

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5224
COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENTS OF)	
OMAR QUTUB AS PUBLIC MEMBER AND)	Introduced by Lynn Peterson, Council
ELIZABETH AMIRA STREETER AS)	President
ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER OF)	
MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO THE METRO)	
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC))	

WHEREAS, the Metro Charter, Chapter V, Section 26 establishes the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC); and

WHEREAS, Chapter V, Section 26(1)(m), provides that three persons (“public members”) will be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Metro Council, which provisions are codified in Metro Code Section 2.19.080(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.050 authorizes each advisory committee to adopt bylaws governing the committee’s functions and procedures; and

WHEREAS, MPAC’s Bylaws, approved March 13, 1996 and last amended June 30, 2011, provide for staggered terms for the member and alternate member of a period not less than two years; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Fitzpatrick has resigned as the public member from Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, Paul Manson has resigned as the alternate public member from Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has appointed Omar Qutub and Elizabeth Amira Streeter as the public member and alternate public member, respectively, of Multnomah County to MPAC; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to confirm the appointments; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. Confirms the appointment of Omar Qutub as the public member of Multnomah County to MPAC for a three-year term commencing on confirmation and ending on December 30, 2024; and

2. Confirms the appointment of Elizabeth Amira Streeter as the alternate public member of Multnomah County to MPAC for a four-year term commencing on confirmation and ending on December 30, 2025.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 9th day of December, 2021.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5224, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS OF OMAR QUTUB AS PUBLIC MEMBER AND ELIZABETH AMIRA STREETER AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Date: 11/11/21
Department: Council Office
Meeting Date: 12/09/21

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BACKGROUND

The Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) advises the Metro Council on growth management and land use issues at the policy level. MPAC is comprised of 21 voting members, 6 non-voting members, and 3 non-voting Metro Council liaisons. MPAC Bylaws III Section 1(a) provides that the Committee will include three voting public members, one from Clackamas County, one from Multnomah County, and one from Washington County. The public member and alternate positions for Multnomah County are currently vacant. Members and alternates for these positions are appointed by the Metro Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council.

Recommended as MPAC member

Omar Qutub – Omar is a lifelong Portlander who brings knowledge from the healthcare system to the committee. He believes that affordable access to reliable, safe, and readily available transportation for all is the key to overall success for livability in the region. Omar is involved with the Pearl District Business Association, the local NAACP chapter for medical professionals, and is part of the Portland Business Alliance's Public Service Training cohort.

Recommended as MPAC alternate

Elizabeth Amira Streeter – Amira has lived in Multnomah County for 10 years and desires to help the community thrive and grow by being a part of decision-making as a community member. She has a background in natural resources, transportation, and zoning. Amira leads work within Governor Brown's Racial Justice Council Environmental Equity Committee and has been involved with a variety of culturally specific organizations, environmental organizations, and community commissions.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** none

2. **Legal Antecedents:**

The Metro Charter, Chapter V, Section 26(1)(m), provides that MPAC shall include three persons (“public members”) appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Council.

The MPAC Bylaws III Section 2(e), provides that the public members and alternates will be appointed by the Metro Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council consistent with Section 26(1)(m) of the 1992 Metro Charter and will represent each county in the region. Members and alternates will be appointed to designated terms of a length to be determined by the appointing authority, but for a period of not less than two years.

3. **Anticipated Effects:**

Approval fills vacancy of the member and alternate positions for the public member and alternate member of Multnomah County on MPAC.

4. **Budget Impacts:** none

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 21-5224 For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Appointments of Omar Qutub as Public Member and Elizabeth Amira Streeter as Alternate Public Member of Multnomah County to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

With respect to term lengths, staff recommends a term length of three years for Omar Qutub (ending December 30, 2024) and four years for Amira Streeter (ending December 30, 2025). Such terms are consistent with the MPAC Bylaws provisions that terms be not less than two years and that the terms of the member and alternate member be staggered. Further, because both positions are currently vacant, staff recommends the terms commence upon confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS

Omar Qutub Resume
Omar Qutub MPAC Application
Elizabeth Amira Streeter Resume
Elizabeth Amira Streeter MPAC Application

OMAR N. QUTUB, MD FAAD

BOARD-CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGIST AND ENTREPRENEUR

Established and managed four Dermatology clinics in Oregon and Washington states. Detail-oriented physician of over 11 years, focused on interpersonal communication dynamics as a tool for success. Skilled in the planning and execution of cohesive medical groups as well as hiring and team-building. Special interests include public speaking including podcasts.

EXPERIENCE

Dermatology by Design LLC Portland, OR

Founder, Manager, and Dermatologist / May 2018- Present

Self-Funded Full-scale Solo practice: medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology
Human Resources, Marketing, Training, Community Relations, Social Media

PRO Club Medical Spa Bellevue, WA

Acting Medical Director / August 2019- August 2020

Director of Nurse Injecting Staff and Aesthetics
Medical and Cosmetic dermatologist
Robotic Hair Transplantation Specialist

Zoom+Care Portland, OR

Team Lead Dermatologist / December 2015- Present

Responsible for the creation and management of the Dermatology specialty clinic including the hiring, curriculum, and training of full-time Physician Assistants and Physicians
Educator ZOOM+ University Lectures
Administrative and profitability management

Northwest Permanente Portland, OR

General and Cosmetic Dermatologist / August 2012- November 2015

Co-Lead of NWP Cosmetic Clinic, Interstate

PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS/ POSITIONS HELD

Portland Business Alliance Public Service Training Cohort: 2020-Present
Pearl District Business Association Member, Portland, OR: 2019- Present
The Board-Certified Dermatologists: 2015- Present
Fellow, American Board of Dermatology: 2012- Present
American Academy of Dermatology Member: 2009- Present
National Medical Association (NMA): 2008- Present
Howard University Student Dermatology Society: Founder; Secretary 2007-2008
HUCM Class of 2008: Vice President of Education 2005-2008

PODCASTS

Peterka, N. *Expert guest*. "Practical Skin Care with Dr. Omar Qutub." The Self Care Mission. October 30, 2020. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CHED09xhtWU/>

Andreys, M. *Guest Physician*. "Episode 3: Dr. Omar Qutub." Hey Doc Podcast. November 10, 2020. Spotify.

Qutub, O. *Host*. Your Epi is Showing (all episodes). Produced December 2020 (Production on hold due to COVID 19).

PUBLICATIONS

Qutub, Omar N., Halder, R. (2013). Chapter 43: Eye Disorders Associated with Dermatological Diseases (pp.519-544). Editor in Chief- Robert A. Copeland, Jr. M.D. *Principles and Practice of Cornea*. London: Jaypee-Highlights Medical Publishers, Inc.

Qutub, Omar N. Case report: Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease in an African-American female. *J Drugs Dermatol*. 2012 Aug; 11(8):1004-5.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES / PRESENTATIONS/ LECTURESHIPS/ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/ RESEARCH

Journal of Drugs and Dermatology/ SanovaWorks Webinar: Starting Your Own Dermatology Practice: Expert Panel Discussion. Panelist. July 2020

Portland Women of Color: Beauties Who Brunch. Panelist/Guest Speaker. August 2018

ZOOM+ Care "ZOOM U(niversity)" Educational Lectures: Generalized Skin Eruptions and Practical Pediatric Dermatology: 2016-2017

Northwest Permanente Wellness Session: "Fun, Sun, and Your Skin" Portland, OR
June, 2014

Gross & Microscopic Dermatology Symposium: Amelanotic Melanoma Hidden Amongst Common Dermatoses; American Academy of Dermatology 70th Annual Meeting: San Diego, CA- March, 2012

Poster presentation: Recurrent and bilateral primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma lacking clonality; American Society of Dermatopathology (ASDP) Annual Meeting: Seattle, WA- October, 2011

Washington, D.C. Dermatological Society: Lecture and Case Presentation Symposium
May, 2011. Presentations: Vogt-Koyanagi- Harada Disease: A Case Presentation / Sunitinib Induced Depigmentation in Advanced Stage Renal Cell Carcinoma

Washington, D.C. Dermatological Society: Lecture and Case Presentation Symposium
May, 2010. Presentations: Recurrent Primary Follicle Center B-Cell Lymphoma / Challenges to diagnosis and Treatment of Pityriasis Lichenoides Chronica

Howard University Hospital Dermatology: Comprehensive Literature Review on diagnosis, clinical findings, and pathology of Hypopigmented Mycosis Fungoides with Dr. Rebat M. Halder, M.D. 2008-2009

