

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-4987, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE MACLAREN AS METRO ATTORNEY

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BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Metro Charter and the Metro Code, the Metro Council President appoints the Metro Attorney subject to Council confirmation. The Metro Attorney Alison R. Kean resigned her position as of August 3, 2018. Metro Council President Peterson has appointed Caroline MacLaren as the Metro Attorney, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council pursuant to this resolution.

Caroline MacLaren has a long track record as a land use attorney, is experienced as a successful manager, and has understanding of the evolution of Metro's role from convener to leader and implementer.

A graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law, she has been an attorney in Oregon for 20 years, working in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors.

As Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, she managed and coordinated the Oregon Department of Justice on legal matters, advised the director on policy development, administrative law, and rulemaking. Prior to this role, she was a land use attorney for more than a decade, working for two Portland law firms, as well as 1000 Friends of Oregon.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition** None
- 2. Legal Antecedents** Metro Charter Chapter V, Section 25(2) and Metro Code Chapter 2.08 govern the creation, duties, powers, and other functions of the Metro Attorney. Section 2.08.020(a) of the Metro Code provides that the Metro Attorney shall be appointed by the Council President subject to confirmation by the Council by resolution. Metro Council President Lynn Peterson has appointed Caroline MacLaren as the Metro Attorney subject to the Metro Council's confirmation via this resolution.
- 3. Anticipated Effects** This resolution will confirm the Council Presidents appointment of Caroline MacLaren as the Metro Attorney and authorize the Council President to enter into an employment agreement with Caroline MacLaren.
- 4. Budget Impacts** The salary of the Metro Attorney is currently budgeted for in the approved Metro Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council President Peterson and staff recommend adoption of Resolution 19-4987.