

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 19-5013
COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF)
DAMIEN HALL TO THE METRO AUDIT) Introduced by Council President Lynn
COMMITTEE) Peterson
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WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.250 establishes the Metro Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee enhances the external audit function by monitoring the external auditor's services and activities to ensure that independence is maintained between the external auditor and management; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees," states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Council President and shall be subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code Chapter 2.19.250 (d), provides that the Committee shall include a Commissioner of Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC); and

WHEREAS, Damien Hall is the MERC Commissioner selected to serve a one-year term on the Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council President desires to confirm the appointment; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Damien Hall to the Metro Audit Committee as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto for the Committee position and terms set forth therein.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of September 2019.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



for Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-5013

METRO AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee Member Appointment

The following person is appointed to serve a one-year term, from September 26, 2019 to September 25, 2020:

- **Damien Hall** MERC Commissioner (voting)

BIOGRAPHY

Member appointment:

Damien Hall is Ball Janik LLP's Chair of the Land Use and Real Estate practice groups. Mr. Hall represents both property owners and local governments, helping them navigate Oregon's unique land use requirements and political sensitivities to controlled growth and land development. Mr. Hall's approach is based on working collaboratively with developers, local government, and communities to establish common objectives and allow clients to achieve their development goals. His practice is focused on urban redevelopment and utility scale renewable energy project siting. In addition to his land use practice, Mr. Hall regularly assists clients with real estate transactions, real estate investment funds, natural resources law, municipal law, and formation and organization of business entities. Mr. Hall was recognized in 2016 by *Portland Business Journal* as a member of its esteemed "Forty Under 40."

Mr. Hall is actively involved in development and affordable housing issues in Portland. He is an active member of BOMA, NAIOP, Oregon Smart Growth, and ULI, was appointed by the Portland City Council to the Home Forward Board of Commissioners, and is on the Board of Directors for Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI).

Mr. Hall is also active in renewable energy development throughout the Pacific Northwest. He is an active member of OSEIA, presents regularly on renewable energy facility siting, and has participated in local and state level rulemaking for utility scale photovoltaic solar energy generation projects in both Oregon and Washington.

In addition to his professional engagements, Mr. Hall is dedicated to the community. He was appointed by the Metro Council to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), which oversees the region's visitor venues, including the Convention Center, Expo Center, and Portland's performance arts venues. He is also on the Board of Directors for CareOregon, a nonprofit providing health plan services to four Coordinated Care Organizations, serving about 250,000 Oregonians. CareOregon's vision is healthy communities for all individuals, regardless of income or social circumstances. Additionally, Mr. Hall represented "Verde – Let Us Build Cully Park!" as pro bono counsel relating to the private development of Thomas Cully Park.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION No. 19-5013 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAMIEN HALL TO THE METRO AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: July 25, 2019

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BACKGROUND

The Audit Committee assists the Metro Council in reviewing accounting policies and reporting practices as they relate to the Metro's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Committee provides independent review and oversight of the government's financial reporting processes, internal controls and independent auditors.

The new member listed in Exhibit A serves in a voting capacity.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** none
2. **Legal Antecedents:**
Metro Code Chapter 2.19, "Metro Advisory Committees," provides generally applicable rules for the creation of committees providing advice to the Metro Council and appointment of members to such committees.

Metro Ordinance 10-1233 for the Purpose of Establishing an Audit Committee and Amending Metro Code Section 2.15.080 External Audits and Adding a New Metro Code Section 2.19.250 Audit Committee.
3. **Anticipated Effects:**
By approving Resolution 19-5013, the Metro Council will confirm appointment of Damien Hall to the Audit Committee.
4. **Budget Impacts:** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Council President recommends adoption of Resolution No. 19-5013.