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Shannon Ryan, Administrator Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Asset Management 1225 Ferry Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

## Subject: Oregon State Hospital North Campus-Historic Mitigation

Dear Ms. Ryan:

Thank you for your June 2, 2016, letter updating the City Council regarding your coordinated efforts to develop a mitigation plan for the North Campus. As you are aware, the Salem City Council has adopted a 2015-17 Goal (*Strong Neighborhoods*), which states that the Council is interested in staying involved in the redevelopment of the North Campus of the Oregon State Hospital. This site is uniquely located approximately two miles east of our downtown, and there is great potential with the redevelopment of this site to provide positive economic value to Salem residents and businesses. Redevelopment of this site also has the potential to address known needs for a mix of uses in this area, which include multi-generational and mixed income housing, neighborhood retail, and other supportive uses.

The City of Salem is supportive of your efforts with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office to ensure that an adequate and comprehensive mitigation plan is developed to mitigate for the loss of five mid-century buildings within the Oregon State Hospital National Register Historic District. We appreciate being kept involved and apprised of any actions taken at the state level in regard to your efforts. Please let us know how we can assist you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Steve Powers City Manager