

Wonder Woman Award 2022

Angela Previdelli, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Angela is an incredibly empathetic City employee that believes in elevating and supporting community leadership at every turn. She is a whiz at navigating bureaucracy and does it with a smile. Angela's warmth and drive to serve those most in need make her an invaluable public servant. Thank you, Angela!

Nominated by: Sam Baraso
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Annette Steele, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Annette has gone above and beyond to provide excellent customer service both to city residents and permitted waste haulers. Annette always works hard to find the appropriate solutions to problems and looks for ways to improve the process for the future.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Arianne Sperry, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Arianne has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to equity and to making improvements to Portland's waste collection system. Arianne has brought a diverse range of stakeholders together and is key to supporting our team's equity efforts. She is always willing to help train new staff to ensure they have a successful start at the bureau.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Cady Lister, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Cady is a rockstar of many proportions. No task is too small or too large for Cady. She believes in the highest ideals of government, to benefit those most in need and brings that to life in her work every day. She is a critical thinker, a doer, and an aggressive champion for those who have been historically excluded from government. There's so much to be said for Cady, but I can offer that Oregon and Portland are better places because of Cady.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Carmen Piekarski, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Carmen's professionalism and work product speaks for itself (it's exceptional). What sets Carmen apart and makes Carmen worthy of this award is her dedication to the team and genuine concern for the professional and personal wellbeing of her colleagues. She puts others before herself.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Carmen Piekarski, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

As part of BPS's GIS/data team, Carmen's awesomeness is obvious. She often goes above and beyond. Most recently, I got a request from a local business district for updated economic data. Although her team is busy and has a long queue of work requests, Carmen still prepared some quick data for this community partner, even though she could have said 'no, sorry we don't have capacity for external requests.' Carmen rocks!

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Cassie Ballew, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Cassie has gone above and beyond in juggling pandemic parenting while continuing to provide exceptional urban planning work for two projects; West Portland Town Center and the Macadam design work with the River Plan. All the while she has worked with a diverse range of interests and stakeholders. Way to go Cassie!

Nominated by: Phil Nameny, BPS Code and Urban Design Team
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Christine Kendrick, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Christine creates spaces which balance structure and flexibility in an equity-centered, principled environment, leading by example. Her work has created and continues to create opportunities for others to feel welcome, safe and creative while working with data, technology, people, and processes.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Christine Kendrick, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Brilliant! Brilliant! Brilliant! Christine is thoughtful, visionary and detail oriented, and is bringing equity into the work in a way that is replicable and will make long-lasting (and real) impact. She is actually changing the way we do things in an exceptional way.

Nominated by: Danielle Brooks
Office of Equity and Human Rights



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Christine Kendrick, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Christine is a brilliant and collaborative partner in realizing equity in all of the Smart City work. Christine has carried an enormous workload, including ARPA and her work as an environmental scientist for the bureau. She is thoughtful, caring, and respectful. She is a strong advocate of equity work and does the personal and professional work needed to be an Equity Champion!

Nominated by: Judith Mowry
Office of Equity and Human Rights



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Christine Kendrick, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Christine is a quiet superstar in BPS. She splits her time among several complex projects but is fully present and bringing key leadership to each. Christine makes time to engage thoughtfully, ask how we can center equity, track the smallest details, and keep things moving. She embodies the City's Core Values and leads with empathy and by example.

We are so lucky to have her!

Nominated by: Sonia Schmanski
Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services



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Christine Llobregat, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Christine is the consummate professional and an accomplished Public Information Specialist. She is super savvy in the Public Relations arenas and there isn't a media request or communications challenge that she can't find a way to resolve. Having her back at BPS has been such a huge blessing for the bureau and the current team she supports.

Thank You for all the Awesomeness that is you!

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Eden Dabbs, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Eden's role as BPS's Public Information Officer goes beyond external-facing partners. Eden is our bureau's go-to resource for making our internal and external communications better and more accessible to a wider audience.

Thanks to Eden's expertise, I've become a better editor myself and she has boosted my comfort level when doing my own website postings. Thank you, Eden!

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Genevieve Joplin, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Genevieve always brings a positive and can-do attitude to her work. Her commitment to sustainability and helping businesses, both large and small, improve their efforts provides a wonderful example to her colleagues. She is always willing to step in and help as needed and looking for professional development opportunities.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Harmonee Dashiell, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Harmonee is a favorite of many BPS staff - a bright light in sometimes-difficult work. Smart, insightful, completely dedicated to service of Portlanders especially the most overlooked, overburdened by and uninvolved in City processes. While staying very positive she is also deeply realistic. And while others may be spinning their wheels in indecision and inaction, Harmonee is bravely moving forward, understanding that the only way to do good work is to try.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Harmonee Dashiell, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Harmonee is resourceful, energetic, and an all-around great contributor. Just a couple examples: 1) Harmonee personally walked me through the evolving best practices on offering financial incentives to community members for their participation in outreach events. 2) Harmonee organized BPS's semi-annual 'garden party' tending to the City Hall community garden.

Such a great team-building experience and feeling of accomplishment. Thank you, Harmonee!

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Janet Hammer, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Janet is a consummate systems thinker committed to building a sustainable community. Janet works to consistently connect the dots to bring folks together in service of a community that is healthy, resilient, and equitable. Janet is relentless in her pursuit of a better Portland for all. Thank you, Janet!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Jill Winsor, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Jill Winsor has provided BPS with herculean compassion, expertise, and guidance during a prolonged period of change and staff transitions. Jill's ability to manage up, down, left, and right has allowed them to develop bureau-wide tools, frameworks, and a culture that supports new and existing staff in bringing their authentic selves to the City.

Jill is, without doubt, a Wonder Woman.

Nominated by: Brandon Spencer-Hartle
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Joan Frederiksen, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Joan and I are colleagues on the District Liaison team at BPS. Despite the demands of the job, and on top of morale-busting turnover and other challenges at our bureau, Joan has remained a resolute and steady hand as a city planner for Southwest Portland. In my time at BPS, I've admired Joan's positive outlook, calm demeanor, and wealth of institutional knowledge about the work we do. Thank you for the inspiration, Joan.

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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JoEllen Skonberg, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

As BPS's website guru, JoEllen has taught me a lot about web-editing using the new Portland.gov platform. Thanks to JoEllen's help, the monthly project updates that I facilitate have gone from being a manual, email-only distribution to now being totally web-based on BPS's news page and are now distributed using our bureau's soon-to-be-updated email platform.

Thank you, JoEllen!

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Julie Ocken, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Julie Ocken is the glue of BPS. But not only is Julie a capable leader of complex, multi-team or multi-bureau projects, her real superpower is the ability to keep all the right people in the loop at all the right times.

Nominated by: Donnie Oliveira
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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June Reyes, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

June is a servant leader that leads through the voices of those most impacted by climate change. She leverages her deep creativity to consistently level up the City's outreach and engagement efforts. June believes in creating spaces where folks can bring more of their full selves and strives bring that change to the City every day.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Karen Lucchesi, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Karen leadership in coordinating all the logistical components of the 1900, 7th floor move contributed to the seamless transition of BPS resources to our new Vanport Building. Without Karen’s guidance, tenacity, and overall, just getting it done attitude – we wouldn’t have remained on schedule.

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Krista Gust, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Mentors others, is great at their job, helps others when in need, has the cutest dog. Also makes amazing art for The Curbsider and other publications. Is professional and kind. She is one of a kind and the best!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Lauren Norris, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Lauren has educated 100's of Master Recyclers and has been an integral part of a regional partnership between Oregon Metro, Clackamas County, Washington County, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Lauren is mission driven and cares deeply about the work and the communities she serves. She is kind, committed, and has a contagious smile – the kind of smile that automatically makes you smile and puts you in a better mood.

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Lindsey Maser, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Lindsey's hard work and dedication to the team makes her a great role model for others. She is always proactively looking for ways to improve our communication efforts and is quick to respond to any requests for assistance. Lindsey asks the tough questions to get to the heart of any issues facing our team.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Lora Lillard, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Since 2019, Lora has served as the team lead for the City's long-range urban design and historic resources programs. Lora's approach to public service is effective, engaging, and energetic.

As a designer, leader, and listener, Lora is a Fab Wonder Woman.

Nominated by: Brandon C Spencer-Hartle
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Lori Drew, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Lori does an amazing job serving as the primary public contact for Portland's waste collection system. Lori always brings her positive attitude to each interaction and is quick to help Portlanders solve any waste collection problems they are facing.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Marty Stockton, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Marty puts her heart and soul into her work as a city planner for the City of Portland. Whether Marty is managing projects, like Lower Southeast Rising in an underserved area of the city—or writing and winning grants, like she did for this same project—Marty demonstrates all the qualities of a dedicated and engaged public servant. Thank you, Marty!