Capital Area Vaccine Effort (CAVE); NIH HIV Vaccine Trial Research and informed consent protocol reviewer/critique-
2006

Johns Hopkins University Cancer in the Under-Privileged, Indigent, and Disadvantaged (CUPID) Program: Colorectal Cancer Vaccine (GVAX) Research Fellowship- Murine studies; with Drew Pardoll, M.D., PhD & Richard D. Schulick, M.D., F.A.C.S.
2005

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic Volunteer Core Organizer, Springfield, OR 2002

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

POST-GRADUATE:

Second Place: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Romidepsin in a patient with Sezary Syndrome: a cancer miracle? National Medical Association John A. Kenney, Jr. M.D. Dermatology Resident Research Symposium, July 2011

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

Obstetrics & Gynecology Student of the year Class Honor 2008

Joseph Collins Foundation Scholarship 2006-2008

Vivian B. Allen Scholarship 2006-2007

Cafritz Foundation Scholarship 2004-2005

UNDERGRADUATE:

University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship 1998 – 2002

Oregon State Scholarship Commission US Bank Scholarship: Fall 1998-Spring 1999, Fall 2000-Spring 2002

Dean's List Scholar (5x)

EDUCATION

RESIDENCY TRAINING: Howard University Hospital/ Washington, DC Veteran's Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) Dermatology Residency
2012

INTERNSHIP: Preliminary Internal Medicine Johns Hopkins University/ Sinai Hospital of Baltimore Internal Medicine Program
2009

PROFESSIONAL: Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM) Doctor of Medicine
May 2008

UNDERGRADUATE: University of Oregon B.S. Biology, Minors: Chemistry & Business Administration June 2003



Metro Policy Advisory Committee Application

* response is required

First Name*: Omar

Last Name*: Qutub

Pronouns: He/Him

Occupation & Employer (if applicable): Physician, Dermatology by Design LLC

The Metro Policy Advisory Committee addresses policy areas that include regional transportation, management of the urban growth boundary, and protection of lands outside the urban growth boundary for natural resources, future urban zoning, or other uses. What is your interest or background in these issues, and why are you interested in joining this committee?*

As a Portland native, born and raised, I spent a significant amount of time commuting through my youth with my Grandmother, who never had a driver license or owned a car. Walking almost half a mile to the nearest bus stop from the suburban home she lived in with myself, my parents and my siblings, an outing shopping with Grandma was a regular occurrence. Our nearly 1-hour long commute included our walk, waiting for the bus -hoping we didn't miss an early arrival, riding to the transfer station in downtown Milwaukie, and then waiting for the next bus and the ride to downtown. The independence that our bus trip together afforded both she and I was not lost on me, even at a young age. The value, the conveniences, and the inconveniences: late busses, no shows from a break down, lack of shelter on the typical rainy days among others, are memories I won't soon forget. When I was old enough to be able to travel alone, around 12 to 13 years of age, I knew my way around town and the nuances about the trip when I headed to downtown Portland to the library or to simply browse magazines new music at the old Border's Bookstore near Pioneer Place. Watching the entire transit system evolve through the years has been fascinating, from light rail to the trolley, and I realized first hand very early how necessary the modes of transportation mattered in Portland, just as much as our pride in our city's natural resources. Public transit not only allowed for city and work access for thousands of Portlanders acting as a lifeline, but also was and continues to be a means in which to limit unnecessary fossil fuel pollution from being pumped into our clean Northwest air. As a resident in the downtown area now, my home and my work are within a few blocks of each other, on purpose. I understand first-hand the benefits and growing pains of an ever-expanding population, and as an entrepreneur I have a particular interest and understanding of the nuances that make Portland great. Just as much, I understand what may diminish our city's great uniqueness. As a lifelong Portlander, I feel an inherent sense of pride in our city and feel strongly that those of us that have been there the longest may best understand which direction we must move as we continue to innocently entice a rapid influx of new metro area citizens. Most of whom have come here for similar reasons: clean water, easy and affordable access to public transportation with a focus on the underserved and the most dependent. Then there is the inevitable need to increase the urban population density in the metro area in order to welcome our new arrivals. Having cherished our wetlands as a child and teen on field trips through the years, I believe there is a way to protect these vital ecosystems while still being able to safely and wisely welcome our new arrivals without a need to touch our urban growth boundary.

Based on my experiences, I believe that affordable access to reliable, safe, and readily available transportation to all in and around is the key to our overall success for livability in the Portland-Metro area.

