

Commissioner Nick Fish City of Portland

Date: April 23, 2015

To: Mayor Charlie Hales Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Steve Novick Commissioner Dan Saltzman Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

From: Commissioner Nick Fish

RE: Accept 2015 Arts Oversight Committee Report on the Arts Education & Access Fund (Report).

In 2012, Portland voters approved the Arts Education & Access fund income tax. Portland City Council appointed an independent citizen body, the Arts Oversight Committee (AOC), to oversee the implementation of the tax.

Tax revenue has helped restore arts and music teachers in our public schools, support arts organizations in our community, and fund grants that expand access to the arts.

On April 29, the AOC will present their second annual report. The report analyzes the \$7.6 million from Tax Year 2013 that has been distributed to our seven Portland-area public school districts and the Regional Arts & Culture Council, and outlines a number of thoughtful recommendations for improving oversight going forward.

The AOC, chaired by Stan Penkin, has done outstanding work – I know Council will join me in thanking them for their commitment to transparency and strong oversight. I look forward to working with the AOC, our public school districts, RACC, and the Council to follow up on the report's recommendations.

I recommend that the City Council accept this Report on April 29, 2015.

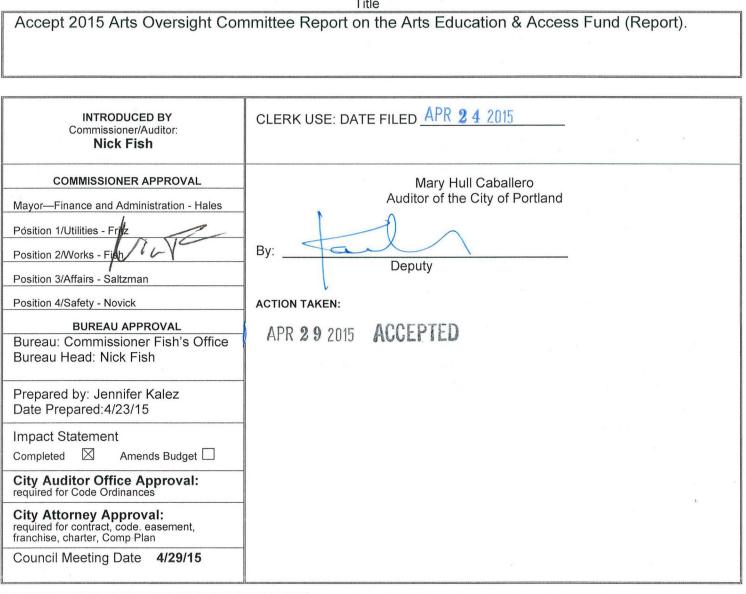
Sincerely,

Nick Fish

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