

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Reappoint Karim Hassanein to the Open Signal Board for term to expire November 30, 2023 (Report)

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

Reappoint Karim Hassanein to the Open Signal Board.

Bio: Karim Hassanein is a multidisciplinary designer and artist who has served on the board of Open Signal since 2018. He spent his formative years outside the US, living in Egypt before moving to Oregon in 2007 to study Landscape Architecture. Since then, he has worked as a landscape designer, architectural marketing professional, and freelance creative consultant. Karim is passionate about amplifying civic engagement, particularly in the urban environment. He loves cities and believes in the power of community media to positively impact Portland's social, political, and physical landscape. Karim is motivated to serve the Open Signal community, supporting citizenship as a visible, vocal, active process. Karim Hassanein has been the Open Signal Board Chair since February 2020.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- None

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Open Signal is an Oregon nonprofit public benefit corporation, originally incorporated in 1981 as Portland Cable Access. Open Signal was formerly known as Portland Community Media but underwent a name change in 2016. For over 35 years, Open Signal has and continues to provide media and broadband technology training, tools, and distribution platforms for diverse communities to engage and participate in civic and cultural life and to address digital equity issues. Open Signal also provides video programming of, by and for the community over local public and governmental cable access channels.

Pursuant to Portland City Code Section 3.115.040, the Mayor and Commissioner in Charge each appoint one voting member to the Portland Community Media (Open Signal) Board of Directors, for staggered terms of two (2) years, subject to confirmation by the City Council (City Board Appointees). When there are fiscal or operational concerns, the appointee will alert the Commissioner in charge and the Director of the Office for Community Technology and find a way to address the situation.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

- None

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount