

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING) RESOLUTION NO. 90-1333
THE APPOINTMENT OF RON KAWAMOTO)
TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-) Introduced by Rena Cusma
RECREATION COMMISSION) Executive Officer

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

WHEREAS, The resignation of Stephen Gale created a
vacancy on the Commission, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, Multnomah
County, nominated Multnomah County resident Ron Kawamoto to fill
the unexpired term of Stephen Gale; and

WHEREAS, Ron Kawamoto brings to the Commission a high
interest in public service, strong business and community affairs
experience and is qualified in all respects to perform the duties
and responsibilities of a Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation
Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that Ron Kawamoto has
experience and is fully qualified to serve as a member of the
Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT Ron Kawamoto is hereby confirmed for appointment as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission to complete the unexpired term which shall end January 15, 1992.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 11th day of October, 1990.



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 90-1333 FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RON KAWAMOTO TO THE
METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: September 28, 1990

Presented by: Don Rocks

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Upon formation of the MERC, Multnomah County, with one nomination to the Commission, was accorded a four year term which was subsequently filled by Stephen Gale.

Mr. Gale submitted a letter of resignation to MERC chair Ted Runstein, dated August 11, 1990. His resignation was occasioned by a move out-of-state in connection with his acceptance of an employment offer.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has nominated Ron Kawamoto to fill the unexpired portion of Mr Gales' term, which shall run until January 15 of 1992.

The Executive Officer has interviewed Mr. Kawamoto at length, concludes he is a sound candidate of good judgment, understands his role and responsibilities as a Commissioner and is suited to the work and well able to make a constructive contribution at this critical point in the life of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends that Ron Kawamoto be confirmed to serve the unexpired portion of the existing vacancy on the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.



GLADYS McCOY, Multnomah County Chair

Room 134, County Courthouse
1021 S.W. Fourth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204
(503) 248-3308

September 13, 1990

Rena Cusma, Executive Director
METRO
2000 S.W. First Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97201-5398

Dear Rena:

I am pleased to nominate Mr. Ron Kawamoto to the Metropolitan Service District as Multnomah County's representative on the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Committee, to fill the remaining term of Steven Gale.

Mr. Kawamoto is both a successful and informed participant in the commercial and industrial real estate industry and an active member of the mid-Multnomah County community. Multnomah County's Board of Commissioners believe he will bring to the MERC a substantial business experience and will help broaden the geographic and demographic representation of the regions communities.

Mr. Kawamoto has been briefed by both MERC and County staff and is eager to assume his responsibilities. Any effort made by METRO to expedite the filling of Multnomah County's representation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair

cc: Ron Kawamoto
Tanya Collier
David Knowles
Ted Runstein
Board of County Commissioners



MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

INTEREST FORM FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

In order for the County Executive to more thoroughly assess the qualifications of persons interested in serving on a Multnomah County board or commission, you are requested to fill out this interest form as completely as possible. You are encouraged to attach or enclose supplemental information or a resume which further details your involvement in volunteer activities, public affairs, civic services, published writing, affiliations, etc.

A. Please list, in order of priority, any Multnomah County boards/commissions on which you would be interested in serving. (See attached list)

M.E.R.C.

B. Name RON KAWAMOTO

Address 14632 NE BROADWAY

City PORTLAND State OR Zip 97230

Do you live in _____ unincorporated Multnomah County or a city within Multnomah County.

Home Phone 252-0062

C. Current Employer NORRIS BEGGS & SIMPSON

Address 121 S.W. MORRISON # 200

City PORTLAND State OR Zip 97204

Your Job Title _____

Work Phone 223-7181 (Ext) _____

Is your place of employment located in Multnomah County? Yes No _____

D. Previous Employers _____ Dates _____ Job Title _____

NORRIS STEVENS 1981-83 SALES ASSOCIATE

PORTLAND SCHOOLS 1969-1976 VICE PRINCIPAL

GLADYS McCOY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR

1021 SW 4TH, ROOM 134

PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

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CONTACT:

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY MARKETING	1988-1990	MEMBER
WESTERN SEMINARY	1983-1989	TRUSTEE/CHAIRMAN

F. Please list all post-secondary school education.

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PORTLAND STATE UNIV.	1969-1975	MASTERS/SCIENCE/TE
BIOLA COLLEGE	1958-1963	B.A.

G. Please list the name, address and telephone numbers of two people who may be contacted as references who know about your interests and qualifications to serve on a Multnomah County board/commission.

GOM. SHARON KELLY - MULTNOMAH CTY - 248-5213
 DAVID SEIGNEUR - CLACKAMAS CTY - 655-8521

H. Please list potential conflicts of interest between private life and public service which might result from service on a board/commission.

I. Affirmative Action Information

M. JAPANESE AMER.
 sex / racial ethnic background

birth date: Month 09 Day 21 Year 39

My signature affirms that all information is true to the best of my knowledge and that I understand that any misstatement of fact or misrepresentation of credentials may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration or, subsequent to my appointment to a board/commission, may result in my dismissal.

Signature Non Kawamoto Date 9/5/90

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CONVENTION & VISITOR FACILITIES
COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-1333, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RON KAWAMOTO
TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION.

Date: October 10, 1990

Presented by: Councilor Knowles

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At the October 9, 1990 Convention & Visitor Facilities Committee meeting, Councilors Knowles, Buchanan, McFarland, and Van Bergen voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Resolution No. 90-1333. Councilor Hansen was absent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: The Committee's interview began with Mr. Kawamoto making a brief introductory statement. He spoke to his background in public service, which began as a Vice Principal at Jefferson High School. He served as an appointed member of the Fairview City Council in the late 60's and early 70's, and has since served on committees for Clackamas and Multnomah counties. Mr. Kawamoto has been active in the Gresham Chamber of Commerce and on the I-84 Corridor Association. He cited his company's policy of encouraging its employees to put something back into the community, and he sees MERC service as a way to return back to the community some of the benefits that he's received as a citizen.

Mr. Kawamoto was asked if his position as a commercial real estate broker with Norris Beggs & Simpson might create a conflict with his position as a MERC Commissioner. He does not anticipate such a conflict, but said that if the MERC were to look at property that his company had listed, he would absent himself from the discussions. He was then asked what he would bring to the Commission as a commercial broker. His response was that he understands buildings, real estate, and building management. He understands the costs associated with operating buildings, and would know whether MERC costs were in line.

The next question asked his view of the role of the Commission versus the Council in setting MERC policy. Mr. Kawamoto sees the potential for disagreement on policy issues, but that serious disagreement can be avoided if there's a good dialogue between MERC and the Council. His impression is that such a dialogue exists now. MERC works for Metro: the Council sets long-range policies and the MERC implements them.

The issue was raised concerning Metro's operation of facilities now owned by the City of Portland. Does that present a problem, and what is his view of Metro eventually assuming ownership of those facilities? He believes that there are probably legal advantages to ownership. Mr. Kawamoto then raised the question of who owns a facility that is in public ownership: is it owned just by the people within a specific jurisdiction, or is the idea of public ownership broader than that? That's a legal issue that the legal people will work out. Regarding the management aspects of this question, Mr. Kawamoto stated that he is interested in Metro taking over management of the facilities, and he sees advantages in that.