



March 25, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval of a Resolution Reaffirming Clackamas County as Non-Partisan

Purpose/Outcome	To reaffirm Clackamas County as Non-Partisan with amended language.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action/Review	On March 16, 2021, the Board unanimously approved the amended language of the resolution.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Build public trust through good government.
Counsel Review	N/A
Procurement Review	N/A
Contact Person	Caroline Hill, Commission Policy Advisor (503-655-8581)

BACKGROUND: On August 3, 2017, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-93, reaffirming Clackamas County as non-partisan. On March 16, 2021 the Board unanimously approved adding language to the “now therefore” section of the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: : Staff recommends the Board approve a resolution reaffirming Clackamas County as non-partisan.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hill
County Administration

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WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners are elected to non-partisan seats and commit themselves to respecting each other's political perspectives, those of local, regional, and national elected officials, County residents and stakeholders; and

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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NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve as follows:

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.

As the governing body of Clackamas County, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will strive to act collaboratively, in a non-partisan manner and capacity, in an effort to best serve county residents, and will further endeavor to refrain from engaging in partisan politics.

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 _____ day of _____, 2021

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