Guided by input from many regional partners and informed by research, Metro has identified racial equity as the approach to ensure that all people who live, work and recreate in the Portland region have the opportunity to share in and help define a thriving, livable and prosperous place. Metro strives to cultivate diversity, advance equity and practice inclusion in all of its work. What experiences, perspectives and values would you bring to Metro's equity work?*

I believe that I have a deep understanding of Portland and the metro area has to offer, and what it needs to continue to develop and enhance in order to maximize its potential as a truly equitable city. Born at Emmanuel Hospital in North Portland, I have lived in Portland and the metro area for nearly my entire life. Having left Portland for my medical training in Washington, DC seeking a more diverse life experience with a desire to treat a variety of ailments as well as people, I returned with a more inclusive world view realizing the cosmopolitan diversity that larger cities on the East Coast had to offer. Living in a majority African American City and attending a historically black University for my medical training at Howard, I came to realize upon return to Oregon that Portland was indeed considerably behind in its inclusivity and diversity, especially at the corporate and elected office levels. Just as well, our city still has work to do in order to give better access to many of its minority communities. My perspective is of course unique being from a bi-racial family of different religions, and though Portland's tolerance to families such as mine felt genuine, equity in education, opportunity and even access to healthcare across the city was clearly divided by socioeconomic circumstances. Now as a minority physician, I do feel a responsibility to make our city focus on ways in which we can improve overall outcomes for all walks of life as we finally realize and understand the significant systemic faults and imperfections in our city as a whole. Recently, I was selected over many established board-certified dermatologists to become the inaugural director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) for a large annual medical and cosmetic dermatology conference, ODAC, and my sole duty will be to ensure that our lectures and continuing medical education prioritizes equity, including all skin types and conditions that affect minority populations. My goal is to ensure that every practitioner can cast a wider net in regards to their patient populations, and also feel prepared and competent to treat those who often have felt distrust in the hands of medical professionals. Also, we will be sure to include a more diverse lecturing faculty so that all perspectives and experiences can be better understood and likely inspire younger physicians to be more inclusive. These are the values that I hope to bring to Metro.

Please describe your current and past community involvement. What organizations, issues and communities have you been involved with?*

"Since I returned home to Portland after my residency training, I became first engaged in the NAACP local chapter for medical professionals, building bonds that have lasted to this day. Being able to create a mini-network for underserved and minority communities has been more than rewarding, it has been a necessary way to bridge the gap that often pushes one faction of our community out of what we consider mainstream health care networks resulting in subpar outcomes. I have had an interest in public service for many years, and now that I have established my new business in Portland, three years in private practice, I have been able to get involved in local business groups, including the Pearl District Business Association (PDBA) where I have been able to support other local business as well as network on ways in which we can empower entrepreneurship in our greater community. In 2020, I was fortunate enough to be selected to become part the Portland Business Alliance's (PBA) Public Service Training cohort. In our many meetings, we were able to work as a cohesive group learning

about civic opportunities, ways in which to empower small businesses and their interaction with local government, and of course we were able to discuss pertinent matters including COVID and its effect on our community. Through lectures and interactive sessions, we brainstormed ways in which we can improve engagement in politics for the average citizen, and of course learning the most effective options for ourselves to become involved in not only elected office, but understanding the local and state relationships, finding out where we can make an actual difference- whether it be running for elected office, and/or supporting initiatives at the local and state levels.

How did you learn about this opportunity?

During my experience with the PBA's Public Service Training sessions, we were given direct access to discuss vital issues facing Portland- and the metro area- not only with elected city officials, but also with other policy makers and commissioners. While learning about the value and function of the many boards that have a significant hand in planning and implementing major Portland and Metro City initiatives, I realized that I could immediately best serve my community in a role such as this, giving insight as a private citizen on how vital transportation and urban growth are to the success of small businesses and the to the framework of Portland as a whole. I was lucky to have Karis Stoudamire-Phillips as a guest speaker at one of our PBA meetings, and I was fascinated by the amount of oversight she was involved in with her work as part of MERC. Having known Karis and her involvement on different commissions in Portland, I realized that there were unique opportunities to use my point of view as an entrepreneur, a small business owner, as a minority, and as a professional in order to help guide the changes that will inevitably push our growing city and metro area into the future vision of an inclusive, accessible, and environmentally sound home that Portland has always been to me.

