

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Nominate Ray Leary to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission to fill a City of Portland position for a new term ending September 25, 2024 (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland is allocated two positions on the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC); Ray Leary currently represents the City of Portland on MERC, has served as a member of the commission since July 2004, and has expressed his interest in continuing his service when his term expires this September 2020. Mr. Leary is a Portland native who is the principal officer of the urban real estate development company ERL, L.L.C., the co-owner of the diversity training consulting firm Leary & Associates, and an active member of the community (see attached bio). His commitment to MERC projects including the First Opportunity Target Area (FOTA) program and the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Project indicate he is a qualified and capable representative for the city of Portland on MERC. The Mayor has reviewed Mr. Leary's experience and recommends that he be nominated for a new four-year term. Mr. Leary's nomination is subject to concurrence by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This resolution has no direct financial impact on the City. However, MERC oversees the operation of the Portland's Centers for the Arts, the facilities of which are owned by the City of Portland, under an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Metro. The annual budget and long-term financial health of the Portland's is largely controlled by MERC.

The financial health of all large venues, including those overseen by MERC, has been dramatically impacted by the coronavirus crisis and mandatory ban on all large gatherings. Mr. Leary, with his many years of experience, will be an invaluable member on the commission as they provide oversight during this extremely challenging time.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This resolution does not have direct or specific community impacts and no public input was sought in recommending Mr. Leary be reappointed. However, Mr. Leary has the professional qualifications and experience necessary to continue to assist in overseeing the City's interest in these functions as a voting member of MERC.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

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