

Office of Community Involvement

FY 2016–17
Annual Report





About the Office of Community Involvement

Created by a vote of the people in 1984, the Office of Community Involvement was established by County Charter to facilitate direct communication between the people of Multnomah County and the Board of County Commissioners. We are committed to helping inform and involve communities in the processes that shape county policies, budgets, and programs.

The office also supports the Community Involvement Committee, made up of 15 volunteers who advise the county on timely, equitable and inclusive civic participation in county policy, and facilitate communication between the public and county government.



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Highlights from FY 2016-17

The last fiscal year brought significant change and transition to the Office of Community Involvement and our work. Through the transition, staff continued to support our core programs and lay the groundwork for a new Director to lead the office. A few highlights:

- Supported 86 community members who served on the Community Involvement Committee and the nine Budget Advisory Committees
- Recruited 12 new members to the Community Involvement Committee
- Hired a new Executive Director, Dani Bernstein, who brings more than a decade of experience in advocacy, volunteer management and philanthropy to their role at the Office of Community Involvement
- Hosted the 2017 Volunteer Awards with over 150 volunteers and their families in attendance, where we honored 28 departmental volunteers and recognized several volunteers for their individual achievements



2017 Volunteer Awards

Volunteers across Multnomah County were honored for their dedication to their communities and for making Multnomah County a better place for all people who call it home.



Arlene Kimura

Gladys McCoy Lifetime
Achievement Award



Janet Hawkins

HILLTOP Award for Public
Service Lifetime Achievement



Cindy Scheel

HILLTOP Award for Agency
Staff/Volunteer Achievement



Marilyn Mauch

HILLTOP Award for
Individual Achievement



Magali Bonilla

Jennifer Beegle Award
for Youth Involvement

Looking Ahead

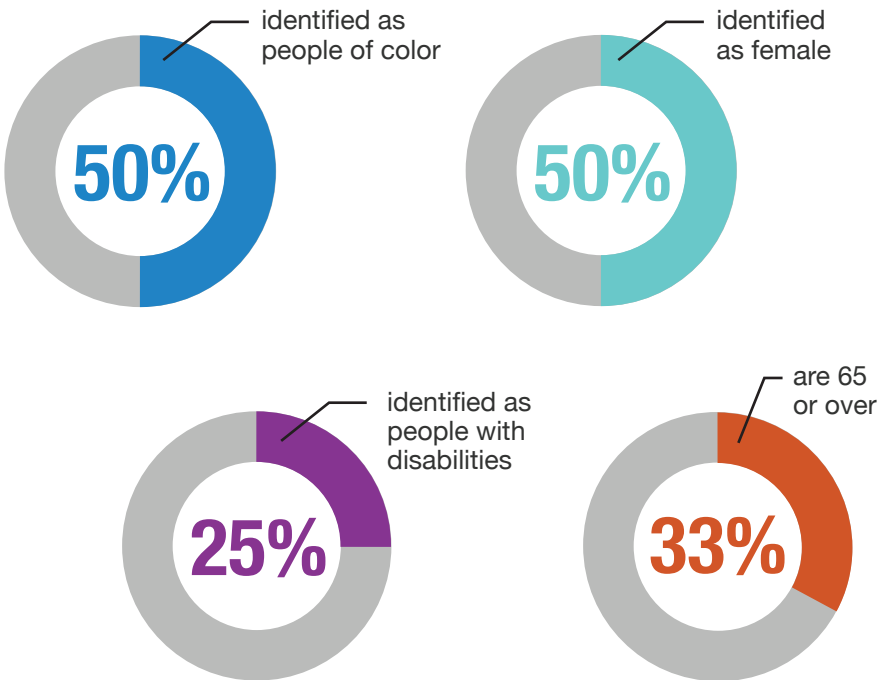
In FY 2017-18, we plan to continue building and strengthening relationships with county and community partners and growing the community's awareness of our office as a resource. A few of our key goals for the next fiscal year include:

- Collaborating with Multnomah County Communications Office on new outreach materials and refreshing the Office of Community Involvement website to better convey to the community who we are and how to get involved
- Supporting the Community Involvement Committee to update its mission, bylaws, and internal policies and to develop new priorities for the committee's work
- Inventorying the County's advisory boards, commissions, and committees to create a comprehensive list available to the public on our website and improving our tracking of vacancies on advisory boards and commissions



Demographics of the Community Involvement Committee

The Office of Community Involvement is committed to ensuring the Community Involvement Committee represents the diversity of the Multnomah County population. This year, we began administering an annual demographics survey of the committee, which 12 of 15 committee members completed. Of the members that completed the survey:



The survey also highlights some key demographics heavily served by Multnomah County that are not currently well represented on the committee and provide targets for recruitment in the future:

- Only one member identified as LGBTQ
- No members are under the age of 25
- No veterans amongst the survey respondents

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