

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION
Resolution Number 22-03

For the purpose of recognizing Ray Leary's contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC).

WHEREAS, Ray Leary has served as MERC Commissioner since July 2004, providing leadership, real estate and community development insight and counsel to the agency; and

WHEREAS, Leary provided guidance in the expansion of the First Opportunity Target Area making the program available to more residents; and

WHEREAS, Leary provided strong advocacy for the Oregon Convention Center as a liaison throughout his years on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Leary was an active proponent for the construction of the Headquarter Hotel at the Oregon Convention Center completed in 2019 and

WHEREAS, Leary contributed his guidance and support in the development of OCC's Racial Equity Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Leary contributed his leadership as part of the evaluation committee for the Oregon Convention Center Renovation which led to the largest public improvement contract awarded to a Black-owned prime construction firm with a Black owned partner construction company.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission offers its sincere thanks to Ray Leary for his service, leadership, support and a willingness to share his expertise in the many roles he so admirably filled during his tenure with MERC.

Passed by the Commission on March 2, 2022.

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