities; lack of public facilities and infrastructure (such as streets without sidewalks, a lack of safe pedestrian crossings, and undeveloped parks); lack of geographically dispersed social services; limited north-south and off-peak transit service; and concerns about public safety.
- c. The *East Portland Review* found that the East Portland study area, comprising roughly one-quarter of Portland's total population, is experiencing population growth at a rate substantially greater than the City of Portland overall, and experiencing a greater increase in racial and ethnic diversity at a faster rate than the City of Portland overall.
- d. The *East Portland Review* found that the number of neighborhoods in East Portland with income levels at or above the citywide median is declining. All of the elementary schools in the area have over 50% of their students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch – with some as high as 90%.
- e. The City of Portland initiated the *East Portland Action Plan*, in partnership with Multnomah County, in December 2007 as a means to address some of these issues by identifying short-term opportunities to improve livability, as well as long-term strategies to address some of the challenges facing East Portland.
- f. The *East Portland Action Plan* process included an East Portland Action Plan Committee composed of: East Portland residents and businesspeople; elected officials from Multnomah County, Portland and Metro; representatives from the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Parkrose School District, TriMet and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT); and representatives of local non-profit organizations.
- g. The East Portland Action Plan Committee endorsed the Recommended *East Portland Action Plan* in July 2008 as a document that articulates aspirations for East Portland and specific ideas for actions to improve community livability.
- h. The *East Portland Action Plan* was adopted by the City of Portland in February 2009.
- i. Several *East Portland Action Plan* strategies and actions are within the scope of the Multnomah County mission.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County adopts the attached *East Portland Action Plan* (December 2008) and appendices with the intention that the report and action plan will guide the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in the course of decision-making related to services and projects in East Portland.
2. Multnomah County encourages other government entities and agencies such as the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission, TriMet, Metro, the State of Oregon, David Douglas, Parkrose, Portland Public, Centennial and Reynolds School Districts to use the *East Portland Action Plan* as a guide to their own actions and activities in the East Portland area.
3. Multnomah County encourages non-profit agencies, community development corporations, neighborhood associations, business associations, and other organizations working in East Portland to use the *East Portland Action Plan* as a guide to their own actions and activities in the East Portland area.

ADOPTED this 22nd July 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:
Commissioner Judy Shiprack, District 3