

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

### **Metro and AFSCME Local 3580 Recalling for Short Term Work at Expo**

This is a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between Metro (“Employer”) and AFSCME Local 3580 (“Union”) in regard to recalling of AFSCME members at the Expo to staff intermittent event work.

#### RECITALS

- A. The Employer and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.
- B. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and March 8, 2020 Executive Order No. 20-03, in which Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a statewide emergency, has resulted in unforeseen impacts on Metro’s finances and workforce;
- C. Events and programming at the Portland Expo Center are predicted to be intermittent while the region recovers from the economic impacts of the pandemic.
- D. The parties share a mutual interest to support the Employer’s fiscal health as well as employee well-being during these uncertain times;
- E. The parties hereby agree to the following arrangement regarding recalling employees and employees’ ability to decline shifts; and
- F. For purposes of this agreement, “event work” refers to those shifts offered and occurring or otherwise available beginning Sept. 1, 2021, in support of any event work at the Expo facility. Shifts are considered short-term in duration and hours and shifts each work week may vary. Positions under this agreement are not regular status or full-time.

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- 1. Employer shall recall persons into these positions using seniority outlined in Article 16 as the order in which to contact recall list employees and offer work.
- 2. Due to the short term and variable hour nature of the work under this Agreement, this work is not considered a recall to a regular status position and recall list employees may choose to decline these shifts. Those persons who decline work will retain their seniority and Employer will present the opportunity to the next most senior person on the recall list. Employer may use this process for each new work opportunity that requires additional staff before needing to present work opportunities again to the most senior person on the recall list through January 31, 2022. Employees who choose to decline shifts will not have their rights under Article 16.7 or 16.8 impacted, and will retain their rights to recall under the existing CBA from their layoff date in

April of 2020. Subsequently, positions under this agreement are not eligible for 30 day notification of termination outlined in Section 16.6 of the CBA.

3. Unless provided an event start and end date in writing for which hours will be scheduled for each event or activity, employees under this Agreement will have a written, 14-day paid notification of termination and the Union provided a copy of the notification. Schedule for the 14-day notification period shall be determined by taking an average of each prior, 7-day work week completed from the 8 weeks prior to notification.
4. Using the current CBA published pay schedule, employees shall be placed at the pay rate highest and closest to their pay rate at time of layoff in April 2020 plus one step increase.
5. Any shift differentials, premium and report pay under Article 6: Hours and Shifts and Article 8, Section 2: Holiday Pay, shall apply.
6. Employees shall have all rights under Article 17. Discipline and Discharge.
7. Employees will be provided two (2) sets of uniforms including shirts and pants and any other clothing such as sweatshirts, coats and rain gear necessary for performing duties indoors and outdoors will be provided as needed. Uniforms provided will be returned upon completion of the assignment.
8. Employees who are expected to work during the COVID-19 pandemic will receive proper personal protective equipment. Supervisors will check in with workers to ensure their safety concerns are being addressed in a timely manner. Employer is striving to give added emphasis to worker safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Employees who perform work under this agreement will be considered eligible for TriMet transit benefit or free parking in Expo lots as long as it is offered to all Expo staff. Should Expo reinstate parking fees, all staff, including employees performing work under this agreement, will pay for parking in Expo lots.
10. Employer shall provide AFSCME a monthly report of any current, scheduled or planned activities in which employees are offered work that includes event start and end dates they are each provided for scheduling purposes. As much as feasible, event information shall be provided no later than one week prior to the first scheduled shift for event work including any preparation or set-up activities.
11. This Letter of Agreement is not precedent setting for any interpretation of the collective bargaining agreement, Metro's personnel policies, any other letter of agreement, or any past practice. The Agreement will not be cited or used in any subsequent grievance, negotiation, or in any other forum except to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

12. This Agreement will be effective upon the final signature of both parties through Jan. 31, 2022.



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08/30/2021  
Date

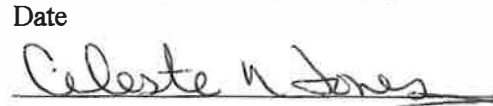


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