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May 6, 2021

Re: Support for Washington County Family Peace Center project (SB 5534)

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

I am writing to express my support for the Washington County Family Peace Center project.

As District Attorney for Washington County I recognize the urgent need to increase the resources and support for victims of child abuse and domestic violence in our community.

For the past two years I have led a work group of community members to address this issue. Together, we developed a concept called the "Washington County Family Peace Center." Our goal is to co-locate a child advocacy center (CARES Northwest) along with a domestic violence center (Family Justice Center) so that we can provide a coordinated and multidisciplinary response to victims of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence. The attached document provides further description of this project.

Our workgroup has identified a building for this project that we anticipate will be available for purchase in late 2021. As an example of the enormous community support for this effort, attached is a packet of over 60 letters of support from organizations, elected officials and individuals. These letters were collected last September as our workgroup engaged in discussions with Washington County regarding a potential building site.

Letters of support

- Washington County Behavioral Health Council
- Pip Denhart, Ninety-Nine Girlfriends
- Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team
- Rep. Sheri Schouten
- Rep. Ron Noble
- Rep. Courtney Neron
- City of Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle
- City of Cornelius Mayor Jeffrey Dalin
- City of Durham Mayor Gery Schirado
- King City Mayor Ken Gibson
- City of Sherwood Mayor Keith Mays, Police Chief Jeff Groth, and City Manager Joseph Gall

- City of Tigard Mayor Jason Snider
- Sheriff Pat Garrett
- Chief Ernie Happala, Chair, Law Enforcement Council of Washington County
- Bridget Cooke, Executive Director, Adelante Mujeres
- Richard Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE, President & CEO of Tuality Healthcare (retired)
- Gina Cole-Plasker
- Marilynn Helzerman
- Dominique Karaushaar, MSW, CSWA
- Laurie Schmidt
- Fred and Gayle Nachtigal
- Dominic Done, Lead Pastor of Westside A Jesus Church
- Don Grotting, Superintendent Beaverton School District
- Mike Scott, Superintendent, Hillsboro School District
- David Parker, Superintendent, Forest Grove School District
- Dan Goldman, Superintendent, Northwest Regional Education Service District
- Cassandra Williams
- Judy Willey, Board President, Family Justice Center of Washington County
- Toni Loch, Executive Director, Family Justice Center of Washington County
- Ryan Chaquette, Governing Board Chair, CARES Northwest
- Amanda "Meeda" Reesman, LCSW
- Susan Bender Phelps, President, Friends of Washington County Kids
- Katie Flaker, MA, NCC/NCSC, Counselor
- Amy S. Beard, MSW, JD, Executive Director of Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)
- Debbie Moussa, LCSW
- Peter Vik, PhD, Director of Clinical Psychology PhD program, Pacific University
- Esther Nelson, CEO of Safety Compass and Washington County Trafficking Task Force Coordinator
- Katie Riley, Ed.D., President, Washington County Kids
- Janie Schutz, Center for Policing Equity and retired Forest Grove Chief of Police
- Erol Berkely, MSW, CSWA
- Rosemary Brewer, Executive Director, Oregon Crime Victims Law Center
- Michelle Hahn, Detective, Hillsboro Police Department
- Jacqueline Mercer, CEO, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. (NARA)
- Carol Williams, Volunteer Victim Advocate
- Peggy Burnett, Hillsboro Rotary
- Dana Nason, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Hillsboro Pediatric Clinic, LLC
- Rolanda Garcia, DHS, Washington County District Manager
- Dominic Canazaro, CPS Supervisor Washington County DHS
- Martha Brook, Oregon State Director, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
- Andrew Brooks and Dawn Sahm, Ready Nation, Council for a Strong America
- Becky Jones, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions
- James Dooman
- Linda and Joel Wilson (retired Hillsboro Police Commander)
- Ariana Chavarria, LCSW
- Rachel Schutz, Boy and Girls Club of the Portland Metropolitan Area
- Laura McMurray, CFO, Hillsboro Hops Professional Baseball
- Joint legislative letter from

- Rep. Courtney Neron
- Rep. Maxine Dexter
- Rep. Sheri Schouten
- Rep. Margaret Doherty
- Rep. Jeff Barker
- Rep. Rachel Prusak
- Rep. Susan McLain
- Senator Chuck Riley
- Rep. Janeen Sollman
- Senator Ginny Burdick
- Bob Hermann, Retired Washington County District Attorney
- North Plains Mayor Teri Lenahan
- Jason Bromley, Child Protective Services Supervisor, DHS
- Sally Blackwood, MA, LPC
- Chuck Anderson
- Brian Tingey
- Lindsay Coppinger, Chair Public Safety Coordinating Counsel
- Lori Lovely

I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions regarding this project and thank you for your support.

Thank you,



Kevin Barton
District Attorney for Washington County

Washington County Family Peace Center

A campaign for our community

THE VISION

- To establish a state-of-the art facility for Washington County children and families impacted by child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.
- To provide medical treatment, therapy, family support and prevention services to address trauma in a collaborative, proactive way while promoting the health and safety of our community.

THE PROBLEM

Child abuse and domestic violence are widespread

- Approximately 1 in 7 children experience child abuse or neglect annually.ⁱ
- Approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience domestic violence during their lifetime.ⁱⁱ
- In 2019 Oregon had 89,451 reports of child abuse including 23 fatalities.ⁱⁱⁱ

Child abuse impacts everyone, but disproportionately impacts BIPOC children

- Approximately 50% of the Washington County children treated for child abuse identify as non-white (top categories are Hispanic/Latino-30% and multi-racial/ethnic-36%).^{iv}
- Approximately 66% of the Washington County children treated for child abuse are financially vulnerable (either no health insurance or on Medicaid).^v

Harm caused by child abuse and domestic violence is long-lasting and expensive

- Childhood trauma (known as Adverse Childhood Experiences or “ACEs”) increases the likelihood a person will experience mental health challenges, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness or criminal behavior.^{vi}
- The cost of domestic violence over a victim’s lifetime is estimated to be \$103,767 for women and \$23,414 for men.^{vii}
- The cost of child abuse over a victim’s lifetime is estimated to be \$830,928 per victim, including costs for healthcare, child welfare, criminal justice, special education and lost work productivity.^{viii}

Washington County’s child population is growing

- 139,603 children live in Washington County, representing approximately a quarter of the county’s entire population.
- Washington County has the second largest child population in Oregon, with only 13,210 fewer children than Multnomah County
- Within the next two decades, Washington County is projected to have the largest child population in Oregon.

Washington County does not have a dedicated facility for child abuse victims

- The primary medical clinic serving Washington County child abuse victims, CARES Northwest, is located in Northeast Portland, requiring up to a two-hour roundtrip drive per appointment.^{ix}

- CARES Northwest was established in 1987 primarily to serve Multnomah County children.
- Beginning in 2018 and reversing a 30-year trend, **CARES Northwest now serves more Washington County children than Multnomah County children** (treating approximately 800 Washington County children annually).

COVID-19 has harmed victims of child abuse and domestic violence and reduced reporting

- From March to December 2020 during the pandemic, 31% fewer Washington County children were seen at CARES Northwest.
- In 2020, reports of child abuse in Washington County dropped by over 50% as schools closed and teacher contact with children was limited.
- In 2020, domestic violence in Washington County increased along with stress and social isolation caused by the pandemic.

THE SOLUTION

- Community members and leaders have been working together over the past two years to co-locate CARES Northwest with the Family Justice Center in a single Washington County location called the “Washington County Family Peace Center,” to serve children and families in our community.
- Key features:
 - o Expanded access to medical assessments and culturally appropriate trauma therapy for our children
 - o Collaboration and partnership with Washington County agencies, leaders, professionals, educators and our diverse community members
 - o 20,000+ square foot facility that brings together experts in medical treatment, trauma therapy, advocacy and prevention surrounding child abuse, neglect and domestic violence

CARES NORTHWEST

- CARES Northwest is the first children’s advocacy center established in Oregon. Accredited by the National Children’s Alliance, its mission is to stop child abuse and neglect through multidisciplinary prevention, medical evaluation, and ongoing treatment in partnership with the community.
- CARES Northwest features:
 - o Specialized medical treatment and evidence-based trauma therapy for all children, regardless of ability to pay
 - o Coordinated care in collaboration with community partners to minimize trauma
 - o Bilingual and culturally competent teams to meet the needs of the child and family
 - o Urgent medical appointments with child abuse experts to care for children within 24 hours
 - o 24/7 consultation by medical providers trained in child abuse medicine
 - o Child abuse prevention training in partnership with local school districts

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC)

- The Family Justice Center of Washington County was established in 2018 to provide hope, safety and healing to families impacted by domestic violence.
- The FJC provides wrap-around services in one location to domestic violence victims in partnership with a diverse array of community groups, nonprofits and governmental agencies.
- The FJC features:
 - o Onsite resources for counseling, advocacy shelter options and remote court access restraining orders
 - o Family coaching and financial assistance
 - o Support finding housing, rental assistance and utility assistance
 - o Legal support and guidance through partnerships with legal aid organizations
 - o Onsite law enforcement support to assist with reporting crimes

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Visit www.caresnw.org or www.fjcwc.org learn more about these organizations
- Contact:
 - o Judy Willey, Board President, Family Justice Center of Washington County (Judy@FJCWC.org)
 - o Rachel Petke, LCSW, CARES Northwest
503-276-9000 (RPetke@LHS.org)
 - o Kevin Barton, Washington County District Attorney
503-846-8671 (Kevin_Barton@co.washington.or.us)

ⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/CHILD-ABUSE/Documents/2019%20Child%20Welfare%20Data%20Book.pdf>

^{iv} According to data collected from CARES Northwest

^v *Id.*

^{vi} https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/fastfact.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Facesstudy%2Ffastfact.html

^{vii} <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>

^{viii} Peterson C, Florence C, Klevens J. The economic burden of child maltreatment in the United States, 2015. Child abuse & neglect. 2018 Dec 1;86:178-83

^{ix} In 2019 CARES Northwest began a part-time Washington County satellite pilot project at an urgent care clinic.



