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## MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGAL COUNSEL SELECTION

DATE: Monday, August 22, 1983

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Holgate Plaza  
Suite 211  
4421 S.E. 17th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97202

SUBJECT: PROCESS OF SELECTING INDEPENDENT LEGAL  
COUNSEL FOR CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE



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### MEMBERS

Florence Bancroft  
Tanya Collier  
Chad Debnam  
Marlene Johnsen  
Penny Kennedy  
Carol Kirchner, Vice-Chair  
Leeanne MacColl  
Roger Parsons  
Ann Porter  
Linda Rasmussen  
Rev. Frank Shields, Chair  
Paul Thalhofer  
John Vogl

### MINUTES

August 22, 1983

Attending: Chad Debnam  
Tanya Collier, Chair  
Florence Bancroft  
Robert Castagna, Staff

Also Attending: Paul Thalhofer

### STAFF

Robert J. Castagna,  
Project Manager  
Maribeth McGowan,  
Secretary

The meeting of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Committee Subcommittee on Legal Counsel Selection convened at 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 1983, at Holgate Plaza, 4421 S.E. 17th, Suite 211, Portland, Oregon.

Tanya Collier commented on the meeting with Florence Bancroft and Robert Castagna regarding their meeting to discuss the need for private legal counsel.

### Report to the Subcommittee by Robert Castagna:

Castagna had reviewed the prior Charter Review Committee's Budget Report they had submitted in February 1978, which provided for a legal counsel budget of \$2000 to \$3000 based on an accepted hourly rate of \$50 per hour.

Per his discussion with Jack Faust, the 1978 Committee Chair, Castagna cited that the process used in the selection of Richard Roberts as Legal Counsel was that he had knowledge of local government and local governmental structures. Faust stated that the 1978 Committee felt that it was imperative to have independent legal counsel in order to present to the voters a legally uncontested ballot measure.

Per his discussion with Richard Roberts of the law firm of Regan & Roberts, Castagna stated that the following was understood and agreed:

Terms of the Agreement: \$50 per hour, \$2000 to \$3000 range, \$3000 being the maximum the Committee would be able to pay.

- Scope of Work:
1. To provide legal opinions to the Committee when the Committee has questions re: submission of measures to the voters;
  2. To provide legal drafting January through June 1984 in accordance with the Preliminary

Work Plan. Counsel is to attend the meetings  
as of January 1984.

Mr. Richard Roberts would be the lead counsel with the other  
attorneys in the firm of Regan&Roberts serving as independent  
legal counsel.

Chad Debnam discussed other candidates who had surfaced during the  
staff interviews. He cited that if the full Committee was agreeable  
to Richard Roberts as Legal Counsel, he would recommend Regan&Roberts  
to the full Committee.

Debnam stressed the importance that the Legal Counsel have a public  
law background.

Collier asked Paul Thalhofer for comments. Thalhofer asked questions  
re: legal counsel.

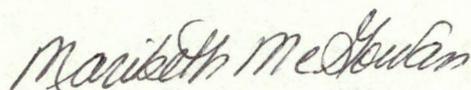
Collier asked the public members for comments. Collier clarified  
that public bonding is one of the specialties of the law firm of  
Regan&Roberts.

Bancroft made the motion and Debnam seconded that this Subcommittee  
recommend to the full Committee that Regan&Roberts act as Legal  
Counsel with Richard Roberts as the lead counsel.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectly submitted,



Maribeth McGowan, Secretary