Nominated by: Kevin Bond
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Melissa Wolf, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Melissa is a force to be reckoned with. The bureau's Contract Analyst moved on to a different position which left operations in a pickle. I asked Melissa to take on the Contract Analyst role temporarily and with no hesitation she said yes. Melissa not only learned the job but began to excel in it, to the point where she was able to make system suggestions and changes to how BPS does its procurement work. Melissa ultimately proved that she was well suited to be the bureau Contract Analyst and rose above all others to get promoted into that position. I appreciate Melissa's sharp wit and analytical chops.

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Melissa Wolf, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Melissa is an exceptional City employee and a wonderful woman. She successfully supported the Bureau by covering several desks and juggling workflows while the Operations and People Services department was understaffed. I'm so fortunate to have Melissa in my life as a team member, friend, and fellow female.

Nominated by: Nicole Kosina
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Michelle DePass, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Michelle is an exemplary City official who works on the most challenging issues we face (e.g., racial equity, community engagement, social justice). She has also taken on the critical role of Portland Public Schools board chair during one of the most challenging times in our community's history.

Nominated by: Alan DeLaTorre
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Monica Kelly, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

While Monica only started with the City two months ago, she has hit the ground running and is already making major strides. Monica always has a positive attitude and is eager to help Portlanders clean up their community. Monica works diligently to solve problems and never backs down from a challenge.

Nominated by: Quintin Bauer
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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NaTasha Gaskin, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

NaTasha is an excellent story teller who understands the bureau's history, programs, and people better than anyone. She can take complex ideas and thoughts and weave them in a way that is appetizing, thoughtful, and engaging. Staff and I rely on her steady hands and no nonsense practical approach to solve operational and administrative issues. She cares about the people and after all these many years, remains passionate about the work we do.

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Nicole Kosina, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Nicole is new to the BPS family but has already made her mark on the Operations and Finance Team, as our new Accountant II. I am impressed by how quickly Nicole has picked up and learned SAP, FIN Admin, and Procurement rules. Nicole has been a joy to get to know and works extremely well with her new team. I have the utmost confidence that she will knock the end of year activities out of the park.

Nominated by: Fritz Johnson
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Nikoyia Phillips, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

In a time of incredible change in Portland, Nikoyia rose to meet the need of bureau staff to provide opportunities to advance BPS' commitment to being an anti-racist organization. Nikoyia's emotional intelligence and ability to have meaningful conversations with staff allowed BPS to coalesce around our commitment to racial justice through our work.

Nominated by: Donnie Oliveira
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Rachael Hoy, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Rachael has been instrumental in promoting equity through her work in the Central City, especially in working with the Albina Vision Trust to realize their vision.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Sallie Edmunds, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Sallie has led BPS' work in the Central City and protecting natural resources and promoting resilience as manager of the River and Environmental Team.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Sandra Wood, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Sandra is a consummate professional and manager at BPS who has assumed larger responsibilities with the retirement of BPS's chief planner. She is always open to working with staff, offering advice, and stepping up when something needs to be done.

Nominated by: Alan DeLaTorre
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Shannon Buono, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Shannon works tirelessly to ensure the City’s zoning rules are clear and consistent, knowing full well the paradox of such pursuits. She is a trusted coworker and friend to us all, offering helpful advice and kind grammatical correction. Plus, her ornithological fascination gives her great perspective.

Nominated by: Morgan Tracy, Code and Urban Design Team
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability



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Stephanie Haynes, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Stephanie is one of the fantastic people who maintain the gardens in front of City Hall. She often works alone, rain or shine to keep the beds and paths looking their best. She does this with a positive attitude and friendly disposition.

The City could use a lot more Stephanies!

Nominated by: Edward Barton



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Svetha Ambati, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Svetha is brilliant, amazing, and a wonderful person. Her work is both practical, useful, and actually will help drive towards equitable impacts and outcomes.

Nominated by: Danielle Brooks
Office of Equity and Human Rights



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Wendy Koelfgen, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Wendy is a consummate public servant. Even keeled when the going gets tough, and resilient as she navigates a male and ego-dominated energy sector with grace. Wendy is a pragmatic doer that brings an eye towards improving the functioning of every team she is on. Thank you, Wendy!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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