

MSD Council - Position 11

Robert Phillips is a candidate for the newly created Metropolitan Service District, position 11.

Reasons for Candidacy:

Phillips explained his reasons for running for a position on the MSD as a desire to provide a "voice for the Black community" as well as to represent all of the citizens of District 11. "So often we don't get involved in issues until decisions have already been made. Black people should be represented at all levels of government — so we can help make the decisions that effect our communities."

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As chairperson of the Greater Northeast Police Precinct Council, he meets with individuals and organizations in the area stretching roughly from I-5 to the airport, from Columbia to Fremont.

The Precinct Council deals with police/citizen concerns including crime prevention, police-community relations and complaints against the police. The Council is sponsored by the Police Bureau but made up of citizens. As chairman, Phillips must tread the narrow path that allows him to communicate effectively with the police without losing the con-

gives me an insight into the problems of the district that I would not otherwise be so familiar with."

Issues of Concern

"My main concern if I am elected to the MSD Council will be citizen involvement. The MSD Council is just being set up and there is already a lot of conflict and confusion about how it will operate and exactly what it will do. The guidelines still have to be written. I want to insure that the people do not get lost in the shuffle — that they really have access to the Council and that their input is heard and considered."

"Another area of concern is the large amounts of federal and other money that is coming into the Portland area for programs. Much of this money is now funneled through CRAG and many of the functions of CRAG will be transferred to the MSD. "I would like to take a good look at this money — what it is for and how it is used — and try to see if there isn't a better way to coordinate services."

Pressures from the System

Asked how he would react to pressures from special interest groups and how he will avoid being set up as the "Black spokesman," Phillips responded that he has worked under pressure and believes he can make independent decisions. "There is a lot of pressure on the Precinct Council — each group wants its views stated and the police are not the easiest people to work with. I've dealt with pressure while serving on the City's Budget Task Force on Police. I attended Oregon State University the year after all of the Black students left in protest, and they say I'm the first Black from Portland to graduate in four consecutive years. There were few Blacks at Oregon State and some people didn't want us there so many dropped out. I even had my apartment bombed, but I decided to stay. That was pressure — so I think I could withstand any kind of pressure."

Qualification for the Position

Phillips holds a Master of Social Work Degree with emphasis on community organization and planning and is currently a service coordinator for the State Adult and Family Services. His job consists of planning, developing and coordinating services for adults and families in need of welfare, health or protective services. He serves on the City of Portland Residential Care Facility Board, which regulates group care facilities for youth, handicapped, corrections, drug and alcohol treatment, and the elderly. He is a member of the Multnomah County Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Council and the Southeast Senior Citizens Task Force.

Legislation aids minority business

WASHINGTON — President Carter has signed legislation which will strengthen government programs to assist business owned by minorities and other disadvantaged individuals in the United States.

"This bill addresses a matter of deep concern to this Administration-making minority-owned businesses into full and equal partners in the free enterprise system," President Carter said.

The President signed HR 11318, which makes changes in the Small Business Act so that minority firms will have more opportunities to do business with the Federal government. The legislation is expected to increase the number of contracts going to all small businesses.

The bill also makes it easier for minority firms to seek loans from the Small Business Administration and makes bonding requirements less restrictive.

"As a result of racial or ethnic prejudice or social bias, too many Americans have too long been kept from realizing their full potential in the small business community. HR 11318 goes a long way in helping small and disadvantaged businesses grow in our economy," the President said. He extended special thanks to Congressmen Parren Mitchell, Joseph Addabbo, and Senator Sam Nunn for their role in drafting the legislation.



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Robert Phillips, candidate for MSD position 11, greets Clara Bartholomew at Senior Adult Center monthly potluck.

Phillips said he contacted several community organizations and people who are active in the community "to see if they thought I would be a good representative of their interests and whether they would support my candidacy. When I felt that I had adequate support, I went ahead and filed."

Community Contacts

Phillips is active in the Sabin and King Neighborhood Associations and works with the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and its members. In this capacity he meets

with a large number of residents and discusses a variety of issues and concerns.

An example of the issues the council confronts was a fiery meeting between the representatives of the police department and the Outsiders and Brothers Free motorcycle clubs, in which the Brothers Free accused the police of refusing to protect them and the Outsiders charging police harassment. Members of the general public complained about the Outsiders' activities and the police neglecting to enforce the law.

"My work with the Council and with many other community groups

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