



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

September 21, 2022

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following reappointments and appointments to the **Rental Services Commission (RSC)**:

New Appointments:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Stephanie Phillips Bridges	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Angelita Morillo	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Amber Cook	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024

Reappointments:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Christian Bryant, Co-Chair	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Matthew Maline	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Vivien Lyon	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Regina Amodeo	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024
Kristina Goodman	10/05/2022 – 10/05/2024

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

RSC appointment bio and statement of interest

Stephanie Phillips Bridges

Stephanie Phillips Bridges is currently a Policy Analyst at the Urban League of Portland. Additionally, Stephanie has lived experience as a renter in Portland. Stephanie has experience advocating for equity and diversity in housing and brings her experience at Urban League to represent a voice for Portland's Black community. Her work in program and policy evaluation will positively impact the work of the RSC.

Statement of Interest:

Stephanie is interested in appointment to the RSC to learn about the planning and projects for the City of Portland. She looks forward to lending her voice on behalf of the Urban League of Portland.

Angelita Morillo

Angelita Morillo is a Policy Advocate at Hunger Free Oregon and former Constitute Services Specialist and ADA Coordinator for Commissioner Hardesty. She brings her lived experience as a renter, experience of housing instability and personal experience of discrimination to her work. Angelita's familiarity and knowledge of how our local government functions will be of immense benefit. The RSC is grateful to welcome Angelita to the Commission.

Statement of Interest:

Angelita Morillo is interested in serving on the RSC to hear directly from Portlanders about what they've endured in the rental market and would deeply honor the opportunity to bring both her lived experience and the experience of all the people she learned from to impact the policies that are passed in local government.

Amber Cook

Amber Cook brings immense experience as an employee of the PSU Housing Crisis Reach Collaborative as a court observer and active local community member. She has been associated with many housing organizations including the Community Alliance of Tenants, Portland Tenants United, Oregon Renters in Action and East County Rising. The RSC will benefit greatly from Amber's community involvement and lived experience.

Statement of Interest:

Amber is interested in serving on the RSC to contribute to the improvement of living conditions for people in current and soon to be built affordable housing, and to help small landlords flourish while being fair and providing safe, good places for low-income people to make good homes.

*RSC Appointment Bios for Reappointments:***Christian Bryant, Co-Chair**

Christian Bryant has been working in the Real Estate and Property Management industry since the beginning of 2009. He is currently the President of [IRC Real Estate and Property Management](#), the [Portland Area Rental Owners Association](#), and the [Northwest Real Estate Investors Association](#). Through his live continuing education company, [Real Estate & Property Management \(RPM\) Education](#), he trains landlords across Oregon and the United States how to be responsible property managers. He also happens to be in the unique position of being a property manager by profession while also being a tenant.

Statement of Interest:

I am interested in continuing to serve as Co-Chair of the RSC if I am reappointed.

Matthew Maline

Matthew Maline is a legal professional with experience working with small landlords and tenants in the Portland area. Matthew's training as a litigation attorney and work in various aspects of the housing industry has prepared him to understand concerns facing our community's various stakeholders. Matthew's experience advocating and representing both property owners and renters along with his professional experience working with the New York City Housing Authority is an asset to the Rental Services Commission.

Statement of Interest:

It has been a pleasure serving on the RSC. I look forward to continuing our important work for a second term.

Vivien Lyon

Vivien Lyon (they/them) is the Managing Attorney of a new eviction legal defense program administered by [PCC CLEAR Clinic](#). They have practiced residential tenant defense since 2016, and they advocate for tenants and for legal reforms to address the gap in access to justice. Vivien is involved with several local tenant organizations and brings technical experience in navigating the legal system and handling issues such as eviction, habitability, and retaliation. They're a long-time renter in Portland, having relocated here from Chicago in 1999.

Statement of Interest:

I have roughly 5 years' experience representing tenants in Portland, both with evictions and with other issues that arise between landlords and tenants. I am well-aware of the legal obstacles tenants face in ensuring their rights are protected and it is this difficulty that I seek to address.

Regina Amodeo

Regina Amodeo (she/her) has over 12 years of affordable housing experience in the Portland Metro area, including Permanent Supportive Housing, Section 8 and Tax Credit programs. Regina understands the challenges of balancing regulatory requirements with trauma-informed and low-barrier approaches to housing access. She is an advocate for creative and equitable solutions to ending the housing crisis and experienced in building partnerships amongst agencies and communities to improve rental housing availability. She has a graduate degree in Public Administration from PSU and works at [REACH CDC](#) as the Manager of Compliance, overseeing the compliance functions of over 2,000 units of rental housing. She has lived in Portland since 2005, renting in many neighborhoods before settling down in Montavilla.

Statement of Interest:

For the past ten years, a large part of my job has included collaborating with governmental, social service and advocacy groups on issues around rental housing access and issues; bringing a trauma-informed approach to everything I do by evaluating the impact policy changes may have on applicants, residents, and staff.

Kristina Goodman

Kristina Goodman has been working with people experiencing housing insecurity or instability for several years. Kristina is currently the Housing Director for [New Avenues for Youth](#). New Avenues is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention and intervention of youth homelessness. Kristina's education includes an undergraduate degree in Health and Human Services and a graduate degree in Human Behavior. As a lifetime Portland community member, Kristina is personally invested in advocating for the city's residents and believes that we all deserve a habitable and affordable home.

Statement of Interest:

One of the programs that I manage serves LGBTGIA+ folks. The demographics of the clientele that I work with every day in all of our housing programs is largely marginalized people who have intersecting identities and are largely from communities of color. I am also personally committed to equity work in all areas of my life including those that reach beyond my professional role. As a parent of young folks who have intersecting identities this is especially important to me and is one of my guiding intrinsic values.