



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 8-26-2010
Agenda Item #: R-1-b
Est. Start Time: 10:33 am

Agenda Title: Resolution Amending Ballot Title for Five-Year Rate Based Local Option Levy To Support The Oregon Historical Society

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: August 26, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** County Attorney
Contact(s): Agnes Sowle
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Presenter: Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve resolution certifying amended ballot title and explanatory statement for Oregon Historical Society local option levy and repealing Resolution 2010-115.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The State has cut funding to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS). As a result, OHS has greatly reduced the hours its museum and library is open to the public. Without additional funds, OHS facilities will close to the public beginning spring, 2011. Approximately 60% of the library materials relate directly to Multnomah County history, and the society acts as the Multnomah County Historical Society. A five year levy of \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation with citizen oversight will keep the OHS Library and Museum open to the public. It has been determined that it is necessary to make technical changes to the wording of the original measure approved under Resolution 2010-115 to comply with state law and administrative rules.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. The ongoing impact on compression is expected to be negligible.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

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State law requires that an election within a county for the purpose of approving a tax levy shall be called by the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

A Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission hearing is scheduled for August 30, 2010..

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: 8/23/2010

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