



**Metro Councilor
Tanya Collier
Special Collection
Finding Aid**



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Summary Information

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Abstract	Metro Councilor Tanya Collier Collection represents the work and accomplishments of Tanya Collier during her tenure on the Metro Council as the elected representative of District 9, which encompassed southeast Portland, including the Sunnyside, Mt. Tabor, Laurelhurst (the southeast section), Montavilla, Foster-Powell, and Lents neighborhoods.

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Introduction: Biography of Metro Councilor Tanya Collier Collection

Tanya Collier was born in Tulare, California in 1946, and moved to Portland, Oregon with her family in 1950, where she attended several public grade schools, including West Gresham, Lane, Kelly, Binnsmead, and Kellogg, before enrolling in St. Anthony's Catholic School. She graduated from John Marshall High School in southeast Portland and went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree in Political Science at Clackamas Community College in 1973. In 1975, Collier earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Portland State University (PSU) and received a Master of Public Administration degree from PSU in 1979.

Collier's path to elected office was marked by both professional and voluntary activities in the public and non-profit sectors. Over a ten-year period, she gained valuable experience in public policy development through her work as executive director of Multnomah County Children's Commission (1976-1978); as staff assistant to Multnomah County Commissioner Barbara Roberts (1978); as special project manager at the City of Portland's Bureau of Budget and Management (1980); and as assistant director and later, director of Multnomah County's Department of Intergovernmental Relations and Community Affairs (1980-1983).

In October 1983, Collier was hired as the general manager of Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) – a non-profit corporation charged with implementing the private sector goals of the City of Portland's Energy policy. In March 1985, she applied her skills in group negotiation to her position as labor representative with the Oregon Nurses Association – a position she retained while holding elected office at Metro. In addition, Collier shared her knowledge, experience, and unique perspective as a political activist with students while teaching courses in intergovernmental relations and public management as an adjunct professor in the School of Public Administration at Portland State University (1982-1984).

In addition to her professional work, Collier immersed herself in a wide variety of civic activities, including membership in the Oregon Women's Political Caucus (1976-1987); Multnomah County Community Action Agency (1977-1980); the Joint City-County 911 Emergency Service Task Force (1979-1980); the Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators, National Association of Counties (1981-1983); the Multnomah County Charter Review Commission (1983-84); the Metropolitan Citizens League (1983-1984); and the Portland State University Foundation (1984-1985). [See Collier's *Metro Elected Officials: Public Service Profile* for additional information about her civic activities]

After two unsuccessful bids to secure a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1978 and 1980, Collier's goal of seeking political office was realized in July 1986 when she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Metro Council (District 9) – a vacancy created by the resignation of Hardy Myers in June of that year. She was subsequently elected to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Myers in November 1986, and successfully ran for re-election in 1988. During her tenure on the Metro Council, Collier was elected presiding officer (1990 and 1991) and served on a wide array of internal and external committees. Some of the highpoints of her service on the Metro Council included the opening of the Oregon Convention Center (September 1990); the establishment of the Metropolitan-Exposition Recreation Commission (to manage the convention, performing arts and EXPO facilities); the modernization of the Metro Washington Park Zoo (later the Oregon Zoo); the establishment of an innovative curbside recycling program; the closure of the 50-year-old St. Johns Landfill (1992) and the creation of a neighborhood mitigation program; the siting of a new regional landfill in Arlington, Oregon to effectively manage the region's solid waste; the implementation of

the Household Hazardous Waste program; the development and implementation of the Metro Council's Performance Audit program; the preparation and adoption of the Regional Growth Management Goals and Objectives or RUGGO's (which are the foundation of Metro's Regional Framework Plan); and initiating the process to transfer Multnomah County parks and pioneer cemeteries to Metro (creating the cornerstone of Metro's parks and natural areas program).

On January 3, 1993, Tanya Collier left Metro following her election to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners (District 3) in November 1992 – a position she held until 1997. In 1998, Collier ran for Portland City Council but was defeated by Dan Saltzman in a close race.

After leaving elected office, Collier returned to Metro to work in labor relations (1999 to 2000), and eventually as Human Resources director of the Metropolitan-Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) - a position she held until her retirement in June 2005.

As a private citizen, Collier focused her time and energy on family activities and creative pursuits such as photography, writing, quilting, needlepoint and sewing. However, she remained engaged in civic affairs and issues related to human rights and regionalism. In addition to her career in the public sector, and her many contributions to civic life, Collier's abiding belief in social progress fostered a life-long commitment to achieving equal rights for women by increasing the number of women serving in elective office. Along with other women of her generation, she was on the forefront of a movement to recruit and mentor women seeking political office and served as a role model to those who followed in her footsteps.

