### Multnomah County Charter Review

#### Subcommittee Recommendation Form

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<th>Subcommittee name:</th>
<th>Equitable Representation</th>
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<td>Summary of recommendation:</td>
<td>Multnomah County will extend the vote to fullest extent possible allowed by law, including but not limited to noncitizens</td>
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<td>What section(s) of the Charter is this recommendation likely to impact?</td>
<td>This would be a new addition to the Charter and is not expected to alter existing sections</td>
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| What does this recommendation aim to accomplish? | • Increases political power for those who have been disenfranchised  
• Reduces taxation without representation: in Oregon, over $100M taxes come from undocumented people  
• Encourages civic engagement  
• Increases sense of belonging |
| What MCCRC values is this recommendation grounded in? | Inclusive Democracy  
Access & Belonging  
Justice |
| What are the potential fiscal impacts of this recommendation? | If voting in Multnomah County can be extended to noncitizens, costs will include:  
• Additional ballot printing costs (for special ballot with only Multnomah County elections items  
• Costs related to updating voter registrations  
• Voter education  
• Legal costs related to validation and implementation |
| What potential negative impacts could result from this recommendation? What are potential obstacles to implementation? | • Potential backlash against immigrants and non-citizens  
• Potential legal challenge |
| What resources did the subcommittee rely on in making this recommendation? (Link or cite documents) | • Past advocacy by immigrants rights organizations for the Oregon Voting Rights Act  
• Interview with policy experts Ricardo Luján-Valerio and Jessica Maravilla  
• Legal guidance from Katherine Thomas, including a presentation at the subcommittee’s March 21st meeting  
• Subcommittee discussion; full committee discussion  
• Democracy Docket: “Understanding Voting Rights for Non-Citizens” |
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Shared Values

**Justice:**
- Healing and justice are central to Multnomah County’s government.
- Justice extends to all people, and especially people who have been historically marginalized.
- Leading with race is important because of the inequities embedded in governance, with the understanding that it will help create an intersectional approach to this work.

**Inclusive democracy:**
- Multnomah County’s government depends on active participation and representation of the communities people live in.
- People can access and participate in government using their preferred language.
- Outreach is a key value of democracy:
  - Decisions are informed by culturally-specific research and outreach.
  - Relationships should be an authentic, long lasting partnership; they should not be transactional in nature.

**Access and belonging:**
- People know how to access their leaders and decision-makers.
- People feel that they (and their communities) are a part of decision-making.
- Government reflects the communities it represents.

**Transparency:**
- People understand how their county government works.
- People are able to be heard by their government, and influence decision-making.
- Communication with the public by the government is clear, and communities are sought out for their input.

**Innovation:**
- Government is able to change and adapt to address historic and persistent problems.
- Change is embraced as a way to better serve communities.