

**NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER
QUESTIONNAIRE –METRO PRESIDENT**

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 600 businesses, representing more than 26,500 employees, located in the Clackamas County and Metro area. We may be considering endorsing in your current race, and need to know more about your beliefs to assist us in making our recommendations. Please complete the following questionnaire and return promptly.

Responses to these questions may be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Events at which you will be invited to speak. Questions at the issues event may include any of the following.

Responses to this questionnaire will also be posted on the Chamber's website, www.yourchamber.com.

Please return this by email to ceo@yourchamber.com before Monday, March 1, 2010.

Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.

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Office Sought Metro Council President

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- 1.) What do you believe are the most significant problems Metro is dealing with that affects business and communities in general today?
Like the rest of the country, we are facing massive changes in the economy as well as demographic changes that will affect employment and housing demand in unpredictable ways. In addition, local governments are fiscally challenged and we must continue to invest heavily in our intellectual assets – recruiting the nations top educational research centers to the region. Metro's role as a regional resource and mechanism to pool government and private efforts will be both necessary as well as challenged by these huge issues.
- 2.) What are the solutions to the above problems and how would electing you help achieve the solutions?
Responding to these problems requires innovation, flexibility, and combined efforts of public and private parties. Metro's new role of convener and leader in collaborative problem solving is essential to addressing the uncertainty and rapid changes the region faces. My record of leading successful collaborations including a major update of the Regional Transportation Plan, creating funding for outdoor school and launching the Climate Prosperity Project demonstrate the skills and relationships necessary to lead the region towards success. Additionally, we need a leader who can break through the noise and market Oregon's greatest assets to recruit the talent and investments we need to grow our businesses.
- 3.) What would you propose to do differently at Metro if you were elected Metro President; or, is there a need to conduct any part of the agency or its business differently?
Metro is the best run and most fiscally sound agency in the state, as corroborated by our top bond rating and excellent outside financial audits. During my incumbency, I have worked hard to achieve this condition. In addition, I have pushed relentlessly for continual improvement and innovation. Metro is nationally recognized for its innovative planning and services, including our

recycling and waste reduction, the regional High Capacity Transit plan, our conservation education work, the sustainability programs at the Oregon Convention Center and the wildlife programs at the Oregon Zoo.

- 4.) Can you give an example of a way in which you have supported a business/community position in the past?

I am the only candidate who has shown strong leadership to move the CRC forward. I served as one of 39 members of the CRC Task Force. I have always spoken out in favor of a sustainable and affordable solution.

Even when other leaders were silent, I felt it my responsibility to continue to advocate for this important project. I succeeded in getting approval from the Metro Council as well as the Portland City Council, despite the efforts of a very vocal minority to stop the project.

- 5.) List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.

a. My strong fiscal record resulting in Metro having the best bond rating in the state, and exemplary return for the taxpayers' dollar.

b. My proven ability to bring all interests together to resolve problems as demonstrated by my broad and diverse list of endorsers. Through this leadership I have helped deliver results for the region from Clackamas to Wilsonville to Hillsboro.

c. My record of innovation and openness has secured funding for outdoor school, shared resources with the homebuilders to support smart growth, and provided financial resources to local jurisdictions.

- 6.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

Age: 53

Elected Positions: Metro Councilor, District 5. 2001-present.

Years in State/region/County/district: 29

Community Involvement:

Please see attached Bio, Environmental Accomplishments and Business Fact Sheet

Founder and Leader, Cloudburst Recycling, Portland Car-Share Co-op, Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium and Coalition for a Livable Future;

Board member, NE Community School, Eliot Energy House, Irvington Neighborhood Association, Coalition for a Livable Future, and others;

Volunteer, in schools, farmers markets, Community Cycling Center, Friends of Trees, Outdoor School, Parks and Openspace 2006 Bond Measure;

Member, Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Chair for 4 years) (ODOT), Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (Metro), City of Portland Budget Advisory Committee. Good neighbor, father and friend.