



**Commissioner Nick Fish**  
City of Portland

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### **City Commissioner Nick Fish Appoints Traci Manning as New Housing Director**

City Commissioner Nick Fish today announced the appointment of Traci Manning as Director of the Portland Housing Bureau.

"I'm pleased to announce my selection of Traci Manning as our new Housing Director," said Commissioner Fish. "She brings to the Bureau strong relationships with our community and jurisdictional partners, a commitment to the bureau's Strategic Plan and Equity Agenda, and almost two decades of experience in housing and community development."

Over the past month, Commissioner Fish reached out to bureau employees, stakeholders, and community members to discuss the process for filling this position and the qualifications he should be looking for in the next director.

"Everyone I talked to agreed that we have a lot of local talent with the skills and experience to be successful in the position," stated Commissioner Fish. "Following these discussions and considering the future of the bureau, I concluded that Traci Manning best meets our needs."

Ms. Manning currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Central City Concern (CCC), a nonprofit that provides housing to people experiencing homelessness. CCC also connects clients with benefits and provides links to the workforce system. As COO, Ms. Manning manages CCC's direct service programs

including Business Enterprises, Employment, Healthcare, Housing, Recovery and Engagement Services, and Supportive Housing services.

“Having worked my entire career providing housing and services to our most vulnerable populations, I am honored that Commissioner Fish has asked me to join the city as Director of the Portland Housing Bureau,” said Manning. “The Commissioner and former Director Margaret Van Vliet have built a remarkable team of dedicated professionals. I am excited to lead the bureau and work with staff and the community to implement the bureau's strategic plan.”

Ms. Manning began her CCC career in 1993 as a receptionist. She quickly moved into fundraising and public affairs before settling into housing development work. Ms. Manning spent nine years working in this role, and was directly responsible for the renovation, acquisition or construction of 7 buildings, representing 770 units of the agency's portfolio. She led financing, design and construction on all projects.

She currently serves as a member of the Portland Housing Advisory Commission, PHB's volunteer public advisory body. She previously served as a board member of the Community Development Network (now Oregon Opportunity Network).

Traci Manning's first day as the Housing Director will be October 17.

“I'm excited to have her join the bureau's strong senior management team consisting of Jacob Fox, Alissa Mahar, and Daniel Ledezma,” said Fish. “Together, they will be even stronger.”

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