



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 12/15/16
Agenda Item #: R.9
Est. Start Time: 11:20 am approx
Date Submitted: 12/12/16 rev.

Agenda Title: Resolution Declaring Multnomah County a Sanctuary County in Oregon

Requested

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Non-departmental **Division:** District 2

Contact(s): Meeseon Kwon, policy advisor for Commissioner Loretta Smith;
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Presenters: County staff, representatives from community-based organizations, and invited others

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Board approval of a resolution recognizing Multnomah County as a sanctuary county to continue ensuring all community members, including undocumented immigrants, are able to continue accessing County resources and services (e.g., health clinics, libraries, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, SUN programming, etc.) regardless of their status, race, religion, or protected class.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Across the nation, recent political events have continued to spur and build a climate of hatred, bigotry, and discrimination toward many in our communities, including immigrants, refugees, LGBTQ community members, communities of color, and women, among others. With this resolution, Multnomah County seeks to reaffirm our commitment to equity and respect for individuals' rights by ensuring they are able to continue accessing County resources and services regardless of their immigration status, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

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

N/A

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

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

Partner jurisdictions such as the City of Portland and Benton County have declared

themselves as sanctuary cities and counties respectively. In the aftermath of the recent Presidential election, many community members and groups have expressed fears regarding their ability to access Multnomah County services.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:** Loretta Smith; Deborah
 Kafoury /s/ **Date:** December 8, 2016
