

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 97-2433
METRO CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT	)	
PRINCIPLES	)	Introduced by Councilor Susan McLain
	)	Council Liaison to the Metro
	)	Committee for Citizen Involvement

WHEREAS, The Metro Council adopted the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOs) on September 26, 1991 by Ordinance 91-418B; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Participation is included in the RUGGOs as the first objective under Goal 1, The Regional Planning Process; and

WHEREAS, Objective 1.1 states that Metro shall establish a Regional Citizen Involvement Coordinating Committee (RCICC) to assist with the development, implementation and evaluation of its citizen involvement program, and

WHEREAS, These Bylaws identify the committee as the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI); and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws have been adopted by the Metro Council by Resolution No. 92-1580A on May 28, 1992; and subsequently revised three times, most recently by Resolution 94-1986 on November 22, 1994; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Charter Charter, Section 28(2)(b), mandates a citizen involvement process at Metro; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council in order to better advance and promote the mandate of citizen involvement at Metro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council adopts the following Metro Principles of Citizen Involvement as guidelines to be used by Metro elected officials, staff and committee members:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A COMPLETE AND EXACT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL THEREOF

Rebecca V. Shoemaker  
METRO COUNCIL ARCHIVIST

Metro believes that effective citizen involvement is essential to good government. Elected officials, staff and citizens all play important roles in governing the region. Cooperation among the Metro government, local governments and citizens results in the best policy decisions. Therefore, Metro commits to promote and to sustain a responsive citizen involvement environment. To carry out our commitment we adopt these guiding principles:

1. Value active citizen involvement as essential to the future of the Metro region.
2. Respect and consider all citizen input.
3. Encourage opportunities that reflect the rich diversity of the region.
4. Promote participation, based on citizen involvement opportunities, of individuals and of community, business, and special interest groups.
5. Provide communications to encourage citizen participation in Metro processes that are understandable, timely and broadly distributed.
6. Provide citizens with an opportunity to be involved early in the process of policy development, planning, and projects.
7. Organize involvement activities to make the best use of citizens' time and effort.
8. Provide financial and staff support to Metro's Office of Citizen Involvement.
9. Sustain ongoing networking among citizens, local governments, Metro officials and staff.
10. Respond to citizens' perspectives and insights in a timely manner.
11. Coordinate interdepartmental and interjurisdictional activities.
12. Evaluate the effectiveness of Metro citizen involvement.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1997.

  
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Jon Kvistad  
Presiding Officer

**Staff Report**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 97-2433, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING  
METRO PRINCIPLES OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

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**Dated January 2, 1997**

**By: Barbara Herget**

**The Metro Charter, Section 28 (2), mandates a citizen involvement committee and a citizen involvement process at Metro. The Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) has been working with Metro Departments since its inception to assist in developing policies, procedures and strategies for citizen involvement.**

**To formalize Metro's commitment to the principles behind citizen involvement, MCCI asks the Council to adopt a resolution outlining the basic principles developed by MCCI membership. The principles were developed with a great deal of thought by members with years of experience working with citizen involvement issues. Each of the counties and many of the cities within Metro have adopted similar principles to insure that citizens will be heard in decisions which affect their lives. Adopting the principles would put Metro in step with its jurisdictions and confirm its commitment to citizen involvement.**