Agenda Item 337

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Building Pathways Out of Poverty

Date: 04/15/2014

Human Solutions Family Winter Shelter 12505 NE Halsey St. Portland, OR 97233

RE: Angela Hammit

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Angela and her daughter, Amanda, since they entered the Family Winter Shelter on January 31, 2014. They have been exemplary guests. Angela is always willing to pitch in wherever needed and respectful toward other guests and shelter property.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at: 503/256-2280

Thank you,

Jinine Ramirez Corte Lead Winter Shelter Staff

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Testimony of Andrew Frazier Co-Owner Frazier Hunnicutt Financial and Small Business Chair at the Portland Business Alliance Before City Council Regarding Report on Home Start initiatives April 16, 2014

- Mayor Hales, members of the council, I am Andy Frazier, co-owner of a small, locally-owned business in Portland and Small Business Chair at the Portland Business Alliance.
- Often before you as a business representative, you may not know that I previously worked in the social service world. I primarily worked with homeless who suffered from drug and alcohol addiction paired with manic depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar, and suicidal tendencies. I've worked the suicide hotline, conducted outreach on the streets, and worked in a home for those in transition.
- I want to thank you for approving an additional \$1.7 million in one-time general fund for fiscal year 13-14 last fall to meet the needs of priority populations identified in *A Home for Everyone*. And, I want to thank Commissioner Saltzman in particular for convening a committee of service providers and others to bring together multiple perspectives and help advise you on the prioritization of these funds.
- While today's report demonstrates progress, one-time funds are limited in their potential to have significant long-term impact. I hope that we can be more responsive to ongoing funding requests for additional resources such as emergency shelter beds to help bridge the gap between homelessness and housing. And, for services such as job and skills training that move individuals and families out of the vicious cycle of poverty.
- Moving forward, I hope that the initial focus on two priority populations including families and vulnerable adults can be expanded to include youth experiencing homelessness. And, that the one-time investment of \$1.7 million demonstrates an initial step in ongoing funds and of the long-term commitment we need to address homelessness in our community.
- Thank you again for the opportunity to participate on the Homeless Services Stakeholder Workgroup. I look forward to working with you to make our community healthier and more prosperous for everyone.