

ACTION ITEM #2

Honorary Doctoral Degree (Elson S. Floyd)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Honorary Doctoral Degree Recommendation

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents confer to Jordan D. Schnitzer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts from Washington State University

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Elson S. Floyd, President

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The Board of Regents has the statutory authority to confer honorary degrees to individuals in recognition of "learning or devotion to literature, art, or science." Jordan Schnitzer's contributions to and passion for the arts exemplify these ideals.

A native Oregonian, Jordan Schnitzer is President of Harsch Investment Properties and manages the company's commercial real estate assets in Oregon, Washington California, Nevada and Arizona. Mr. Schnitzer has been a lifelong champion and patron of the arts and has created one of the nation's largest collections of contemporary fine art prints, which is widely and publicly shared. He and his family foundation have funded and organized over 90 exhibitions of work from his collection which has traveled to over 60 museums including exhibitions at the Portland Art Museum, the Bellevue Arts Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), the Legion of Honor Museum in San Francisco, the Detroit Institute of Art, and many others.

Jordan Schnitzer is widely recognized with many honors and awards for his civic and cultural leadership throughout the country, including the Governor's Arts Award and awards from the University of Oregon, Marylhurst University and Portland State University. In 2011, he received the International Print Center in New York Award of Excellence for his touring art program, and in 2005, the University of Oregon renamed their art museum in his honor to recognize his 26 years of leadership there.

ATTACHMENT: Jordan D. Schnitzer Biographical Information



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JORDAN D. SCHNITZER



Jordan D. Schnitzer at the Museum of Art at Washington State University, 2013

“For me, waking up each day without art around me would be like waking up without the sun. When you live with art around you, your mind and soul are filled with the beauty of life and the creativity of the human spirit.”

- Jordan D. Schnitzer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

President, Harsch Investment Properties, Portland, Oregon – 1976–Present

Privately-held family real estate investment and development company which operates industrial, retail, office and multi-family properties in six western states.

President, Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation, Portland, Oregon – 1997–Present

Director, Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation, Portland, Oregon – 1997–Present

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Co-President, Congregation Shaarie Torah, Portland, OR – 2012–Present

President, Arlington Club Heritage Foundation, Portland, OR – 2011–Present

Director, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Portland, OR – 2004–Present (President 2004–2007/Co-president 2007–2009/Chairman 2009–Present)

Director, Friends of Astoria Column, Astoria, OR – 1988–Present (Chairman 1988–1993/President 1993–Present)

Board of Visitors, Lewis & Clark College Northwestern School of Law, Portland, OR – 1982–Present

Director, Arlington Club, Portland, OR – 2008–2011 (Vice President 2010–2011)

Trustee, National Symphony Orchestra, Washington, DC – 1995–2007

Trustee, University of Oregon Foundation, Eugene, OR – 1997–2007

Trustee, Oregon Ballet Theatre, Portland, OR – 2004–2006 (Vice President 2004–2006)

Member, Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Citizens Crime Commission, Portland, OR – 1995–2005

Trustee, The Trust for Jewish Philanthropy, New York, NY – 2000–2003

Member, University of Oregon Museum of Art Council, Eugene, OR – 1978–2002 (President 1981–1983/Director Emeritus 2005–Present)

Member, Young Presidents' Organization, Oregon Chapter – 1982–2001

Trustee, The High Desert Museum, Bend, OR – 1992–2000

Commissioner, Oregon Arts Commission, Salem, OR – 1997–1999

Co-Chairman, \$14 million Rose Schnitzer Manor Assisted Living Center, Portland, OR – 1987–1998

Member, Governor's Task Force on Cultural Development, Salem, OR – 1998

Member, METRO (Metropolitan Service District) 2040 Means Business Committee, Portland, OR – 1995–1997

Director, [Portland Center Stage](#), Portland, OR – 1995–1997

Member, City of Portland Downtown Alignment Oversight Group, Portland, OR – 1995–1997

Director, [The Japanese Garden Society of Oregon](#), Portland, OR – 1977–1997 (President 1987–1989)

Director, [Providence Medical Foundation](#), Portland, OR – 1993–1997

Member, ArtFair/Seattle Advisory Committee, Seattle, WA – 1992–1997

Co-Chair, Multnomah Athletic Club Exercise and Conditioning Committee, Portland – 1990–1994

