

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 05-015

Proclaiming January 20, 2005 Election Worker Day in Recognition of the Outstanding Work of Regular and Hundreds of Temporary County Employees, as Well as Private Businesses

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Planning for the November 2004, Presidential General Election began in May following the Primary Election. Needs for increased building, personal and process security coupled with dramatically heightened concerns about the integrity of the elections process made this our most complex election ever.
- b. Elections Division staff, with dedicated temporary employees, worked July and August on petitions.
- c. Multnomah County's voter registration grew from 363,589 at the Primary Election to 430,693 for the General Election, with staff processing over 65,000 voter registration cards.
- d. Actual voter participation in Multnomah County increased from 45% at the Primary Election to almost 85% for the General Election. More people voted at the General Election (365,530) than were registered to vote at the Primary Election (363,589).
- e. Energetic and dedicated temporary employees supported the Elections Staff assisting the public with voter registration and ballot issues. Tours given to local, regional, national and international observers by County staff were well received.
- f. For the first time the County needed staff to watch and direct the hundreds of election process observations. Trained temporary staff provided courteous service managing the observers.
- g. County Library staff provided ballot drop box access for county voters at each library in Multnomah County during library office hours.
- h. County Sign Shop staff contributed by painting the new 24-hour drop boxes and preparing signage at various locations for the Election. County Bridge staff installed the 24-hour drop boxes. County Road Maintenance staff provided traffic control at these drop boxes the final two days of the election.
- i. Facility Security Officers from the County Sheriff provided security at the Elections Office for nearly two weeks before and a few days after the election. Deputy Sheriffs provided evening security at drop box sites and the elections building on November 2.
- j. County Telephone and Information Technology staff provided immediate and ongoing support for telephones and computers throughout the election process.
- k. County Facilities staff installed a temporary generator to provide full office power backup in case of an emergency.

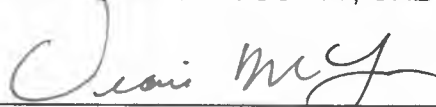
- l. Management staff from the Department of Community Services and County Emergency Management provided invaluable support arranging for security, business continuation planning and staff training.
- m. Private businesses provided additional support to Elections: Oregon Electric Group provided lighted parking for staff after 5 p.m.; A & S Marketing, Inc. provided secure parking for County vehicles used for the Election; and Perfect Fit provided space in its parking/loading area to support public needs ; Gourmet Coffee Catering extended its normal office hours to provide coffee to staff and voluntarily removed garbage from the entrance to the Elections Office; Aqua Fresh extended its normal office hours to deliver portable restroom facilities; Crystal Springs provided extraordinary delivery service of bottled water; Stitch in a Hurry provided exceptional service in designing and sewing customized election aprons for staff; and Office Depot called all its branch stores to pool requested UPS equipment.
- n. The smooth conduct of the election in Multnomah County and in Oregon resulted in national recognition as James K. Galbraith, professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin, in an article published in *The Nation*, recommended "the Oregon system" of vote by mail be implemented nation wide.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 20, 2005 as Election Worker Day in Recognition of the Outstanding Work of the Multnomah County Elections Office (permanent and temporary staff), countless other County employees in many different Departments and Divisions, and those private businesses that provided outstanding services to the Elections Office.

ADOPTED this 20th day of January, 2005.

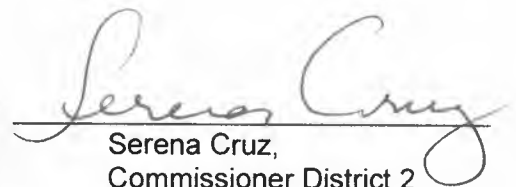
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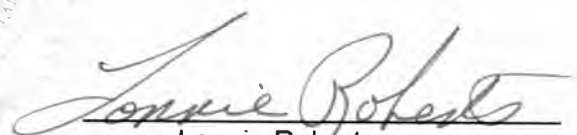
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