

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint Phoebe Ebright to the Open Signal Board of Directors for term to expire November 30, 2020 (Report)

Contact name: Julie S. Omelchuck

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Presenter name: N/A

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Appoint Phoebe Ebright to the Open Signal Board of Directors for term to expire November 30, 2020 (Report)

Financial and budgetary impacts:

None.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Open Signal has and continues to provide video and broadband technology training, tools and distribution platforms for diverse communities throughout the City of Portland to engage broad participation in civic and cultural life and to address digital equity. Open Signal receives most of its annual operational funding from the City. The City's appointment to the Board of Directors helps ensure fiduciary responsibility and oversight of public funds.

100% Renewable Goal:

- None

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

x **NO:** Skip this section

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



City of Portland

Office for Community Technology

▲ Broadband & Communications Policy

▲ Cable Regulation & Consumer Protection

▲ Utility Franchises, Licenses & Wireless

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City Council Agenda Item Staff Supplemental Report

TO: Mayor Wheeler

THROUGH: Elisabeth Perez, Interim Director, Office for Community Technology

FROM: Julie S. Omelchuck, Program Manager, Office for Community Technology, 3-4188

DATE: March 8, 2019

RE: Appoint Phoebe Ebright to the Open Signal Board of Directors for term to expire November 30, 2020 (Report)

Requested Placement Date: April 10, 2019 Time Certain Agenda

- I. **RECOMMENDATION.** Confirmation of Phoebe Ebright's appointment to the Open Signal (formerly Portland Community Media) Board of Directors for term expiring November 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND. Open Signal is an Oregon nonprofit public benefit corporation, originally incorporated in 1981 as Portland Cable Access. Open Signal was formerly known as Portland Community Media but underwent a name change in 2016. For over 35 years, Open Signal has and continues to provide media and broadband technology training, tools, and distribution platforms for diverse communities to engage and participate in civic and cultural life and to address digital equity issues. Open Signal also provides video programming of, by and for the community over local public and governmental cable access channels.

Pursuant to Portland City Code Section 3.115.040, the Mayor and Commissioner in Charge each appoint one voting member to the Portland Community Media (Open Signal) Board of Directors, for staggered terms of two years, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Phoebe Ebright has expressed interest in being appointed for a two-year term.

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II. FINANCIAL IMPACT. None

III. LEGAL ISSUES. None

IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. None

V. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES:
http://www.mhcr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/about_intergovernmental_agreement.pdf

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION. None

VII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION. None

IX. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS LICENSE? _

WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? __

IS THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? __

IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS OWING? _____