



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland**

August 20, 2020

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the Fair Housing Advocacy Committee:

<u>Re Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Allan Lazo	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ashley Miller	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Rachel Nehse	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Lauren Waudé	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Taylor Smiley Wolfe	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Aida Jimenez	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Allan Lazo	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Barbara Geyer	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Becky Straus	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Bryn Council	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Dung Ho	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Ellen Toland	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Holly Stephens	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Jamila Rutherford Tai	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Mara Romero	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Marisa Espinoza	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022
Vera Warren	09/30/2020 – 09/30/2022

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

Appointee bio and statement of interest

Ashley Miller

Ashley Miller works for the City of Gresham as the Community Revitalization Manager. She oversees Gresham's CDBG and HOME entitlements from HUD. She is committed to advance equitable outcomes across our region and will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Rachel Nehse

Rachel Nehse works in Community Revitalization at the City of Gresham. Her role involves administration of CDBG and Home funds as well as collecting input from the community regarding this funding. Rachel looks forward to collaborating with partners to advance Fair Housing and will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Lauren Waudé

Lauren Waudé is an Anti-Poverty Program Specialist for Multnomah County. She is a goal-driven, philanthropic professional and nonprofit leader with extensive experience in program development and management. She is committed to building strong, equitable relationships with communities and advancing social justice. Lauren will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Taylor Smiley Wolfe

Taylor Smiley Wolfe is the Director of Policy and Planning at Home Forward. She advances strategic priorities for the largest provider of affordable housing in the state and long-term planning with a focus on advancing racial equity. She is interested in leveraging data to inform inter-jurisdictional conversations about the impediments to Fair Housing. Taylor will serve as a jurisdictional appointment.

Aida Jimenez

Aida Jimenez works in finance for Hacienda CDC with a background in community engagement. She has worked to provide stable housing options to over 1,500 residents and brings personal experiences of a resident in affordable housing. Aida is passionate about Fair Housing and will serve as a community member appointment.

Allan Lazo

Allan Lazo is the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. His work centers around operations and strategic direction for this non-profit organization whose mission is to end housing discrimination and ensure equal opportunity in housing. He hopes to bring his expertise in the fair housing field, as well as his experience as a Portland of color, to this committee. Allan will serve as a community member appointment. This will be his third two-year term.

Barbara Geyer

Barbara Geyer is a local real estate agent with nearly 40 years of experience. She has extensive knowledge of Fair Housing laws, advocated on behalf of tenants and has instructed first-time homebuyer courses. She is committed to improving Fair Housing educational, especially to underrepresented communities. Barbara will serve as a community member appointment.

Becky Straus

Becky Straus is a Staff Attorney at the Oregon Law Center. Her work focuses on housing, homelessness and fair housing. She is interested in helping influence policies to address housing issues and bringing her technical knowledge of Fair Housing to the committee. Becky will serve as a community member appointment.

Bryn Council

Bryn Council is the Housing Program Manager at Insights Teen Parent Services. Her work involves rental assistance and eviction prevention services to low income household in Multnomah County.

She brings her experiences as a Black, queer woman raised in Portland and a strong commitment to breaking negative cycles that create inequities to this committee. Bryn will serve as a community member appointment.

Dung Ho

Dung Ho is the Tenant Education and Support Director for the Community Alliance of Tenants. She has worked with many renters facing housing discrimination and has served or participated in many community spaces and organizations committed to diversity and empowerment. She is excited to contribute and support the voices of immigrants and refugees in our community. Dung will serve as a community member appointment.

Ellen Toland

Ellen Toland is a Housing Case Manager for Transition Projects. She has experience as a Residential Advocate and as a homeless member of our community. Ellen understands the societal and systemic barriers facing Portlanders and is dedicated to helping people attain sustainable and fair housing. She will serve as a community member appointment.

Holly Stephens

Holly Stephens is a strong advocate for equity and has worked to empower Portland families from various cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Her work as a Project Manager at Self Enhancement Inc. and in community outreach and advocacy will surely benefit this committee. Holly is committed to supporting and advancing equitable outcomes, particularly in the realm of fair and affordable housing. She will serve as a community member appointment.

Jamila ("Jae") Rutherford Thai

Jae Rutherford Thai is the Director of Development and Communications for Resolutions Northwest. Her work as an equity-informed mediator and her lived experience as a bi-racial Black woman from Portland have committed her to social justice and equity. She hopes to accomplish real sustainable change that is seen and felt by all. Jae will serve as a community member appointment.

Mara Romero

Mara Romero has dedicated her personal and professional life to the advancement of disability rights. Her work at Independent Living Resources and Disability Rights Oregon included housing advocacy, referrals and assistance to disabled individuals in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. Mara would like to bring voice to disability-centric Fair Housing access issues. Mara will serve as a community member appointment.

Marisa Espinoza

Marisa Espinoza works as a Public Policy Coordinator for Northwest Pilot Project. She identifies as a cisgender Chicana/ Latinx queer identified woman with a physical disability. This lived experience paired with her extensive professional work as a housing advocate for seniors and houseless community members will be an asset to this committee. She hopes to bring light to challenges faced by older adults navigating our housing resources and ensure comprehensive analysis of racial disparities. Marisa will serve as a community member appointment.

Vera Warren

Vera Warren is an Associate Attorney with professional experience in affordable housing. Her work has involved organizations such as PCRI and as a community member, has been active with the Latino Law Society, NAACP and CACO. She looks forward to engaging further with the community on housing issues and ensuring equitable access to resources for all Portlanders. Vera will serve as a community member appointment.

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Agenda No.

APPOINTMENT REPORT

Title

Appoint and reappoint members to the Fair Housing Advocacy Committee for terms to end September 30, 2022 (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>September 29, 2020</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler <i>AW</i>	By: <u>Keelan McClymont</u> Deputy
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Ryan	
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	ACTION TAKEN: October 7, 2020 Confirmed
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Housing	
Prepared by: Kim McCarty Date Prepared: August 20, 2020	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date October 7, 2020	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: 20 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Ryan	✓	
3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	✓	