METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION Resolution Number 17-38

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

WHEREAS, Judie Hammerstad has served as a board member of MERC since July 2009, providing leadership, political insight and counsel to the agency; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad served as a MERC officer several years during her service on the Commission including two stints as Chair, two as Secretary-Treasurer and one as Vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad served as a member of the Budget Committee during many of her years on the Commission, providing valuable guidance and direction for the development and management of MERC's \$134 million enterprise-driven budget; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad brought substantial expertise and experience to the Commission working tirelessly to guide it to many notable achievements; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad provided leadership and advocacy for the Portland'5 Centers for the Arts as a liaison throughout her years on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad effectively advocated the importance of developing a convention center headquarters hotel adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad provided leadership and guidance to the MERC venues by requesting a study leading to an update of MERC's First Opportunity Target Area recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Hammerstad supported 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.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission offers its sincere thanks to Judie Hammerstad for her service, leadership, enthusiasm and a willingness to share her political expertise in the many roles she so admirably filled during her tenure with MERC.

Passed by the Commission on December 6, 2017.

Kaus Stoudenice - Phillips Chair

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