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To Multnomah County;

IWe are writing this letter in regards to the land available at the West end of the Morrison Bridge. We are in support of this location for establishing the JAMES BEARD PUBLIC MARKET. For us it is an opportunity to have our products available in Portland 7 days a week, with the right location, to show case our Pacific Northwest seafoods. Caught by us and our collaborative of local fishermen as well as local clam and oyster farmers. This will add great value to our existing operation, we have done the Portland , the Beaverton , the Hollywood , the Lake Oswego ,the Hillsdale, the Milwalkie Farmers Markets for many years. We also supply the New Seasons Markets with our whole crab and crabmeat for the last 5 years. My husband has been a crabber here for 40 years on the coast. We also feel It will create employment opportunity here as well as in Portland. Our focus and our reputation is based on quality, sustainability, and consistency.

We would appreciate the county considering this location, so the James Beard Public Market can be realized. The market will also further establish the city of Portland as a city of great foods, and also give recognition to James Beard's passion and commitment to great foods. This will be a positive way to draw more tourist to the city, who will spend money in the Portland Area. In these economic times this is an opportunity to definitely be considered.

Thank you for reviewing our letter of support.

Sincerely,

Linda Brand Crab and Seafoods

JOHN AND PATRICIA EDWARDS