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Dear Chair Kafoury and Commissioners:

The Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI) is privileged to support the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners and the Office of Sustainability in the County's efforts to create a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sound Multnomah County.

Of particular note, ACSI applauds the Board's adoption of the "100 by 50" resolution, wherein the County affirmed its commitments to meet community-wide energy needs with 100 percent renewable energy by 2050; to develop community-based renewable energy infrastructure to meet two percent of community needs by 2050; to prioritize expanded, clean public transit and active transportation infrastructure; and to share the opportunities in and mitigate negative affects of the transition to clean energy, particularly with low-income or impacted communities.

Each year ACSI makes policy recommendations to the Board. This year ACSI respectfully submits the following recommendations to support and further the County's work.

Recommendation 1 – 2018 County State Legislative Agenda

ACSI supports the County's current efforts to advocate: for a State "cap and invest" bill that prioritizes the needs of environmental justice communities and establishes an impactful carbon pricing policy; to fully fund and implement "Cleaner Air Oregon" regulations; and for a Public Utility Commission community solar docket that includes a ten-percent low income participation requirement and supports community based renewable energy projects. In addition, ACSI believes the County should work with State legislators to:

1. Dedicate the State's VW settlement proceeds to accomplish actual reductions in diesel particulate matter (PM) and related pollutants in the most highly impacted communities. Linking the mitigation funds with their source diesel emissions is essential because diesel PM poses a local human health risk 100-800 times greater than the metals hot spots discovered last year. Rather than funding less targeted general transit electrification or widespread EV charging stations, settlement dollars should be dispersed where the greatest impact from diesel PM and NOx is experienced and with a focus on the most vulnerable, like children and people of color. As part of this effort, continue advocating for effective and comprehensive diesel regulations.

2. Develop new or revised State renewable energy and energy efficiency incentive structures that prioritize benefits for low-income communities, promote community based infrastructure, and facilitate meeting the County's energy commitments in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and "100 by 50" resolution.

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Recommendation II – County and Regional Policy

ACSI recommends the Board continue evaluating the use of a local air district, as well as partnerships with universities, governments, and others, to monitor and protect our air quality and continue formulation of an environmental justice resolution to engage and protect vulnerable populations in the County's efforts. For 2018, ACSI recommends that the Board take the following concrete actions to foster safe and healthy communities:

1. Adopt a commercial and residential wood smoke curtailment ordinance to help maintain County compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. Support this ordinance with a robust public and neighborhood outreach program, and with funding or public-private partnerships for a woodstove change out program. Continue building a relevant information database by expanding the County Environmental Health database system to request whether restaurant license applicants use wood smokers, grills, pizza ovens, or other wood devices.
2. Adopt a clean diesel procurement program to reduce County-related diesel PM and establish a local off-road vehicle registry program to improve data available to the County.

Recommendation III – Shape an Active, Clean Transportation System and Infrastructure

It will be difficult to accommodate the expected population growth demands in the County while addressing the health- and socio-economic risks that accompany growth, complying with air quality regulations, and meeting greenhouse gas emissions reduction commitments. Therefore, in 2018 and in the future, ACSI believes it is important that the County engage the State, Metro, TriMet, and local governments to shape transportation investments in the County in ways that further the CAP and "100 by 50" resolution. ACSI recommends the Board prioritize: expanded public transportation networks; active transportation infrastructure; safe, inclusive, 20-minute neighborhoods; limiting and managing traffic congestion in the region through support of area-wide "congestion pricing," with revenues tied to transit or safety investments in historically underserved communities; and electrification of short trip vehicles, such as transit, school buses, and service trucks.

Thank you for the opportunity to advise the County on these issues and we look forward to working with the Board and County on these and additional policy areas as needed.

Sincerely,

Your 2017 ACSI Members