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Human Rights Commission Mourns Loss of Emily Gottfried

PORTLAND – The Office of Equity and Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and colleague, Emily G. Gottfried. Commissioner Gottfried, who served as Vice Chair of the Human Rights Commission, passed away Sunday. A member of the Human Rights Commission since its inception in 2008, Commissioner Gottfried was a leader in the human rights community, championing important community projects and events such as Portland’s Intergroup Dialogue Program, the Committee for Intergroup Understanding, and the Commission’s Human Rights Awards.

“Emily was a tireless and powerful advocate for human rights, equity, and intergroup understanding,” said Kyle Busse, Human Rights Commission Chair. “There are few in this world who have been so meaningfully engaged with so many people. She will be missed immensely. In honor and celebration of Emily’s life, we will carry on her vision of, and continue our work toward, a more equitable, tolerant and peaceful world.”

Commissioner Amanda Fritz added, “Losing Emily is a tragic blow for the many communities she touched. I will miss her wise advice, inspiring energy, and bright spirit.”

The Human Rights Commission will honor Emily Gottfried’s social justice and community work at their next public meeting on February 6, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Equity and Human Rights on 421 SW 6th Ave., Suite 500.

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