Tanya Collier passed away after struggling with a debilitating neurological illness on August 21, 2015. She was 68 years old. Collier was survived by her husband, two children and five grandchildren.

Chronology of Tanya Collier's Metro Council Service

- 1988**
- Vice Chair, Planning and Development Committee
 - Chair, Finance Committee
 - Member, Intergovernmental Relations Committee
 - Member, Internal Affairs Committee
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- 1989**
- Member, Finance Committee
 - Member, Internal Affairs Committee
 - Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Committee
 - Vice Chair, Legislative Task Force, ORCA
 - Member, Oregon Regional Councils Association
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- 1990**
- Metro Council Presiding Officer
 - Member, Solid Waste Committee
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- 1991**
- Metro Council Presiding Officer
 - Member, Governmental Affairs Committee
 - Member, Legislative Task Force
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- 1992**
- Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee
 - Vice Chair, Regional Facilities Committee
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Summary Collection Description

The Councilor Tanya Collier Collection documents the activities of a dedicated public servant. Although Tanya Collier's many achievements in her seven years as a Metro councilor are recorded officially in committee and council minutes (see "Related Records"), this collection offers an opportunity to understand the depth of consultation, research and preparation involved in crafting policy for the Metro region. Additionally, many notes and letters express Collier's professional relationships with constituents, colleagues, and members of staff. The collection comprises originals, photocopies, and computer printouts of correspondence (e.g., letters, emails, voicemail transcriptions, telephone messages, faxes, and postcards) by and between Metro Councilor Tanya Collier, other Metro councilors and Metro staff, and members of the public and or/their representatives. The material covers the seven-year period of Collier's tenure as Metro councilor for District 9, which encompassed southeast Portland, including the Sunnyside, Mt. Tabor, Laurelhurst (the southeast section), Montavilla, Foster-Powell, and Lents neighborhoods. The materials were placed in file folders under subject headings, in the following order:

- Professional Profile Materials
- Background Information
- General Correspondence
- Finance and Management Information
- Solid Waste
- Metro Transfer Stations
- Metro Center Relocation Task Force
- Metro Headquarters Building
- Trailblazer Arena Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Washington Park Zoo
- Whitaker Ponds Project
- Water
- Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOs)
- Urban Growth Management Plan
- TriMet Merger Study
- Tax Memo File
- STRAP (acronym not identified)
- Oregon Senate Bill 299

These headings have been retained as series titles and original order has been maintained. Within each folder materials are arranged in chronological order with the earliest date on top. Access points to the contents of each folder are provided: keywords, titles, names, and ordinance and/or resolution numbers. A glossary of acronyms and a list of Library of Congress Subject Headings are included as appendices.

The *Metro Councilor Tanya Collier Collection Finding Aid* is available for review in both hard copy and electronic format. For further information, contact the Metro Records and Information Management program at records@oregonmetro.gov.

Box Numbers and Descriptions

Below is a general list of numbers and descriptions for the box in which the Metro Councilor Tanya Collier Collection is contained.

<i>Box Nbr</i>	<i>Box Description</i>
COUNC0465	Metro Council: Individual Councilor Records -- Councilor Biographies, Newsletters, Oaths of Office, Oral Histories, Photos, Presentations, Speeches – Metro Councilor Tanya Collier, District 9 – Professional Archive

Collection Divisions

Collection Division 1: Professional Profile and Background Materials

This collection division consists of professional and background information about Councilor Tanya Collier collected during her tenure on the Metro Council, along with materials related to her professional work and activities of interest.

<i>Box/Folder Nbr</i>	<i>Folder Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>
COUNC0465 / 1	Metro Councilor Tanya Collier, District 9 – Professional Profile Materials. Documents include Councilor Collier’s <i>Public Service Profile</i> ; oral history transcript, <i>Interview Release Form</i> , and interview recordings (audio cassettes); Tanya Collier’s resume; Oaths of Office (1986-1989); Councilor Collier’s official photographs – two 5x7; one 8x10; all black and white	07/10/1986 to 11/02/2007; undated
COUNC0465 / 2	Metro Councilor Tanya Collier, District 9 – Background information. Documents include Councilor Collier’s application for appointment to the District 9 vacancy; Metro Council Evaluation of District 9 Candidates; re-election materials; articles written by Councilor Collier - <i>Making Policy for People</i> (Oregon’s Future, Spring 1997); <i>Metro Home Rule Charter Update</i> (undated); <i>Walk of Heroines</i> (undated); Report – <i>A Report from Metro’s Presiding Officer</i> (July 1991)	06/19/1986 to 04/01/1997; undated

Collection Division 2: General Correspondence

This collection division consists of correspondence produced or received by Councilor Tanya during her tenure on the Metro Council.

<i>Box/Folder Nbr</i>	<i>Folder Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>
COUNC0465 / 3	Metro Councilor Tanya Collier, District 9 – General Correspondence	08/05/1987 to 04/14/1995; undated

Collection Division 3: Subject Files

This collection division consists of subject files containing a wide variety of documents created or received by Councilor Tanya during her tenure on the Metro Council. The records touch upon an array of subjects such as the internal operations, solid waste planning, the Washington Park Zoo, parks and natural areas, and water and land use planning.

<i>Box/Folder Nbr</i>	<i>Folder Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>
COUNC0465 / 4	Finance and Management Information Documents include Memo - Five-Year Financial Plan Schedule and Historical Information; Report - <i>Financial Analysis of Regional Facilities</i> (Metro Finance and Management Information Department, October 1991); Memo - Excise Taxes and User Fees on Out-of-District Solid Waste; Quarterly Financial Reports of Metro departments.	08/29/1991 to 12/05/1991; undated
COUNC0465 / 5	Solid Waste Documents include memoranda re: Metro Solid Waste Rate Review Committee and Metro's In-House Waste Reduction and Recycling Program; correspondence related to Riedel Compost Facility.	08/20/1991 to 12/05/1991
COUNC0465 / 6	Metro Transfer Stations Documents include letters and memoranda regarding Riedel Waste Disposal System and Wastech to build, own, and operate the Metro East Metro Transfer and Recycling Center, proposed solid waste facilities in Washington County, Regional Solid Waste Plan Requirements, and Tax-Exempt Financing Options for Transfer Stations; Metro legislation related to the Washington County Solid Waste System; Report - <i>Washington County Solid Waste Generation Estimates</i>	09/16/1988 to 12/04/1990; undated
COUNC0465 / 7	Metro Center Relocation Task Force Documents include memoranda regarding current space requirements at Metro's headquarters (2000 SW First Avenue); Metro Center Relocation Task Force objectives and criteria; Report - <i>Metro Tour of Sears Building/Lloyd District</i> ; correspondence and memoranda regarding Sears building acquisition and financing.	12/11/1989 to 11/27/1990; undated
COUNC0465 / 8	Metro Headquarters Building Documents include memoranda regarding Metro Council resolutions relating to the Sears building purchase agreement; Report - <i>Financial Analysis of Headquarters Building Purchase and Renovation</i> ; general correspondence.	07/01/1991 to 11/21/1991; undated
COUNC0465 / 9	Trailblazer Arena Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Documents include Report - <i>Proposed Arena Memorandum of Understanding</i>	09/04/1991 to 10/29/1991; undated

COUNC0465 /10	Washington Park Zoo Documents include memoranda related to capital projects at the Metro Washington Park Zoo; news article – <i>Animal House: Sherry Sheng has invigorated the Metro Washington Park Zoo. So why is she its least popular attraction?</i>	10/13/1994 to 09/07/1995
COUNC0465 /11	Whitaker Ponds Project Documents include Report - <i>Draft Whitaker Ponds Concept Master Plan</i>	02/21/1995 to 05/01/1995
COUNC0465 /12	Water Documents include correspondence and testimony related to regional water supply; Staff Report – <i>Informational Briefing on Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan and Adoption Process</i> ; Report - <i>Executive Summary – Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan for the Portland Metropolitan Area</i> ; Newsletter – <i>Regional Water News</i> .	08/31/1995 to 10/26/1995
COUNC0465 /13	Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOs) Documents include memoranda and correspondence related to the adoption of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives; Document – <i>What is RUGGO?</i> ; Document - <i>Urban Growth Management Plan Policy Advisory Committee – Revised Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives</i> ; Report – <i>Urban Growth Management Study Summary Report</i> ; Report – <i>Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives</i> .	07/11/1991 to 09/26/1991; undated
COUNC0465 /14	Urban Growth Management Plan Documents include memoranda related to the Urban Growth Management Plan; meeting materials related to the Urban Growth Management Plan.	05/10/1991 to 06/18/1991
COUNC0465 /15	Tri-Met Merger Study Includes memorandum related to the Tri-Met/Metro merger.	11/07/1991
COUNC0465 /16	Tax Memo File Documents include correspondence and memoranda related to Metro’s participation in tax coordination planning meetings held by Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties.	11/19/1991 to 11/20/1991
COUNC0465 /17	STRAP [Acronym not identified] Documents include memoranda related to STRAP project costs.	10/09/1991 to 11/04/1991
COUNC0465 /18	Oregon Senate Bill 299 Documents include proposed amendments to Oregon Senate Bill 299 related to Metro elections and governing proceedings.	Undated

