



WASHINGTON COUNTY

OREGON

May 22, 2017

Tom Hughes
President, Metro Council
600 N.E. Grand Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear President Hughes,

Last month, we were both contacted by Terry Goldman of the Hilton Hotel and Doubletree Inn companies, informing us of his immediate resignation from the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) after seven years of service as a representative of Washington County.

Writing on behalf of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, and as required by Chapter 6 of the Metro Code, we are pleased to nominate Deanna Palm of Hillsboro to serve the remainder of Mr. Goldman's term, subject to approval of the Metro Council.

Deanna Palm is well known to you, and members of the Metro Council, having served as President of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce since December 2001. The Hillsboro Chamber represents more than 750 businesses and more than 55,000 jobs in Hillsboro and surrounding areas of Washington County.

Ms. Palm is exceptionally well-qualified to serve on MERC, having previously served as chair of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as president-elect for the Hillsboro Community Foundation; co-chairs the Hillsboro School Bond Advisory Committee; serves on the regional Workforce Development Board, and as an active member of the Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee.

In addition, Deanna was appointed to serve on the Portland Community College Board of Directors in 2009, and was elected to serve in that position in 2011 and again in 2015. She served as Chair of the Board for PCC in 2015 and 2016, which of course is the largest institution for higher education in the state of Oregon.

As such, the Washington County Board of Commissioners are pleased to nominate Deanna Palm to serve the remainder of Mr. Goldman's term, and are confident she will represent Washington County with distinction, as soon as she is appointed to this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Andy Duyck", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Andy Duyck, Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners

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