

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF DERRON COLES AND KELLY STEVENS TO THE METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

Two vacancies have occurred in the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCSCEC) membership. These vacancies in the MCSCEC membership currently exist due to the end of a term for members representing the Linnton Neighborhood and Northwest Business Owners.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Lynn Peterson, Council President, and Councilor Sam Chase, chair of the MCSCEC recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment of Mr. Coles and Ms. Stevens to serve on the MCSCEC.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

With adoption of this resolution, Derron Coles and Kelly Stevens will be appointed to one, two-year, term on the MCSCEC with the option to serve a second two-year term.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution to appoint Derron Coles and Kelly Stevens to the MCSCEC. Their interest forms articulate their passion for community enhancement and their connectedness to the communities they work and live in. In addition, their experiences in equity and environmental work with the greater Portland area's most vulnerable populations make them especially well-positioned candidates for the MCSCEC.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- How does this advance Metro's racial equity goals?  
This engagement approach for recruiting committee members and the appointment of one of these members supports Goal B/Objective 2: Increase participation of communities of color in metro decision-making.
- How does this advance Metro's climate action goals?  
Derron Coles and Kelly Stevens are actively engaged in improving the health of our natural environment in both their professional and personal lives. Their environmental stewardship work and residency in the Linnton Neighborhood makes them uniquely suited to address the diverse geography

of the Enhancement Grant boundary and promote community-based solutions to the environmental issues of their communities.

- Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback  
There is no known opposition to appointment of Derron Coles or Kelly Stevens to the MCSCEC
- Explicit list of stakeholder groups and individuals who have been involved in policy development.  
Sam Chase, Metro Councilor District 5  
Rob Nathan, Metro Community Enhancement Grant Manager
- Legal Antecedents  
Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code Relating to Advisory Committees; Section 2.19.120 provides for a Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee and sets forth guidelines for representation.
- Anticipated Effects  
Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Derron Coles and Kelly Stevens to the MCSCEC.

## **BACKGROUND**

The MCSCEC is charged with helping develop plans to administer grant funds, solicit and review grant applications, and select for funding improvement projects that benefit the area directly affected by the Metro Central transfer station, including portions of Northwest and North Portland.

Sam Chase, Councilor of Metro district 5, chairs the seven-member committee. Members are required to reside within the boundaries of their respective neighborhood associations. The business and environmental representatives have no residency requirement but must maintain interest in the enhancement boundary. This requirement does not apply to the Metro Councilor appointed to the committee.

A recruitment to fill the positions began in December of 2018, seeking replacement to represent three openings on the MCSCEC (Forest Park, Linnton, and a business representative). Metro staff engaged community partners who service historically marginalized communities to within the enhancement boundary in attempt to recruit members. We ended up with multiple referrals and had conversations with four different residents who qualified and met the requirements for the vacant seats. Two residents decided to submit interest forms and staff recommended both of these individuals for the Linnton Neighborhood seat and business community seat.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Derron Coles MCSCEC interest form

Attachment 2 – Kelly Stevens MCSCEC interest form