



WASHINGTON COUNTY

OREGON

December 13, 2011

Chairman Jeff Cogen
Multnomah County Commission
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Cogen,

This letter is to share information with you about Washington County's work to host a joint meeting of our two governing bodies to fill the vacancy in Senate District 17. As you know, Suzanne Bonamici resigned from the Senate effective November 21, 2011, and our two commissions have 30 days from that date to appoint her replacement.

As you may have heard from the Secretary of State's Office, the Democratic Central committees from our two counties met yesterday to nominate Chris Harker, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward and Paul Terdal. The Secretary of State's Office also designated me to chair our joint meeting on **Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Room 122c of Building 9 (the Event Center) at the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College, 17705 NW Springville Road** (please see the accompanying map for information about parking). This date is also the last day our two commissions have to make the appointment. If we are unable to meet, the governor will make the decision.

If any member of your Board is unable to attend in person, a conference line will be available. The number is **1-877-873-8018 and the access code is 2195509**. This meeting will be taped and minutes taken by Multnomah County staff. It will also be video taped for later broadcast by Tualatin Valley Community Television.

I propose that we use the following process to make this appointment:

1. The nominees shall have a maximum of 5 minutes to make an opening statement.
2. A maximum of 25 additional minutes shall be allowed for questions and answers between the commissioners and nominee. Questions will be asked by a commissioner from one county then the other. No other public testimony or comments shall be permitted.
3. The nominees shall have 1 minute to make a closing statement.
4. Once the interviews are completed the two Boards will take a 15- to 30-minute break then return to deliberate and select a senator-designate by voting as provided by law.

I have requested that each appointee send their resume and a short letter describing why they want to be considered for appointment to represent Senate District 17. I anticipate being able to provide all 10 commissioners with this information no later than Monday, December 19, 2011.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners looks forward to meeting jointly with the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners to make this appointment. It is a unique

decision making authority that we take very seriously. If you wish to discuss this process with me please do not hesitate to ask Angie Aguilar in the Washington County Administrative Office for assistance in locating me. Angie can be reached at (503) 846-8685 or Angie_Aguilar@co.washington.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Duyck".

Andy Duyck, Chairman
Washington County Board of Commissioners