

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-074

Directing Review of County Community Involvement Process & Temporarily Suspending Ongoing Community Involvement Committee Operations

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County values community involvement as a top priority.
- b. Local government serves the community most effectively when government and community members work in collaboration to develop policies and programs that address community needs.
- c. The Multnomah County Charter, section 3.75, established the Office of Community Involvement and requires the office to “develop and maintain citizen involvement programs and procedures designed for the purpose of facilitating direct communication between the citizens and the board of county commissioners” and requires that a “citizens' committee and the structure of the citizen involvement process shall be established by ordinance.”
- d. The Multnomah County Code, section 3.250, *et seq*, established the citizens' advisory committee and the structure of the community involvement process. These code sections have not undergone significant revision since originally adopted in 1984.
- e. The population of Multnomah County has undergone significant demographic changes, community needs and priorities have shifted, and best practices for community involvement and engagement have evolved in the decades since Multnomah County established its community involvement process in county ordinance.
- f. Multnomah County is responsible for fostering a safe, productive and welcoming work environment for its employees, interns and volunteers, and that work environment should align with the County's overall values of safety, trust and belonging. Concerns have arisen that demonstrate the current operations of the Community Involvement Committee do not meet these goals.
- g. The County is committed to addressing barriers to civic participation and seeking community involvement and input in its decision-making.
- h. The Multnomah County Charter, section 2.10 grants the county “authority over matters of county concern to the fullest extent granted or allowed” by law and section 3.70 grants the board authority to create and appoint county advisory boards.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. By February 2019, Board directs the Office of Community Involvement to:
 - a) Establish a workgroup tasked with reviewing the sections of County Code pertaining to community involvement (3.250-3.306) and returning to the Board with recommended changes.
 - b) Design a process for community input in the review of the County's community involvement process and the Community Involvement Committee's role and scope of work.
 - c) Review the community involvement process of neighboring and similar jurisdictions and identify best practices that can inform Multnomah County's policies and programs.
 - d) Develop tools for the successful and effective operation of the Community Involvement Committee, including an annual workplan calendar, training, member expectations, and operational policies and procedures.
 - e) Present to the Board a recommendation for Community Involvement Committee member appointments and onboarding process.

2. The Board temporarily suspends ongoing Community Involvement Committee operations and rescinds the appointments of all CIC members pending the above actions.

ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2018.



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