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# Better Than Promised

*An informal history of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle*

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*"As I look back over my career at Metro, one thing stands out–the importance of talented and motivated employees."*

Dick Sandaas, former executive director

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*"I don't think anyone has visitors and doesn't point to Lake Washington and say, 'Hey, we cleaned up that lake.' We're the only people in the country who cleaned up an urban lake."*

Penny Peabody, former staff administrator and Metro Council chair

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*"What I would like to remember is that Metro was a responsive agency. We took a great deal of pride in answering questions of the public. And if we couldn't answer them, we would call back."*

Bob Matsuda, special projects and research coordinator

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*"It was almost a utopian environment we were working in. Our relationships with the Metro Council and the community were successful."*

Charles (Tom) Gibbs, former executive director and one of Metro's first employees

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*"The single major thing is that Metro represented the citizen declaration to preserve the quality of our environment."*

C. Carey Donworth, first Metro Council chairman