

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 11/1/16 **Approx. Start Time:** 10:30 a.m. **Approx. Length:** 45 mins.
Presentation Title: 2017 Legislative Agenda Planning Meeting
Department: Public and Government Affairs
Presenters: Gary Schmidt and Chris Lyons
Other Invitees: Department Directors and County Elected Officials

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

The Board is asked to review and provide feedback on the draft list of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) strategic priorities and department priorities to help further refine the County's federal & state legislative priorities for 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As in past years, each department was asked to complete a questionnaire to highlight federal and state policy and funding priorities. This planning session will include a focused discussion of those priorities to help identify and narrow the County's final legislative priorities for the 2017 calendar year. After today's meeting, government affairs staff will work with departments to further refine priorities. Final state and federal legislative agendas will be provided to the BCC for approval on Jan. 10, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

The County's state legislative agenda supports continued State/County shared revenue agreements and other funding streams that support major County programs and services. Loss of these revenues would result in potential cuts to County programs and services. The County's federal legislative agenda also pursues additional funding and grants for County programs and priorities.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- This item aligns with the Public and Government Affairs Strategic Business Plan goals to provide intergovernmental connections and relationship building, strategic policy development and messaging, legislative, advocacy, and outreach services to county elected officials and departments so they can build key partnerships to achieve policy goals important to Clackamas County, with special emphasis on the strategic results in the BCC Strategic Plan.
- This item aligns with all five of the County's Performance Clackamas goals:
 - Build Public Trust Through Good Government;
 - Grow a vibrant economy;
 - Build a strong infrastructure;
 - Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities; and
 - Honor, utilize, promote, and invest in our natural resources.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) continues to maintain close working relationships with the County's legislative delegation and staff at both the state and federal levels, who will be instrumental in helping to advance the County's legislative priorities.

OPTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board discuss the draft priorities and provide input for County staff to further refine the 2017 state & federal legislative agendas.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Key Activities/Dates of 2016 Interim and 2017 State & Federal Legislative Sessions
- Clackamas County Legislative Process
- Draft Summary of Clackamas County 2017 State & Federal Legislative Priorities

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval s/Gary Schmidt

County Administrator Approval _____

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2016 Interim and 2017 State & Federal Legislative Sessions

Key Activities & Dates

ACTIVITY	DATE
Legislative Days	May 23-25
Commissioner one-on-ones	Early/Mid-June
Department Director one-on-ones and request for County-led legislative priorities	Mid/Late-June
Gary & Chris in DC	July 5-8
Coordination meetings with local jurisdictions, businesses, and legislators	July/Aug/Sept
Policy session with BCC for direction on a state transportation package	Aug. 9
Commissioners in DC	Sept.
Distribute legislative questionnaire to departments	Sept. 12
Legislative Days	Sept. 21-23
Deadline to request pre-session legislative concepts	Sept. 26
Legislative questionnaire due to PGA	Oct. 3
H3S Candidates Forum	Oct. 5, 1-4pm
Summit Strategies Federal Update Policy Session with BCC	Oct. 11, 10:30-11:30am
BCC Policy Session – Legislative Agenda Planning (BCC & Department Priorities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All department directors, or their designated representatives, should be in attendance to present their department’s legislative priorities to the BCC. 	Oct. 18, 1:30-3pm
Election	Nov. 8
AOC Annual Conference	Nov. 15-17
Deadline for Legislative Counsel to return legislative concepts	Dec. 7
Legislative Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-on-one meetings with legislators 	Dec. 12-14
Legislative trainings with legislative liaisons	Dec. TBD
Pre-session bill filing deadline	Dec. 21
BCC Policy Session – Legislative Agenda Adoption (BCC & Department Priorities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All department directors, or their designated representatives, should be in attendance to present their department’s legislative priorities to the BCC. 	Jan. 10, 10:30-11:30am
BillTracker trainings with department reviewers	Jan. TBD
Organizational Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-on-one meetings with legislators 	Jan. 9-11
Design/print legislative agenda	Jan. TBD
Distribute legislative process/expectations memo from Don Krupp	Mid-Jan.
Legislative dinner	Jan. 30
State session begins	Feb. 1
DC Trip	Feb. TBD
Constitutional adjournment	July 10
State Legislative Summary Policy Session with BCC	Aug. TBD

Clackamas County Legislative Process, Special Operations Committee, & Messaging

Legislative Process

For Issues on the County's Legislative Agenda:

- PGA coordinates with departments and affiliates, and consults with the Special Operations Committee if needed.
- BCC updated weekly at a minimum, if not more frequently depending on legislative action.

