



Lane County Board of Commissioners

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Kitty Piercy, Mayor
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City of Eugene
777 High Street
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Dear Mayor Piercy and Eugene City Council:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners understands that at your February 10, 2010 work session you will be voting on whether or not to move forward with an ordinance to increase the spending limit, extend the termination date, and expand the boundary for Eugene's Downtown Urban Renewal District. At the county we are in the process of evaluating the impact that URD's and other "economic development" subsidies have on Lane County's overall revenue picture. We are gathering information for a work session on this topic for February 23, 2010.

We appreciate that the City Council has unilateral authority to increase the spending limit, and make other modifications to the URD plan that will result in loss of revenue to the county's general fund and other essential services for county residents. We therefore would appreciate it if the Council would postpone giving direction on URD options until we can provide you with our current information on the impact it will have on high priority County Services. Hopefully we can then explore ways to work together to provide high priority services to our community, efficiently and effectively.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Fleenor
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners