



May 3, 2019

Lane County Board of Commissioners
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

RE: Membership in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Commissioners:

Murphy Company is a family-owned business headquartered in Eugene that currently employs more than 850 workers who operate six wood products manufacturing facilities. These include a hardwood plywood manufacturing facility in Eugene, a veneer plant peeling logs in Sweet Home, a laminated veneer lumber plant in Sutherlin, a veneer plant in White City, a plywood plant in Rogue River. My family is proud of the fact that Murphy Company is able to provide its employees with good, family wage jobs in their local communities. In addition to our company's 850 family wage jobs, there are over 2,600 indirect jobs supported by our manufacturing base.

Our wood products manufacturing operations depend on public timber for approximately 60% of our annual raw material needs. A significant portion of this volume is generated from O&C timberlands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. In 1937, Congress enacted the O&C Act requiring that approximately 2.1 million acres of federally owned O&C timberlands in western Oregon be managed for permanent timber production on a sustained yield basis. As you know, a full 50% of the proceeds from timber sales on O&C lands is distributed to the counties in western Oregon where these lands are located. Historically, the O&C lands have not only contributed significantly to the log supply that sustains loggers, log truck drivers and wood products manufacturing plants like those of Murphy Company, but have been a significant contributor to the budgets of O&C counties.

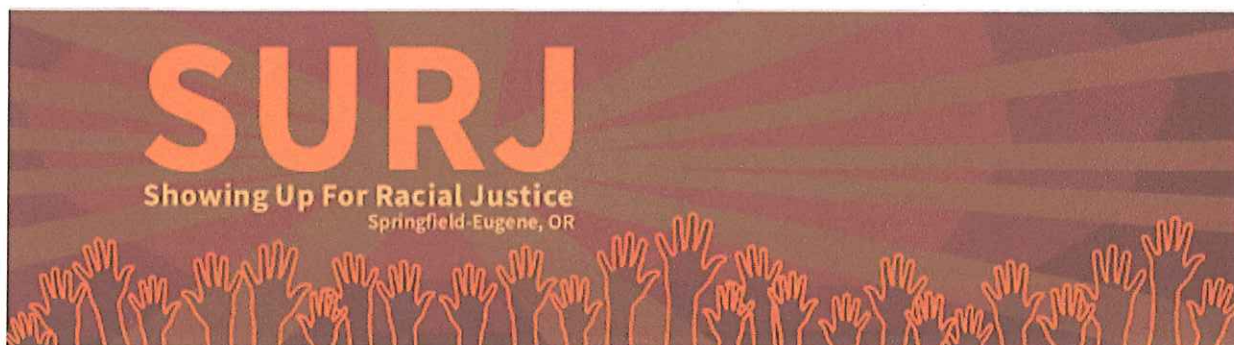
Over the years, the Association of O&C Counties has been an extremely important watchdog looking over the shoulder of BLM and working hard to make certain that the agency lives up to its O&C Act obligation to manage the O&C lands primarily for sustained yield timber production. The work of the Association of O&C Counties has been critical to securing the political support in Washington, D.C. that is necessary to ensure that the O&C lands are managed in a way that is true to the statutory mandate to generate timber that sustains both county government and the workers in the timber industry.

We urge the Lane County Board of Commissioners to maintain its membership in the Association of O&C Counties and to approve the annual cost of that membership in the county budget for the next fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

John Murphy
CEO/President

cc: Lane County Commissioners Budget Committee



May 2, 2019

To: Members of the Lane County Budget Committee
From: Common Sense Justice of Lane County; Springfield-Eugene Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ); and ACLU-People Power

Lane County residents want a local government that is transparent in how it is working towards building safe and healthy communities for all Lane County residents. The budget is a place where commissioners and community members can look to see how tax dollars are spent in ways that reflect our values, and to see whether the government is operating in ways that have a positive impact or not. We appreciate the time you are taking to volunteer to serve on the County Budget Committee. We ask for your help improving the accountability and transparency in the Office of the District Attorney through your service on the Budget Committee. This memo outlines some of the concerns we have noticed in our year of learning about the role of District Attorneys, our systems of public engagement and transparency, and our own county's budget.

We are the convening volunteer members of a new organization, Common Sense Justice, which aims to improve public safety and justice in our community by engaging at the state and local level with our elected leaders, public processes, and through public testimony in Lane County and the State of Oregon, and the Stewards of the Springfield-Eugene Chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice. We came out of other organizing efforts and have been nurtured by many community activists and organizations, especially the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon and ACLU-People Power.

Why start with the Office of the District Attorney?

District Attorneys play a key role in the application of justice through the prosecution of individuals in Oregon. In fiscal year 2018-2019, our District Attorney's Office determined whether to prosecute over 6,700 cases referred by law enforcement and served over 2,300 victims of crimes (1000 fewer victims than FY 2017-2018), directly

impacting over 10,000 residents, including defendants, survivors, and their families¹. Among the many important aspects of the criminal justice system under the DA's control are:

- whether to summon a grand jury;
- who is charged with which crimes (including whether to charge youth in adult court);
- who is held in jail and who is set free awaiting trial;
- the amount of bail;
- who receives offers of plea deals and what conditions apply;
- what/how/when evidence is turned over to defense attorneys;
- whether someone has an opportunity to participate in a diversion or treatment program;
- how to include victim/survivor wishes in the accountability process;
- how much support and assistance to provide victim/survivors of crime;
- and whether to charge police with misconduct.

Every one of these activities has budget implications. Yet, in the budget adoption process – our most important public accountability process – only the most superficial data are reported. The adopted budget lacks values-based public safety outcomes. In fact, both FY 19 and FY 20 budgets for the Office of District Attorney had just one actual public safety goal listed for the upcoming year – the number of DUII subpoenas successfully delivered.

As budget committee members, your role is often misunderstood to be number crunchers or accountants – but those of us who have served on budget committees understand our role to be a voice for community members seeking to understand and influence the values that underlie the numbers in our budget.

