

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5128
COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REAPPOINTMENT OF)	Introduced by Council President Lynn
RAY LEARY TO THE METROPOLITAN)	Peterson
EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION		

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a) provides that the Metro Council President shall appoint all members to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (“the Commission”) ; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(b) provides that the Council President’s appointments to the Commission are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code Section 6.01.030(d)(1), the City of Portland has nominated Ray Leary for reappointment on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(e)(1), the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with the City of Portland’s nomination of Mr. Leary or reject it ; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has concurred with the City of Portland’s nomination of Mr. Leary and submitted the reappointment of Mr. Leary to the Metro Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council finds that Ray Leary has the experience and expertise to make a substantial contribution to the Commission’s work; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby confirms the Council President’s reappointment of Ray Leary as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission for a 4-year term as provided by the Metro Code, commencing on September 25th, 2020 through September 25th, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 24th day of September, 2020.

Lynn Peterson

 Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren

 Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

August 24, 2020

Lynn Peterson, President
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson,

I am pleased to present Ray Leary as the City of Portland's nominee to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), for a four-year term ending on September 25, 2024. On August 19, 2020, the Portland City Council, through Resolution 37503, unanimously approved Mr. Leary as the City's nominee.

Mr. Leary has served on MERC since 2004 and wished to continue as one of the two City representatives to see the venues through the COVID-19 crisis. His many years of community service and commitment to major MERC projects, including the First Opportunity Target Program and the Oregon Convention Center hotel, make him an ideal candidate for the commission. His years of experience on the Commission provide a strong basis for guiding budget and policy decisions for the Portland's Centers for the Arts, Oregon Convention Center, and Portland Expo Center. Mr. Leary lives within the City of Portland and therefore meets the residency requirement for this position.

Please accept our recommendation to appoint Mr. Leary to the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Wheeler", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ted Wheeler
Mayor, City of Portland

Leadership Bio



Name: Ellis Ray Leary

Commission function: Commission Member

Represents: City of Portland

Professional Experience: Native Portlander Ellis Ray Leary is active in real estate and community development as a principal officer of ERL, LLC. He co-owns Leary & Associates, providing consulting services for diversity training and organizational development. Ray is a natural mentor and is the president of The I Am Academy, co-founder of Self Enhancement Inc, and served on the Oregon Youth Authority African American Advisory Commission. Leary previously worked as an executive assistant to the president and CEO of Adidas America before becoming the project manager for Adidas' first full-line retail store in Portland. He also served as the Urban League of Portland's interim president and as director of development.

Ray has received many awards and honors for his artistic achievements and civic leadership. His artistic accomplishments include a 1996 Grammy award nomination for songwriter/producer and a Hip Hop Hall of Fame Award. Leadership honors include the Salvation Army Community Pride Award, President Bush's Point of Light Foundation, the Ron Schmidt Award from the PRSA Portland Chapter, and the NAACP Portland Image Award.

Ray's many accomplishments with both business and real estate give him a broad perspective on the business and strategic goals of MERC. His experience helps the agency anticipate and respond to the complex development issues associated with the MERC venues and to work effectively with the agency's business and community partners.

Organizations/Affiliations

- NAACP, Member
- N.E. Business Association, Member
- Portland Oregon Sports Authority, Board

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5128 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAY LEARY TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION.

Date: September 24th, 2020

Prepared by: Amy Nelson

BACKGROUND

The Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a), gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030 (d)(1) of the Code allows the City of Portland to nominate a candidate for appointment for the Council President's consideration. Under Section 6.01.030(e)(1) of the Metro Code, the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with the City of Portland's nomination and submit it to the Council for confirmation, or reject it.

The City of Portland has recommended re-appointment of Ray Leary for continued membership on the Commission. A copy of Mr. Leary's resume is attached hereto as Attachment 1.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- **Known Opposition.** None
- **Legal Antecedents.** Metro Code as referenced above.
- **Anticipated Effects.** Reappointment of Ray Leary to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, in the manner provided by the Metro Code.
- **Budget Impacts.** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Metro Council President recommends approval of Resolution 20-5128 to confirm the reappointment of Ray Leary to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission for a four-year term beginning on September 25th, 2020 and ending September 25th, 2024.