For Issues **NOT** on the County's Legislative Agenda that require County action:

- PGA Director determines if issue is major or minor.
 - If major, PGA swiftly convenes Special Operations Committee to assess issue and craft County position. Special Operations Committee may defer decision to full BCC if desired. Special Operations Committee provides ongoing direction to staff on issue.
 - If minor, PGA Director approves County position.
- BCC informed of any new County positions and is updated weekly after that at a minimum.

Special Operations Committee

The Special Operations Committee will be comprised of two commissioners and representatives from Administration, County Counsel, PGA, and the appropriate department director. The purpose of this Committee is to provide swift action on policy matters so that PGA staff can carry out lobbying activities quickly and effectively.

PGA recommends the following specific individuals to serve on the Committee during the 2016 session:

1. Chair of the County Commission
2. Vice Chair of the County Commission
3. County Administrator
4. County Counsel
5. Assistant County Administrator
6. PGA Government Affairs Staff
7. Relevant Department Director (varies based on issue of focus)

Messaging

Policy Statements/Letters:

Per feedback from legislators, PGA is minimizing the use of formal County letters and will instead communicate official County positions using concise policy statements that will be emailed or hand delivered by the County lobbyist. These policy statements will be vetted and approved by PGA, in consultation with appropriate county department director or designee, and will adhere to the County's legislative agenda or other board approved positions. Should a letter be written, it will be signed by the Chair on behalf of the entire BCC without need for formal approval from all BCC.

Testimony:

- Testimony will adhere to the county's legislative agenda or other board approved positions
- Testimony will be vetted and approved by PGA, in consultation with appropriate county department director or designee
- Testimony may be given without need for approval from all BCC
- Testimony will be available for review by all BCC

Individual Commissioner Letters/Testimony

- Individual commissioners may sign letters and/or provide testimony in support or opposition to non-county legislative agenda issues
- Individual commissioners should not write a dissenting letter or provide dissenting testimony that is in opposition to the county's legislative agenda or other board approved positions
- Letters/testimony will note that opinion is that of individual commissioner, not the entire BCC
- Letters/testimony does not need prior approval from all BCC
- Signed letter/testimony will be shared with BCC and PGA

Summary of 2017 State Legislative Priorities

Strategic Priorities of the Board of County Commissioners

- **State Transportation Funding Package:** Support passage of a mid- to large-scale state transportation funding package that meaningfully addresses the County and region's transportation maintenance and capital needs in order to improve the reliability and safety of our transportation system and meet the needs of our interconnected economy. The County currently faces a \$17 million annual shortfall for road maintenance, which is leading to deteriorating roads and decreased safety.
- **I-205 Expansion Funding:** Advocate for state funding to support an additional lane of capacity in each direction of I-205 from Stafford Road to OR 99E. The Oregon portion of I-205 is federally designated as a High Priority Corridor and is of vital importance to both the Portland metropolitan region and users statewide. Without additional travel lanes, this section of I-205 will be overwhelmed by forecasted traffic volumes and will negatively impact regional freight mobility.
- **Sunrise Phase II Funding:** Advocate for state funding to support extension of the Sunrise System from 122nd Ave. to 172nd Ave. or other operational enhancements that contribute to the entire Sunrise System. This project is vital to improving access to thousands of acres of employment lands, many of which are ready for development.
- **Arndt Road:** Advocate for state funding to support extension of Arndt Road into the City of Canby to allow for improved access to I-5, which is vital to economic development in SW Clackamas County and the City of Canby.
- **Land Use:** Support solutions to address Clackamas County's shortage of long-term employment lands, including subregional analysis.
- **County Courthouse Replacement Funding:** Support the recommendation of the AOC Court Facilities Task Force for \$1.2 million in state funding to continue planning for the replacement of the 80-year old, structurally-deficient Clackamas County Courthouse located in downtown Oregon City.
- **Franchise Fees:** Support efforts prohibiting public agencies from subjecting other public agencies to franchise fees in public right-of-ways unless the fees are directly related to administering the right-of-way program. A proliferation of new franchise fees levied on public agencies has the potential to greatly increase costs to ratepayers.
- **Veterans Tax Relief:** Support legislation that grants a higher property tax exemption for disabled veterans. The current exemption has failed to keep pace with inflation after remaining relatively unchanged since being established more than 60 years ago.
- **Surviving Spouse Tax Relief:** Support legislation that grants a partial property tax exemption for surviving spouses of active duty military personnel killed in the line of duty.
- **Willamette Falls Locks:** Support legislation that establishes a State Commission to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a plan for sustainable operations of the Willamette Falls Locks.

