

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** City Council Approval of 25 members of the New Portlander Policy Commission

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information**

On June 8, 2016, City Council passed Ordinance 187805 (City Code, Chapter 3.131) establishing a commission that would, *inter alia*, “advise the City on policies and practices to integrate immigrant and refugee communities’ voices and needs into the provision of City services” and City decision-making. This proposed legislation appoints 25 members to that commission.

The commission and these proposed appointments address the integration of Portland’s rapidly growing immigrant communities, organizations, business, faith and civil society associations. The policy research and programmatic recommendations produced by the commission will contribute to the City of Portland’s effective integration of newcomer families and communities assets and urgencies into City policy priorities.

The proposed legislation supports existing City policies:

Mayor’s Immigrant and Refugee Task Force Report (Adopted by City Council 2008).

The Portland Plan, Framework for Equity (2012).

Citywide Racial Equity Goals (2013).

City of Portland Public Involvement Principles (2010).

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The legislation has no long-term financial impacts; it does amend the budget or authorize additional spending. The legislation does not create, eliminate or re-classify positions now or in the future. This legislation does not result in a new or modified financial obligations or benefits.

This legislation will be staffed by existing position in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

This position addresses the assets and urgencies of our city’s approximately 20% foreign born neighbors (Portland Public Schools, Limited English Proficiency parents, 2012)

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Passage of the June 2016 ordinance establishing the New Portlander Policy Commission and the current legislation for populating that commission has been the work of authentic City/newcomer community engagement since the 2008 Mayor's Report, cited above. That engagement has been the steady work of 10 City bureaus, 12 community organizations, and 19 mutual assistance associations and neighborhood associations.

Testimony of the above, Equity in Practice partners was provided on the record to Portland City Council on May 26, 2016.

**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