



Office of Mayor Keith Wilson
City of Portland

Mayor's Appointment: Robert Taylor, City Attorney

February 5, 2025

In accordance with Portland City Charter Section 2-401 (g), I am pleased to bring before the City Council my nominee for City Attorney: Robert Taylor. The City Attorney serves as the chief legal counsel for the City of Portland and leads the City Attorney's Office, which represents the City's elected officials, employees, bureaus, offices, boards, and commissions in court and in administrative and quasi-judicial proceedings on an array of topics. In addition, this Office advises on policy development and program implementation, advocates and negotiates on behalf of the City, and provides training to the City's elected officials, boards and commissions, and employees on various law-related topics. The position of City Attorney requires a shrewd legal mind, diplomacy, and a thoughtful disposition. Having reviewed Mr. Taylor's qualifications, he has demonstrated a deep understanding of City operations and challenges as well as an ability to guide us in achieving policy objectives while mitigating risk.

Statement from Robert Taylor

It is a pleasure to serve the City of Portland as we navigate our challenges and opportunities together. I'm grateful for the hard work and dedication of every member of the Portland City Attorney's Office. I am fortunate to serve with them. We are all looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council in the new form of government to move our city forward.

Nominee Qualifications

Robert Taylor joined the City Attorney's office in 2017 and has served as the City Attorney since 2021. As chief legal counsel, Robert leads a team of over 80 legal professionals tasked with advising elected officials and City staff on high-profile legal issues. Most recently, Robert has advised the City on the transition from a Commission form of government to the current Mayor/Council form of government as well as City policies related to unsheltered homelessness and public safety. Prior to coming to the City, Robert served as Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of the

Oregon Senate, a business litigator in private practice, and as an analyst in the Congressional Budget Office.