Business and Community Services

- **Industrial Lands:** Support legislation to increase the supply of available land ready for industrial development; Support state financing and incentives to assist local governments in constructing infrastructure and preparing shovel-ready industrial sites.
- **Brownfields:** Support legislation that facilitates redevelopment of vacated industrial sites through measures such as recapitalizing the state Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, creating property tax incentives, and creating state tax credits.
- **Enterprise Zones:** Support the creation of additional Enterprise Zones in Oregon; Oppose measures that would mandate prevailing wage requirements on private industries within Enterprise Zones.
- **Economic Development Funding:** Support continued state funding to counties for economic development programs.
- **Urban Lumber:** Support the findings of the Clackamas Forestry Product Cooperative Program, which was established by the 2015 Legislature for the purposes of utilizing urban forests to stimulate economic development, create jobs, and sequester carbon. A final feasibility study will be presented to the Legislature during the 2017 session.

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- **9-1-1 centers:** Support legislation to improve operations and funding for 9-1-1 centers.

Disaster Management

- **Earthquake Early Warning System for the West Coast:** Support additional state funding to establish an earthquake early warning system in the Pacific Northwest that could help reduce risks associated with earthquakes, including a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The ShakeAlert system is estimated to cost \$38.3 million plus an additional \$16.1 million to operate and maintain the system annually, and would cover the West Coast States of California, Oregon, and Washington. To date, the system has received nearly \$20 million from the federal government and a private foundation.
- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding Allocation:** Support an increase in local agencies' share of EMPG federal funds from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Recent sharp reductions in this funding from OEM has greatly impacted all EMPG-funded jurisdictions, which rely heavily on these federal dollars to assist in the development of emergency operations, hazard mitigation, and staff.

Employee Services

- **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS):** Support legislation reducing the volatility of employer contributions while maintaining an adequate and sustainable retirement program for employees. The PERS system is inundated with over \$20 billion in unfunded actuarial liability following the Oregon Supreme Court's ruling on *Moro v. State of Oregon*. To mitigate the growing deficit, public employers will likely incur contribution increases equal to approximately four percent of payroll in each of the next three biennia.

- **Collective Bargaining:** Oppose legislation affecting interim bargaining negotiations that reduces employer flexibility between contract periods and threatens scarce public resources.
- **Definition of a Supervisor:** Oppose legislation permitting bargaining units of only supervisory personnel.
- **Veterans' Preference:** Support legislation that clarifies veterans' preference requirements in the public hiring process while giving veterans meaningful preference in the process.

