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Trusted Leaders of Portland, Karla Moore-Love:

I am reaching out to the Trusted Leaders who look after our best interest in this great city of Portland. You are personally invited to help re-write the plan for a better future for homelessness. Please add to your calendar, this important date to join us in a friendly city walk to end homelessness. I'm hoping you are available to join and are up for this challenge. The challenge begins today, to engage all and everyone you know that represents Portland by working towards the end to homelessness.

This effort YES! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure exists to raise awareness that there is a cure for homelessness. By helping the city of Portland towards clean and safe streets and clean and safe food and housing for the homeless we get our business frontage back. The Homeless Cure is contacting downtown Portland Businesses to challenge other Portland Businesses. As a community we can make a difference, gather and gain strength by numbers.

Get ready, the Portland Homeless Challenge is only seven months away. We are aiming for July 2020, well keep you updated. What category will your walk for? -shirt color Please have your category printed on your t shirts-Large

- Banks and other Financial Groups-Green
- Business-White
- Coffee Shops-Blue
- First Responders-Red, White, Blue FLAG
- Hotels/Restaurants-Red
- Medical Care Centers-Red
- Non-Profits-Blue
- Portland Leaders-White
- Real Estate-Blue
- Retail Store-Red
- Shoe Manufactures White
- Sports-Team Sports Uniform
- Inner Portland Highschool Bands-Uniform Lincoln, Wilson, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Cleveland and Benson

One of the most important elements still missing is finding just the right company to lead and support this worthy cause. If you know of anyone please bring them my way, and I am hoping this person is you.

My name is Cheryl Graves. I am a native Oregonian who has a lifetime investment and protective love for my city, Portland. I am contacting you in my quest to stop homelessness.

An article in the August Portland Business Journal stated that there are 38,000 homeless in the area and that we will spend \$4.1 billion just to manage the problem, this does not include the allotted \$21 billion for 10 years of sponsored housing. Instead of a Band-Aid of \$25 billion, why not a cure, a complete fix for an initial investment of \$1 billion?

I recently published a book that covers my vision of successfully shifting non-functioning homeless individuals into communities that are productive and thriving. My book, "Yes! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure", is a detailed business plan on how we can offer a better life than the streets.

The plan does not provide any food handouts. Instead it provides the necessary foundations to grow and produce eco-friendly crops and proteins. The plan does not provide shelter handouts. Instead it provides the tools and knowledge on how to build their own homes. This plan moves the homeless from the city streets into safe caring surroundings. It allows each person to build the self-esteem and respect necessary for them to be successfully engaged tax paying people in our communities.

Attached to this letter are a few highlights of the plan and a little bit about me. My book can be accessed through Amazon with the following link:

https://www.amazon.com.au/YES-My-Life-Matters-Homeless-ebook/dp/B07XF4R53Y

Available wholesale KDP/Amazon and Ingram Sparks

After you have had a chance to look over the information, I would like to set a meeting date, at your convenience, to go over the entire plan.

To a New Year,

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Presently we have hundreds of groups providing help supporting the homeless. There have been millions upon millions of dollars providing handouts for quick fixes instead of long-term sustainable solutions. The handouts from agencies, government, individuals, churches and businesses are all well intended but they must stop as they do not fix anything and are working independently of one another instead of together. For any organization to be against joining forces is not working for the betterment of the people, but against. Power in numbers!

Yes! My Life Matters allows for:

• every organization under the same roof, joining forces for sustainable results

- homelessness, mental health, suicidal, undereducated persons, veterans and low risk crime offenders to all have viable treatment and rehabilitation
- a village with housing, classrooms, eateries, skills training, health clinics, farming and parks, creating a safe environment while individuals learn to become independent
- tax dollars to be spent more wisely

- apprenticeship programs, mentors, encouragements
- purposeful, worthy and esteem building programs
- self-supporting one's life, home ownership and tax paying individuals
- billions saved in unnecessary handouts and clean-up

To start the plan, we will secure a 300-400-acre parcel of land to begin the village. Initially this will be a city of tents. Buildings will replace the tents providing a safe place to live for transitional individuals working towards a conventional lifestyle. This village community will be built by the residents through on the job training programs and business partnerships. It will be sustained through farmers markets, startup businesses and donations.

