

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Policy Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 3/16/21 **Approx. Start Time:** 2:00 pm **Approx. Length:** 30 min

**Presentation Title:** Nonpartisan Resolution

**Department:** County Administration

**Presenters:** Caroline Hill

**Other Invitees:**

### **WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?**

Staff requests consideration of the proposed amendment to the language of the 2017 Nonpartisan Resolution and bring to a Business Meeting for approval.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On August 3, 2017, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-93, reaffirming Clackamas County as non-partisan (attachment 1). Commissioner Savas brought forward for consideration amending the resolution to include language addressing party or personal benefit (attachment 2).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

Is this item in your current budget?  YES  NO

What is the cost? \$ N/A

What is the funding source? N/A

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
- Build public trust through good government.

### **LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

### **PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

N/A

### **OPTIONS:**

1. Approve moving forward to a Business Meeting for approval.
2. Do not approve moving forward to a Business Meeting for approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends option 1, approve moving forward to a Business Meeting for approval.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2017-93  
Attachment 2: 2021 Resolution Amendment

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

A Resolution Reaffirming  
Clackamas County as Non-Partisan



Resolution No. 2017-93  
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**WHEREAS**, Clackamas County is committed to achieving outcomes that improve the safety, health, and prosperity of all who live, work and recreate in Clackamas County; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon voter registrations include Non-Affiliated, Independent, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Working Families, Pacific Green, Constitution, Progressive, and Americans Elect; and

**WHEREAS**, the County acknowledges the diverse political views of all persons and believes everyone, no matter what their political affiliation, should be treated with respect regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, ethnicity, primary language, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, mental, emotional, and/or physical ability, age, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, County elected officials will work constructively and collaboratively to solve problems that lead to improved outcomes, better assessment and understanding of decisions and issues, thereby creating more effective decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, political vitriol, animus, and diatribe are great impediments to the work of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, good ideas and decisions are derived from diverse political perspectives; and to reject good ideas because of party affiliation is counterproductive to establishing common good.

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The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners affirms the value of non-partisanship in its deliberations and determinations, and vows to respectfully take into consideration differing political perspectives on proposed policies.

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, elected on a non-partisan basis, will leave partisanship at the door to fully serve all the residents of Clackamas County.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug., 2017

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Chair

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Recording Secretary