



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	<u>2/23/12</u>
Agenda Item #:	<u>R.3</u>
Est. Start Time:	<u>10:10 am</u>
Date Submitted:	<u>2/15/12</u>

Agenda Title:	Coalition of Communities of Color Presentation on the Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile
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Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>February 23, 2012</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>30 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Office of Diversity & Equity</u>	Division:	<u></u>
Contact(s):	<u>Julia Meier (Coalition of Communities of Color), Shawn Postera, ODE & Daryl Dixon</u>		
Phone:	<u>503-288-8177</u>	Ext.	<u>295</u>
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Carmen Rubio, Executive Director, Latino Network; Victor Merced, Executive Director, Hacienda CDC; Pietro Ferrari, Executive Director, Catholic Charities; Consuelo Saragoza, Senior Advisor, Mult. Health Dept. Dr. Ann Curry-Stevens, Professor, PSU</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Listen to a summary of findings from the report “*The Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile*” and listen to recommendations on how to address and eliminate disparities that exists for the Latino community.

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.

This report from the Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University is the second in a series of five. It shows troubling disparities between Multnomah County’s Latino population and Whites. Among the findings in the report:

- Disparities are worse here than across the nation, with incomes, poverty rates, homeownership rates and educational attainment all showing that Latinos locally are slipping behind their national comparators
- 44% of the Latino population has not completed high school, compared with only 6% for Whites. That number is not likely to improve any time soon as only 45% of Latino students successfully graduated high school in 2010
- Household earnings have deteriorated since 1989, while those of Whites have remained

constant

- Homeownership levels (the key engine for generating wealth) are dramatically worse locally than nationally: only 31% of local Latinos own homes, while nearly 50% of Latinos nationally own their own homes. Sixty percent of local Whites own their own homes
- While White families experience a boost of their incomes compared with their national counterparts, Latino families experience a diminishment of their incomes – at levels as high as \$6,200 less than Latinos nationwide

This is the third report in the Coalition's *Unsettling Profile* series.

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

This report illuminates the complexity of needs facing the Latino community. We urge County Departments to begin implementing equity-based funding allocations that seek to ameliorate some of the challenges that exist in resourcing the Latino community.

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

County works with the Coalition of Communities of Color to develop a plan for the advancement of racial equity through the reduction of disparities in policies that reflect commitment.

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

This report is the result of a three year research partnership between the Latino community, PSU and the Coalition of Communities of Color, whose membership includes a diverse alliance of culturally specific organizations in Multnomah County. The County committed resources to this research project.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: 2/23/12

Daryl Dixon, Chief Diversity & Equity Officer