

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint Joaquin Lopez and Leila Haile as Creative Laureates for terms to expire June 30, 2023 (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Creative Laureate initiative was established in 2012 by former Mayor Sam Adams who sought to provide Portland with an official ambassador for the broader creative community. The role has evolved over the years and the Creative Laureate is now an active advocate for Portland's diverse arts and culture ecosystem. This year, Commissioner Rubio selected two Creative Laureates to address the significant need for supporting and engaging with our creative community as we heal and rebuild from the events of the past year. These two Creative Laureates will each serve a two year term, starting July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. The position is not eligible for reappointment. This report does not change City policies.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This action does not amend the budget and does not create or eliminate staff positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

It is the role of the Creative Laureates to meaningfully engage and co-create with our City's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+, and disability artists and arts collectives. The application was open and public through the Commissioner's website, social media, and reported about in local outlets. A community panel composed of diverse members of Portland's creative community, along with current Creative Laureate Subashini Ganesan, reviewed applications and recommended finalists that were then interviewed by Commissioner Rubio. The two Creative Laureates selected bring lived experiences and deep relationships with community members the City seeks to serve as well as significant creative experience. During the presentation of the report we will hear from both of them, as well as current Creative Laureate Subashini Ganesan.

100% Renewable Goal: N/A

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