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Date:

Sat, Sep 11, 1999 9:28 AM

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Letters

Please write a couple of thank you letters as follows, I will review them on Monday afternoon if possible :

#### Joe D'Alesandro(sp)

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Fill in with boilerplate stuff

cc: Catherine Comer, GAVA

GAVA is the Gresham Area Visitor Assoc. out of the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce.

Second letter

#### Sam Adams

City of Portland

Thank you for the presentation and the work to extend a seat to east mult. co. on the VDF Board. I look forward to seeing improved efforts to serve the tourist and visitor trade in the portland area.

I appreciate the ? Rust who testified before the council on Sept 9th that any additional funds generated from the Civic Stadium agreement with PFE will benefit the VDF.

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CC: Cathererine Comer, GAVA

Ken RUSS

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September 14, 1999

Joe D'Alessandro President/CEO POVA 26 SW Salmon Portland, OR 97204-3299

Dear Mr. D'Alessandro:

It was a pleasure to speak with you after the Metro Council meeting last Thursday. I was glad to hear that POVA is entering into dialogue with GAVA to better serve the tourist industry in our region. I applaud the hard work you have done to promote the Portland area as a preferred destination for meetings, conventions and leisure travel.

Again, I appreciate the work POVA has put forth and I look forward to improved efforts in serving the tourist and visitor industry for the entire metropolitan region.

Sincerely,

Rod Park Metro Councilor District 1

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cc: Catherine Comer, GAVA

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November 10, 1999

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The Honorable Sharron Kelley Multnomah County Commissioners Portland Building, Room 1500 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Metro Resolution No. 99-2871, Hotel/Motel Tax

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The Honorable Diane Linn Multnomah County Commissioners Portland Building, Room 1500 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Metro Resolution No. 99-2871, Hotel/Motel Tax

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The Honorable Serena Cruz Multnomah County Commissioners Portland Building, Room 1500 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Metro Resolution No. 99-2871, Hotel/Motel Tax

Dear Commissioner Cruz:

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Company/Agency: **MERC** 

From: Suzanne Myers, Council Assistant to Rod Park

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November 22, 1999

SENT VIA FACSIMILE

Mark Williams General Manager MERC 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Portland, Oregon 97232

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Dear Mr. Williams:

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The Honorable Beverly Stein, Chair Multnomah County Commissioners Portland Building 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Rm. 1515 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Chair Stein:

Re: Hotel/Motel and Vehicle Rental Tax

The City of Gresham has long been a creative participant with Metro and Multnomah County in beneficial legislation, and has supported many regional endeavors. In this case, however, the latest funding proposal for the expansion of various regional facilities is grossly unfair to the east Multnomah County hospitality and tourism industry, specifically.

We have many concerns about the following Issues:

- The hotels, motels and vehicle rentals in east Multnomah County would be contributing
  additional taxes to fund these facilities, while deriving little, if any, direct business benefit.
  While it is true that the <u>residents</u> of the region benefit from having facilities such as Civic
  Stadium or the Performing Arts Center nearby, the <u>business</u> benefits decrease dramatically the
  further a business lies from that regional facility.
- The 3% already collected by Multnomah County is used to help fund the Portland Area Visitors Association (POVA) and the Oregon Convention Center. The hotels, motels and vehicle rentals of east Multnomah County are already contributing their fair share, given the lesser benefit they receive from these facilities.
- The \$6.2 million needed to fund the proposed facility renovations will be secured through a bond issue. However, in the first year alone the Hotel/Motel and Vehicle Rental Tax (HM-Vehicle tax) will collect \$450,000 in excess of what is needed to pay the bond issue. Of that \$450,000, the four East County cities will generate \$340,000.
- Regional facilities, such as the Oregon Convention Center, should be supported by the whole region. As it is set up now, the HM-Vehicle tax is being assessed to Multnomah County only. Neither Washington or Clackamas county are being taxed this way, yet they also benefit from "access" to regional facilities.

1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway • Gresham, Oregon 97030-3813 Phone (503) 618-2584 • Fax (503) 665-7692 November 18, 1999 - page two Beverly Stein - Multnomah County Chair

- The City of Gresham and all of east Multnomah County have significant unmet hospitality and tourism needs. For instance, this area would derive great benefit from a Conference Center for small groups.
- We would expect that you would honor the Multnomah County transient lodging tax set out in code section 11.400 - 11.499, specifically 11.419, Credit Against City Tax, which reads as follows:

Any person subject to the payment or collection of a tax under this subchapter is entitled to a credit against the payment of the tax in the amount due any city within the county for a transient lodgings tax for the same occupancy.

We request that you distribute the revenues generated in east Multnomah County from the 2.5% tax increase proposal, to their respective cities. This would go a long way toward funding some of the unmet hospitality and tourism needs of east Multnomah County, enhancing the region as a "destination" area.

In conclusion, we are also very concerned about being taxed without City representation. This is not a fair or equitable way to fund improvements, renovations or expansion of regional facilities. I'm anticipating your response to these issues.

Yours truly, Charle of Barton

Charles J. Becker

Mayor

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