

Meet the Committee

Many thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time and talent to participate in the Fair Housing Advocacy Committee.

Jason Trombley, Chair

Recommendation by the Coalition of Communities of Color

Jason is a public relations professional who represents Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) on FHAC. In his capacity with the CCC, he helped develop the strategic plans for two of the organization's committees - the Community & Economic Development Committee and the Education Justice Committee. Further, he serves as one of the primary representatives for the CCC to support Portland Public Schools as the district implements their Racial Educational Equity Policy. Currently he represents the CCC on two PPS committees with a focus on equity: The Achievement Compact Advisory Committee and is current co-chair of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Enrollment and Transfer (SACET).

Members

Abby Ahern (At Large)

Recommendation by ad hoc FHAC nominations committee

While working toward her MSW, Abby had the opportunity to work on a new tenant education curriculum called Rent Well, and run the pilot class to ensure its success. Abby sits on the Diversity Advisory Council with Clackamas County and sees her work with the FHAC as an exciting opportunity to make Multnomah County a more equitable and welcoming place to live.

Neisha Saxena

Recommendation by Multnomah County

Neisha is a Senior Policy Coordinator that works for Multnomah County.

Maxine Fitzpatrick

Recommendation by Multnomah County

Maxine Fitzpatrick is the Executive Director of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative. Maxine also represents the City of Portland on the Portland Housing Advisory Committee (PHAC).

Unfilled Seat

Recommendation by Gresham

This seat is typically filled by a member of Gresham Housing and Community Development Committee.

Jerad Goughnour

Recommendation by Portland

Jerad is a small rental landlord and partner in a property management company Gateway Property Management. He represents the Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland. He brings a smaller landlord perspective, and professional management of smaller properties.

Katrina Holland

Recommendation by Portland

Katrina is the Executive Director of the Community Alliance of Tenants. She brings the tenant perspective to fair housing.

Deborah Imse

Recommendation by Portland

Deborah is the Executive Director of the Metro Multifamily Housing Association. She is a member of the Portland Housing Advisory Commission, and was a member of the Analysis of Impediments Committee.

Kayse Jama

Recommendation by the Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO)

Kayse is the Executive Director of the Center for Intercultural Organizing. He is leading CIO to develop an inclusive, diverse, grassroots organization working to build a multi-racial, multicultural movement for immigrant and refugee rights.

Tanya Wolfersperger

Recommendation by Portland

Tanya is the Industrial Support Director of the Oregon Opportunity Network. She has an extensive housing background, and brings the perspective of Oregon ON's many partners to the table.

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Recommendation by Multnomah County

Joe VanderVeer

Recommendation by Portland Disability Commission

Joe is a member of the Portland Commission on Disability and is the chair of the Accessibility in the Built Environment subcommittee for the commission. Part of the work plan for the ABE subcommittee seeks to address the critical shortage of accessible, affordable housing for people with disabilities in Portland and Multnomah County. Joe also serves on the board of directors for Disability Rights Oregon and chairs the Multnomah County Disability Services Advisory Council. In his professional life, Joe works with nonprofits that serve people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and disability.

Patricia Rojas

Recommendation by Gresham

Patricia Rojas is the director El Programa Hispano of Catholic Charities.

Unfilled Seat

Recommendation by Gresham

This seat is typically filled by Human Solution or an organization involved in renter issues. .

Betty Dominguez

Recommendation by Home Forward

Betty is the Director of Policy and Equity at Home Forward. Home Forward has the unique perspective of being both landlord and fair housing services funder.

Unfilled Seat

Recommendation by the Coalition of Communities of Color

The Coalition of Communities of Color recommended leadership from the Urban League to fill this seat.