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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Richard Schuler <richardschuler68@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: Resolution

Yes, I plan on speaking. The topic is changing the Friday following Thanksgiving to Indigenous People's Day. Is a resolution required to make this change?

On Wed, Apr 29, 2015 at 3:26 PM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

No, a Resolution is not necessary for you to participate in the public Communications portion of our Wednesday morning agenda. I will have to know by 5:00 pm tomorrow if you are still planning on speaking and how you want me to list your topic.

Thank you.

Karla

Karla Moore-Love | Council Clerk

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From: Richard Schuler [mailto:richardschuler68@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 12:23 PM

To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: Resolution

I can't imagine continuing to speak on this topic considering the city government does not, in fact, have any support for Columbus Day. I still believe in establishing Indigenous People's Day, but I'd like to suggest it be held on the Friday after Thanksgiving, because that is already a paid holiday for city employees. Do I need to write a resolution for this as well?

On Tue, Apr 28, 2015 at 5:11 PM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

I would be happy to list your topic as "Indigenous Peoples Day in place of Columbus Day". You could give any information on what it is you are hoping to achieve to me and I will include it in your Communications request.

Karla

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From: Richard Schuler [mailto:richardschuler68@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: Resolution



Office of Mayor Charlie Hales
City of Portland

February 9, 2015

Richard Schuler
Levi Anderson Learning Centre
14533 SW Tualatin Valley Hwy
Beaverton, OR 97006

Dear Mr. Schuler and Students,

Thank you for contacting my office. I have read and reviewed the letters that were sent in support of recognizing Indigenous People's Day in place of Columbus Day. It is great to see many young minds take an active interest in the civic process.

The process for Portland specifically would be through a resolution. A resolution is not legally binding, but it does guide the actions of the city. If a resolution were to be proposed by the city council, Indigenous People's Day would be recognized and referenced to only within city government, not the city at large. This would mark a statement of support for Indigenous People's Day on behalf of the city government. A resolution can be drafted and presented for consideration to any of the council offices should this be an option you want to pursue.

Again, thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your advocacy.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Charlie Hales".

Charlie Hales
Mayor

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This is a very ironic situation. As you can see, I received a letter from Mayor Charlie Hales saying, "I have read and reviewed the letters that were sent in support of recognizing Indigenous People's Day in place of Columbus Day." I followed up by contacting the office of the mayor, and was instructed by Cindy Reyes on how to write a resolution, which I did. She responded by saying, "Our office has read and reviewed the resolution that you proposed to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. Because the request did not come from Portland constituents, our office will not move forward with the resolution." She didn't say that the office would not move forward on the resolution because the City of Portland actually doesn't observe Columbus Day at all. The resolution ends with the sentence: Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Portland will no longer observe Columbus Day, but rather celebrate Indigenous People's Day.

If the City of Portland came out publicly and said that it currently doesn't celebrate or even observe Columbus Day (and hasn't in years) and it wants to add Indigenous People's Day to its official calendar, that would be of great value. I can just imagine the nightmare of trying to find funding for another paid holiday. However, I see that Portland currently has two paid holidays devoted to Thanksgiving. Perhaps the Friday after Thanksgiving could simply be named Indigenous People's Day? There is great poetic justice in this, as Thanksgiving is for many Native Americans a celebration of the beginning of the end for their people. The would be a great political coup for the City of Portland at no actual cost. What are your thoughts?

On Tue, Apr 28, 2015 at 9:21 AM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Schuler,

In my absence, my assistant Susan Parsons replied to you on March 19th. Yes, we have you confirmed for a Council Communications on Wednesday, May 6th.

Here is further information for you on the Communications portion of the agenda:

- You will have three minutes to address the Council. We will distribute your Resolution to Council prior to the meeting. You may also submit additional written material at the meeting (please provide seven copies).
- We start the meeting at 9:30 and Communications are the first item on the agenda.
- Please note communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.
- The Council meeting takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers.

Not sure if you were able to speak to any of the Council Offices about your topic "ending Columbus Day as an official city holiday". Columbus Day is not an official holiday for the City of Portland. See City of Portland Human Resources Administrative Rules 6.02 at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/12412>

Regards,

Karla

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From: Richard Schuler [mailto:richardschuler68@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 8:33 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: Resolution

I'm running on the assumption that I have been approved to speak on May, 6th on the topic of ending Columbus Day as an official city holiday. May I please know what time the meeting starts and what is the location?

On Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 1:21 PM, Richard Schuler <richardschuler68@gmail.com> wrote:

I would indeed like to speak on May the Sixth. I am including a resolution I have already written on the topic. Any information on how I could be best prepared for the meeting is appreciated.

Rich Schuler

On Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 11:45 AM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Schuler,

Resolutions have to be placed on the agenda by a member of Council or the Auditor. I would first start by trying to get a Council member to sponsor your Resolution. All Elected Officials contact information is located at:

<https://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=27481&a=191877>

At our Wednesday morning Council meetings we offer the first five people who have signed up in advance to speak for three minutes on the topic of their choosing during the Communications portion of the agenda. Our next available date to address the Council is not until May 6th. Your request has to be in writing (email will do) and it must include your name, address, phone number, date you wish to speak and what it is you will be speaking about. Communications allow the Council to hear of issues that interest our citizen but does not always allow an opportunity for dialogue. Please let me know if you are interested in speaking in May.

Regards,

Karla

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From: Richard Schuler [<mailto:richardschuler68@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Resolution

Hello,

I'm wondering if you can outline the process of a citizen proposing a resolution to the City Council. Specifically, how are they chosen or rejected and if there is an appeals process.

thank you,

Rich Schuler

RESOLUTION No.

WHEREAS, a holiday is a happy occasion that marks the passing of time (as is the case with New Year's Eve), or a day with religious significance (such as Easter, Christmas or Yom Kippur), or even a whimsical celebration, such as Groundhog Day, a holiday is not a time to glorify someone who advocated genocide, torture, slavery, mutilation and crimes of a sexual nature; it is not a day for Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS, previous generations of Americans had misinformation about Christopher Columbus and may have created the holiday with good intent, it is now incumbent on this generation to observe and propagate the truth about this man from Genoa; and

WHEREAS, the government of the City of Portland has an opportunity to create understanding where there was ignorance, to live up to its reputation as a progressive place, and not to change the history we have inherited, but rather to create a better history for the people who will inherit the city we make here, on the banks of the Columbia River; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portland will no longer observe Columbus Day, but rather celebrate Indigenous People's Day.

Adopted by the Council:

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

Commissioner

By

Prepared by: Rich Schuler

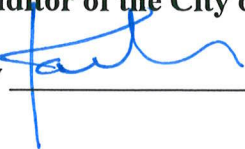
February, 25 2015

Request of Richard Schuler to address Council regarding changing the Friday following Thanksgiving to Indigenous People's Day (Communication)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
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