September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: David Parker, Superintendent

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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Children who have been exposed to or have witnessed a violent occurrence need a great deal of support and often will need counseling to handle their feelings. A facility within Washington County would provide services close to home for families. Families are more likely to continue to receive services if they can easily reach them. With support children are able to recover and thrive. It is extremely important for families to have access to services closer to their home.

Forest Grove School District strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David Parker, Superintendent



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**DEBBIE MOUSSA, LCSW
535 SE. WASHINGTON, OR. 97123
503-402-8617**

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: **Debbie Moussa, LCSW**

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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I have worked as a Child and Family therapist in Washington County for over 15 years and have personally and professionally witnessed the healing of countless children and families due to the expertise, professionalism, best-practices, and collaborative services of CARES. They are an essential to the heal and well-being of our most vulnerable members in our area, children.

Having a local site to provide CARES services would better serve our families and children and remove some of the barriers to accessing these essential services.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Debbie Moussa, LCSW



HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 3, 2020

Washington County Commissioners
% Kristin Kaufmann
150 North First Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

To the Board of Washington County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Hillsboro School District, it is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the proposed co-location of a westside CARES NW office with the Family Justice Center of Washington County in the soon-to-be-vacated Tanasbourne 911 Call Center.

As you know, Washington County does not currently have a dedicated facility for child abuse victims, and in each of the past two years, the CARES NW office in NE Portland treated more Washington County children than Multnomah County children. The need is there, and the solution is clear.

Sadly, the Hillsboro School District has many students each year who are evaluated at CARES NW. Having a westside option for these students would remove a significant barrier to them receiving needed services.

Washington County's 911 call center building, known as the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency or "WCCA," will be vacated in 2021 when WCCA moves to a new location. Opening a new westside CARES NW office and combining it with the Family Justice Center makes sense, represents good financial stewardship of County resources, and will allow families that have experienced violence and trauma to receive the support they need at a single location.

As a fellow public agency, we are always looking for opportunities to better serve our community and to make strategic use of our limited resources. This project allows you to do both and I would strongly encourage you to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Respectfully,

Mike Scott
Superintendent

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September 1, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Peter Vik, PhD
Pacific University Oregon

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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As the director of two advanced training programs in clinical health service psychology, I am acutely aware of the importance of providing quality care to children who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. How we care for the most vulnerable is an important indicator of the quality of our society. Washington County has an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the State of Oregon our commitment to our children.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Vik, PhD
Director, Clinical Psychology PhD Program
Interim Director, Doctoral Internship Program
Pacific University, Oregon



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September 3rd, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
Esther Nelson
CEO & Washington County Trafficking Task Force Coordinator
Safety Compass

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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As the CEO of Safety Compass, I oversee service delivery for advocacy services for sex-trafficking survivors in 3 counties, with a particular focus on Washington County as I coordinate our Trafficking Task Force here. In virtually all cases when victims are identified, the need for rapid access to multiple forms of support and safety seeking aides becomes vital the welfare of the individuals we serve. Consolidation and co-location of services for children and adults in high lethality situations, literally saves lives. Increasing proximity to services also reduces the impact of privilege on participants, as whether or not a family owns a car, to be able to drive from provider office to another provider office, no longer becomes one of the major deciding factors in whether or not services are accessed.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Esther Nelson
CEO & Washington County Trafficking Task Force Coordinator
Safety Compass



September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Katie Riley, Ed.D., President, Washington County Kids

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

I am pleased to support the request to make the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021.

Washington County Kids is dedicated to optimizing the success of children in the county and that includes early intervention as well as the use of out of school time (early learning, afterschool, and summer- OST) programs to prevent child abuse problems. Families who have their children participate in OST programs are more likely to learn positive ways of dealing with problem behaviors. They also have the relief of knowing their children are safe while they are working. The adults are also able to obtain and keep jobs that add to their sense of self-worth and mitigate depression and economic problems that often precipitate abuse. Their children also have the influence of positive adults who model positive ways of dealing with conflict. In addition, program providers are usually considered “mandatory reporters” so they are required to report early signs of child abuse. Thus, we consider the OST programs and CARES NW personnel to be partners in prevention and early intervention.

Having toured the CARES NW facility in Portland and talked with their staff, I have become aware of the acute need for child abuse evaluation and treatment among Washington County residents. It is important to provide these services close to where residents live so they can avoid the long commute that might discourage them from obtaining and following through on care.

We are happy to support this request and would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



August 29, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Judy Willey, Board President, Family Justice Center of Washington County

RE: WCCA Building for Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

The Family Justice Center of Washington County (FJCWC) Board of Directors is writing this letter requesting your support of the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building as a future home for the FJCWC and Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services (CARES) Northwest once the Washington County 911 Call Center moves to their new location.

In October 2003, President George W. Bush announced the creation of the President's Family Justice Center Initiative. This \$20 million Initiative created co-located, multi-disciplinary service centers for victims of family violence and their children. We are designed to reduce the number of places victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse must go to receive needed services. Mary Beth Buchanan, Acting Director of Office on Violence Against Women stated "the Family Justice Center is, at its core, a concept that increases community capacity while also providing diverse, culturally competent services to victims and their children in a single location." The FJC model is identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services.

The Family Justice Center of Washington County (a 501c3 organization) opened its doors in Beaverton in March of 2018. We have provided over 12,295 services to victims and survivors since that time and continue to work alongside 22 different agencies. We work closely with the Alliance for Hope International located in San Diego as well as Multnomah and Clackamas Family Justice Centers. Both of these Centers are supported by their respective county and housed in a county owned building. We understand developing and maintaining support from local government (cities and county), business, labor, diverse social service organizations, nonprofits and faith based organizations increases the resources available to victims and their children. Strong support from our elected officials also increases the effectiveness and sustainability of a center serving family violence and child abuse victims!

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Family Justice Center of Washington County

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Our vision provides a future where: all the needs of victims are met; children are protected; batterers are held accountable; violence fades; families heal and thrive; and hope for a better future is realized! By bringing the FJCWC and CARES Northwest together "all under one roof," we can provide even more wrap around services and meet the needs of anyone in the family who has experienced abuse or violence.

The Family Justice Center Board of Directors strongly supports this vision and believes co-locating services at the WCCCA building in Washington County with CARES Northwest would greatly enhance access to care, promote increased coordination of services and support state-of-art interventions and treatment designed to minimize the impact of trauma on children and families, and promote their healing.

We encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for the FJCWC and CARES Northwest. Thank you for giving this opportunity your serious consideration. We are happy to provide additional information upon request.

Sincerely,



Judy Willey

Board President,
Family Justice Center of Washington County

Family Justice Center of Washington County Board Members:

Judy Willey, Board President, Oregon Intl Air Show - RET

Toni Loch, Executive Director

Kevin Barton, Washington County District Attorney

John Bennett, Cornelius Chief of Police & Washington County Sheriff's Office

Sylvana Bennett, Physician, OHSU Hillsboro Medical Center

Erin Calvert, Deputy County Administrator, Washington County

Campbell Clarey, Development Director, Tandem Property Management

Mary Gruss, Chief Financial Officer - RET, Washington County

Rebecca Guptill, Circuit Court Judge for Washington County

Leocadia Montero Hainley, Pyschotherapist & ESPERE Consultant

Robert Hermann, Washington County District Attorney - RET

Tristan Irvin, Tigard Community & Schools Representative

JoAnn Lumaco, Development Director & Community Representative

Carolyn Ortman, Kaiser Permanente Regional Manager

Sarah Smith, Faith Community Representative

Janeen Sollman, Oregon House State Representative



SHERIFF

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CONSERVING THE PEACE THROUGH VALUES DRIVEN SERVICE / SHERIFF PAT GARRETT

September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Sheriff Pat Garrett, Washington County Sheriff's Office

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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Washington County leaders and community members are working to bring CARES Northwest to a Washington County location shared with the Family Justice Center to establish a state-of-the art facility where families who experience any violence in the home can receive the needed support at one location.

Both physical and sexual abuse cases are traumatic on the victim and the victim's family. CARES practitioners are civilian social workers and medical experts who have been trained to deal with family trauma. It allows victims and families exposure to mental health resources from the time they report the crime to law enforcement. The progressive role CARES plays in an investigation offers the best services for victims and families and reduces the impact child abuse investigations have on police officers.

Colocating CARES NW and the FJC to the current WCCCA building will also improve the security of both centers since the building already has locking entry and mag-card access point security.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Pat Garrett".

Sheriff Pat Garrett
Washington County

September 2, 2020

TO: Washington County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Janie F Schutz

Relationship Manager, Center for Policing Equity
Chief of Police, Retired, Forest Grove Police Department

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Washington County Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Over a year ago, prior to my retirement in January 2020, I served as the Police Chief in Forest Grove where I had been part of a steering committee working to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County. Having seen too many investigations of child abuse and/or sexual abuse in our County, I really understood then, and certainly understand now, the importance of making this a reality for all those currently living in our great county. I also had the privilege of sitting on the initial steering committee that worked at bringing the Family Justice Center to our County and I had continued to stay involved with the FJC up until my recent retirement. I've come to understand that there is a possibility of having both CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center possibly being able to co-locate in what is now the current WCCCA building. Knowing that WCCCA will be moving to their new location this next year, this seems like an amazing opportunity for our County to put two needed services together where all our residents can be cared for with the services that are so badly needed by many.

I'm such an advocate for the CARES Northwest first and foremost because I believe in their mission, but also because when I was 14 years old, I was a victim of rape and I just didn't know what to do as a kid. I never want a child to feel what I felt and to be too scared to tell someone. I always felt it was my fault and my abuser encouraged years of that thinking. I carried this secret for too many years and I still feel guilty for not speaking up when it happened. However, knowing what I do now and from my background in law enforcement, I know that our children need that opportunity to find people and resources to help them understand what happened and to be shown different possible coping mechanisms that might continue to help them as they grow into the life that they were meant to have. I also spent 18 years teaching Domestic Violence Response and Sexual Assault Investigation to recruit officers at a police training academy in North Carolina which has further given me the needed understanding on the critical importance in how Adverse Childhood Experiences increase the likelihood a child will

experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

Washington County leaders and community members have been working for the past year with the goal of bringing CARES Northwest to Washington County in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. This could be precedent setting in all the best ways possible for the people of our county, but more importantly, for our children who deserve the best possibility at a life that we might dream for them.

Since my retirement in January, I chose to continue my service to others by accepting a position as a Relationship Manager for the Center for Policing Equity, a national organization working with law enforcement agencies across the country to put an end to any disparate treatment that our communities of color might suffer from when engaging with law enforcement. Overall, I see life as our ability to continue to give back to others, especially those that have less than us. This is how I view the opportunity that sits in front of each of you, as our County Commissioners, regarding the possibility of co-locating the Family Justice Center with the amazing CARES Northwest organization. There could be no better service to the residents of Washington County and I strongly encourage you to move ahead on this concept as not only a way to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Most Sincerely,

Janie F. Schutz
Relationship Manager
Center for Policing Equity



September 2, 2020

City of Tigard

Washington County Board of Commissioners
c/o District Attorney Barton
Kristin.Kaufmann@co.washington.or.us

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Chair Harrington and County Commissioners,

As Tigard's Mayor and on behalf of the Tigard City Council and residents, we fully support the idea of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest once the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021.

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our residents and the Washington County community. Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

Since 1987, CARES Northwest has been serving Washington County children at their North Portland location. In 2018, for the first time in 30 years, CARES Northwest served more Washington County children than Multnomah County children. That trend has continued. Last year, almost 800 Washington County children were seen for child abuse medical evaluations at CARES Northwest (*about 100 more than Multnomah County*); an increase of over 100% in the last 15 years.

In response, Washington County leaders and community members have been working for the past year to bring CARES Northwest to Washington Co. in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. The group's goal: establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve. By co-locating those services in the WCCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

On behalf of the Tigard City Council and our residents, I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center.

Your decision has the power to advance the health and safety of children and families today, but also, the well-being of future generations of Washington County children and families. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Snider".

Jason B. Snider, Mayor

September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Erol Berkeley, MSW, CSWA, CARES Northwest Family Navigator/Intake Counselor

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities. Research on Adverse Child Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

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In speaking with families to gather information, orient and schedule for services, we are often also discussing challenges the family is currently experiencing. There have been many instances that families have spoken about not having reliable transportation or being unable to miss multiple hours of work to attend our evaluations. For Washington County families to have a location that is potentially 45 minutes closer to home would be an incredible burden lifted from their shoulders.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erol Berkeley, MSW, CSWA



September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Bridget Cooke, Executive Director – Adelante Mujeres
RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing to express our support for making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

Among other services, Adelante Mujeres provides early child education, youth and adult wrap-around programming to vulnerable community members. Reducing barriers to intervention and treatment is a central component of a successful community response.

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On behalf of Adelante Mujeres, I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bridget Cooke, Executive Director



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September 2, 2020

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Washington County Board of Commissioners

155 N First Avenue, Suite 300, MS 22

Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Chair Harrington and Washington County Commissioners:

We are writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities, including Sherwood.

Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

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We strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith Mays
Mayor



Jeff Groth
Police Chief



Joseph Gall, ICMA-CM
City Manager



Law Enforcement Council of Washington County

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Chief Bill Steele
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Sheriff Pat Garrett
Washington County

DA Kevin Barton
Washington County

August 31, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Chief Ernie Happala, Chair Law Enforcement Council of Washington County

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the chiefs and sheriff of the Law Enforcement Council of Washington County in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after WCCCA moves to their new location in 2021).

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County residents and communities. Research on Adverse Child Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness, and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

Since 1987, CARES Northwest has been serving Washington County children at their North Portland location. In 2018, for the first time in 30 years, CARES Northwest served more Washington County children than Multnomah County children. That trend has continued, last year almost 800 Washington County children were seen for child abuse medical evaluations at CARES Northwest (about 100 more than Multnomah County), an increase of over 100% in the last 15 years.

In response, Washington County leaders and community members have been working for the past year to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. The group's goal: establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve. By co-locating those services, at the WCCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

We the members of the Law Enforcement Council of Washington County strongly encourage You to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and The Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Happala".

Chief Ernie Happala, Chair/Law Enforcement Council of Washington County



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September 1, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Rosemary Brewer, Executive Director, Oregon Crime Victims Law Center

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

CARES Northwest provides evaluation, medical treatment, crisis intervention, and therapy to children who have suffered physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or exposure to domestic violence. Experts estimate that as many as one in three girls and one in six boys may experience this type of abuse by the time they reach 18. Research on Adverse Child Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life. CARES Northwest is the only facility serving these children in Multnomah and Washington counties, and in each of the last two years, CARES has seen more children from Washington County than Multnomah.

Currently, Washington County children who are experiencing abuse must travel to North Portland to seek services from CARES Northwest. In response to this, Washington County leaders and community members have been working to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. The group's goal: establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve.

As the only nonprofit organization providing free legal representation to crime victims throughout the state, the attorneys at the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center have seen firsthand the trauma and pain children who have been abused face. Without adequate treatment and therapy by well-trained professionals, the adverse effects of that abuse can be felt for a lifetime. Washington County children deserve convenient access to the type of facility that can provide this critical intervention, and CARES Northwest has the experience and skills to best serve these children.

At OCVLC we regularly work with clients who are experiencing multiple forms of victimization, including domestic violence and child abuse. Placing a CARES Northwest facility within the Family Justice Center would allow victims to receive services for multiple types of abuse within the home, all in one location. This would be of enormous benefit to victims trying to recover from the type of domestic violence that permeates the entire home. Having to go to multiple facilities to receive services only increases the barriers that these victims face in seeking assistance not only for themselves but for their children as well.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Brewer

Richard V. Stenson
44872 NW Plum Hill Lane
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

August 31, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Re: Request approval for CARES NW and the Washington County Family Justice Center to share the vacated WCCA building.

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to offer my support for the proposed creation of a much needed west side location for CARES NW child abuse, resource and evaluation services in the soon to be vacated Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency building. We believe this location would be most effective for caring for our local young victims of sexual violence, especially if it can be co-located with the Washington County Family Justice Center. The WCCA building would be ideal to serve both, often interrelated, needs in a location more easily accessible to residents from around the county.

My decades in organizing and providing health care services and having the opportunity to sit on various committees and boards that intersect with the needs of children (including Washington County Commission on Children and Families, Washington County Public Health Advisory Committee, Community Action Organization, and the Washington County Vision Action Network), have made it clear to me that there is a compelling argument that we can provide these services more effectively and efficiently closer to home. More children will be able to make their appointments for evaluation and care, and staff assisting them will be more readily available.

I strongly urge you to approve the WCCA building as the new home for CARES NW and the Family Justice Center when it becomes available in 2021. This is a win-win-win opportunity for future generations of our children in need, these agencies, and the County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard V. Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE
President & CEO, Tuality Healthcare (retired)

Date: September 1, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Michelle Hahn, Detective, Hillsboro Police Department

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities. Research on Adverse Child Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

Since 1987, CARES Northwest has been serving Washington County children at their North Portland location. In 2018, for the first time in 30 years, CARES Northwest served more Washington County children than Multnomah County children. That trend has continued. Last year almost 800 Washington County children were seen for child abuse medical evaluations at CARES Northwest (about 100 more than Multnomah County), an increase of over 100% in the last 15 years.

In response, Washington County leaders and community members have been working for the past year to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. The group's goal: establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve. By co-locating those services at the WCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

I have been a detective for 13 years, spending the last 12 primarily investigating child abuse cases. I have been a part of working with community partners that entire time and cannot emphasize enough how critical it is to the future success of the case, child, and family well-being for everyone to be working together collectively. These children and families are already going through so much in their lives that we, those who have the ability to protect and assist them, should be willing to do whatever we can to make the process as minimally impactful as possible. It is our duty to do so. By housing us all together, in a centralized building, we can better serve our communities and provide one location for them to be able to address most, if not all their needs instead of having them travel all over the county for the services they deserve.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hahn, Detective, Hillsboro Police Department



Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.
A Non-Profit Organization

August 31, 2020

To the Honorable Washington County Board of Commissioners,

I write in behalf of the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest Inc., (NARA NW) in support of establishing a state-of-the-art facility for Washington County children who have been abused or neglected, so they receive the support, medical treatment, and therapy in a collaborative proactive way, so that families who experience any type of violence within the home, can receive the support they need in a single location.

As a local stakeholder, NARA NW, is the Portland Metro areas culturally specific holistic non-profit entity for the treatment of American Indians and Alaska Natives. We have provided services to this community for 50 years; our treatment facilities include medical, dental, behavioral health and addiction services. The American Indians and Alaska Natives that we serve are an underserved population. We as a non-profit have a mission statement that includes everyone.

"The mission of NARA is to provide education, physical and mental health services and substance abuse treatment that is culturally appropriate to American Indians and Alaska Natives and anyone in need."

The need for establishing a state-of-the-art facility for Washington County children, in a single location is compelling. NARA NW supports the combining of the CARES Northwest and the Washington Counties Family Justice Center relocating to a single facility. This will directly benefit the community by increasing the amount of people served.

Respectfully,


Jacqueline Mercer, CEO

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Wellness Center
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Date: August 28, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

Carol L. Williams

From: Carol L. Williams, Volunteer Victim Advocate

RE: Washington County CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

For more than a decade, I have had the honor to serve as a volunteer Victim Advocate working with the Child Abuse Team of the Washington County District Attorney's Office. Throughout that time, I have met literally hundreds of families working their way through the criminal prosecution portion of cases involving the neglect, physical mistreatment or sexual assault of children. By the time prosecution actively begins, it may have been a span of several months or, in cases with delayed disclosure, many years from the behaviors that resulted in criminal charges ultimately being filed.

All too often, the individuals I meet arrive at the criminal prosecution stage of their journey without any cogent plan to deal with past, present, or potential future behavioral issues. All too often, these families are overwhelmed and emotionally drained by a cycle of abuse and dysfunction. All too often, these families are unable or unwilling to recognize the long term damage hidden just below the surface of the entire family dynamic. All too often, a parent has shared with me that they too had experienced neglect, physical abuse or sexual assault as a child.

Any opportunity, ANY OPPORTUNITY AT ALL, to enhance the ability of professionals to intervene early in the chain of events that these families endure should be supported. Any opportunity to streamline, consolidate, or lighten the burden placed on traumatized families as they progress through the process — from reporting, to police investigation, to CARES Northwest, to assessment of services needed, to services provided, and ultimately to testimony at a public trial — should be supported.

I am aware that there is currently consideration being given to bringing together a Washington County satellite CARES Northwest location and the Family Justice Center in a County facility that presently houses the Washington County Call Center. To the extent that local access to the professionals at CARES Northwest can be combined with enhanced provision of ongoing support and follow-up services available through CARES and the Family Justice Center, the County as a whole will be well served now and into the future.

As both a volunteer Victim Advocate and a resident of Washington County, I strongly support a decision to dedicate the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency building to this purpose when it is vacated in 2021.

August 30, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Peggy R. Burnett, Hillsboro Rotary

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

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deserve. By co-locating those services at the WCCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

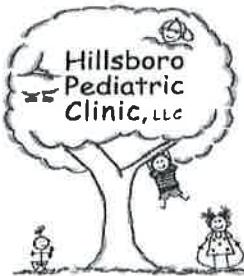
I was a Paramedic in Hillsboro for a long time. I saw a great deal of violence against women and children. I was helpless to do anything for them other than take care of their wounds. There wasn't an agency to handle this at the time. Children had no voice and women were afraid to speak up. You can't separate the need between violence against women and violence against children. They go together and should be handled in the same building.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Peggy R. Burnett

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August 29, 2020

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners

The opportunity for a CARES Northwest assessment clinic to co-locate with Washington County's Family Justice Center is welcome news. At Hillsboro Pediatrics, we regularly make referrals to and receive assessments from CARES Northwest. These comprehensive evaluations are, by their nature, emotionally difficult and time consuming for families. The inconvenience of travel and traffic compounds the difficulty. Approximately 50% of our patients are financially vulnerable and many of their families have a primary language other than English.

We fully support the proposal for having the CARES NW team provide assessments locally in Washington County. The ability to locate with the Family Justice Center in a consolidated facility will enhance the County's ability to offer needed supports to families.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss this exciting development.

Sincerely,

Dana R Nason MD FAAP

Medical Director, Hillsboro Pediatric Clinic LLC



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August 28, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Rolanda Garcia - DHS, Washington County District Manager
RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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As the primary organization responsible in responding to child abuse and neglect, DHS relies on our CARES partners to provide a comprehensive assessment and evaluation for the children we serve. Their practitioners are trained in the area of child abuse and provide a high level of expertise leading to more accurate diagnosis of child abuse and neglect.

We strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rolanda Garcia

"Safety, health and independence for all Oregonians"
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September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities. Research on Adverse Child Experiences (“ACEs”) show how trauma in childhood can increase, often dramatically, the likelihood that the individual will experience physical and mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life. Early intervention can redress and even prevent these adverse health effects that can result from trauma.

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Helping children and families cope with and heal from trauma not only benefits the individuals directly affected, but improves the health and financial well-being of communities as a whole, because early intervention and treatment of childhood trauma reduces the risk of, and subsequent costs associated with, homelessness, addiction, under- and unemployment, and health care. SARC strongly encourages you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy S. Beard".

Amy S. Beard, MSW, JD

Executive Director, Sexual Assault Resource Center

September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Flaker, MA, NCC/NCSC, Counselor
RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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From 2004-2006, I served as a counseling intern at the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland, California. My role was to offer support and skills to the children who had been victim or witness to domestic violence. We were able to either offer immediate support in our KidZone play area for drop off needs during emergency situations for caregivers in the building, or schedule therapy appointments that coincided with the caregiver's ongoing appointments within the same building. It was integral for the success of all agencies to work together.

Now serving as a School Counselor for elementary students, I would so appreciate the ability to refer a family to a single building to get the care they need without worry of traveling to various sites or setting up outside childcare. This system works, and our community needs it. Having a single, safe location for all agencies to work synchronistically offers ease and comfort for someone already impacted by trauma, and truly helps them feel protected, validated, and loved. This is where the healing starts.

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Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Katie Flaker, MA, NCC/NCSC, Counselor



1855 NW Albion Court, Beaverton, OR 97006
503-890-0971

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Susan Bender Phelps, President

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing to request your vote to make the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

For more than 15 years, I led mentoring programs for middle and high school students. So many of the young people we worked with during that time experienced trauma from domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and violence in their neighborhoods. I believe that strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our families and communities. Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

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Our organization was formed to advocate for locally sourced, sustainable funding for out of school time programs: early learning, before and after-school childcare, enrichment programs, healing and preventing child abuse, and support for foster kids. On behalf of our volunteer board, I request that you vote YES to making the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center. This action will be a major step in providing the constellation of services these children and families need. It will promote their health and safety today, and the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Bender Phelps

President



September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Ryan Chaquette, Governing Board Chair, CARES Northwest
RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the CARES Northwest Governing Board, we write to support making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a potential combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (once the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

CARES Northwest is a national leader in child abuse response services. It is a unique collaboration between Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, OHSU's Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Providence Children's Services and Kaiser Permanente. Our mission is to stop child abuse and neglect through multidisciplinary prevention, medical evaluation, and ongoing treatment in partnership with our community.

