May 15, 1957

Mr. John M. Whitelaw, Secretary Community Council 240 Terminal Sales Building Portland 5, Oregon

Dear Mr. Whitelaw:

Your letter of April 30, 1957 was brought to the attention of the Commission at its regular meeting today, and we appreciate the interest of your council, and your offer to be of assistance.

The Commission has attempted to take leadership on securing designation of a relocation agency or authority, within the scope of our limitations, and as to the second item, we are waiting for the opinion of the City Attorney as to our ability to be of assistance in a financial way.

Very truly yours,

Carvel C. Linden Chairman

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL 240 Terminal Sales Building Portland 5, Oregon

April 30, 1957

Mayor Terry D. Schrunk City Hall Portland, Oregon

Dear Mayor Schrunk:

We were glad to see the item in the newspaper on Sunday indicating that you are sympathetic to the need for a city department or branch of the city government to be officially charged with responsibility for assisting in the relocation of families in the Broadway-Steel bridge area. We feel sure this is a necessary and desirable step.

The Community Council will be glad to assist as appropriate in this entire activity and to help with the coordination of efforts by various groups throughout the city. For your further information we are enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Carvel Linden, Chairman of the Exposition-Recreation Commission. It is our further thought that this Commission should have the authority and responsibility to carry through in a humane as well as legal manner with the final step of relocating families before the new Exposition-Recreation Center can be built.

Cordially yours,

John M. Whitelaw Secretary

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Mr. Carvel Linden, Chairman Exposition-Recreation Commission First National Bank Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Linden:

Several member agencies of the Community Council, together with the Albina Neighborhood Council, which is affiliated with us, have indicated an active interest and concern over the plans and procedures to be followed in relocating families living in the Broadway-Steel bridge area. We have been encouraged to convene a meeting of all the groups in the community which may be concerned with or have an active part in this matter.

Before taking such a step we have endeavored to become abreast of the progress that is being made and the tentative plans now being developed. Moreover, we would like to express to you our strong encouragement for the Exposition-Recreation Commission to give favorable consideration to the following points:

- 1. Leadership in securing from the City Council official designation of a relocation agency or authority.
- 2. Favorable consideration by the Exposition-Recreation Commission of procedures used by such bodies as the Portland Public Schools, Housing Authority of Portland, Oregon, and Urban Renewal Authorities throughout the country on such problems as negotiations, moving expenses, special problems of renters, and related matters.

The Community Council will be glad to assist in helping to coordinate various groups concerned and to be of other service as appropriate. Your leadership in this final step before the Exposition-Recreation Center can be built is of the highest importance to this community.

Cordially yours,

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John M. Whitelaw

Secretary

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