

1 **December 13, 2021**

Proposed No.: 21-016

2 RESOLUTION NO. 509

3 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Major
4 League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District recognizing and honoring
5 Charley Royer for his long-term, exemplary service to the District.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State
7 Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (the “District”), has been
8 created and possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

9 WHEREAS, Charley Royer dutifully served the Board since his first appointment
10 in January 2008 by the King County Council on the recommendation of the King County
11 Executive and;

12 WHEREAS, Charley came to the Board with unparalleled civic experience,
13 including his public service as a three-term Mayor of the City of Seattle from 1978
14 through 1989, his directorship at the Harvard Institute of Politics at the John F. Kenney
15 School of Government, and his role as co-chair of the Central Waterfront Committee,
16 which developed the guiding principles for the redevelopment of Seattle’s waterfront;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, from the beginning of his service on the Board, Charley was a
19 passionate advocate for the creation of a lively and attractive, 24/7 neighborhood in and
20 around the ballpark, and he played a pivotal role in initiating and nurturing a partnership
21 with the Washington State Public Stadium Authority (PSA) and its Board to
22 communicate this vision to the public; and

23 WHEREAS, as a longtime resident and champion of Pioneer Square, Charley
24 understood the interdependence of the ballpark and surrounding neighborhoods and never
25 overlooked the broader public interest; and

26 WHEREAS, together with the PSA, Charley led the effort to create a Stadium
27 District Concept Plan, which was adopted in 2012 and formed the foundation for
28 subsequent neighborhood planning efforts and City-directed studies and
29 recommendations; and

30 WHEREAS, Charley served as Board Chair between 2012 and 2017, leading the
31 Board through the substantive stages of the lease amendment negotiations with the

32 Seattle Mariners, which ultimately culminated in a new lease and non-relocation
33 agreement that [together] will serve the public well for the next 25 years or more,
34 assuring that the ballpark remains a first-class facility and one of the best ballparks in the
35 Major Leagues; and

36 WHEREAS, Charley championed meaningful sustainability measures at the
37 ballpark, and he was a vocal proponent of the development of an Energy District in the
38 area surrounding the ballpark; and

39 WHEREAS, Charley's support for District staff was unwavering, including the
40 shift to a new Executive Director who Charley helped to develop relationships in the
41 neighborhood and elsewhere, even during the pandemic quarantine; and

42 WHEREAS, Charley's participation in and leadership on the Board will be sorely
43 missed, and the Board wishes to recognize and honor his service.

44 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
45 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC
46 FACILITIES DISTRICT:

- 47 1. That the District extends its grateful appreciation to Charley Royer for his
48 many years of outstanding service to the District.
49 2. That the District wishes Charley all the best in his retirement from Board
50 service.

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PASSED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 13th day of December 2021.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM
PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT



Stacy Graven, Chair

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Liv Bacon, Clerk