# BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OREGON ZOO BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	<ul> <li>RESOLUTION NO. 16-4726</li> <li>Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes</li> </ul>
	blishes the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight the Metro Council President subject to confirmation
WHEREAS, the Metro Council President h Citizens' Oversight Committee as set forth in Exhib	as appointed five members of the Oregon Zoo Bond oit "A" attached hereto;
WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to c	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 20th day of October 2016.	
	Jon Myles
	Tom Hughes, Coundil President
Approved as to Form:	

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

# Biographies of Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

#### Exhibit A to Resolution No. 16-4726

# Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

### **Committee Member Appointments**

The following five persons shall serve a two-year term starting October 20, 2016:

Daniel Aja Banfield Pet Hospital

Heidi Goertzen Ferguson Wellman Capital Management

Jill MellenResearch BiologistKatherine PorrasMeyer Memorial TrustChristine TaylorMiller Nash Graham & Dunn

# **Biographies (in alphabetical last name order)**

# Daniel Aja

Daniel Aja is the senior vice president and chief medical officer at Banfield Pet Hospital, where he leads internal and external medicine initiatives at the world's largest veterinary practice. Prior to joining Banfield in 2014, Dr. Aja served as director of U.S. professional and veterinary affairs at Hill's Pet Nutrition. Previously, he owned and directed the Cherry Bend Animal Hospital in Traverse City, Michigan. Dr. Aja earned his veterinary medical degree from the college of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, and has more than 32 years of experience, credibility and commitment to delivering the highest quality of veterinary medicine. He is a past president of the American Animal Hospital Association and served on the Michigan State Board of Veterinary Medicine. He is also the founding board member of Partners for Healthy Pets, a committee of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation created to ensure pets receive the preventative health care they deserve.

#### Heidi Goertzen

Heidi Goertzen is the chief compliance officer for Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, overseeing the company's regulatory and compliance matters. Prior to joining the firm, she worked for RVK, Inc. as an investment analyst for several years before serving as investment associate for seven years. She earned a B.S. in finance from Linfield College and holds a MBA with a concentration in finance from the University of Portland's Pamplin School of Business.

#### Jill Mellen

Jill Mellen is a research biologist whose areas of expertise include animals, animal welfare and enhancing guest experiences in informal learning settings such as zoos and aquariums. Dr. Mellen has worked in the zoo and aquarium field for more than three decades. Most recently she was the Education and Science Director at Disney's Animal Kingdom, where she researched a range of topics from elephant welfare to inspiring children to conservation action. Within the Association and Zoos and Aquariums, Dr. Mellen has held many leadership positions. Her current projects include coordinating studies on marine animal welfare. Early in her career, Dr. Mellen worked at the Oregon Zoo, and has moved back to Portland after her retirement from the Disney Company.

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#### **Katherine Porras**

Katherine A. Porras is an investment associate at Meyer Memorial Trust, responsible for monitoring and analyzing the foundation's investments, while researching environmental, social and governance factors on portfolio holdings to inform the alignment of the investment strategy to the organization's mission. Ms. Porras has experience working in finance, legal services, and performing arts. She earned an MBA with a focus in finance from Willamette University's Atkinson Graduate School of Management. She looks forward to contributing to the zoo, its staff and the Oregonian community at large.

# **Christine Taylor**

Christi Taylor is an attorney with Miller Nash Graham & Dunn's business practice team and focuses on construction and general business law. She also has a particularly strong interest in energy law. In her construction practice, she assists clients through the process of building complex projects, including drafting and negotiating contracts for construction. In her general business practice, she assists clients with entity formation, contract drafting and review, corporate governance, and sales and acquisitions. Before transitioning to Miller Nash's business team, she spent three years practicing with the firm's commercial litigation group and focused on disputes involving construction claims and defects, corporate governance and insurance recovery. Ms. Taylor is also a huge polar bear fan!

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# **STAFF REPORT**

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-4726, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OREGON ZOO BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date: Oct. 4, 2016 Prepared by: Heidi Rahn, 503-220-5709

#### 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. 16-4726 appoints five new members.

# ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known
- 2. Legal Antecedents Metro Code Chapter 2.19
- 3. **Anticipated Effects** Appoint five new members.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** None

# RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution No. 16-4726.