



Office of Community Involvement



Multnomah County Charter Review Subcommittee Recommendation Form

Subcommittee name:	Government Accountability Subcommittee
Summary of recommendation:	We recommend codifying the already existing Good Government Hotline in the Charter under the Auditor's office.
What section(s) of the Charter is this recommendation likely to impact?	Chapter VIII. Finance Section 8.10 Auditor.
What does this recommendation aim to accomplish?	This amendment would codify an already existing practice and protect a crucial service for residents of Multnomah County. The auditor raised concerns that the existing hotline should have a legal foundation. Information from the County Attorney's Office clarified that this can be done either in the County Charter or County Code. Currently, maintaining the hotline is optional. Requiring its operation in the Charter will ensure that it cannot be easily eliminated in the future.
What MCCRC values is this recommendation grounded in?	Justice; Transparency; Innovation
What are the potential fiscal impacts of this recommendation?	Since the hotline already exists and the subcommittee is not recommending any changes to its operation, the subcommittee does not see any fiscal impact for this recommendation.
What potential negative impacts could result from this recommendation? What are potential obstacles to implementation?	The MCCRC Government Accountability subcommittee sees no negative advantages from codifying the hotline, which already exists.
What resources did the subcommittee rely on in making this recommendation?	Written and oral testimony from Multnomah County Auditor Jennifer McGuirk including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment summarizing several proposals for the Charter Review Committee to consider.

<p>(Link or cite documents)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invited testimony from the auditor at the subcommittee's meetings on March 3rd and May 12th.• A letter responding to information shared by other invited speakers. <p>The subcommittee heard invited testimony from Multnomah Count Chair Deborah Kafoury and Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal at the subcommittee's April 28th meeting. Chair Kafoury also wrote about her perspective on the Good Government Hotline in this letter responding to MCCRC questions.</p> <p>The subcommittee heard from invited speakers, Portland Auditor Mary Hull Caballero and former Multnomah County Auditor Gary Blackmer at its April 14th meeting.</p> <p>The committee reviewed model language from the Association of Local Government Auditors.</p> <p>The subcommittee received several public comments in support of the auditor's proposals, including the Good Government Hotline.</p>
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Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

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.
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