



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 12/22/16  
Agenda Item #: R.7  
Est. Start Time: 10:35 am  
Date Submitted: 12/14/16

**Agenda Title:** Resolution Declaring Multnomah County a Sanctuary County in Oregon

### Requested

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, December 15, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

**Department:** Non-departmental **Division:** District 2

**Contact(s):** Meeseon Kwon, policy advisor for Commissioner Loretta Smith;  
Kim Melton, policy advisor for Chair Deborah Kafoury

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**Presenters:** County staff, community leaders, and invited guests

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Board approval of a resolution recognizing Multnomah County as a sanctuary county to continue ensuring community members are able to continue accessing County resources and services (e.g., health clinics, libraries, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, SUN programming, etc.) regardless of their immigration status.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Across the nation, recent political events have continued to spur and build a climate of hatred, bigotry, and discrimination toward many in our communities. With this resolution, Multnomah County seeks to reaffirm its commitment to equity and respect for individuals' rights by ensuring they are able to continue accessing County resources and services regardless of their immigration status.

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

N/A

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

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

Partner jurisdictions such as the City of Portland and Benton County have declared themselves as sanctuary cities and counties respectively. In the aftermath of the recent Presidential election, many community members and groups have expressed fears regarding their ability to access Multnomah County services.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Commissioner Loretta Smith;  
Chair Deborah Kafoury /s/

**Date:** December 8, 2016