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Honorable Sam Adams
Portland City Hall
1221 S.W. Fourth Avenue, Room 340
Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: Twelve Month Drug Impact Area Report

Dear Mayor Adams and City Commissioners:

The Drug Impact Area (DIA) program completed its first year of operation in June. The DIA program increases livability by combating drug crime in high drug impact areas (DIAs). The district attorney's office designated DIAs for heroin, cocaine and marijuana based on arrest data showing a high concentration of crime involving these drugs in downtown Portland. The DIA program achieves its goal by asking judges to exclude people convicted of a heroin, cocaine or marijuana crime from the corresponding DIA. Additionally, the DIA program offers people who have been excluded intensive drug treatment and housing through the Service Coordination Team. The numbers for the first 12 months of the program have been assembled. Attached is a report which explains those numbers. Some highlights of the report show:

- 36% of all countywide cases involving the unlawful possession, delivery, and manufacture of heroin, cocaine and marijuana occurred in the relatively small areas that constitute the DIAs.
- The court imposed DIA exclusions as a condition of probation in all 595 cases where the exclusion was requested.
- About 238 people excluded from the DIAs qualified for intensive treatment and housing through the Service Coordination Team.
- 36% of graduates at the May 17th Service Coordination Team graduation were referred by the DIA program. The Service Coordination Team reports that only 9% of graduates commit another crime.
- Minorities comprised 39% of the persons charged with the unlawful possession, delivery, and manufacture of heroin, cocaine and marijuana in the DIAs as compared to 38% of the persons charged outside the DIAs.

Very truly yours,

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c: Commissioner Amanda Fritz

c: Commissioner Nick Fish

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c: Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Attachment: Twelve month DIA report