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Metro Central Community Enhancement Program Committee interest form

Please return completed two-page application to:

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Information

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Check one:

☐ Forest Park Neighborhood Association

☐ Northwest District Neighborhood Association

☐ Friends of Cathedral Park

☐ Northwest Industrial area (NINA)

☒ Linnton Neighborhood Association

Metro strives for membership on its committee that reflects the diversity of the Portland metro region.

The following demographic information is optional:

Gender: Female Age: 32 Race or ethnicity: White (Non-Hispanic)

Briefly describe your interest in the Metro Central Enhancement Committee and why you would like to serve.

I am passionate about working and volunteering for initiatives that improve the health of our natural environment and foster equity. As part of the Linnton neighborhood since 2017, I see joining the Metro Central Enhancement Committee as a way to bridge my skills and passion while supporting vital projects in my closest community. The Linnton community has a rich cultural history and a unique geography where forest meets heavy industry and river—and with that, environmental and justice concerns.



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Members of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee offer a wide variety of complementary skills and experiences. Please describe your relevant knowledge and experience.

I currently work as the Deputy Director at the ReBuilding Center where we are dedicated to making a material difference by building equitable, sustainable, and vibrant communities through reuse. Before that, I spent five years helping to mobilize “agents of change” at the Center for Earth Leadership as Associate Director. I also served as Interim Director of Senior Advocates for Generational Equity.

I know the sustainability community in the greater Portland area well. My personal skills and experience in this realm have largely focused on working on the behind-the-scenes operational details to ensure that organizations run efficiently and stay focused on mission-based work. I am eager to take on difficult challenges and work collaboratively to bring out the best in team members and programs.

Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community’s diverse needs and priorities. Summarize any relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds

At the ReBuilding Center, we work to ensure that people and building materials—specifically those perceived as liabilities and cast off by society—are valued and activated as community assets. We offer DIY Education classes, enhance environmental and community health through our reuse operations, and open employment pathways in the green trades for marginalized populations. We are a community-driven organization that continues to adapt and serve community needs as defined by the communities we serve.

Open to all, our priority is creating pathways to engage those experiencing disparities in our programs and services—including people of color, disadvantaged youth, the formerly incarcerated, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, people who have been priced out or are at risk of displacement, the LGBTQ+ community, women, the houseless, and low-income individuals. I thrive on serving my colleagues to carry out this work as well as those we directly serve. I am eager to activate my skills, resources, and passion to serve my community and the environment.

Do you anticipate any conflicts of interest that might require you to excuse yourself from the review of any potential project? For example, do you or an immediate family member staff or sit on the board of an organization that might seek a grant from this program? Are you a consultant that might be interested in submitting a proposal for the type of work that this program funds? Please explain.

I don’t anticipate any conflicts of interest. The ReBuilding Center is unlikely to seek a grant from the program given its geographic focus.
