

To: Chair Wagner and members of the Senate Rules Committee

From: Deborah Schallert

Date: September 19, 2022

RE: Nomination to the Trust for Cultural Development Board

Good afternoon,

My name is Deborah Schallert. I am from Portland, Oregon. I am honored to be nominated by Governor Brown to serve as a member for the Trust for Cultural Development Board. I apologize for being unable to attend the hearing, as I will be in flight back to Portland, from London. Thank you for waiving my appearance.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to serve the citizens of Oregon again. I served for eight years on the State Advisory Committee for Historic Preservation, several as Chair. Beyond that experience, I served on the Oregon Downtown Development Association, and other non-profit boards. However, this nomination is especially important to me as the Trust is built from citizen contributions and funds statewide projects that strengthen communities across the state.

In my professional career, I worked for 14 years for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, in both the field and administration. I was the first participant in a year-long state employee exchange with Oregon's sister state, Toyama Prefecture, Japan. I served 20 years at Portland General Electric, managing recreation and cultural/historic resources, including tribal consultation. I retired from PGE in 2015.

Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to work and live in all regions of the state. I appreciate and support its growing diversity. The Trust for Cultural Development provides Oregonians a way to express their unique cultures and for cultural initiatives to thrive.

I hope this statement provides you the information you need to consider my nomination. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have about my background and my qualifications for this position. I will return from my travels very late on September 21.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Respectfully,
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