

1) Outline of Plans for Hearing  
re. Housing Authority, Fri. Dec. 13, 1940

I Opening Statement - Mr. Latourrette

A. Purpose of Law

B. Law requires the governing body to create an authority under certain circumstances.

C. We propose to show that these circumstances are present

1. Brief outline of facts to be proved and of groups represented.

2. Double objective -

(A) Low-cost federal housing structure.

(B) Secondary - war preparedness.

(I) History of Portland housing during first world war.

(II) Present conditions worse than in 1919

(III) Plea that industry should not be prevented from coming to Portland.

II Presentation of witnesses - Mr. Solomon

A. Proof of existence of bad housing.

1. Amount of poor housing

(A) Past surveys - 1918, 1928, 1938

Pres. Port. H. Assoc. & Assoc. - Mr. O'Hara - written statement and connected w. housing 200ps. (To be read by Mrs. T. T. Mungler (over))

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(B) Individual witnesses

- (1) Mr Kilback - attendance officer of the Portland public schools.
- (2) Rabbi Philip Kleinman - <sup>Shattuck,</sup> Neighborhood Council.
- (3) Miss May Darling - shanty town at the city dump.
- (4) Mrs Gus Solomon - various cases.
- (5) Ivan Brown - Laundry and Dry Cleaners - business agent.
- (6) Alice Waring - Waitress Union

2. Corroboration and social and economic costs

(A) Social

- (1) Dr Morton J. Goodman - medical experience
- (2) Miss Martha Randall - police bureau, women's protective division
- (3) Miss Marian Crow - Visiting Nurses
- (4) " Grace Holmes - T. B.
- (5) Dr Helen Abrens Cary - public schools
- (6) Major Carleton - Volunteers of America

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- ? (7) Miss Elda Russell - Court of Domestic Relations
- ? (8) Capt. P. Vincent - Salvation Army
- ? (9) <sup>is, name</sup> Mrs. Phelps - Dorchester Hospital
- ? (10) Miss Grace Dillford - Relief - County
- ? (11) Miss Ruth Hafner - in charge of U.S. census for Portland <sup>will see Mr. sat.</sup>
- ? (12) Richard Neuberger - letter from Mrs. Rosenman

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**B** Economic ~~costs~~ arguments -

- (1) Mr. Latourette - taxes, ~~fire~~ etc.
- (2) <sup>W.D.</sup> Mr. Green - hopeless situation of blighted areas - <sup>(Plan with Mr. Green)</sup>
- (3) Harry Freeman - city planning and rejuvenation of blighted areas (To be planned with him)
- (4) L. H. Hoffman <sup>Mr. Kahra</sup> - contractor and apartment house builder -
- (5) Mr. Roi Morin - architect - what Seattle is doing etc. -
- (6) Fred Mansbach (A.F.L.) Surveys of other cities showing costs of blighted areas to a city.

Economic arguments

**B** Low-cost housing available in Portland -

- (1) Russell D. Ward - realtor

If any where near 43% of  
 rental units are vacant, then newspaper ads  
 indicate they are all month, for only 1.6% of the  
 such rentals. And Portland is not that  
 as compared with other cities, rental status  
 indicate the city's surplus abundance  
 of one or two-room apartments.

(2) Jessie M. Short - statistical  
 presentation of available low-cost  
 housing, and incomes in Portland.  
 [Newspaper data, report of Apartment  
 House Association on vacancies and  
 rentals, July, 1940; federal reports on  
 Portland housing and incomes.]  
 Present tables and graphs.  
 Results of questionnaire sent  
 other cities -

D General Statements

1. ~~Sist Anderson~~ - A. F. J. W.
2. Mr S. O. Hunter - Council of Churches
3. Ralph <sup>John Fongerose</sup> Peoples - C. I. O.
4. ~~Mr Harry George~~ <sup>Mr George</sup> - P. T. A.
5. ~~Mrs Sweetland~~ - Commonwealth Federation
6. Mrs S. H. Adams -  
Federation of Women's Organizations
7. Paul Sayer - Community Clubs.

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It is a question as to how much this should be stressed - the Council will make this application any way and may be had better to do it.

### E. Points to be covered

1. Attitude of Federal Govt. in 1918 re. Portland housing. [Covered in dodger]
2. Portland's natural resources. Ship-building and general war industries.
3. Number of men to be employed. Would it be well to cite U.S.H.A. history in employment, etc. in other cities?
4. Portland in competition with other cities - Vancouver, Seattle, Bremerton etc. California has projects in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland.
5. Danger to whole preparedness program if decent housing not available.

### F. What housing project will mean to Portland.

1. Money coming into community.
2. Building - contractors, architects, labor, materials.
3. City beautification - Will increase property values in districts surrounding.
4. Will encourage private industry.
5. Saves labor turn-over.
6. War housing is being built in many places by Housing Authorities (Record for speed) - Danger from hasty housing by outside people.