Finance

- **Financial Sustainability:** Monitor and influence proposed legislation to ensure adequate and stable funding of county programs and services. Counties partner with the state to provide vital public services and are on the front line of ensuring that services continue and reach those who need them.
- **State/County Shared Revenue Agreements:** Support preservation of counties' share of cigarette, liquor, video lottery, and recreational vehicle fee revenue. Monies received by counties fund economic development programs, county park and recreation areas, and essential front line services, including sheriff's patrol, jails, and health services.
- **Preemption and Local Control:** Oppose preemption of local tax sources and other efforts to restrict local government authority. Local control allows counties to create and fund programs that foster innovation and address the unique needs of their communities.
- **General Obligation Debt Budgeting:** Support legislation amending ORS 294.305 to enable local government agencies the ability to budget for general obligation debt after voters approve general obligation bonds in elections.
- **Public Contracting:** Support considerations to the Public Contracting Code (ORS 279) that promote responsible use of public resources for local agencies.

Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3S)

- **Funding for Health and Human Services:** Support continuation of existing funding levels for health and human services programs – behavioral health, social services, public health, children, youth & families, community solutions, developmental disabilities – to enable Clackamas County programs to continue at current service levels and, in some cases, provide additional prevention, support, and treatment services to vulnerable individuals and families.
- **Affordable Housing and Support Services:** Support efforts to create and preserve affordable housing and support services for moderate, low, and very low income residents and those experiencing homelessness.
 - Support increased state funding levels for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP);
 - Monitor legislation that increases rental protection for tenants;
 - Support level funding for senior programs, including Oregon Project Independence, Health Promotion activities, abuse prevention activities through the Gatekeeper program, and the Options Counseling program; and
 - Support increased funding for veterans' housing needs to meet the rise in the number of homeless veterans in Clackamas County.

- **Cover All Kids:** Support legislation to expand the Oregon Health Plan to cover all children in Oregon.
- **Public Health Modernization:** Support funding that implements recommendations of the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services, which was established by the Legislature in 2013.
- **Youth Tobacco Prevention:** Support statewide legislation aimed at reducing youth tobacco use, including establishing tobacco retail licensing, increasing the legal age to 21, closing the e-cigarette loophole, and funding tobacco education and prevention programs.
- **Recreational Marijuana:** Support efforts to regulate accessibility, marketing, and packaging of cannabis products targeting young consumers. Oppose legislation that would create an exemption to the Indoor Clean Air Act for cannabis cafes.
- **Air quality:** Monitor and influence proposed legislation and funding seeking to improve the region's air quality, with an emphasis on securing additional resources for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to administer these activities.
- **Behavioral Health Reform:** Support legislation to preserve the role of community mental health programs (CMHPs) in providing appropriate and accessible services to meet the behavioral health needs of the county; Support legislation to increase funding and access to Psychiatric Emergency Centers (PEC).

Juvenile

- **Juvenile Crime Prevention - Basic & Diversion Funding:** Support Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Basic & Diversion funding from the Oregon Youth Authority at the highest level possible, which provides approximately \$910,000 annually to the County Juvenile Department.
- **Juvenile Crime Prevention - Prevention Funding:** Support Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funding from the Youth Development Council at the highest funding level possible, which provides approximately \$206,000 annually to the County Juvenile Department.
- **Oregon Juvenile Delinquency Code:** Oppose statutory changes to the Oregon Juvenile Delinquency Code which do not align with identified best practices, are not developmentally appropriate for adolescents, or run counter to positive youth development.
- **JCP Prevention Target Population:** Oppose any statutory changes to the current targeted population of children and youth who are eligible for services that are funded by JCP Prevention.

Law Library

- **Law Library:** Support funding at current levels for county law libraries, which help preserve county residents' access to justice by providing direct professional legal research assistance and legal materials, resources, and services.

Sheriff

- **Justice Reinvestment:** Support state funding of the Justice Reinvestment grant program, which funds community-based programs that help people succeed outside of prison, such as community corrections, re-entry programs, addiction treatment, and mental health services. These programs have been shown to increase public safety and ultimately reduce the demand for costly prison resources.
- **Domestic Violence Resources:** Support legislation that promotes increased resources for victims of domestic violence; support increased funding for family justice centers.

