

RESOLUTION No. 37519

Appoint a Charter Commission to review and recommend amendments to the Charter (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland adopted the following six core values: anti-racism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration, and fiscal responsibility; and
WHEREAS, these core values guided the City Council's "one City" approach to the appointment of Charter commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Constitution grants municipalities the power to establish a Charter to provide a foundation for its governing structure and general policies; and

WHEREAS, a Charter is a vital document that reflects the needs and understandings of the local community and may require regular revision to reflect the community's changing needs and understandings; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that "[f]rom time to time, but no less frequently than every 10 years, the Council shall convene a Charter review commission ("Charter Commission") to review and recommend amendments to the Charter"; and

WHEREAS, the previous commission was appointed on December 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission shall determine its own rules of procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission is an independent body authorized to review and recommend amendments to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners may recommend Charter changes to the Charter Commission, the Charter Commission has no obligation to address these recommendations and such recommendations will be weighted like other community recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Charter review provides community members the opportunity to periodically determine whether the City's governance reflects the changing needs of the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Charter review continues Portland's tradition of civic engagement and community involvement in the working of our government; and

WHEREAS, City Council commits to ensuring that the community is meaningfully engaged in the Charter review process, and that broad public input will be gathered to inform proposed Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, changes to the City of Portland's Charter can only be made by the electorate through a ballot measure referred by the City Council, or through a citizen-led ballot initiative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council hereby appoints the following as members of the Charter Commission; biographies and statements of interest are attached hereto as Exhibit A:

Amira Streeter
 Andrew Speer
 Angie Morrill
 Anthony Castaneda
 Becca Uherbelau
 Bryan William Lewis
 Candace Avalos
 Dave Galat
 Debbie Kitchin
 Debra Porta

Hanna Osman
 Karol Collymore
 Melanie Billings-Yun
 Raahi Reddy
 Robin Ye
 Salomé Chimuku
 Scott Fogarty
 Steven Phan
 Vadim Mozyrsky
 Yasmin Ibarra

Adopted by the Council: December 3, 2020

Mayor Ted Wheeler
 Commissioner Eudaly
 Commissioner Fritz
 Commissioner Hardesty
 Commissioner Ryan
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 November 17, 2020

Mary Hull Caballero
 Auditor of the City of Portland

Keelan McClymont

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