

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Appoint Ernest Harris and Destiny Wright to the Noise Review Board for terms to expire 2/1/21 (Report)

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

The Noise Review Board is comprised of five members, including three community member-at-large positions, a representative from the construction industry, and a professional in the field of acoustics. Appointments to the volunteer Noise Review Board are made for a three-year term.

The Board is charged with making decisions on Noise Variances for projects that range from nighttime construction projects to large outdoor concerts. The Board also works to develop long term objectives for achieving reduction of sound levels in the community.

This action by Council confirms the appointment of two new Noise Review Board members, Ernest Harris, representing a community member-at-large role, and Destiny Wright, representing a construction industry role.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Noise Review Board members are expected to serve as a voice for community and for industry/infrastructure in balancing requests for noise variances with community livability concerns.

In our search, we conducted extensive outreach to groups that have expressed interest in noise issues, as well as outreach to specific Office of Neighborhood Involvement partner organizations. Outreach included business groups, neighborhood coalitions, diversity and civic leadership partners, and personal staff contacts. Our goal was to bring members to the Noise Review Board that represent voices that have not been reflected in the make-up of the current members. Accordingly, our community member-at-large outreach was focused in geographic areas that have been affected by decisions, but had not had a meaningful part in directing them.

Our construction industry outreach targeted building trades groups, rather than specific contractors, since these building craftspeople represent the wide variety of the Portland population.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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