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**David
Bragdon**
for Metro Council
President 2002

25 June 2001

Dear Ernie —

You've been through more iterations of Metro and planning organizations than anyone I know (from the east bank to Dubai) so I don't need to explain the latest reorganization of Metro to you. We have created a regionally-elected at large position on the Council and I am running for it.

Since running regionwide is a big deal I am starting this summer and would like to start with endorsement from as many illustrious former Metro Councilors as possible. I've admired your lead for a long time and I know your name carries a lot of respect, for example on your historical web site about planning in the 1970s, so I sure would appreciate your support again. I love working to make Metro fulfill the potential that you created, so I hope to have your help. Thanks

David

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Behind the taxi wheel or behind the gavel: 1998 – 2001:

Bragdon isn't concerned that driving a cab might denigrate the prestige of a Metro Councilor. "There may be cab drivers who think I denigrate the prestige of cab driving," he said.

The Oregonian, May 24, 1999 (Gregory Nokes, p. E1)

As a first-year Councilor in 1999 and Presiding Officer in 2000 and 2001, David Bragdon has successfully worked to:

- Restore credibility and civility to regional government – by leading a Metro that is respected, and respectful, again.
- Manage a land use planning system that is open, fair, and focused on livability – rather than on constantly pushing the urban growth boundary.
- Directed transportation investments to serve communities instead of sprawl.

Park and Bragdon have been widely applauded for their leadership of the seven member Metro Council during 2000, helping curb internal feuding and the policy missteps that eroded the credibility of several previous councils. "The leadership of those two has been quite inclusive and open," said Lisa Naito, a Multnomah County Commissioner....."David has been very, very upfront and willing to work with people."

The Oregonian, December 27, 2000 (Gregory Nokes, p.B1)

The Real Work Is Ahead: 2002-2006

With the foundation of the past three years and a new administrative structure ahead, Metro is positioned to finally fulfill its potential. These are the priorities that David Bragdon would work on in a second term:

- Redeeming the promise of a regional parks and greenspaces network, including trails, open spaces, and stream corridors.
- Building the 2040 vision for thriving, vital communities – because in Oregon we should once again believe the future is ours to shape.
- Making transportation investments that respect the way we live, as well as the way we get around.