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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Larry Abel, HACSA Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/RESOLUTION In the Matter of Endorsing the Housing America Campaign
AGENDA DATE: September 27, 2011

I. MOTION

IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER/RESOLUTION BE APPROVED WHICH ENDORSES THE HOUSING AMERICA CAMPAIGN.

II. ISSUE

October is Housing America month. The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and many other organizations, including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Mortgage Bankers Association and the National Association of Home Builders, advocate a decent home and suitable living environment for all Americans.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

More than 70 years ago, this nation committed itself to providing a decent home and suitable living environment to all Americans. To date this promise has not been realized. In 2007, 15.6 million households paid more than half of their income for housing and homeless estimates were 750,000. Given our current economic situation, today's numbers are even greater. Approving this motion would include Lane County as one of hundreds of municipalities nationwide to adopt a Housing America Proclamation. By doing so, Lane County commits to using available resources to meet the housing needs of all Americans. This would correspond with HACSA's vision: Safe, affordable, energy-efficient housing for all low-income Lane County residents.

B. Recommendation

Approval of the proposed Motion is recommended.

C. Timing

Upon Board approval, the Endorsement would be in effect.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Same as Item III.C.

**IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDER NO.

**)IN THE MATTER OF
)ENDORING THE HOUSING
)AMERICA CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years it has been the policy of this nation, under the US Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and

WHEREAS, according to the "State of the Nation's Housing" report, 15.6 million households paid more than half of their income for housing in 2007; and

WHEREAS, according to 2007 estimates, on any given night, there were 750,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million persons who experienced homelessness at some point throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, public housing is home to over 2 million people, more than 40 percent of whom are children, and faces an estimated \$20 billion backlog in capital repairs; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Enterprise Community Partners; Habitat for Humanity International, Housing Assistance Council; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Manufactured Housing Institute; Mortgage Bankers Association; National Association of Counties; National Affordable Housing Management Association; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Realtors; National Council of State Housing Agencies; National Housing Conference; National Housing Trust; National League of Cities; National Leased Housing Association; National Low-Income Housing Coalition; Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; and U.S. Conference of Mayors are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned groups have declared October Housing America Month, part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that Lane County, Oregon, which has, over a period of many years, endeavored to address affordable housing and community development needs and has been successful in doing so using a combination of local, state and federal resources hereby endorses the Housing America Campaign and in doing

so recommits itself to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of the community

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2010

Chairperson, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9-21-2014 by [Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

IN THE MATTER OF ENDORSING THE HOUSING AMERICA CAMPAIGN