

**METRO  
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August 4, 1992

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Vicki Ervin  
Director of Elections  
1040 S.E. Morrison Street  
Portland, OR 97214

Re: 1992 Metro Charter

Dear Ms. Ervin:

Pursuant to ORS 268.370, the Metro Charter Committee files with you the attached 1992 Metro Charter for approval or rejection by the voters of the Portland area metropolitan service district at the November 3, 1992 general election.

Very truly yours,



Hardy Myers  
Chair

cc: Members of Metro Charter Committee (with charter)  
Honorable Rena Cusma (with charter)  
Metropolitan Service District Councilors (with charter)  
Mr. Tim Sercombe, Metro Charter Committee Counsel  
(with charter)

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MICHAEL D. SCHRUNK, District Attorney for Multnomah County  
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August 7, 1992

Vicki K. Ervin  
Director of Elections  
Multnomah County Oregon  
1040 SE Morrison St  
Portland, OR 97214-2495

Re: Ballot Title for Proposed Metro Charter

Dear Ms. Ervin:

Pursuant to Oregon Laws 1991, Chapter 72, Section 5 (ORS 268.730), and ORS 255.145 (3), I hereby certify and transmit the ballot title for the proposed Metro Charter filed with your office by the Metro Charter Committee:

BALLOT TITLE


CAPTION: CHARTER FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT (METRO).

QUESTION: Should people adopt Charter to limit Metro powers, reform its structure, and give local voters control of Metro?

EXPLANATION: Charter drafted by citizen committee transfers control of Metro from legislature to local voters. Prohibits general sales, income, property and other broadly based taxes without voter approval. Limits spending from taxes levied without voter approval. Continues council elected by districts, executive officer elected by region. Reduces council size from 13 to 7. Creates elected auditor, citizen involvement committee, local government advisory committee. Requires, as primary function, growth management planning to preserve region quality of life. Assigns other functions. Makes other provisions. Effective January 1, 1993.

[End of Ballot Title]

Very truly yours,

  
MICHAEL D. SCHRUNK  
District Attorney  
Multnomah County, Oregon

cc: Hardy Myers, Chair  
Metro Charter Committee  
PO Box 9236  
Portland, OR 97207

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of the building, said he first saw the man in the windows of the building next door and her home was bur-

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he said the couple moved into the complex three years ago. He was injured, he said.

apartment chaplains across assisted the victim providing immediate care in motel rooms.

who owns a fourplex, said an organization of owners along South trying to help the Park tenants. The Parejas moved into a vacant unit, he said.

and the fourplex had been empty, but they were not

Kincaid, and Angela Marie Kincaid, 16, of North Portland.

Kincaid appeared Thursday in Multnomah County Juvenile Court

said the Bureau spokesman told Ware.

Witnesses told officials that a dog was swimming with the man. The

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

The ballot measure printed below will be presented to the qualified voters of the Metropolitan Service District at the General Election to be held on November 3, 1992. Any registered voter dissatisfied with the ballot title may petition the Multnomah County Circuit Court for review on or before 5:00 p.m. August 18, 1992. Any registered voter dissatisfied with the explanatory statement may petition the Multnomah County Circuit Court for review on or before 5:00 p.m. August 19, 1992. Any challenge to an explanatory statement must also be filed with the Metropolitan Service District by the end of the next business day after the petition is filed with the Court.

## BALLOT TITLE FOR BALLOT MEASURE NO. 26-3

**CAPTION:** Charter for Metropolitan Service District (METRO)  
**QUESTION:** Should people adopt Charter to limit Metro powers, reform its structure, and give local voters control of Metro?  
**SUMMARY:** Charter drafted by citizen committee transfers control of metro from legislature to local voters. Prohibits general sales, income, property and other broadly based taxes without voter approval. Limits spending from taxes levied without voter approval. Continues council elected by districts, executive officer elected by region. Reduces council size from 13 to 7. Creates elected auditor, citizen involvement committee, local government advisory committee. Requires, as primary function, growth management planning to preserve region quality of life. Assigns other functions. Makes other provisions. Effective January 1, 1993.

## VOTERS' PAMPHLET EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR BALLOT MEASURE NO. 26-3

This ballot measure is a home rule charter for the Portland area Metropolitan Service District (MSD) named "Metro." If approved, it will be effective January 1, 1993.

The State Constitution gives Metro jurisdiction over matters of metropolitan concern. The charter assigns Metro certain functions within that authority and sets forth the way Metro can assume additional functions.

The charter says the primary function of Metro is regional planning. Metro must adopt a Future Vision with citizen commission help and then a regional framework plan (RFP). The Future Vision indicates population levels and settlement patterns the region can handle within its natural and other resources over at least 50 years. The RFP addresses regional transportation/mass transit, urban growth boundary management, housing densities, urban design, parks, water, interstate coordination, state-mandated responsibilities, and others Metro may add. To the extent the law allows, Metro must require city and county comprehensive plans and land use decisions to be consistent with the RFP.

The charter also assigns Metro other functions: a metropolitan zoo, public convention, sports, entertainment, and spectator facilities; disposing of solid and liquid wastes; green-spaces; natural disaster planning, data services; and state-mandated functions. To assume other functions, Metro by ordinance must find the function is of metropolitan concern and state why Metro should perform it. If a new function provides or regulates a service provided by any local government, the ordinance must also be approved by metro voters or a committee of fifteen local government officials and three public members.

Metro may levy taxes and incur debt, subject to state law and the charter. General obligation bonds and, with certain exceptions, broadly-based generally applied taxes require voter approval. Metro must form and seek the advice of a tax study committee before levying a tax not requiring voter approval. Metro may also impose user and other fees/charges.

Subject to certain exceptions, the charter limits Metro spending from taxes levied without voter approval to \$12,500,000 in the first fiscal year of the charter. That limitation is subject to annual adjustment based on the consumer price index.

The Metro structure is a council elected by districts, and a full-time executive officer and full-time auditor elected at large, for nonpartisan terms of four years. The executive officer is limited to two consecutive terms and councilors to three. There is no term limit for the auditor. Until 1995 the thirteen MSD councilors are the Metro council and the MSD executive officer holds that Metro office. The council has seven members starting in 1995, with new districts apportioned for 1994 election by a commission or, if necessary, a referee. The charter sets the salary for the executive officer at \$69,700; the auditor, \$55,760; the council presiding officer, \$46,466.67; and the councilors, \$23,233.33. Salary levels will change with changes in salary of District Court judges.

Other charter provisions address matters like officer qualifications, elections, vacancies, appointments, charter amendment, and initiative, referendum, and recall.

**Vicki K. Ervin**  
 Direction of Elections  
 Multnomah County

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