

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Appoint Michelle A. Dedeo to the Portland Parks Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2019, and Joseph A. O'Leary and Paul D. Agrimis to the Portland Parks Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2020. Reappoint Kendall Clawson, Patricia Frobes, Jim Owens and Gladys Ruiz to the Portland Parks Board for terms to expire June 30, 2020 (Appointment Report)

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

Appoint three citizens to the Portland Parks Board. For these new appointments, one (1) will fill a vacancy left by the resignation of a member who did not complete his term, and two (Paul D. Agrimis, and Joseph A. O'Leary) will replace one current Board member (Ty Schwoeffermann) who requested not to be re-appointed and one current Board member (Sue Van Brocklin) who is term-limited out.

Four current members of the Parks Board (Patricia Frobes, Kendall Clawson, Gladys Ruiz and Jim Owens) will be reappointed for a three-year term ending June 30, 2020. Patricia Frobes, Kendall Clawson, Gladys Ruiz and Jim Owens will be serving their final terms on the board.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This legislation does not generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City. There is no additional costs other than a small amount of materials which is already budgeted for Parks Board business.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The Board is made up of a diverse group of members representing all geographic districts of the City. The Parks Board advocates for equitable resources and makes recommendations that benefits all of the City of Portland.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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

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6/12/17  
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**Michelle A. Dedeo DNP, RN, CNS, ACCNS-AG, CCRN**

Michelle A. Dedeo is a registered Nurse/Nurse Faculty. She is employed at Legacy Health Portland, OR as a Direct Care Registered Nurse – Critical Care Resource Pool. She has been a nurse for nearly 14 years. She is committed to health & wellbeing of the community. Michelle has worked as a nurse leader at OHSU and understand Budget and regulations and currently as faculty teach students about connecting to their community and leading health & wellbeing through nursing. Ms. Dedeo holds a Doctorate Nursing Practice (DNP), from the University of Washington, Masters in Nursing (MN), from the University of Washington and a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN), University of Wisconsin.

**Personal Statement**

I have lived in Portland since 2014 and am seeking an opportunity to expand my community involvement and community commitment. I have appreciated my opportunities for improved health and wellbeing participating through my time as a community gardener. I would like to be a part of the future of Portland.

**Paul D. Agrimis, RLA, PE, PWS**

Paul is a landscape architect, civil engineer, and professional wetland scientist with over 30 years of experience in environmental planning and design. As vice president and leader of ESA's Landscape Architecture program, Paul directs our team of practicing and licensed landscape architects from Washington to California. He has developed the practice landscape architecture at ESA to understand the landscape deeply and then design parks, trails, and open space places that are engaging and resilient. He seeks to create places that integrate cultural and regional context, meet the needs and interests of site visitors, and will become community and regional destinations. Mr. Agrimis holds an MLA, Landscape Architecture, 1989, University of Washington and a BSE, Civil Engineering, 1979, University of Connecticut.

**Personal Statement**

I have lived in Portland for 28 years and contributed to individual park, trail, and open space designs throughout the region as a landscape architect. As a member of the Parks Board I could contribute to the park system vision for Portland Parks in a comprehensive manner that would be very satisfying at a policy level.

**Joseph A. O'Leary, J.D.**

Joseph O'Leary is the Deputy Director at Oregon Youth Authority in Salem, OR since June 2012. He provides leadership, supervision and management assistance to state juvenile justice agency with 1000 employees and a \$300 million biennial budget. Prior to OYA Joseph held positions at Oregon Public Employees' Retirement System, General Counsel, Office of Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, Counsel, Judiciary Committee of the Oregon State Legislature and several positions in the private sector.

Much of Joseph's professional career has been devoted to public service, and specifically working on issues affecting at risk youth. As a lawyer and state agency executive, he has developed experience in public sector administration, policy, budgeting and program development. Mr. O'Leary holds a J.D. from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College, Portland OR and a B.A. World Politics, The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.

**Personal Statement**

Portland's parks and natural areas are one of the city's greatest assets. As a single father of an intrepid 12 year old boy living equidistant between Oregon Park and Laurelhurst Park, I've personally enjoyed great benefits of the wonderful facilities and programs offered in our neighborhood. It would an honor and privilege to help steward the mission of Portland Parks & Recreation moving forward so that all the residents of and visitors to our city can be connected to our community through its parks.

**Pat Frobes**

Pat Frobes was a partner with the California based law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, where she served as chair of the Real Estate and Natural Resources Department and Vice-Chair of the Firm. She also served as General Counsel of The Irvine Company. She received a BA from Antioch College and a JD from the University of Utah. Pat lives with her husband in northeast Portland not far from Grant Park.

**Personal Statement**

Four years ago, I volunteered at Peninsula Park Rose Garden. I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the place – the architecture, the central fountain, the roses and the fragrance that greeted me as I walked down the stairs onto the Garden floor. That said, the Garden was not all it could be – many of the roses were old and not disease resistant and the weeds were beginning to cover the Garden floor. With 2 other like-minded Master Gardeners, I formed the Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden to work with Portland Parks and Recreation to, among other things, improve the maintenance of the Garden. In three years, the Friends and Portland Parks, with the help of over 200 volunteers and wonderful partners in the business and non-profit communities, have planted over 5000 new, disease resistant and donated roses and tripled the size of the regular volunteer group that, with Parks, maintains the Garden.

