

Personal Statement- Kevin Rogers

The United States and the City of Portland is currently facing challenges on several fronts. With that backdrop, more attention will be paid to the Budgets of State and Local Governments, with an eye to what is reasonable, fair and justifiable. As I have heard before, Budgets are Statements of Values.

So, when the opportunity arrived for my potential of being a member of Citywide Budget Advisors, it got my attention. I am a 20 plus year resident of Portland and would like to make a positive contribution to our community. I have spent my career as a Finance and Operations professional. I have created and managed budgets in both the For-Profit and Non-Profit arenas. Supporting both Business Units and individual companies, from organization such as Nike to The Urban League of Portland. I have created budgets that support the activities and goals of these organizations, and am comfortable working in that space.

One of my personal professional maxims is that "Budgets Equal People And Activities". With that said, what are the directives and directions that have been set by the City and how does the budget align to make that happen. My skill set allows for my understanding of budgets and how they are created. I can review and provide advice and counsel regarding these plans and goals. And I am looking forward to providing these skill sets and lending my expertise for the City.



Bio-brief of Kevin C. Rogers

Kevin C. Rogers is a seasoned Financial and Operations professional. During his Twenty-plus year career, he has functioned in diverse roles, such as Industrial Engineer, Senior Accountant, Senior Financial Analyst and Controller. He has worked in several industries, such as Manufacturing, Technology, Healthcare, Consumer Goods and Not-For-Profits.

Prior to joining Disability Rights Oregon, he served as the Director of Finance with the Latino Network. He also spent time as an IT Financial Analyst-Senior for Con-way Freight, a Transportation Company. Other roles include time as the Chief Operations Officer/Chief Financial Officer for the Urban League of Portland. Additionally, he served as a Lead Financial Consultant, Ambulatory Care, for Kaiser Permanente of the Northwest. He also served as a Business Controller-Information Technology division for Daimler Trucks North America, a subsidiary of Daimler AG, located in Portland Oregon. Other experience includes roles as a Project Manager and Finance Manager for the Business Operations group at ACS, a Xerox Company. Since starting out at Boeing, world's largest airline manufacturer in Seattle, Washington, as an Industrial Engineer, his trajectory has been one of gaining and improving his leadership "skill set". Throughout his career, Kevin has provided financial advice and counsel to Senior Management Teams and has provided leadership to Business Units and Teams.

He possesses a BA, Business Administration from Washington State University. Kevin is a 22 year resident of Oregon and resides in NE Portland with his wife, Sharon and daughter, Faith.

Statement of Interest

I am honored to be considered for an appointment to the Portland Mayor's Budget Advisory Board. As a lifelong advocate for the well-being of American Indian children and families, I see a vital need for Portland city government to be responsive to the needs of the nine federally recognized tribes in the state, to the urban Indian populations in our City, to the BIPOC population generally, and to all children and families. This is an exciting, eventful, and challenging time in communities across the county. It is a time for change and a time for stability. It is a time for responsive and responsible governing.

Oregon is a hub for American Indian and Alaska Native people involved in social, economic, and community development, as well as those involved in the sciences and engineering. In addition, many American Indian organizations, local, regional, and national, are headquartered in Portland and they need a city government that is aware and supportive of their efforts to improve lives and reduce disparities for Indigenous peoples from both tribes and urban areas.

As a founder and developer of a national nonprofit, I have seen firsthand the needs of the tribes and communities that we serve and the important roles local governments can play in overcoming systemic racism and persistent settler colonial prejudice. As tribes assume greater and greater roles in self-governance, natural resources management, economic enterprises, and human services, their interface with cities grows exponentially. I hope to bring an Indigenous voice to the Mayor's Budget Advisory Board and use my knowledge of policy and policy making to inform the public dialogue about the needs and issues impacting all citizens of Portland. I will strive to broaden an understanding of Indian Country as a vital partner with City policymakers and will work to enhance their capacity to engage Indigenous peoples in dialog on how to make Portland a place where all can thrive.

Terry L. Cross

Terry L. Cross, "*Hah-ne-ga-noh*," DHL (honorary), MSW, ACSW, LCWS, is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians (Bear Clan). He received his master's degree in social work from Portland State University (PSU) in Portland, Oregon, in 1977, and in 1999 he was selected as Portland State University, Alumni of the year. In 2015 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by PSU. He is the founding executive director of and now, senior advisor to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Dr. Cross is has served as a Commissioner on Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission since 2015. He serves the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a racial healing practitioner and has consulted internationally on race relations and cultural competence. He is the author of *Positive Indian Parenting*, *Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare* and co-authored "Toward a Culturally Competent System of Care," published by Georgetown University. He is also the author of the Encyclopedia of Social Work entry on cultural competence, an agency cultural competence self-assessment, and several articles and curricula on the topic. His highest honor has been to be initiated into the Kenai Chieftain Society, by the Blood Tribe of Canada. He was also honored by Vice President Al Gore with an award for improving government, one of the few non-federal employees to receive such an award. Dr. Cross is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum of Oregon, Class XXI. In 2008 He was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to serve on the National Advisory Council for the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. In 2011 he received the Robert F. Kennedy Embracing the Legacy Award at the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. He has 47 years of experience in child welfare and children's mental health and is a licensed clinical social worker.