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16421 NE Holladay St.  
Portland, Oregon 97230  
8 August 1978

Members, Charter Review Committee  
c/o Julie Keller Gottlieb  
401 Wilcox Building  
506 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Friends:

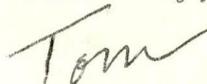
I would like to take this means to express my sincere thanks to you -- individually and collectively -- for the courtesy and patience you showed to me during the course of your deliberations. My faith in citizen participation has been reaffirmed.

I must confess that last December, as the Committee was being appointed, I had many misgivings. I fully expected that the Committee would prove to be a rubber stamp for commands coming from the sixth floor of the Courthouse.

Your final product happily proves me wrong, and the fact that no one is 100% satisfied probably means that you did your job well. I congratulate you -- and thank you.

May our paths cross frequently in future years.

Sincerely,



Tom Dennehy

*Sent to each member of Committee 8/15/78*

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August 10, 1978

Mr. Harry Conway  
5315 S. E. 34th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Harry:

It has been a pleasure working with you and others these past few months on the Charter Review Committee tasks. I was sorry I could not personally thank you at our final hearing July 31st when the Committee expressed public thanks to those who have so diligently followed our work.

We are grateful for your suggestions and the thought you have given these matters.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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August 4, 1978

Mr. Dave Sylvan  
1137 N. E. 192nd  
Portland, Oregon 97230

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the entire Charter Review Committee, I would like to thank you for your diligent attention to our work these past few months. We have appreciated your input and comments.

We are most grateful, however, for your foresight in calling our attention to the recently passed Ordinance #159. Without that information it is highly unlikely our material would have been ready in time for inclusion in the Voter's Pamphlet. As you well understand, including these measures in the Voter's Pamphlet will greatly add to the chances of informative votes being cast on these issues in November.

Thanks so much for your valuable assistance.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JRF:jkg

July 4, 1978

Dear Julie,

I'd like to call your attention to a couple of corrections that I think should be made to the minutes of May 22 and June 12.

On page 4 of the minutes of 5/22, regarding the vote on Measure 12 pertaining to the power of the auditor, it should be noted that Del Greenfield abstained. (I called about this.) The minutes indicate I abstained on the vote on Measure 11 - that's incorrect. That passed unanimously and included my vote.

On page 3 of the minutes of June 12, 6 lines from the bottom, the minutes read that Del Greenfield expressed concern that two people had voiced opposition to

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The proposed sixth commissioner . . .  
that should be corrected to read  
sixth salary. (There is no 6<sup>th</sup> commissioner).

Best regards,

Al

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July 3, 1978

Julie Keller Gottlieb,  
Administrative Secretary

Commissioner Dennis Buchanan  
1624 S.W. Upland Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97221

Commissioner Dan Mosee  
12330 N.E. Multnomah Boulevard  
Portland, Oregon 97230

Dear Commissioners Buchanan and Mosee:

Enclosed is a copy of a report of our districting subcommittee to the full committee. It is largely self-explanatory, but I wanted to add a couple of comments to you personally, since this affects you both directly.

I recognize that districting is not the way that either of you would do it. As you know, I offered several compromise plans. These attracted some support, but seemed to draw more heat than support from both sides of the controversy. The most colorful description was that I was making a sirloin into a hamburger. Given the apparent choice between districting and at-large election, our subcommittee strongly feels that a fair districting plan, with a separate chairman, is the best way to go.

I also recognize that the proposed limitation on the budget of the Board of County Commissioners is going to cause you some problems. However, our committee is becoming increasingly convinced that we are going to have to come up with something that will pass, or the form of county government will be determined by whoever comes up with the most demagogic initiative next year. This means we will have to counter the charges--which we have been assured will be made--that our proposal for an additional commissioner will make government more expensive. In the year of proposition 13, we will have to address that concern. We have been urged to do this by limiting the commissioners' salaries. I believe that is unfair and not necessarily the best way to economize. Our subcommittee's proposal for limiting the total budget of the Board allows the Board to determine how best to economize.

Commissioners Buchanan  
and Mosee  
July 3, 1978  
Page Two

While our proposals may differ in some important respects from the way you would have preferred things to be, I hope you will recognize that this is a sincere and responsible effort to develop a workable form of government and to end the continuing "warfare by initiative." We have a good county government, and I think we can make it even better, and increase public confidence in it. I hope we will have your support.

Kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

John R. Faust, Jr., Chairman

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Enclosure  
cc Don Clark  
Julie Keller Gottlieb ✓  
bcc Earl Blumenhauer  
Gladys McCoy  
Ed Capen

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June 21, 1978

Mr. Jim Boldt  
Deputy District Attorney  
And County Counsel  
Curry County Board of Commissioners  
Box 746  
Gold Beach, Oregon 97444

Dear Mr. Boldt:

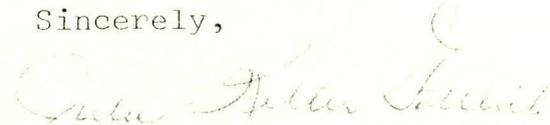
Committee Chairman John Faust has forwarded your letter of June 16, to me. I am enclosing for your information a kit containing the proposed revisions to our Home Rule Charter as submitted to the press June 1, 1978. Also provided is a current copy of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter and other information on the activities of the Committee which may be of interest to you.

We have found both the Lane and Washington County Home Rule Charters useful in developing our districting and separation of powers proposals. You may also wish to contact (if you have not already done so) Mr. Ken Tollenaar, Director, Bureau of Governmental Research and Service, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403. (ph: 686-5232) Mr. Tollenaar is a wealth of historical and current information on Oregon counties and has several useful documents available including a sample Oregon home rule charter. We have also found the National Association of Counties in Washington, D. C. helpful in providing information on county structure nationwide.

If we might be of further assistance, please feel free to write or call.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

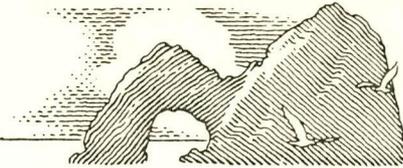
Enclosures  
cc Mr. John R. Faust, Jr.

Curry County Oregon Board of Commissioners

Michael Fitzgerald

Richard Swigert

Jack R. Waldie



Box 746 Gold Beach, Oregon 97444 (503) 247-7011

Mack Arch on the Curry Coast

June 16, 1978

Mr. John Faust, Jr.  
1408 Standard Plaza  
1100 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

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Curry County, Oregon  
June 16, 1978

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Dear Mr. Faust:

I recall reading in the Oregonian recently that you were involved with, as Chairman it seems, a county charter revision committee. The article in the Oregonian detailed some of the revisions being considered by the committee.

Curry County is in the process of drafting a Home Rule Charter and we would appreciate any ideas or tentative drafts of the revisions you are considering.

Thank you and good luck with the project.

Sincerely,

Jim Boldt, Deputy District Attorney  
and County Counsel

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June 12, 1978

Julie Keller Gottlieb,  
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Dan Mosee, Commissioner  
Board of County Commissioners  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dean Dan:

Thank you for yours of June 9. I will forward this to Terry Hannon, who is the chairman of our sub-committee which considers matters not specifically spelled out in our enabling charter provision. All your thoughtful suggestions will be carefully considered. Thanks again for your interest.

Best personal regards,

Very truly yours,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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cc Terry Hannon  
Julie Gottlieb ✓



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COMMISSIONER

June 9, 1978

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Mr. John Faust, Chairman  
Multnomah County Charter Review Committee  
Standard Plaza Building  
Suite 1408  
1100 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear John:

The following should be included in the  
Multnomah County Charter revision:

Subpoena powers for members of the Board.  
Sometimes we want to get information on some employees  
and the Department Heads do not cooperate in giving it  
to us, so it has to be spelled out in the Charter.

County Counsel should be part of the District  
Attorney's Office rather than being appointed by  
the Chairman. As it is, County Counsel gives  
decisions the Chairman wants.

The power to remove administrative appoint-  
ments by a vote of at least three members of the  
Board would make them more responsive to the Board.  
The way it is, they can ignore us and say: "We're  
only responsible to the Chairman."

Sincerely,

*Dan Mosee*  
Dan Mosee  
Commissioner

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June 12, 1978

Mr. George Alexander  
Portland Chamber of Commerce  
824 S. W. 5th  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has recently taken a position on revisions to the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter. The Charter Review Committee is grateful for that input, interest, and support.

