

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5604 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE METRO COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY (CORE)

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Department: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Resolution No. 26-5604 requests the confirmation of the appointment of two members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) by the Acting Council President. The appointments contribute to a fully seated committee and its ability to fulfill its advisory role to Metro Council and staff.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Metro Council confirm the Acting Metro Council President’s appointment of two members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity for two-year terms.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

This action supports CORE’s representation of individuals from the public who have commitment to advancing racial equity and the skills, knowledge and lived experience to assist Metro Council and staff on the implementation and evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council confirm the Action Metro Council President’s appointments of the following community members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity:

Name	County	End of term
Lisa Kwon	Multnomah	May 2028
Lyanna Hoang	Multnomah	May 2028

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) is a committee that was created and chartered by the Metro Council in 2017 to advise the Council and staff in advancing racial equity to fulfill the purpose of good government, which is to serve all people effectively and create greater opportunities for people of color

and other marginalized communities to thrive in the region. Further, CORE was added to Metro Code as a permanent advisory committee in 2020. CORE's purpose is to:

- Advise Metro Council on the implementation of the [Strategic Plan to Advance Racial, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#) and other racial equity strategies and initiatives,
- Provide the opportunity to meaningfully engage powerful community advocates,
- Maintain relationships and build trust with communities of color,
- Provide a concrete mechanism for keeping Metro accountable to its racial equity goals, and
- Play a critical advisory role in fulfilling the agency's commitments to racial equity.

BACKGROUND

In May 2025, DEI staff conducted an outreach process to recruit community members across the region, and a month later, received sixteen applications. Both CORE co-chairs and four Metro staff reviewed and evaluated the applications received using the criteria in the CORE bylaws and charter. As two CORE seats became vacant in 2026, DEI staff leveraged the previous year's process to reconnect with previous applicants and invite them to interview for the current vacancies.