The National and State Conversation about Mass Incarceration – A Growing Concern

How our local criminal justice system functions has always been critically important, but in the last few decades, criminal justice has played a strong negative role in the pursuit of racial justice. The national conversation around public safety and justice has recently shifted to highlight the role that race plays in our criminal justice system. Michelle Alexander proposed in her 2010 book, *The New Jim Crow – Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, that mass incarceration, specifically the over-representation of African American/Black people in state and local jails, is the foundation of a new system of racial control that perpetuates and even builds systemic racism and white supremacy in

¹ Lane County, *FY 18-19 Adopted Budget*, p.185; *FY 19-20 Proposed Budget*, p.157 from <https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4081108> accessed 4/24/2019 2:30 p.m.

our country. Ava DuVernay's 2016 documentary, *13th*, presents evidence that our nation's racist drug laws (most notably, but not exclusively) and systemic racism throughout our criminal justice system from federal drug control policies to local jail practices have resulted in exponential growth in our incarcerated population, with African American/Black men as the most overrepresented demographic group in our jails and prisons. The American Civil Liberties Union reported that Oregon ranks 7th in the nation for disproportionate incarceration African American/Black people². According to the US Census (2018), 1.8% of Oregonians were Native American and 2.2% were African American/Black, and 13.1% were Hispanic/Latinx as of July 2018. However, most recent available data show that 2.4% of Oregonians in jail, prison, on probation or parole are as Native Americans, 7.8% are African American/Black, and approximately 15.4% are Hispanic/Latinx^{3,4,5}. Unfortunately, poor methods of identifying race in the Department of Corrections makes it likely that the rate of incarceration of Native Americans and African American/Blacks is even higher than the data from the Criminal Justice Commission and Oregon Department of Corrections. Nevertheless, it is clear we incarcerate African American/Black, Native American, and Hispanic/Latinx at high rates than white people.

We also know that racism, white supremacy, and white nationalism are present in our own local communities, and must expect these pervasive social and cultural forces have a multiple impacts on our criminal justice system, as they do on all institutions. A November 14, 2018, *Register Guard* article⁶ reported that the FBI found that Eugene reported the most hate crimes in the state – although this finding may be the result of a strong system of reporting and data collection, this demonstrates the real presence of white supremacists organizing in our community. White supremacist organizations continue to demonstrate on our streets and recruit our students in local colleges and high

² ACLU, *Blueprint for Smart Justice – Oregon*, American Civil Liberties Union, 2018, p. 9, <https://50stateblueprint.aclu.org/assets/reports/SJ-Blueprint-OR.pdf> accessed 4/22/2019 11:40 a.m.

³ Oregon Department of Corrections "Quick Facts" as of September 2018 <https://www.oregon.gov/doc/Documents/agency-quick-facts.pdf> accessed 4/22/2019 9:24 p.m.

⁴ US Census Bureau - "Quick Facts" - Estimated Population for July 1, 2018 <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/or> accessed 4/22/2019 9:27 p.m.

⁵ The incarceration rates of Hispanic/Latinx Oregonians are more challenging to assess because people identified as Hispanic/Latinx may also be any race (or multiracial), and the definition of Hispanic/Latinx differs between the Oregon Department of Corrections (using observations by DOC staff) and the US Census (self identified race/ethnicity). Hispanic/Latinx incarceration rates, as of 2015, are estimated based upon this publication: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, *Technical Documentation: Probabilistic Race Correction for Hispanics*. (2018), p. 4.

⁶ Deffenbacher, C. "FBI Ranks Eugene Top of State in Hate Crimes" <https://www.registerguard.com/news/20181114/fbi-ranks-eugene-top-of-state-in-hate-crimes> accessed 4/22/2019, 10:40 a.m.

schools. (See the [Oregonian](#)⁷ from December, 2017, for example). These extremes are the tip of the iceberg – research into implicit (unconscious/unintentional) bias have demonstrated that most of us hold unconscious biases about race, ethnicity, sex, age, and other aspects of diversity that legally should have no bearing in our criminal justice system – yet, the demographics of our jails and prisons show these biases clearly do impact the outcomes of our criminal justice system⁸.

We see in the data the clear mandate to ask ourselves, “Is this national and state problem of injustice and racism present in our own local justice system?” Yet, when members of ACLU, SURJ, and our new committee Common Sense Justice addressed this question to Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow, in multiple meetings in the last year, she was unable or unwilling to provide any data or show us any plan to address these concerns. While we hope that our District Attorney will shift to prioritize these legitimate community concerns, we also know that it is the system that perpetuates racism and white supremacy, and that only by changing the system can we ensure that justice prevails in a culture still wrestling to overcome our racist past and present.

Why Ask the Lane County Budget Committee to Help?

The Lane County Budget process is the only public setting when community members can routinely and easily engage with their elected officials and citizen representatives regarding the policies and functions of the District Attorney’s office. Unlike many departments in the county, the DA’s office has no citizen involvement or advisory committee that directly informs its work. The only public safety related committee with lay citizen members, the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council, is composed mostly of public safety officials, department leaders, and elected officials; they fill slots designated by state statute or Board order. This Council currently has only three citizen members, two of whom are retired employees of the Sheriff’s department. Only one member of an 18 member voting body has no current or former role in a criminal justice stakeholder institution, is not a representative of a government agency or municipality, and is not a retired law enforcement officer. Every member of the PSCC appeared to be white at the most recent meeting⁹. All three of the citizen members appeared to be white males. Although people of color, especially those of us who are Black or Native American, are overrepresented in every level of our criminal justice system, and also as

⁷ https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2017/12/post_292.html accessed 4/22/2019, 10:51 a.m.

⁸ E.g. Luscombe, B. “What Police Departments and the Rest of Us Can Do to Overcome Implicit Bias, According to an Expert.” *Time* 2/28/2019 <http://time.com/5558181/jennifer-eberhardt-overcoming-implicit-bias/> accessed 4/23/2019 4:02 p.m.

⁹ As observed by Rose Wilde at March 21, 2019, Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting held at 151 W. 7th, Eugene, Oregon

victims of crime, they have no seat at the table for representatives to speak to their experiences and needs related to the criminal justice system.

