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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY,
OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO.)
08-4-30-12) IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A NEW
) POPULATION FORECAST FOR LANE
) COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) has prepared a population forecast for Lane County; and

WHEREAS, LCOG and certain cities have petitioned the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to adopt the LCOG population forecast into the Lane County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the LCOG forecast followed a process, and resulted in conclusions, that are not necessarily the same as may have occurred if the Board had initiated its own forecast; and

WHEREAS, concerned citizens and consulting demographers Winterbrook Planning and ECONorthwest have provided letters and testimony stating that in their opinion, the LCOG forecast is not legally defensible; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reservations that the LCOG forecast can be made legally defensible, and does not wish to assume responsibility for a forecast performed by a different entity, under a different process than the Board may have followed; and

WHEREAS, under ORS 195.036, Lane County has a statutory obligation, during the next periodic review of its comprehensive plan, to prepare and adopt a population forecast for the County and all the urban areas therein; and

WHEREAS, ORS 195.034 (HB 3436) provides an alternate population forecasting method that cities may use prior to the Board adopting a population forecast; and

WHEREAS, the practical effect upon the cities of the application of ORS 195.034 does not appear to the Board to be materially different than if a Safe Harbor forecast were adopted under OAR 660-024-0030(4); and

WHEREAS, Lane. Code 16.400(3)(b) provides that comprehensive plan components addressing a single or special need, such as population forecasts, are deemed "Special Purpose Plans"; and

WHEREAS, Lane Code 16.400(9) provides that "amendments to Special Purpose Plans may only be initiated by the County", but others "may request the Board initiate such amendment"; and

WHEREAS, Lane Code 16.400(9) further provides that requests for Special Purpose Plan amendments "must set forth compelling reasons as to why the amendment should be considered at this time, rather than in conjunction with a periodic Plan update"; and

WHEREAS, Lane Code 16.400(9) further provides that "an offer to participate in costs incurred by the County shall accompany the request" for a Special Purpose Plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board received a request dated February 4, 2008, from ten Lane County cities to initiate a population forecast; however, the - request' did not comply with all the requirements of Lane Code 16.400(9).

RESOLVED, that the LCOG forecast shall not be used, as the basis for any future forecast; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board intends to conduct a population forecast at the next periodic review of the Lane County Comprehensive Plan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will entertain requests to conduct a forecast earlier than the next periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan, provided such requests comply with the requirements of Lane Code 16.400(9); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator deliver a letter to all Lane County cities advising them of the foregoing.

Adopted this 30th day of April, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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