

June 21, 1999

Robert Pung, Sr. P.O. Box 37 Gresham, OR 97030

Dear Mr. Pung,

Congratulations on your recent election as Vice Chair of MCCI. Effective citizen involvement is essential to good government and to the future of the Metro region, and active participation from Metro committees is an important part of our policy development and planning processes.

Your hard work and dedication to the MCCI committee is valued and appreciated. I wish you well in your new position as Vice Chair.

Sincerely,

Rod Park Metro Councilor District 1

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The Honorable Vicki Thompson City of Gresham 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy. Gresham, OR 97030-3813

December 9, 1999

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Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission 1120 SW Fifth Avenue, #704 Portland, OR 97204

Television can have substantial impacts on our society these days. We all know the detrimental effects it can have related to violence, literacy, and family life. But today, I want to share with you some of the positive effects television can have.

Metro has applied for a grant through the Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission. Those grant funds would allow this regional government to use the power of TV to encourage education of and involvement by the people who live here. The equipment would enable Metro to cablecast every Council meeting to homes in every area of this region. It would also provide the possibility for interactive citizen participation through the use of webcasting.

Right now, Metro is making an effort to get the taped coverage of the meetings to various parts of the region. However, logistics make it very difficult to get those meeting tapes to all parts of the region, and logistics make it impossible to coordinate the broadcasts so there is one, standard playback schedule. These problems present roadblocks to anyone who is really interested in working with Metro to preserve the nature of our region.

Grant funds provided by you will be a boon to Metro. However, the real winners will be the people who live and work in this region. They will have ready (and reliable) access to information about the many important decisions Metro is making. I encourage you keep this in mind as you review the application.

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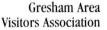
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Traditional government operating in traditional ways doesn't appeal to the young people today. Just look at how difficult it is to get people to vote. That is why it is critical that we find ways to engage them and show them why they should care about the workings of our governments.

Please join me in supporting Metro's efforts to look to the future and help the younger generations take part in shaping their future.

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OFFICE OF CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
CITY OF PORTLAND

December 6, 1999

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Re: Metro Grant Request

I am writing to ask for your support of the Metro grant request for new technology in bringing public meeting broadcasts to the citizens of our community.

Citizen involvement and participation is critical in our democratic process, however, with busy work schedules and commitments, it is often difficult to keep up with government meetings when they are broadcast. I believe that offering alternative avenues for the public to have access to government is important in assuring that citizens continue to have a meaningful role in the decision making process.

These alternative avenues may be available through use of new technology such as viewing meetings via the Internet, providing email testimony to their elected officials, and allowing citizens to view meetings and broadcasts at times which are convenient to them.

Metro, our regional government is applying to you for a grant that would give it the ability to take the first steps toward high-tech public involvement. As an interested citizen, I ask that you support this grant request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Comer, Director

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Citizen involvement and participation is the cornerstone of democracy. But with the goings on of our busy world, we are often overwhelmed with our basic responsibilities to family and work.

So how can we have a meaningful role in the decisions being made by governmental bodies? I believe that new technology is the key. More and more homes in our region have computers. Internet access is also widely available in our schools and public libraries. Technology available now would allow people to log into a web site and watch a "web-cast" of recent meetings - or even live coverage of meetings.

Imagine the possibilities of citizens being able to, with a click of the mouse, provide immediate testimony via email. Or perhaps, they could participate in a survey of options before the elected officials on a particular subject. More importantly, the meetings would be available to watch at any time of any day.

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Dear Board of Commissioners:

Metro has the great challenge of acting to promote a sustainable future for people here today and for the future generations in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. Comprehensive contact between Metro councilors and all people residing in the region is of utmost importance.

For time is short for Metro to act wisely to conserve and preserve the region's dwindling natural resources and yet maintain a high standard of living for the people. Advanced cable and Internet technology will allow Metro to inform and seek response from the greatest numbers of the people in the three counties. The resulting interaction will encourage debate as well as camaraderie among our people in a full democratic process. Metro will have the best opportunities, therefore, to find solutions and make decisions which give promise to a desirable future.

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission can definitely help attain this goal. It can make it possible for Metro acquire the technology needed for such a most worthy cause—a sustainable future in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties—by responding generously to Metro's grant application. Please do so.

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December 14, 1999

Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission 1120 S. W. Fifth Avenue, #704 Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Commissioners:

Television can have substantial impact on our society. We all know the detrimental effects it can have related to violence, literacy, and family life. But today, I wan to share with you some of the positive effects television can have.

Metro has applied for a grant through the Mt Hood Cable Regulatory Commission. Those grant funds would allow this regional governmental to use the power of TV to encourage education of and involvement by the people who live here. The equipment would enable Metro to cablecase every Council meeting to homes in every area of this region. It would also provide the possibility for interactive citizen participation through the use of web casting.

Right now, Metro is making an effort to get the taped coverage of the meetings to various parts of the region. However, logistics make it very difficult to get those meetings tapes to all parts of the region, and logistics make it impossible to coordinate the broadcasts so there is one, standard playback schedule. These problems present roadblocks to anyone really interest in working with Metro to preserve the nature of our region.

Grand funds provided by you will be a boon to Metro. However, the real winners will be the people who live and work in this region. They will have ready (and reliable) access to information about the many important decisions Metro is making. I encourage you keep this in mind as you review the application.

Sincerely,

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