

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

ELECTION DATE: <u>May 15, 2012</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Statement
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Name of Candidate (as it will appear on ballot) <u>Deborah Kafoury</u>	Address <u>6330 SE 32nd Ave</u> <u>Portland, OR 97202</u>
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Filing for: Office of Multnomah County Commissioner  
 Name of County/City/District District 1  
 Number of Position/Zone if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

This information furnished by (Name of Candidate or Committee as it should appear in voters' pamphlet)  
Deborah Kafoury

**Attached to be included in the Candidate's Statement for the candidate listed above:**

Required information

- Occupation (present employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
- Occupational Background (previous employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
- Educational Background, or the word "None"
- Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed), or the word "None"

Optional Information

Statement(s) of Endorsement, if applicable (number filed: \_\_\_\_\_)

Photograph

**NOTE: Language which violates any provision of ORS 251.415 will be excluded from the voters' pamphlet.**

By signing this document, I hereby state:  
 All information provided by me on this form (MCED 009) is true to the best of my knowledge and the photograph I have provided, if any, is less than four (4) years old.

	<u>3/8/12</u>
Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate	Date Signed

Phone Number of Agent (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Staff Initials <u>WD</u>	Photograph: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted	Statement(s) of Endorsement:
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OCCUPATION: Multnomah County Commissioner  
OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY: Public Education and Policy Coordinator  
EDUCATION: Whitman College, Grant High School  
GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Oregon State Representative 1999 - 2004; Democratic Leader,  
Oregon House of Representatives 2001-2003; Multnomah County Commissioner 2009-present

**Deborah Kafoury:  
Proven Leadership and Progressive Priorities**

In tough economic times, we need an advocate for ensuring government gets its priorities straight. Deborah Kafoury knows Multnomah County must watch every dollar to make sure it goes as far as possible to provide vital food, shelter, and health care to the most vulnerable among us.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- \*Launched homeless benefits recovery plan that yielded a <sup>significant</sup> ~~300%~~ return on county investment by securing earned federal Social Security and disability benefits for area homeless.
- \*Received national advocacy award for creating "30 families in 30 days" program to move homeless families off the street more quickly and cheaper than traditional programs.
- \*Raised \$50,000 in private funding for family hunger relief project to send undernourished kids home from school with a backpack full of food for the weekend.
- \*Convinced state legislators to pass mobile home property tax relief plan to eliminate taxes on mobile homes valued at less than \$15,000.
- \*Created bedbug hotline for seniors and low-income renters (503-988-BUGS).
- \*Secured \$268 million in federal funds to repair the Sellwood bridge. Thanks to Deborah's leadership, construction has already begun on this important public safety project.

***"Most people are just doing the best they can to meet their family's needs and make ends meet. I think government ought to look at its responsibilities the same way. If you send me back to work for you, I will continue to listen to community concerns, and always advocate for basic fairness and accountability from Multnomah County."***

**- Deborah Kafoury**

Deborah also serves as volunteer president of the Duniway School Foundation. (She and her husband Nik have three children in Portland public schools.) She is especially proud of having hired the nicest, smartest and most dedicated staff in local government.