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Metro Council President Tom Hughes
Councilor Carlotta Collette
Councilor Shirley Craddick
Councilor Craig Dirksen
Councilor Kathryn Harrington
Councilor Sam Chase
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Re: Support for Metro CPD Grants

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) enthusiastically supports several of the proposed project applications for CPD grants. While many of the proposed projects are worthy of investment, the CCBA specifically supports three of the proposals. These projects are issues the CCBA has worked on in the past and continues to support. Specifically, we encourage funding of:

- Oregon City's Willamette Falls Visioning and Master Plan project;
- Wilsonville's Frog Pond/Advance Road Concept Plan project; and
- Clackamas County's Strategically Significant Employment Lands project.

Again, this does not exclude our support for other project proposals, just reinforces our prior endorsement and support of these three. We encourage your support of these projects as you look to funding CPD grants.

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) is a business advocacy organization with employers spanning nine sectors and representing over 15,000 employees throughout the county. We work to promote healthy economic growth throughout the county and entire metro area by advocating for public and private policy decisions that promote job creation and economic vitality. We support the expansion of existing businesses and welcome new companies to the area.

The three projects mentioned directly support the mission of the CCBA. The opportunities presented with the Willamette Falls area come along once in a generation. Supporting the investments of other jurisdictions will help move this effort forward. Land use planning in the Frog Pond area of Wilsonville is critical to help that city continue to balance their job/housing demands. Finally, continued analysis and understanding of the availability of large lot industrial lands is necessary as we look to the future of economic growth in Clackamas County and the broader metro region.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this decision. We look forward to working with Metro and other partners in supporting these projects. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Parker".

Kim Parker
Executive Director

cc: Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operation Officer