Counties can address these concerns, and we can look no further than Multnomah County for one approach. The first step is to document the current local conditions. A 2016 Race and Ethnicity Disparities [report](#) in Multnomah County revealed that Black men were six times more likely to be incarcerated compared to their white peers in Multnomah County¹⁰. No such analysis has been published for Lane County. When members of our committee approached Lane County District Attorney about these concerns, DA Perlow was unable to present information about what the DA's Office was doing to assure that race did not play a role in how cases were prosecuted, or even whether there was disproportionate contact with law enforcement and prosecution related to race/ethnicity or income in Lane County. This information, if collected, is not routinely reported or presented to the public. Although some information may be available through the publication of Board of County Commissioner meeting packets or through the PSCC Criminal Justice System Data Book, we argue that these difficult-to-locate and highly technical documents do not provide an accessible resource to members of the public outside criminal justice professions, nor do they fully address the concerns we and others have raised about equity in the criminal justice system.

We have spent, collectively, hundreds of hours researching these topics, meeting with public officials, reading books and reports to better understand the criminal justice system, and even attending conferences to educate ourselves. This should not be necessary. As citizens, we should be able to rely upon our elected officials to answer these questions, but must instead rely upon the budget committee process and the proposed and adopted budget documents to demand our public officials provide easy and quick access to answers to our fundamental questions about how well our publicly funded criminal justice programs, and our elected leaders, are actually assuring an equitable criminal justice system that results in the greatest safety for our neighbors and families.

Budgeting Effectively in Context with Lane County's Structural Deficit

After reviewing the 2018-2019 Adopted Budget (FY 19) and 2019-2020 Proposed Budget (FY 20), we believe that the District Attorney's budget narrative and goals are inadequate and out of step with public values. We recognize the impact of the structural deficit – that our costs to run programs are rising faster than our revenue to pay for them – and the complexity of criminal justice reform, thus we have **no** financial or policy request. We ask only that the budget committee consider this critique of the last two DA's Office budgets in your role to assure our public agencies are both accountable and transparent in

¹⁰ Ferguson, J. *Racial and Ethnic Disparities and the Relative Rate Index*, 2016, http://media.oregonlive.com/portland_impact/other/RRR%20Report%20Final-1.pdf (accessed 4/22/2019, 11:09 a.m.)

how our public funds are invested to pursue justice and safety, using the best information, research and evidence available.

In the context of a structural deficit, eliminating bias can only improve the effective use of the limited resources available for our public safety system. Assuring that the most effective accountability mechanisms are used with people convicted of crimes is not only helpful in preventing future crime, but often results in saved money for other public investments. An overreliance on jail or prison, when probation, diversion, or treatment might work just as well, results in very expensive prosecution and jailing of people who need not be in jail to achieve the same public safety impact, while possibly keeping families intact and people working or attending school instead of incarcerated (at a cost of \$108/day)¹¹. Using the best research and setting smart goals and benchmarks will help us make the best decisions for how to invest our limited public safety dollars for the greatest public safety impact, and to make adjustments year to year as we see the results of those investments – if we make them.

We recognize that the budget committee may not be able to take immediate action to address these concerns. Rather, we hope that this critique calls you, and other community members, to action – to demand meaningful public involvement in the criminal justice system, and that the county collect and track the data to help us make the best decisions about how to use our limited resources to increase public safety and rehabilitate those with a chance at redemption. This process should include people impacted by the criminal justice system, including formerly incarcerated people and their families, crime victims and survivors, and their families, as well as community organizations that amplify and empower people of color, working class and poor people, other marginalized groups, as well as the unhouse. Without this inclusive approach, important voices will be left out of the process.

What follows is a specific critique of the Lane County Department of District Attorney budgets from last two years. The narrative changed very little from FY 19 to FY 20, however some of the outputs and outcomes changed slightly, as well as the page numbers. We will list information from the adopted FY 19 budget first, followed by FY 20 proposed budget, in this critique.

Critique of 2018-2019 Adopted Budget & 2019-2020 Proposed Budget, Lane County Office of the District Attorney

The budget narratives and service option sheets for the District Attorney's office provides only general information, with very few statistics.

¹¹ Oregon Department of Corrections "Quick Facts" as of September 2018
<https://www.oregon.gov/doc/Documents/agency-quick-facts.pdf> accessed 4/22/2019 9:24pm

1. Throughout both documents, the narratives fail to provide definitions or context for the reader. References to professional jargon like “SB 416 Project” and “Community Prosecution” without explanation or definition convey no actual information to the outside reader.
2. No division in the Office of the District Attorney had a goal, output, outcome, or mention whatsoever of equity/inclusion. No division reported human resources data on hiring practices, or recruitment or retention practices for underrepresented or marginalized populations, despite the clear message that retention and recruitment were barriers to effectiveness in the department.
3. In the Victim Services Division, no victim demographics were provided, although the racial/ethnic/income demographics inform whether victims of crime have equitable access to services regardless of race/ethnicity/income. We know that underrepresented minorities are more likely to be victims of crime, and suspect they may have more difficulty accessing formal restitution, crime victim compensation, or other institutions of justice for a variety of reasons related to their race, ethnicity, and income.
4. No outcomes related to recidivism, community safety, or rehabilitation were reported. No demographic data is reported. This is in contrast to youth services division, which mentions work on “disproportionate minority contact” on page 251 (FY 19) and later reports the number of bilingual staff has doubled (p. 252). Youth Services includes a new goal in FY 20: Strategic action to address racial and ethnic disparities and promote equity in the juvenile justice system (p. 233).

Specific Critiques

The budget narratives and service options sheets use very weak performance measures, often lacking benchmarks or even measurable goals. Also, the focus is on outputs, rather than outcomes, even though most citizens care most deeply about increasing safety – not the efforts made, but the results achieved.

1. The performance measures focus almost entirely on outputs – the number of units of service performed, not outcomes – the results of the service. For example, some outputs reported include:
 - In FY 19, page 185, in the goal of improving successful prosecution rates for DUII, the objective was to attempt warrant service for 150 DUII warrants, with 60 successful deliveries. While this is the only measurable goal listed in the entire DA budget, it is not useful because it has no context – such as the number of DUII cases referred by law enforcement. Without a denominator, the rate of successful prosecution cannot be determined. The FY 20 budget

only reports 105 attempts in FY 19, but not the number successes¹², failing to provide information necessary for the Budget Committee to assess the effectiveness of this grant funded program. Furthermore, warrant service may be an important step in prosecution, but this data point simply reflects how staff time has been prioritized, not whether prosecution has led to greater public safety on the roads, or even how successful the attempts to serve warrants were year to year.

