

**Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation  
Application for Committee Membership – January 2013 – December 2015**

**\*\*Applications are due by December 5, 2012 at 5:00 PM\*\***

**Given that sustainability issues have the greatest impact on low-income communities and communities of color, we highly encourage representatives from these communities to apply.**

Please return application to:

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Portland, OR 97214

Or email completed application to: [sustainability@multco.us](mailto:sustainability@multco.us)

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**Are you a resident of Multnomah County?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Do you work in Multnomah County?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Are you currently a County employee or the employee of any organization contracting with the County or bidding on County contracts?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Why do you want to serve on the advisory committee?**

Along with serving the community at the grassroots level, I am also interested in bringing forth the voices I hear from my community to the table where policy level and program level ideas are discussed. With my knowledge of the community advocacy work and my experience in the field of sustainability I hope to be able to contribute at this committee.

**Sustainability focuses on the intersection of the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view in one or more of these areas could you bring to the advisory committee?**

As a current Board Member and Policy Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee member at APANO, I advocate for the issues of equity for the underserved API communities in the areas of Health, Education and Civic Engagement. These areas overlap with the social and environmental sustainability issues.

I have also been involved in the past several years working with SERA Architects in the built sustainable environment. Most notable ones are the Oregon Sustainability Center, Tupelo Alley Apartments (LEED Gold) along Mississippi Street and currently the major renovation of the Edith Green and Wendell Wyatt Federal Building in downtown Portland (aiming beyond LEED Platinum).

With the involvements mentioned above, I bring a breadth of knowledge both from the community needs perspective and also from the construction industries.

**How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?**

Multnomah County has a great vision of just, safe, healthy and prosperous community. Sustainability is not a stand-alone component related only to green infrastructures. Are we making the most equitable disbursement and investment of the resources in our community to ensure the vision the county is working towards is not a short term goal but a shared sustained vision outside of the county offices? Shared and sustained policies in matters of environment and economics will have lasting effect on the safety, health, prosperity of our community. As our community grows and the diversity among us increases the allocation of resources becomes very relevant.

**Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.**

Volunteer work: Treasurer, Board Member and Policy Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee member at Asian and Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO); Resource Council Member for Colored Pencils Art and Culture Council; ACE Mentoring Program – Mentor Captain; Volunteered for the Portland Work Force Alliance; Leader for the pro bono work to renovate the gallery at the Multnomah Arts Center; general member at Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) and part of Environmental Professionals of Color (EPOC) movement.

**Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.**

I am not aware of anything that would be a conflict of interest at this point.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The purpose of this form is to obtain information for use in making appointments to the Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation. Please note that information provided in this document is public information.*

