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From: Rhonda Rich, President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association

Re: Mid-Willamette Public Safety and Resilience Center

On behalf of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), we write this letter in support of the proposed Mid-Willamette Public Safety and Resilience Center which is a joint project of the Keizer Fire District and Marion County Fire District1.

We as residents of West Keizer depend on reliable public safety services that ensure timely and effective responses to our neighbors. We believe that this collaborative approach will strengthen coordination, improve response capability and highlights a responsible and wise use of public resources in service in the broader community.

We believe that the proposed facility would improve regional resiliency by creating a shared and modern base for emergency response, preparedness and recovery. Safety outcomes would be improved for Keizer and the surrounding communities that depend on the agencies during critical incidences such as fires, medical emergencies, traffic incidents, water rescues and large-scale events.

Our West Keizer community encompasses a large geographical area bordering the Willamette River on the west and Keizer Rapids Park on the north and River Road on the east. West Keizer comprises over 3000 households within the boundaries of Cummings Elementary School. The WKNA became active in 2006 and a board of directors strives to meet the goals of the WKNA's Mission Statement for all of its members. "Public Safety" is our most important goal!

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

The West Keizer Neighborhood Association is a neighborhood association recognized by the City of Keizer that serves the people of West Keizer. Its mission is to:

- Promote programs, services, and activities aimed at encouraging connections among neighbors in the community.
- Foster civic involvement and civic education by providing timely information about community and civic issues, by facilitating the discussion of these issues, and by helping members become more informed and responsible citizens.
- Solicit input from members and stakeholders about issues that affect them.
- Support neighborhood-friendly development practices.
- Protect public spaces and historical assets.
- Address public safety and public nuisance concerns of members.
- Act as a vehicle to communicate the concerns of members and advocate for their best interests to the Keizer City Council, to City staff, and to other government agencies; and
- Work to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in West Keizer.