

## IMPACT STATEMENT

### Legislation title:

Appoint Jessica Molinar and Andrew Clark to the Portland Design Commission for their first 4-year terms to expire March 16, 2020; reassign Julie Livingston to a new membership category (Report)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The appointment of these Commissioners is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill quorum requirements for Type 2 Appeals and Type 3 Land Use Reviews.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Commissioner appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

The Bureau of Development Services continually advertises positions for the Commission through its webpage, public phone calls to the Commission Clerk and Staff, and as needed Media Announcements of upcoming positions. These Media Announces are widely circulated in the design, development and neighborhood community news outlets and web pages.

### 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



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Subject: Appointments to the Portland Design Commission (DC)

Portland City Code Title 33.710.030 specifies that there are to be seven members of the DC who may serve up to two 4-year terms. After a thorough review process, I am recommending two Portland Design Commission membership changes:

**New Member Appointments**

I am recommending two candidates for appointment to two vacant DC positions for a 4-year term each.

Applicant	Position	Current Status	Appointment
Jessica Molinar	Architect	New	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Term, ending 3/15/20
Andrew Clark <sup>e</sup>	Developer	New	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Term, ending 3/15/20

**Jessica Molinar** has current work experience encompassing a wide range of scales and budgets with a focus on quality design and construction. Her current employment at Portland based Colab Architecture and Urban Design includes managing architectural projects, construction deadlines, and large scale master planning. Jessica also has a strong understanding of the local architectural community, recent development trends, modern building systems, and construction details. Her appointment will help to ensure the Portland Design Commission's high bar for new development and quality infill that enhances and preserves the City's architectural heritage and legacy.

**Andrew Clark<sup>e</sup>**, a native Portlander, is a owner of Hugh Development, a real estate and development company for projects in NE Portland where he grew up. He was recently Land Use Chair of the King Neighborhood Association, and still active as a member of the King Land Use Committee. Andrew is currently developing a mid-rise project in NE Portland with a local architectural firm, and will bring an important perspective to the developer-side of the fast paced

construction boom Portland is experiencing it many of its neighborhoods. His appointment will help bring to the DC a highly valued developer's perspective and balance brought by the previous developer position held by former Design Commissioner Ben Kaiser.

Design Review staff including Land Use Supervisor Kara Fioravanti and Senior Planner Tim Heron, in coordination with DC Chair David Wark and DC Vice-Chair Tad Savinar, assessed the needs of the DC and concluded that Jessica and Andrew would be the best fit among the potential candidates due to the reasons stated above. Their combined knowledge in architectural design and development are critical skills and experiences needed on the DC.

#### **Membership Category Changes**

Portland City Code Title 33.710.050 also specifies that DC member positions must include a representative of the Regional Arts and Culture Council, one person representing the public at-large, and five members experienced in either design, engineering, financing, construction or management of buildings, and land development. No more than two members may be appointed from any one of these areas of expertise. In order to make sure that DC members are assigned to member positions that accurately reflect specific category requirements, I am recommending that one current DC member be reassigned to a different position.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>New Position</b>
Julie Livingston	Architect	Development Project Manager

**Julie Livingston** is a Real Estate Development Project Manager at Home Forward, as well as a licensed architect in the State of Oregon. Due to Julie's multi-professional credentials, and now the opportunity to appoint another female architect to the DC, changing Julie's current position from Architect to Development Project Manager allows us to accurately reflect specific category requirements of the Zoning Code.

With these proposed appointments and position change, the Portland Design Commission will have no vacancies. The next potential appointment will be August 15, 2016 when Commissioner Jeff Simpson, Public-at-Large, first full term expires.

This appointment and reassignment will help to ensure the continuation of the good work of the DC on behalf of BDS and other City bureaus, the development industry, and the community.