

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of communicating)
the views of the Board of) RESOLUTION
Commissioners to the Metro) 92 - 116
Charter Committee)

WHEREAS, in Resolution 91-147, the Board of Commissioners identified the Metropolitan Service District ("Metro") as "the most logical public agency to provide services that have regional usage or require regional coordination"; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Charter Committee has circulated a draft charter dated June 17, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners holds the view that substantial changes should be made in the draft charter so that Metro is properly authorized to address issues of regional significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES:

1. The Board of Commissioners requests that the Metro Charter Committee forward a charter to the voters which will promote a strong regional government. The Charter should not limit but instead should enhance the ability of Metro to respond quickly and directly to matters of regional significance.

2. The Board of Commissioners supports a simply-worded charter which embodies easily understood concepts of government structure.

3. The Board of Commissioners supports the principles of democratic rule and proportional representation, and opposes any methods designed to give certain voters or local government officials disproportionate influence.

4. The Board of Commissioners considers the proposed role of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee to be inconsistent with the principle of proportional representation and its authority should only be advisory.

5. The Board of Commissioners recommends that the Metro Charter provide Metro with the same broad grant of authority to provide services and raise revenue as is possessed by other home rule governments.

6. The Board of Commissioners recommends that the charter maintain the current authority that Metro has to takeover Tri-Met without placing additional restrictions on this authority.

7. The Board of Commissioners recommends that the charter not institute a sum certain limitation on the ability of Metro to raise revenue to pay for its provision of services.

8. The Board of Commissioners recommends that the charter not proscribe the ability of Metro to deliver services effectively on a regional basis, including its assuming roles currently played by local governments.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 1992.



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