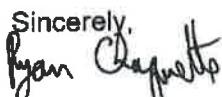
CARES Northwest has proudly served as Washington County's Children's Advocacy Center since 1987, providing child abuse medical evaluation and trauma therapy for hundreds of children each year at our North Portland location. We're deeply committed to collaborating with our Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) partners to provide a coordinated, comprehensive, caring response to children and families impacted by abuse.

The number of children we serve from Washington County has increased over 100% in the last 15 years. In 2018, for the first time ever, the number of children served from Washington County surpassed that of Multnomah County. That trend is continuing. Last year almost 800 Washington County children were seen for child abuse medical evaluations (about 100 more than Multnomah County).

In 2019, CARES Northwest and the Washington County MDT convened a workgroup of Washington County leaders and community members to address the growing need and create a vision for the future. Their goal is to establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve – *in Washington County*. By co-locating CARES Northwest services at the WCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

The CARES Northwest Governing Board strongly supports the workgroup's vision, and believes co-locating services at a Washington County location would enhance access to care, promote increased coordination of services, and support state-of-art interventions and treatment designed to minimize the impact of trauma on children and families, and promote their healing.

We encourage you to make the WCCA building available and provide the opportunity for a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ryan Chaquette
Chair, CARES Northwest Governing Board



September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Mayor Denny Doyle, Beaverton, OR

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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The City of Beaverton is committed to working closely with our community to address the need of a safe and stable local facility, so that children and families that experience violence and trauma can get the resources, assistance, support and care that they need.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Denny Doyle
Mayor
Beaverton, Oregon



September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Amanda "Meeda" Reesman, LCSW, Social Worker at CARES Northwest

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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I believe having a permanent CARES Northwest location in Washington County will have a timely impact on Washington County children needing their services. With the Multnomah County location being what's available to Washington County families in an urgent situation, it could be over an hour before the family reaches their services. In a child's time of need, travelling for what could be over an hour can be detrimental, increase trauma, and can also raise the family's anxiety immensely. With a Washington County location, children can be seen sooner, which can lead to concerns being addressed urgently. It can also increase the





response time of community partners such as law enforcement agencies and Department of Human Services (DHS) caseworkers. As a social worker with CARES Northwest, I believe there are some families and situations that cannot afford to wait in the long commute. Opening the WCCA building to CARES Northwest would provide that timely resource to Washington County children and families.

In addition to children being seen urgently at a Washington County location, children would also have access to ongoing specialized therapy services in their area. It has been my experience as a CARES Northwest social worker that some families do not engage in therapy services because there is not a local resource. Exposure to childhood trauma increases the likelihood a person will experience mental health problems, and difficulty with school, among other concerns as they age. Making the WCCA building available to CARES Northwest would provide a resource for these families who are otherwise unable to address their children's trauma with adequate resources. With the therapies and supports CARES Northwest can provide, there are decreased chances for these children to have adverse experiences as they age as a result of their trauma.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Amanda "Meeda" Reesman, LCSW
Social Worker





City of Durham

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Emily Baker - Administrative Assistant

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Gery Schirado, Mayor of City of Durham
RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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In Durham a significant number of our police calls relate to some form of domestic disturbance. Often these situations involve women and children directly or indirectly. It is important to know that there is a place in Washington County that, if necessary and warranted, there is a safe and secure location where these parents and children can go and receive proper care. Having a facility that combines the functions of the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest makes good sense for Durham and for Washington County.

The Durham City Council and I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gery Schirado
Mayor

September 3, 2020



Dear County Commissioners:

I'm writing in support of Family Justice Center collocating with CARES NW in the WCCCA building. We are similar in our missions and like CARES NW our mission is to provide a collaborative, community based program for domestic violence, where they are committed to assessment, treatment and prevention of child abuse in one location. Many of the characteristics of child abuse and domestic violence go hand in hand. Both agencies are alike in we both have one location for clients to get many of the needed services.

CARES NW is not only concerned about child abuse and neglect they are also concerned for children exposed to domestic violence. The statistics support what practitioners know – 30% to 60% of children living in homes with domestic violence are also victims of abuse (JL Edleson), Growing up in a home with domestic violence can be dangerous to children as well as they learn behaviors that follow them to adulthood, perpetuating the cycle domestic violence. Both domestic abuse and child abuse are centered around power and control.

We offer comprehensive services for domestic violence including: advocacy, safety planning, restraining orders, counseling, financial assistance, legal assistance, childcare and law enforcement. Domestic violence and child abuse has been portrayed as separate and siloed issues. Many times victims of domestic violence stay because they are concerned about their child's well-being and will stay to protect their children. It might not make sense that they would stay, but they face threats about the children – "You'll lose custody", "You'll never see the children again if you leave" and to actually threaten to do something to the children.

Great efficiencies are possible with the collocation as well as more people knowing about the services of both agencies. Many times people don't know where to turn in a time of crisis, and both CARES NW and Family Justice Center offer a lifeline. This would be financially beneficial to Family Justice Center as our current rent is very expensive, and we could spend more of our time focused on serving trauma victims.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Toni Loch
Executive Director

Freeing Families from Violence



Northwest Regional Education Service District

September 3, 2020

Washington County Commissioners
Kristin Kaufmann
150 North First Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

To the Board of Washington County Commissioners,

On behalf of Northwest Regional Education Service District, I am writing this letter of support for the proposed co-location of a westside CARES NW office with the Family Justice Center of Washington County in the soon-to-be-vacated Tanasbourne 911 Call Center.

Washington County does not currently have a dedicated facility for child abuse victims, and in each of the past two years, the CARES NW office in NE Portland treated more Washington County children than Multnomah County children. We know Adverse Childhood Experiences can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life. Our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities.

Washington County leaders and community members have worked for the past year to bring CARES Northwest to our community in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. By co-locating those services at the WCCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

At NWRESD, we know our work is only as strong as the partnerships we foster with other public agencies. We encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center.

Sincerely,

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Dan Goldman
Superintendent

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Cassandra Williams

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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As a parent of 2 adopted children, our family knows all too well the effects of loss and trauma. It is imperative that children and families receive this vital support. In order to break the cycle of abuse and trauma we have to provide intervention as early as possible to families. I have volunteered for over 9 years with families looking for help supporting their children living with trauma, to help build connections and support which they can take into all aspects of their lives.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Williams



Don Grotting
Superintendent of Schools
16550 SW Merlo Road
Beaverton, OR 97003
503-356-4401



September 3, 2020

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Beaverton School District, I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest in the soon-to-be-vacated Tanasbourne 911 Call Center.

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Washington County's 911 call center building, known as the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency or "WCCA," will be vacated in 2021 when WCCA moves to a new location. Opening a new westside CARES NW office and combining it with the Family Justice Center makes sense, represents good financial stewardship of County resources, and will allow families that have experienced violence and trauma to receive the support they need at a single location.

Sadly, the Beaverton School District has many students each year who are evaluated at CARES NW. Having a westside option for these students would remove a significant barrier to them receiving needed services.

As a fellow public agency, strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Don Grotting.

Don Grotting
Superintendent

District Goal: WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

"The District prohibits discrimination and harassment based on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veteran status, or because of a perceived or actual association with any other persons within these protected classes."

Cornelius

Oregon's Family Town

September 4, 2020



2019

Kathryn Harrington, Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

RE: WCCCA Building Space for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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The City of Cornelius has been a financial supporter for the Family Justice Center since its opening and believe that the two agencies working together will make both services even stronger for children and their families.

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Sincerely,

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Jeffrey C. Dalin
Mayor of Cornelius

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Dominic Done. Lead Pastor of Westside A Jesus Church

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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I believe that the violence and trauma experienced by children and families is an urgent issue that needs to be addressed. As a pastor, I have seen so many families devastated by this issue, and I applaud this proposal and view it as a significant step in towards the healing that our community desperately needs.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dominic Done. Lead Pastor of Westside A Jesus Church

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September 3, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners

re: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

We understand the Washington County 911 call center is scheduled to move to a new location in 2021. We strongly support combining the Family Justice Center and CARES NW into the building to be vacated by WCCCA.

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities. Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences proves that childhood trauma increases the likelihood that a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior, over the course of their life.

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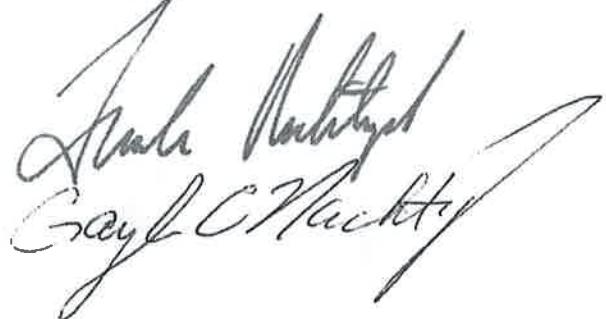
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Fred and Gayle Nachtigal



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**OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE
900 COURT ST NE SALEM, OREGON 97301**

August 28, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue Suite 300,
Hillsboro, OR 97123

RE: WWCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

As a State Legislator, I have the honor of serving as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee to collaborate with my colleagues and community members to provide a safe environment and quality education for our children. However, child abuse is a significant issue in my district as a few estimates say that in Washington county alone, approximately 20,000 children experienced abuse or neglect in the last year. Additionally, research on Adverse Child Experiences show how trauma in one's childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life. Child abuse also disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable and marginalized children in our community, particularly our Hispanic/Latino and Black children or children who come from financially vulnerable families.

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In response, Washington County leaders and community members have been working for the past year to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County in a location shared with the Family Justice Center. The group's goal is to establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, innovative medical treatment and therapy they deserve and need. By co-locating those services at the WCCCA building with the newly created Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

As a mother, educator, and a legislator representing this community, I urge you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Representative Courtney Neron

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Rep. Courtney Neron

To the Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Re: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

September 3, 2020

I would like to submit this letter to articulate my support of the request to utilize the former WCCCA building to house CARES NW and the Family Justice Center. I believe this would be an enormous asset to Washington County and the members of our community. During the 13 years I served as a victim's advocate for the Washington County District Attorney's Office, several of which I served as the Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator, I witnessed daily the impact that involvement in criminal investigations and prosecution had on victims and their families. They are typically under a tremendous amount of stress and hardship dealing with the aftermath of the crime, the time it takes to meet with various agencies and community service providers, and meeting the additional needs of their family. In the case of child abuse and domestic violence, there were often additional struggles when the offender is a family member and oftentimes a primary source of income and the remaining parent now has to provide sole financial support for their family.

I also routinely observed the positive impact CARES NW had in supporting these children and their families – we are so fortunate to have them as a resource. The collaboration between law enforcement and CARES NW to interview child victims and witnesses so as to minimize re-traumatization is essential and they provide outstanding emotional support and services to victims. However, unfortunately, it is often a great hardship for families to take time off work and school and get to the CARES NW location in Portland especially when they don't have a vehicle. CARES NW provides such an essential service to the children and families of our community and it would be an enormous asset to have a satellite office in Washington County that would make it easier for these families to access their services.

If Washington County could provide one place where families could go to participate in the forensic interviews, get assistance in filing protective orders, get therapeutic support, and other services needed, it would help remove some of the many hardships victims face in the aftermath of these crimes of family violence. Being able to go to one location to complete several necessary appointments and meet other needs would help families to minimize the amount of time they miss from work and school, the time and money spent driving to several different buildings, and the stress multiple appointments and tasks create.

Further, if Washington County could provide the location to house this multi-disciplinary one-stop location for victims, it would put the county on the cutting edge of victims' services and put us in the company of programs like the Chadwick Center at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego.

As a parent of children in Washington County, I also believe in this project and think it would better serve the needs of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope you approve this request and co-locate CARES NW and the Family Justice Center in the former WCCCA building.

Sincerely,

Laurie Schmidt

RON NOBLE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 24



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 3, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Representative Ron Noble
RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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I believe this combined location will serve the community and their families well. We seldom have such an opportunity to provide critically needed and necessary services under one roof, and I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center. This will promote the health and safety of children and families today, as well as the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Representative Ron Noble

September 2, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Dominique Kraushaar, MSW, CSWA, CARES Northwest

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dominique Kraushaar, MSW, CSWA



OREGON

September 3, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue, Suite 300
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

We are writing to you as proud members of ReadyNation Oregon, a network of over 50 business executives in Oregon, and 2,600 globally, who advocate for policies and programs that build a stronger workforce and economy. ReadyNation believes in effective, bipartisan investments in children—from birth to young adulthood—as the future workforce that will drive success in the marketplace.

To effectively invest in the next generation, we must lift up the most vulnerable young people in the state and stop cycles of poverty, abuse, and trauma in their tracks. These cycles often follow kids into adulthood, making it more difficult for them to live productive and meaningful lives. **To this end, we are writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest** (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brooks
Owner and Manager
Room 122, Beaverton
Washington County Resident

Dawn Sahm
Marketing Manager
SERVPRO of Southwest Portland
Washington County Resident

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OREGON

September 3, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue, Suite 300
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

As the Oregon State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, I represent a membership of over 120 chiefs of police, sheriffs, and prosecutors across the state. Our members are passionate about promoting strategies proven to reduce crime and put kids on the path to productive lives. In this vein, the decision over the future of the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building hits a cord for members, who care to ensure that the state's justice system is trauma-informed and prioritizes the young people involved in it.

That is why we are in support of making the WCCA building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

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Sincerely,

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Martha Brooks
Oregon State Director
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

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City of King City

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September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Ken Gibson, Mayor King City

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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The well-being and safety of our King City families is a top priority for our police force and city council.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ken Gibson, King City

**Sheri Schouten
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 27**



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 1, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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I spent over 30 years working as a home visiting nurse for Multnomah County. In that time working with new mothers and their children, I referred scores of families to CARES NW. I saw firsthand the important work they did for kids struggling with trauma and abuse. We need more resources like this in Washington County.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Sheri Schouten



WASHINGTON COUNTY CHILD ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

Justice Services Building
150 North First Avenue, MS 40
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124
(503) 846-8671

August 31, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

The Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) would like to voice our strong and unwavering support for making the current Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available for use as the future co-located CARES Northwest Child Abuse Assessment and Family Justice Center. The Child Abuse MDT is a legislatively established collaboration of representatives including the Department of Human Services Child Welfare, the Washington County District Attorney's Office, the Department of Health and Human Services, local school districts, the Washington County Juvenile Department, all local law enforcement agencies, CARES NW and other community partners. In Washington County, the MDT and its members meet regularly to address issues regarding child abuse intervention and response, and to help ensure the safety of children in our county.

Establishing a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected will receive the support, medical treatment and therapy they need is a top priority of our Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team. By co-locating these services at the WCCCA building with the current Family Justice Center, families and children who experience violence and trauma can receive the support they need all at one location. Another important advantage of a local "one-stop" center is that it will dramatically reduce the amount of time child abuse professionals, as well as child abuse victims, spend traveling out of our county to attend assessments and receive urgently needed care. As Washington County's juvenile population continues to grow, this need will only intensify and become more pressing.

Research on Adverse Child Experiences (ACES) has shown that trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood that individuals will experience mental health problems, physical health issues, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and criminal behavior over the course of their lives. Early intervention in ACES is critical. Strengthening and supporting Washington County's ability to respond to childhood and family trauma is necessary to ensuring the ongoing well-being of the most vulnerable in our community.

The importance of this unique opportunity to support and care for families and children in our own community cannot be understated. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team strongly urges you to make the WCCCA building available as the future home of the CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center facility to help ensure the ongoing health and safety of Washington County's most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Steering Committee:



Andy Pulver
Washington County Child Abuse MDT Chair



Kathleen McDonough
Washington County Child Abuse MDT Coordinator



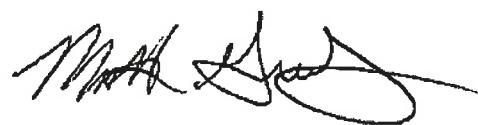
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Mark Groshong
Beaverton Police Department



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Washington County Child Protective Services



Sonya Faulkner
Washington County Child Protective Services



September 4, 2020

1827 NE 44th Avenue, Suite 220
Portland, Oregon 97213

To Washington County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing today in strong support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

My organization, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions, partners with local community experts to strengthen solutions for child abuse. CARES Northwest is one of our over 20 children's advocacy centers (CACs) that provide needed intervention, prevention, and therapeutic services for children who may have experienced abuse. For decades, Washington County children have traveled to Portland to receive services they should be guaranteed to receive locally. When a child has built up the courage to talk about difficult experiences, our communities should respond with services, help, and ongoing support like trauma-focused therapy.

Oftentimes, travel can be a barrier to families receiving the services necessary for their healing and ongoing health and safety. Imagine a teenager who needs to balance school, a part-time job, and her needed therapy for abuse she suffered beyond her control. Now imagine her therapy is a 50 minute one-way bus ride away. We need proposals like this one to be successful, because the stakes are high when children have built up courage, and how we respond can change the trajectory in their lives both positively and negatively.

We believe Washington County families deserve these comprehensive services. CARES Northwest serves more kids than any other CAC in the state, and adding a location specific to Washington County children will still mean that this new location will serve more children than every other CAC in the state. This proposal will make essential services more available in Washington County.

