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How Chloe Eudaly's win reshapes the Portland City Council

By Brad Schmidt

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Portland voters just hit the reset button. Again.

Tuesday's election of political novice Chloe Eudaly ushered in a major overhaul of the Portland City Council for the second time in four years. Coupled with Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler's win in the May primary, the City Council of 2017 will feature two fresh faces – replacing the two newest members before them.

That doesn't mean City Hall's left-leaning politics will change. They won't. But the reshuffling will end a sense of divisiveness that stained the reign of Mayor Charlie Hales and Commissioner Steve Novick. And it underscores a basic political truth: Personality and responsiveness matter to voters.

"It just seemed like this council was out of sync with the community at large," said environmentalist Bob Sallinger, who endorsed Eudaly, a vocal housing advocate, in her upset bid over Novick.

Eudaly's victory not only reshapes the City Council for years to come, but it also forces Wheeler to dramatically rethink the city's bureaucratic hierarchy.

It opens up City Hall to new alliances, closer ties to the community and an even louder bully pulpit for those pushing protections for renters. Eudaly will be the council's only commissioner living east of the Willamette River.

"I'm very hopeful that the conversations, who's brought to the table, who's engaged, will be much richer because the conversation won't be focused on downtown Portland," said former state lawmaker Jo Ann Hardesty, another Eudaly supporter.

But Eudaly's win presents structural challenges for a government that hands legislative and administrative responsibilities to politicians. She's perhaps the least-experienced candidate to win office since tavern owner Bud Clark defeated Mayor Frank Ivancie in 1984. City Council rookies traditionally carry light loads – and some City Hall insiders already are questioning what bureau assignments Eudaly can handle, how overwhelmed she'll be and which offices will be left picking up slack.

"Sometimes it's good to come in not knowing what's possible," said Eudaly, just the eighth woman elected to the City Council. "It allows you to think bigger and think creatively, and whittle down from there, instead of starting from a place of constriction and limitation."

A bookstore owner, self-identified queer person and single mom with a disabled son, Eudaly campaigned heavily on better protections for renters and some form of rent control. The 46-year-old gained momentum as months went on, striking a chord amid the city's increasingly expensive housing market.

But Eudaly admits she's unlikely to oversee the Portland Housing Bureau. She met Thursday with Wheeler, who gets to dole out bureau assignments under the city's quirky commission government. Eudaly offered Wheeler suggestions about where she believes she could shine but declined to share details.

"We really just had a chance to discuss our shared priority of dealing with tenants' rights, in particular, and affordable housing in general," she said, "about the kind of tone and climate we're hoping to help create on council, which is one of cooperation and collaboration."

Wheeler will probably announce bureau assignments in December, allowing officials to hit the ground running in January. But Wheeler first must decide, after campaigning on homelessness and forcing Hales to drop a re-election bid, if he'll take the housing bureau. And Wheeler must figure out where the Transportation Bureau, Novick's biggest assignment, will land.

No matter her assignments, Eudaly plans to play a vocal role in housing. Eudaly wants the City Council to formally ask the Legislature to lift prohibitions against rent control, and she expects to spend time testifying in Salem.

Eudaly's win "produces an opportunity to actively work out some of the finer details of our housing strategy," said Michael Cox, Wheeler's spokesman.

Eudaly also hopes to ease her learning curve in part by hiring capable aides. She's already named a chief of staff: Marshall Runkel, her campaign manager, who worked for former Commissioner Erik Sten a decade ago. Campaign deputy Jamey Duhamel will take a policy position.

"I've been cramming all year long," said Eudaly, who began campaigning in January. "I feel like a different person than I was when I began this process. I know I have a lot more to learn."

Eudaly was among nine hopefuls who challenged Novick in the May primary, holding the incumbent under 50 percent of the vote. But conventional wisdom suggested she couldn't overcome a 28-percentage-point gap heading into the general election.

Instead, she unleashed a grass roots campaign heavy on social media and Portland flair. She raised just one-quarter of Novick's cash and hammered the incumbent for accepting checks from corporations.

Novick didn't swing back by questioning Eudaly's qualifications. And in an ironic twist, Novick didn't meet his campaign's \$350,000 fundraising goal for the general election, eliminating any chance at TV ads.

All the while, Eudaly watched as Novick's past political missteps – such as taunting voters in 2014 to kick him out of office – came home to roost.

