



Commissioner Nick Fish
City of Portland

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Nick Fish Takes Oath Of Office in public event Friday at Rosa Parks Elementary School

Portland, OR, June 10, 2008. Portland City Commissioner-elect Nick Fish will hold his public swearing-in Friday at a site that symbolizes the creative and collaborative style he hopes to bring to the City Council: Rosa Parks Elementary School in North Portland.

WHAT: John Kroger, Oregon's next Attorney General, administers the Oath of Office to Portland City Commissioner-elect Nick Fish, after opening remarks by Governor Barbara Roberts.

WHERE: Rosa Parks Elementary School, 8960 N. Woolsey.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Friday, June 13.

A media availability will immediately follow the short program.

A Portland civil rights lawyer and long-time affordable housing advocate, Fish is replacing retired Portland Commissioner Erik Sten. Fish won the open seat in the primary election with 62% of the vote. The rules governing special elections allow candidates to take office as soon as the election results are certified; Fish was formally sworn into office Tuesday morning in a small ceremony in City Council Chambers so he might immediately take part in City Council business.

Fish served on the board of the Housing Authority of Portland, during the redevelopment of the former Columbia Villa, now New Columbia, into a community that incorporates market-rate and subsidized homes, a community center, park and school. Fish spoke often of Rosa Parks Elementary School during his campaign, as a prime example of how public and private partners can work together to create vibrant neighborhoods through schools, affordable housing and community services.

Principal Tamala Newsome, a co-host of the event, will provide a tour of the school. The Housing Authority of Portland will provide a tour of the New Columbia.

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