



April 11, 2019

Honorable Co-Chairs:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, thank you for your consideration of the \$31.5 million bond request for Phase II, design and engineering, of the Clackamas County Courthouse replacement project.

Clackamas County has been planning for the relocation and replacement of the building for decades. The new home is a 7 acre site owned by the County on our existing Red Soils campus. Combined, we have more than \$6 million already invested in land and utility infrastructure for the building.

Since the Legislature's initial investment two years ago, we now have a project planning team hard at work. Current building plans allocate a total of 6,000 square feet for state co-location space, to be equally split between the Department of Human Services and the Office of Public Defense Services. We also plan to construct the building out of Mass Timber including cross-laminated timber, or CLT, as a way to help support the County, the state's local timber industry, and rural economies.

This past February, in a signal to you, the Oregon Legislature, the Board unanimously passed a resolution detailing our steadfast local commitment. It is our intention to ask our voters to help fund the building, but if they don't, the County has multiple viable funding options to ensure our local match. Quite simply, the current courthouse is too dangerous not to fund.

The total estimated price tag for the building is \$191.4 million, which represents all costs including moving expenses and furniture, fixtures, and equipment. All anticipated expenses have been factored in to avoid surprises as the project progresses.

This is an immense project for Clackamas County, but you have our full-fledged commitment to seeing it through.

Sincerely,

Ken Humberston, Commissioner
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners