



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised March 2016)

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Meeting Date: 12/15/16
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 12/7/16

Agenda Title: Proclaiming Multnomah County's Commitment to End Human Trafficking and the Exploitation of Vulnerable Members of Our Community

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: December 15, 2016 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes

Department: Nondepartmental **Division:** District 4

Contact(s): Sean Files

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Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Natalie Weaver, Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Program Specialist; Tom Perez, EPIK; Shannon O'Malley, Brew Advisors

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of a proclamation about Multnomah County's commitment to ending human trafficking and the exploitation of vulnerable people.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County has a long commitment to addressing the issue of human trafficking, especially the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Support has included annual proclamations on Human Trafficking Awareness Day, programs approved in the budget to increase capacity to provide victim services and prosecute offenders, the CSEC Steering Committee chaired by Commissioner McKeel, and engagement in advocacy campaigns related to legislation and community awareness.

Portland Businesses Ending Sex Trafficking (PDX BEST) is a public-private partnership among employers to help leaders use their businesses to prevent human trafficking. The focus of this alliance is on building education in the hospitality industry to identify and prevent trafficking, and promoting preventing and awareness in local businesses through training and policies. Data suggests that sex buying happens during work hours, with employees using company time to solicit sex from the office or while travelling for business. Multnomah County has policies prohibiting employees from engaging in this behavior

during work, and has been engaged in awareness training efforts through the CSEC Steering Committee.

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.

Multnomah County coordinates a collaborative effort to end the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), which includes partners from multiple county departments, nonprofit service providers, prosecution and law enforcement representatives, and the faith community. This committee's work is ongoing and will continue to promote broad participation among local citizens, organizations, and government agencies.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Commissioner Diane McKeel

Date:

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