Eudaly steamrolled Novick on Tuesday, ousting Portland's first incumbent in 24 years.

Although Novick won Portland's west side by more than 4,000 votes, Eudaly made up nearly all of that ground in east Portland precincts exclusively beyond 82nd Avenue.

And Eudaly owned Portland's north and central eastside neighborhoods, home to the deep-blue progressives who turn out in huge numbers during presidential elections. There, she bested Novick by more than 25,000 votes.

"She clearly ran an effective campaign," said John Horvick, political director for DHM Research. "She resonated with a majority of voters, but in some respects, it was a referendum on Steve."

Eudaly did so without the help of Portland's political class.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz didn't endorse, while Commissioners Dan Saltzman and Nick Fish backed Novick. Wheeler supported Novick, too, appearing in campaign materials while saying he needed Novick's help to address the city's housing and homelessness crises.

All is forgiven, Eudaly said.

"If I'm surprised," she said, "imagine how surprised the rest of City Council is."

Eudaly is now being viewed as a wild card, with some insiders wondering whether rigid idealism will enable pragmatic policymaking. How will she work with politicians who, unlike her, have raised gobs of money from corporations? And will Wheeler cozy up to the newbie, helping carry a shared agenda, as then-Mayor Sam Adams did in 2009 for then-rookie Fritz?

"I think we're all asking the same question: What will it be like to work with Chloe?" Fish said.

Eudaly needs to sort a few things out, too.

Among other things, Eudaly must decide how she'll walk away from her bookstore, Reading Frenzy, to comply with city rules about outside employment. She's also hoping to move from her cramped Woodlawn home to a new rental somewhere between Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Interstate 205.

And she needs to dig into city bureaucracies, starting with the 3-inch-thick binder she received from Wheeler this week. On the cover: her new title, "commissioner."

Said Eudaly of the moment: "It started becoming really real to me."

Unmasking the faceless thugs who exploit public protests: Editorial

*By The Oregonian Editorial Board
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Portland's descent into civil disorder occurred sometime after 8 p.m. Thursday night as otherwise peaceful, if roadway-blocking, protesters snaked their way through town. Things got ugly in Northeast Portland, where 19 new cars at a Toyota dealership were trashed by brick-throwers, and then worse when thousands of folks walked across the Broadway Bridge and into the city's tony Pearl District.

There, the vandalism metastasized. It became athletic, wantonly opportunistic and expansive. Power sources mounted to structures were battered, sparks flying. Large plate glass windows were shattered, shards of glass raining down. Walls and store entrances were sprayed with graffiti, leaving strange signatures and symbols.

Frightened onlookers asked: Where are the police? By midday Friday, police estimated total damages at more than \$1 million.

The rampage was conducted, protesters and police said, by a comparatively small number of infiltrating anarchists. It seemed plausible, given that KGW-TV's courageous live footage of the spectacle showed young men, mostly, with bandanas or other forms of face coverings, and wearing knit hats — the better to go unrecognized. Overheard were cries from marchers to stop the violence.

But one man, if unrecognizable, was the poster boy of the night. Tall and lean, he repeatedly left-footed a large plate glass window, caving it in to applause from his cohorts before bouncing back on his feet and clapping his hands twice — as if he'd finally found his rhythm and sunk a rimless basket from an invisible 3-point line. Except this was no game. This was real life, real

property, real violence against unseen others. And it was a proud city's tattered spirit circling the drain.

Portland should have no room for hooligans, thugs and those who sully the efforts of others. The young man bent on violence, along with his expletive-shouting comrades, had no apparent connection to any of the myriad causes that brought LGBT, ethnic, global warming and other groups beneath a unifying anti-Trump banner. He was, and is, a common criminal. And he was likely getting away with his marauding deeds while becoming a star among comrades.

A police spokesman explained to a reporter Thursday night that entering a crowd of thousands to conduct criminal enforcement against a few could backfire, creating a massive eruption fueled by fear, confusion and anger. No doubt. So events had to reach a certain threshold before police in riot gear showed up, after 9 p.m., to establish a commanding line, sending marchers on their way and ultimately arresting 26. Many of their mugshots appeared at OregonLive.com midday Friday, and it will be some time before charges, if any, can be attached to them.

But protesters already angering folks for thwarting movement about the city must take a hard and new lesson from Thursday night's carnage: The rules just changed.

