



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

March 30, 2021

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Jenny Lee	May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2025	Thomas Mosher
Courtney Helstein	May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2025	Reappointment
Berk Nelson	May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2025	Reappointment
Sabra Purifoy	May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2025	Reappointment

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

New Applicant Biography:

Jenny Lee

Jenny Lee (she/her) is the Deputy Director at the Coalition of Communities of Color. She has engaged in racial and economic justice advocacy throughout her career in roles at the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and the Oregon Housing Alliance, as well as public policy director at Hawaii Appleseed for Economic Justice in Honolulu.

Her experience includes coalition-building, electoral and legislative advocacy, policy development, strategic communications, and litigation on a range of issues impacting BIPOC and low-income communities.

Originally from Washington County, Jenny now lives in Southeast Portland. She holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in philosophy, French, and political science from the University of Oregon.

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Agenda No.
APPOINTMENT REPORT
Title

Appoint Jenny Lee and reappoint Courtney Helstein, Berk Nelson, and Sabra Purifoy to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2025 (Report)

<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler & Commissioner Rubio</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>April 6, 2021</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u>Megan Lehman</u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler</p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Rubio</p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Ryan</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Mapps</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
<p>Bureau: Office of the Mayor</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Daniel Lewkow Date Prepared: 3/17/2021</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date April 14, 2021</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 5 min (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Rubio	1. Rubio		
2. Ryan	2. Ryan		
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty		
4. Mapps	4. Mapps		
Wheeler	Wheeler		

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint Jenny Lee and reappoint Courtney Helstein, Berk Nelson, and Sabra Purifoy to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2025 (Report)

Contact name: Susan Mottet

Contact phone: 503 823 4345

Presenter name: Susan Mottet

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to appoint Jenny Lee and reappoint Courtney Helstein, Sabra Purifoy, and Berk Nelson to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission for four-year terms that end on April 30, 2025.

The Open and Accountable Elections program launched for the 2020 election cycle to eliminate actual and perceived corruption and encourage election of people to City office who are accountable to all Portlanders. The Commission advises in the program's implementation, including making recommendations for changes to the code and administrative rules to optimize program performance and keep it in alignment with the changing campaign finance landscape.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This legislation will not impact the City's budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The OAE Commission is comprised of community members dedicated to ensuring Portlanders' trust in the local electoral system. The Voice for All Portland coalition advised on the appointments to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission.

All Open and Accountable Elections Commission meetings are open to the public and take place on the third Wednesday of each month.

100% Renewable Goal: N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

