



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 03/25/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

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

**Agenda Title:** **Coalition of Communities of Color Presentation on the Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile**

*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:** February 23, 2012 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30 minutes  
**Department:** Office of Diversity & Equity **Division:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** 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

### 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.

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## Required Signature

Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:



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Daryl Dixon, Chief Diversity & Equity Officer