Trustee, [Robison Jewish Home for the Elderly](#), Portland, OR – 1981–1994 (President 1991–1993)

Chairman, City of Portland Light Rail Transit Committee, Portland, OR – 1994

Chairman, City of Portland Rail Alignment Committee, Portland, OR – 1991–1992

Trustee, [Oregon Jewish Community Foundation](#), Portland, OR – 1990–1992

Chairman, City of Portland Light Rail Transit Committee, Portland, OR – 1989–1990

Member, University of Oregon Business Advisory Council, Eugene, OR – 1985–1990

Trustee, [Temple Beth Israel](#), Portland, OR – 1982–1988

Trustee, [Portland Art Museum](#), Portland, OR – 1981–1987 (Secretary 1986–1987)

Executive Committee, [Boy Scouts of America](#), Columbia Pacific Council, Portland, OR – 1980–1985

Chairman, \$1.5 Million May Senior Apartments Committee – 1981–1983

Member, Associates of Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, OR – 1980–1983

HONORS AND AWARDS

Daily Journal of Commerce **Newsmakers Award** – Portland, OR – 2014

Portland State University **Simon Benson Award** – 2012

International Print Center New York **Honoree** – 2011

Lewis & Clark College Northwestern School of Law **Distinguished Business Law Graduate Award** – 2011

Mittleman Jewish Community Center Tribute Dinner Awardee – 2010

Association of Fundraising Professionals, Oregon Chapter, **Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser** – 2009

Catlin Gabel School Distinguished Alumni Service Award – Portland, OR – 2008

Portland Parks Foundation Legacy Circle Honoree – Portland, OR – 2008

Honorary Knight of the [Royal Rosarians](#) – Portland, OR – 2008

City of Indian Wells, CA, **Cultural Arts Proclamation** – 2007

University of Oregon **Presidential Medal Recipient** – 2006

Volunteers of America **Oregon DePreist Award for Excellence** – 2005

University of Oregon **Prince Lucien Campbell Hall of Fame** – 2005

University of Oregon Art Museum renamed [Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art](#) – 2004

State of Oregon Governor Arts Award – 2003

Portland State University **President's Award for Outstanding Philanthropy** – 2002

Marylhurst University **Leadership in the Arts Award** – 2000

University of Oregon Alumni Association **Portland Chapter Outstanding Alumnus** – 1998

Federal Republic of Germany **Friendship Award** – 1997

German-American Concord **Distinguished Service Award** – 1997

Admiral, Astoria Regatta, Astoria, OR – 1996

HONORARY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Honorary Chair, Northwest Academy 7.5 Million Capital Campaign, Portland, OR – 2012–Present

Director, International Print Center New York Advisory Council, New York, NY – 2007–Present

Honorary Board, Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale, WA – 2003–Present

Honorary Co-chair, University Club Grand Reception, Portland, OR – 2010–2012

Honorary Chair, Pacific Northwest College of Arts Auction, Portland, OR – 2009–2010

Member, Advisory Council, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, OR – 2003–2010

Member, Executive Committee, Spirit of the Salmon Fund, Portland, OR – 2003–2010

National Resource Advisory Council Member, Oregon College of Art & Craft, Portland, OR – 2003–2010

Member, Oregon Humane Society Chairs Council, Portland, OR – 1992–2010

Honorary Chair, Rosemary Anderson High School Inaugural Dinner, Portland, OR – 2007

Honorary Chair, Sitka Art Invitational Collectors Preview evening, Otis, OR – 2006

Honorary Chair, Oregon Ballet Theater Nutcracker Campaign, Portland, OR – 2003

Honorary Chair, Oregon College of Art & Craft Art on the Vine, Portland, OR – 2003

Honorary Chair, Volunteers of America Award of Excellence Dinner, Portland, OR – 2003

Honorary Chair, Cascade AIDS Art Auction, Portland, OR – 2000

EDUCATION

Graduated Catlin Gabel High School – 1969

Graduated University of Oregon – 1973; B.A., Literature

Graduated Lewis & Clark College Northwestern School of Law – 1976; J.D.