Tourism

- **Recreational Immunity:** Support legislation to reinstate the recreational immunity of employees, officers, and agents who operate, maintain, and repair recreational facilities on behalf of public agencies. In *Johnson v. Gibson*, the Oregon Supreme Court determined that a public landowner's recreational immunity does not extend to its employees. The County, however, continues to be obligated to indemnify its employees for actions taken within the scope of their employment. As such, appellants may indirectly sue the County through its employees, effectively terminating recreational immunity in its entirety while discouraging recreational access for Oregonians.
- **Transient Lodging Tax (TLT):** Support collaborative information sharing between the State Department of Revenue (DOR) and local governments to positively affect audit and enforcement efforts across jurisdictions; Ensure that policy adjustments to state and local Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) programs are consistent with their original intentions; Retain local capacity within the TLT to meet countywide tourism needs; Support efforts to compel transient lodging intermediaries/online travel companies to comply with all applicable TLT programs.
- **Oregon Skiing Activities Statute:** Support efforts to update Oregon's Ski Activities statutes, which have remained unchanged since their creation in 1979. As currently written, the statutes do not address modern equipment, new activities and modes of conveyance, or attractive features such as terrain parks. The lack of references and definitions is causing ambiguity surrounding issues of liability.

Transportation and Development

- **Marijuana:** Support legislation to merge recreational and medical marijuana regulation and enforcement; Monitor and influence changes to the marijuana offense code and revenue distribution formula.
- **Distracted Driving:** Support legislation to update Oregon law covering cell phone use while driving. Currently, law enforcement can only issue citations for talking and texting while operating a motor vehicle. New legislation will clarify that a mobile communication device cannot be in the driver's hand for any use, such as checking or listening to voicemail, playing games, watching videos, programming map functions, and any future activities allowed by advances in technology.

Summary of 2017 Federal Legislative Priorities

Business and Community Services

- **Federal Forest Management and Oregon & California (O&C) Lands:** Support legislation for responsible management of federal forest lands, including O&C Lands, which will reduce wildfire risk and also improve the financial stability of counties by creating a predictable, long-term solution to county revenue needs. Federal forest legislation should balance economic, social, and environmental values so that significant areas of federal forests are dedicated to the production of forest products, while other forests are dedicated to environmental protection.
- **Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act:** Support permanent reauthorization or extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (County Payments) or similar legislation. Extending the Secure Rural Schools Act would continue critical funding to timber dependent counties in Oregon while Congress works to enact legislation to allow for responsible management of federal forest lands. This historically important source of revenue, derived from federal O&C Lands, is critical to timber-dependent counties in Oregon, including Clackamas County.
- **Stewardship Contracting:** Support reauthorization of Stewardship Contracting within the Healthy Forests Restoration Act that would include payments to counties as part of the retained receipts generated from stewardship contracts for the management of federal forests.
- **Cross Laminated Timber (CLT):** Support efforts to develop the Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) industry in Clackamas County, in coordination with partners in the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership (PNMP). The timber industry in Oregon is well positioned to orient itself to meet the increasing demand for CLT products, which will boost Oregon's productivity, attract more investment, and create greater opportunities for local manufacturers to compete on a national and international scale.
- **Wildfire Disaster Funding:** Support policy changes at the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to prohibit "fire borrowing" and prescribe necessary funding for essential wildfire suppression. New, dedicated funding to wildfire suppression will help free up resources to increase federal forest management and lower future wildfire occurrences.
- **Willamette Falls Locks:** Support continued operation and restoration of the Willamette Falls Locks so that they may continue to be an economic, recreational, and historic driver to the region. The Locks bridge the upper and lower stretches of the Willamette River, without which the Willamette becomes to disconnected rivers for navigation purposes. The Locks were operated safely under a reduced schedule until November 2011, when an inspection discovered the gates were in danger of fracture and could not be safely operated. Clackamas County remains a member of the One Willamette River Coalition and seeks federal support to repair and reopen the Willamette Falls Locks.
- **Willamette Falls Legacy Project:** Support efforts to aid in the redevelopment of the 23-acre former Blue Heron paper mill site adjacent to Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Clackamas County has been working in partnership with Oregon City, Metro, and the State of Oregon to explore the feasibility of redeveloping the site, which presents significant structural and environmental challenges. The site's location provides a rare opportunity for a unique economic redevelopment project that would complement and strengthen Oregon City's downtown and create a regionally-significant visitor amenity and historic tourist attraction to benefit the local economy.

