

**Statement from Metro Council President Tom Hughes regarding Metro's Motion for Summary Judgment filed on Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

The Oregon Convention Center hotel will bring thousands of new jobs to our region and strengthen our state's economy.

A small but well-funded group of opponents has fought relentlessly to obstruct and delay this project, despite the unique partnership we have developed with private sector partners to infuse hundreds of millions of dollars into our local economy and revitalize the city's east side.

Last April, Metro took action to put a stop to these costly lawsuits and delay tactics by requesting the court to validate the actions we've taken to date. We remain committed in our convictions that Metro's Charter, code and state law provides Metro the broad legal authority to pursue the Oregon Convention Center hotel. We look forward to a swift resolution of this lawsuit.

A copy of Metro's Motion for Summary Judgment filed today can be found at:  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/hotel](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/hotel).