



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 2/14/13
 Agenda Item #: R.1
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
 Date Submitted: 1/29/13

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Multnomah County Library District**

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: February 14, 2013 **Time Needed:** 1 hour
Department: Library **Division:** Library Administration
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Becky Cobb, Library Deputy Director; Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None.

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.

In November 2010, the voters amended the Multnomah County Charter and established a method under which the Board of County Commissioners may form a library district upon voter approval. In Resolution 2012-104, passed in August 2012, the Board referred to the voters the formation of the Multnomah County Library District with a permanent rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A majority of voters approved the formation of the library district during the November 2012 election. Pursuant to the County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners will be the governing body of the library district, sitting as the Multnomah County Library District Board.

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

There will be no fiscal impact in FY 2013. In FY 2014 and beyond, the library district will have a dedicated funding source and will not rely on General Fund contributions from Multnomah County.

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

As the Multnomah County Library transitions to the Multnomah County Library District, a number of decisions will need to be made and actions taken by the Board of County Commissioners and/or the Library District Board. This briefing will address the roles of the Board of County Commissioners and the Library District Board, and will provide context for

the policy decisions that will be deliberated and voted on in the near future, including:

- Ratifying the library district formation and directing the filing of relevant documents;
- Amending Resolution 07-014, regarding Rules for Board Meetings; and
- Adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement codifying the relationship between Multnomah County and the library district through Fiscal Year 2014.

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

There were a number of public hearings and community listening sessions in the months leading up to the November 2012 vote on the library district. The Board of County Commissioners conducted an online survey in July 2012, and the library is currently conducting a survey to elicit community input on hours and services. An additional Board briefing is scheduled for February 19, 2013. Furthermore, there is a hearing scheduled on March 7, 2013, during which the Board of County Commissioners and the Library District Board may vote on the actions described above. In the coming months, there will also be work sessions and hearings regarding the library budget. Additional details will be provided at the briefings regarding the plan for communications to community stakeholders, employees, and the public regarding the transition to the Multnomah County Library District.

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**



**Date: January 29,
2013**
