

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 98-159

Declaring the Opposition of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners to the Creation of a Charter Committee Under ORS 199.720

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The City Council of the City of Portland is actively considering a proposal to initiate consolidation proceedings with Multnomah County under ORS 199.720.
- b. Only minimal gross cost savings of less than four-tenths of one percent have been estimated to result from consolidation and there are not likely to be any net savings from consolidation once the costs of adjusting salaries and benefits are taken into account.
- c. The Board of Commissioners strongly believes that the quality of county services would decline under Option Three which would split up the County library system, corrections system, mental health and substance services, health care, senior and disabled services, and services to youth and families.
- d. The Board of Commissioners recognizes that even under Option Two which only merges the City of Portland with Multnomah County, residents of East Multnomah County are not likely to choose to remain with the new city-county entity.
- e. The efforts of the Board of Commissioners to promote regionalism and regional financing of services are likely to suffer under both of the consolidation options.
- f. The establishment of a Charter Committee to formally pursue city-county consolidation will divert city and county personnel from providing services to the residents of Multnomah County.

- g. The establishment of a Charter Committee to formally pursue city-county consolidation will divert city and county personnel from a more effective cost-saving strategy of continuing to pursue efficiencies through functional consolidations.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its opposition to the creation of a charter committee under ORS 199.720 and the further pursuit of city-county consolidation.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 1998.



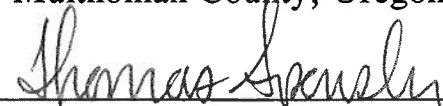
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