My experience at Peninsula Park has reinforced my belief in the importance of public green spaces in creating the shared memories and experiences that build and sustain healthy communities. It has also taught me the power of public/private partnerships to make a positive difference in maintaining the incredible park resources we have and in extending those resources to underserved communities. There is a large gap between the public dollars available for park maintenance and new parks and what needs to be done to preserve what we have and create new parks for future generations. I believe public/private partnerships can play an important role in bridging that gap.

I sought to join the Parks Board to help in the establishment and implementation of new policies and funding opportunities to achieve the goals of the Parks 2020 Vision. I hope to be an advocate for neighborhood and volunteer involvement and for public-private cooperation in the enhancement of existing and new facilities.

**Kendall Clawson**

Kendall Clawson is currently the Director of Executive Appointments and Senior Policy Advisor for Arts and Culture for Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber. Governor Kitzhaber appoints to over 300 boards, commissions, task forces and work groups and Ms. Clawson is responsible for the recruitment and management of the 2400 volunteers who serve on Governor-appointed boards. Additionally, she represents the Governor on state wide policy issues related to the arts, culture and the humanities. Prior to joining Governor Kitzhaber's senior staff, Ms. Clawson worked in the non-profit arena for 22 years, primarily in community development and non-profit management. Most recently she served as Vice President at the United Way of the Pioneer Valley and as the Executive Director of Q Center, Oregon's only Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning (LGBTQ) community center. Ms. Clawson has a Bachelor's degree in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Personal Statement**

Portland's Parks system is one of the greatest assets that the city has to offer its citizens and its visitors. Our ability to enjoy beautiful natural settings within the boundaries of an urban environment makes living in Portland an exceptional experience. Because I value the opportunity to enjoy sports, take part in outdoor theater productions, hike wooded trails and throw a ball with my two dogs in one of the many dog parks throughout the city, I think that I would be a strong advocate and a highly engaged member of the Parks Board. I believe that the best board members are those who not only embrace the mission and values of the board on which they serve, but they are also willing to be committed, collaborative and purposeful in the overall work of the board. I have a proven track record of loyal public service and I pride myself on my ability to marry a visionary perspective with the day to day practicality of board participation. I would work hard to ensure that Portland's residents and neighborhoods are able to enjoy accessible and safe parks and recreational facilities and I would do my best to be a fair and equitable representative of the diverse communities that make up our city.

**Gladys Ruiz**

Gladys began her career as an environmental educator working in the heart of New York's Central Park, as an Urban Park Ranger. In this role she established and implemented environmental education programs for city schools throughout NYC parks and led a High School leadership program focusing on ecological research.

Since moving to Portland in 2005, Gladys has worked with a variety of different organizations including the Community Cycling Center and Forest Park Conservancy, and in Clackamas County educating youth about urban and natural environments. Currently working for the Audubon Society of Portland, Gladys landed at Portland Audubon in 2011 by way of its Explorador program. As a coordinator of this community based camp, she worked to bring hands-on environmental education to Latino communities and other minority youth in the Portland-metro area.

As the Eastside Conservation Education Coordinator, you can find Gladys at Portland Audubon's eastside branch coordinating events out of Leach Botanical garden and working on Audubon's new youth leadership program TALON (Teach Advocate Lead Observe Nature). Gladys holds an Associate's degree in Science from Portland Community College and is currently wrapping up her BS at Portland State University in General Science focusing on Environmental Studies and Geology.

**Personal Statement**

With my past experience as a Parks employee in another state, I believe I have a unique perspective on parks and education. I have been an environmental educator for over 10 years. My work with Portland Audubon for the past few years has helped me gain a better understanding of the inequities that are present in east Portland.



**Jim Owens**

Jim Owens is a Founding Principal at Cogan Owens Greene. Jim is a public policy and community engagement specialist. He works nationally and internationally on multi-stakeholder land use and natural resource planning projects. Jim is recognized for his capacity to bridge technical know-how with listening to specific needs, facilitating processes and bringing strategic insight to a range of complex contexts.

Jim's unexpected start in land use planning more than three decades ago came when he awoke one morning to find people digging a sewer line in front of his house. His involvement as a concerned citizen led him to serve as planner for Polk County. "I got started by raising my hand." Jim has gone on to work on a vast range of projects from environmental permitting for downhill ski areas, to deep involvement with the City of Portland's planning processes to facilitating public policy development for salmon conservation, Columbia River dredging, and public transportation-human services coordination. Jim was involved in the groundbreaking establishment of Oregon's marine reserves, and served as the first in-house planner for the Virgin Islands National Park, developing a carrying capacity plan and managing commercial services for the park.

Jim joined COG in 1988 and remains excited by the opportunity to simultaneously apply his experience in land use planning, public involvement, and policy development to the big challenges facing communities today. In his personal time, Jim serves on the Portland Parks Board and is helping community groups in Southern Baja California develop ecologically sensitive development scenarios to address the threat of unsustainable mega-development. Jim also is an avid scuba diver, boogie boarder and downhill skier.

**Personal Statement**

I am very lucky to be involved in addressing how we preserve and improve this wonderful place in which we live and how we respond to the demands and challenges of the future. Every organism changes – if we are smart, we are proactively anticipating and responding to change all the time."