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NEW RELEASE

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PROPOSED METRO CHARTER HEARINGS SCHEDULED

A proposed home rule charter for Metro is to undergo public hearings set for June 25, 29 and 30. The charter, if approved by area voters in November, will serve as a constitution for the Metropolitan Service District, the regional government of the Portland metropolitan area.

The hearings will take place in each of the three counties of the region. They are scheduled as follows:

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| June 25, Thursday | Northwest Natural Gas Company, 4th floor, 220 NW 2nd Avenue, Portland, 6-9 p.m. |
| June 29, Monday | Washington County Public Services Building, 155 N. First Avenue, Hillsboro, 6-9 p.m. |
| June 30, Tuesday | Lake Oswego City Hall, 380 A Avenue, 6-9 p.m. |

Metro currently provides urban growth planning, coordinates solid waste for the region, and operates several public facilities, including the Zoo, Memorial Coliseum, the Convention Center and the Center for the Performing Arts. It is the only regional government in the nation that is directly elected by the people it serves. Parts of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties are included within Metro's boundaries.

If you would like to testify at one of the hearings, or would like a copy of the charter draft, please call 273-5570. Copies of the charter draft will be available after June 15 from the Charter Committee office.