

Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler City of Portland

July 25, 2017

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the Prosper Portland Board:

Appointment	Term	Replacing
Francesca Gambetti	8/2/2017 to 8/1/2020	Mark Edlen
Peter Platt	8/2/2017 to 8/1/2020	Tom Kelly

Francesca Gambetti Bio:

Francesca Gambetti is Partner/Project Manager for Shiels Obletz Johnsen, Inc. Since joining SOJ in 1998, Francesca has been involved in a variety of nonprofit, public and private projects including civic facilities, housing, school, transportation, and mixed-use development, with a focus on getting projects from concept through construction. She is adept at conducting feasibility analyses, building detailed project budgets, facilitating site selection processes, structuring and obtaining financing, obtaining public approvals, creating project schedules, assembling and managing project teams, and managing all aspects of the design and construction process. Francesca has served on an array of local Boards and is currently a Volunteer with the Bridger School and the co-founder of Scrubby Notebooks. She holds a Masters of City Planning, U.C. Berkeley, 1998 and a B.A. from Yale University, 1994.

Francesca Gambetti Statement of Interest:

"As a partner and project manager at Shield Obletz Johnsen, I've been involved for nearly 20 years with a variety of nonprofit, public and private projects through Portland including civic facilities, housing, school, transportation, and mixed-use developments.

I've also committed considerable time and expertise to the community as a volunteer, working with organizations that run the gamut from Bridger School and Habitat for Humanity to the Portland Design Commission and the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art.

As a planner, I have a deep understanding of what it takes to get a project from concept to completion; but I consider it equally important to focus on the human side of projects. I am deeply committed to Portland and in particular to helping our young people succeed. I'm excited about Prosper Portland's new focus on serving underrepresented populations and hope to contribute to building an equitable economy that benefits all Portland residents."

Peter Platt Bio:

Peter Platt is the founder and owner of Andina Restaurant, an award-winning, fine-dining restaurant introducing Peruvian cuisine to the Northwest. Since it's opening in 2003, Andina

has been consistently recognized as one of the busiest and best restaurants in Portland and the region, with a portion of revenues dedicated to supporting international development work in Peru. Before opening Andina, Peter worked on new project development in Peru for Mercy Corps. Platt is a board member of the Oregon Food Bank and Hacienda CDC. He holds an MBA from Yale School of Management and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Harvard University. He currently serves as the President of La Costa Verde, LLC - the holding company for Andina.

Peter Platt Statement of Interest:

"As the son of a Peruvian mother and Oregonian father, I grew up in a bi-cultural (Anglo/Latino) household and learned to be a good translator, both literally and figuratively. From my mother's immigrant roots, I understand the drive to achieve and have a deep desire to listen and learn about how an organization like Prosper Portland can help. As a small business owner, I would bring an operational perspective to the Prosper Portland board. I've learned lessons about what it takes to survive in an industry known for fierce competition and slim profit margins.

My personal and professional story encompasses the ability to start and grow a successful family business over the past 15 years. I understand the need for mentorship, sound management and access to capital, particularly growth capital. I'm interested in identifying the mechanisms to help provide what's missing, whether it's Prosper Portland or another organization bridging the gap.

As a restaurateur, I've been afforded a platform to engage with the larger food industry throughout the state and region. What I've discovered is that when we talk about "food", what we're really talking about is community. Food represents and is a powerful symbol for things that that we need in our daily lives. It symbolizes nature, connection back to our rural heritage, the value of labor, and ultimately our sense of place in this ecosystem that we live in. I bring that mindset to my community work. As Prosper Portland redoubles its efforts around building an equitable economy, I'm eager to help shape that work and the agency's direction."

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler Mayor

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AGENDA		
TIME CERTAIN & LCC Start time: 10		
Total amount of time needed: 10 m ws (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	1. Fritz		
2. Fish	2. Fish	\checkmark	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	\checkmark	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	\checkmark	
Wheeler	Wheeler		

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