

Memorandum

To: Portland City Council
From: Julia Meier, Director
Date: March 7, 2012
Re: Latino Report Presentation to City Council

On Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 9:30am, members of the Coalition of Communities of Color will present its research report "The Latino Community in Multnomah County: *An Unsettling Profile*" to the Portland City Council. The report reveals the status of racial disparities facing the Latino community in Multnomah County. The report is one of seven reports in the Coalition's *Unsettling Profile* series.

Findings show troubling experiences across the community:

- Disparities are worse here than across the nation, with incomes, poverty rates, homeownership rates and educational attainment all showing that Latinos locally are slipping behind their national comparators
- 44% of the Latino population has not completed high school, compared with only 6% for Whites. That number is not likely to improve any time soon as only 45% of Latino students successfully graduated high school in 2010
- Household earnings have deteriorated since 1989, while those of Whites have remained constant
- Homeownership levels (the key engine for generating wealth) are dramatically worse locally than nationally: only 31% of local Latinos own homes, while nearly 50% of Latinos nationally own their own homes. Sixty percent of local Whites own their own homes
- While White families experience a boost of their incomes compared with their national counterparts, Latino families experience a diminishment of their incomes – at levels as high as \$6,200 less than Latinos nationwide

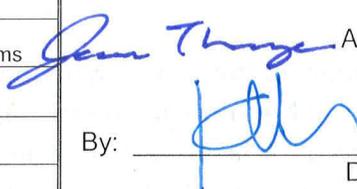
Recommendations include the establishment of institutional commitments and policies to identify and address racial disparities, along with redirection of funds to culturally-specific organizations which are better forms of intervention and support for Latino community members.

The Coalition of Communities of Color thanks the following funders of this research: City of Portland, Multnomah County, Northwest Health Foundation, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, and Portland State University.

The report is available online at www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org. For more information, please contact Julia Meier, Director, at 503-288-8177 ext. 295.

Agenda No.
REPORT NO.
Title

Accept report on The Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile (Report)

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED MAR 09 2012</p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p>	<p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Mayor's Office Bureau Head:</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p>MAR 14 2012 ACCEPTED</p>
<p>Prepared by: Raihana Ansary Date Prepared: 03/08/12</p>	
<p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 03/14/12</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: 9:30am</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 30 min. (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

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