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Date: February 25, 2025

To: Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County Chair
Travis Graves, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Jillian Schoene, Director, Homelessness Response System
Mohammad Bader, Director, Department of County Human Services
Rachael Banks, Director, Health Department
Daniel Field, Director, Joint Office of Homeless Services
Denise Peña, Director, Department of Community Justice
Chris Voss, Director, Emergency Management

From: Jennifer McGuirk, Multnomah County Auditor 

RE: Supportive Housing Services audit

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and county leaders,

I'm writing to provide official notice that my office is starting an audit of the Supportive Housing Services measure and its implementation, as included in my fiscal year 2025 audit schedule. In addition to you, I have addressed this start letter to the Interim COO, Homelessness Response System Director, and department/office directors whose programs receive \$1 million or more in SHS funds. I have assigned Senior Auditor Moss Roberts and Performance Auditor Michelle Greene to the audit, and Audit Director Caroline Zavitkovski will guide the audit under my direction.

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My audit schedule included the following about the initial framing for this audit:

In 2020, Metro voters passed the Supportive Housing Services measure that created funds for supportive housing services for people who experience or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Since then, there has been a robust public discussion about the extent to which local governments are using SHS funds effectively to address and prevent homelessness. This audit will answer questions including how the county has spent SHS dollars and the extent to which those expenditures align with social equity and other criteria for using SHS dollars.

During the initial phase of the audit, we may adapt these questions as we learn about issue areas.

My office will be in touch soon to schedule our audit entrance meeting. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

CC:

Meghan Moyer, County Commissioner, District 1

Shannon Singleton, County Commissioner, District 2

Julia Brim-Edwards, County Commissioner, District 3

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