

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING) RESOLUTION No. 01-3115
THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GARY CONKLING)
TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-) Introduced by Mike Burton
RECREATION COMMISSION) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030, provides that the Council confirms members to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Chair Tom Brian has re-nominated Gary Conkling to fill the Washington County position; and

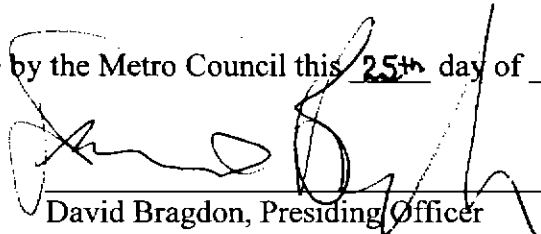
WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has accordingly approved Gary Conkling to continue serving on the commission immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Gary Conkling has the experience and expertise to continue his substantial contribution to the critical work ahead before the commission; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

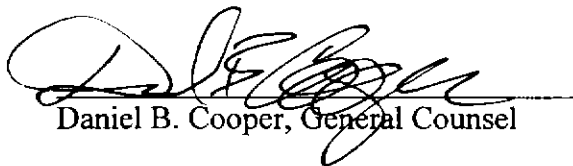
That Gary Conkling is hereby confirmed for re-appointment as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission beginning immediately.

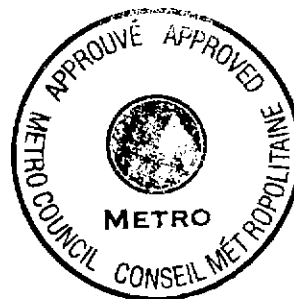
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 25th day of October, 2001.



David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel



STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-3115, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GARY CONKLING AS A MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: October 10, 2001

Presented by: Mike Burton

EXISTING LAW

Metro Code, Section 6.01.030, provides that the Council confirms members to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and that Washington County has one seat on that commission. The candidate must be a resident of Washington County.

BACKGROUND

Washington County has re-nominated Gary Conkling to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission. Mr. Conkling has served both as member of the commission and as chair. The latest revisions to the MERC Code, Ordinance 01-3115888B dated March 15, 2001, stipulated four-year terms for commissioners and Washington County nominated Mr. Conkling to a defined four-year term in the position. Mr. Conkling's term will expire in January, 2006. Metro Executive Officer Mike Burton concurs with Washington County's nomination. An abbreviated bio is attached along with Chair Brian's letter of re-nomination. Mr. Conkling is a resident of Beaverton.

BUDGET IMPACT

None

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution 01-3115 to confirm the appointment of Gary Conkling to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and to continue serving immediately.



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

October 9, 2001

Mike Burton, Executive Officer
Metro
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter regarding the MERC Commission. I hereby nominate Gary Conkling for reappointment to the commission seat representing Washington County. The Board of Washington County Commissioners has been very pleased with Gary's participation on MERC and wish to keep him serving on our behalf.

It is my understanding that Gary's term would begin January 1, 2002 and continue for four years. If you wish to contact Gary directly, he can be reached at 503-294-9120 at Conkling, Fiskum and McCormick, Inc., 1000 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1425, Portland, OR 97204.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Tom Brian, Chairman
Washington County Commissioners

cc: Gary Conkling



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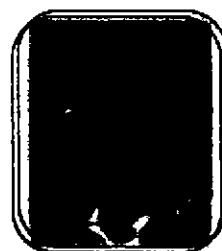
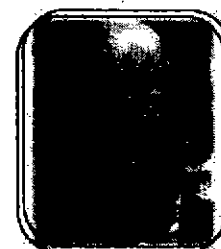


CFM's president is **Gary Conkling**, one of the firm's founders. He has worked as a daily newspaper editor, served as staff director in Washington, D.C., for Oregon Congressmen Les AuCoin and Ron Wyden and was director of public affairs for Tektronix, Inc. Conkling has been a lobbyist in Oregon and Washington, D.C., since 1982. His civic activities have included founding a 15-year-old business-education compact, serving on the Portland region's transit agency board and chairing the commission that runs Portland's convention center, performing arts theaters and outdoor sports stadium. Personal interests: Theater and baseball.

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CFM's other founder is **Dave Fiskum**. A former news reporter, he has worked in a range of Oregon government posts including deputy director of the Executive Department, deputy director of the Department of Economic Development, press secretary to former Governor Vic Atiyeh and public information director for the Department of Human Resources. In the latter role, he handled crisis communications during prison riots. He has represented various interests before the Oregon Legislature since 1973 and is a former chairman of the Oregon Scholarship Commission. Fiskum is a member of the board of Willamette View, Inc., a Salem retirement community. Personal interests: Golf and church involvement.

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Pat McCormick has a television background and worked as district staff director for Congressman Les AuCoin and executive assistant for House Speaker Hardy Myers, now Oregon's Attorney General. McCormick managed the Oregon electronic industry's trade association and has lobbied at the legislature since 1983. The partner in charge of CFM's public relations practice, McCormick has a long track record of successful ballot measure campaigns. His peers presented him with the prestigious 1999 William Marsh Lifetime Achievement Award for communications integrity. He recently helped open a homeless shelter through his church and serves on the board of Portland Center Stage. Personal interests: Anything Irish... including his