

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Nominate Damien Hall to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission to fill a City of Portland position and clarify the City's nomination process. (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); one position became open in May 2015 when Chris Erickson resigned. The Mayor has identified Damien Hall as a well-qualified candidate to fill the remainder of the four-year term, which ends on December 31, 2018, and recommends the City Council approve his nomination. Mr. Hall is an associate attorney with the Ball Janik law firm specializing in land use, real estate and municipal law (see attached). Mr. Hall, a Portland resident, meets the residency requirements for this position, and is willing to serve on MERC. Mr. Hall's nomination is subject to concurrence by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council. Because the Council's process for nominations to MERC has historically been accomplished through various means, the resolution also clarifies that for future nominations to MERC, the Mayor will be responsible for identifying qualified individuals, making a recommendation on the nomination to the Council and that the Council will act on the nomination by resolution.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This resolution has no direct financial impact on the City. However, MERC operates 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 Spectator Venues Program in the Office of Management and Finance serves as the City's liaison to MERC and provides support to the City's MERC representatives.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This resolution does not have direct or specific community impacts and no public input was sought in identifying Mr. Hall as the recommended nominee. However, the Portland's facilities are regionally significant in creating cultural identity, support the vitality of performing arts, and produce economic benefits for the community. Mr. Hall has the professional qualifications and experience necessary 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

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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Damien R. Hall is an associate in Ball Janik LLP's Land Use and Real Estate practice groups. Mr. Hall has worked for several years representing both property owners and local governments, helping them navigate Oregon's unique land use requirements and political sensitivities to controlled growth and land development. Mr. Hall's approach is based on working collaboratively with developers, local government, and communities to establish common objectives and allow clients to achieve their development goals. His background is in urban planning and development, and in addition to his land use practice, he regularly assists clients with real estate transactions, natural resources law, municipal law, and formation and organization of business entities. Mr. Hall is a member of the National Black Lawyers Top 100.

Mr. Hall is actively involved in development issues in Portland. He is on the Board of Commissioners for Home Forward and the Board of Directors for Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI). Mr. Hall is a member of the Portland Development Commission's (PDC) Central City Budget Advisory Committee, and formerly served on the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area Advisory Committee, as a committee member from 2007 through 2010, and as Chairperson from 2010 through 2013. He has been a member of the Young Leaders group of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Oregon and SW Washington since 2008. Further, he is a member of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), and is on its Developing Leaders Committee. Mr. Hall participated in the PDC's NANE Economic Development Initiative Advisory Committee from 2010-2011 and in the City of Portland's North/Northeast Quadrant of I-5 Broadway/Weldler Stakeholder Advisory Committee from 2011-2012.

practice areas

Land Use
Real Estate

education

J.D., 2008
Northwestern School of Law of
Lewis & Clark College

B.S., Public Policy, Planning
and Management, 2005
University of Southern California

admissions

California
Oregon
Washington

honors

2015 Runner-Up, *Portland
Business Journal's* "Forty Under
40"

2015 National Black Lawyers
Top 100

"Up and Coming Lawyer,"
Daily Journal of Commerce,
2011

news

Damien Hall Appointed to Home
Forward Board of
Commissioners
06/16/2015

Ball Janik Attorneys Recognized
by Portland Business Journal;
Jim Prichard Named Forty
Under 40
02/23/2015

Damien Hall Appointed to
CareOregon Board of Directors
02/06/2015

Briefly Stated October 2014
10/28/2014

Briefly Stated Publications

Ball Janik LLP Receives
Recognition as Top Ranked
Firm by Chambers USA 2014
05/29/2014

In addition to his active professional engagements, Mr. Hall is dedicated to the community. He was appointed in November 2014 to the Board of Directors for CareOregon, a nonprofit providing health plan services to four Coordinated Care Organizations, serving about 250,000 Oregonians. CareOregon's vision is healthy communities for all individuals, regardless of income or social circumstances. Additionally, Mr. Hall serves as a Board Member of Groundwork Portland, and he represented "Verde – Let Us Build Cully Park!" as *pro bono* counsel.

Briefly Stated May 2014
05/05/2014

PCRI Welcomes Damien Hall to
Its Board
11/11/2013

Briefly Stated December 2013
12/16/2013

Ball Janik LLP Welcomes
Damien Hall to Portland Office
10/16/2013

Ball Janik LLP Top Ranked Firm
by Chambers USA 2013
05/23/2013

events

Ball Janik's 2014 Real Estate
and Land Use Breakfast
Seminar
03/12/2014
Portland, Oregon

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