



Ruth McFarland

The Common Sense Candidate

- ★ **Health Care Reform NOW**
- ★ **Improve the quality of our schools**
- ★ **Create new jobs**
- ★ **Strict standards of ethics in government**

As our State Senator from 1981 to 1985, Ruth McFarland served with distinction in Salem, winning praise from senior citizens groups, business people, and working men and women.

Today many things seem headed in the wrong direction. Ruth McFarland wants to go to Salem to help get government back on the right track, and address the problems we face every day.

McFarland

FOR STATE SENATE



NEW JOBS — Ruth McFarland is supported in her campaign by labor groups and leaders in the private sector concerned with economic development, because they know new jobs are her top priority.

QUALITY SCHOOLS — As a classroom teacher Ruth McFarland learned early that education is the key to our future. Ruth will fight to make state government help our schools.

CRISIS IN HEALTH CARE — Ruth McFarland knows state government must act now, to provide available and affordable health care.

CLEAN GOVERNMENT — Ruth McFarland wants tough new laws to keep dishonest politicians from office. Respect for government can only be earned by following the highest standards of ethics.

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FOR STATE SENATE

**The Common Sense Candidate
with the Courage to Lead**





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Ruth McFarland

Sunday, June 10, 2012

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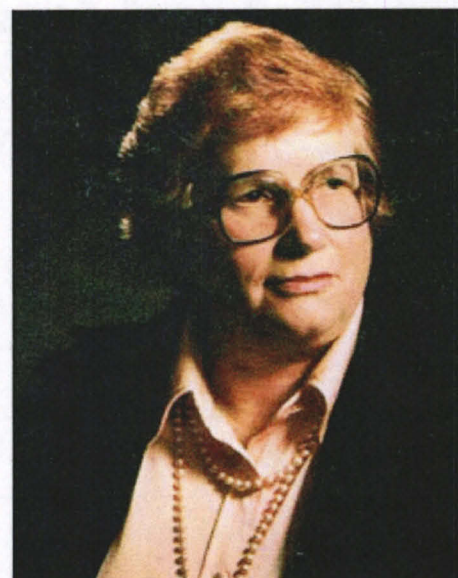
Former legislator Ruth McFarland dies at 86

Former Oregon state senator Ruth McFarland died Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in The Dalles, Ore., at the age of 86.

She served as senator from 1981 to 1984, and as a Portland Metro Councilor from 1989 to 1998.

She was a resident of Goldendale, Wash.

She was born June 10, 1925, in Alma, Okla., the fourth of five children to Albert and Dorothy (Patterson) McFarland. She was raised and educated in Fox, Okla., graduating from Fox High School in 1943. After graduation from high school she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" for Douglas Aircraft at a plant near Oklahoma City, building C-47 Skytrain cargo aircraft.



Ruth McFarland

After earning money, she enrolled at the University of Oklahoma in 1944. Her part-time jobs when her daughters were young included being a reporter/photographer for Yakima Herald and secretary for the Goldendale United Methodist Church.

She earned a bachelor's degree in botany from the University of Oklahoma in 1954, a bachelor's degree in education from Central Washington University in 1961, a master's degree in science education from the University of Oregon in 1966 and a PhD in genetics from the University of Oregon in 1971.

She taught science and math in The Dalles, Goldendale and Arlington, Ore., from 1961 to 1967 and then taught anatomy at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore., from 1971 to 1989.

In 1986 she was touring the Soviet Union with a group of U.S. women leaders when the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred. She was also a member of the Western Bigfoot Society.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Blanchard and her husband Lyle, Goldendale, Wash.; Nancy L. Blanchard, Goldendale; and Lee McFarland, Mercer Island, Wash.

Two grandchildren Holly Blanchard, Maryhill, Wash.; Amy Cottrille and her husband Scott, Sammamish, Wash. and three great-grandchildren Talia, Ian and Ronan Cottrille also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home, The Dalles.

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Metro Councilor, District 1
Presiding Officer

Ruth McFarland

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665-3263 (home)

Councilor McFarland has served on the Metro Council since 1989 and currently serves as the council's presiding officer. She represents District 1, which includes East Multnomah County, Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village.

Councilor McFarland previously served as chair of both the Council Solid Waste Committee and the Regional Facilities Committee. In addition to her current duties as the council's presiding officer, she has been particularly active in Metro issues related to solid waste, greenspaces, the Metro Washington Park Zoo and water resources.

Prior to being elected to the Metro Council, she served as an Oregon state senator from 1981 to 1985.

Councilor McFarland is a retired educator, having worked for 28 years as a high school and college science and biology teacher. Councilor McFarland has a bachelor's degree in science education from Central Washington State College, a second bachelor's degree in botany from the University of Oklahoma, a master's degree in science education from the University of Oregon, and a doctorate in genetics from the University of Oregon.

Councilor McFarland is a present or former member of a number of civic organizations, including: Kiwanis, Greater Gresham Chamber of Commerce, Portland Business and Professional Women, American Association of University Women, Oregon Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters.

She enjoys fishing and camping in her spare time.

Metro is the directly elected regional government that serves more than 1.2 million residents in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area.

Metro is responsible for growth management, transportation and land-use planning; solid waste management; operation of the Metro Washington Park Zoo; regional parks and greenspaces programs; and technical services to local governments. Through the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, Metro manages the Oregon Convention Center, Civic Stadium, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts and the Expo Center.

Metro is governed by an executive officer, elected regionwide, and a seven-member council, elected by districts. Metro also has an auditor, who is elected regionwide.

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Agenda

Meeting: **METRO COUNCIL**
Date: **August 8, 1989**
Day: **Tuesday**
Time: **5:00 p.m.**
Place: **Council Chamber**

*Note special date and time.

REVISED AGENDA

Item No. 8.4 has been added
to the agenda.

Approx.
Time*

Presented By

5:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 District 7 Citizens Advisory Committee

**2. CONSIDERATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE VACANT DISTRICT 7
COUNCIL POSITION**

A. Interviews of Candidates by the Council:

5:05	(1) Douglas Walters
5:25	(2) Charles Becker
5:45	(3) Robert Wiggin
6:05	(4) Max Talbot
6:25	(5) Wendell Tamburro
6:45	(6) J. Ruth McFarland
7:05	(7) James Walters
7:25	(8) Michael Weatherby

7:50
(45 min.) **B. Dinner Break in Room 440: Report from the Citizen
Advisory Committee on the District 7 Council Vacancy
(Open Session)**

8:35
(15 min.) **C. Selection of a Councilor for the District 7 Position
(Council Chamber)**

D. Resolution No. 89-1127, For the Purpose of Ragsdale
Appointing a Candidate to Fill the Vacant
District 7 Council Position (Action Requested:
Motion to Adopt the Resolution)

8:50 **3. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

(continued)

* All times listed on this agenda are approximate. Items may not be
considered in the exact order listed.

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IS A COMPLETE AND EXACT COPY OF THE
ORIGINAL THEREOF.

Rebecca V. Shoemaker, Archivist
Clerk of the Metro Council

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING
A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACANT
DISTRICT 7 COUNCIL POSITION

) RESOLUTION NO. 89-1127
) Introduced by the
) Presiding Officer

WHEREAS, A vacancy exists in the District 7 position on the
Council of the Metropolitan Service District; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 268 of the Oregon Revised Statutes requires
that a vacancy in office shall be filled by a majority of
remaining members of the Council; and

WHEREAS, The vacant District 7 Council position was
advertised and all applicants were interviewed by the Council and
the Citizens Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of Resolution No. 83-385 requiring
the appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee to review and
evaluate candidates and advise the Council were followed; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby
appoints J. Ruth McFarland to fill the vacant District 7 position
on the Council of the Metropolitan Service District for the
period of August 8, 1989, through January 7, 1991.

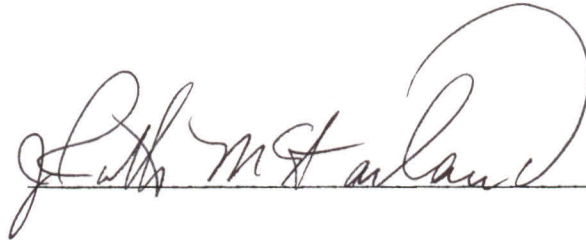
ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 8th day of August, 1989.

Mike Ragsdale
Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer

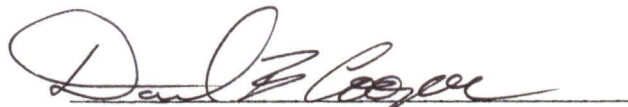
OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF OREGON)
) SS.
County of Multnomah)

I, J. Ruth McFarland,
do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of
the United States, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the
laws thereof, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of
Councilor of the Metropolitan Service District according to the best
of my ability, so help me God.



Subscribed and sworn before me this 8th day of
August, 19 89.

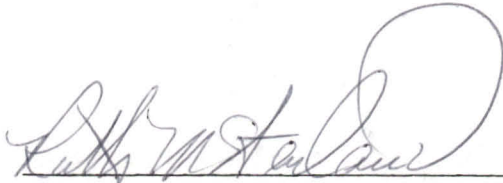

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires Dec. 8, 1989


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I, RUTH McFARLAND,
do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of
the United States, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the
laws thereof, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of
Councilor of the Metropolitan Service District according to the best
of my ability, so help me God.



Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of
January, 1991.



Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires 1-17-94