- **Willamette Falls Heritage Area:** Support federal designation of the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area. Designation as a historic area will strengthen the identity of the historic working communities of Oregon City and West Linn by preserving and promoting their distinctive natural, cultural, scenic, recreational, and industrial resources. Clackamas County remains an active partner in the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition and fully supports federal designation of the Willamette Falls as a National Heritage Area.

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- **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet):** Support FirstNet, which was created by Congress in 2012 and is working to build, operate, and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. This network will be an essential tool to first responders on life-saving missions.
- **Prepaid Wireless Taxing Mechanism:** Support the development of a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to prevent the loss of prepaid wireless taxing revenue. This fix could help to address the estimated \$280 million in lost revenue nationally as a result of inefficient or non-existent prepaid wireless taxing mechanisms.
- **NextGen 9-1-1:** Support efforts to fund NextGen 9-1-1 infrastructure needs, with a special focus on cybersecurity and other funding streams that may become available.

Disaster Management

- **UASI Areas Security Initiative (UASI):** Support funding for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program, which provides grants to assist high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. These grants are key to enhancing the Portland metropolitan region's preparedness efforts for threats or acts of terrorism.
- **Earthquake Early Warning System for the West Coast:** Support additional federal funding to establish an earthquake early warning system in the Pacific Northwest that could help reduce risks associated with earthquakes, including a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The ShakeAlert system is estimated to cost \$38.3 million plus an additional \$16.1 million to operate and maintain the system annually, and would cover the West Coast States of California, Oregon, and Washington. To date, the system has received nearly \$20 million from the federal government and a private foundation.
- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):** Support continuation of grant funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program as a stand-alone grant and process, which provides approximately \$208,000 annually to the County's emergency management program. EMPG is the backbone of the nation's emergency management system and provides key assistance in building and implementing the county's emergency management capabilities. The grant includes funding for staff and program materials for emergency management plan updates, relationship building, response, and recovery. It is important that funding continue in order to support local emergency management as the number and frequency of natural disasters in the United States continue to rise.

Finance

- **Municipal Securities as High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA):** Support legislation to classify investment-grade municipal securities as HQLA. Doing so will help ensure low-cost infrastructure financing remains available for Clackamas County to continue to build infrastructure for commerce, public safety, job creation, and the development of an educated workforce upon which our residents and regional economy depend.
- **Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT):** Support reauthorization of PILT, which helps to offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands located within Clackamas County. Clackamas County receives \$700,000 annually from this program.

Health, Housing and Human Services (H3S)

- **Funding for Housing Programs:** Support no less than \$3.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula funding, which are the only funds available to the County to construct infrastructure improvements in low-income areas; Support no less than \$1.2 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), which is a keystone in the development of any affordable housing projects in the County; Support \$2.6 billion for Homeless Housing Assistance grants, including at least \$270 million for the Emergency Solutions Grant program plus an amount to fully fund expiring supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care rent subsidy contracts; Support full funding for existing Housing Choice Voucher (formerly known as Section 8) project-based and tenant-based rental contracts, full funding for administrative fees under existing administrative fee methodology to cover the cost of administering the program, and \$500 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee authority. The Voucher Program provides assistance to 1,531 families in Clackamas County that rent units in the private rental housing market.
- **Veteran Homelessness:** Support continued appropriation of resources through the Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant program, and the Grants and Per Diem program to support the goal of ending homelessness among veterans and military families.
- **Funding for Fair Housing:** Support the direct allocation of funding and technical assistance resources to aid local governments in complying with the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Final Rule and in completing the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) planning process.
- **Moving to Work (MTW) Program:** Support designation of Clackamas County within the Moving to Work (MTW) Program, which provides public housing authorities with the opportunity to test innovative, locally-designed strategies with the aim of using federal dollars more efficiently while helping residents find employment and increasing housing choices for low-income families.
- **Capacity Building:** Support funding to allow local health departments to meet accreditation requirements, build systems capacity for billing and reimbursement of health services, and support foundational capabilities.
- **Public Health Funding:** Support funding increases to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Prevention and Public Health Fund. These programs are critical to assisting public health departments with prevention activities, as well as efforts to prepare for responding to a range of public health threats.

