



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: Oct. 2017)

## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 8/30/18  
**Agenda Item #:** R.3  
**Est. Start Time:** 9:50 a.m.  
**Date Submitted:** 8/21/18

**Agenda Title:** Proclaiming August 23, 2018 as Opal Strong Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

**Requested Date:** 8/30/2018

**Time Needed:** 20 min

**Department/Division:** Non-D

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**Presenters:** Rekah Strong & family, other invited guests

## **General Information:**

### **1. What are you requesting from the Board?**

To proclaim Thursday, August 23, 2018 as Opal Strong Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

### **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.**

Opal Strong was born on January 30, 1916 to Rosie Thompson and Fred Henderson in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. In 1943, Opal Strong along with her husband Luther Strong settled into Portland, Oregon. They both were known as community activist and mentors to the leaders of color.

During her life as a political activist, Opal served Multnomah County residents through many leadership roles. Opal was a founding member and active participant leading the Humboldt/King neighborhood associations dating back to model cities, which is now the NE coalition of neighborhoods. She served as the President of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association, was a long time member of the Albina Women's League, and was an original Board Member of the Salvation Army Moore Street Community Center and was appointed by

the late Governor Vic Atiyeh to serve as a board member for the council of senior citizens for Oregon. Opal was awarded by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods for decades of dedicated service to the community. In 2007 she was also awarded the North Portland Community Pride Award and in 2011, Opal was the recipient of the Spirit of Portland Community Harmony Award.

Opal Strong made a lasting imprint on the Portland Community by dedicating her life as a Christian and community mother who is also nationally known for her sweet potato and pineapple pies. Opal Strong's legacy and commitment to Civil Rights, community service and mentorship has made Multnomah County a stronger, more fair, and more inclusive county for all of its citizens'.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

**Required Signature:**

<b>Elected Official/ Department Director:</b>	<b>Loretta Smith</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>8.21.2018</b>
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