



METRO

2000 SW First Avenue
Portland, OR 97201-5398
(503) 221-1646
Fax 241-7417

September 26, 1991

The Honorable Rick A. Hohnbaum
City of Sherwood
90 NW Park St.
Sherwood, OR 97140

Dear Mayor Hohnbaum:

We're writing in response to Sherwood City Council Resolution No. 91-511 opposing adoption of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives.

We know that the City's resolution is based on deeply felt concerns about the way growth will be handled. However, it appears City officials may not have received accurate information about the scope of the RUGGOs.

Far from permitting Metro to undertake provision of all types of government services in the region, the RUGGOs define and narrow a policy framework for Metro to address urban growth management -- a task already assigned to Metro under Oregon state law.

By its very nature, urban growth management touches a number of related issues, including the environment, transportation, housing, and others. Since Metro is required by law to set out its goals and objectives in this area, it makes sense to base them on current data, rather than the outdated goals and objectives of the Columbia Region of Governments Association under which Metro has been operating.

The proposed goals and objectives are general and are not binding on local governments. They will be implemented through functional plans which will be developed cooperatively with the region's cities and counties, and through administration of the region's urban growth boundary.

The adoption of the RUGGOs and the Charter Committee efforts are two separate, unrelated processes. The RUGGOs are required of Metro by state law; the Charter will spell out how Metro will exercise its existing duties. Because state law currently requires Metro to adopt regional land use goals and objectives, the Charter cannot remove this responsibility from Metro. Thus, the RUGGOs will not change Metro's role, but will provide a structure for how this role will be carried out in the future.

Executive Officer
Rena Cusma

Metro Council

Tanya Collier
Presiding Officer
District 9

Jim Gardner
Deputy Presiding
Officer
District 3

Susan McLain
District 1

Lawrence Bauer
District 2

Richard Devlin
District 4

Tom DeJardin
District 5

George Van Bergen
District 6

Ruth McFarland
District 7

Judy Wyers
District 8

Roger Buchanan
District 10

David Knowles
District 11

Sandi Hansen
District 12

The Honorable Rick A. Hohnbaum
City of Sherwood
September 26, 1991
Page Two

The Council Transportation and Planning Committee held two lengthy public hearings on the RUGGOs, with testimony from over 30 citizens and organizations who overwhelmingly supported adoption. The primary criticism was that the RUGGOs do not go far enough toward implementing requirements to deal with urban growth management. No one who testified opposed adoption.

Given the constituent support for the RUGGOs, and Metro's desire to comply with state law, delay in adoption would be a serious step backward for this region in dealing with growth management issues.

Growth in this region is inevitable. Candid discussion of the divergent views on the way to address growth will lead to a workable vision we can all share. We call on you to bring your concerns to the table, and to participate actively in the upcoming effort to develop a regional vision.

Sincerely,



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer, Metro Council



Rena Cusma, Executive Officer

c: Metro Charter Committee
Metro Council