

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 22-5298
REAPPOINTMENT OF DAMIEN HALL TO THE)	Introduced by Council President Lynn
METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION)	Peterson
COMMISSION		

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a) provides that the Metro Council President shall appoint all members to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(b) provides that the Metro Council President’s appointments to the Commission are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(d)(2) the City of Portland has nominated Damien Hall for reappointment on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(e)(1), the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with the City of Portland’s nomination of Mr. Hall or reject it; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has concurred with the City of Portland’s nomination of Damien Hall and submitted the reappointment of Mr. Hall to the Metro Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Damien Hall has the experience and expertise to make a substantial contribution to the Commission’s work; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby confirms the Council President’s reappointment of Damien Hall as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, for a 4-year term as provided by the Metro Code, commencing on January 1, 2023, and through December 31, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15th day of December 2022.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-5298, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAMIEN HALL TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: December 8, 2022

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BACKGROUND

The Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a), gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030 (d)(2) of the Code allows the City of Portland to nominate a candidate for appointment for the Council President's consideration. Under Section 6.01.030(e)(1) of the Metro Code, the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with the City of Portland's nomination and submit it to the Council for confirmation or reject it.

The City of Portland has nominated Damien Hall for reappointment on the Commission. The Council President has concurred with this nomination and accordingly submitted her appointment of Mr. Hall to the Metro Council for confirmation. A copy of the nomination letter from the City of Portland is attached as Attachment 1 to this Staff Report. If confirmed, Mr. Hall will, pursuant to the Metro Code, serve a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- **Known Opposition.** None
- **Legal Antecedents.** Metro Code as referenced above.
- **Anticipated Effects.** Reappointment of Mr. Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, in the manner provided by the Metro Code.
- **Budget Impacts.** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Metro Council President recommends approval of Resolution 22-5298 to confirm the reappointment of Damien Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission for a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026.



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

November 17, 2022

Lynn Peterson, President
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson,

I am pleased to present Damien Hall as the City of Portland's nominee to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), for a new four-year term ending on December 31, 2026. Earlier this week, the Portland City Council, through Resolution 37600, unanimously approved Mr. Hall as the City's nominee.

Mr. Hall has served on MERC since 2015 and expressed his interest in continuing his service as one of the two City representatives on the Commission. Mr. Hall is a partner of the Ball Janik law firm specializing in land use, real estate and municipal law. He has served the interests of the City's travel and tourism interests well over the past seven years, and seeks to use his insights to assist in the efforts of the city and region to rebound from pandemic-related impacts. Mr. Hall is a Portland resident, which meets the residency requirements for this position.

Please accept our recommendation to appoint Mr. Hall to the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Wheeler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Wheeler
Mayor, City of Portland