The City of Portland and Multnomah County leadership completed a review of the Limited Tax Exempt (LTE) programs in February 2012. This process, referred to as the "Big Look" Policy Review, evaluated past results of the programs, how they can best align with current and future housing goals, and the impact of the programs on the affected taxing jurisdictions. The review resulted in recommendations to align the programs with policy and improve administrative accountability and efficiency.

Before finalizing the new program guidelines and revisions to City Code, PHB wants to give local residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to present comments and views on the LTE Policy and Administrative changes. Separately, the Planning and Sustainability Commission will conduct hearings on the program maps at meetings on May 3rd, for the Single-Family Homeownership New Construction LTE program and on June 12th for the Multi-Unit LTE program.

Comments on the LTE Program Changes may be made in writing addressed to the Portland Housing Bureau, Attn: LTE Program Staff, 421 SW 6th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204; by e-mail to skylaar.amann@portlandoregon.gov, or by phone at 503.823.9313 (TDD 503.823.6868) A summary of proposed changes can be viewed and comments can be submitted online: www.portlandonline.com/phb/Ite. Comments on Policy and Administrative changes must be received by April 26, 2012. Comments on Multi-Unit LTE map changes must be received by May 22, 2012.

Public Hearing on the LTE Policy and Administrative Program Changes: Portland Housing Advisory Committee Tuesday May 1, 2012 – 3:00 – 5:00 PM Portland Housing Bureau - 421 SW 6th Avenue, 5th Floor, Portland OR 97204 Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

Single-Family New Construction LTE Program: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission Thursday, May 3, 2012 -- 1:00 - 3:00 PM Portland Housing Bureau - 421 SW 6th Avenue, 5th Floor, Portland OR 97204 Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

Multi-Unit LTE Program: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 - 12:30* 1900 SW Fourth Ave, Room 2500, Portland, OR 97201 Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall * Please call one week prior to the meeting date for the exact time of this agenda item.

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