



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 8/4/16
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am approx
Date Submitted: 8/3/16 ed.

Agenda Title: Report of the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee and Resolution Submitting to the Voters Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Amendments Proposed by the County Charter Review Committee

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: August 4, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** County Attorney

Contact(s): Jacqueline A. Weber

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Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Kirsten Leonard, Chair, and Victoria Purvine, Vice-Chair, Multnomah County Charter Review Committee with Jacquie Weber, Deputy County Attorney

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt a Resolution certifying five measures, ballot designations, titles and charter text to the Director of Elections and directing publication in the County voter's pamphlet for the November election.

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.

The Multnomah County Charter requires a review committee to be appointed by state legislators every six years. The Committee began its work in October 2016 and held twelve public meetings. It made a comprehensive study of the Charter.

The Committee will present its final report to the people of Multnomah County and the Board on August 4, 2016. The report recommends voter approval of five measures that would amend the Charter. The Charter requires that all amendments proposed by the Committee be submitted to Multnomah County voters. The measures will be on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot. All of the measures involve policy decisions and may be controversial.

Measure A – Term Limits: Amends Charter section 4.20 to increase term limits for commissioners to three consecutive four year terms within a 16 year period, and to allow commissioners to run for the Office of Chair without resigning their current office.

Measure B – Commissioners Running for Chair Midterm: Amends Charter section 4.20 to allow commissioners to run for County Chair midterm.

Measure C – County Sheriff: Amends Charter section 6.50 to make the county sheriff an appointed position rather than an elected position.

Measure D – Honest Elections: Creates a new Charter provision limiting contributions and expenditures for political campaigns for the elected offices of Multnomah County.

Measure E – Charter Review Committee: Amends Charter section 12.40 selection process for appointment of electors to the Charter Review Committee. Requires the Citizen Involvement Committee to coordinate the creation of a pool of candidates for consideration for appointment to the Committee, and to convene the meetings of the Charter Review Committee.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Reports Committee findings, conclusions and recommendations as required by Charter section 12.60 and submits proposed charter amendments to the people as required by Charter section 12.70.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Charter Review Committee held 12 public meetings.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Jacquie Weber /s/

Date:

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Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.