We would like to respectfully request the Chamber to consider a FORUM program this Fall featuring the Charter Review Committee or one of its members. We feel the Chamber FORUM provides a public service in disseminating information to the greater Portland community and that the issues being considered by the Charter Review Committee are of significant importance to merit a Chamber program.

As you realize, the conclusions of the Charter Review Committee will appear on the November, 1978, ballot in Multnomah County. The more educated and informed the public is about these proposed Charter revisions, the more likely they will cast an intelligent vote. Though this is of primary importance to residents of Multnomah County, county and local government reform is a significant issue throughout the metropolitan area and deserves informative and thoughtful review.

I would urge you to give the Charter Review Committee careful consideration for an early Fall FORUM program. Should you wish further information feel free to contact me (226-7321) or the Committee office (227-1631).

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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Julie Keller Gottlieb,  
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June 12, 1978

Mr. Ted Warren  
KPTV-TV  
735 S. W. 20th Place  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mr. Warren:

On behalf of the entire Charter Review Committee I would like to thank you for the opportunity to appear on NEWSMAKERS last Wednesday evening. We were pleased you could provide time for us to air the activities and preliminary recommendations of the Committee.

The Committee has been concerned about informing and educating the public as to their activities in the hopes that intelligent votes might be cast on these County reform issues in November. In allowing us time on NEWSMAKERS we were able to reach an audience we might not have been able to reach otherwise.

I personally appreciated your thoughtful questions and the fine format in which you presented our material.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jay K. Owen  
Committee Member

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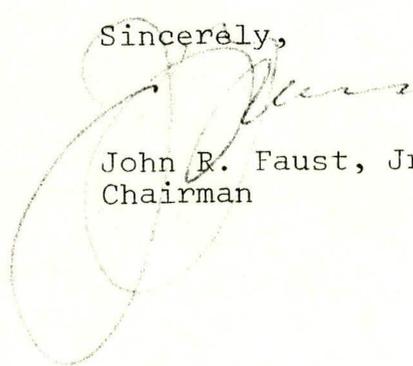
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Best regards.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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bcc Oliver Larsen  
Ned Look  
Olive Barton

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Administrative Secretary

June 7, 1978

Ms. Clair Sagive  
Republican Central Committee  
of Multnomah County  
519 S. W. Park  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Clair:

Attached you will find a copy of the rough draft of our brochure as per our conversation of this morning.

Please look it over and let me know if you or the Committee feel you would be able to assist us in distributing them. Any assistance you could give us would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,



Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

Enclosure

*B.S. Sorry the copy  
came out so sloppy.*

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Administrative Secretary

May 4, 1978

Mrs. Ann Porter  
0926 S. W. Palatine Hill Road  
Portland, Oregon 97219

Dear Ann:

This will advise you that both the League of Women Voter's position on the Multnomah County Charter review process and the West/North Quadrant motions concerning the same have been circulated to all Charter Review Committee members. We greatly appreciate having the benefit of these opinions and the thoughts behind them.

We are especially thankful for your work on our subject matter, Ann. Your interest and participation at our meetings has certainly been recognized by the Committee and I did want you to know.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
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Administrative Secretary

May 4, 1978

The Honorable George Joseph  
Associate Justice,  
Oregon State Court of Appeals  
3rd Floor, State Office Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear George:

Many thanks, George, for taking time to meet with our panel of local government "experts" on April 20th. Your contributions, both fact and opinion, were of interest to all of us on the Committee. We appreciated having the benefit of your wisdom and past experiences with County government.

Please feel free to continue to make contributions at our meetings and hearings. The Committee would benefit from your continued participation.

In the meantime, we shall try and keep you apprised of our activities.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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May 4, 1978

Mr. A. McKay Rich  
Assistant to the Director,  
Washington Park Zoo  
4001 S. W. Canyon Road  
Portland, Oregon 97221

Dear Kay:

Many thanks to you for taking time to meet with our panel of local government "experts" on April 20th. Your contributions to that session were of interest to all of us on the Committee. We appreciated having the benefit of your wisdom and experience in the area of local government reform.

Please feel free to continue to make contributions at our meetings and hearings. The Committee would benefit from your continued participation.

It was a pleasure to meet you, Kay. We shall try and keep you apprised of our activities.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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May 4, 1978

Mr. Ken Tollenaar  
Director, Bureau of Governmental  
Research and Service  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Ken:

Many thanks to you for taking time to meet with our panel of local government "experts" on April 20th. Your contributions to that session were of interest to all of us on the Committee. We appreciated having the benefit of your wisdom and perspective on the subject of county government.

