



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 7/8/2010
Agenda Item #: R-2
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am
Date Submitted: 6/30/2010

Agenda Title: **Report of the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee and Resolution Submitting to the Voters Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Amendments Proposed by the County Charter Review Committee**

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: July 8, 2010 Amount of Time Needed: 15 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental Division: County Attorney
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Presenter(s): Brian Wilson, Chair, Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt Resolution certifying six measures, ballot designations, titles and charter text to the Director of Elections and directing publication in the county voter's pamphlet for the November 2 election.

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 Multnomah County Charter requires a review committee to be appointed by state legislators every six years. The Committee began its work in October 2009 and held 13 public meetings, including hearings in county commission districts 3 and 4. It made a comprehensive study of the charter.

The Committee will present its final report to the people of Multnomah County and the Board on July 8, 2010. The report recommends voter approval of six measures that would amend the Charter. The Charter requires that all amendments proposed by the committee be submitted to Multnomah County voters. The measures will be on the November 2, 2010, general election ballot. All of the measures involve policy decisions and may be controversial.

Measure A – County Term Limits

Repeals Charter section 4.20(2) restriction on eligibility to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms in any county elective office within a 12-year period. Permits voters to limit terms at elections. Increases experience and expertise of county elected officials. Makes Multnomah County consistent with other counties and cities.

Measure B – Running for Office Midterm

Repeals Charter section 4.20(3) midterm ban on running for another elective office and allows elected official to file for another office without ending their current term and creating a vacancy. Makes Multnomah County consistent with other counties and cities.

Measure C – Salary Commission

Amends Charter section 4.30 to permit salary commission, appointed by the auditor, to set Sheriff and the county paid supplemental salary of the District Attorney, rather than allowing the Board to set Sheriff and DA supplemental salaries.

Measure D – Vacancy in Office

Amends Charter section 4.40 to cause a vacancy in a commission district office if the commissioner ceases to reside within the commissioner's district. Charter now only requires commissioner candidates or appointees to reside in the district for a year and a half prior to taking office.

Measure E – Election to Fill Vacancies

Amends Charter section 4.50 to limit elections to fill vacancies to the general and primary election dates. This measure may reduce County election costs.

Measure F – Multnomah County Library District

Amends Charter to allow the Board to form a county library district using a county-specific formation method as stated in the amendment. The library district would have powers granted by state law and the Charter, including imposing ad valorem property taxes to support its services. The Board would be the governing body of the district. The district would be different from those formed by the two methods available under state law. A separate election would be required to form the library district.

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

N/A

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

Reports Committee findings, conclusions and recommendations as required by Charter section 12.60 and submits proposed charter amendments to the people as required by Charter section 12.70.

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

The CRC held 13 public meetings, including hearings in county commission districts 3 and 4

Required Signature

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

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Date: 6/30/2010