



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised March 2016)

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Meeting Date: 3/16/17
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am approx.
Date Submitted: 3/9/17

Agenda Title: **Resolution Declaring Multnomah County as a Welcoming County and Supporting Membership in Welcoming America**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: March 16, 2017 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office

Contact(s): Anna Marie Allen

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Anna Marie Allen and Invited Others

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Requesting the adoption of a resolution declaring Multnomah County as a Welcoming County and supporting membership in Welcoming America.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue and how it impacts the results.

Welcoming America is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to leading a movement of inclusive communities across the nation. Upon adoption of this Resolution the Chair will enter into a commitment to participate in Welcoming Counties and Cities Cohort. Members gain access to cutting-edge training and to a network that shares information and policy strategies. The organization leads national work in creating a toolkit for government entities and community groups geared toward establishing sustainable, inclusive practices. Launched in 2009, Welcoming America spurred a nation-wide movement, with one in eight Americans living in a Welcoming Community. This award-winning, social entrepreneurship model is beginning to scale globally.

Members are entitled to a waiver of registration fees for online and in person trainings as well as travel stipends for attendance at national conferences and training opportunities. More information can be found on their website: welcomingamerica.org.

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

An annual membership fee of \$200 is required. Multnomah County will be billed in January and payment will be due in March every year. There is no cost to terminate membership at any time. This year's membership fee will be prorated and paid from the Chair's Office budget.

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

None.

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

Anna Marie Allen, Community Engagement Advisor in the County Chair's will act as the lead liaison between Multnomah County and our Welcoming America regional contact, Aisha Lee. Ms. Allen will ensure payment of the annual membership fee and will share training opportunities and resources with the appropriate internal departments. In the future the liaison function will likely transition to someone in the Office of Diversity and Equity for sustainability reasons.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Date:
