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City Commissioner Nick Fish Appoints Hannah Kuhn as Chief of Staff

City Commissioner Nick Fish today announced the appointment of Hannah Kuhn as his Chief of Staff, effective February 6, 2012.

"Hannah Kuhn is smart, politically savvy and a collaborative leader who gets things done," said Fish. "I'm thrilled that she's agreed to lead my team."

Over the past year, Ms. Kuhn has served as a Special Projects Manager in Commissioner Fish's office. She led a national search to recruit the new Director of Portland Parks & Recreation and developed key reforms to support successful implementation of the City's newly adopted tree regulations.

Ms. Kuhn previously served as Commissioner Fish's Senior Policy Director, liaison to the Parks Bureau and advisor on diverse initiatives, including co-location of the City's development review and permitting services staff and assisting faith-based groups providing meals for the homeless in downtown parks.

"I'm honored by the opportunity to step into this new role," said Ms. Kuhn. "I look forward to supporting Commissioner Fish, his outstanding team and bureaus in providing Portlanders with responsive, efficient and effective local government."

From 2002 until 2004, Ms. Kuhn served as Mayor Vera Katz's senior policy advisor on land use planning. She also worked to reform the City's development permit system, strengthen protections for historic buildings, and legalize the creation of community

murals. During Mayor Tom Potter's administration, Ms. Kuhn spearheaded the development and implementation of the City's Measure 37 program.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Kuhn served as government relations advisor with the U.S. Department of Defense in Germany and as policy analyst with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

Ms. Kuhn grew up outside Fairbanks, Alaska and resides with her husband in Northeast Portland.

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