



TO: Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Emily Klepper, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: January 17, 2023

RE: Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) representative

Request:

Staff requests the Board select a Clackamas County representative for the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC). Applicants are: David Penilton and Renee King

MERC is a Metro committee made up of seven representatives from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, Metro and the city of Portland. MERC works to protect the public investment in three of Metro's visitor venues: Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center and Portland's Centers for the Arts. Commission members serve four-year terms.

Clackamas County's representative resigned effective December 1, 2022 and a recruitment was posted November 22 through January 5. Staff additionally did outreach to local chambers of commerce and the Clackamas Tourism Development Council to promote this opportunity.

Two letters of interest were received: **David Penilton and Renee King.**

Mr Penilton is co-owner of America's Hub World Tours and Oregon Tour Experts, LLC. He is the Chair of the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council. Additionally, Mr Penilton serves on the Oregon Tourism Council and the Willamette Falls Locks Authority. You have been provided his letter of interest and resume.

Ms King is a 20+ year resident of unincorporated Clackamas County. She is a Senior Communications Manager with Providence Health Services. She has served on the board of Clackamas County Arts Alliance, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Community Advisory Board and on the board of the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce. You have been provided her letter of interest with her background.

If approved by this Board, a letter will be sent to Metro with your choice and they will process the formal appointment.