

# Appoint URM Policy Work Group



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# Earthquake, URMs, Risk

- Portland has a 22-26% likelihood of major earthquake within 50 years
- URM buildings pose grave threat in earthquake
- More than 1,600 URMs in Portland



# What we've learned

- Life-safety retrofits are happening slowly
- Retrofits are expensive; costs are hard to predict
- The City cannot subsidize all retrofits
- Cost and unpredictability alarms property owners
- Mandatory retrofits could lead to displacement
- Displacement risk is highest in historically underserved and gentrifying neighborhoods.



# What we'll do

- Remove expectation that retrofits will be mandatory
- Appoint new committee with diverse interests
- Use third-party facilitator, public policy + equity expertise
- Build on the work we've done
- Work for a year



# Committee Purpose

Make recommendations to reduce the life safety risks posed by URM buildings and reduce displacement following a seismic event.



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Develop recommendations that include:

- 1) financial and policy supports to promote seismic retrofits, recognizing the unique needs of commercial and non-profit building owners, and
- 2) standards for participation in voluntary support programs.



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It is not required or expected that the Workgroup will recommend mandatory retrofits of URM buildings that are privately owned.

It is expected that support for voluntary retrofits will be scaled to need.



# Committee Membership

**Peter Angel**, Pearl Real Estate Partners

**Pippa Arend**, p:ear

**Dave Beh**, Tudor Arms condominium

**Shirley Chalupa**, DCI Engineers

**David Chown**, Portland Business Alliance

**Thomas Aquinas Debpuur**, student

**Jennifer Eggers**, Holmes Structures

**Don Eggleston**, SERA Architects

**Abe Farkas**, Farkas Group

**Maya Foty**, Architectural Resources Group

**Carolina Gomez**, Home Forward

**Walter Hills**, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

**Mark Jackson**, Vancouver Ave. Baptist Church

**Robert Jepson**, Lease Crutcher Lewis

**Sue Levine**, St. James Lutheran Church

**Mary-Rain O'Meara**, Central City Concern

**Nicholas Petersen**, student

**John Wright Russell**, Russell Development Company

**Vik Savara**, retired

**Thomas Sjostrom**, BOMA

**Andrew Smith**, Henneberry Eddy

**Annette Stanhope**, Historic Parkrose

**Mark Stevenson**, Craft3

**Roy Tate**, Christ Memorial Church

**Bart Yanoch**, Laurelthirst





# Summary of Resolution

- Appoint URM Policy Work Group
- Adopt work group bylaws

