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TO: Portland City Council Mary Hull Caballero, Auditor

FROM:

Nick Fish, Commissioner Min

CC: **Council Clerk** 

SUBJECT: 2019 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award (15 min)

This is the twenty-eighth annual Steve Lowenstein Trust Award. The award was created to recognize individuals who make an extraordinary personal effort and sacrifice to improve the quality of life for distressed and vulnerable populations in the city of Portland.

## Presenters:

Michelle M. Harper, Past Steve Lowenstein Board Chair Margie Harris, Steve Lowenstein Board Member

Award Recipient: **Billy Anfield** 

## City Council Presentation of 2019 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award

The Board of Directors of the Steve Lowenstein Trust is proud to announce Billy Anfield as the 2019 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award recipient for his multi-decade, extensive, culturally specific program development work in association with Central City Concern, assisting the formerly incarcerated successfully reenter the community and become organized, recidivism reduction advocates. The award will be presented on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:50 am, in Portland City Council Chambers.

Billy Anfield has a legacy of building community. He has dedicated his life's work to supporting those who are most marginalized in our society.

This year, the Steve Lowenstein Trust is honoring Billy for his role as the Advocacy Coordinator for the Flip The Script" program at Central City Concern in Portland Oregon. This program is specifically designed to support African American's with the purpose of reducing recidivism rates in the criminal justice system, reclaiming their lives and seeing their value in reconnecting to the community.

Mr. Anfield's compassion and authenticity inspire people who are disproportionately impacted by our criminal justice system. Billy has the rare ability to establish trust with his clients, genuinely supporting them as they endeavor to re-establish their lives after being incarcerated. Billy's advocacy work connects his clients to elected officials, directly engaging them on the experiences, policies, and approaches that need to change to better support those reentering society following prison.

The Lowenstein Trust is part of the legacy of Steve Lowenstein, an inspiring model of public service. Steve's sense of purpose, integrity, and perseverance inspired many who have worked on issues of human rights and social justice. Steve served in the Peace Corps after law school in the early 1960's. Throughout his life he was a vocal civil rights activist. Steve was also founding director of Oregon Legal Services, author of a groundbreaking history – <u>The Jews of Oregon 1850-1950</u> – and at the time of his death in 1990, had served six years as Chief of Staff to former Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg. In his will, Steve established an annual financial award to provide recognition and assistance to individuals who have made significant ongoing personal sacrifice to help those in need. <u>www.lowensteintrust.org</u>

## 2019 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fish)

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