

RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY WAI

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON HONORING KATHY WAI FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE TRIMET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and its Board of Directors wish to honor and celebrate Kathy Wai for her dedicated, insightful, and steadfast service on the Board; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wai was appointed to the Board of Directors on May 25, 2018, representing Clackamas County with distinction, integrity, and deep commitment to the people she served in TriMet District 7; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Kathy Wai made history as the youngest person and the first individual of Asian descent to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the TriMet Board, a milestone that advanced representation and inspired emerging generations of civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Secretary/Treasurer in 2023, Kathy Wai championed transparency, fiscal responsibility, accountability, and community-oriented budgeting, ensuring that TriMet's resources were aligned with its mission and values; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wai served on TriMet's Transit Equity Advisory Committee, where she amplified the voices of transit-dependent riders, advocating for accessibility and inclusion, and promoting the principle that every decision should reflect the lived experiences of those who rely most on transit; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the TriMet Board, Kathy Wai helped guide the agency through unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, supported major capital projects such as the Division Transit Project and the 82nd Avenue Transit Corridor, and strengthened TriMet's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wai's courage to speak truth, ask hard questions, and elevate equity enriched the quality of Board deliberations and strengthened TriMet's commitment to accountability and public trust. She leaves a legacy of vision, integrity, and compassion, marking her as a respected voice for community and a champion for inclusive transit for all;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TriMet Board of Directors and the TriMet staff hereby express their deepest gratitude, admiration, and appreciation to Kathy Wai for her exemplary service and lasting contributions to the TriMet community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a framed copy of this Resolution be presented to Kathy Wai as an expression of the Board's respect, appreciation, and esteem for her outstanding leadership and dedication.



Dr. LaVerne Lewis

President, Board of Directors