



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland**

August 31, 2022

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the **Fair Housing Advocacy Committee (FHAC)**:

<u>Reappointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jamila “Jae” Rutherford, Vice Chair	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Barbara Geyer	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Dung Ho	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Allan Lazo	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Mara Romero	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Taylor Smiley Wolfe	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Holly Stephens	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Ashley Miller	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
Rachel Nehse	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024
<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Fanny Adams	09/30/2022 – 09/30/2024

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

FHAC Appointee bio and statement of interest

Jamila (“Jae”) Rutherford Thai

Jae Rutherford Thai is the Director of Development and Communications for Resolutions Northwest. Her work as an equity-informed mediator and her lived experience as a bi-racial Black woman from Portland have committed her to social justice and equity. She hopes to accomplish real sustainable change that is seen and felt by all. Jae will serve as a community member appointment.

Barbara Geyer

Barbara Geyer is a local real estate agent with nearly 40 years of experience. She has extensive knowledge of Fair Housing laws, advocated on behalf of tenants and has instructed first-time homebuyer courses. She is committed to improving Fair Housing educational, especially to underrepresented communities. Barbara will serve as a community member appointment.

Dung Ho

Dung Ho is the Tenant Education and Support Director for the Community Alliance of Tenants. She has worked with many renters facing housing discrimination and has served or participated in many community spaces and organizations committed to diversity and empowerment. She is excited to contribute and support the voices of immigrants and refugees in our community. Dung will serve as a community member appointment.

Allan Lazo

Allan Lazo is the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. His work centers around operations and strategic direction for this non-profit organization whose mission is to end housing discrimination and ensure equal opportunity in housing. He hopes to bring his expertise in the fair housing field, as well as his experience as a Portland of color, to this committee. Allan will serve as a community member appointment.

Mara Romero

Mara Romero has dedicated her personal and professional life to the advancement of disability rights. Her work at Independent Living Resources and Disability Rights Oregon included housing advocacy, referrals and assistance to disabled individuals in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. Mara would like to bring voice to disability-centric Fair Housing access issues. Mara will serve as a community member appointment.

Taylor Smiley Wolfe

Taylor Smiley Wolfe is the Director of Policy and Planning at Home Forward. She advances strategic priorities for the largest provider of affordable housing in the state and long-term planning with a focus on advancing racial equity. She is interested in leveraging data to inform inter-jurisdictional conversations about the impediments to Fair Housing. Taylor will serve as a community member appointment.

Holly Stephens

Holly Stephens is a strong advocate for equity and has worked to empower Portland families from various cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Her work as a Project Manager at Self Enhancement Inc. and in community outreach and advocacy will surely benefit this committee. Holly is committed to supporting and advancing equitable outcomes, particularly in the realm of fair and affordable housing. She will serve as a community member appointment.

Ashley Miller

Ashley Miller works for the City of Gresham as the Community Revitalization Manager. She oversees Gresham's CDBG and HOME entitlements from HUD. She is committed to advance equitable outcomes across our region and will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Rachel Nehse

Rachel Nehse works in Community Revitalization at the City of Gresham. Her role involves administration of CDBG and HOME funds as well as collecting input from the community regarding this funding. Rachel looks forward to collaborating with partners to advance Fair Housing and will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Fanny Adams

Fanny Adams is the Program Specialist Senior for Multnomah County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Fanny was born in Jalisco Mexico, but has lived in Northeast and Southeast Portland most of her life. She has a deep connection to community building and uplifting the vulnerable and previously spent the last seven years as a community health worker in Multnomah County's Health Department. Fanny will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.