FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPONTMENT OF SUSAN ANDREWS TO THE METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)

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#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

A vacancy has occurred in the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCSCEC) membership. The vacancy in the MCSCEC membership currently exist due to the end of a term for a member representing the Forest Park Neighborhood.

# **ACTION REQUESTED**

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

## **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

With adoption of this resolution, Susan Andrews 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 Susan Andrews to the MCSCEC. Ms. Andrews' interest form articulates her passion for community enhancement and her connectedness to the community she lives in and serves through her position on the Forest Park Neighborhood Association. In addition, Ms. Andrews decades of experience in equity and affirmative action work with the greater Portland area's most vulnerable populations make her an especially well-positioned candidate 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?

Ms. Andrews is actively engaged in improving the health of our natural environment, has an extensive environmental stewardship background and residency in the Forest Park Neighborhood makes her uniquely suited to address the diverse geography of the Enhancement Grant boundary and

promote community-based solutions to the environmental issues of her community.

• Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback

There is no known opposition to appointment of Susan Andrews 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 Susan Andrews 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 within the enhancement boundary in attempt to recruit members. Metro staff ended up with multiple referrals and had conversations with four different residents who qualified and met the requirements for the vacant seats. One resident was nominated by the Forest Park Neighborhood Association and decided to submit an interest form. Staff recommends Susan Andrews for the Forest Park Neighborhood MCSEC seat.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Susan Andrews MCSCEC interest form