

As amended through August 25, 1983

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 389

An Ordinance establishing a Steering Committee to facilitate and coordinate the development of a Citizen's Congress for Multnomah County.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The Board of County Commissioners finds that there is a need to provide for improved communication between Multnomah County and its citizens regarding the development of a mission statement for Multnomah County Government.

The Board of County Commissioners further finds that a Citizen's Congress developed under the direction of an impartial Steering Committee may be an effective way to facilitate such communication.

Section 2. Steering Committee. A Citizen's Congress Steering Committee is established as a Commission of Multnomah County government.

Section 3. Membership and Staff.

A. The Citizen's Congress Steering Committee shall consist of thirty-seven (37) members to be appointed by the County Executive and approved by the Board as follows:

1. A Representative of the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Steering Committee;
2. A Representative of the Portland League of Women Voters;
3. A Representative of the East County League of Women Voters;
4. A Representative of the City Club of Portland;
5. A Representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce;
6. A Representative of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce;
7. A Representative of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon;
8. A Representative of Oregon Fair Share;
9. A Representative of the Office of Neighborhood Associations (City of Portland);
10. A Representative of the Urban League of Portland;
11. A Representative of the Grey Panthers;

12. A Representative of the Urban Indian Council;
13. A Representative of the Portland Town Council;
14. A Representative of Aguila;
15. A Representative of the Multnomah County Labor Council;
16. A Representative of an independent labor organization;
17. A Representative of the Center for Urban Education.
18. A Representative of Multnomah County Democratic Party Central Committee;
19. A Representative of Multnomah County Republican Party Central Committee;
20. A Representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP);
21. A Representative of Committee of Spanish Speaking People of Oregon (COSSPO);
22. Five (5) Citizens at Large;
23. A Representative of East County Coordinating Committee (ECCO);
24. A Representative of the Tri-County Youth Consortium;
25. A Representative of Mid-County Future Alternatives Committee;
26. A Representative of Enough is Enough In Oregon;
27. A Representative of Oregon Taxpayers Union;
28. A Representative of the Farm Bureau;
29. One Representative from each of the following Portland neighborhood association umbrella organizations:

Neighborhoods West/ Northwest
Neighbors North
Northeast Office
Southeast Uplift Office
Southwest Neighborhoods

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B. A Presiding Officer shall be selected by the Committee at its first meeting.

C. Staff support shall be provided by the Citizen's Involvement Steering Committee and Staff of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Powers and Duties of the Committee.

A. The Steering Committee shall first determine whether a Community Congress is the best alternative for improving citizen participation.

B. If the Committee determines that a Community Congress is the best way for improving communication between Multnomah County and its citizens, then the Committee shall propose the number of appointees to the Congress and recommend a selection process for their appointment. Delegates are to be as broadly representative of the Citizenry of Multnomah County as possible. Opportunities for self nomination shall be provided.

C. The Committee shall develop rules and procedures for adoption by the Citizen's Congress in order to facilitate a review of existing County programs and revenue sources, provide for the division into subcommittees in order to hear testimony and develop priority proposals, propose a mechanism for communicating the Congress' findings and concerns to the Board of County Commissioners.

D. The Committee shall organize the Congress to focus solely on functional issues regarding the Mission of County Government. Structural considerations shall remain strictly under the Charter Review Commission.

E. The Steering Committee shall select an acting Presiding Officer for the Citizen's Congress to serve until a permanent chair is duly elected.

F. The Steering Committee shall recommend the dates and site of the Citizen's Congress.

G. The Steering Committee shall present an initial report to the Board no later than October 18, 1983, prior to proceeding to organize the Community Congress.

H. The Committee's final recommendations shall be made to the Board no later than December 1, 1983.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 1983

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Bruce S. Phelan
Presiding Officer

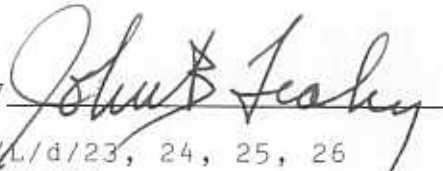
Authenticated by the County Executive on the 31st day of August, 1983

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