

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5081, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS EGLESTON TO THE METRO  
REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

In March 2019, Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. On June 6, 2019, the Council established a new Regional Waste Advisory Committee to be part of the Plan's oversight framework by providing input to staff and advice to the Council on the development of policies, programs and projects to implement actions in the plan. On Sept. 19, 2019, the Council confirmed the appointment of members to the committee, including a two-year term for Theresa Koppang of Washington County as one of five local government members.

In January 2020, Ms. Koppang notified Metro that she would be leaving her position at the County. On January 24, 2020, Stephen Rhodes, Interim Washington County Administrator, submitted a letter and form (Exhibit A) nominating Thomas Egleston, the County's interim Solid Waste & Recycling division manager, to fill the vacant position.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 20-5081, confirming the appointment of Thomas Egleston to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee for the term ending Sept. 30, 2021.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Metro Council previously approved the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. The Regional Waste Advisory Committee helps advance two primary policy outcomes:

- Advancing racial equity by increasing access and representation in decision-making for historically marginalized communities
- Implementing the accountability framework set forth in the plan

**POLICY QUESTION(S)**

None

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

None

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 20-5081.

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

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan guides the greater Portland area's efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of the products we make, use and discard, provide a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to communities of color and other historically marginalized communities, and ensure a high quality, resilient garbage and recycling system. To help achieve this, the plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- Metro Council
- Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee
- Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee is intended to:

- Provide input on legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer (COO) will consider related to implementing the Plan.
- Provide input to staff on development of policies, programs and projects to implement actions in the Plan.
- Review and provide input on the status of implementing the Plan.

The membership is structured to strengthen the likelihood that the committee will focus on outcomes that best achieve the public interest in terms of the plan's focus on equitable system benefits and services, and environmental and human health benefits. The membership is:

- Five city or county government representatives
- Three individuals representing the interests of communities of color and other historically marginalized groups
- One individual representing the interests of environmental or health advocates
- One user of the solid waste system
- One representative from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's (ORRA) Metro-area regional director
- A Metro staff person designated by the COO to serve as Chair of the committee

## **BACKGROUND**

As described in Issue Statement and Strategic Context

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A: Nomination letter and form for Thomas Egleston