Protesters, when assembled in the hundreds and thousands, must now accept full responsibility for hosting anarchists who find cover within their ranks and wreak havoc. That means stopping the event cold and retreating the minute violence erupts. That means defanging the parasites and possibly exposing them. That means clearly establishing the terms of demonstration to include the willingness to quickly disband if violence erupts.

It was heartening to learn on Friday that some protest sponsors had created a fund to pay for repair work in the Pearl. But cleanup that covers for the criminals enables and encourages. What's to stop the next batch of fools from delivering to Portland harrowing moments of civil disorder when there's no real price to pay?

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Mayor, police vow to track down vandals as businesses clean up riot's mess

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As businesses cleaned up along Northwest Lovejoy Street in Portland's tony Pearl District Friday, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, his wife Nancy, five police officers and police Capt. Mike Crebs walked the area talking with people affected by three nights of downtown protests and vandalism.

Since Tuesday's general election results stirred anger among several groups, thousands of people have taken to the streets each night in mostly peaceful marches and protests. Thursday night's protest, however, began peacefully with about 4,000 people in Pioneer Courthouse Square, and then late in the evening splinter groups blasted through neighborhoods during a march, smashing windows, blocking traffic and throwing newspaper boxes into the street.

On Friday morning, after touring Broadway Toyota in Northeast Portland, where several cars' windshields were broken by Thursday night's protesters, Hales crossed the Broadway Bridge to Lovejoy to see more damage. Businesses with broken windows included a Starbucks coffee shop at Northwest 11th Avenue and Lovejoy Street, Seres Chinese restaurant, which had its windows smashed while diners were inside, and Chase Bank and Bank of America.

At Optima Dental on Northwest Lovejoy Street near 12th Avenue, where the main window was cracked by a baseball bat, a manager refused to comment on the damage.

In a nearby Chipotle restaurant, officers asked the manager (who didn't want to give her name to a reporter) if she had security video of Thursday's crowds. She didn't, and told officers that the store would close early Friday evening to avoid trouble.

"I've gone from disgusted to disgusted," Hales said during the walking tour of the neighborhood damage. "Disgusted with the outcome of the election to disgusted with the conduct of a few people that took advantage of a peaceful protest to just do general mayhem.

"It looks like last night a few people were looking for an excuse to take out their aggressions in a violent way, and they did a lot of damage. I think we arrested about 30 people, and apparently we haven't arrested all the people who were involved in the vandalism, but we intend to if we possibly can."

Hales said the police bureau was asking anyone with photos or videos that might help identify criminal suspects to provide the information to officers. "Vandalism is a crime," Hales said.

During the tour, the mayor and his wife spoke with Jennifer Mayo and her puppy Stella. Mayo, who works at Jive Software near Powell's City of Books, said she was working from home Friday as a precaution.

"Business owners are feeling wounded," Hales said. "People can make the distinction between legitimate protest and outrageous criminal behavior mixed in with it. They want it to stop."

Nancy Hales was also talking to business owners and volunteers, tweeting photos to #We(heart)PDX.

'Bring these folks to justice'

Capt. Crebs said customers inside the Seres restaurant were frightened when a brick came through a front window. And that even though insurance pays for a \$2,000 restaurant window, it comes back to the business owner raised premiums, he warned.

"The most important thing is to identify vandals, we'll need help," Crebs said. "We're putting photos out there and get people to identify them. People are very unhappy with what happened last night.

"We're going to do everything we can to bring these folks to justice."

Police are going to businesses around those affected by the vandalism to pull video. "We pull all the video we can, and on public websites too, like YouTube," he said. "We look through them, then put their picture on TV, websites, and see if the public can identify them. If I don't have a name I'm out of luck!"

Social media plays a big part in police attempts to identify vandalism suspects, Crebs said. "Like Crime Stoppers, we'd put your video out there and ask 'You know this guy? We'll give you a thousand bucks and we'll go out and get him.' This is basic 2016 policing. Remember the Boston marathon bombers? Boston PD got every tidbit and used social media to help ID that person."

Crebs said officers would be on the lookout Friday night if more protests rolled through downtown streets. "We don't know what's going to happen tonight but we'll be prepared."

Portland Cleanup Volunteer Effort

Friday morning, several Portlanders were out doing voluntary clean up of glass outside Urban Pantry.