Do let us know the cost of your travel expenses so we might reimburse you. We realize you incurred some expense making a special trip to Portland for the meeting and would like in some way to repay you for the distance you had to travel.

It was a pleasure to meet you, Ken. The Committee will try and keep you apprised as we make our decisions.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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March 24, 1978

Mr. Jack Faust, Chairman  
Multnomah County Charter Review Commission  
Hardy, McEwen, Weiss, Newman, and Faust, Attorneys  
Standard Plaza Building  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Faust:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, it transmits to you and to each member of the Commission a copy of the following documents:

Financial Planning Report #8: County Service Allocations, 1966-1977

Office of County Management Discussion Paper #1: An Analysis of Financial Planning Report #8 With Findings and Recommendations

Financial Planning Report #9: Mandated County Services

I believe these documents have been requested by members of the Commission and that they are self-explanatory; however, I would be happy to discuss them with any member of the Commission. Second, I wish to express my concern about proceedings before the Commission to date, and for that reason, I am sending a copy of this letter to each member of the Commission along with the above documents.

Simply stated, my concern is this: that opinions of the quality of the County's current management will, in the absence of facts about that management, influence the ultimate decisions of the Commission. If so, I believe the Commission has an obligation to seek out facts about County management in a way and to a degree it has not done to date.

I will be the first to say that my concern may be unfounded. It is based on the fact that, for several weeks now, the Commission has listened to comments from citizens and employees who have strong opinions about the way the County is managed and about those of us who manage it. Few of those people have much factual understanding of the managerial mess that we all inherited three years ago or of the efforts we have made and are making to deal with it.

Perhaps one example can be used to illustrate my concern. At the Commission's hearing on March 20, several statements were made that the County's civil service system has been emasculated over the last three years and that, in the process, the Chairman has acquired the right to hire and fire at will over 300 County employees. Fact: 324 County employees are not protected by both civil service and union contracts; however,

- a. 105 of those employees are fully protected by civil service,
- b. 86 are professionals (physicians, attorneys, dentists, registered engineers, veterinarians, psychiatrists) traditionally exempt from civil service,
- c. 41 are the personal staff of elected officials (Commissioners, judges, Auditor, District Attorney) of whom nine serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and who are traditionally exempt from civil service,
- d. 8 are personal staff to department heads who are traditionally exempt from civil service,
- e. 79 are line managers (division heads, section heads), and
- f. 5 are department heads traditionally exempt from civil service.

In a traditional civil service system the only difference in the treatment of this entire group would be that the 79 division and section heads would be protected by civil service and have a tenure right to their jobs. Should line managers have such tenure rights? That issue is being hotly debated

nationally at the moment, and the County is far from unique in having removed them. Furthermore, the hiring and firing of employees in those 79 jobs are subject to affirmative action regulations which require procedural steps quite comparable to those under civil service, and the County's management is making a major effort to see that those steps are followed.

It is also a fact that in January, 1975, the County's civil service system was a shambles, and the last three years have seen a consistent effort to repair that system, not destroy it. Now, for example, in contrast to the situation three years ago,

- a. New classifications are reviewed and approved by the Merit System Civil Service Council according to ordinance,
- b. Employees are hired and promoted according to civil service procedures,
- c. Employees paid from grant funds are treated as County employees fully protected by civil service, and,
- d. A rational job classification plan has been completed which, if not scuttled by Local 88, will go a long way toward improving the equality of pay for equal work among all classes of employees covered by union contracts and civil service.

An example of the steps necessary to get the civil service system back in a semblance of order is that, two months ago, it was finally necessary to amend the civil service ordinance to grant retroactive civil service tenure status to 227 employees (about 10% of the County's full-time work force) who over the last ten years had been hired and/or promoted without following civil service rules or procedures.

More could be said on the issue of the civil service system, but I think the above comments serve to make my point about variations between fact and opinion when it comes to the management of the County. Quite a debate could be staged about whether we have done enough, well enough, fast enough in the last three years. From the standpoint of the Commission, however, I think the issue is this: under a strong executive charter the County's civil service system was allowed to fall apart, even helped along in that process, and under the same charter a serious effort is being made to put the civil service system back together again. What, then, can one reasonably conclude

is the necessary effect of a strong executive charter on personnel management? I suggest it is only this: that the locus of authority and responsibility for taking action is clear and undiffused.

