



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8-21-12  
Agenda Item #: B.1  
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am  
Date Submitted: 8-15-12

**Agenda Title:** Briefing on the FY13 Adopted Budget note on the Couch Street Transitional Houses

*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:** August 21, 2012  
**Time Needed:** 30 minutes  
**Department:** Commissioner Kafoury  
**Division:** District 1  
**Contact(s):** Beckie Lee  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Michael Sublett, Facilities & Property Management; Liv Jenssen, Dept. of Community Justice; Beckie Lee, District 1

### General Information

#### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This is an informational briefing following from a budget note. Discussion with the Board will inform next steps.

#### 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.

This briefing is a follow up to the budget note included in the FY 12 budget regarding the Couch Street Transitional Houses and their disposition.

“The Couch Street Transitional Houses are an asset to the County and the community, as they provide affordable transitional housing options for women under the supervision of the Department of Community Justice. With the understanding that there are fiscal challenges to the continued ownership of these houses, the Board requests DCJ form a workgroup, including members of Board staff, to look at similar County disposition processes and return to the Board by August with recommendations. The Board also requests that the recommendations include how we maintain transitional housing options for this population.”

The workgroup will brief the Board on recommendations for disposition of this asset, based on other County disposition avenues, and will seek feedback and direction from the Board to move forward.

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

The Couch Street Houses are owned by Multnomah County; there is no associated debt. Facilities included \$140,000 budgeted in FY13 for capital improvement projects if they remain in County ownership. County practice does not include significant capital expenditures on disposition assets. DCJ program costs were not funded in the FY13 budget and the houses will be vacant by the end of August 2012. DCJ is budgeted for FY13 facility rates totaling \$73,734.

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

Interest dollars from the 1996 Public Safety Bond were used to remodel and purchase the houses. We will be prepared to share with the Board what restrictions that investment has on the disposition of these properties based upon the advice of the CFO, County Attorney, and bond counsel.

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

Whatever disposition strategy is chosen by the board will have a public outreach component as a result of public Board Meetings, broad proposal solicitation distribution, and support from the Communications Office.

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**Required Signature**

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Official or  
Department  
Director:**



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