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Dear community members,

Last week, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners voted to sign a lease on a property located at 6144 SE Foster Road to be used as a shelter funded by the Joint Office of Homeless Services and run by Transition Projects.

Over the last month, my office has heard from many members of the community about this shelter. To ensure that the community - including neighborhood associations, local businesses, and other critical partners - have a seat at the table during the planning of this shelter, I have asked to chair a steering committee that will provide input and advice on this process. This committee will have several major duties, including:

- Reviewing and making recommendations on: the populations served, design of the shelter, and the rules and guidelines for those served by the shelter;
- Determining the need for and assisting in the crafting of a Good Neighbor Agreement; and
- Providing input on the allocation and investment of funds set aside to address community concerns.

On behalf of the Joint Office of Homeless Services, I would like to invite your organization to sit on the steering committee. Organizations are allowed to designate one participant, and for continuity purposes we ask that a single representative attend throughout the process.

This committee is expected to meet roughly once per month, for 90-120 minutes at a time. The meetings will be open to the public, and time will be set aside for public testimony.

The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 22nd, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**, and the second meeting for **Thursday, March 15th, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. The meeting locations will be finalized early next week. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meetings.

In addition, we would like to invite steering committee participants to tour the Willamette Center shelter. This tour will help inform participants of the model of shelter we are working to create, as well as serve as an opportunity to highlight other areas of interest for the steering committee to discuss. The tour will take place on **Thursday, February 15th, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Willamette Center, 5120 SE Milwaukie Ave, Portland.

Please confirm your interest in participating and the name and contact information of your designee by **Friday, February 9th** by emailing: [hayden.j.miller@multco.us](mailto:hayden.j.miller@multco.us).

Feel free to reach out to my office should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Vega Pederson".

Jessica Vega Pederson

Multnomah County Commissioner, District 3