That conclusion, however, is not the point of this letter. The point, again, is that I fear the preponderance of opinion and the dearth of fact presented to the Commission thus far about the management of the County will shape the Commission's recommendations on the charter. If each member of the Commission can fairly say that the statements about the civil service system made on March 20, the facts I have mentioned above, or discussions of similar management issues before the Commission have no effect or bearing on his or her views about the issues before the Commission, I would concede, on that test, that my fear is ungrounded. If the contrary is true, then the Commission has a problem, and I have reason to be fearful.

If the Commission does have a problem, it would serve the Commission and the voters well if some fact finding occurred. Fact finding is not going to occur in a public hearing in which each person testifying is given five minutes to cover his subject and in which speakers arise in random order. Such a proceeding only encourages the histrionics witnessed on March 20 or the absence of those who have no stomach for them.

Finally, I trust that each member of the Commission will accept that my comments here represent my own opinion. I assume others responsible for the management of the County can speak for themselves.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis L. West, Director  
Office of County Management

DLW/er  
cc: Chairman Donald Clark

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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April 7, 1978

Mr. Larry Mylnechuk  
5329 S. E. 47th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97206

Mr. Terry Hannon  
1344 N. E. 137th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97230

Re: Charter Review Committee

Dear Larry and Terry:

Enclosed is a copy of the present form of proposal (nothing is etched in granite) of our districting subcommittee. As you can see, and as we expected, there is some overlap with the work of your committees. We have included recommendations on some of the subjects which you are considering because they just seemed inseparable from the districting plan viewed as a whole. Our subcommittee will be meeting again on April 17. I would appreciate any input you can give. I am copying all committee members on this letter and the enclosed.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.

JF:jkg  
Enclosure  
cc Committee Members

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April 7, 1978

Mr. Ken Tollenaar  
Director,  
Bureau of Governmental Research  
and Service  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Ken:

This will confirm our conversation of yesterday concerning the April 20 special meeting of the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee. The Committee is delighted you will be able to attend and will have many questions to ask you, I am sure.

Again, the meeting is scheduled for April 20, 7:30 pm, Multnomah County I. E. D., 220 S. E. 102nd, in the Seminar Room. Should you need more detailed directions on the location, please let me know.

I was delighted we were able to visit for a brief time this week, and will make every effort to keep you abreast of our activities.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

jkg

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Administrative Secretary

April 7, 1978

Mr. A. McKay Rich  
Assistant to the Director,  
Washington Park Zoo  
4001 S. W. Canyon Road  
Portland, Oregon 97221

Dear Kay:

This will confirm my conversation with your office concerning the April 20 special meeting of the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee. The Committee is delighted you will be able to attend and will have many questions to ask you, I am sure.

Again, the meeting is scheduled for April 20, 7:30 pm, Multnomah County I.E.D., 220 S. E. 102nd, in the Seminar Room. Should you need more detailed directions on the location, please let me know.

We shall make every attempt to keep you abreast of our activities, and look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

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Administrative Secretary

April 7, 1978

The Honorable George Joseph  
Associate Justice, Court of Appeals  
3rd Floor, State Office Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear George:

This will confirm our conversation of yesterday concerning the April 20 special meeting of the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee. The Committee is delighted you will be able to attend and will have many questions to ask you, I am sure.

Again, the meeting is scheduled for April 20, 7:30 pm, Multnomah County I. E. D., 220 S. E. 102nd, in the Seminar Room. Should you need more detailed directions please let me know.

Thank you for your interest in our work, George. I will try and keep you abreast of our activities.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S.W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

March 13, 1978

Ms. Ann M. Leonard  
4625 N. E. 78th Place  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Ms. Leonard:

Your letter to the editor of the Oregonian concerning the establishment of single-member districts in Multnomah County was noted with interest.

We have taken the liberty of adding that letter to our files and will certainly take into consideration your point of view as we examine possible revisions to the Multnomah County Charter.

If you have any further suggestions on County Charter amendments, please feel free to contact me or the Charter Review Committee office. We were most pleased that you took the time to express your point of view on this most important issue.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JRF:jkg

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

March 13, 1978

Mr. Anthony J. Golden  
812 S. W. 10th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Golden:

Your letter to the editor of the Oregonian concerning Multnomah County residents writing their own Charter was noted with interest.

