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JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD
Governor

The Honorable Tina Kotek
Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court Street NE, 269
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Dear Speaker Kotek:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting an Oregon Solutions designation for developing a Swan Island – North Portland Neighbors Forum. I am pleased to designate the creation of this forum as an Oregon Solutions project, and appoint **you and Metro Councilor Sam Chase** as the project's co-conveners.

The establishment of a neighborhood forum to allow for better communication between industrial and residential interests will be of great benefit to this area. Agreement on issues related to how best to manage the forum will be an important first step in addressing other topics such as odor control and air quality.

As you mentioned, livability of North Portland neighborhoods and the vitality of the Swan Island Industrial Area are both important goals, and I believe this project will do much in attaining both objectives. Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for the identification of this important project. I wish you well!

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

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