

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5610, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING JODY CARSON AND CHELSY VICENTE XILOJ TO THE FUTURE VISION COMMISSION

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Starting in 2025, Metro will update the 50-year regional vision, Future Vision, as required by Metro Charter. The Charter also requires Council appointment of a Future Vision Commission to develop that vision. The Commission will make a direct recommendation to the Council.

The Future Vision is a conceptual vision for the region, not a regulatory document. Regulatory changes could be identified as part of the implementation plan that will follow this vision and/or as part of the actions identified therein.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt Resolution No. 26-5610 to appoint Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj to the Future Vision Commission.

Per Metro’s Charter, this group must include representatives from the public and private sectors, one academic, and one person from outside the Metro region. Beyond those requirements, this list was developed based on additional guidance from Council discussions, which included: use an application process, balance new and established voices, consider lived experience, and seek systems thinkers and representation of a wide range of topics/interests. Council also directed the inclusion of one non-voting Metro Councilor to chair the Commission, one elected official from each Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, and at least two members per Metro Council district. Subsequently, Councilors accepted the GAPD department recommendation to also include an elected official from the City of Portland. More than 100 applications were reviewed by staff, and an inter-departmental director-level group provided guidance on selection of a candidate shortlist.

The Commission started meeting in the fall of 2025 and is expected to run for about 18 months. Commissioners will focus on a long-term, high-level vision, bring a systems approach, seek connections across sectors, and champion the Future Vision process. To do this work, Commissioners will become familiar with critical topics, analyses, and research; consider trends and futures; and be comfortable with uncertainty. The Commission will develop a document that describes a 50-year conceptual vision for the region and a list of implementation considerations for the next phase.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The effect of Resolution No. 26-5610 will be to appoint Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj to the Future Vision Commission. The appointment of these two members will bring continued geographic diversity to the Commission and add a youth member. These two appointees replace two members who needed to step down from their roles on the Commission.

POLICY QUESTION

Does the Metro Council approve the addition of Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj to the Future Vision Commission?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

1. Adopt the resolution and appoint Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj to the Commission
 - Appointing Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj fulfills Council's interest in having geographic and age diversity on the Commission.
2. Provide staff with additional direction for seeking representatives to replace those who have stepped down.
 - Not approving Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj's appointments to the Commission as recommended would create the need for staff to identify another individual to represent this perspective on the Commission and could further delay new members' ability to get oriented to the work of the group.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 26-5610 to appoint Jody Carson and Chelsy Vicente Xiloj to the Future Vision Commission.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Metro is charged under its voter-approved Charter to undertake, "...as its most important service, planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations." (Metro Charter Preamble) The Charter further requires Metro to adopt a Future Vision (Metro Charter Section 5.1.a) and to periodically update that Vision (Metro Charter Section 5.1.d). The Future Vision has not been updated since its 1995 adoption.

The Charter directs that "the Council shall appoint a commission to develop and recommend a proposed Future Vision.... The commission shall be broadly representative of both public and private sectors, including the academic community, in the region. At least one member must reside outside the Metro Area (Metro Charter Section 5.1.c). The first Future Vision Commission was seated with Resolution No. 93-1801 in May 1993.

BACKGROUND

Metro Council initially discussed the Future Vision update at a work session on July 30, 2024. A September 2024 work session focused on the makeup and recruitment of the

Future Vision Commission. Council recommended an application process.

The application was opened in the fall of 2024, closed in late October, and then reopened to gather more applicants. The application was closed on April 24, 2025. A group of staff from Metro Planning, Development, and Research and Parks & Nature departments reviewed and scored the applicants and created a shortlist. Feedback was solicited from an interdepartmental group of department directors and managers regarding the shortlist. A recommended slate was reviewed by Metro Councilors, and that review resulted in the list that appears as Exhibit A.

Metro Council appointed 22 members to the Future Vision Commission with Resolution 25-5490 on June 12, 2025 and a subsequent member in Resolution 25-5513 on July 10, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments