



July 7, 2016

KATE BROWN
Governor

The Honorable Charlie Hales
City of Portland, Office of the Mayor
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

The Honorable Jeff Reardon
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court Street NE, H-473
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mayor Hales and Representative Reardon:

I am pleased that you have requested the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I believe this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives. Therefore, I am designating Lents Stabilization as an Oregon Solutions project and selecting Representative Jeff Reardon and Portland Planning and Sustainability Commissioner Michelle Rudd, as co-conveners.

The co-conveners will lead the multi-agency and stakeholder process in developing strategies and projects to preserve existing housing, enhance industrial lands for job growth, and mitigate and enhance floodplains along Johnson Creek. Oregon Solutions is in a unique position to manage a process that will help under-served residents, owners of under-utilized industrial land, and owners of businesses impacted by the flood hazard designation. The project will be a multi-year effort to build a foundation for improving community stability, equity, natural resource restoration, and economic growth in the flood-prone areas of the Lents and Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhoods.

This approach helps bring together partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and opportunities, and is a positive opportunity to move forward together. By integrating and leveraging resources, it has the potential to insure success. Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Michelle Rudd, co-convener
Michael Mills, Oregon Solutions

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