

## AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

**Agenda Date:** August 3, 2011

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**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Management Services

**PRESENTED BY:** Cheryl Betschart, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Management Services  
Stephen Vorhes, Acting County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE  
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

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**I. ORDER: IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE  
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE**

**II. ISSUE/PROBLEM:**

To appoint two additional persons to fill two (2) at-large member positions of the Task Force to assist the Board with the review of commissioner district boundaries required every 10 years.

**III. DISCUSSION:**

**Background:**

Lane County Home Rule Charter, Chapter III (3) (d) "In accordance with Federal, State, or County census figures, the boundaries of the five districts shall be drawn by the board of commissioners so as not to deny any person equal protection of the law. The board of commissioners shall, not less than every 10 years, initiate review of the population densities of each district and modify boundaries when necessary. No boundary change shall disqualify a commissioner from completing the term of office to which that commissioner was elected or appointed." (e) "The board of commissioners shall adopt by ordinance the district boundaries as required by subsection (d) above. District boundaries shall be finally adopted at least six months prior to any election for which they are to be effective."

**Analysis:**

- The citizen task force will consist of seven persons: one representative designated by each commissioner and two at-large representatives charged with the task of reviewing the five Commissioner districts of Lane County and making recommendation(s) to the Board regarding reapportionment and redistricting.
- The task force will begin its work late July 2011, and report to the Board by October 19, 2011.
- The task force is to consider, as possible, final legislative boundary changes in its recommendation.

- The task force is to consider, as possible, final City of Eugene Ward boundary changes in its recommendation.
- The task force is to complete its work with sufficient time allotted to present their recommendation to the Board and for the Board to adopt the final district boundaries no later than the date required by Lane County Charter.
- The five previously appointed task force members met on July 28, 2011, and recommended the appointment of two at-large members: Diane Wiley and Steve Cornacchia. An order reflecting that recommendation has been prepared.

**Recommendation:**

To appoint the following two individuals as at-large representatives:

Diane Wiley  
Steve Cornacchia

**III. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP:**

Staff to:

- Notify members of appointment along with appropriate packet information.

**IV. ATTACHMENT**

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 11-8-3-\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS  
TO THE REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Lane County Charter, Chapter III, Section 11(3)(d) and (e), addresses the issue of adjusting commissioner district boundaries and in accordance with Federal, State, or County census figures, the boundaries of the five districts shall be drawn by the Board of Commissioners so as not to deny any person equal protection of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners shall, not less than every 10 years, initiate review of the population densities of each district and modify boundaries, when necessary, and no boundary creation, position designation or boundary change shall disqualify a commissioner from completing the term of office to which that commissioner was elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners shall adopt by ordinance the district boundaries as required by the Lane Charter and district boundaries shall be finally adopted at least six months prior to any election for which they are to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have appointed five Commissioner designated members to the Redistricting Task Force and those appointees have recommended two (2) at large members to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners to the Redistricting Task Force to develop and present recommendation(s) to the Board for reapportionment of the five (5) Commissioner districts; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting and the Board is ready to take action.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY ORDERED that the following two (2) named individuals be appointed and recognized as at-large members of the Redistricting Task Force charged with the task of reviewing the five Commissioner districts of Lane County and making recommendation(s) to the Board regarding reapportionment or redistricting and reporting recommended options to the Board by October 19, 2011:

At-Large members: Diane Wiley  
Steve Comacchia

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2011

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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 7-28-2011, Lane County

  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL