

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A) RESOLUTION NO. 83-429
STUDY COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDA-)
TIONS ON METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE IN) Introduced by
THE GREATER PORTLAND AREA) Councilor Bruce Etlinger

WHEREAS, The purpose of regional government including its functions and the relationship among existing regional organizations in the Portland area is uncertain; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be wider consensus regarding the future of regional governance in order to create a workable and accountable structure, sort out functional roles, and secure the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District needs an independent and broad based review of regional governance in order to help chart its future role within our region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metropolitan Service District Council will encourage civic groups, local jurisdictions and other regional organizations to establish a broad based and independent review of regional governance.

2. This commission shall examine the current structure, functions and financing of metropolitan organizations and prepare a set of recommendations for the future of metropolitan governance. These recommendations are to be completed by October 31, 1984.

3. The composition of the commission shall include but not be limited to representatives from the Metropolitan Citizens League, League of Women Voters, City Club of Portland, Columbia-Willamette Futures Forum, tri-county Legislators, designated neighborhood associations and

community planning organizations, Chambers of Commerce and Labor Councils and local and regional jurisdictions. It is recommended that an opportunity for public participation shall also be provided during the work of the commission.

4. Funding shall be sought from the aforementioned entities, the business community and private foundations.

5. The Metro Executive Officer shall report back within 20 days on the level of interest in the community, including funding commitments and a proposed nominating process for organizing the commission.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 6th day of October, 1983.



Presiding Officer

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 83-429, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS ON METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE IN THE
GREATER PORTLAND AREA.

Date: September 24, 1983

Presented by:

Councilor Etlinger

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Resolution No. 83-429 was introduced by Councilor Etlinger at the Council Coordinating Committee meeting on September 19, 1983, to address Metro's need for an independent and broad-based review of regional governance in order to help chart its future role within the region.

The resolution calls for the creation of a commission to study the current structure, functions and financing of metropolitan organizations and prepare recommendations for the future of metropolitan governance. The recommendations are to be completed by October 31, 1984.

In a sense, the commission would be a continuation of the efforts of the metropolitan community to provide effective means to solve area-wide problems started about 20 years ago through the creation of the old Metropolitan Study Commission. That Commission, created in 1963, brought about the creation of the Metropolitan Service District, the Portland Boundary Commission, and a City-County Charter Commission.

A second step towards metropolitan government reform was taken in 1976 through the creation of the Tri-County Local Government commission. That body brought about the enabling legislation which resulted in the merger of CRAG into the Metropolitan Service District, thus creating the new Metro.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 83-429.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION

On September 19, 1983, the Council Coordinating Committee recommended Council adoption of the Resolution.

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