

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:

Appoint Wendy Chung and Annie Mahoney to the Historic Landmarks Commissioner for terms to expire December 31, 2020; re-assign Matthew Roman to the Historian membership category (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The appointment of these Commissioners is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill quorum requirements for Type 2 Appeals and Type 3 Land Use Reviews.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Commissioner appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Bureau of Development Services continually advertises positions for the Commission through its webpage, public phone calls to the Commission Clerk and Staff, and as needed Media Announcements of upcoming positions. These Media Announces are widely circulated in the design, development and neighborhood community news outlets and web pages.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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Subject: Appointments and Membership Category Change to the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

Portland City Code Title 33.710.030 specifies that there are to be seven members of the HLC who may serve up to two, 4-year terms. After a thorough review process, I am recommending two Historic Landmarks Commission membership changes:

New Member Appointments

I am recommending two candidates for appointment to vacant HLC positions for 4-year terms.

Applicant	Position	Current Status	Appointment
Wendy Chung	Public-At-Large	New	1 st Full Term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020
Annie Mahoney	Public-At-Large	New	1 st Full Term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020

Wendy Chung: Through her volunteer work with the Northwest District Neighborhood Association Planning committee and her public participation in many land use cases and legislative projects, Ms. Chung has proven herself to be a strong advocate for historic preservation and compatible neighborhood development. Wendy is a practicing attorney and has familiarized herself with several aspects of the Portland Zoning Code; as such, she will be able to provide thoughtful, reasoned, and legally-defensible comments to applicants seeking land use approval, as she has demonstrated as a member of the public in previous hearings. While not formally trained in historic preservation, she has a profound interest in the subject and seeks to be the voice of general public in her role as a Public-At-Large member of the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Wendy will fill the "Public-At-Large" position vacated by Commissioner Caroline Dao, who resigned August 10, 2016. Wendy's 1st term would be from January 1, 2017, to expire on December 31, 2020.

Annie Mahoney: Ms. Mahoney is a licensed architect and has 15 years experience with all elements of architectural practice, including renovation and rehabilitation projects. Annie has also devoted her

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time to serving on several committees that serve the public interest, including the AIA Oregon Resiliency Committee, the AIA Historic Resources Committee, and the Washington Park Reservoirs Improvements Project Community Sounding Board. Annie has noted particular interest in the role that preservation has to play in a sustainable approach to development as well as post-disaster resiliency. The creation of a post-disaster response plan has been recommended by the Historic Landmarks Commission in their 2016 State of the City report; Annie could provide valuable assistance in this regard. With her extensive experience in architecture, Annie can provide valuable knowledge with regard to building construction methods and materials. She has also indicated a desire to provide a more contemporary approach to new development in historic districts as well as sharing new ideas for improvements to the code and the design guidelines which serve as the approval criteria.

Annie will fill the “Public-At-Large” position to-be-vacated upon reassignment of Commissioner Matthew Roman to the “Historian” position effective December 20, 2016. Annie’s 1st term would be from January 1, 2017 to expire on December 31, 2020.

Membership Category Change

Portland City Code Title 33.710.060 also specifies that HLC member positions must include a historian with knowledge of local history; an architectural historian; an architect; two members from the following: landscape architecture, real estate, construction, community development, urban planning, archeology, law, finance, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, or related disciplines; and two members at-large. In order to make sure that HLC members are assigned to member positions that accurately reflect specific category requirements, I am recommending that one current HLC member be reassigned to a different position.

Member	Current Position	New Position
Matthew Roman	Public-At-Large	Historian

Matthew Roman: Matthew is a historically-trained architectural designer and has considerable experience with historic preservation, restoration, and historic addition projects within the City of Portland. Matthew has also proven to be dedicated to his service to the City and the State of Oregon through his numerous volunteer activities related to historic preservation activities and advocacy. Matthew also has a strong understanding of architectural history, building systems, and construction details. His appointment will help to ensure the Historic Landmarks Commission’s high bar for quality infill and restoration projects as well as the Commission’s historic preservation advocacy efforts which will enhance and preserve the City’s heritage. The Historian position will be vacated by Jessica Engeman who is resigning on December 20, 2016. Matthew’s term would remain the same, from January 5, 2016 to expire January 5, 2020.

The proposed appointments and reassignment will help to ensure the Historic Landmarks Commission’s high bar for quality infill and restoration projects as well as the Commission’s historic preservation advocacy efforts which will enhance and preserve the City’s heritage.

With these proposed appointments and reassignment, the Historic Landmarks Commission has one potential upcoming vacancy beginning February 18, 2017. Recommendations for that vacancy will be made later in January 2017.

Please note that these two appointments and reassignment are critical to ensure that the Commission will continue to function adequately, as is required by the Portland Zoning Code, and to ensure that the Commission can meet required quorums for pending land use reviews scheduled in January 2017 and beyond.