## **MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

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**OCCUPATION:** Retired.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND**: Director of Human Resources, Precision Castparts, Portland, Oregon; Plant Manager, TRW and Precision Castparts, Crooksville, Ohio;

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** M.Ed. Administration, Xavier University; B.A., Political Science, University of Dayton.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE**: Gresham City Councilor, Council President; Worksystems, Portland Regional Workforce Development Corporation; original advocate, chief petitioner, Measure 26-141 (Elect Mayor at-Large, Councilors by District).

After four years on Council, I understood that citizen input is too often disrespected or ignored, resulting in loss of citizen voice and government accountability. Gresham must attract jobs and reverse its current trend of deterioration if it is to continue as a desirable place to live. Without Councilors being answerable to citizens, that can't happen. As Councilor, my primary goals will be to:

- Advocate for all citizens:
- **Drive job creation** through supporting "clusters development",
  - small/medium sized inter-related businesses locate close to larger ones, providing needed products, parts, services and knowledge,
  - produce economic efficiencies, significantly benefiting business and community;
- **Strengthen** economic development by creating jobs in high-need communities, with citizens participating equally with business and government leaders;
- Endorse an economic plan, sustainable for the long term;
- **Restore** citizen majority vote to amend City Charter (not today's 60%);
- Return transparency by strengthening Council work rules, eliminating campaign contribution abuses and complying with open meetings law;
- **Utilize savings** through operational improvements in government to fund necessary public services;

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• **Require equal response** in all neighborhoods to citizen complaints about ordinance violations that damage communities.

## See www.citizens-voice.org

The citizen initiative for District elections of Councilors is on the ballot for the same reasons I am running -- to restore citizen voice and government accountability (see "Arguments in Favor of" Measure 26-141).

## RETURN YOUR VOICE TO CITY HALL - VOTE STRATHERN AND "YES" ON MEASURE 26-141

John Ardner, Chair, Restoring District Representation
Cindy Banzer, former Metro Chair and Oregon Legislator
Charles Becker, former Mayor
Thomas Giusto, Oregon First
John Kilian, Councilor
Joe McFerrin, President/CEO, Portland Organization Industrialization Center
Paul Warr-King, Councilor