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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET**

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MEETING DATE: 9-24-15

AGENDA ITEM # R-1 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: INVITED GUEST

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

NAME: Sandy Polishuk

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: sandypolishuk@gmail.com

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5. When your name is called, come forward and be seated at the presenter's table; state your name for the record and speak clearly into the microphone.
6. Public comment is limited to **3 minutes or less** per person unless otherwise directed by the Chair, who is the Presiding Officer.
7. A buzzer will signify the end of your allotted time.
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9. All meetings are audio and video recorded and can be viewed at: [multco.us](http://multco.us).
10. The Chair has authority to keep order and may impose reasonable restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of a meeting. Any person who fails to comply with the Rules of Conduct, or who creates a disturbance, may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do so, becomes a trespasser and will be treated accordingly. Copies of the Rules of Conduct are available next to the sign up sheets.

**IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD IN LIEU OF GIVING ORAL COMMENTS:**

1. Complete this form and submit it along with your written testimony to the Board Clerk at the meeting, or by e-mail at: [lynda.grow@multco.us](mailto:lynda.grow@multco.us)
2. Written testimony will be entered into and remain a part of the official permanent record.

It's with great pleasure that I speak to you today as we in 350PDX celebrate this landmark day, the culmination of two years of our divestment campaign urging county divestment from its holdings on the Carbon Tracker 200 list of companies with the largest reserves of fossil fuels.

Climate scientists tell us we must keep these reserves in the ground if we are to maintain a liveable climate, but these companies continue to search for more. Shell is drilling in the risky Arctic as we speak. Exxon is spending \$90 million each day exploring for more. All 200 companies maintain their reserves on their balance sheets and in their business plans, resources which will end up stranded when global policy catches up with science.

So thank you for this forward-thinking choice for our county. Your decision is not only consistent with the climate planning you have been doing, making clear you are investing our money in line with our values, but is also a wise financial one. Investment in fossil fuel companies has become risky business.

Of course, we were very pleased when we heard you had responded positively to our request to divest when your only investment with a company on the list matured in March of 2014. That was it for Multnomah County's dirty fossil fuel investments! You decided the county would be making no new investments with companies on the Carbon Tracker list.

Once you made that decision, we asked you make it official with a formal resolution. We are pleased to be here today to congratulate you on this excellent resolution and for putting Multnomah County on the map of forward thinking governments. We especially like that it includes language to encourage other governments, universities, foundations and other for profit and non-profit organizations to join you in this commitment. Other governments stands out for us in that sentence because we know you also have money invested with and by the State of Oregon. We hope our action today will encourage other cities and counties in Oregon to do the same and that all of you will press the State Treasurer and the Oregon Investment Council to follow your lead.

Thank you for bringing this resolution up for a vote today.

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NAME: Alfredo Gonzales

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