

**Agenda No. 457**

**REPORT**

Reappoint Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr. and William Myers to the Prosper Portland Board for terms to expire June 30, 2024 (Report)

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following re-appointments to the Prosper Portland Board:

<b>Re-Appointment</b>	<b>Current Term</b>	<b>New Term</b>
Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr.	7/18/2018 to 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024
William Myers	7/18/2018 to 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024

Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr. Bio:

Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr. is a partner in the law firm of Hathaway Larson LLP, with a practice in commercial finance, corporate finance and general business matters. His professional background includes work as a commercial banker, a partner in an AMLAW 100 law firm, and in-house counsel with a large financial institution. He is a native of Portland, and attended Lincoln High School, Santa Clara University, the University of Oregon, and Lewis and Clark Law School. He has been active on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest District Association (the neighborhood association for northwest Portland), and Portland Center Stage He also served as Chair of the Business Law and Securities Regulation Sections of the Oregon State Bar. Cruz played rugby in college and for a men's club team, and he enjoys spending time with his son and following University of Oregon football.

**Introduced by**  
Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau**  
Prosper Portland

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June 8, 2021

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June 16, 2021

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Consent

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June 8, 2021

Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr. Statement of Interest:

"As a longtime volunteer, I hold much respect for our community stakeholders and the organizations that are working for a more equitable Portland."

"I have a unique set of skills and background that have been useful in serving Prosper Portland, having been a banker, business lawyer and president of my own neighborhood association. I have also been involved in other nonprofit boards, including the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Portland Center Stage. These experiences allow me to bring to bring unique thinking and versatility to the table."

"As a proud Portland native, I want to preserve the sense of community I enjoyed while growing up here, and the sense of neighborliness and friendliness that Portland has always been known for. As I watch our city transform itself, I have deepened my own commitment to ensuring that the benefits of our growth are shared among all of Portland's residents."

William Myers Bio:

William Myers is executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella organization of 25 unions that represent some 20,000 construction workers employed by more than 2,000 signatory contractors in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Columbia counties. He formerly worked for the Sheet

Metal Workers Local 16. Among his community activities, he sits on the state's Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity.

William Myers Statement of Interest:

"I've been in the construction industry for 34 years, almost 20 in leadership positions. I was very engaged in the process of what the South Waterfront would look like and how it was going to be built back in the early 2000s, and I believe it's critical to have the input from someone coming from the building trades as we determine how we build the city."

"I've also been active with Global Volunteers, a nonprofit that delivers essential services to communities worldwide, and in that capacity have seen first-hand what a difference it can make to provide direct assistance to those in need."

"I believe very much in Prosper Portland's commitment to equity and to better serving the underrepresented members of our community."

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler

Mayor

Action Taken: June 16, 2021 Confirmed

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio -

Ryan - Yea

Hardesty - Yea

Mapps - Yea

Wheeler - Yea