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The Honorable Debra Kafoury
Chair of the Multnomah County Commission
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600
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Dear Chair Kafoury:

On behalf of the Oregon Harbor of Hope, Inc., an Oregon public benefit non-profit corporation, I am pleased to submit to you and the commissioners an offer to purchase the Wapato Detention Facility for seven million dollars, as described in the attached offer agreement proposal.

Our board trusts that you and the commission know that our proposal is made with no consideration of benefit to any other other than our houseless people and our overall community interest. The board is pledged to the avoidance of conflicts of interest or pecuniary gain.

Oregon Harbor of Hope, an organization of private sector benefactors and the generosity of hundreds of volunteers and dozens of companies, seeks to acquire and redevelop the Wapato facility as a multi-service restoration campus to bring housing, training, employment and productivity to the guests of such a center. We believe that such a facility would reduce the overall costs of meeting the needs of our houseless people.

Toward that end, the Oregon Harbor of Hope, Inc., will underwrite the costs of a two-hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) feasibility study.

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Our board and collaborating leaders, volunteers and companies have spent countless hours seeking to find a solution to the very complex homeless challenge. We know there is no silver bullet. We also know the government cannot do it alone. The private sector must step forward and help, beyond the resources currently-available.

The work which has been accomplished by the Joint Office and Home for Everyone in the last three years has been remarkable. Portland and Multnomah County have been taking the actions needed to address the many aspects of homelessness. Your leadership in this regard and that of Mayor Wheeler have been the most which could be offered within the limitations of government.

As you know, the magnitude of the houseless challenge of is just now being fully-understood. Oregon Harbor of Hope board members and our collaborating people and organizations are now stepping forward, to seek to mobilize the private sector into taking the steps necessary to join your efforts and those of the commissioners to explore every alternative which can be considered in the interests of the community.

I would greatly-appreciate your response to our proposal whenever that might be possible.

Sincerely,

OREGON HARBOR OF HOPE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald F. Mazziotti'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'D' and 'M'.

Donald. F. Mazziotti
Director

Enclosure