We have taken the liberty of adding that letter to our files and will certainly take into consideration your point of view as we examine possible revisions to the Multnomah County Charter.

You may be interested to know that the Committee has adopted the policy of submitting several different amendments to the voters for consideration in November. This seems to be a similar approach to what you advocate in your letter. If you have any further suggestions on County Charter amendments, please feel free to contact me or the Charter Review Committee office. We were most pleased that you took the time to express your point of view on this most important issue.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

March 6, 1978

Dr. Thomas J. Sommerville  
Multnomah County Intermediate Education  
District  
220 S. E. 102nd  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Sommerville:

The Multnomah County Charter Reveiw Committee is grateful to you and your staff for assistance in scheduling our meetings in your facilities. We hope to continue to use I.E.D. space for meetings and will keep in contact with either Ms. Lowe or Ms. Anderson regarding our schedule.

The Committee has made the final determination, however, that we will not need office space in your building. It appears that the space we are now using in downtown Portland is quite adequate for our needs. I sincerely hope that we have not inconvenienced you or your staff by taking so much time to reach this decision. It has been comforting to know that space was available to us at the I.E.D. building.

If you or any member of your staff has questions regarding this decision or our future use of your meeting rooms, please feel free to contact me at my office (226-7321), or the Charter Review Committee staff (227-1631).

Many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

bcc Jay Owen

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

February 21, 1978

Dear candidate for County office:

You are cordially invited to attend a public hearing, March 6, 7:30 pm, Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 1002 N. E. Holladay, Portland. At this time the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee will be seeking testimony from County Commission members, County-wide office holders, and candidates.

We would appreciate hearing your views on the following areas:

- (1) Election of Commissioners from single member districts
- (2) Two or four year terms of office
- (3) The method of choosing Commission Chairman
- (4) The method of filling vacancies on the Board

We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to hearing your testimony at that time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
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February 24, 1978

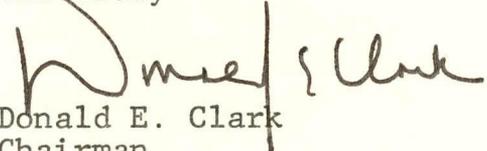
Mr. John R. Faust, Jr., Chairman  
Multnomah County Charter Review  
Committee  
401 Wilcox Building  
506 SW 6th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mr. Faust

Thank you for inviting me to testify at the March 6 meeting of the Charter Review Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to share my views on the areas mentioned in your letter, and I plan to attend the meeting.

I also would like to commend you and the committee for the orderly and expeditious manner in which you have proceeded with the complex issues of charter review.

Sincerely

  
Donald E. Clark  
Chairman

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

February 21, 1978

Commissioner Dan Mosee  
Board of County Commissioners  
606 County Court House  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Commissioner Mosee:

You are cordially invited to attend a public hearing, March 6, 7:30 pm, Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 1002 N. E. Holladay, Portland. At this time the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee will be seeking testimony from County Commission members and candidates.

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We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to hearing your testimony at that time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

*JFjkq*  
John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkq

*Letter sent to Mosee  
Corbett 2/21/78  
Gordon  
Clark  
Buchanan*

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
227-1631

February 22, 1978

Ms. Jewel Lansing  
Auditor, Multnomah County  
County Court House  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Ms. Lansing:

You are cordially invited to attend a public hearing, March 6 7:30 pm, Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 1002 N. E. Holladay, Portland. At this time the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee will be seeking testimony from County officials and candidates.

We would appreciate hearing your views on the following areas:

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- (4) The method of filling vacancies on the Board

Knowing of your special expertise as County Auditor, we hope you will also feel free to advise us and make appropriate comments on that office. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to hearing your testimony at that time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

JF jkg

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

*JF jkg*  
John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

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*Sent to candidates 2/24/78*

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW  
COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th  
Portland, Oregon

February 27, 1978

Ms. Merry Jo Miller  
College Relations Office  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Gresham, Oregon

Dear Ms. Miller:

We would like to thank you for your assistance in helping to arrange for our use of the Mt. Hood Community College Vista room for our February 6 public hearing.

