

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:**

Appoint Samuel Rodriguez to the Portland Design Commission for the first 4-year term to expire November 1, 2020 (Report)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The appointment of 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: Appointment 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 one Portland Design Commission membership changes:

**New Member Appointment**

I am recommending one candidate for appointment to one vacant DC position for a 4-year term.

Applicant	Position	Current Status	Appointment
Samuel (Sam) Rodriguez	Public-at-Large	New	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Term, ending 11/1/20

**Samuel Rodriguez** has spent his career working on improving the urban quality and design of national and international cities. Sam began his career in Venezuela, but also gained experience in Washington D.C. and, for the past 16 years, has furthered his career with his experience at local architectural firm SERA and several years of experience in development firms, including Trammell Crow and Mill Creek Residential Trust. Sam's experience includes renovation projects, feasibility and due diligence studies, market research, and project management from concept to completion of construction. Sam also has extensive volunteer experience, serving on local committees as well as chairing the Building Code Board of Appeal. Through his work at Mill Creek, Sam has been a major player in the development of many housing projects throughout Portland; his experience in residential development will provide a valuable perspective as the city continues to grow toward estimated projections. Sam's 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 for all of Portland's citizens.

With this proposed appointment, the Portland Design Commission will have no vacancies. The next appointment will be October 31, 2017 when Commissioner David Wark, Regional Arts and Culture Council position, second full term expires.

This appointment 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.