

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING) RESOLUTION NO. 02-3258
GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF MIKE)
BURTON TO THE METRO REGION) Introduced by the Metro Council

WHEREAS, Mike Burton was the first Presiding Officer of the Metro Council and the last Metro Executive Officer, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton successfully designed and won public support for the implementation of the 2040 Growth Concept for Portland region and successfully applied its principles in the expansion of the region's Urban Growth Boundary, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton acquired 7,763 acres of regional open spaces since 1995 – 30% more acreage than promised voters in the bond measure election, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton successfully planned and helped secure funds for two new light rail lines – Airport MAX and Interstate MAX, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton successfully passed Oregon Zoo bond measure, increased zoo attendance to all-time highs, opened new permanent exhibits including the Amazon Flooded Forest, Stellar Cove, Cascade Crest and Lorikeet Landing and helped the zoo become a national leader in the preservation of endangered species, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton negotiated partnerships with local governments and the hotel and rental car industries to expand the Oregon Convention Center without a property tax increase, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton successfully closed the St. John's landfill in an environmentally sensitive manner and recaptured methane gas for energy generation, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton lowered solid waste fees significantly while increasing recycling and other public services, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton led the effort to clean up 9,492 illegal dump sites in the region over the last eight years, and

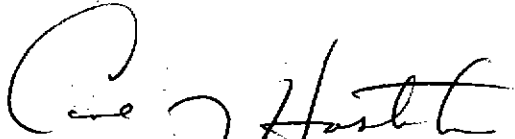
WHEREAS, Mike Burton led the effort for Construction of Exhibit Hall D at the Expo Center, and

WHEREAS, Mike Burton diligently pursued the acquisition of 22 miles of regional trails; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council

1. Expresses thanks to Mike Burton for his dedicated service to the Metro region.
2. Expresses best wishes to Mike Burton over the coming years.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12th day of December, 2002



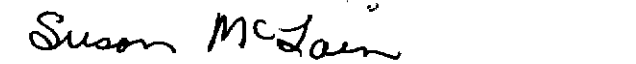
Carl Hosticka, Presiding Officer, District 3



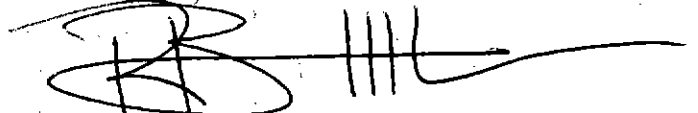
Rod Park, Councilor, District 1



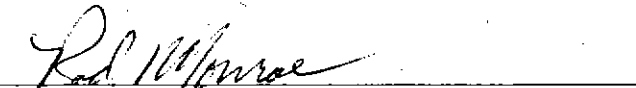
Bill Atherton, Councilor, District 2



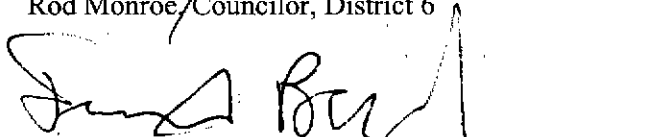
Susan McLain, Deputy Presiding Officer,
Councilor, District 4




Rex Burkholder, Councilor, District 5



Rod Monroe, Councilor, District 6



David Bragdon, Councilor, District 7



Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor