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Dear Commissioner Kafoury, President Hughes, Mr. Ong and Mr. Santos-Lyons:

It has come to my attention that you have requested that "Jade Greening" be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your request and the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives. Therefore, I will designate Jade Greening as an Oregon Solutions project. I will also appoint two co-conveners, Senator Michael Dembrow and Huy Ong, who will lead a team of public, private, non-profit, and civic partners towards innovative community solutions to addressing air quality issues in the Jade District of Portland, OR.

The Jade District, located between 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Division Street, is identified for its rich blend of Asian influences and locally owned businesses that promote local employment opportunities. The Oregon Solutions approach helps bring together partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and opportunities. With a growing resident population and increased industry traffic in the Jade District, comes the obligation to manage the related air toxins from the large numbers of commuters in a way that preserves the integrity and values of the area and supports the growth of local businesses.

I am pleased to see that you are working collaboratively to bring together partners to address the issues at hand. By integrating and leveraging resources, this project has the potential to insure that improving the air quality in the Jade District can be managed in a safe, responsible, and equitable way. Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Bobby Lee, Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator  
Steve Greenwood, Oregon Solutions Director

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