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March 7, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams & City Council Commissioners
City of Portland
1221 SW Fourth Ave, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Adams & City Council Commissioners:

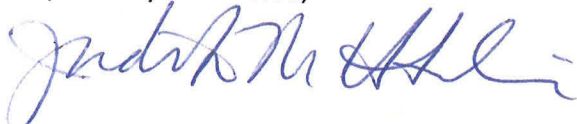
As a native daughter and proud citizen of the City of Portland, I value our City's dedication to preserving our way of life. Paramount to maintaining our City's vibrancy, economy, and culture is public safety.

I was fortunate to participate in the Portland Police Bureau's Community Academy this past May. It is a unique and diverse program that educates common citizens like me about what happens in the daily life of a Portland police officer. Among other activities, we heard officers discuss the emotional toll police work takes on them and their families, and we were able to role play some of the real scenarios they face in the field. It was day I will never forget, and it increases my confidence in and respect for our Portland police officers.

After our training concluded, I joined an officer for an 8-hour ride along. We went on at least eight calls that night, and the one that sticks with me the most is the domestic violence arrest we made. It played out almost exactly as it had in the training scenario I acted out earlier that day. I know that the officers were prepared for the call because they had trained for it before.

Training is critical. However, the various facilities the Bureau used that day were inadequate and geographically dispersed, which dilutes the impact such training should have. I could not more strongly urge the City to invest in a new training facility for the Portland Police Bureau. The proposed location is ideally situated. It would allow many aspects of the needed training to be consolidated and easier to access. Our police officers have made the most of the current training facilities, but imagine how much more effective they could be with improved facilities, more space, and more time to train.

Respectfully submitted,



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CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION

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Testimony of Stan Sittser

Chair Citizens Crime Commission

Wednesday March 7, 2012

Portland City Council

Good morning Mayor Adams, and Commissioners. My name is Stan Sittser, and I serve as Chair of the Citizens Crime Commission. I'm here today on behalf of the Citizens Crime Commission and the Portland Business Alliance in support – *in strong support* – of the Portland Police Bureau's purchase of a building that will house a dedicated officer training facility. We have long been supportive of a Police Bureau training facility that will provide a more efficient and effective means to train their more than 900 sworn personnel on an annual basis. The Crime Commission has several board members who have gone through the Portland Police Citizens' Academy. It was their first-hand exposure to the actual training conditions our officers experience that led us to host two Executive Briefings last spring to educate the business community about both the training requirements and the substandard facilities the officers are using to fulfill those requirements. We feel the purchase of this building is necessary, and should be a high priority for the City.

The need for an adequate police training facility has been discussed for decades. However no plan has come to fruition due to factors including too high of a cost, and lack of appropriate location. The current proposed plan and location is attractive for several reasons:

- The facility price - including necessary upgrades - is within the designated budget.
- The location on NE Airport Way is geographically convenient for all the precincts.
- The building is flexible and can accommodate all the necessary components of training except high speed driving.
- The building will house the administrative offices for the training division.
- The facility can be brought online in short order.
- And, finally, it has potential for generating revenue by renting and leasing to outside agencies.

The Portland Police Bureau is the largest police agency in the state and yet it is not equipped with a single location where defensive tactics, driving, shooting and scenario training can be conducted after officers have gone through the police academy. Realistic scenario based training exercises are shown to be effective training tools. This proposed building allows the bureau to maximize those training opportunities for the officers. The current training has officers driving to four separate locations to achieve the necessary hours of training in the various disciplines, none of which are where the trainers are housed. The current disjointed approach raises logistical and efficiency concerns and more importantly, concerns that the training is not truly optimized. In addition, having a set location provides potential opportunities for community participation and collaborative training with other public agencies.

For all of these reasons, we support the purchase of the property on Airport Way and the necessary upgrades to achieve the goals of the training division.

Thank you for your leadership on this very important issue, and thank you for the opportunity to share our point of view.

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March 6, 2012

Sam Adams, Mayor
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Adams,

Leupold & Stevens, Inc. has been a proud Portland-based manufacturing business for more than 105 years, employing more than 600 Portland area residents.

We strongly support the Portland Police Bureau and their continued efforts to provide the quality of service the people of Portland have come to expect from our first responders. A proper training facility is imperative to these efforts. Through attrition, and with the continued growth of the Portland area, the current training facilities no longer offer adequate serviceability. We ask that you join us in support of Chief Reese in his pursuit of the necessary bonding authority to bring a new regional training facility to fruition.

Sincerely,

Kevin Trepa
Vice President Tactical Division