I have eight years of college with specialization in business management within the health, beauty and nutrition industry. I have forty years of work experience and have added along the way, structure design and art. While in school I received a Federal Grant based on a plan I developed to increase the minimum wage of employees by 400% in 2 years or less. This plan was very successful with a 92% graduation rate. I presently own, manage and operate several businesses.

As a customer of local businesses, medical centers and community outings, I travel all corners of the city. Every time I venture out either by car, train or plane, I am aghast at the number of homeless individuals and camps that have taken over our city. Most tragic to me are the children. Many who are being raised to believe that the streets are a way of life. School and medical attention is optional and seeking knowledge is unnecessary. My husband and I walk our dogs throughout the city daily and are ashamed of the camps and begging on street corners that has become normal.

"Yes! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure" took three years of research and planning to develop. This book was written to benefit the livability and People of Portland.

As I mentioned before, I love my city and want it to be healthy again. I contacted you because I believe you share this feeling and have a heart for the people and a care for the country. I also believe that with your help this can be the most rewarding project the Northwest has ever backed.

So, from today forward we will no longer listen to the excuses of why this issue isn't being addressed through sustainable avenues. Today we all stand tall and fix the problem of homelessness, mental health sufferers, children and seniors at risk and addiction. To fix one you must fix them all.

I need to be proud of where I live, so let's do this!

Presentation #6

By Cheryl Graves, native to Portland

I'd like to discuss the plan for the 400 acres that I presented to you on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

400 acres for the New Community Village will become the home to; the homeless, troubled and non-conformist, school age kids that need daily alternative teaching platforms, undereducated and low paid adults as well as;

a rehabilitation community including; Non-aggressive crimes, relieving valuable jail space Welfare reform, parents without means Veterans, who can't find their way Immigration, learning to become a resident

Basic amenities such as food and clothing would be provided upon each person's arrival followed by an evaluation to determine their desire to go a step further. The village will provide a safe and nurturing community where any resident can receive education and hands-on training. This allows participating members to progress from one level to the next, whereby they would ultimately be qualified to seek employment and go on to procure their own housing, choosing to live within or away from the village. This village community will be built by the residents through on the job training programs and business partnerships. The residents would be responsible to help sustain the community.

steppingstone Housing

Tents, campgrounds Apartments Multi-plex's Single family homes Separate Dorms for; Children Disabilities Ladies Parents in practice Men and Seniors

Once established, we will begin the construction of the neighborhoods and the surrounding job opportunities.

Agriculture Gardens Greenhouses and Orchards

The utility fields will include ECO Ponds for fishing, irrigation and filtered drinking water, solar wind and peddle power.

Ranch with Public Campgrounds, pastures, farm animals and events, barns, bath house, bee farm, building sites for bungalows, bunk houses, maple farm, petting and riding area and play park.

The Global Gardens (50 acres) A 20-year project of continuous learning, involvement and job skills training. This garden will be open to the public and is planned to rival even the best gardens in the world. This garden will be designed to scale, representing 193 countries, including landscape, water, nature, birds, weather patterns and flags. This garden will become famous around the world and is planned to become one of Oregon's top attractions.

Markets: businesses, classrooms and trade schools will surround the main house and will be supported by the villagers themselves and business partners.

During my February appointment I will go over the plans for the Main House and Gated Grounds.

Intake area		
Business offices	Classrooms	Laundry
Bath house	Kitchen classroom	Storage
Brunch gardens	Medical and dental	Hotel
Catering kitchen	Night Owl Dinning	Bridal and events
Children's dorm	Women's dorm	Customer service
Main House Gated Grounds Bonsai garden Exercise pool Exotic agriculture Greenhouse	Hoop court Outdoor kitchen Perennial garden	Picnic area Zen garden

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Hi Karla, Hope you are having a fun Halloween Evening. I have attached my commentary for the January Council Meeting and I will see you on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks, Cheryl

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## Request of Cheryl Graves to address Council regarding the plan for the 400 acres presented on August 28<sup>th</sup> (Communication)

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