

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF LINDA LOVETT AND
CECILIA ESTRAVIZ TO THE METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)

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Environmental Services
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Two vacancies have occurred in the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCSCEC) membership due to the end of a term for members representing the Forest Park Neighborhood Association and the Northwest Industrial Business Association (formerly called Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association).

ACTION REQUESTED

Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President, and Metro Councilor Mary Nolan, chair of the MCSCEC, recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment of Linda Lovett and Cecilia Estraviz to serve on the MCSCEC.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

With adoption of this resolution, Cecilia Estraviz and Linda Lovett will be appointed to a one-year term on the MCSCEC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution to appoint Cecilia Estraviz and Linda Lovett to the MCSCEC. Their application forms articulate their commitment to community enhancement and their connectedness to the communities they work and live in.

Estraviz is vice-chair of the Northwest Industrial Business Association and is employed with a food security non-profit that serves NW Portland. Their commitment to and work with the greater Portland area's most vulnerable populations make them a valuable addition to the MCSCEC.

Lovett is actively involved with Friends of Forest Park, Portland Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and The Nature Conservancy. Additionally, Lovett's connectivity to the natural environment, active volunteering, and ability to create collaborative relationships make them a well-positioned candidate for the MCSCEC.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- How does this advance Metro's racial equity goals?

The engagement approach for recruiting committee members and the appointment of these members supports Goal B/Objective 2 of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion: Increase participation of communities of color in Metro decision-making.

Estraviz and Lovett are actively engaged in improving the lives of diverse community members in both their professional and personal lives. Their community-based work makes them well-suited to promote solutions and support the diverse needs of the community in the boundary area.

- How does this advance Metro's climate action goals?

Estraviz's work is focused on the social and environmental impacts of food waste and is committed to sustainable growth for the community. They have been active on other non-Metro grant committees to allocate resources for sustainability programming. The MCS Community Enhancement Grant Program includes goals that can mitigate and prevent impacts to the natural environment and its impact on our climate.

Lovett is actively engaged in improving the health of our natural environment through volunteering and feedback groups. This, along with their membership in the Forest Park Neighborhood Association, makes them uniquely suited to address the diverse geography of the Community Enhancement Grant boundary and promote community-based solutions to the environmental issues of communities within the boundary. The MCS Community Enhancement Grant Program includes goals that can mitigate and prevent impacts to the natural environment and its impact on our climate.

- Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback
There is no known opposition to the appointment of Cecilia Estraviz or Linda Lovett to the MCSCEC.
- Explicit list of stakeholder groups and individuals who have been involved in policy development.
Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor District 5
Noelle Dobson, Metro Community Enhancement Grant Program Manager
Alejandra Cortes, Metro Community Enhancement Grants Program Coordinator
- Legal Antecedents
Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code regarding Metro Advisory Committees; specifically, Section 2.19.120, which provides for the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee and sets forth guidelines for committee representation.

- Anticipated Effects
Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Cecilia Estraviz and Linda Lovett 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.

Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor for District 5, chairs the seven-member committee. Prior to appointment, members of the committee are required to be nominated by neighborhood associations named in Metro Code Section 2.19.120 or by an environmental organization that has or will have an interest in the enhancement area. This requirement does not apply to the Metro Councilor appointed to the committee.

A recruitment to fill the positions began in March of 2023, seeking replacement of representatives from the Forest Park Neighborhood Association and the Northwest Industrial Business Association on the MCSCEC. Metro staff engaged the Northwest Industrial Business Association and the Forest Park Neighborhood Association, current MCSCEC committee members, and current and past grantees to recruit nominees. Metro staff received two applications in total. Staff recommends Linda Lovett for the Forest Park Neighborhood Association MCSEC seat and Cecilia Estraviz for the business community MCSEC seat.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Linda Lovett MCSCEC committee application

Attachment 2 – Cecilia Estraviz MCSCEC committee application and recommendation letter.