- On page 191 (FY 19) and page 163 (FY 20), the Criminal Prosecution Division lists only three outputs (services delivered, rather than outcomes, the impact of those services):
 - (1) the number of referrals from law enforcement considered for prosecution (7300 in 2019, 6700 in 2020), but not the number of referrals accepted for prosecution or the number of defendants convicted or sentenced to jail or prison;
 - (2) the number of treatment court graduates from drug court (36 in FY 19, 42 in FY 20¹³), veteran’s court (11, 17), and mental health court (1, 2) – but not the number referred to treatment court; and
 - (3) the number of defendants considered for “SB 416” program (45, 44), the number offered probationary supervision (23, not reported in FY 20), or number entering community prosecution program (29, 30). None of these programs or terms are defined in the document or on the DA Office public website. Furthermore, again, only the total number of participants is reported, not the rate at which any of these program were offered or if the rate was increasing or decreasing.

- On page 200 (p. 175 for FY 20), in the Victim Services Division, the outputs include number of people assisted with protective orders (1,642, 1,529), number of victim services provided (24,009, 16,533) number of crime victims served (2,723, 2,305) and the number of volunteers (22, 20) and total volunteer hours donated (5,640, 3,998). These outputs miss information, such as:
 - the quality of the services;
 - how many victims sought services but did not get served, although two out of three victims surveyed in a national study¹⁴ did not receive help

¹² Lane County, *FY 20 Proposed Budget*, 2019, p. 163

¹³ FY 19 Adopted and FY 20 Proposed Budget narratives are almost identical. Where specific goals, outputs, or outcomes are provided, FY 19 Adopted Budget information will be listed first, followed by goals/outputs/outcomes from FY 20 Proposed Budget for the remainder of this document.

¹⁴ Alliance for Safety and Justice, *Crime Survivors Speak* (2016), pp.11-13

following a crime, and those who did were most often helped by friends and family;

- the demographics of those served, although we know that victims of crime are more likely to be low income, young, or people of color (also from *Crime Survivors Speak*);
- or overall victim satisfaction with the services they received.

Essentially, the budget only documents that the Victim Services Division served victims and supervised volunteers. We know professional or volunteer victim advocates met with victims, but we do not know whether these services were helpful to the victim or to the community.

- The only actual outcome reported may be the \$21 million collected by Family Law Division in both FY 19 and FY 20 (p 194, p.171), and we do not know what proportion of the amount owed was recovered.
2. The budgets do not report data related to listed areas of focus and/or do not indicate a goal at all. On page 185 (FY 19) and page 157 (FY 20), the “Areas of Focus” section mentions several types of goals, but never sets any specific, measurable goals to which it may be held accountable. For example, a focus on “Reduction of property crimes through Justice Reinvestment Program for Community Prosecution and 416 Project” does not specify how many property crimes were committed and the goal for reduction. There are no goals set for Community Prosecution or 416 project (neither of which are defined).
 3. None of the Criminal Prosecution division goals listed on page 191 (FY 19) and page 163 (FY 20) are measurable, including the goals listed above and also use of diversion to Treatment Court Prosecutor, but sets no specific, measurable targets for utilization of these treatment court programs. Only the previous year’s graduates are mentioned, again without a number of total cases resolved through prosecution, conviction, or plea agreements to determine a rate.
 4. Again on page 185 (FY 19) and page 157 (FY 20), the narrative lists partnerships without context or depth to explain how the DA Office collaborates with local victim services agencies, other law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, or medical institutions. The document provides no information about what the District Attorney hopes to accomplish through these partnerships, nor provides any evaluation of whether these partnerships are effective in promoting public safety.
 5. The DA’s Office’s equity and diversity educational events over the last two years do not indicate a strong commitment to improvement or asking challenging questions of individual or department performance. In the FY 19 budget, on page 42, the diversity education activities described in the budget overview mentioned

only two events involving the DA's Office – a sack lunch on Ageism and viewing of the movie *Hidden Figures* followed by discussion. We hope the discussion addressed critical topics like gender discrimination in the workplace, but since the DA's Office budget and narrative did not describe any goals or activities related to eliminating bias or promoting diversity within the department, we cannot know the aims and objectives of the DA's Office related to equity. In FY 20, equity events did not appear any more focused on topics directly relevant to prosecutorial practices and criminal justice equity. A guest speaker shared information about the services for families at the Relief Nursery, where some Treatment Court involved families receive services, and DAs participated in one National Alliance for the Mentally Ill walking event (p. 37).

In a personal interview with the District Attorney¹⁵, DA Perlow mentioned having a guest speaker address the topic of implicit bias, but had no follow-up activities planned, such as requiring Assistant District Attorneys to take a private test of implicit biases or to develop a monitoring system to identify areas where unconscious racial (or other) bias affect a prosecutor's decisions regarding a case. Research from school disciplinary studies suggest that decisions that involve the most subjectivity (personal opinion) are most susceptible to bias¹⁶. Since most DA Offices lack policies regarding the core functions of their practice¹⁷, prosecutors may have a great deal of discretion in their decisions, opening possibilities for the influence of racial and other forms of bias.

In conclusion, the Lane County Budget document fails to provide enough information or context in the written materials for budget committee members or outside observers to determine any meaningful conclusions about the effectiveness of our Office of the District Attorney to meet its highest goal of ensuring safety and security throughout the county. We cannot determine if Lane County contributes to the national and state trends of over incarceration of African American and Native American people. We cannot see any evidence of actions or goals set by the District Attorney to address our concerns about fairness in our criminal justice system.

¹⁵ Wilde, Rose, Personal Interview with District Attorney Patricia Perlow, March 2, 2018, at Café Perugino, Eugene, Oregon, including Jan Wagner and Ruth Hollander.

¹⁶ Staats, C., "Implicit Racial Bias and School Discipline Disparities," *Kirwin Institute Special Report* May, 2014, <http://www.racialequityresourceguide.org/resource/implicit-bias-and-school-discipline-disparities> accessed 4/24/2019 3:06pm

¹⁷ American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, *A Peak Behind the Curtain: Shining Some Light on District Attorney Policies in Oregon*. 2019, ACLU of Oregon. From <https://aclu-or.org/en/publications/peek-behind-curtain-shining-some-light-district-attorney-policies-oregon> accessed 4/4/2019 5 p.m.

