

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION
Resolution Number 15-01

For the purpose of recognizing Cynthia Haruyama's Contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

WHEREAS, Cynthia Haruyama has served as a board member of MERC since July 2009, providing leadership and counsel to the agency;

WHEREAS, Haruyama served as a member of the Budget Committee in 2010, 2013 and as Committee Chair in 2014, providing guidance and direction for the development and management of MERC's \$88 million enterprise-driven budget; and

WHEREAS, Haruyama brought substantial expertise and experience to the Commission helping guide it to many notable achievements. During her service, Commissioner Haruyama:

- Provided leadership and advocacy for the Expo Center as a liaison to the venue throughout her years on the Commission;
- Effectively advocated the importance of developing a convention headquarters hotel adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center;
- Provided leadership and guidance to the MERC venues by requesting a study leading to an update of MERC's First Opportunity Target Area recommendations;
- Supported sustainability efforts of the MERC venues including the Oregon Convention Center's achievement of LEED Platinum certification, the highest level of certification offered by the U.S. Green Building Council;
- Prioritized a Market and Financial Feasibility Study to determine the long-term future of the Portland Expo Center;

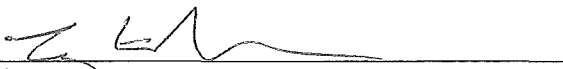
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission thanks Cynthia Haruyama for her service, leadership, enthusiasm and a willingness to share her business expertise in the many roles she so admirably filled during her tenure with MERC.

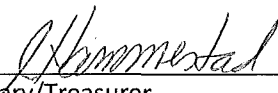
Passed by the Commission on March 4, 2015.

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