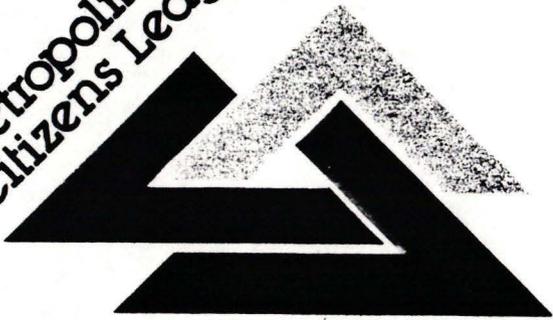


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Dear

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. You may have heard of the Metropolitan Citizens League. The likelihood is that you haven't as yet because the MCL was organized in 1979, which makes it a comparative newcomer. Since, however, many of the goals were formulated by people who pioneered much of the legislation that activated current regional agencies, you may already know some of our members. Many of them are active in organizations or on boards that are involved with some of the exciting and challenging projects that are taking shape in our region.

We're introducing ourselves to you because if this region is going to fully recognize its potential, we're going to need more than a "few good men". We're going to need quite a few... men and women. They'll have to be bright, energetic and innovative..(like you).. because the way we handle our resources and the attention we pay to the course that's being set for this region, now, will have a strong bearing on housing and health care, water and land use, high tech and agriculture, education and brain power, and on all of us, in a decade that has been described as "dynamic and dangerous".

The Metropolitan Citizens League has a healthy respect for both those elements, but an even greater regard for this portion of the Northwest because we have so much to lose. That's why our organization is structured to work exclusively with the regional aspects of public safety, Tri-Met and the METRO government, and the legislation that may affect them all.

We hope that you'll want to join us. Standing committees are being formed for this year. New members are being sought. New programs are being devised to keep you up to date.

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I would like to invite you to join the Metropolitan Citizens League, a group concerned with the many regional issues affecting the metro area covered by Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. The enclosed brochure details some of the League's purposes. The remainder of this letter provides a brief idea of some of our current activities you won't want to miss.

During 1983, the Metropolitan Citizens League has chosen to focus on three important issues. The first is how the region should finance basic capital services within the Urban Growth Boundary: storm and sanitary sewers, water supply systems, and streets. In the context of Ballot Measure 3 concerns and the current state of Oregon's economy, financing capital facilities to support or maintain economic development is critical.

A second major undertaking of the League this year is consider the future of our regional parks. Lane County was forced to close many of its parks outside of Eugene due to funding and maintenance problems. Do we face a similar problem here? Who uses what parks? In a crunch, can we act regionally to get the best use for the most people? These questions and others will be considered by a newly formed Metro Citizens League Study Group.

The third effort is to create a permanent local government education program. It will present the structure of local government, the services it provides, and how they are financed. The final product will be a video tape presentation which can be given by an MCL member to civic and academic groups. We believe this will fill a void, particularly in the schools, where little is taught about the level of government closest to most people.

Another activity of is our monthly luncheon series. In recent months members have had the opportunity to participate in the following presentations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January 27	Dennis Buchanan, County Executive	Multnomah County's Future
February 23	John Anthony, President, PCC Joseph Blumel, President, PSU	The University & Community College: Competitive or Complementary?

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Dear

This letter is a follow-up to our recent membership drive. If you have already submitted your dues, please disregard this reminder. If you have not, we hope that you will consider rejoining us.

Our goal is 200 members by New Year's Eve, a day that's widely recognized for its capacity to encourage coming together and looking ahead, even before the midnight "count-down".

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Sincerely,

Ron Cease  
President

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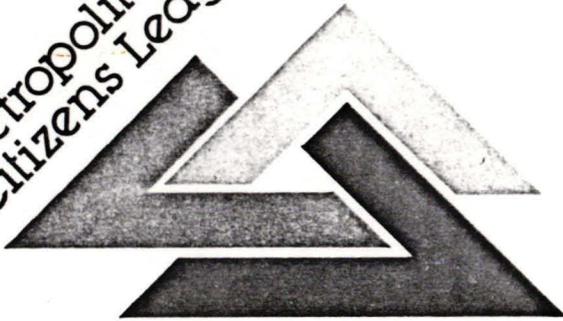
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Robert G. Simpson, Chairman  
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### TO THE MEMBERSHIP

As the MCL winds down to the end of its dues year, its fiscal year and its officers' terms, the Board of Directors at its regular meeting, April 17, 1985, adopted a resolution to suspend operations and activity.

We can all be proud of the accomplishments of MCL since it was organized some five years ago. In the most recent months, the regional park study was commenced and will be continued through the cooperation and coordination of the Metropolitan Service District (Metro). The library study commenced by MCL is being conducted by the library community itself and we are sure will lead to a better use of this community resource. Representatives of MCL participated in legislative hearings on the future of Metro and its organization. We can be justly proud of the quality of our monthly meetings to educate the community on regional issues and our video tapes on local and regional government organization. Tapes are available for continued use at Metro's offices.

All this activity demonstrates that there has been a need for a citizen organization such as MCL; however, in recent months the interest shown by the membership and the public in attendance at meetings and desire for activity has declined and the energy and enthusiasm for sustained organizational activity has diminished to a level that brought about the Board of Directors' decision.

From this date forward all members receiving this letter are deemed to be permanent non dues paying members of MCL.

A. McKay Rich has agreed to be the permanent secretary. He can be reached at the Zoo, telephone 226-1561. The files and records will be stored at Metro. The office will be closed effective May 31, 1985. There is a small balance in the bank account which will be held in trust by the Board of Directors of MCL; it will be used to cover the costs of any necessary notices to members and like expenditures. The MCL will be dormant, but the Metropolitan Citizens League, an Oregon non profit corporation, tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will be kept alive in the event it is needed upon a future reactivation. The Board of Directors will meet on call of the permanent secretary. The Board of Directors will call meetings of the membership when necessity demands.

Thank you for your past interest and support. In this region the need still exists for a regional perspective. Keep that perspective and urge others to do so whenever an opportunity presents itself.

Sincerely,

*Approved 5-11/85*