So what now?

First, we ask that the members of the budget committee request the District Attorney to give a much more thorough accounting to the public through the budget process, and include more meaningful data and measurable goals in the current and future budget documents. Second, we request that the District Attorney work with community partners and public safety stakeholders, extending beyond the membership of the PSCC, to consider what would be more appropriate goals and metrics to develop for next year's budget cycle. We recognize that systems of public transparency and accountability take time to develop and to report, time that is precious when staffing shortages seem chronic. We encourage inclusion of groups disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system, specifically African-American and Native American populations, but also victims of crime, people living in poverty, people who are unhoused, and children (or their advocates).

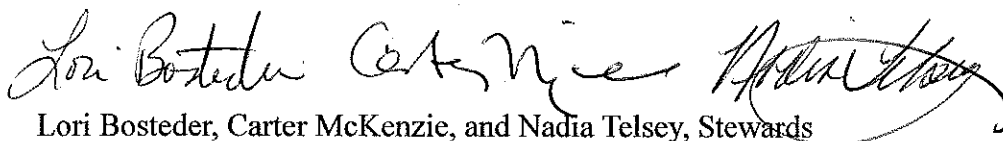
We also can share resources from other counties working on similar issues, most specifically in Multnomah County. The ACLU of Oregon has dedicated several years to district attorney accountability and drafted a list of suggestions specific to Multnomah County, which may provide a useful starting place for Lane County to consider. ACLU-Oregon recommended a new set of metrics in a recent memo to Multnomah County Board of Commissioners that highlighted metrics already collected and analyzed by the County, but not reported in the budget process. The ACLU and several co-signers including requested the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners pass a board order requiring an annual report from the District Attorney addressing the metrics they recommend, or a subset identified by an advisory committee, in their recent memo.

The need for change is immediate. To achieve safety for all in effective criminal justice practices, we must include a focus on equity at every point. We must start taking action now.

Sincerely,



Rose Wilde & Ginny Osteen, co-conveners
Common Sense Justice of Lane County, and ACLU People Power



Lori Bosteder, Carter McKenzie, and Nadia Telsey, Stewards
Springfield-Eugene Showing Up for Racial Justice

Testimony for May 2 Budget Committee meeting

Good evening. My name is Chandra LeGue, I live in the South Eugene District, and I work for and represent the environmental advocacy non-profit organization Oregon Wild.

I'm here to talk about a small budget line item, but one that is vitally important for you to consider - membership in the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). In FY 2017-2018, Lane County paid (from the general fund) \$76,995 in membership dues, and \$29,263 into the litigation fund for the AOCC.

How is this nearly \$107,000 a year spent on behalf of Lane County?

First, it's hard to know, as the AOCC is not a public organization and does not disclose its budget to the public or follow open meeting laws (the first reason we should not be supporting it).

But otherwise, it isn't too hard to figure out. The purpose of the AOCC is to support timber harvest on 2.6 million acres of federal public lands, called O&C lands, located in our backyards like the Thurston Hills, the McKenzie Valley, and the foothills of the Coast Range. This has meant that over the years, the AOCC has sued and lobbied the federal government to reduce environmental and wildlife protections, and prioritize logging over other uses and values on these public lands.

This has COSTS that go far beyond the dues paid from the budget.

There is a cost for our climate and water. More logging on public lands means a loss of carbon to the atmosphere, which makes climate change worse. And water quality and fire danger are negatively impacted by climate change.

There is a cost to our economy and recreation. Travel Lane County spends a big chunk of its budget (hundreds of thousands of dollars) promoting the outdoors and recreation. People move to, raise families, and start businesses that pay taxes (like breweries, and the growing organics industry) in Lane County because of the high water quality and the outdoor opportunities our public lands provide – not for the clearcuts that scar the landscape. Our future budget solutions lie not in resource extraction, but in the protection, restoration, and promotion of our public lands.

This year's budget process is a perfect time to take action and stop funding this shady, anti-environmental organization.

- There are better uses of taxpayer dollars.
- By paying dues and supporting its litigation, Lane County is being complicit in the AOCC's anti-environment positions that are out of line with Lane County residents' values and the direction our economy is heading.
- Membership in the AOCC is NOT essential to receiving federal funds.
- You wouldn't be alone. Benton and Multnomah Counties have severed ties with the AOCC, and many citizens are raising concerns in public forums.

Thank you for your time.

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May 2, 2019

RE: Lane County Budget – Continuance of Association of O & C Counties Membership

Chair Sorenson and Commissioners,

For the record, my name is Marie Bowers I am a 5th generation farmer in Lane County. I am also the president of Lane Families for Farms and Forests. We are a volunteer organization of 100 plus members and growing.

Lane Families for Farms and Forests are engaged community members who are concerned with keeping farming and forestry viable in Lane County. Together, through various programs and events, we're working on promoting the thriving agriculture and forestry livelihoods, so they are here for generations to come.

I want to express my support and my group's support for Lane County's membership in the Association of O&C Counties. AOCC gives the county an effective voice on issues relating to the management of the O&C forest lands, the jobs these lands support, and the millions of dollars they provide for the county budget. It ensures the county has a seat at the table in working proactively with state and federal partners on a number of issues that affect us as citizens.

Lane County's role in AOCC is important to our economy. Forestry directly supports over 7,400 family-wage jobs in Lane County, which is over four percent of the county's total workforce. Our local forest infrastructure depends on a certain and sustainable supply of wood fiber from O&C lands. Without this wood fiber, many tax-generating jobs and employers in Lane County would be in jeopardy. Without AOCC, it will be difficult for Lane County and others to ensure these lands continue to contribute to our local economy.

Lane County's role in AOCC is important because revenues from O&C lands is essential for the county to deliver quality public services. These revenues help keep Sheriff's deputies on the road. They also support education and public health, housing, among other services. Lane County's involvement in AOCC helps ensure these revenues are available for the county to meet the basic needs of all citizens. Without AOCC, the work of the budget committee would be much more difficult.

