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REPORT TO COUNCIL

January 26, 2012

To: Mayor Sam Adams

From: Coalition of Communities of Color, Portland State University and Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable

Subject: Accept the Report on The Native American Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Report

This report from the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) and Portland State University shows troubling disparities between Multnomah County's Native American population and whites in terms of housing, employment, education, health and other factors.

This 118 page report is the most widespread study of our urban Native American community. It is the result of a three-year research partnership between the Native American community, PSU's School of Social Work and the CCC, whose membership includes a diverse alliance of culturally specific organizations in Portland.

The Coalition intends to use the report as the basis for advocating change in public policies that affect Native Americans.

Among the findings in the report:

- Poverty rates among Native Americans are triple those of whites, and even higher among families. The report showed a poverty rate of 79.1 percent for single mothers raising young children.
- Income among Native Americans are typically half that of whites.
- Native American unemployment in 2009 was 70 percent higher than whites.
- More than half of Native American students do not graduate high school.
- The rate of incarceration is almost double that of whites.
- Twenty times more Native American children end up in foster care than white children.

In addition, the report states that these problems are worse in Multnomah County than in the nation as a whole.

This is the second of seven proposed reports by the Coalition of Communities of Color. The first, which came out in 2010, was a broader portrait of racial disparity in Multnomah County.

TO THE COUNCIL

The Office of the Mayor concurs with the recommendation of the Coalition of Communities of Color, Portland State University and Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable and

RECOMMENDS:


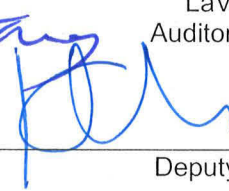
That the Council accept the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Sam Adams
City of Portland

Agenda No.
REPORT NO.
 Title

Accept ~~Report~~ on The Native American Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Report (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JAN 27 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams  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:  Deputy ACTION TAKEN: FEB 01 2012 ACCEPTED
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Mayor Sam Adams	
Prepared by: Maggie Williams Date Prepared: January 26, 2012	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date February 1, 2012	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 2:30pm Total amount of time needed: 30 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input 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	✓	