

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint Becky Hunter, Paul Pappas, and Angel Chesimet to the Portland Commission on Disability for 3-year terms to expire February 2, 2019.

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This resolution is being proposed to appoint Becky Hunter, Paul Pappas, and Angel Chesimet to the Portland Commission on Disability for 3-year terms to expire February 2, 2019.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

None

Community impacts and community involvement:

These Commissioners will benefit the Disability community by representing its interests and concerns and promoting inclusion of individuals with disabilities. The City's livability is impacted through their work to create an increasingly more equitable city for all Portland residents.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

Newly appointed Portland Commission on Disability Commissioner bios:

Becky Hunter graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Psychology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and spent many years working with Alaska non-profits to develop equitable support services for disadvantaged and disabled native Alaskan populations. She has written multiple fully funded grants for sovereign tribal village governments in Alaska, private non-profit agencies, and for the local and national chapters of the Red Cross. Currently, as a Training and Operations Director, Becky devotes 25% of career responsibilities to matching persons with disabilities to occupational opportunities within her organization. Her passion originates from a personal lived experience that has led her to embrace advocacy initiatives that support the independence and empowerment of disabled citizens. She hopes to utilize her most recent Master's Degree with emphasis on Management in Organizational Development and Leadership, from Warner Pacific College to further her activism by modeling a servant leadership approach to team building, initiative development, and good will projects that support the disabled community.

Paul Pappas is a native of Minneapolis, MN, who chose to live in Portland after travelling widely during his 20 years of U.S. naval service in various parts of the U.S. and the Pacific Rim. While serving, Paul was disabled with a head injury that left him with compromised balance and severe hearing loss. He was an early (1972) Human Relations Discussion Leader in the Marine Corps, working with people of various cultures and races to try to calm tensions that had come to a head in the late 1960's. This work was just a step away from becoming an advocate for human rights in the services. When he was retired from the military, Paul travelled the U.S. again with his wife, Nancy, living in an RV, before settling in Portland in 2010. One of the advantages he saw here was an outstanding public transportation system. He was selected to join the TriMet Committee for Accessible Transportation. His completion of Portland's Transportation Course, gave him greater insight into what helps Portland move about. He was one of the representatives of TriMet at the 2015 State Transit Conference. He was among the committee members who helped advise TriMet on access issues with the new Orange Line Max. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and has helped many veterans navigate the VA system to get the benefits they have earned. Paul was recently invited and joined the City Club of Portland and was elected by the Portland Commission on Disability to join it as a commissioner. He lives in the Richmond Neighborhood of Southeast Portland.

Angel, originally from Louisiana, has lived in the Portland metro area and on the coast for 18 years and currently resides in North Portland with her 2 teenage kids and fiancé. She graduated from Portland State University with a masters in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and works at Portland Community College in 2 capacities: Accessibility Technician and Disability Counselor. She has a private counseling practice downtown and works as a consultant for companies and agencies on assuring compliance of their website and digital materials according to federal guidelines for accessibility of screen-readers. Her passion is in is advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities and other minority groups with the assurance of equality and inclusion. In her leisure time she enjoys sitting by the fire reading a good book with her guide-dog Hennessy, theater, visual art galleries, and music concerts and during warmer months, walking, tandem biking, and dragon boat racing. She looks forward to collaborating with all members of the commission to work towards meaningful goals for our community.