

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5224, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS OF OMAR QUTUB AS PUBLIC MEMBER AND ELIZABETH AMIRA STREETER AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

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BACKGROUND

The Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) advises the Metro Council on growth management and land use issues at the policy level. MPAC is comprised of 21 voting members, 6 non-voting members, and 3 non-voting Metro Council liaisons. MPAC Bylaws III Section 1(a) provides that the Committee will include three voting public members, one from Clackamas County, one from Multnomah County, and one from Washington County. The public member and alternate positions for Multnomah County are currently vacant. Members and alternates for these positions are appointed by the Metro Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council.

Recommended as MPAC member

Omar Qutub – Omar is a lifelong Portlander who brings knowledge from the healthcare system to the committee. He believes that affordable access to reliable, safe, and readily available transportation for all is the key to overall success for livability in the region. Omar is involved with the Pearl District Business Association, the local NAACP chapter for medical professionals, and is part of the Portland Business Alliance's Public Service Training cohort.

Recommended as MPAC alternate

Elizabeth Amira Streeter – Amira has lived in Multnomah County for 10 years and desires to help the community thrive and grow by being a part of decision-making as a community member. She has a background in natural resources, transportation, and zoning. Amira leads work within Governor Brown's Racial Justice Council Environmental Equity Committee and has been involved with a variety of culturally specific organizations, environmental organizations, and community commissions.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** none

2. **Legal Antecedents:**

The Metro Charter, Chapter V, Section 26(1)(m), provides that MPAC shall include three persons (“public members”) appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Council.

The MPAC Bylaws III Section 2(e), provides that the public members and alternates will be appointed by the Metro Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council consistent with Section 26(1)(m) of the 1992 Metro Charter and will represent each county in the region. Members and alternates will be appointed to designated terms of a length to be determined by the appointing authority, but for a period of not less than two years.

3. **Anticipated Effects:**

Approval fills vacancy of the member and alternate positions for the public member and alternate member of Multnomah County on MPAC.

4. **Budget Impacts:** none

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 21-5224 For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Appointments of Omar Qutub as Public Member and Elizabeth Amira Streeter as Alternate Public Member of Multnomah County to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

With respect to term lengths, staff recommends a term length of three years for Omar Qutub (ending December 30, 2024) and four years for Amira Streeter (ending December 30, 2025). Such terms are consistent with the MPAC Bylaws provisions that terms be not less than two years and that the terms of the member and alternate member be staggered. Further, because both positions are currently vacant, staff recommends the terms commence upon confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS

Omar Qutub Resume
Omar Qutub MPAC Application
Elizabeth Amira Streeter Resume
Elizabeth Amira Streeter MPAC Application