For over 90 years, Lane County and AOCC have worked to ensure the O&C lands contribute to the economic and social well-being of our communities. To support vital public services, and to support both public and private sector jobs, it is important to us that Lane County keeps its seat at the table.

Written Testimony for the May 2, 2019 Lane County Budget Committee Hearing

Dear Lane County Commissioners and Budget Committee Members:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to take part in this year's budget process. I'm writing to speak to the rarely discussed budget for the District Attorney's office.

The DA needs to be transparent and accountable to the public who elects her and also to the process that funds her office. It's the Budget Committee's responsibility to make sure that public funds are being well spent. Can anyone of you really say that the money being given to the DA's office is being most effectively used to make our community safer? Are all people treated fairly? Could the available money be used differently with greater community impact? Most of us just don't know but we should be asking these questions.

There is a lot of evidence that the "Tough on Crime" policies that Lane County and Oregon have been following for the last 30 years have not been effective. Do we feel safer? The Oregon prison population has ballooned to well over 14,000 inmates. Along with this inmate count has come huge increases in prison operating and debt financing costs. It is already being talked about in criminal justice system circles that Counties will maybe need to share in the cost of care for the inmates that they generate. Many new policies and programs are being used to effectively respect and help heal victims, demand accountability of wrong doers while at the same time keeping more people out of prison and saving money. One such highly cost and community effective program is our own, Sponsors. Lane County needs to get its act together and make sure that we are doing the best job possible of stewarding the public resources devoted to community safety.

The budget document coming from the DA does not shed any light on how well they are doing in helping make Lane County a safer community. It should and you should demand it.

Thanks you,
Jack Gray
89762 Poodle Creek Road
Noti, Oregon

From: **Kenneth Nolley** <knolley@willamette.edu>

Date: Wed, May 1, 2019, 12:55 PM

Subject: Oregon Voices Support

To: Rose Wilde <rose.i.wilde@gmail.com>

Please deliver this message to the Lane County Budget Committee on behalf of Oregon Voices.

Oregon Voices is a group that supports practices in our criminal justice system that are shown by the evidence to be effective. But practices cannot be assessed and evaluated if they are not transparent and visible. Therefore, the Oregon Voice Board supports Common Sense Justice in their petition for transparency in the Lane County District Attorney's budget. For the same reasons, we are supporting HB 3064, the Accountability and Equity Act, which is currently before the Oregon Legislature.

We believe that the efforts of Common Sense Justice on this issue and HB 3064 both offer hope for significant improvements in Oregon's criminal justice system.

Ken Nolley

Willamette University Emeritus Professor of English and Film Studies

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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:34 PM
To: SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Jill K. Allen
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-----Original Message-----

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:51 PM
To: ALLEN Jill K
Subject: RE: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Hi Jill. Yes, let's forward them via email to the *LC Budget Committee group and then we can ask if they want copies of all of them. Let's also post these on the website please.

Thanks,
Christine

-----Original Message-----

From: Lane County Budget & Planning
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:32 PM
To: MOODY Christine M

Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

There is a few O&C public emails in the budget & planning email; should we print these out for the budget committee?????

Jill K. Allen
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From: Jen Hamaker [<mailto:jenhamaker1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

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Springfield, OR 97478
jenhamaker1@gmail.com

SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:33 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Darlene Raish [<mailto:draish71@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 12:05 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

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Springfield, OR 97477
draish71@hotmail.com

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:33 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret Barker [<mailto:margit@gotsky.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:33 PM
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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:33 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Ted Reiss [<mailto:oregonrice@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 7:33 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

Please don't discount the voice Lane County has through the active membership and participation in the Association of Oregon and California Railroad Counties (AOCC).

The sustainable management of O&C lands not only supports local businesses and jobs, it provides funding for essential public services, such as Sheriff's deputies, construction projects and public health services.

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Sincerely,

Ted Reiss
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Eugene, OR 97402
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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:32 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Mr. & Mrs. Jay and Karen VanOrman [<mailto:user@votervoice.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

Jay and Karen VanOrman
200 Honkers St
Creswell, OR 97426
jaybug39@reagan.com

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:32 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Denner [<mailto:m.denner@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 2:32 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

The funding that comes to Lane County from sources designated to benefit the O&C counties is crucial to many programs of County operations. The funds were earmarked for the "O&C" counties in lieu of tax revenues when the Railroad failed and the lands were placed under Federal management. A great deal of Lane County is federally controlled timber land, and is managed for sustainable multiple use, benefitting all tax payers, not just the timber industry.

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Sincerely,

Mark Denner
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m.denner@comcast.net

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:32 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Caretti [<mailto:emily.caretti@weyerhaeuser.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 2:11 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:32 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: KATHLEEN JONES [<mailto:kathy-n-crawford@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

DO NOT REMOVE AOCC FROM LANE COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. IT IS VITAL TO OUR O&C LAND ISSUES, and Oregon residents wanting much needed land/forest use.

Please keep Lane County in the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). It is important that the county not lose its voice on forest management issues. The sustainable management of O&C lands not only supports local businesses and jobs, it provides funding for essential public services, such as Sheriff's deputies, construction projects and public health services.

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Sincerely,

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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:31 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Mark [<mailto:nicole.king@swansongroup.biz>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

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Sincerely,

Nicole Mark
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nicole.king@swansongroup.biz

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:31 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Shults [<mailto:shults4851@q.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

I strongly support Lane County's membership in the Association of O&C Counties. I worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry for 34 years; my last position serving as Southern Oregon Area Director. I also served as Incident Commander of one of ODF's Incident Management Teams for 9 years. I have seen first hand the need for Oregon's counties to present a united front when dealing with federal agencies and legislators on issues involving our federal forest lands. AOCC provides the opportunity for effective input into policy discussion and decisions at the federal level. Sustainable forest management, including timber harvest, thinning and fuels reduction, is necessary to reduce the impact of wildland fire, not to mention supporting the need for revenue from timber harvest to fund county services. Lane County, with our vast areas of federal land, must have a seat at the table when discussing these important issues. I will be out of town during the public hearing or I would attend personally. Please continue Lane County as a full dues paying member of the Association of O&C Counties.