Elizabeth Amira Streeter

Professional Experience

Natural Resources Policy Advisor

Office of Governor Kate Brown, State of Oregon – Salem, OR

July 2018 – Present

- Acts as liaison between the Governor's Office to state natural resource agencies, boards, and commissions
- Leads Natural Resources Legislative Coordination with various state agencies to ensure consistent executive branch positions regarding legislative and budget proposals
- Helps create and monitor the Governor's natural resource policy agenda and budget by informing the Governor on key policies, positions, and potential areas of concern within the wide range of national and state natural resource issues
- Works closely with government staff, stakeholders, and legislators on cross policy coordination, managing conflict, resolving disputes, and promoting collaboration on natural resource policy
- Convenes stakeholder workgroups and committees on behalf of the Governor in environmental justice and emergency preparedness

Policy Director

Office of Commissioner Nick Fish, City of Portland – Portland, OR

May 2017 – July 2018

- Served as the Commissioner's lead on various policy issues, including the Portland Harbor Superfund, public arts and culture, housing, criminal justice, and community development
- Prepared briefing memos on legislative items that come before Council, report summaries, talking points, and constituent responses
- Conducted policy research and analysis on a variety of policy issues, both related to Commissioner Fish's portfolio and of a citywide nature
- Provided leadership as necessary as a representative of Commissioner Fish in promoting collaboration and partnership with other Council offices, city bureaus, and community stakeholders

Policy and Advocacy Director

The Urban League of Portland – Portland, OR

September 2016 – May 2017

- Developed the Urban League's policy and advocacy initiatives to build civic engagement and capacity for the Black community of Oregon in education, employment, health, economic security, and overall quality of life
- Conducted community outreach and engagement through social media and events
- Cultivated relationships with agencies and elected officials at the city, county, state, and federal levels of government
- Wrote talking points, testimonials, letters of support, policy briefs, op-eds and appeared for radio interviews on behalf of the Urban League
- Tracked and reported the Urban League's legislative priorities in state, county, and city government
- Managed the Advocacy and Civic Engagement department's budget by writing grants and fundraising

Associate Consultant and Regulatory Specialist

Environmental Resources Management, Inc. – Portland, OR

September 2015 – September 2016

- Served as project manager assistant, convening and facilitating project meetings, identifying and accomplishing key milestones to deliver projects on time and within budget
- Prepared National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) permit applications required by federal, state,

and local regulatory authorities for energy facility development, specializing in land management and environmental justice

- Assisted and supported the preparation of technical documents required as part of environmental impact statements and environmental assessments
- Coordinated public affairs events; developed press releases, talking points and conducted media outreach
- Reviewed environmental compliance relating to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulated energy projects

Engagement Coordinator

Equitable Contracting & Purchasing Commission City of Portland – Portland, OR

July 2015 – September 2015

- Supported the City's initiative to expand contracting opportunities for women and minority owned businesses
- Coordinated meetings and events for the Equitable Contracting and Purchasing Commission as a liaison between the City and Commissioners
- Researched and analyzed existing data on women and minority owned businesses in the Portland Metro region and presented findings and made recommendations before the Commission
- Worked within a politically charged and at times controversial public setting to bring about more equity and business opportunities for women and people of color

Policy Analyst and Legislative Assistant

Rep. Lew Frederick, Dist. 43 - Oregon House of Representatives – Salem, OR

January 2015 – July 2015

- Supported Rep. Frederick and chief of staff in creating statewide policy while establishing and maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders, constituents, lobbyists, legislators, legislative staff, and government agencies
- Managed Rep. Frederick's schedule and served as constituent liaison for all scheduling requests for meetings, events, public outreach, and engagement
- Developed recommendations by conducting research and analyzing legislative and policy issues regarding agriculture, education, natural resources, and the environment
- Represented Rep. Frederick on statewide stakeholder workgroups on environmental issues, including agency budgets, forest preservation, and predator management

Education

J.D., Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Lewis & Clark, Northwestern School of Law, Portland, OR – May 2013

Thesis: *Sustainable Justice: Brownfields Redevelopment and Environmental Justice*

Externships, Internships, and Fellowships:

Summer 2012 - Honors Law Clerk to the U.S. EPA, *Office of Site Remediation Enforcement*

