

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Nominate and appoint Maria Gabrielle Sipin, Megan Horst, Michael David Edden Hill, Shanice Brittany Clarke and Robin Wang to the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund Committee for 4-year terms, from September 25, 2019 through September 25, 2023 (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

To nominate and appoint Maria Gabrielle Sipin, Megan Horst, Michael David Edden Hill, Shanice Brittany Clarke and Robin Wang to the Portland Clean Energy Benefits Fund Committee (Committee) for 4-year terms, from September 25, 2019 through September 25, 2023.

This is a newly formed Committee. Pursuant to Portland City Code 7.07.050, each City Council member may nominate a Committee member who meets qualifications set forth in the code and described below. Those five nominees, once appointed by the Mayor, shall then recommend four additional members to the Mayor for appointment. The initial five members shall be appointed for 4-year terms and the subsequent four members shall be appointed for 2-year terms.

The Committee will be composed of nine volunteer members who are residents of Portland and have expertise in a range of areas including: residential renewable and energy efficiency, commercial renewable and energy efficiency, workforce development, promoting minority owned and/or women-owned businesses, sustainable local food production, green infrastructure and greenhouse gas sequestration, and financing tools that help make renewable energy and energy efficiency available to a broader spectrum of the public.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts. All costs are allocated from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund as allowable administrative expense. Costs may include: reimbursement for childcare expense, transportation expense, food for meetings, other services including translation/interpretation and ADA accommodation, and a nominal stipend. Note that the Council offices have recognized the need for a citywide policy on stipends for advisory bodies. Once a citywide policy is in effect, the amount of the Committee stipend will be revisited. Committee stipends are included in the FY19-20 budget under External Materials & Services, General Ledger account, 529000 (Miscellaneous Services).

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Committee is responsible for the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits (PCEF) program development, implementation and evaluation including adopting a workforce and

contractor equity plan, soliciting grant applications, evaluating those applications and making funding recommendations to the Council. The PCEF program has an explicit mandate to provide benefit to traditionally marginalized communities including low-income, communities of color, women, people with disabilities and the chronically unemployed. Eligible grant applicants are non-profit organizations; eligible programs are those that achieve greenhouse gas reduction outcomes in a framework that delivers social justice outcomes identified in the measure.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS), through the Office of Community and Civic Life (Civic Life), released a solicitation on May 14, 2019, for applications to be considered for appointment to the Committee. BPS, Civic Life, the coalition that supported the voter-approved PCEF program, and numerous others advertised the Committee membership opportunity widely. The City received 113 applications that were reviewed by a Selection Advisory Committee (SAC), which was comprised of three members selected by BPS staff: 1) Ryan Curren, BPS Planner, 2) Irene Marion, PBOT Equity and Inclusion Manager, and 3) Lenny Dee, PCEF initiative volunteer and community climate activist. The SAC selected 18 potential candidates for recommendation to the Mayor and City Council based on criteria in the ballot initiative language including specific expertise and geographic considerations. The list of 18 was offered to Council for consideration, along with access to materials for all 113 original applicants.

One hundred percent renewable goal:

Forty to sixty percent of PCEF program grant funds will be used to support renewable energy and energy-efficiency programs and projects. These efforts will directly contribute to meeting the City’s renewable goal both through generation and by decreasing the City’s total energy use. The PCEF program grant funds will also target roughly one quarter of funding to green workforce development programs and projects, ensuring that the City has the workforce needed to support a transition to 100 percent renewable energy.

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