



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

November 17, 2022

Lynn Peterson, President
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson,

I am pleased to present Damien Hall as the City of Portland's nominee to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), for a new four-year term ending on December 31, 2026. Earlier this week, the Portland City Council, through Resolution 37600, unanimously approved Mr. Hall as the City's nominee.

Mr. Hall has served on MERC since 2015 and expressed his interest in continuing his service as one of the two City representatives on the Commission. Mr. Hall is a partner of the Ball Janik law firm specializing in land use, real estate and municipal law. He has served the interests of the City's travel and tourism interests well over the past seven years, and seeks to use his insights to assist in the efforts of the city and region to rebound from pandemic-related impacts. Mr. Hall is a Portland resident, which meets the residency requirements for this position.

Please accept our recommendation to appoint Mr. Hall to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor, City of Portland