

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

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MEETING DATE: 12/1/11

SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM
10/17/11 + 10/3/11 + 10/10/11

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: - AGAINST: - THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: PAUL, ADOLPH, PHILLIPS

ADDRESS: 1212 SW CLAY APT #217

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OREGON 97201

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-224-9954 EVIS: -

EMAIL: - FAX: -

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Address the County Commissioners from the presenter table microphones. Please limit your comments to **3 minutes**.
3. State your name for the official record.
4. If written documentation is presented, please furnish one copy to the Board Clerk.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

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MEETING DATE: Dec. 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Presentation of Gift

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Public comment forum

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: John and Pat Schwiebert

ADDRESS: 2116 NE 18th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97212

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pat@tearsoup.com

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IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN PERSON:

1. Please complete this form and submit to the Board Clerk.
2. Public comment on non-agenda items is at the beginning of the board meeting, immediately after the consent agenda vote. Public comment on current agenda items, occurs at the end of the presentation of that item. Submittal of this form at the beginning of the meeting is appreciated.
3. Individuals making public comment will be called up in the order these forms are received. The Chair may call on Invited Guests or Elected Officials to speak first.
4. When your name is called, come forward & be seated at the Presenter's table.
5. When it is your turn, start by stating your name for the record. Make sure to speak clearly into the microphones. All meetings are recorded.
6. Public comment is limited to **3 minutes** per person, but the Chair has the authority to shorten time, based on the number of folks testifying.
7. If you wish to present written documentation with your oral comments, please bring 7 copies and submit to the Board Clerk, who will distribute them to the Commissioners. Your testimony will be kept permanently.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN INSTEAD OF ORAL COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form along with your written testimony and return to the Board Clerk at the meeting, or submit by e-mail at: lynda.grow@multco.us
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

December 1, 2011

TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Greetings:

Again we appear before you, as we have annually, for the past several years, to present Multnomah County with a cash contribution. This year's check in the amount of \$4,100 represents our federal income tax obligation for 2010, which, however, we have refused to pay to the federal government, in an act of conscientious civil disobedience.

Our refusal to pay federal tax began more than 30 years ago as a protest against the Vietnam War. At that time we refused only the percentage of the tax devoted to military purposes. In more recent years we have refused to pay *any* federal income tax as we have seen the US government commit more than one half of America's tax resources to the funding of a huge, permanent, military operation involving several wars of occupation plus hundreds of military bases in almost every country of the world.

Now our acts of protest seem even more justified as the US government is increasingly "owned" and controlled by rich and powerful corporations, and has demonstrated its willingness to compromise the well being of 99% of its citizens in order to guarantee and even increase the wealth of the other 1%.

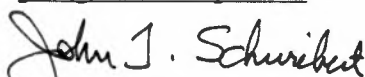
We thank you who are on the Multnomah County Commission for serving as stewards of a portion of our local tax resources, and for actively promoting the common good, especially including the poor, the marginalized, persons without access to affordable health care and others whom we have come to know and love through our personal and congregational ministry.

As Multnomah County Commissioners you do your best, under difficult circumstances, to serve the 99%. Therefore we are pleased to discharge our federal tax obligation, by redirecting this amount to your care.

Respectfully,



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