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Resolution 2010-50

WHEREAS, Peter Bell has provided strong and effective leadership as Chair of the Metropolitan Council for the last eight years, longer than any Chair in the Council's 43-year history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell's tenure has been marked by unprecedented expansion of the Twin Cities regional transit system, including the opening of the region's first light-rail and commuter rail lines, and the start of construction on a second LRT line; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has helped maintain and improve the region's wastewater collection and treatment system, which has compiled a record of environmental excellence that includes 45 consecutive months of perfect regulatory compliance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has advanced and implemented many personal initiatives, including the creation of a Regional Parks Foundation and a loan program to preserve land for affordable housing; and

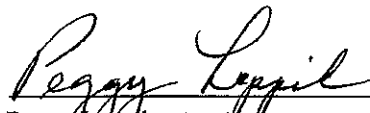
WHEREAS, Mr. Bell and the Council staff have worked tirelessly to improve agency efficiency, assuming additional operating responsibilities while reducing FTEs, holding the Council's property tax levy flat for eight successive years and maintaining the Council's AAA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has served as a forceful advocate and articulate spokesperson for the Council, often working overtime in what state law defines as a "part-time" job;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Metropolitan Council recognizes and applauds Peter Bell for his outstanding record of service as Council Chair and his many contributions to the growth, development and quality of life of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Adopted this 8th day of December 2010


Peggy Leppik, Vice Chair