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Speaking personally, I am biased in favor of Mingus because I've known his aunt since we went to Reed College together in the 80s. But more objectively, as a friend and neighbor, I've seen how caring, smart, and hardworking he is. Mingus will be an excellent City Commissioner who listens and leads thoughtfully, with honesty and strength.

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- Becky Chiao, Senior Claims Analyst at City of Portland

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## "I DO FEEL THAT I WAS CALLED TO SERVE".

Some folks decide to join civic life because they are molded to follow in their family crest, while others see themselves as conduits for change through public engagement. It was somewhere in the magic of life's winding road that I found my calling.

I grew up spending my summers exploring and playing in the majestic rivers and woods of the Pacific Northwest. Portland was a second home to me, laying ground to my fondness for fresh air, kindness in strangers, creative artisans, and an engaged community.

In the 70s and 80s there was a push for universities to open admissions to students otherwise ignored. This opened doors for folks like my uncle and two of my aunts. They became part of a generation that was able to benefit from this newly afforded upward mobility. Their successes led to possibilities that otherwise would have been unimaginable.

Once I landed at Reed, as a young eager student, I knew that my life would change forever. And it did. I made lifelong friends and a zest for political science. My first job out of Reed was with the prestigious Commissioner Gladys McCoy. But it was under the mentorship of Beverly Stein that I actualized myself as a civil servant. As I have seen Portland evolve from a timber town to a tech hub, I knew that while Portland had an incredible foundation, it needed a lot of work to be inclusive and equitable. There was too much economic disparity and too much cronyism.

This was a city of neighborhoods. This was city of heart. It

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About Mingus Ved to have government that represented both.

s desire, this commitment, that I am running. After of splitting my time teaching urban politics at schools vard and Cornell and working as a public servant in I landed in City Hall. I helped manage the City of

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My sons, Langston and Coltrane, just like your children, your parents, your brothers and sisters, your friends and neighbors, deserve to be represented in the decision making. I am a Democrat and a feminist. I want to fight for you. I am called to fight for you.

Our election in coming up on November 3rd, 2020! We can do this, together.

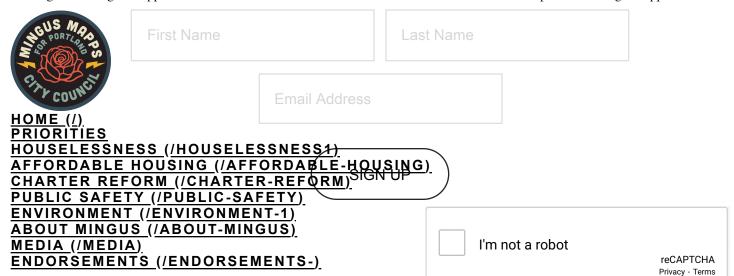
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