Unfortunately, too often we see the impacts of unhealed childhood trauma within our communities. When healing opportunities aren't available, we know adults are



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more likely to live affected by mental and physical health symptoms, addictions, economic and housing insecurity, and many other preventable challenges.

We believe local access to services like those provided by CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, are critical in breaking cycles of abuse that manifest in all of these other community challenges. It's in our best interest that whenever possible we invest early, intervene early with the right services, and place child and family safety as a high priority.

Lastly, this proposal represents nation-leading innovation in combining providers to benefit the safety of the whole family. This co-location would represent a first for Oregon and would provide valuable insights into quality, effective care for the child abuse intervention and domestic violence fields.

For these many reasons, we are in strong support of making the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center. We believe the success of this proposal will have positive impacts on child and family safety, and public safety, for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky Jones
Executive Director
Oregon Child Abuse Solutions
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becky@oregoncas.org
(503) 455-8624

September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Washington County Behavioral Health Council

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners,

Our Behavioral Health Council (BHC) provides strategic direction and input to the Behavioral Health Division as they address prevention, intervention, and treatment issues of children and adults in Washington County who are in need of excellent services due to symptoms and challenges related to mental health, addictions, and other behavioral health areas of expertise. Our BHC membership is diverse in terms of geography, cultural and ethnic makeup, and the professional and lived experiences we contribute to the BHC and to our greater Washington County community each day.

We are unanimous in our support of the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building becoming a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest, once it becomes available.

Put simply, our Washington county children deserve a strong, comprehensive, and local response to child and family trauma. Strengthening our response and our focus on children and adults that need help coping with and healing from trauma is the right thing to do, and when done well, can prevent the occurrence or increasing severity of behavioral health challenges.

The success of this proposal would create an innovative, state-of-the-art facility, bringing together two needed service providers and ensuring our local residents have a coordinated and safe place to go when they need help intervening in child abuse and/or domestic violence. Co-locating CARES NW, a provider of child abuse intervention, prevention and healing services, and the Family Justice Center, where families get support when impacted by domestic violence, will improve the effectiveness of both types of services, while also closing a gap in lack of access for Washington County families.

Our BHC acts in service of our neighbors, friends, and colleagues. We advise our County's excellent Behavioral Health Program and ensure those most affected by lack of service or poor service have a voice they can count on to bring their issues to light. Investing in the proposal outlined here, and in quality, culturally-responsive, and accessible behavioral health services for children and adults are some of the best investments that can be made for our County and for our collective future.

We strongly encourage your support and invite your ongoing partnership with our Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky Jones, *Prevention Stakeholder, Chair*
J. Sean Fields, *Member at Large, Chair-Elect*
Danielle Berner, *Provider of Adult Alcohol and Drug Services*
Jessica Cardinal, *Member at Large*
Kim Cooper, *Provider of Child Mental Health Services*
Carol Greenough, *Member at Large*
Marcia Hille, *Provider of Adult Mental Health*
Karen James, *Family Member of an Adult Recipient of Services*
Emily Matkar, *Member at Large*
Mary Monnat, *Provider of Youth Alcohol and Drug Services*
Dave Mowry, *Adult Consumer*
Eric Schmidt, *Member at Large*
Lynne Schroeder, *Child-serving Social Service Agency*
John Sheridan, *K-12 School Representative*
Balpreet Singh, *Member at Large*
Sgt. Dustin Sluman, *Member at Large*
Larysa Thomas, *Member at Large*
Steven Youngs, *Member at Large*



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Human Services

Child Welfare

15425 NW Greenbrier Pkwy

Beaverton, OR 97006

Voice: (503) 646-7234

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RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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Sincerely,

Dominic Canazaro CPS Supervisor Washington County, ODHS.

Kristin Kaufmann

From: Linda Wilson <lindajwilson1963@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Kristin Kaufmann
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCCA Building for Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest

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As a retired Hillsboro Police Commander (Joel) and a retired 911 Dispatcher (Linda), we believe that strengthening the response to family and child trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County citizens and communities.

Combining the location of CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center will facilitate quicker access by victims and Westside law enforcement agencies. In this way families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need in one location.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration
Sincerely,

Commander Joel Wilson (Ret.)
Hillsboro Police

Linda Wilson

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Linda

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September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Ariana Chavarria, LCSW
Counselor
CARES Northwest

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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During my time at CARES NW I have had the privilege of serving a number of families from Washington County in our Trauma Focused Therapy program. These families have come to CARES NW in times of uncertainty, confusion and fear. Throughout the process of being served by dedicated personnel trained to support families and children who face violence, neglect, and/or abuse in their homes or communities I've witnessed healing. While serving families I hear their most intimate struggles. Healing from trauma is difficult. Unfortunately, for many



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families the added stress of having to commute into Portland for services limits their ability to access services and many times families are left to decide between seeking trauma focused services in our program or look for generalized services closer to home.

A facility in Washington County would allow greater access to the families we serve. Together with the Family Justice Center, CARES NW could ease one of the most difficult times families may encounter.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ariana Chavarria, LCSW
Counselor, CARES NW



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At the Boys & Girls Clubs, we have first-hand experience of youth and families who have experienced trauma, and have made it our mission to alleviate it. CARES Northwest, and places like the Family Justice Center, are critical partners in our wraparound services for our communities.

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Now more than ever our youth, families, and communities are facing the trauma caused by poverty, racism, economic, housing, and food instability. We know that these stressors can result in the external symptoms of neighborhood and domestic violence, child abuse, and poor mental and physical health. Every hand in our community needs to come together to interrupt, address, and alleviate these traumas and their symptoms.

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Sincerely,
Rachel Schutz
Vice President of Services and Trauma Informed Care
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August 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: James C Dooman

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As a former Juvenile Probation Officer I saw firsthand the results of child neglect and abuse. This problem desperately needs more attention and resources.

I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

James C Dooman

Marilynn Helzerman
3810 NE Jackson School Road, Hillsboro, OR 97124

September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: MARILYNN HELZERMAN
RE: WCCA Building for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest

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I have strongly supported the Family Justice Center of Washington County since its inception in 2018, both personally and through the Hillsboro Rotary Club Foundation. The merger of these two entities and their commitment to serve those undergoing domestic abuse and violence in our community, makes complete sense and will assist them in serving those in need more efficiently and easily. I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration
Sincerely,
Marilynn Helzerman

September 3, 2020

Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing to support the proposal to use the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building as the combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest when the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021.

I have observed both personally and professionally the incredible impact of the CARES Northwest team on the children and families of our region. As a resident of Washington County, I believe it is critical to the health and well-being of our residents that we continue to strengthen our response to child and family trauma. Research shows that trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood that a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life.

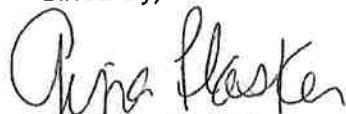
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The plan to bring CARES Northwest to a Washington County location shared with the Family Justice Center has been a year in the making. The goal is to establish a state-of-the art facility where Washington County children who have been abused or neglected can get the support, medical treatment and therapy they deserve. By co-locating the CARES Northwest services at the WCCA building with the Family Justice Center, families who experience any type of violence within the home can receive the support they need at one location.

I urge you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center to promote the health and safety for children and families today and for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gina Cole-Plasker

17555 NW Waltuck Court
Portland, Oregon 97229

ninety-nine girlfriends

COLLECTIVE GIVING FOR IMPACT: PORTLAND & SW WASHINGTON

September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Pip Denhart, Coordinating Council Co-Chair, ninety-nine girlfriends

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

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In 2019 ninety-nine girlfriends awarded CARES Northwest a \$100,000 Impact Award to support a pilot program for the expansion of their programs into Washington County. This expansion represents a critical area of need for the services they provide to address the violence and trauma experienced by children and families.

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On behalf of the Coordinating Council of ninety-nine girlfriends, I strongly encourage you to make the WCCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pip Denhart
Coordinating Council Co-Chair
ninety-nine girlfriends

September 8, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Brian Tingey, Washington County Resident

RE: WCCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

I feel that this would be the best use of this soon-to-be-available facility. Who is more important to the safety and security of our collective future than our children? I support focusing our tax funded buildings and programs to serve the children in our community. Co-locating these two invaluable organizations is a much more efficient and effective way to serve children who need these services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Tingey



Public Safety Coordinatin

September 8, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Lindsay Coppinger, Chair, Washington County Public Safety Coordinating Council

RE: WCCCA Building for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest

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As a council that has primary focus and concern on our community's safety; and as a council composed of these agency directors and non-profits who routinely and regularly care for children and adults caught in abusive situations, we strongly believe this will only benefit the county as a whole, providing the needed structure to better facilitate care.

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Thank you for your consideration
Sincerely,

Lindsay Coppinger
Chair, Public Safety Coordinating Council



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September 4, 2020

Board of Commissioners

Washington County

155 N 1st Ave, Suite 300

Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Washington County Commissioners,

It is my understanding that the impending move of Washington County's 911 Communication Services to its new facility next year will make the current building at 17911 NW Evergreen Place, Beaverton, available for other purposes. I am writing to support its use as a combined home for the Family Justice Center of Washington County and CARES Northwest.

As former Treasurer and Board Member of the Family Justice Center, I recognize the value of providing needed services under one roof, and I believe offering assistance for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in one location would be a great benefit to Washington County families.

Washington County has been a supportive partner of the Family Justice Center since its inception, helping families experiencing domestic violence to more easily obtain the services they need. County leaders and community members have been working to bring CARES Northwest to Washington County in order to strengthen our response to family and child trauma. Housing both the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest in one facility would allow Washington County families who experience any type of violence within the home to receive the support they need all in one location.

I ask that you consider making the soon-to-be-vacated WCCCA building available as the combined home for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center of Washington County to benefit all residents of Washington County.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura McMurray".

Laura McMurray, CFO

August 26, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Chuck Anderson

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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Since 2007, I have been a Detective in Washington County investigating crimes against children. I can't count the number of times I've been to CARES Northwest over the last 13 years. I've also been to assessment centers in many other counties and worked with child advocacy centers around the country for cases involving children from Washington County. We are lucky to have CARES Northwest and their dedicated staff helping children talk about their most traumatic experiences. There isn't a group I would rather have talk to my own child if the need arose.

The only difficulty with CARES Northwest has been the location. Many times, families have had difficulties getting to CARES Northwest because of where it is. For many families getting to or leaving Portland at rush hour adds hours to an already stressful day. Having a location in Washington County for our community members will be a tremendous benefit.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chuck Anderson



September 7, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Sally Blackwood, CARES Northwest

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

I have worked in the CARES Northwest Intake Department and our Prevention Department. In my opinion, we need a permanent home in Washington County for the following reasons:

1. Currently, families who live in Washington County spend at least 45-60 minutes commuting to/from their CARES Northwest appointment. This time estimate is based on driving to our North Portland location. However, many of our families don't have access to a car and rely on public transportation. Therefore, they need to take a combination of 2-3 buses and MAX to get to the CARES Northwest office. This places undo stress on families who are already stressed due to concerns of child neglect and abuse.
2. We have a strong child abuse prevention program in Washington County. Our CARES Northwest comprehensive violence prevention curriculum is the official curriculum for the Beaverton and Hillsboro School Districts. Research shows that rates of disclosure increase after implementing violence prevention curriculum. Therefore, we expect more referrals to CARES Northwest. Additionally, our prevention staff have been training teachers and counselors in the Beaverton and Hillsboro District for years now. Because teaching youth about child sexual abuse prevention is new for many teachers, having a "home" in Washington County would help to collaborate more closely and enhance our ability to establish relationships with the other school districts in Washington County. Furthermore, for years now, CARES Northwest prevention staff have provided child abuse prevention to many pre-school centers in Multnomah County. Having a permanent site in Washington County would help us provide this service to pre-school and childcare centers in that county as well.

I hope this letter adds some different information to the types of statements of general support that you have received. Because of these reasons (and others), I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations..

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sally Blackwood, MA, LPC
CARES Northwest Intake Counselor & Prevention Educator



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Human Services

Child Welfare

15425 NW Greenbrier Pkwy

Beaverton, OR 97006

Voice: (503) 646-7234

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September 8, 2020



To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Jason Bromley, Child Protective Services Supervisor

Oregon Department of Human Services

Washington County

Re: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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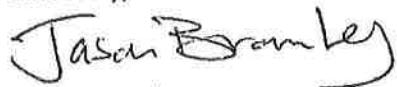
As part of the supervisory team for Child Protective Services in Washington County, I understand the critical role CARES NW services to the children of our community as well as the importance of ongoing supportive services for children to work through the trauma they endure. To bring the services of CARES NW and the Family Justice Center to one location would be of immense assistance to the families we serve as well as the staff who assess child safety. While we have seen our referral numbers drop during the COVID 19 pandemic, Washington County has seen a roughly 50% increase in reports of child abuse in the last year and half. Many of these cases require a review by a designated medical provider, which is CARES NW for Washington County. Travel to and from Portland is time consuming for child abuse investigators and sometimes a barrier for families whose children need that immediate medical attention. While CARES NW has opened up site in Beaverton, we often lack the ability to coordinate timely and needed therapy for these children. To be able to provide this in one setting and within our county would provide more opportunity for Washington County families to get timely services and reduce the ongoing trauma associated with the victimization of child abuse. It would allow for Oregon Department of Human Services and our Law Enforcement

partners to team better by having a clinic close to where the work is done, which certainly adds to a reduction in trauma for those impacted by abuse and neglect.

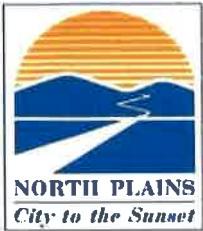
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Sincerely,



Jason Bromley
Child Protective Services Supervisor
Oregon Department of Human Services
Washington County



CITY OF NORTH PLAINS

31360 NW Commercial Street

North Plains, OR 97133

September 4, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Teri Lenahan, Mayor North Plains

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

I think reusing this county building to support both programs will be a win-win for both groups because it has the potential to streamline the services and response times that our county can and should provide to children and families who are experiencing this grotesque trauma.

Strengthening our response times to child and family trauma is extremely vital for the health and safety of our citizens. Children are our future and parents need our support.

First, I ask that you vet this request. Secondly, I strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center because it is the right thing to do.

Please feel comfortable reaching out to me if you should have any further questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Teri K Lenahan, Mayor North Plains



OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

September 8, 2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Oregon State Legislators of Washington County

RE: WCCA Building for CARES Northwest and Family Justice Center

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We strongly encourage you to make the WCCA building available as a combined location for CARES Northwest and the Family Justice Center, not only to promote the health and safety of children and families today, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Representative Courtney Neron-HD 26

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Representative Sheri Schouten-HD 27

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Representative Margaret Doherty-HD 35

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Representative Rachel Prusak-HD 37

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Representative Susan McLain-HD 29

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Senator Chuck Riley-SD 15

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Representative Janeen Sollman-HD 30

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Senator Ginny Burdick-SD 18

Sept 4,2020

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners
From: Bob Hermann, Retired Washington County District Attorney
Re: WCCA Building for Family Justice Center and CARES Northwest

Dear Washington County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing personally, in addition to my co-signing the letter from the FJC Board Members, in support of making the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCA) building available as a combined location for the Family Justice Center and Cares Northwest (after the Washington County 911 call center moves to their new location in 2021).

Strengthening our response to child and family trauma is critical to the well-being of our Washington County community and all its members. Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences show how trauma in childhood can increase the likelihood a child will experience mental health problems, difficulty with school or employment, addiction, homelessness and/or criminal behavior over the course of their life. I don't need to tell you that those very potential results of childhood trauma are a checklist of the very serious problems that every community faces today. Conversations, protests and public demands are happening every day in this country seeking opportunities to lessen or eliminate that list of damage that childhood trauma can create.

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I served Washington County for over 43 years as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office, 17 years as Chief Deputy DA and the last 19 ½ years as the elected District Attorney. During my career I had a courtside view of the domestic violence and physical and sexual abuse of children that impacted families, children and our community. I heard and saw the trauma and pain. Almost daily we would see the aftermath of domestic violence and childhood trauma: persons being re-victimized, persons struggling with addiction and mental health problems, and persons

involved in all sorts of criminal activity. The research is accurate and plays out every day. An opportunity to improve our County response shouldn't be passed up.

In my career I believe that Washington County Board member have always recognized the horrible impact of domestic violence and child abuse on our community. The CAO office and the Board always provided resources and support for crime victims. My office consistently received resource to deal with child abuse and domestic violence. Multiple examples exist of County support for families and children affected by domestic violence. In recent years the County provided resources for Steve Berger's Community Corrections Department to supervise and work with convicted dv offenders when the State would provide no financial support. The Board has been critical and essential in supporting the Family Justice Centre in its opening and successful operation. Former Commissioner Malinowski was a constant presence in the planning, development and ultimate opening. Present Commissioners Schouten and Rogers were always strong supporters of County efforts to deal with domestic violence and crimes against children in our communities.

In sum our Board of Commissioners have been a consistent voice and had a constant message in the effort to help prevent, respond to and treat family trauma in our community. Now the County has a unique opportunity. We have something available we really never had before. A tangible, physical resource to dramatically provide co-located support to children and families in our county. This building will be a place open to all, providing services to any who seek them. This can be a big decision that demonstrates the County's commitment to our communities' strong present requests for equal access to critical services and for action to deal with the root causes that have led to the serious problems impacting our communities today.

Thanks for considering my thoughts
Sincerely,



Bob Hermann, Washington County District Attorney, Retired 2018