

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 15-4643
COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF)
DAMIEN R. HALL TO THE METROPOLITAN) Introduced by Tom Hughes, Council
EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION) President

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a) provides that the Metro Council President shall appoint all members to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(b) provides that the Metro Council President's appointments to the Commission are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

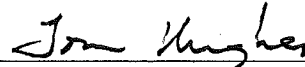
WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(d)(2) and (g) the City of Portland has nominated Damien R. Hall as a candidate to replace Chris Erickson as a member on the Commission due to Mr. Erickson's resignation from the Commission as of March 31, 2015, for the remainder of Mr. Erickson's term; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President submitted his appointment of Damien R. Hall to the Metro Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Damien R. Hall has the experience and expertise to make a substantial contribution to the Commission's work; now therefore,

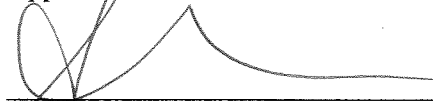
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby confirms the Council President's appointment of Damien R. Hall as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission beginning immediately on September 17, 2015, and ending December 31, 2018.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 17th day of September, 2015.



Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO.15-4643, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF DAMIEN R. HALL TO
THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: September 17, 2015

Prepared by: Scott Robinson,
Interim GM of Visitor Venues

BACKGROUND

The Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a), gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030(d)(2) of the Metro Code allows the City of Portland to recommend the appointment of a Commissioner for the Council President's consideration. Under section 6.01.030(e)(1) of the Metro Code, the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with City of Portland's appointment and submit it to the Metro Council for confirmation, or reject it.

Charlie Hales, City of Portland Mayor, has recommended Damien R. Hall for appointment on the Commission to serve the remainder of former MERC Commissioner Chris Erickson's term. Mr. Erickson was reappointed on December 11, 2014 for a term from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018 per Metro Council Resolution No. 14-4578. Mr. Erickson resigned from the Commission on March 31, 2015. The Council President has concurred with the City's recommendation and accordingly submitted his appointment of Mr. Hall to the Metro Council for confirmation. A copy of the recommendation letter from the Mayor is attached as Attachment 1 to this Staff Report. A copy of Mr. Hall's biography is attached as Attachment 2 to this Staff Report.

If confirmed, Mr. Hall will, pursuant to the Metro Code, serve the remainder of Mr. Erickson's 4-year term beginning September 17, 2015, through December 31, 2018.

Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett concurs with this appointment.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- **Known Opposition.** None
- **Legal Antecedents.** Metro Code as referenced above.
- **Anticipated Effects.** Appointment of Mr. Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, in the manner provided by the Metro Code.
- **Budget Impacts.** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The chief Operating Officer recommends approval of Resolution 15-4643 to confirm the appointment of Damien R. Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission and to begin serving September 17, 2015.



OFFICE OF MAYOR CHARLIE HALES
CITY OF PORTLAND

August 24, 2015

Tom Hughes, President
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Hughes,

I am pleased to share with you the City of Portland's nominee to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission, Damien R. Hall. On August 19, 2015, the Portland City Council, through Resolution 37148, unanimously approved Mr. Hall as the City's nominee for the remainder of the open four-year term, which ends on December 31, 2018.

Mr. Hall is an Associate Attorney at the Ball Janik law firm with extensive experience in land use and real estate matters. His professional experience and service on several community boards make him an excellent candidate to serve as a member the Commission. Mr. Hall lives within the City of Portland and therefore meets the residency requirement for this position.

Please accept our recommendation to appoint Mr. Hall to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hales
Mayor, City of Portland

Attachment 2

Resolution 15-4643: Confirming the Council President's Appointment of Damien R. Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Damien R. Hall Biography

Damien Hall is an associate in Ball Janik LLP's Land Use and Real Estate practice groups where he has worked for two years representing both property owners and local governments. He has practiced land use and real estate law for 8 years. His background is in urban planning and development, and in addition to his land use practice, he regularly assists clients with real estate transactions, natural resources law, municipal law, and formation and organization of business entities. Mr. Hall is a member of the National Black Lawyers Top 100.

Actively involved in development issues in Portland, Hall serves on the Board of Commissioners for Home Forward and on the Board of Directors for Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI). Mr. Hall is a member of the Portland Development Commission's (PDC) Central City Budget Advisory Committee, and formerly served on the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area Advisory Committee, as a committee member from 2007 through 2010, and as Chairperson from 2010 through 2013. He has been a member of the Young Leaders group of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Oregon and SW Washington since 2008. He is also a member of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), and is on its Developing Leaders Committee. Mr. Hall participated in the PDC's N/NE Economic Development Initiative Advisory Committee from 2010-2011 and in the City of Portland's North/Northeast Quadrant of I-5 Broadway/Weidler Stakeholder Advisory Committee from 2011-2012.

In addition to his professional engagements, Mr. Hall serves on the Board of Directors for CareOregon and as a Board Member of Groundwork Portland. He also represented "Verde – Let Us Build Cully Park!" as *pro bono* counsel.

Mr. Hall received a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Policy, Planning and Management from the University of Southern California. He earned his law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College.