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Dear Mr. Ross:

In light of the recent "misunderstanding" of the position your organization supports or opposes, I thought I would take this opportunity to inquire into HBAMP's official position prior to the LCDC hearing on December 17th.

When you phoned on November 10th, you stated that HBAMP's government affairs committee could support the resolution for an extension (Resolution No. 99-2855A) with certain minor modifications. At your request, we met on Friday, November 12th with Mike McKeever and Metro General Counsel Dan Cooper. Upon making modifications to Res. 99-2855A in primarily the third and fourth Be It Resolved sections, you were asked if your organization would support and testify in favor of it. My recollection, and the recollection of both Mr. Cooper and Mr. McKeever, was your affirmative answer to both questions.

Needless to say, the testimony of your organization at the Metro Council public hearing six days later on November 18th, 1999, to oppose the resolution caught everyone who was at the November 12th meeting by surprise. I do not know what inner workings of your organization caused a reversal in position in the six intervening days but I would like to understand some basic facts so that further "misunderstandings" will not occur.

In your phone message you left for me on November 19th after the council meeting, you state, "... I guess I should have been more clear with you all along that it would be impossible for us to come out with outright support of that resolution since it does accept the updated Urban Growth Report, which we think is completely flawed and wrong." You go on to apologize, "if I wasn't clear in communicating the subtleties of these messages to you." I have to report that the messages were so subtle that Mr. Cooper and Mr. McKeever missed them, too.

You also stated in your voice mail, "That what I meant to convey to you is that we had come to a conclusion that we would not oppose the resolution at LCDC if we

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could get some conditions from the Commission on enforcement of deadlines with Metro, and perhaps requiring Metro to address some of the concerns that we had raised before." In HBAMP's testimony at the November 18th meeting, it was expressed that some concerns were not being addressed in the resolution. It would appear to me that the most significant part of your concerns will be addressed through the work outlined in the 3rd and 4th Be it Resolved, as part of the environmentally constrained lands, Goal 5 issues and jobs/housing imbalances.

I do not know what conditions of enforcement HBAMP would like LCDC to impose on Metro as a condition of extension. I believe I am on the record as stating that I would like to see this process completed as quickly and as concisely as possible. The other concerns I am not able to comment on, as I thought we already had concurrence from our November 12th meeting. I will say the removal of the sentence, "Final action will not include any new Urban Growth Management Plan requirements to further increase densities inside the UGB." from the resolution may create a new set of concerns, but I think these can be resolved.

As such, I think it would be wise if you would communicate clearly and concisely what positions HBAMP will support or oppose at the LCDC hearing.

I hope the last communication that HBAMP will not oppose Metro's request for an extension to complete the twenty year land supply from LCDC will be honored.

I stand ready to work with all groups, organizations, and individuals on all sides of the growth issues facing the Metro Portland urban area.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Park".

Rod Park
Metro Councilor District 1

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