

July 14, 2016

Ms. Diliana Vassileva City of Oregon City Planning 221 Molalla Ave Ste 200 Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: SHPO Case No. 16-0405

City of Oregon City, PA-16-05, PA 16-30 4 story hotel 415 17th Street (2S 2E 29), Oregon City, Clackamas County

Dear Ms. Vassileva:

Our office recently received a request to review your amended application for the project referenced above. In checking our statewide archaeological database, it appears that there have been no previous surveys completed near the proposed project area. However, the project area lies within an area generally perceived to have a high probability for possessing archaeological sites and/or buried human remains. In the absence of sufficient knowledge to predict the location of cultural resources within the project area, extreme caution is recommended during project related ground disturbing activities. Under state law (ORS 358.905 and ORS 97.74) archaeological sites, objects and human remains are protected on both state public and private lands in Oregon. If archaeological objects or sites are discovered during construction, all activities should cease immediately until a professional archaeologist can evaluate the discovery. If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Indian tribes regarding your proposed project. If the project has a federal nexus (i.e., federal funding, permitting, or oversight) please coordinate with the appropriate lead federal agency representative regarding compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). If you have any questions about the above comments or would like additional information, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience. In order to help us track your project accurately, please reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence. This letter refers to archaeological resources only. Comments pursuant to a review for above-ground historic resources will be sent separately.

Sincerely,

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