



## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 26, 2016

To: Mayor Charlie Hales  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner Nick Fish  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Commissioner Steve Novick

From: City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

Re: Appoint a Pool of Community Volunteers to be Available to Serve on the Police Review Board

In 2010, Portland City Council amended City Code 3.20 which governs the processes and make up of Portland Police Bureau's performance and use of force review boards. As part of the changes approved by Council, the Police Bureau will select citizen members for the Police Review Board from a pool of volunteers recommended by the City Auditor and appointed by City Council.

My recommendations for appointment are listed below, and brief biographies are attached. Staff from the Auditor's Independent Police Review division, a member of the Citizen Review Committee, and a Police Bureau member assisted in the selection of the pool of community volunteers available to participate in Police Review Boards convened after October 31, 2013. If confirmed by Council, their term begins October 31, 2016 and ends October 31, 2019.

### **Isaura Ascensio**

Isaura Ascensio is the Anti-poverty Supervisor for the Youth & Family Services division at Multnomah County's Department of Human Services where she oversees multiple programs related community development, housing stability, runaway youth, faith-based partnerships, and many others serving the most vulnerable. Previously she had also served as the Community Engagement Coordinator where her skills in building partnerships helped support grassroots efforts around civic participation, conversations on policing, small business development, and barriers to legal representation for low-income families and the immigrant/refugee communities.

Isaura is also known for her work facilitating organizational development with a focus on racial equity across the county's departments, her mission is to address disproportionate health, economic, and educational outcomes for communities of color through inclusive leadership and

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advocacy. Raised in Portland, Isaura attended Portland Public and Reynolds School districts, as a Portland State University Alumni, Parent to a 12 year-old, and current North Portland homeowner, Isaura looks forward to representing all voices not current at the table for a safer community for all.

### **Austin Batalden**

Austin Batalden was born in Minnesota, and raised just outside of Vancouver, BC. Austin received her BA from University of Minnesota with a focus on Political Theory. Austin then received her JD from Hamline University School of Law.

Austin began her legal career in 2008 focusing on civil litigation, where she honed her understanding of procedure, strategy, and negotiation. She has since refocused her energy on family law, after discovering that she was more fulfilled serving families instead of corporations.

When not practicing law, Austin stays busy spending time with her wife and son. She also keeps active with hot yoga, kayaking, cooking and hiking.

### **Bruno Amicci**

Bruno Amicci is the Owner and President of Triad Technology Group, Luepke Flowers and Finds, Luepke Station, and Low Bar and has over 35 years operations experience in a fast paced high-tech environment building and managing sales and marketing professionals and software engineers

Since 1989, TRIAD has grown into a leading IT Recruiting and Staffing firm in the area and has been honored by being chosen by Inc. Magazine as an Inc. 500 company and by the Portland Business Journal as one of the Top 100 fastest growing companies in Oregon.

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Formerly with Hewlett Packard Corporation, Bruno is a US Navy veteran and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from Whittier College.

Bruno's interest is in the civic arena and he has served on numerous boards and commissions for the City of Salem, Portland, and Vancouver and has given of his time to the Red Cross and CERT to help raise awareness for the need to be prepared.

**David Denecke**

David Denecke is a practicing attorney and has over 30 years of experience in business law practice. He currently serves on the PPB Training Advisory Committee, and previously served on the PPB Police Review Board and the Citizen Review Committee.

David was born and raised in Portland and attended Oregon State Univ., University of Oregon and Lewis and Clark Law School.

**Bridget Donegan**

Bridget Donegan is a trial lawyer active in Portland's legal and civic communities. She served for two and a half years on the Citizen Review Committee, acting as vice-chair for one year. She is honored to have begun her legal career as a law clerk for Justice Virginia Linder on the Oregon Supreme Court, and has practiced since then with a local boutique litigation firm representing individuals and businesses in state and federal court. Her volunteer work includes pro bono representation of prison inmates in civil rights claims and domestic violence survivors in contested restraining order hearings. Bridget has been a Portlander since 2007 and lives in Northeast Portland with her husband, son, and two dogs.

**Emily Duquette**

Emily Duquette grew up in Virginia Beach, VA. Working her way through college, she attended Old Dominion University, earning a Bachelor's degree in history and English and a Master's degree in history. After graduating, she taught high school for several years at a private school in Virginia Beach before trading in her hometown for the lush green landscapes of Portland nearly five years ago.

After moving to Portland, she worked in the office at Reynolds High School in Gresham before accepting a one-year teaching assignment with the school. Since then, she worked at Youth Villages helping to serve our state's most vulnerable youth, and currently works at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Her passion for helping children and her respect for community and justice are her driving forces in life.

In her free time, Emily enjoys spending time with her family: cooking with her husband, laughing with her brilliant and hilarious step-daughter, and snuggling up with her rescue dog. She also enjoys reading, photography, catching up with friends, and trying out new restaurants.

**Sveltana Glinka**

Sveltana Glinka was born in Republic of Moldova. She graduated high school and Academy of Economic University in Moldova. She also holds a degree in music.

