

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 08-2-13- 2

) IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING
) DELEGATION TO LANE COUNCIL OF
) GOVERNMENTS REGARDING POPULATION
) FORECASTING

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments (hereafter LCOG) has performed the role of coordinating population forecasts pursuant to ORS 195.036 for the benefit of local governments for a number of years, and

WHEREAS, population forecasts may be used for a variety of purposes by local governments, including but not limited to, grant applications and land use or infrastructure plans, and

WHEREAS, recent efforts by LCOG regarding coordinated population forecasts have resulted in controversies that were brought to the attention of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that it would be prudent to resume County responsibilities for coordinated population forecasts under ORS 195.036, and therefore gave direction to staff to so inform LCOG, which has been done,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board's direction of January 2, 2008 to send a letter notifying LCOG of the Board's decision, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A, is hereby ratified, and it is further

ORDERED that Lane County shall hereinafter perform or cause to be performed any required coordinated population forecasts under ORS 195.036.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2008.

Lay Stent
Chair, Lane County Board of
Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2/4/08 lane county
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL



LANE COUNTY

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January 4, 2008

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George Kloeppe
Lane Council of Governments
99 East Broadway, Suite 400
Eugene, OR 97401-3111

Re: Population Forecasts

Dear George:

The Board of County Commissioners had additional discussions at their meeting on Wednesday, January 2, regarding the coordinated population forecasts currently under consideration by the Lane Council of Governments' Board of Directors. They also reviewed the November 20, 2007, letter from the Oregon Department of Land and Conservation Development to Bob Swank providing comments on the proposed update of coordinated population projections.

Given recent changes in laws relating to population forecasts used for land use planning purposes, it is clear that Lane County will continue to have a decision-making role to play in the adoption of population forecasts included in comprehensive plans whether or not those forecasts are coordinated. The Commissioners concluded that they wished to reassume the responsibility to perform tasks related to these coordinated population forecasts for Lane County.

The purpose of this letter is to notify Lane Council of Governments of the Commissioners' discussion and action.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spartz, Lane County Administrator

c: David Clyne, City Manager, City of Junction City
Gino Gremaldi, City Manager, City of Springfield
Ric Ingham, City Manager, City of Veneta
Angel Jones, City Manager, City of Eugene
Jamon Kent, City Manager, City of Creswell
Richard Meyers, City Manager, City of Cottage Grove
Diana Tonkin, Mayor, City of Westfir
Eric Hauptman, Mayor, City of Dunes City
Don Schuessler, City Manager, City of Coburg
Chuck Spies, City Manager, City of Lowell
Robert Willoughby, City Manager, City of Florence
Gordon Zimmerman, City Manager, City of Oakridge

Ex. A

Lane County Mayors

February 4, 2008

Commissioner Faye Stewart, Chair, and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners
Lane County
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Commissioners:

We write to emphasize our sincere belief that coordinated forecasts of population are vitally important and to encourage you to move expeditiously toward adoption of updated forecasts.

As you well know, one of the things that we as local elected officials must do is anticipate and plan for our communities' futures. Public improvements take a long time to develop and a twenty or twenty-five year vision of future population is vital, if we are to be responsible stewards of our communities. In addition, a regional or county-wide vision that coordinates the plans and forecasts of cities is required by law. Such forecasts must consider both long-term trends and current conditions that would prompt a deviation from those trends. Clearly, the cities and the county need to work together to produce a region-wide vision for the future.

Coordinated population forecasts are used by each city for land use planning and to help secure financing for the expensive sewer and water projects required by state and federal regulations. If forecasts are too low, the utilities are constructed too small, are quickly obsolete and must be remodeled and expanded at an otherwise unnecessary expense to utility customers and taxpayers. When population projections are exceeded, sewer and water capacity shortages and state and federal regulations force moratoriums on further development until additional capacity can be created. This process often takes three or more years and consumes tax dollars and ratepayer dollars better spent on building sufficient capacity in the first place.

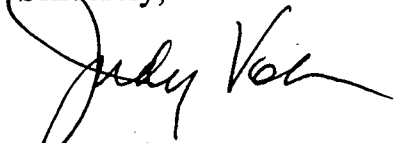
Many of our cities have lived through these consequences or seen them in other communities, and we have learned from those mistakes. The penalty for

underestimating population growth is severe; whereas, if growth falls short of the forecast, plans are merely put on the shelf until population catches up.

We encourage the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Coordinated Population Forecast that we have already prepared, recognize that this Forecast conforms to state guidelines, and accept the thousands of pages of testimony on this subject gathered by cities and our council of governments over the last two years. Alternatively, if you determine that a new analysis is necessary, we encourage that this work be made a priority and that a revised Coordinated Population Forecast be prepared for the Board's consideration and adoption as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering these issues.


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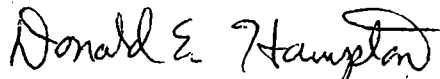
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City of Coburg



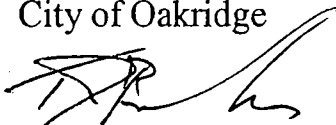
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City of Creswell



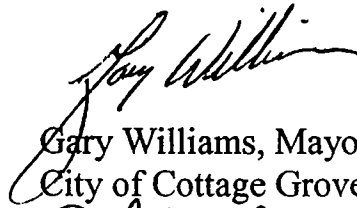
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City of Veneta



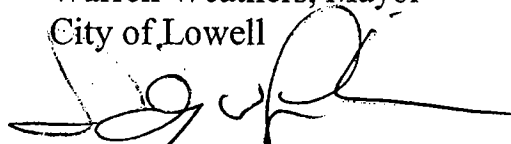
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