

**METRO  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**PROPOSED METRO CHARTER HEARINGS SCHEDULED**

Starting this week the public will have a chance give to their opinions on regionalization of government functions. Three hearings on a home rule charter, or constitution, written for Metro, will be held around the tri-county area on June 25, 29 and 30.

Metro is a regional government that provides urban growth planning, coordinates solid waste for the region, and operates the Zoo, Memorial Coliseum, Convention Center, Civic Stadium 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.

The charter was written by a committee of 16 local citizens, appointed by Metro, local and state government. Issues they addressed include the structure of the government, what functions it should be doing for the people of the region, and how it should continue to be financed.

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Hearings on the proposed charter will take place in each of the three counties of the region. They are scheduled as follows:

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.

Anyone who would like to testify at one of the public hearings, or would like a copy of the charter draft, should call 273-5570.

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