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Honorable Chair Vega Pederson and Commissioners,

The City of Wood Village, including its elected and appointed leaders, staff, and community members, would like to express our deep gratitude to the Office of Sustainability and its Climate Resiliency Program. As you know, the most recent heat mapping update from the County identified Wood Village as the hottest city in the County. For more than a decade, the City has worked to mitigate heat impacts by planting more trees, reducing parking maximums to minimize the effects of large parking lots, and developing public amenities to help residents stay cool during extreme heat events. However, as a designated Justice 40 community, our limited budget and significant needs require additional assistance.

Through collaboration with John Wasiutynski, Eron Riddle, and other County officials, as well as the grassroots community organization Lideres Naturales, we were able to provide critical support. In just two months, 36 households in a manufactured home park received mini-split HVAC units at no cost to the homeowners. These parks experience some of the highest temperatures during heatwaves due to excessive pavement and limited tree cover. Many of the homes are older with inadequate insulation, making them particularly vulnerable to extreme weather. All 36 HVAC units went to low-income households, with 34 of those homes belonging to BIPOC families. In addition to the mini-splits, we secured 28 portable AC units, all of which were distributed to BIPOC households, many with small children.

In total, we were able to support 64 homes with a combined investment of \$334,018. While this effort made a significant impact, we recognize there is more work to be done. Wood Village has nearly 600 manufactured homes, as well as many older apartment units, that would benefit from expanded program offerings. Although Portland's Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund promotes valuable initiatives, only Portland residents can benefit from them. It's easy to overlook the needs outside of Portland, where strategic investments are equally necessary.

We believe what we did in Wood Village this past summer is a proven model and can be expanded, not only to assist more community members in Wood Village, but to benefit other parts of the County as well. Once again, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and investment in the Office of Sustainability and its Climate Resiliency Program. Together, we can continue to reduce the impacts of extreme weather and better serve our most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,

Mayor, John C. Miner