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Jill C. Smith
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Housing Authority of Clackamas County
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RE: Letter of Support for Section 18 Demolition and Disposition Application
Hillside Park, 2889 SE Hillside Court, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, I am writing in support of the Hillside Park Section 18 Demolition and Disposition Application, as proposed by the Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC).

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC) seeks to submit a HUD Section 18 demolition and disposition application for 100 public housing units that were constructed in the 1940s. This application would permit the Housing Authority of Clackamas County ("HACC") to demolish the deteriorating and obsolete housing units, collectively known as Hillside Park, located at 2887 SE Hillside Court, Milwaukie, Oregon and redevelop the site into mixed-finance affordable housing utilizing the Low Income Tax Credit program.

This application represents an important part of the planning efforts that, when completed, will help to leverage additional resources for the redevelopment of the 16 acre Hillside Park site within Clackamas County. The Board of Clackamas County fully supports this proposal and has helped move the project through a yearlong master planning process and now into the land use phase with the City of Milwaukie.

This project has included an extensive public engagement process to create development and design standards for Hillside Park that implement community values related to economic vitality, inclusiveness, sustainability and design. The Hillside Park redevelopment project will offer opportunities for significant community partnerships, opportunities for engagement in planning efforts, and the strong likelihood of development implementation.

It is with great pleasure that I write to express the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners' support for this Demolition and Disposition Application. The County supports and has been involved in the efforts to develop a Master Plan for the property. The use of the Section 18 Demolition and Disposition program will enable the Housing Authority to increase the number of affordable housing units on this important housing resource in our community.

Sincerely,

Chair Jim Bernard
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners