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Portland Business Alliance releases Metro Council candidate questionnaire responses
Chamber's questionnaires reveal candidates' positions on job creation, economic development issues

Portland, Ore. – Today, the Portland Business Alliance's latest round of candidate questionnaires were published online, revealing how candidates for Metro Council approach important issues that affect the overall economic health of the region. The Alliance is issuing candidate questionnaires to inform its endorsement process and provide a resource for voters.

"The role of Metro Council is critical to how our region grows and prospers, which is why we are taking a close look at the candidates' priorities and positions," said Sandra McDonough, President and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance. "Our goal is to give our members and voters a better idea of where the candidates come down on the issues that impact our region's health - transportation, infrastructure investments and land availability."

For more than a year, the Alliance has maintained a sharp focus on private-sector job creation and retention through its Value of Jobs campaign. These questionnaires are part of that effort to demonstrate the connection between private-sector jobs and a healthy region begins with quality public services. The Value of Jobs campaign includes a series of studies about how the region's economy is faring, a public policy action plan for increasing jobs and communications to the region's residents about the value of jobs. More information about the campaign can be found at www.valueofjobs.com.

To date, the Alliance has released candidate questionnaires and responses from Portland City Council, Portland mayoral candidates, the candidate for District Attorney and now Metro Council. Another round of questionnaires will include responses from Multnomah County Commission candidates.

The candidate questionnaires can be found on the Alliance's Value of Jobs website:
http://www.valueofjobs.com/candidate_ques/cq_metro_council.html

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About the Alliance

The Portland Business Alliance is Greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce, with nearly 1,200 businesses in the region. The Portland Business Alliance's mission is to promote and foster an environment in the Portland region that attracts, supports and retains private sector jobs, spurs economic vitality and enables quality educational opportunities for the region's residents. Visit www.portlandalliance.com for more information.