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Our ultimate goal for DBCC will be uniquely different from current recreational and community centers. The difference would be our wraparound approach of including educational, social, and

recreational services focusing on empowering youth in one centralized location. The DBCC will be a safe place for anyone to pursue their dreams without ridicule and/or repercussions. All community members would be invited to become members to enjoy all services, amenities, and resources Dream Big has to offer. DBCC will be the place to have a good time, learn, grow, dream, be empowered, to get engaged, give back, and to see dreams come to fruition.

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JUDGING

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Winning essays must demonstrate the understanding of their dream
and the plan to achieve it. Winner's age categories:
12-13, 14-16, and 17-18. All entries are due 11:59, March 1, 2010.**

RULES

**The contest is for students from 12 to 18 years old in the Vancouver-Portland Metropolitan area.
All participants under the age of 18 will need parent/guardian permission to claim prize.
For more info, see rules at www.dreambigcc.org/Programs/DreamBigEssayContest/.**

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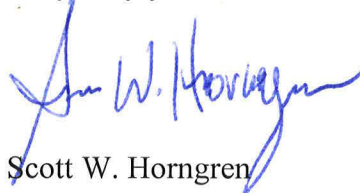
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Dear Ms. Moore-Love:

I am a Board member of Dream Big Community Center and resident of Portland and would like to briefly introduce Dream Big Community Center and discuss the essay contest for middle schoolers and high school students in the Portland/Vancouver area. I would appreciate the opportunity to be placed on the agenda for the Wednesday, January 27, 2010 council meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Scott W. Horngren

SWH:pav
cc: Nathan Webster

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Request of Scott W. Horngren to address Council regarding the Dream Big
Community Center and essay contest (Communication)

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