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Subject: Charter Review Committee: County Manager Ballot Measure

To: [marco.circosta@multco.us](mailto:marco.circosta@multco.us)

Dear Marco,

I hope you will share my following concerns with the Charter Review Committee members.

It's my understanding that the Charter Review Committee has recently voted to bring a County Manager position to the ballot.

As a community leader and advocate, I would like to express my concerns around the actions of the CRC.

Historically, Multnomah County leadership has made decisions without engaging the vast communities who carry the affects of those choices every day. From a community perspective, this includes the various councils, boards, and committees who are affiliated with the County, like the CRC.

Recently, I have seen a shift in the level of engagement and equity driven decision making from our elected officials and their staff. One of the biggest examples being the County's leadership in shifting the allocation of funding to address the staggering adversities communities like mine face.

This happened because the Chair and commissioners took the necessary steps to listen to community based priorities and move forward with implementing our ideas. These are the types of resolutions I expect from Multnomah County and anyone in a position with the power to make change.

I'm concerned that I haven't seen the same level of engagement from the Charter Review Committee prior to making such high level decisions that may carry unintended, negative consequences for my community and others.

Valuing accountability, equity, and collaboration, I strongly urge the Charter Review Committee to take a step back and reach out to the communities who your actions impact.

By bringing forward this County Manager position to the voters without the necessary outreach, education, or understanding of the impact on others, you're continuing the systemic oppression of our community.

Wopila Tanka,  
(With sincere gratitude)



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