She moved to United States four years ago. She is experienced in bookkeeping and showed strong leadership skills during the last tax season in the position of Office Manager. She was Tax Preparer volunteer at Cash Oregon. She currently works for Russian Oregon Social Services as Outreach Specialist and at Software Company as Accounts Payable Specialist.

**Laura Orr**

Laura Orr received her bachelor's degree in public administration and master's in library science degree from Indiana University and her law degree from Temple University.

Ms. Orr has lived in Portland since 2000 and was the Washington County Law Librarian from 2002 to 2015. She has worked for public libraries in Philadelphia (PA) and Multnomah County and for law school libraries in Baltimore (MD), Bristol (England), New Haven (CT), and Salem (OR). Ms. Orr has also worked as a Bail Interviewer with the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Police Detention Unit.

Ms. Orr currently volunteers as a legal research and public law library consultant on several access to justice and civic education projects in addition to maintaining the Oregon Legal Research website and blog, which she founded in 2005.

**Rhiannon Orizaga**

Rhiannon Orizaga is a Communications and Administrative professional. Throughout her career, she has worked in healthcare, academia, catering and events, and as a freelance editor, researcher, and writer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Oregon State University, and a Master of Arts in Ancient History from Portland State University. She is a published historian and poet. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, crafting, spending time with her wife and cat, and traveling. As a queer Latina, she is passionate about many causes, but especially opportunities for youth, equity and inclusion, immigrant's rights, supporting local industry, and domestic violence prevention/amelioration.

**Jeff Bissonnette**

Jeff Bissonnette serves as the executive director of the Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA), the state's solar trade group, representing solar businesses. Before arriving at OSEIA, Jeff spent more than 17 years as the organizing director then policy director for the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, the state's residential utility ratepayer advocate organization. He directed CUB's legislative advocacy program and led numerous successful campaigns, including the creation of Energy Trust of Oregon and Oregon's Renewable Energy Standard.

Jeff has worked for community groups and campaign organizations in Washington, DC, Illinois and New York. He has dedicated both his work life and volunteer time to community organizing and advocating for public interest issues.

Jeff currently serves on the board of Renewable Northwest, the region's leading renewable energy advocacy organization. He is also a board member of the NW Energy Coalition, a regional collaboration of organizations working for a clean and affordable energy future. Jeff served for over 5 years on the Citizens' Review Committee and continues to volunteer as an Appeals Process Advisor.

Jeff holds a bachelor's degree in Planning, Public Policy and Management from the University of Oregon and an MBA with a focus on nonprofit management from the University of Portland. He lives in the St. Johns neighborhood of Portland with his wife and son in a 1906-era house with a 2.87 kW solar array on the roof. When he's not working, Jeff enjoys hiking, camping, reading, cooking and talking about politics.

### **Joseph Pugh**

Joseph Pugh grew up in Ohio and has lived in Oregon since 1991. After earning an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Ohio State University, Joe had a goal of working during the day and attending law school at night. In line with that goal, Joe moved to Oregon to take a job as a project engineer, but was open to the move only because Lewis and Clark Law School has an evening law program. Joe got into law school, graduated, and traded a career as an engineer for a career as an attorney. Twenty years later, after working at two law firms and a corporation, Joe retired from the full-time practice of law in 2015. In retirement, Joe has been doing various types of volunteer work, some of which include tutoring adults who are working to earn their high school equivalency certificates, helping sexual assault survivors get restraining orders against their attackers, mediating neighborhood disputes, and serving on a statewide board. Joe also does some occasional legal work, as well as part-time, non-legal work at a private school that helps economically disadvantaged students achieve success in high school, college, and the workforce. In addition to his degrees in law and engineering, Joe has a master's degree in business administration. Joe and his wife have two daughters, both of whom are in college.

### **Lisa Rogers**

Lisa Rogers recently relocated to southwest Portland from Brooklyn, NY. She is currently a full time mom of two toddlers. In Brooklyn, Lisa worked as an Attorney for the New York City Administration for Children Services. Lisa is honored to act as a public servant in her new community of Portland.

### **Lindsay Short**

Lindsay Short is a Portland native and a litigation associate at the law firm K&L Gates LLP. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 2015, and previously from the University of Oregon and David Douglas High School. Lindsay also volunteers as a pro bono attorney for the Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization. She lives downtown and enjoys exploring her neighborhood, trying new exercise classes, and painting in her spare time.

Agenda No.  
**REPORT NO.**  
Title

Appoint a Pool of Community Volunteers to be Available to Serve on the Police Review Board (Report)

<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Auditor Hull Caballero</b></p> <p><i>Mary Hull Caballero</i></p> <p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p> <p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: City Auditor Bureau Head: Mary Hull Caballero</p> <p>Prepared by: David Nguyen Date Prepared: October 18, 2016</p> <p>Financial Impact &amp; Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances</p> <p><b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p> <p>Council Meeting Date <b>October 26, 2016</b></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>OCT 18 2016</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull-Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy</p> <p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p> <p><b>OCT 26 2016 CONFIRMED</b></p>
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**AGENDA**

**TIME CERTAIN**   
**Start time: 10:30 AM**

**Total amount of time needed: 30 min**  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

**CONSENT**

**REGULAR**   
**Total amount of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_**  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	_____	
3. Saltzman	_____	
4. Novick	✓	
Hales	✓	