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KATE BROWN GOVERNOR



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September 5, 2018

Portland City Council Portland City Hall 1221 SW Fourth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mayor Ted Wheeler and Members of the Portland City Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative project. On July 7, 2016, Governor Kate Brown designated the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative an Oregon Solutions project to help address longtime flood concerns in the Lents and Powellhurst Gilbert neighborhoods in outer east Portland. Thanks to the hard work of the Oregon Solutions project team, which included dedicated city and state staff, progress has been made to reduce impacts of frequent flood events, reduce the financial stress on homeowners and displacement pressure that stems from rising flood insurance costs, and better understand economic conditions and job growth opportunities in this vulnerable floodplain.

While we have achieved meaningful results such as the flood insurance savings program for marginalized households, much work remains. State agencies are committed to achieving the goals of the project as outlined in the declaration of cooperation. We look forward to our continued partnership in addressing the needs of those living and working in the flood prone areas of the Lents and Powellhurst Gilbert neighborhoods. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Raihana Ansary, Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator for the Governor, at <u>raihana.ansary@oregon.gov</u> should you have any questions or concerns related to this project in the future.

Sincerely,

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Jason Lewis-Berry Jobs & Economy Policy Advisor and Director of Regional Solutions Office of Governor Kate Brown

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