

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS)	RESOLUTION NO. 90-1291
ESTABLISHING POLICY GUIDELINES FOR)	
APPOINTING CITIZENS TO THE COUNCIL)	Introduced by
BUDGET COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSING)	Councilor George Van Bergen
COUNCIL INTENT TO DEVELOP)	
ALTERNATIVES FOR CITIZEN)	
PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS)	

WHEREAS, The Council of the Metropolitan Service District since FY84-85 has appointed citizens to participate with designated Council members as the Council Budget Committee to review and recommend amendments to the Metro Executive Officer's annual Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, The original purpose of involving citizens to date was to offer the Council an external perspective on the Proposed Budget and to provide citizens with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Metro's finances, functions and services; and

WHEREAS, Since FY84-85, the District's size, services and levels of responsibility have increased nearly five-fold, as reflected by growth in the annual budget from \$45.9 million and 198 FTE in FY84-85 to \$223.4 million and 690 FTE outlined in the FY90-91 Approved Budget, resulting in numerous policies, programs and issues of greater complexity and scope;

WHEREAS, Citizens direct involvement in the annual review of the Proposed Budget appears to no longer benefit the citizen participants nor the Council to the degree desired due to the heavy work and time commitment required of citizens; the size and scope of Metro programs, policies and issues; and the detailed level of budget review and decision-making; and

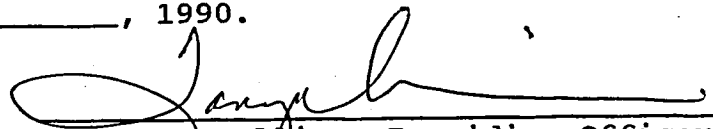
WHEREAS, The Council of the Metropolitan Service District is committed to citizen participation in programs, policies and issues at levels which offer the greatest benefit to both the citizens and their elected representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Citizen appointments to the Council Budget Committee to annually review the Executive Officer's Proposed Budget will discontinue effective FY90-91.

2. The Council will prepare an alternative method of involving citizens in the annual budget process with the goal of better informing and familiarizing citizens with the District's Proposed Budget while enhancing the Council's opportunity to receive more information back from citizens on the budget.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 12th day of July, 1990.


Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-1291, RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS REGARDING
COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS AND SUPPORTING
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GUIDELINES**

Date: June 27, 1990

Presented by: Councilor Van Bergen

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At the June 21, 1990 Finance Committee meeting, all Councilors were present -- Collier, Devlin, Gardner, Wyers and myself -- and voted unanimously to recommend Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1291.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Resolution No. 90-1291 removes citizens from participating directly on the Council Budget Committee and states the Council's intent to investigate other options for incorporating citizen participation in Metro's annual budget review process.

In discussing the resolution, Committee members emphasized the need to thoroughly investigate other venues for citizen involvement beyond looking at Metro's local jurisdiction neighbors. Councilor Wyers asked Council staff, in researching options, to check with Council of Government associations and the National Association of Regional Councils. Council staff was also requested to interview former Metro Budget Committee citizen members to garner their insights on enhancing the citizen participation experience.

At the Committee's request, Council staff will present their research on citizen involvement options, along with the FY90-91 Budget Committee review evaluations, to the Finance Committee at the end of the Summer.

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