

EXHIBIT A

TO: City Council

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Commissioner Francesconi and Portland Parks & Recreation propose for the May 2002 election a five-year local option levy of \$.39/\$1,000 of assessed value. If approved by the voters, this levy will generate approximately \$8.9 million in the first year and an average of \$9.7 million per year after property tax compression, delinquency and discounts. The services and improvements funded through the levy would address major issues outlined in the *Parks 2020 Vision* plan adopted by Council in July 2001, as well offsetting budget reductions for fiscal year 2002-03. The funds would be allocated to address the following:

FUNDING PROPOSAL

1. **Restore \$2.2 million in 2002-3 budget cuts (\$2.2 million/year)**

The cuts required in order to balance the 2002-03 General Fund budget are expected to include the closure of some recreational facilities, the discontinuation or reduction of some community partnerships that provide recreation opportunities for youth, reductions in park amenities available to the public, and the erosion of maintenance of park infrastructure. This levy funding would forestall the need for most of those reductions.

2. **Provide access to recreational programs for children, families, and seniors (\$1.05 million/year)**

- ☐ Restore supervised summer playground programs to more neighborhoods.
- ☐ Provide additional after-school programs and outreach to youth at community schools, community centers, and SUN schools.
- ☐ Provide schools with funds for after-school clubs and mentoring activities.
- ☐ Increase access to recreation programs for all: Improve recreation programming and outreach aimed at seniors. Increase inclusion assistance for disabled citizens participating in recreational activities.

3. **Provide safe places to play (\$3.950 million/year)**

- ☐ Play structures at schools and parks: Replace unsafe structures and remove lead base paint.
- ☐ Play fields at schools and parks: Improve safety through regular mowing, irrigation and maintenance.
- ☐ Improve skateboarding opportunities for kids: Build and maintain two neighborhood skateboard areas.
- ☐ Wilson Pool: Replace deteriorating infrastructure at Wilson Pool, the City's most popular outdoor pool and the only one on the West side.
- ☐ University Park Community Center: Finish renovation to University Park Community Center. For the part of the building not yet renovated, bring structure

into compliance with seismic and other building codes, update plumbing and electrical service, make the multigenerational space more functional and attractive for seniors, replace gymnasium for youth and adult sports.

- ☐ East Portland Community Center Pool: Provide a pool at East Portland Community Center. This will be Portland's only public pool east of 82nd Street, providing aquatics programs to youth, families and seniors in this previously neglected area of the city.
- ☐ Operate recreation facilities: Operate improved facilities at University Park and East Portland Community Center.
- ☐ Park Security: Improve Park Ranger patrols at Eastbank Esplanade and other Central City parks.

4. Restore, renovate, and continue to maintain our Parks system (\$1.7 million/year)

- ☐ Basic Park Maintenance: Keep restrooms open and clean, remove litter, maintain shrub beds/grounds, provide safety checks on play equipment, replace bad sprinklers, maintain off-leash areas.
- ☐ Recreational Facility Maintenance: Improve energy efficiency, fix leaks, replace broken fixtures, paint, upgrade mechanical systems, and maintain newly renovated facilities.
- ☐ Urban Forest: Safety checks, hazard removal, replace damaged trees.
- ☐ Natural Areas and Trails: Protect wildlife habitat and water quality, control erosion, restore damaged trails, improve access to trails.
- ☐ O'Bryant Square Renovation: Address infrastructure needs, design and programming of this downtown plaza, currently a major public safety challenge.
- ☐ Maintenance Facilities: Replace or renovate park maintenance facilities, providing safe electrical and plumbing systems, adequate lighting and space, and compliance with building and environmental codes.