Appendix A: Glossary of Acronyms

The following lists acronyms that appear in the Metro Councilor Tanya Collier Collection with the corresponding terms:

ACG	Association of Cooperative Governments
ACM	Asbestos Containing Materials
AFSCME	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
ASR	Aquifer Storage and Recovery
ASCH	Arlene Schnitzer Hall
BES	Bureau of Environmental Services
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
BRWMU	Bull Run Watershed Management Unit
CA	Civic Auditorium
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COP	Certificate of Participation
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CRAG	Columbia Region Association of Governments
CSOs	Combined Sewer Overflows
CSWC	Council Solid Waste Committee
CTRC	(Metro) Central Transfer and Recycling Center
CTS	Convention, Trade and Spectator Facility
CWFF	Columbia Willamette Futures Forum
DEQ	(Oregon) Department of Environmental Quality
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ERA	Equal Rights Amendment
ESB	Emerging Small Business
ETRC	(Metro) East Transfer and Recycling Center
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FOZ	Friends of the Metro Washington Park Zoo
FTE	Full Time Employee
GAC	Granular Activated Carbon
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
IAB	Investment Advisory Board
IFIM	Instream Flow Incremental Methodology
IRP	Integrated Resource Planning
JPACT	Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation
JWC	Joint Water Commission
LCDC	Land Conservation and Development Commission
LID	Local Improvement District
MCCAA	Multnomah County Community Action Agency
MERC	Metropolitan Exposition - Recreation Commission
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
MG PAC	Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSD	Metropolitan Service District
MSTIP	Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program

MPAC	Metro Policy Advisory Committee
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTAC	Metro Technical Advisory Committee
NACO	National Association of Counties
NBA	National Basketball Association
NTB	New Theater Building
NOW	National Organization of Women
OAC	Oregon Arena Corporation
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rule
OCC	Oregon Convention Center
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OHSU	Oregon Health Sciences University
ONA	Oregon Nurses Association
ORCA	Oregon Regional Councils Association
ORS	Oregon Revised Statutes
OSPIRG	Oregon State Public Interest Research Group
OWPC	Oregon Women's Political Caucus
PCPA	Portland Center for the Performing Arts
PDC	Portland Development Commission
PDI	Pacific Development, Inc.
PECI	Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.
PERS	Public Employee Retirement System
PFP	Public Facility Plan
PI&I	Public Information and Involvement
POVA	Portland/Oregon Visitors Association
RFP	Request for Proposals
RPAC	Regional Policy Advisory Committee
RPAG	Regional Providers Advisory Group
RSWMP	Regional Solid Waste Management Plan
RTE	Rare, Threatened or Endangered (species)
RUGGOs	Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives
RWSP	Regional Water Supply Plan
RWSPS	Regional Water Supply Plan Study
SIP	State Implementation Plan
TBI	Trail Blazers Inc.
TCH	Thomson-Vaivoda Architects/Cole/Hoffman Construction
TPL	Trust for Public Land
TVWD	Tualatin Valley Water District
UGB	Urban Growth Boundary
UGM PAC	Urban Growth Management Policy Advisory Committee
ULF	Ultra Low Flush
UMTA	Urban Mass Transportation Administration
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
WCSC	Washington County Steering Committee
WRPAC	Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee
WWTPs	Wastewater Treatment Plants
WQAC	Water Quality Advisory Committee

Appendix B: Library of Congress Subject Headings

Land use—Planning

Natural areas—Oregon

Natural resources—Oregon

Parks—Oregon

Recycling (Waste, etc.)—Oregon

Refuse and refuse disposal—Oregon

Regional planning—Oregon

Transportation—Planning

Urban policy—Oregon

Appendix C: Related Records

The following is a list of other records collections that are related by content or topic to the Councilor Tanya Collier Collection records:

- Metro Charter-mandated Committee Records
- Metro Council Committee Meeting Records
- Metro Council Meeting Records

Please Note: The meeting records listed are available in hard copy and electronic format. The records can be viewed in hard copy. In addition, the electronic copies are accessible via the Metro Online Records public portal. For additional information, contact the Metro Records and Information Management program at records@oregonmetro.gov.