



***Lane County Republican Party Central Committee
Resolution***

Resolution Opposing Middle East Refugee Relocation into Lane County

WHEREAS: The lack of current, reliable intelligence on the ground in Syria makes it very difficult to determine with any certainty who is entering the United States, and most migrants enter the U.S. refugee program through a referral from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which is not a U.S. Government agency; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations (U.N.) is a Non-Government Organization unelected by Oregon voters and does not require positive identification to approve war refugee status for Syrian refugees; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Michael Steinback, Assistant Director for the FBI told the United States Congressional House Homeland Security Committee in June with regard to security concerns surrounding Syrian refugees that "[w]e don't have it under control", "it's not even close to being under control;" and

WHEREAS: the issue of resettlement of refugees from the Middle East is a matter of the most urgent concern, as it involves vital issues of national security, terrorism, public health, public safety, and expenditures of public taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS: The U.N.'s refugee program would constitute an unfunded mandate forced on the taxpayers of Lane County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Lane County Republican Central Committee (LCRPCC) shall seek an enforceable legal commitment from the Commissioners of Lane County Oregon, that Lane County will neither approve nor take any action to promote any form of refugee resettlement program for Syrian refugees nor approve the relocation of such refugees from the Middle East region to any place within the border of Lane County Oregon; and

The LCRPCC does not approve of the establishment of any Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project that would bring Syrian refugees to any place within the borders of Lane County Oregon under these circumstances; and the LCRCC also encourages other Oregon Counties to adopt similar policy statements; and,

The LCRPCC calls on the Lane County Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution to immediately cease and desist from placing Syrian refugees anywhere within Lane County until the Oregon Legislature convenes and passes legislation reflecting the will of the Oregon people with regard to Syrian refugee resettlement under these circumstances.

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2016 by the Lane County Republican Party Central Committee in session.