

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 16-4700  
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE )  
OREGON ZOO BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT ) Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes  
COMMITTEE )

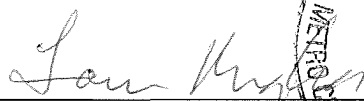
WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee whose members are to be appointed by the Metro Council President subject to confirmation by the Metro Council;

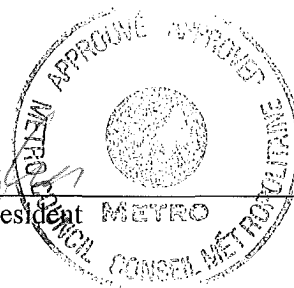
WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has appointed seven members of the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to confirm the appointments; now therefore,

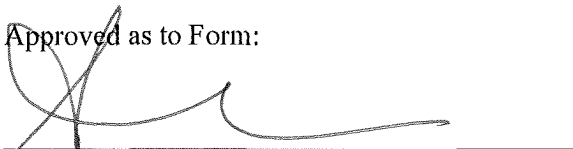
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointments to the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21st day of April 2016.

  
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Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:

  
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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

# **Biographies of Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Members**

## **Exhibit A to Resolution No. 16-4700**

### **Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee**

#### **Committee Member Appointments**

The following seven persons served an initial term of more than two years from December 5, 2013 to April 21, 2016, and shall serve a second two-year term starting April 21, 2016:

Noah Bishop	Bishop Bankruptcy Law
Deborah Herron	Walmart
Mickey Lee	MPower Oregon
Daniel Morris	Our Oregon
Mike Schofield	Gresham-Barlow School District
Ruth Shelly	Portland Children's Museum
Tom Turnbull	OpenSesame

The chairperson of the committee shall be:

Ruth Shelly	Portland Children's Museum
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#### **Biographies (in alphabetical last name order)**

##### **Noah Bishop**

Noah Bishop is an attorney and the proud father of two young zoo enthusiasts. A graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School, he has focused his practice on debtor-creditor law, and now runs his own law firm, Bishop Bankruptcy Law. He volunteers at The Bankruptcy Clinic, a free service provided by the lawyers of the Oregon State Bar.

##### **Deborah Herron**

Deborah Herron is the director of public affairs and government relations for Walmart in Oregon and several other Western states. Walmart has been a strong supporter of the Oregon Zoo, and Herron has been instrumental in ensuring this connection, including serving on the Oregon Zoo Foundation's Board of Trustees. Previous to her work at Walmart, she was a principal at Vox Public Relations in Portland. She is well known and connected in the public affairs community, bringing collaboration, curiosity, careful thinking, passion, enthusiasm and a solution-oriented approach to engage audiences.

##### **Mickey Lee**

Mickey Lee is a project manager with MPower Oregon, which offers a simple, integrated solution for lowering energy and water expenses at existing, affordable, multifamily properties. She has a background in project development and management, with an emphasis on environmental and social equity. She previously worked in health care, digital technologies, solar installations and overall carbon emission reductions, including six years with Carbon Concierge. She has been recognized nationally for helping to bridge the gap between private and public entities. She holds an MBA in sustainable development from Bainbridge Graduate Institute and is accredited through the national Building Performance Institute.

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### **Daniel Morris**

Dr. Daniel Morris is research director for Our Oregon, studying government finances and budget priorities. Educated in Portland Public Schools, he went on to earn a master's degree in physics from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in public health from Saint Louis University. As an epidemiologist, Morris led studies on topics ranging from tobacco tax evasion to tracking obesity with driver licenses.

### **Mike Schofield**

Mike Schofield is the chief financial officer of the Gresham-Barlow School District. He previously served as business manager for the Forest Grove School District, managing the school district's finances and \$65.3 million worth of construction and school improvements included in a successful bond measure. Prior to that, he served as the chief financial officer of the Northwest Regional Education Service District. Schofield has more than 25 years of managing finances for various public education entities. He is a graduate of Portland State University and holds a Certified Management Accountant.

### **Ruth Shelly – Committee Chair**

Ruth Shelly, executive director of Portland Children's Museum, leads a learning complex that consists of a children's museum, private preschool, public K-5 charter school, and research center with a total staff of 37 full-time and 28 part-time employees; \$3.8 million annual budget; and more than 300,000 visitors annually. Shelly is a lifelong museum professional who started in exhibit design and moved to administration, serving in art, history, natural history, and science museums – as well as an aquarium – before entering the children's museum field. She has served on museum association boards at the state, regional and national level. In her present role, Shelly is at the nexus of informal, formal and professional learning, and she is particularly interested in the role that museums can play in shaping the future of educational systems in the United States. Prior to moving to Portland in 2013, Shelly served as Executive Director of the Madison Children's Museum during its move to a renovated historical building, which became the first LEED-certified museum in Wisconsin, and a 2011 recipient of the IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

### **Tom Turnbull**

Tom Turnbull specializes in providing business and legal advice to high-growth companies and entrepreneurs. He is a co-founder and vice president of business development with OpenSesame, the largest source for elearning content in the world with more than 20,000 online courses. Turnbull previously served on the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry board of trustees for five years. He has an MBA in finance and entrepreneurial studies from New York University, a JD from the University of Washington School of Law, and a BA in philosophy from the University of Puget Sound.

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## STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-4700, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OREGON ZOO BOND  
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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### BACKGROUND

Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Oversight Committee"). The terms for approximately half of the Oversight Committee members expire each calendar year. To maintain Oversight Committee membership, Resolution No. 16-4700 reappoints seven members, and designates one of them, Ruth Shelly, Executive Director of the Portland Children's Museum, to serve as chairperson of the committee.

### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known
2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Code Chapter 2.19
3. **Anticipated Effects** Reappoint seven members and designate one as chairperson.
4. **Budget Impacts** None

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution No. 16-4700.