

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-104

Resolution to Rename the Multnomah County Elections Division Building in Honor of Oregon Leaders Abigail Scott Duniway and Esther Pohl Lovejoy.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The Multnomah County Elections Division is currently located at 1040 Southeast Morrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97214.
- b. Abigail Scott Duniway and Esther Pohl Lovejoy were two trailblazing Oregon leaders devoted to women's rights and suffrage.
- c. Abigail Scott Duniway (b. October 22, 1834; d. October 11, 1915) was a long-time leader of the movement for obtaining women's right to vote. Abigail Scott Duniway started campaigning in 1871. She led efforts for five campaign cycles, spanning over 40 years. She also ran several businesses, including a newspaper called *The New Northwest*, which promoted equality for women. Among her lesser-known accomplishments, Duniway was a prolific writer, having penned the first book to be commercially published in Oregon, in 1859.
- d. Esther Pohl Lovejoy (b. November 16, 1869; d. August 31, 1967) was a physician and the first woman appointed to direct a public health department in a major U.S. city. Esther Pohl Lovejoy led the Portland Public Health Board. When Duniway fell ill, Lovejoy stepped forward to chair the 1912 ballot measure campaign. She implemented a new, comprehensive campaign strategy that finally secured voting rights for women in Oregon in 1912.
- e. Multnomah County Elections works to ensure all community members understand the election and voting process through education and outreach. These efforts and services to Multnomah County represent an extension of the early advocacy and leadership for equality and rights by Abigail Scott Duniway and Esther Pohl Lovejoy.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. To rename the Multnomah County Elections Division building the "Abigail Scott Duniway and Esther Pohl Lovejoy County Elections Building" or, more simply, the "Multnomah County Duniway-Lovejoy Elections Building."

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

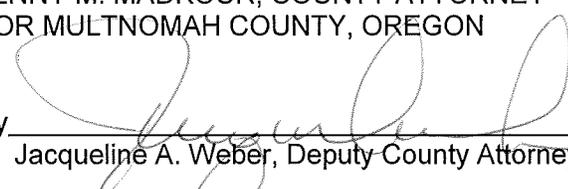


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SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2.