

City of Portland Eastside 2015 Charitable Campaign
Commissioner Novick Talking Points
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Please add any thoughts you have on charitable giving.

- Today, we kick off the City of Portland's 2015 Combined Charitable Campaign on the Eastside of the City. The campaign started yesterday and runs through November 13.
- For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Charitable Campaign, each year the City partners with charitable federations and funds that represent hundreds of organizations. City employees then have an opportunity to donate to any of these charities through payroll deductions or by giving directly.
- This year the campaign represent almost **500 local, national and international charities**.
- Last year, **479** City employees contributed nearly a **quarter of a million dollars** to support their favorite charities and to give back to the community they serve. **This year, I know we can do even more!**
- The funds raised through the generosity of City employees go to causes ranging from **education, job training, and environmental issues to international hunger, poverty relief, and medical research**.
- To our partner charitable organizations, you do so much good for our community and your work is appreciated.
- I support this program that makes it easy for employees to donate to their favorite charities and **I hope you will participate**.