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Funding:** Support level funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. The SNAP program has grown significantly in Clackamas County, from 18,897 recipients in FY06-07 to 39,764 recipients in FY14-15. It is an essential benefit to many individuals and families.
- **Child Nutrition Reauthorization:** Support reauthorization of child nutrition legislation that promotes access to healthy and locally-grown food for children in both urban and rural areas.
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program to Age Six:** Support expansion of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program to provide nutrition education and healthy foods to eligible children until they turn 6 years old. WIC currently serves children until they turn 5 years old, which results in a gap for some children between the end of WIC and the beginning of the School Lunch Program.
- **Older Americans Act (OAA):** Support reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which is the major vehicle for the organization and delivery of social and nutrition services to seniors. In FY 14-15, 256,722 meals were served to seniors by the 10 senior centers operating in Clackamas County.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention:** Support additional federal funding for childhood lead poisoning prevention to allow program expansion into Clackamas County. Currently, only Multnomah County and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) receive this funding in Oregon, yet lead issues are pervasive throughout the state.
- **Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Rule:** Support elimination of the Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Rule for addictions and mental health treatment facilities, which are currently prohibited from receiving Medicaid reimbursements for persons between the ages of 22 and 64 if the facility has more than 16 beds.
- **Privacy Protections for Addictions:** Support careful revision of federal regulations relating to privacy protections of alcohol and drug abuse patient records to enable improved information sharing for people with addictions.
- **Weatherization and Energy Assistance Programs:** Oppose funding reductions to the Department of Health & Human Services’ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Department of Energy’s Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program. Clackamas County receives approximately \$1 million per year in federal energy assistance to help meet the heat and electricity needs of more than 3,000 low-income households in the County.

Juvenile

- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP):** Support reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), which established the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system. Reauthorization is critical to providing research, resources, and application of best practices in juvenile justice throughout Clackamas County.
- **Juvenile Justice Grant Funding:** Support increased federal investment in juvenile justice programs. Federal appropriations to states, localities and tribes for key federal juvenile justice programs have been cut dramatically in the last decade: since 2002, funding for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention Act (JJDP) Title II State Formula Grants Program has declined by 50%; funding for JJDP Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Grants Programs has been cut by nearly 80%; and funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG) has been reduced by 90%. Despite the fiscal climate, federal funds to support state and local juvenile justice standards and improvements must be considered essential investments. These monies support programs that are based in evidence, proven to prevent delinquency, and reduce recidivism and increase public safety - critical investments that are worth the cost.

Sheriff

- **Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Funding:** Support robust federal funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants to local governments. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, which advances the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies, has awarded more than \$2.7 million in grant funding to Clackamas County since 1999. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has been a leader in creating and implementing innovative community policing strategies, as well as developing regional and interagency partnerships, which exemplify the types of investments the COPS program seeks to make.
- **Federal Financial Participation:** Support statutory clarifications to allow insurance coverage for individuals housed within Community Corrections Centers but who are not inmates.

Transportation and Development

- **I-205 Expansion Funding:** Advocate for federal funding to support an additional lane of capacity in each direction of I-205 from Stafford Road to OR 99E. The Oregon portion of I-205 is federally designated as a High Priority Corridor and is of vital importance to both the Portland metropolitan region and users statewide. Without additional travel lanes, this section of I-205 will be overwhelmed by forecasted traffic volumes and will negatively impact regional freight mobility.
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- **Mt. Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange:** Support efforts to finalize the Mt. Hood Cooper Spur land exchange, which will provide greater certainty for future development at Government Camp while permanently protecting new areas on the Mountain. This land exchange was initially authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

Water Environment Services

- **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program:** Support robust continued funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, which is a federal-state partnership that provides communities a permanent, independent source of low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.