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Dear Co-Chair Holvey, Co-chair Girod and Members of the Committee:

I would like to lend support for the effort to build a new multi-use public facility in Lane County, specifically located at the Eugene Fairgrounds site. I have lived in Eugene my entire life (over 60 years), most of it within blocks of the old Civic Stadium and the Fairgrounds. In my youth, I greatly enjoyed attending Eugene Emerald baseball games at Civic and have fond memories of walking to the Fairgrounds to swim at the old Jefferson pool and over to look at horses at the Fairgrounds. My family was in walking distance of the Fairgrounds and eagerly looked forward to the County Fair (formerly in August!). We experienced the lights, sounds and traffic associated with these events very close to home with excitement and pleasure.

In adult life, I intentionally purchased my current home of 26 years in the same neighborhood, so that my two sons, who were 3 and 5 when we moved in, could grow up in the same beautiful, friendly, safe and healthy community that I was fortunate to have done. My sons' experiences in this area, attending the same events and visiting places I had 30 years earlier, firmly grounded them as healthy, well-adjusted kids, who have grown into healthy and successful men.

Eugene is my town. I don't intend to leave it. I have deep roots in this community, where my parents came to University mid-last century and also never left. My father was a local public employee architect who worked on the Urban Growth Project, establishing the growth boundary, the Eugene Downtown Mall and Lane Community College. I have strong feelings about keeping Eugene-proper as the core of our growing Metro area and believe in robust community works projects that will help stave off the urban decay seen in other cities. I am proud to put my tax dollars where my mouth is, also!

Thank you for your consideration,

Trena Lindsey