

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

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MEETING DATE: April 2, 2015

AGENDA # \_\_\_\_\_ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: short statement and presentation

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN PERSON:**

1. Fill out this form and submit to the Board Clerk.
2. Non-Agenda items will be called immediately after the vote on the Consent Agenda.
3. Agenda items will be called during that item's presentation, before the vote is taken.
4. Presenters are called to testify in the order forms are received. The Presiding Officer may rearrange the order testimony is given or ask Invited Guests or Elected Officials to speak first.
5. Public testimony is limited to **3 minutes or less** per person unless otherwise directed by the Chair, who is the Presiding Officer.
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8. When your name is called, come forward and be seated at the presenter's table; state your name for the record and speak clearly into the microphone.
9. A buzzer will signify the end of your allotted time.
10. The Chair has authority to keep order and may impose reasonable restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of a meeting. Any person who fails to comply with reasonable rules of conduct or who creates a disturbance may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do so, becomes a trespasser and will be treated accordingly.

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2. Written testimony will be entered into and remain a part of the official record.

April 2, 2015

TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Greetings:

Again we appear before you, as we have for the past several years, to present Multnomah County with a cash contribution. This year's check in the amount of \$2,251 represents our current Federal income tax obligation, which, however, we have refused to pay to the federal government, in an act of conscientious civil disobedience.

This action on our part is consistent with our deep commitment to the Kin'dom of God, whose name is Love. Together we have sought to keep this commitment to Love for neighbors and enemies for the past 40 years. And loving others cannot, by any stretch of morality or logic, include killing them or paying for others, including our government, to kill them.

Likewise it is no moral act, on the part of our elected government leaders, to diminish the economic safety net for the poorest of Americans while failing to raise the taxes of those persons and corporations that have become wealthy by exploiting and undervaluing the labor of working people.

We do not take lightly our obligation to support the common good through the payment of taxes; hence this need to redirect the amount the IRS says we owe, to this local government body, where it is more likely to be used to "promote the general welfare," especially of the poor and marginalized, immigrants, persons without access to affordable health care and others who are among 99% of the population that is controlled and manipulated by the wealthiest 1%.

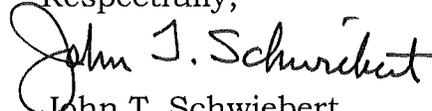
This, in our opinion, is the least that we can, and must, do!

Respectfully,



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