



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler  
City of Portland**

October 29, 2018

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the Portland Housing Advisory Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Sarah Stevenson	November 2018 – November 2021	Elisa Harrington
Molly Rogers	November 2018 – November 2021	Betty Dominguez
Felicia Tripp Folsom	November 2018 – November 2021	Dike Dame

Please see the attached sheet for appointment bios.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler  
Mayor

## **Portland Housing Advisory Commission New Appointment Biographies**

### *Felicia Tripp Folsom*

Felicia Tripp Folsom is the Deputy Director of the Portland Housing Center (PHC), a NeighborWorks homeownership center and she is a graduate of the Achieving Excellence Program at Harvard's Kennedy School. In her professional life, she is busy working on issues involving affordable housing, social justice, healthcare and educational reform. Currently Ms. Tripp Folsom sits on the board of directors of Portland African American Leadership Forum, Community Housing Fund, and All Hands Raised. When she is not busy serving the community, she is a carpooling mom of two very busy children. She lives with her family in NE Portland.

### *Molly Rogers*

Molly Rogers is the Director of Asset Management and Housing Policy at Home Forward, the largest housing authority and affordable housing owner in Oregon. She is responsible for the financial, physical, operational, and regulatory aspects of the 6,500-unit affordable housing, public housing, and commercial real estate portfolios, valued at \$900M. Molly and her team have ensured the preservation of thousands of homes across Multnomah County via refinancing of private debt, bringing in new tax credits, and advocating for new preservation resources. She has spent a significant time at New Columbia, one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Oregon, where she served as the President of the New Columbia Owners' Association for five years. Prior to Home Forward, Molly was the Director of Asset Management at the Housing Development Center, worked on homelessness programs for the cities of New York and Portland, became the first Executive Director for a nonprofit subsidiary of Columbia University, and launched a resident services program in Minnesota. Molly is currently the Board Chair of the Housing Development Center, a representative on the Housing Oregon Portland Metro Policy Council, Co-Chair of the Housing Alliance Preservation Workgroup, and a Board Member of the Inclusive Communities Collaborative. Molly has a master's degree from the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

### *Sarah Stevenson*

Sarah Stevenson joined Innovative Housing, Inc. (IHI) as its Executive Director in 2002. A Portland-based nonprofit developer, owner, and operator of affordable housing, IHI owns more than 1,300 affordable rental units in Oregon and Washington. In addition to multifamily real estate development and ownership, IHI provides substantive wraparound services to help its residents maintain their housing, access opportunities, and break the cycle of poverty. Sarah also currently serves on the Broadway Corridor Steering Committee, Housing Oregon's Portland Metro Policy Council, and the ULI Northwest Product Council. She has previously served on Prosper Portland's Central City Budget Advisory Committee, PDC's Financial Sustainability Committee, and the Advisory Board of Portland State University's Center for Real Estate. Prior to joining Innovative Housing, Sarah was an attorney with Lawyers Alliance for New York, where she represented nonprofit developers of low-income and special needs housing and specialized in nonprofit law and affordable housing development. Sarah's community development work experience also includes positions with California Literacy Inc. in Los Angeles, CA and Jobs for Homeless People in Washington, DC. She was born and raised in North Portland and lives in NE Portland. She has a BA from Stanford University and a JD from New York University School of Law.

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Appoint Sarah Stevenson, Molly Rogers, and Felicia Tripp Folsom to the Portland Housing Advisory Commission (Report)

**Contact name:** Jessica Conner

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**Presenter name:** Shannon Callahan, Housing Bureau Director

**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The purpose of the proposed action is to fill vacancies on the Portland Housing Advisory Commission to comply with Portland City Code, Section 3.38.040.A, to maintain a minimum of twelve members.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This action has no financial or budgetary impact.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The selection process used an approach to provide a balance of expertise in market rate and affordable housing development, finance, and services to ensure the representation of Portland's diverse communities on the commission.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

This action does not contribute to the City's climate action goals.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

**YES:** Please complete the information below.

**NO:** Skip this section