

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

NAME: Aesha Loreny

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Good morning commissioners,

I'm Aesha Lorenz, (2747 SW Roswell, 97201, 503-223-8720 / 909-365-0726)  
 Librarian for MCCP Muslim Community Center of Pdx,  
 Secretary for SWHRL (S.W. Hills Residential League), member of  
 AUPHR, (Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights), <sup>and</sup> grand daughter  
 of immigrants & concerned citizen.

It's unfair to us (myself, family & many of my friends)  
 why it would be of any benefit to "temporarily suspend"  
 the Community Involvement Committee operations. Is  
 this a type or censure or question of budget &  
 priorities? This was voted in by the voters, and the  
 people want & need this. It's basically the only  
 voice immigrants & refugees can add to our community  
 they didn't have a venue for input before, so why  
 should we silence them. Their feelings & input matter <sup>as our</sup>  
<sup>as your expectations were not meant, but we believe it is incumbent upon you</sup> <sup>voted</sup>  
 It would be desirable to consider mediation or review <sup>represent</sup>  
<sup>tatives</sup>  
 of the representatives and encourage those who are <sup>to</sup>  
<sup>state</sup>  
 satisfied & replacing those who may be insulting or abrasive <sup>a new</sup>  
<sup>board</sup>  
 to work with. I'm sure this served as a wakeup call, so <sup>etc</sup>  
<sup>as soon</sup>  
<sup>as</sup>  
<sup>possible</sup>  
<sup>for the</sup>  
<sup>benefit</sup>  
<sup>of minorities</sup>  
<sup>and</sup>  
<sup>immigrants</sup>  
 hopefully things will go better in future.

Finally I would like to thank you for opening with the  
 pledge of allegiance, no modification necessary, it's a classic  
 & heartwarming to begin with God's name & the creed unites  
 us all, denoting we ask for His help in keeping our country  
 united, for protection and right guidance.

Thank you & God bless.

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NAME: Joanne Burke

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FOR: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ AGAINST: ☒

NAME: Russell Lum

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: MICHAEL SNEATHEN

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: [Signature]

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: Tyra Black

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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NAME: Teresa Rainford

**CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):**

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NAME: MARC KOLLER

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NAME: GREG ANDERSON

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read Kathleen Todd  
testimony

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Kathleen Todd, Executive Director 2002-2014

Office of Citizen Involvement

I'm Kathleen Todd. I served the county for 20 years, most of that time as the Executive Director of the Office of Citizen Involvement. There have been two Executive Directors since I retired in 2014.

It continues to be very difficult to come back yet again and voice these comments, especially after the many satisfying years of positive and successful collaboration I enjoyed with multiple CIC Chairs, County Chairs, Commissioners and fellow employees.

The present resolution appears reasonable on its surface – if you have no knowledge at all of the turmoil of the recent past. Knowledge of those events leads to the inescapable realization that responsibility for the current situation rests with all three parties and **ALL** should share responsibility for working through to a solution. This means BOCC, OCI and CIC – the historic teamwork and partnership of these parties have been notably absent during the past two years.

I want to offer three bits of advice as you deliberate today.

**Firstly:** Everyone needs to communicate face-to-face openly and frequently. What is critically missing is the deep partnership among the Board, the CIC and its staff – the relationship that is the essence of the CIC's long legacy of success, and the element that most urgently needs

to be restored. Only recently has it been anything other than a true partnership, and the recent development of adversarial interactions is extremely regrettable and most destructive of successful endeavors.

**Secondly:** A renewed understanding is needed of the very special meaning of independence as it relates to the CIC and its Office – a meaning which has been lost in the acrimony. Its independence is not that of a disconnected actor but the autonomy of a respected partner operating within a common framework.

**Finally:** Currently there are three actors where there should be two – the BOCC on the one hand, and the CIC and its Office on the other – as established by the voters in 1984 during Gladys McCoy's administration.

In closing, I entreat you to hold true to the spirit of the charter amendment that established the CIC and its enabling ordinances, and to join as the BOCC with your partners in the CIC to work together in diligent efforts to restore and prolong the CIC's services to the citizens of Multnomah County who are at the heart of all that transpires within this building.

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NAME: Leah Gibbs

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: ANNA VAUGHN FITZGERALD

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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AGENDA ITEM # 25 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Marisel St. Savage

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (907)350-1341 E-MAIL: marisel.savage@gmail.com

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Leah Gibbs  
406-546-9347

leah.gibbs@live.com



Hello, My name is Leah Gibbs. I am a mother of two young sons, a veterinarian and a local progressive activist. Chair Kafoury and County Commissioners, I am here today to speak on behalf of the Resolution regarding temporary disbanding of the CIC.

I am strongly opposed to the disbanding of this committee as I think that adults should be able to sit down in a room, work out differences and come to an agreement about how to move forward. If there are those that feel they cannot act in this fashion then it seems that the onus would be on those individuals to resign and find another way to meaningfully engage in community oversight that does not involve conflict or having to defend their positions.

I have worked with and have tremendous respect for Yu Te and I am concerned that we have an issue with mistaking conflict with intimidation. I know Yu well and have never seen, nor heard of an incident of him being anything other than patient, kind, thoughtful and rational. I am certain that every person, myself included, have had moments of passion and emotion that could be construed as intimidating. We have an unfortunate culture in the NW in general, and PDX in specific of conflating conflict, disagreement and genuine debate with harassment and intimidation. The fact that someone disagrees with an opinion and argues the counter passionately and with emotion does not equate to oppression or abuse. Being involved in committee work and having to move forward with solving problems requires that those involved in the process be respectful but also that they are able to freely express themselves with passion and it requires that others are mature enough to speak up and speak out when they feel personally attacked and try to work out their disagreements in a mature way by addressing issues head on with other members of their group. *I would also like to remind you that*

*more than one of you have been seen and/or called out in public for harassing and/or abusing*

I have read communications and documentation regarding this matter and though I do not have intimate knowledge as I am not a CIC member, I am likely as familiar as someone in my position could be. I am concerned that there is an impasse in the CIC regarding the fundamental role of this volunteer based oversight committee. It is clear that when this organization was established in the county charter that this was designed to be an independent body whose role is to act in the interest of the people of our county without conflict of interest and without submission to the will of the board. Those who do not want an independent organization are not aligning with the county charter and this is problematic, in my view, and needs to be actively challenged with vigor. *Love has said -> you can ... I have concerns that we are setting ourselves up for a committee full of appointees that*

*anyone up to others' committee or staff.*

One of the concerns I have heard from county staff is that the CIC is not at its 15 member limit as stated in the charter. It has come to my attention that the CIC established a rule (as it has every right and authority to do) that county employees cannot be on the CIC. This seems an imminently reasonable rule based on the conflict of interest inherent in having an oversight committee for the county being governed by people who are themselves county employees. This has slowed the onboarding of new CIC members and I would be curious how many applicants to this body are truly servant leaders who are stepping up to serve in a selfless fashion. We have these type of selfless people on the CIC now and we are debating removing them from their post.

*people's accountable to the people of MultCo and more accountable to the board of MultCo.*



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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Yu Te

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ✓

NAME: Margot Black

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

ADDRESS: 2244 SW Vermont

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDY, OR 97219

PHONE: 503.579.1514 E-MAIL: Margot@pcxtu.org

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: R5

NAME: Charles Bridgecrane Union Strong

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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AGENDA ITEM # R5 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X <sup>against</sup> suspension

NAME: Lindy Delt

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Lighting Super Creativity Watchdog ✓

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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