



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 7/12/18
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
Date Submitted: 6/26/18

Agenda Title: **Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland Auditor for Temporary Initiative Petition Processing Partnership.**

Requested

Meeting Date: July 12, 2018 Time Needed: 5 minutes

Department: DCS Division: Elections

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Presenters: Tim Scott, Director of Elections

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Authorize the Chair to execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Multnomah County Elections Division to assist the City of Portland with determining whether there are a sufficient number of signatures for petitions PDX03 and PDX04, with that authorization including authority to execute the IGA in substantially the form attached, provided that any modifications may not result in a material increase in the County's obligations or a material decrease in the County's benefits, and the Chair is authorized to execute any ancillary documents necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of these agreements.

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.

Under Portland City Code, the City has 30 days to (1) determine whether an initiative petition has a sufficient number of signatures to qualify for signature verification and (2) complete signature verification. Typically, the City undertakes the first step to determine whether there are a sufficient number of signatures, and the County Elections Division undertakes the second step of signature verification.

The City or Portland is anticipating receiving two initiative petitions for review on July 6. It is not typical for the City to receive two petitions for review on the same day. This scenario will require significant staff time and space for the City to complete its review.

For the two anticipated petitions, the City is concerned about completing the first part of the review – determining whether there are sufficient signatures – in a timely manner so that the County Elections Division will have enough time to complete signature verification of the two petitions in the remainder of the 30 days allotted by City Code. The City is proposing a partnership that would allow the County Elections Division to assist with the

process by providing office space and technical experts. The City will supervise the review process and will maintain responsibility for sufficiency and qualification determinations. The IGA would go into effect upon signing and terminate no later than August 6.

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

The County would receive up to \$10,000 as compensation for the wages of temporary staff that would be hired to assist with the petition review, as well as for any other costs associated with assisting the City, including reimbursement of reasonable business expenses. There would be no ongoing fiscal impact as the IGA would end no later than August 6.

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

Portland City Code Section 2.04.090 requires the City to review a City initiative petition to determine whether it contains a sufficient number of signatures to qualify for signature verification and then complete signature verification within 30 days of receipt of the petition.

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

The City of Portland will supervise all work under the IGA and will maintain responsibility for ensuring timely and compliant completion of the work, including making final sufficiency and qualification determinations.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Jamie Waltz, Deputy Director /s/

Date:

June 26, 2018