



# HLC Member Appointments

Council Climate, Resilience, & Land Use Committee  
Review & Recommendation



# Introduction to Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

- Provides leadership and expertise on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historic and architectural heritage, and since 2009, has provided Council with a State of the City Preservation Report
- Decision-making body for some Historic Resource Reviews and advisory-body to Council on some Demolition Reviews
- Provide advice on historic preservation matters and coordinate historic preservation programs in the City
- Actively participate in the development of design guidelines for historic districts
- Composed of seven members all with an interest, competence, or knowledge of historic preservation
- Members are appointed by City Council for a four-year term, with an option for a second term reappointment



# Candidates for Appointment

- Two candidates for appointment to a first four-year term:
  - Susan Trexler (Preservation Consultant Position)
  - Jonah James Jensen (Architect Position)
- Both bring valuable expertise to the HLC that will be lost with the two out-going members
- Appointments ensure continuity in HLC's work as a decision-making body and advisor on historic preservation matters



*Ladd Carriage House*



# Candidates' Background

## **Susan Trexler (Preservation Consultant Position):**

- Consulting architectural historian with 10+ years of professional experience in historic preservation
- Six years of experience as a Historic Preservation Urban Planner performing project reviews and a staff liaison to a historic preservation commission
- Volunteered at architectural history groups and most recently at Portland's Architectural Heritage Center

## **Jonah James Jensen (Architect Position):**

- Licensed architect with 20+ years of experience, including some historic rehabilitations and additions
- Led and facilitated a variety of stakeholders that required collaboration and participation with culturally diverse and multilingual groups
- Served on a historic commission in Washington for six years



## Next Steps

- If appointed:
  - Susan's first term will run from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2029.
  - Jonah's first term will run from June 22, 2025 through June 21, 2029.
- With these appointments, HLC will have all seven positions filled.
- We appreciate your support in referring these appointments to full Council for approval.



*Veterans Memorial Coliseum*



# Community and Economic Development