



Commissioner Nick Fish  
City of Portland

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### **City Commissioner Nick Fish names Hannah Kuhn Senior Policy Director**

*Portland, OR. July 24, 2008.* Today, Nick Fish announced the appointment of Hannah Kuhn as his Senior Policy Director. “The breadth of Hannah’s policy experience, both inside and outside of City Hall, makes her a tremendous asset to our team.” Ms. Kuhn is currently employed by Portland Public Schools as Strategic Projects Manager. She previously worked with the Portland Department of Transportation as a policy analyst focused on car sharing and other sustainable transportation modes. Prior to that, she served as Mayor Vera Katz’s senior policy advisor on land use planning. During that time, Ms. Kuhn worked closely with Portland’s future mayor, Sam Adams, on a special year-long regulatory reform initiative that is widely credited with streamlining processes at the City’s Bureau of Development Services. Ms. Kuhn also spearheaded the development and implementation of the City’s Measure 37 program.

Commissioner Fish explained that Ms. Kuhn’s experience was just part of the reason he made this latest appointment: “Hannah and I share several important values. We both love Portland. We both believe it is critical that the superb quality of life our City offers is available to everyone: young and old, rich and poor, people of every race and creed. We share a commitment to public education, because it is the surest path to opportunity. And we know that the benefits of a dynamic arts community flow throughout the economy and return any investment many times over. I am delighted to have her on my staff.”

Ms. Kuhn’s work at Portland Public Schools included managing a program to place a school business manager with operations expertise in each high school, freeing up principals to focus on education leadership. She also played an instrumental role in the transition of local elementary schools to a K-8 model.

Ms. Kuhn grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska and now resides in Northeast Portland.

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