The facilities were excellent and we are most grateful for your help in making the necessary arrangements.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

bcc Del Greenfield

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW  
COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S.W. 6th  
Portland, Oregon

February 27, 1978

Mrs. Mary Anne Amacker  
Oregon Historical Society  
1230 S. W. Park  
Portland, Oregon 97201

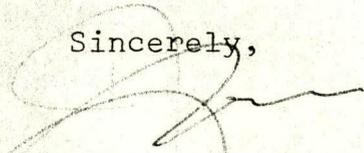
Dear Mrs. Amacker:

We would like to thank you for your assistance in helping to arrange for our use of the Historical Society Beaver Hall for our noon meeting, February 6.

The facilities were excellent and we are most grateful for your help in making the necessary arrangements.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

bcc Del Greenfield

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

February 27, 1978

Ms. Diane Trudo  
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners  
606 County Court House  
Portland, Oregon 97204

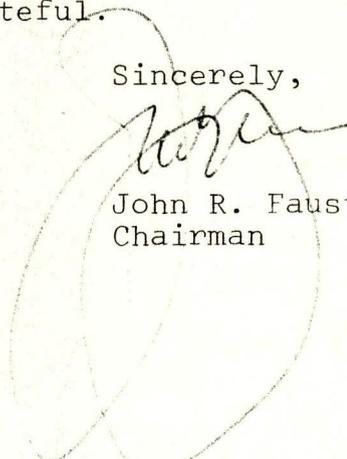
Dear Diane:

The entire Charter Review Committee membership joins me in extending a most grateful thanks to you for your diligence and assistance in helping us to begin functioning as a Committee.

Your work was excellent and laid a solid foundation from which our current staff is now benefitting. I know Julie joins me in thanking you for all you have done.

Again, we are most grateful.

Sincerely,



John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

cc Chairman Don Clark

bcc Anne Picco

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
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227-1631

February 21, 1978

Mr. Harry Bodine  
The Oregonian  
1320 S. W. Broadway  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mr. Bodine:

Enclosed you will find a listing of all members of the County Charter Review Committee. I thought you should also be aware that Jack Faust was elected Committee Chairman; Terry Hannon, Vice Chairman; and Kay Pankratz, Secretary-Treasurer.

Your news desk has been receiving regular notification of our meetings and hearings, and I have been in contact with Rod Patterson by phone. If you personally should have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number listed above or any officer or member of the Committee.

Sincerely,

<sup>JKG</sup>  
Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary

JKG  
ENCLOSURE

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
(503) 227-1631

February 20, 1978

Executive Director,  
National Association of Counties  
1735 New York Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Sir:

The Multnomah County Charter Review Committee has been assigned the task of examining the Multnomah County Charter and making recommendations to the voters for changes. We have been specifically asked to address ourselves to the following questions:

- (1) Election of Commissioners from single member districts
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We felt you might be a valuable source of information. If your office has any material that would be useful to us in our research, please let us know. Thank you for any assistance you might be able to give us.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

*JKB*  
Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary,  
Multnomah County Charter  
Review Committee

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
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February 20, 1978

Mr. Jerry Orrick  
Oregon Association of Counties  
1201 Court Street N. E.  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Orrick:

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Sincerely,

*JKG*  
Julie Keller Gottlieb  
Administrative Secretary,  
Multnomah County Charter Review  
Committee

1855 S.E. 104th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97216  
Feb. 9, 1978

Julie Keller Gottlieb  
S.H. Mallicoat & Associates  
Wilcox Bldg. 506 S.W. 6th  
Portland, Oregon

re: Charter Review

Dear Julie:

It would appear that my state senator and representatives are not informed on the Multnomah Charter Review public hearings and work sessions agenda. It could be that they are not reading their mail or as a committee we over-looked it. In any event, Rick and Wendy and Drew do want to be on the mailing list and I guess that will mean periodic packets from you. For the present, I have sent them a copy of Del Greenfield's tentative schedule super job so that they can guide themselves on participating next Monday night at David Douglas High School. (Junior Bldg.)

Mail will reach them at the following addresses: (If you have a better address on Rick please use it.)

State Representative Rick Gustafson  
Administration Office  
Portland State University  
Portland, Oregon Phone: 229-4962

State Senator Mary "Wendy" Roberts  
105 S.E. 84th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97216

State Representative Drew Davis  
11121 S.E. Boise  
Portland, Oregon 97266 Phone: 760-4172

Should you be speaking with Mr. Faust in the near future you might ask how the committee can express its gratitude to Diane Trudo for the effort she put forth.

