



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/25/16  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 10:40 am approx.  
Date Submitted: 2/18/16

**Agenda Title:** Resolution to Retain the Name of the Multnomah County Health Department Headquarters in Honor of Gladys McCoy

### Requested

Meeting Date: February 25, 2016 Time Needed: 10 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental Division: District 2

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Presenters: Commissioner Loretta Smith

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Resolution to retain the name of the Multnomah County Health Department Headquarters in honor of Gladys McCoy Building.

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

Multnomah County's Health Department Headquarters is currently situated in the Gladys McCoy Building (also known as: 1923 McCoy Building) at 423 S.W. Stark Street. The County acquired the building in 1988; the Board of County Commissioners dedicated its renaming, to the "Gladys McCoy Building, Multnomah County Human Service Center," by resolution, approved on April 29, 1993 (Resolution 93-134). The County is undergoing a design and planning process to relocate its services to a new location on Northwest Sixth Avenue, between Hoyt and Irving Streets, in Old Town/Chinatown.

Board approval of a resolution expressing intent to retain the naming of the Headquarters would reaffirm the County's commitment to recognizing the contributions made by, and the importance of retaining places named in honor of Oregon pioneers, namely former Multnomah County Chair and Commissioner Gladys McCoy.

Gladys McCoy was born on February 28, 1928, in Atlanta, Georgia, and she graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociobiology and a minor in economics from Talladega College in Alabama. In the early 1950s, she moved to Oregon and thereafter met and married William McCoy, who would become the first African American elected to the Oregon State Legislature.

