

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-4957 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING THE METRO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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ISSUE STATEMENT

On November 6, 2018, the Metro Area voters passed Ballot Measure 26-199 authorizing Metro to issue up to \$652.8 million in general obligation bonds to fund affordable housing. The bond measure language called for community oversight of bond implementation, while the measure's explanatory statement stated that an independent community oversight committee will review bond expenditures and provide annual reports.

Ordinance No. 19-1430 amends Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to establish the community oversight committee, describes the committee makeup, terms and charge.

Resolution No. 19-4957 confirms 13 members and co-chairpersons appointed by the Metro Council President to serve on the Affordable Housing Bond Community Oversight Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Resolution No. 19-4957, confirming Community Oversight Committee members and co-chairpersons.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The role of the Community Oversight Committee is to provide independent and transparent oversight of the affordable housing bond implementation. Primary duties include:

- Review local implementation strategies and Metro's Regional Site Acquisition Implementation Strategy for alignment with the Guiding Principles and local share of Unit Production Targets identified in the Housing Bond Framework adopted by the Metro Council on June 7, 2018, and recommend strategies for Metro Council approval; and
- Monitor program expenditures and outcomes and provide an annual report and presentation to Metro Council. The Committee may recommend changes to implementation strategies as necessary to achieve Unit Production Targets and adhere to the Guiding Principles.

BACKGROUND

The Metro Council has previously appointed oversight committees to oversee implementation of Parks and Nature Bonds and a Zoo Bond. The structure, governance and protocols of these committees have helped to inform the formation of the Affordable Housing Bond Community Oversight Committee.

On June 7, 2018, the same day the Metro Council referred the affordable housing bond ballot measure, Council also adopted a framework to guide implementation of the housing bond. The framework states “If voters approve the bond measure, the Metro Council will appoint a regional community oversight committee in early 2019.

Metro Council has also discussed the role and composition of the Affordable Housing Bond Committee at two work sessions with housing bond staff on September 18 and December 11, 2018.

At these work sessions, the Metro Council gave staff direction to include the role of the Community Oversight Committee in the Affordable Housing Bond work plan, and to collect recommendations for possible appointees to the future body. The Metro Council President worked with Metro councilors and staff to identify 13 appointees who will represent the region and bring diverse expertise to the role.