

Amendment: Lone Fir Memorial

In 1928 Multnomah County assumed ownership of Lone Fir Cemetery and halted the burials and cultural practices of Chinese Americans on Block 14 of Lone Fir Cemetery. In the ensuing 20 years, Multnomah County would have the Chinese American community disinter hundreds of remains and then the County disinterred the remains of hundreds of Chinese Americans using a bulldozer to repurpose Block 14, later into a parking lot. The County failed to identify and account for the individuals who were disinterred and to account for damaged and/or destroyed culturally significant historical artifacts.

In 2005 the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metro, committing to the development of a memorial. It is two decades later and the County has yet to take meaningful action to build a memorial and repair the harm the County has caused the Chinese American community.

The proposal for \$1,000,000 is a solid start toward \$2,500,000 for the capital cost of constructing the memorial.

Multnomah County's values include accountability, social justice, inclusively leading with race, equity and inclusion and safety and well-being. To action the County's values, Commissioners Brim-Edwards and Moyer propose an amendment to add \$500,000 to the capital stack for the Lone Fir Memorial, offset by \$500,000 in one-time General Funds from Fiscal Year 2026 contingency earmark for Public Campaign Finance.