

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION
Resolution Number 15-06

For the purpose of recognizing Chris Erickson's Contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC).

WHEREAS, Chris Erickson served as a member of MERC since July 2009, providing leadership and counsel to the agency; and

WHEREAS, Erickson served as MERC Secretary-Treasurer in FY2011-12 and MERC Chair in FY2012-13; and

WHEREAS, Erickson was a Budget Committee member in fiscal years 2010-11 through 2013-14, providing guidance and direction for the development and management of MERC's \$88 million enterprise-driven budget; and

WHEREAS, Erickson was the Commission's liaison to the Metro Audit Committee for FY2013-14 and FY2014-15; and

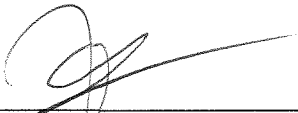
WHEREAS, Erickson brought substantial expertise and experience to the Commission helping guide it to many notable achievements during his service including:

- Providing leadership and advocacy for the Portland's Centers for the Arts and the Oregon Convention Center as a liaison to the venues during his years on the Commission;
- Effectively advocating the importance of developing a convention headquarters hotel adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center;
- Providing leadership and guidance to the MERC venues by requesting a study leading to an update of MERC's First Opportunity Target Area;
- Supporting 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; and
- Prioritizing 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 Chris Erickson for his service, leadership, enthusiasm and a willingness to share his business expertise in the many roles he so admirably filled during his tenure with MERC.

Passed by the Commission on April 1, 2015.

Approved as to Form:
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Chair

Secretary/Treasurer