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Sincerely,

Dan Shults
4851 B St
Springfield, OR 97478

SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:31 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Roscoe [<mailto:mbroscoe@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 8:27 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

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Sincerely,

Michael Roscoe
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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:13 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Siegmund [<mailto:bob.siegmund@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:47 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

As life-long residents of Lane County, we know how important it is for Lane County to remain a member of the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). It is important that the county not lose its voice on forest management issues. The sustainable management of O&C lands not only supports local businesses and jobs, it provides funding for essential public services, such as Sheriff's deputies, construction projects and public health services. While more urban areas of Oregon are currently experiencing the benefits of a robust economy, many parts of rural Lane County are not. Many local residents in small communities in Lane County continue to experience unemployment, underfunded schools, and a loss of Sheriff's patrols. Revenue from timber production continues to be the main economic driver in many parts of rural Lane County.

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Sincerely,

Robert Siegmund
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bob.siegmund@gmail.com

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:12 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Emmons [<mailto:yewknow2@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:27 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:12 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Britte Kirsch [<mailto:britte.kirsch@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 6:18 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

Britte Kirsch
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Florence, OR 97439
britte.kirsch@gmail.com

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:12 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Kay King [<mailto:kay@rrking.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

I have been active and interested in the well being of the timber industry and the forest since I was a little girl growing up in a rural Oregon community. Many of those towns have been devastated by the locking up of the forests. Oregon counties are in very bad shape, their schools and roads and public safety. By keeping Lane County vested in the AOCC (paying dues) we have a big voice for the timberlands on the O&C lands. Without that voice, people will forget what those lands were dedicated for : A sustainable harvest of timber to help our local counties. These lands must remain harvestable to attain revenue. That is what they were earmarked for long ago. Stay strong Lane County Commissioners! Vote to remain an active member.

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I am submitting in writing, as I am not sure I can attend the hearing.

Thank you ,
Kay King

Sincerely,

Kay King
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Florence, OR 97439

kay@rrking.net

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:12 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Demers [<mailto:user@votervoice.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

It is important that we keep them as part of the association

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Sincerely,

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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:11 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

-----Original Message-----

From: James Ryan [<mailto:partsmanjames@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

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From: ALLEN Jill K
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:13 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Written Testimony for the Lane County Budget Committee: AOCC Discussion
Attachments: Astor Testimony - AOCC Discussion 5-16-19.pdf

From: Amanda Astor [<mailto:amanda.astor@outlook.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Written Testimony for the Lane County Budget Committee: AOCC Discussion

Dear Budget Committee,

Please review my written testimony relating to the discussion topic of maintaining membership in the Association of O&C Counties. This testimony is meant to be reviewed at the public comment and deliberation meeting on May 16th, 2019 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Any clarifying questions or comments can be sent to this email (amanda.astor@outlook.com).

Thank You,
Amanda Astor

Dear Lane County Budget Committee,

My name is Amanda Astor and I am a local resident in Lane County (Eugene, Santa Clara Area) providing written testimony as a citizen for the discussion of the Lane County Budget Committee about membership in the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). Thank you for accepting my written testimony. I am a trained forester by way of Colorado State University and Michigan State University. I also consider myself an environmentalist with a passion for keeping our forests forested and healthy and a realist who understands economics and the reality of finite budgets.

I come to you today requesting that Lane County continue its membership in AOCC. This nearly 100 year old association cares deeply about the people it serves through focusing on the most abundant resource around us, trees. This community was built (literally and figuratively) on the trees surrounding our cities and towns. AOCC played a key role in establishing the O&C Act which governs the O&C lands, requiring the sustainable management of the trees growing on them. AOCC currently plays a vital role in monitoring and advocating to make sure these lands continue to be managed sustainably. I would hate to know that the county I live in does not care enough about our forests to continue supporting their sustainable management.

I became a forester because I love trees and all of the benefits that forests provide. As a graduate student at Michigan State University I studied how to better manage forests to capture carbon and combat climate change. A key part of maximum capture is maintaining healthy forests through management. There are many strategies to do this and all of them consist of removing trees at one point or another. When trees have reached an age or level of health that detracts from the overall capacity of the forest to capture carbon, they need to be removed in order to make way for new trees that rapidly capture carbon in new growth. Those trees that are removed will store the carbon that has been captured in what we call the Harvested Wood Products carbon pool. By cutting and removing these trees the carbon is stored, new trees are planted, more carbon is stored, and the cycle repeats itself indefinitely.

AOCC is vital in making sure the O&C Act is being upheld, but AOCC does not only care about the forests themselves and the laws under which they are managed. AOCC also cares about the communities that are reliant upon the products created from the removal of trees in the forest. AOCC advocates for communities! The revenue produced from the O&C lands through timber receipts, pays for vital services within our communities. These sustainable dollars help our communities be safer, have growing economies, and produce the brightest thinkers to solve our future problems. With finite or decreasing county budgets, AOCC advocates for increased timber receipts to counties to help balance the budget. By retaining membership in AOCC, Lane County will continue to see this revenue off of the O&C lands. This is revenue due to the O&C Counties in accordance with the O&C Act. Giving up this membership shows your constituents that Lane County does not care about this money it rightfully deserves. AOCC also encourages the federal agencies to grow their timber programs through working with the Federal Legislature to maintain funding levels for the action agencies and advocating for increased levels of sustainable harvest. This effort in turn helps grow the finite budgets of the O&C Counties who receive the receipts.

AOCC cares about the over 68,000 employees in the timber industry who rely on a healthy and vigorous forest sector. This is our history and it is not dirty (unless you are really talking about dirt, then it is really dirty). I am proud to be a forester and be a steward of our lands. I am proud to live in a

county who cares about the industry I work in. I am proud to know my elected officials care about our laws and regulations. I am proud to know my elected officials care about the communities they serve. The vocal 1% would have you believe the county at large does not want to see timber cut and that AOCC advocates for more timber dollars at all costs, but this is not true at all. In my experience, people I meet who may not agree with timber harvest in Lane County formulate a different opinion when educated about sustainable management, fire risk, and the fact that only a small portion of the federal forest lands in Oregon can be managed for sustained timber harvest in Oregon. I can almost guarantee you would find the same of the majority of your constituents. AOCC would never advocate for unsustainable management because the O&C Act is built on sustainability. AOCC cares about sustainability in forest management, sustainability of economies, and sustainability of our communities.

The resource we have been blessed with is trees, so please do your part in sustaining the resource and the communities that rely on it by continuing to be a member in AOCC. Consider the voice AOCC has in the current and potential revenue off of the O&C lands. Do you really want to give that voice up? AOCC was created as a talking piece for the counties receiving receipts to have a strong and consistent voice. The membership is critical to maintaining this power. I, as a citizen of Lane County, would also like to see my elected officials and appointees make the smart and frugal decision to stay a member in AOCC because I continue to hear how our law enforcement does not have enough money to provide the current level of service and protection it is providing moving forward. Our county needs to be advocating for sustainable and increased revenue, and it has a strong voice to do so by retaining membership in the Association of O&C Counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Astor', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Amanda Astor

186 Mackin Ave.

Eugene, OR 97404

SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:04 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Additional email to committee received yesterday.

Thank you,
Christine

-----Original Message-----

From: Zane Smith [<mailto:zanesmith4475@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Dear Budget Committee Members Budget Committee,

it is essential that Lane County continues active in the O & C Association of Counties. As former Forest Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest I can attest to the critical need to remain involved. To withdraw would deny Lane County a voice in a resource that is critical to conservation and the benefits it provides. I cannot imagine withdrawing our presence in this valuable resource. Please do the right thing. Thank you for your concern for this valuable resource.

Zane G.Smith, Jr.. Retired USFS with 35 years of service protecting our forests

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Sincerely,

Zane Smith
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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:03 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Concerned Tax Payer

Additional email to committee received yesterday.

Thank you,
Christine

From: Mark Boren [<mailto:basketballfan1103@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Concerned Tax Payer

Lane County Budget Committee Members,

I am writing to support Lane Counties participation with the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). As a member of the fire service for the past 22 years and currently a member of the Fern Ridge School District Board, I support the mission of the AOCC. Listed below are a few reasons I support the continued payment of dues to the AOCC.

- Association in AOCC has paid off over the years. Could pay off, even more, going forward.
- Highly flexible funding from money received. Which has been used for many 1 time projects, like building construction, bridges, roads, and county courthouse = Jobs & Services
- AOCC Lobbied Federal Gov for firefighting funding for Counties
- Federal Forest money got Lane County back to 24hr patrol
- AOCC go back and investigate for Fed Gov accounting, [See Below](#)
- 95% of forest fires start on Federal lands = Major Carbon output
- No Clear cut on BLM. Not Allowed in their Rules. No Clear cut on BLM Lands in 25 years.

- AOCC Worked with Wyden on his latest Wyden-Crapo

Below is a recent press release from AOCC that they found out the feds weren't going to be sending all their money and AOCC recognized that and worked with our fed delegation to make sure we get our full amounts.

Member County Commissioners----

We received good news this morning. Thanks to the advocacy of the Association of O&C Counties, the Forest Service will reverse its prior sequestration of 6.2 percent your Counties' FFY 2018 SRS payments and make supplemental disbursements of the withheld amounts. The timing for release of the funds is not yet clear. In addition, the BLM, which has not yet made its SRS payments, has agreed with this Association's position on the legality of sequestration, and the BLM will soon make full SRS payments, with no sequestration.

Our success on this issue will restore almost \$3.0 million to Oregon's National Forest Counties and assure payments by the BLM to O&C Counties that are about \$2.0 million more than would have been the case with sequestration. Nationally, counties and schools will benefit in excess of about \$14.35 million.

While the Association of O&C Counties led the effort on this issue, we would like to thank others for their support. In particular, we would like to thank Senators Wyden and Merkley, and Congressmen Walden and DeFazio, each of whom spoke out on our behalf. We also thank the Association of Oregon Counties for joining in the effort to reverse the misapplication of sequestration.

We will provide further details when they become available.

Rocky McVay, Executive Director
Kevin Davis, Legal Counsel
Association of O&C Counties

Thank you,
Let me know if you have any questions.

Please pay the dues.
Thank You.

Mark Boren

SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:01 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

Additional email to committee received today.

Thank you,
Christine

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Ornberg [<mailto:eaornberg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Keep Lane County in Association of O&C Counties

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Sincerely,

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SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:01 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: Defund \$80,000 in dues to AOCC

Additional email to committee received today.

Thank you,
Christine

From: Kevin Matthews [<mailto:swanfarmdexter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: Defund \$80,000 in dues to AOCC

Dear Lane County Budget Committee,

Thank you for standing in leadership for our communities.

It's an especially heavy responsibility in these times. The survival of the biosphere as we know it, our species that depends upon it, and in turn our local dreams of shared prosperity, depend on a decisive shift away from being stupid, gullible, greedy, and self-serving.

Today for the Lane County Budget Committee, that means defunding dues paid to the Association of O & C Counties, which operates narrowly and aggressively as a political arm of big timber, usurping a place at the forest policy table that is due to Lane County itself, and the wide range of citizens you represent.

Respectfully,

Kevin Matthews

Swan Farm, Dexter

SZELESTA Joseph K (CAO)

From: MOODY Christine M
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:00 PM
To: *LC Budget Comm
Subject: FW: AOCC Funding.

Please see email received today into the Budget & Planning inbox below.

Thank you,
Christine

-----Original Message-----

From: shannon wilson [<mailto:tsuga@efn.org>]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Lane County Budget & Planning
Subject: AOCC Funding.

Dear Lane County Budget Committee.

It has come to my attention that this committee will discuss and possibly decide today whether to support the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC) by paying nearly \$80,000 in yearly dues from Lane County funds.

As a past Endangered Species Surveyor for the Eugene Bureau of Land Management in the early 1990's and a full-time advocate for natural communities since 1995, I'd urge the Lane County Budget Committee to withdraw financial support for the AOCC starting now and into the future. Lane County should not be using taxpayer funds or other diminishing county revenues to support the AOCC which acts as a lobbying arm for the timber industry.

Instead we should use these Lane County funds to build upon community climate resilience and earthquake preparedness to which Lane County is severely ill prepared.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Shannon Wilson
Forester, Ecosystem Advocate, & Community Organizer

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