

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5617, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF METRO COUNCILOR FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

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Length: 10 minutes

ISSUE STATEMENT

On June 2, 2026, Juan Carlos González resigned from his position as Metro Councilor for District 4, effective immediately. He was sworn into office as the Metro Council President the same day, pursuant to adopted Resolution No. 26-5616, which appointed him to the role through January 4, 2027.

Metro Charter Section 23 requires a vacancy on the Metro Council to be filled within 90 days. Accordingly, Metro Council has until August 31, 2026, to fill the vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District 4. Metro Code describes the procedures for Metro Council to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a term.

ACTION REQUESTED

Pursuant to Metro Code Section 9.01.030, declare that a vacancy exists in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District 4, effective June 2, 2026, and commence the appointment process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Council approve Resolution No. 26-5617 and declare a vacancy and commencing the appointment process.

BACKGROUND

Former Council President Lynn Peterson's resignation took effect March 13, 2026, creating a vacancy in the Office of Metro Council President. Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5584 and declared a vacancy in the office. Per Metro Code, Deputy Council President Duncan Hwang served as Acting Council President until an appointment was made to fill the vacancy.

Metro Council began the appointment process and accepted applications between May 12

and May 26. Metro Council received four applications for the position, including an application from Councilor Juan Carlos González.

Interviews, a public hearing, and Council nominations and voting took place on June 2. Three of the applicants participated in the interviews. Metro Council voted to appoint Councilor González to the Office of Metro Council President. Council formalized the appointment by adopting Resolution No. 26-5616.

Prior to taking his oath of office, Councilor González submitted his resignation as Metro Councilor for District 4 to Acting Council President Hwang and the Council, effective immediately. He was sworn into office as Metro President the same day.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Washington County will certify the results of the May 19, 2026 Primary Election on June 15, 2026. If a candidate for Metro Councilor for District 4 receives more than 50% of the vote, the candidate will take office January 4, 2027. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, the top two candidates will appear on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot, and the winner will take office January 4, 2027.

Irrespective of the outcome of the Primary and General Elections, a Metro Councilor for District 4 must be appointed and take office no later than August 31, 2026 to serve as Metro Councilor for District 4 through January 4, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

None