If you are coming out on the Banfield to DD High School get off at Gateway, which is Halsey, continue to 122nd, turn right and go south to Stark, turn left on Stark and go to 135th, turn right (south) and drive two or three blocks, Junior Bldg. rear parking lot, right side of street. Room 51.

See you soon,  
  
Anne F. Picco

Feb. 9, 1978

State Representative Rick Gustafson  
Institute for Policy Studies - Room 302P - P.S.U.  
617 S.W. Montgomery  
Portland, Oregon

A.F. Picco

1855 S.E. 104th

Portland, Oregon 97216



Julie Keller Gottlieb  
S.H. MALLICOAT & ASSOCIATES  
Wilcox Bldg. 506 S.W. 6th  
Portland, Oregon

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
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227-1631

March 2, 1978

Ms. Jane Rhodes  
3525 S. E. 80th  
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

Your excellent letter concerning the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee has been brought to my attention and I was most impressed with your suggestions.

You may be interested to know that on February 6, we had a fairly well-attended meeting with representatives of groups that have previously studied the Charter. Our staff has developed a mailing list and I understand your name has been added.

Be assured I will be keeping your thoughts in mind as our work progresses, especially your advice to "take small steps." The entire Committee would be well to heed that advice! Many thanks for writing.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

*mailing list*

3525 SE 80th  
Portland, Oregon 97206  
Feb. 15, 1978

Jack Faust, Chairman  
Charter Review Committee  
Wilcox Building, Room 401  
506 SW 6th  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Faust;

I read the article in this morning's Oregonian by Rod Patterson expressing your concern over the lack of citizen participation at the Review meetings. I share your concern. I don't know what your committee is doing, when it meets, where it meets, or what communication systems it is developing. May I offer some suggestions anyway?

1. Invite to a meeting representatives of one of the organizations that studied the charter during the past year or two. These people, such as those with the League of Women Voters, have studied the problems and can give an informed opinion, but may be reluctant to offer suggestions until you approach them. Do not try to cover every organization at one meeting. This also may add support to those helping you pass the final proposal.
2. Develop a mailing list. Either mail all the information to everyone or select those people living in a given area for a given meeting. Your list should include neighborhood associations (both city and "it just grew" groups), all people who offered to serve on the Review Committee, and all politicians within Multnomah County. I know it costs money, but we don't attend meetings we don't know about.
3. While it is important for citizens to have an opportunity to help develop the charter proposals, be sure to leave enough time for public response to a proposal before it is voted on. Be willing to change details or language for the final draft. Some people only react and don't develop.
4. Take small steps. You can't change the world or rewrite the whole charter. Try for two or three specific areas.

You may be doing most of these things already. If not, maybe I've helped. Good luck with your task. I'll attend one of the meetings, if I know when and where.

Sincerely,  
*Jane Rhodes*  
Jane Rhodes  
771-6461

*JKG called & put on mailing list - 2/17/78 -*

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
401 Wilcox Building, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 971204  
227-1631

March 2, 1978

Mr. J. Arthur Stevenson  
12507 N. E. Holladay Place  
Portland, Oregon 97230

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Please forgive the delay in my answering your letter to the County Charter Review Committee regarding salary increases for County Commissioners. Your knowledge of the subject indicates you have done some research and we want to thank you for sharing your information with us.

Again, our apologies for the delay in responding to you. We are pleased to report now, however, that we have an office and staff. Please feel free to continue to share your thoughts with us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

John R. Faust, Jr.  
Chairman

JF:jkg

12507 NE Holladay Place  
Portland, Oregon 97230  
Jan 9, 1978

The Charter Committee  
For Multnomah County  
County Court House  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

Every County to my knowledge in the state of Washington has an amendment with the thought and purpose of the following which I feel should be a part of the charter of every County in Oregon.

"No elected official of ~~BLANK~~ County shall receive any raise voted by the Board of County Commissioners upon which this official has voted, but said raise in salary shall apply only to the successor elected to his or her office."

If nothing else this will protect those who vote themselves a raise shall protect them personally from any criticism and it will keep the elected offices free from the scars of personal selfish gain.

/yours sincerely,

*Arthur S.*  
J. Arthur Stevenson

BOARD OF  
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