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Bob Oleson became METRO Councilor for District 1, in the westernmost part of the Portland region, in September, 1980. He was appointed to the position by the METRO Council, and then elected to a full ~~2~~-year term in November.

A native of Hillsboro, Oleson graduated from Lewis and Clark College with bachelors' degrees in political science and communications. He is currently public affairs and government relations specialist for the Oregon State Bar.

Oleson served as ^{majority}caucus administrator and ^{executive}staff assistant to State Senate Majority Leader Fred Heard from 1973 to 1978, and was formerly a member of the Human Resources Committee of the Washington County Commission. He is currently a member of the Washington County Budget Committee.

Oleson serves on the METRO Council's Regional Development Committee, which oversees METRO's activities in transportation, land use planning and development services.

Bob

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Certified A True Copy of the Original Thereof
[Signature]
Clerk of the Council

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING)
APPRECIATION TO BOB OLESON FOR)
SERVICES RENDERED TO THE PORTLAND)
REGION)

RESOLUTION NO. 86-695
Introduced by the
Presiding Officer

WHEREAS, Bob Oleson served as a Councilor representing District 1 of the Metropolitan Service District (Metro) from September 1980 to October 1986; and

WHEREAS, He served as Deputy Presiding Officer of the Metro Council from January 1982 through December 1983; and

WHEREAS, During his six years of service as a Metro Councilor he served on numerous committees and task forces including Metro's Budget Committee, Regional Services Committee, Regional Development Committee, Council Coordinating Committee, Council Management Committee; Criminal Justice Task Force, and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; and

WHEREAS, He represented Metro and testified in its behalf before the State Legislature regarding several important regional issues; and

WHEREAS, He participated in numerous public meetings and public hearings regarding regional solid waste issues (landfill siting, garbage burner, transfer and recycling centers, etc.), criminal justice issues (regional jails), transportation issues, urban growth boundary issues, and regional stormwater issues (Johnson Creek and the Regional Stormwater Management Plan); now, therefore,



METRO

Introduction to Public History
Project A: Digital Archive of Metro Councilors
Metro Councilor Oral History Interviews

Purpose and Scope of the Project

Students enrolled in Portland State University's *Introduction to Public History* class have been working since September 2005 on a practicum project at Metro. The goal of **Project A: Digital Archive of Metro Councilors** is to research and document the public service of Metro's elected officials, and provide public access to the information through web-based technology.

To date, students have been working with primary resources to research councilors' terms of office, district representation, internal and external committee assignments, policy initiatives, and professional background. In researching the public service of Metro councilors, students have been reviewing councilors' professional papers which may include correspondence, speeches, newsletters, calendars, photographs, and information relating to community events, and special engagements/awards.

Another component of the practicum is for students to gain firsthand experience in conducting an oral history interview. Oral history interviewing records a person's recollection of experiences, thoughts and feelings about a specific event or a period of time. It gathers data not available in written records about people, events, decisions, and processes. In essence, oral history is spoken history grounded in memory. It can reveal how individual values and actions shaped the past, and how the past shapes present-day values and actions. With this in mind, students participating in this project have been asked to conduct interviews with Metro councilors to capture their personal reflections and anecdotes regarding their public service; to gather insight about municipal politics; and to further the goal of documenting Metro's history as a public agency.

The **Interview Release Form** provided below documents permissions and guidelines for the use and custody of the information gathered during the interview process.

INTERVIEW RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my permission to Jason G Dawson (student interviewers) to use the information gathered in this interview for educational purposes relating to their coursework in *Introduction to Public History* at Portland State University. It is my understanding that this tape recording will permanently reside in the Metro Council Archives, and that the transcript of this interview will become part of the **Metro Councilor Digital Archive**. Upon review, I release all claims and rights to this audiotape and transcript.

Signature of Interviewee: Bob Olson

Signature of Interviewer: J Dawson

Date of Agreement: December 5-06

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Bob Oleson, do solemnly swear to perform the office of Councilor of the Metropolitan Service District to the best of my ability; and to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, and the Rules and Ordinances of the Metropolitan Service District.

Bob A. Oleson


Sworn to before me on this
the 25th day of September, 1980.

Cynthia M. Wickman
Notary Public of the State of Oregon

My term expires on 9/17/84.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Bob Oleson, do solemnly swear to perform the office of Councilor of the Metropolitan Service District to the best of my ability; and to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, and the Rules and Ordinances of the Metropolitan Service District.


Bob A. Oleson

Sworn to before me on this the
5th day of January, 1981.

Cynthia M. Wickman
Notary Public of the State of Oregon

My commission expires on 9/17/84.



STATE OF OREGON

SS.

County of Multnomah

I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of

COUNCILOR, FIRST DISTRICT, METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

according to the best of my ability.

Bob Olson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of January, 1983

[Signature]
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