Fall 2012 - Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Judge Darleen Ortega, *Oregon Court of Appeals*

Spring 2013 - Environmental Prosecution Clerk, *U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon*

Spring 2013 - Law Clerk, *Jordan Ramis PC*

B.S., major: Environmental Science, Dance; minor: Studio Art

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY – May 2009

Awards and Former Affiliations

Oregon Commission for Women - 2020 Women of Achievement Awardee

City of Portland Charter Review Commissioner

Rachel's Network Catalyst Award Finalist

Emerge Oregon Class of 2021

Oregon Environmental Council: Board of Directors; Emerging Leaders Board

Environmental Professionals of Color



Metro Policy Advisory Committee Application

* response is required

First Name*: Elizabeth Amira

Last Name*: Streeter

Pronouns: she/her

Occupation & Employer (if applicable): Policy advisor, State of Oregon

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My interest and background for natural resources, transportation, and zoning come from my education and professional experience.

I have an educational background in land use law and natural resources management. My education is in environmental law and environmental science with a focus on land use, sustainability, and environmental justice. I have a J.D. from Lewis & Clark, Law School with a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and a Bachelor's degree from Skidmore College in environmental science. This strong educational knowledge will help me understand the discussions that happen during MPAC.

In my current job, I get to work with land use and development agencies at the state level about land use development, transportation planning, and housing needs. I get to work with others through complex issues like how to respond to a growing population while also creating ways to mitigate climate change impacts.

I'm greatly interested in how our community in the Metro region is built to thrive and grow. I have been a resident of Multnomah county for over 10 years and I've seen how neighborhoods have changed for the better over time. I want to learn and understand the decision-making behind the changes I've seen and also be a part of the decision-making as an interested community member.

Guided by input from many regional partners and informed by research, Metro has identified racial equity as the approach to ensure that all people who live, work and recreate in the Portland region have the opportunity to share in and help define a thriving, livable and prosperous place. Metro strives to cultivate diversity, advance equity and practice inclusion in all of its work. What experiences, perspectives and values would you bring to Metro's equity work?*

I have a deep understanding of and commitment to equity. In addition to my lived experience as a Black woman, I have worked with diverse community groups and organizations throughout my career.

I worked for the Urban League of Portland as their Policy and Advocacy Director where I coordinated the African-American community around important social justice initiatives and worked in collaboration with other community-based organizations, like APANO, Latino Health Coalition, and Unite Oregon.

In my job, I get to work on advancing environmental equity towards transformative change. I have experience bringing an equity framework to my work and co-creating the development of equity initiatives with community leaders. For example, I lead work within the Governor's Racial Justice Council Environmental Equity Committee where I facilitate a decision-making process with multiple government agencies and community leaders, scholars, and advocates to design and implement equity-driven policies and budget investments. Together, we have created a suite of recommendations to elevate environmental equity and address institutional and historic inequities at the state level.

I greatly enjoy working with community to co-create and implement strategic plans to advance equitable outcomes with input from interested parties and stakeholders. I have successfully accomplished this because of my strong skills in advocacy and consensus building. I know how to gain the confidence and trust among diverse community members. I am most proud of my work as staff liaison to the Environmental Justice Task Force. The Task Force is made up of community members who want to lead on environmental justice at the state level and I helped them in creating a two-year strategic plan that is on the way to completion. My experiences working with board and commission members, legislators and their staff, community stakeholders and leaders is a strength that I would bring to MPAC.

Please describe your current and past community involvement. What organizations, issues and communities have you been involved with?*

Over the past six years, I have enjoyed strategizing in a collaborative way to solve the roots problems for historically marginalized and underserved communities. I can convene community forums and coalitions to foster collaboration towards a unified action agenda. For example, while I worked at the Urban League of Portland, I got to work directly with and collaborate with culturally specific organizations and labor unions, including the Coalition for Communities of Color, Unite Oregon, APANO, SEIU, Community Alliance of Tenants, OPAL, NAYA, and AFSCME. I have continued to have these relationships while fostering new ones with other organizations like Verde and Imagine Black.

I have also worked with multiple environmental organizations in the region including the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club, Oregon Environmental Council, and Environmental Professionals of Color.

I'm also a currently part of the City Club of Portland and I am a Commissioner on the City of Portland Charter Review Commission where I get to work many diverse partners within the City of Portland.

How did you learn about this opportunity?

Online