



April 16, 2021

Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support the Port of Hood River's request to the Oregon Legislature for \$3.59 million in American Rescue Plan funding for key infrastructure on the Hood River Waterfront.

"Lot #1" is the last, and largest undeveloped light industrial property on the Hood River Waterfront. It has great potential to support job creation in our technology and recreation sectors. A broad community input process resulted in a development plan that includes bike/ped corridors, green streets, and active public spaces. Achieving this vision is only limited by the lack of funding for needed transportation and utility infrastructure.

My company has played a key role in creating the vision for the Hood River Waterfront. I have demonstrated my commitment to the communities for the waterfront by investing in projects that provide opportunities for local businesses, active street fronts and sustainable development. Funding for street and utility infrastructure on Lot 1 is a huge challenge but a critical step to unlock the great economic and quality of life potential of Lot #1.

I ask you to support the Port of Hood River's request for \$3.59 million in American Rescue Plan funds to develop Lot #1. The completed project would result in a tremendous public resource to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pickhardt".

Jeff Pickhardt, President
Key Development Company

CC: Rep. Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House
Sen. Peter Courtney, Senate President
Sen. Lee Beyer, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation
Rep. Susan McLain, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation