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Thank you for the opportunity to provide public testimony. I'd like to make a request regarding the formation of 3 citizen led advisory groups that will assist with the implementation of Portland charter reform efforts.

Looking at the charter commission biographies online, there's a noticeable trend showing deep ties to local government or nonprofits reliant on government funding, which shows an ironic lack of diversity - where were the regular people? Soccer moms, disabled citizens, seniors - a commission member should not be required to have a background in diversity to participate in a truly diverse community advisory group. In the upcoming advisory charter commissions for districting and pay rates, I urge you to consider true diversity of background, because these changes are real and affect us all, not just people who work for the government or nonprofits.

I also ask that you consider requiring the current charter commissioners (including those who resigned to campaign) and these future advisory commissioners to waive their right to run for future city commission positions because there is a very clear conflict of interest in all aspects of forming both the proposal that passed and the implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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