

Exhibit A: Appointees Bio

David Chen

David is a business attorney with more than 20 years of legal experience, most recently at an international law firm where he practiced in mergers and acquisitions. David also co-founded a bioinformatics startup and served in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice litigating employment discrimination cases.

He currently is a board member, investment committee chair and finance committee member at the Portland Community College Foundation, a board member of Ecotrust, and co-chair of Ecotrust Investments. His other civic engagements have included volunteering with the Democratic National Committee's Voter Protection Hotline, poll observing in Arizona during the 2020 election, serving on the legal team that was awarded The American Lawyer's 2013 Pro Bono Deal of the Year, and serving on the board of directors for the Homeless Prenatal Program, a social services agency in San Francisco.

David has a BA in public policy from Duke University and a JD from Stanford Law School.

Personal Fact

David has run 14 marathons, including Boston four times as a qualifier, and enjoys exploring the waterfront, Forest Park and Portland's other running trails.

Why are you excited to serve on the Charter Commission?

Serving on the Charter Commission is a unique opportunity to influence directly the executive structure of our city government, how diverse communities and constituencies are heard and represented, and ultimately how our government addresses the basic functions to which citizens are entitled. I am excited by the opportunity to consider and recommend change in partnership with the other commissioners and the community.

David Knowles

David has worked in politics, public policy and law for over 40 years. He practiced law for 9 years, was an elected Metro Councilor and served the City of Portland as Director of the Bureau of Planning. Most recently he has worked as a land use and transportation consultant for cities and transit agencies in the Pacific Northwest. In both public and private work he has often been called on to help create consensus around major public policy issues where the participants have multiple, often conflicting interests. David and his wife Pam, who served two terms on the Board of Directors of Portland Public Schools, live in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. Their three sons attended Portland Public Schools and graduated from Grant High School. David has an undergraduate degree in economics and political science from Lewis and Clark College and a law degree from Northwestern School of Law.

Personal Fact

David is an avid fly fisherman and rock climber. His favorite places away from Portland are the Metolius and Deschutes rivers and Smith Rocks State Park.

Why are you excited to serve on the Charter Commission?

I love our City but we have big complicated problems. The Charter Commission can help reform City government in a way that dramatically improves the delivery of critical public services while also creating opportunities for new leadership.