

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5583 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ABE VEGA TO THE METRO COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY

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Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Department: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Resolution No. 26-5583 requests the confirmation of Acting Council President Hwang’s reappointment of a current member to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity (CORE). The reappointment contributes to a fully seated committee and its ability to fulfill its advisory role to Metro Council and staff.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Metro Council confirms the reappointment of one current member to CORE for a one-year term.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The reappointment supports the representation of skills, knowledge, and lived experience to advise Metro Council and staff on the implementation of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (SPAREDI), as well as on other racial equity analysis needs identified by CORE, the Council, and Metro staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council confirm the reappointment of Abe Vega to CORE.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) is a committee created 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 community advocates,
- Maintain relationships and build trust with communities of color,
- Provide a concrete mechanism to keep Metro accountable to its racial equity goals, and
- Play a critical advisory role in fulfilling the agency's commitments to racial equity.

BACKGROUND

At the conclusion of committee members' first term, they have the option of being reappointed for an additional 1- or 2-year term. CORE member Abe Vega is willing to commit for an additional year term on CORE and Acting Council President Hwang has reappointed him to this position.