

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 98-186

Request the United States Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to Remove Federal Tax Liens on County Tax-Foreclosed Real Property Transferred to Governments or Eligible Non-Profit Organizations for Low-Income Housing or Preserving Parks and Open Space.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. State law requires counties to foreclose ad valorem tax liens on real property and take possession, after a redemption period, of a number of real properties for non-payment of property taxes
- b. Some of these real properties are encumbered with liens from state and local governments, as well as the federal government, especially in the form of Internal Revenue Service liens
- c. The State of Oregon by statute and local governments by ordinance allow for tax liens and other encumbrances to be removed when the real property is used for greater public purposes, such as affordable housing or open space
- d. The federal government also encourages the development of affordable housing through a multitude of programs as well as making provisions for open space and parks
- e. The current collection practices and policies that the Internal Revenue Service works under with regard to the aforementioned real properties have the unintended consequences of being contrary to, and adding to the expense of, the development of low-income housing, parks and open space which are policies encouraged by Congress through Community Development Block Grants and Housing and Urban Development

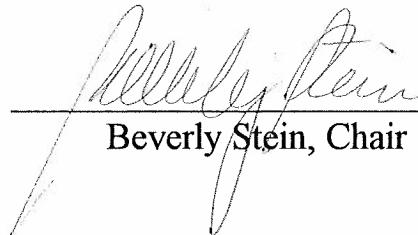
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To request Congress to amend federal statutes, where necessary, to require the Internal Revenue Service to remove federal tax liens against real property acquired by counties through tax foreclosure, where states, counties and cities cancel their tax liens and other encumbrances against the property in cases where it is to be used for one of the following public purposes: affordable housing, parks, or open space.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Oregon's United States Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, as well as the local office of the Internal Revenue Service.

Approved this 12th day of November 1998.




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


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