

RESOLUTION No. 3 6 9 0 1

Address process for developing appropriate data regarding communities of color in Portland.

WHEREAS, it has long been of concern that US Census data may not capture accurate population data for communities of color, and others, such as the homeless.

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Communities of Color, in conjunction with Portland State University, issued a report, "Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile," after comparing the experiences of communities of color with those of the dominant community.

WHEREAS, the report found significant disparities in poverty, employment, and education between minorities and the dominant community.

WHEREAS, one important issue that emerged from the report is the potential undercounting of communities of color in traditional census activities.

WHEREAS, the Coalition has developed "community verified" demographic data intended to provide a more accurate count of people of color in Multnomah County.

WHEREAS, the Coalition has recommended that a panel of experts in the field of demographics be convened to review the data developed by the Coalition and provide input and advice to make the data as strong as possible.

WHEREAS, the City will invite the County and other partners to join in developing data that can be used to inform decision making in appropriate situations.

WHEREAS in addition to seeking to develop accurate data regarding the demographics of the community, the City has created an Equity Inventory for bureaus to develop baseline information about current practices in their collection and use of demographic data;

WHEREAS, the City will work with the Coalition of Communities of Color and other community partners to assure that data is collected in an accurate and culturally appropriate manner and is utilized to make decisions that improve the equity of City services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Office of Management and Finance will continue its work on the Equity Survey of City Bureaus to determine what data bureaus are currently gathering and to provide that information to the Office of Equity and Human Rights for use in its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will work with the Coalition of Communities of Color and other community partners to enlist the assistance of demographic experts to review the data collected by the Coalition and to ensure the accuracy of community verified population counts for use where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will invite Multnomah County and other government partners to participate in developing demographic data so that the relevant regional governments can be informed by consistent data.

Adopted by the Council:

JAN 25 2012

Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: Linda Meng

Date Prepared: January 5, 2012

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland

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Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JAN 20 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams <i>[Signature]</i> Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Mayor Sam Adams	ACTION TAKEN:
Prepared by: Maggie Williams Date Prepared: January 17, 2012	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date January 25, 2012	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	Adams	✓	