



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	6/28/18
Agenda Item #:	R.5
Est. Start Time:	11:10 a.m.
Date Submitted:	6/20/18

Agenda Title: Resolution Directing Review of County Community Involvement Process & Temporarily Suspending Ongoing Community Involvement Committee Operations

Requested Date: June 28, 2018	Time Needed: 20 minutes
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Presenters: Jenny Madkour, Travis Graves, Marissa Madrigal	

General Information:

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of the resolution directing a review of the County's community involvement process.

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.

The Office of Community Involvement (OCI) is established in County Charter to develop and implement community involvement programs that establish and broaden official channels for two-way communication between community members and the Board of County Commissioners.

Per County Code, the Community Involvement Committee (CIC) is tasked with engaging in an ongoing study and discussion of the county's priorities, programs, and procedures, and making recommendations of actions, plans, and policies to the Board and County departments. More information regarding the OCI and CIC's functions can be found in the County Code, 3.250-3.254.

Multnomah County is responsible for fostering a safe, productive and welcoming work environment for its employees, interns and volunteers. Recently, county volunteers and staff have raised concerns about the operations of the CIC - including complaints of bullying and disrespectful behavior, and a lack of fulfillment of its responsibilities as outlined in County Code.

In addition, the above mentioned sections of County Code have not undergone significant revision since originally adopted in 1984.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the County to ensure that its county advisory bodies are fulfilling their responsibilities as outlined in county code, that those responsibilities fit within a reasonable scope of work for a public body comprised of volunteers, and that those bodies act in accordance with all county policies and applicable state and federal laws.

Above all, Multnomah County does not tolerate disrespectful or abusive behavior by its employees, volunteer, or interns, as such behavior runs counter to our values of safety, trust and belonging.

The resolution directs the Office of Community Involvement to take several actions as part of a review of the County's community involvement process, temporarily suspends Community Involvement Committee operations, and rescinds the appointments of all CIC members.

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

This action will have minimal impact on OCI's FY19 budget.

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

Per Multnomah County Charter 3.75, OCI is charged with developing and maintaining citizen involvement programs and procedures designed for the purpose of facilitating direct communication between the community and the Board of County Commissioners.

The roles and responsibilities of the CIC and OCI are outlined in Multnomah County Code, 3.250-3.306.

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

The resolution directs the OCI to design a process for community input in this review of the county's community involvement process and the CIC's role.

Required Signature:

Elected Official/ Department Director:	/s/ Kim Melton	Date:	6/20/18
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