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Lynn Peterson  
President, Metro  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear President Peterson,

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Dañel Malán for reappointment to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) as the Multnomah County representative pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Metro Code.

Malán is co-founder of Milagro, the premier Latino arts and culture center of the Pacific Northwest. She also created the bilingual education program, Teatro Milagro, and co-founded OYE, opciones y educación, a Latino sexual health coalition with Multnomah County's Health Department. Her professional experience in curricular work, budget oversight, and bilingual education techniques makes her an excellent commissioner, and I'm pleased that she will continue serving as a valuable member of MERC.

I am pleased to nominate her for reappointment to the MERC Commission with a term of September 23, 2023, through September 23, 2027.

Sincerely,

Jessica Vega Pederson  
Multnomah County Chair