At 8 a.m., David Lloyd came straight off his night shift at Medical Staffing Network in Southwest Portland and went to a local Fred Meyer store to buy a broom.

Hair stylist Kelli Austin, 25, saw the new Facebook group, Portland Cleanup Volunteer Effort, and came to the Pearl District to help instead of going to her salon, Luminary on Southeast Division Street. She and others walked from Pioneer Courthouse Square along Northwest 13th Avenue but didn't see much damage until they reached Lovejoy Street.

"People started to talk about the cleanup last night after the riot," Austin said.

Officials call night of violence a stain on 'Portland values'

Portland Mayor Charlie Hales issued this statement on violence and vandalism during the anti-Trump protests and subsequent riot:

"I'm saddened by the destruction of our public spaces and local businesses caused by rioters. Although the majority of over 4,000 protesters last night were peaceful and followed Portland Police safety instructions, anarchists shut down these voices by spreading violence and fear.

"I'm thankful for the decisive actions taken by the Portland Police Bureau to help separate violent dissenters from those assembling peacefully; mitigate damage to public and private property; safely direct motorists; employ de-escalation tactics and restraint in use-of-force; and appropriately deploy arrests for criminal activity. I also want to thank state and local law enforcement agencies and transportation departments for assisting Portland Police in these efforts.

"Last night's violence is not a reflection of Portland values. We will continue to support and advocate on behalf of women and people of color. We will continue to welcome our Muslim brothers and sisters, immigrants and refugees. We are Portland, a community that believes in equity, inclusion and openness. That will not change.

"Riots and violence in our streets are completely unacceptable. I hope that all Portlanders will help our local small businesses recover. I know in Portland we are a community that believes love conquers hate — let's be that example for the nation. We are all hurting and need to come together as a community to heal — as Portlanders and as Americans."

Gov. Kate Brown issued this statement in response to post-election protests:

"Oregon has a proud and strong history of civic participation, protest, and advocacy. It's part of the Oregon way to make our voices heard, but the right to peacefully assemble should not be clouded by attempts to instigate lawlessness.

"I commend our law enforcement officers and local leaders for preserving peace and keeping our communities safe. What defines and distinguishes us as Oregonians and Americans is our willingness to come together to work through our challenges. We must do so now, following the election and looking forward to the future."

Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler issued this statement on the protests:

"Peaceful protest is foundational to the history of our nation and of our community. The freedom of assembly and expression is a cornerstone of our democracy.

"Last night, what started as a peaceful protest ended in violence and vandalism. While this was caused by a small group of people among thousands, such a conclusion is unacceptable. None of us — protesters, business owners, or the community at large — can afford for this to happen again.

"People are hurting. The best response to pain is healing. People are scared. The best response to fear is peace. Portland is an example to the nation, indeed the world. Let's make that example an unequivocally positive one. We can all help.

"Some people are volunteering to clean up. Others are pledging to support the local businesses that were impacted. If your group is planning to protest, the police bureau requests that you communicate with them for everyone's safety.

"I encourage all of us to use our time to become more engaged with our neighbors, to congregate together in our parks, barbershops, coffee shops and places of worship and meditation. Make a point not just to listen, but to understand.

"Portland is a city for everyone. Everyone should be welcome here. Everyone should be safe here. These ideals only matter if we can continue to live them in the toughest of times. We must live them now.

Oregon Republican Party Chairman Bill Currier called for Hales' resignation:

"It is unconscionable that Portland city commissioners, according to media reports, not only encouraged demonstrators violently protesting against the results of a legitimate election, but actively enabled them by not ordering the police to take action as the protesters overtook area freeways. This is a dereliction of duty. If Mayor Hales will not stand for law and order and do his job to protect Portland residents from violent rioters, then he should immediately resign."

Council to consider banning new fossil fuel terminals

By Steve Law

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Existing oil and gas storage facilities also might be barred from future expansions

The Portland City Council will hold a second public hearing Wednesday on an ordinance to bar major new fossil fuel terminals within the city and restrict the growth of existing terminals.

If it passes, the ordinance would prohibit new facilities such as the Pembina propane export terminal at the Port of Portland that was rejected last year by Mayor Charlie Hales and later withdrawn by the company.

Under the ordinance as currently written, the 11 existing bulk gas and oil terminals in Portland could expand but by no more than 10 percent, and only when replacing storage tanks to bolster their resistance to earthquakes.

The council may consider an amendment Wednesday to eliminate that expansion potential, said Tom Armstrong, supervising planner with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

The policy is being driven by a City Council desire to reduce carbon emissions in Portland and fulfill a goal in the city/county Climate Action Plan.

The ordinance would apply to any bulk fossil fuel terminal with more than 2 million gallons of storage. Originally, the proposal applied to those with more than 5 million gallons of storage, but the Planning and Sustainability Commission recommended the lower threshold. That threshold would restrict operations designed to unload trains, as well as smaller bulk fuel terminals. It's not clear how that lower threshold would affect smaller operations, such as three Portland propane distributors and Sequential Biodiesel, Armstrong says.

An initial hearing took place last Thursday, after more than 700 people provided written comments. Wednesday's hearing is set to start at 10:45 a.m, with a final vote expected on Dec. 8.

The 10 major petroleum terminals in Northwest Portland distribute oil derived from four Puget Sound refineries, which is delivered here via truck, pipeline and barge. NW Natural also operates natural gas storage terminals in Northwest Portland. Portland supplies about 90 percent of the petroleum used in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

New homeless shelter in Southeast Portland to open next week

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A Home For Everyone and the Joint Office of Homeless Services will open a homeless facility in the Sellwood neighborhood for women and couples.

The only homeless shelter in Southeast Portland's Sellwood neighborhood will open next week.

Called The Willamette Center, it's located at 5120 S.E. Milwaukie Ave. The nearest shelter is a men's shelter, the Clark Center at 1431 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, two miles north.

The exact day of opening is still being determined as final details are worked out, according to Julie Sullivan-Springhetti, Multnomah County spokeswoman.

Though The Willamette Center isn't open yet, the year-round shelter, operating on a reservation system to avoid lining up outside, is taking reservations now by phone at 503-280-4700 or in person at Transition Projects Day Center at 650 N.W. Irving St.

Transition Projects, a Portland nonprofit that also operates the Hansen Shelter and other housing programs, is operating the facility.

The 120-bed shelter has a target population of women and couples age 18 and older, with priority for people 55 and older, those with disabilities and veterans.

It's funded by A Home For Everyone, a partnership between Portland, Multnomah County, the city of Gresham, Home Forward and other local nonprofits in an effort to end homelessness.

The program is a component of A Home For Everyone's goal of adding 650 additional shelter beds by mid 2017.

The Willamette Center, operating 24-7, is one of the only shelters in the county available to couples.

Of the county's 11 non-emergency shelters for adults, five are exclusively for men, four for women — with only the Hansen Shelter at 12240 N.E. Glisan St., offering space for both men and women 18 and older.

Officials realized the need for a space where lovers can stick together.

"They're [homeless individuals] not going to leave their spouse to go inside (a shelter)," says Sullivan-Springhetti. "This is one of the few places you can actually do that."

Sullivan-Springhetti says The Willamette Center will offer different programming from some of the other shelters. "Part of the programming in there is to get people into permanent housing," she says.

She says officials discovered upon opening emergency shelters that a portion of those seeking a bed at night weren't necessarily jobless — that many were people who have been "priced out of the housing market."

"They have jobs, but they can't make that rent and have lost their house temporarily and need some place to go til they can find something they can afford," Sullivan-Springhetti says.

Marc Jolin, director of the Joint Office of Homeless Services and A Home for Everyone, added that a shelter for couples has long been needed in the community.

"It will provide critical safety off the streets and by connecting people to essential services while they are there, we can make sure it is also the beginning of a rapid return to permanent housing and an end to their homelessness," he says.

Willamette Center details

- Open to women and couples age 18 and older, with priority for people 55 and older, those with disabilities and veterans
- Reservation system; all guests required to have reservation prior to arrival. Once a space is reserved, the guest may continue to use the space until they no longer need it
- 2 large sleeping rooms
- Access to on-site resources
- A space for coffee and tea, books, board games
- Gated courtyard
- Bathrooms, shower, laundry
- Space to leave belongings during the day
- Kitchen with light food and beverages
- Onsite support services including housing, health and income resources
- Staff will provide information, referral, and support
- Trained pets allowed
- No possession of alcohol, drugs or weapons

Volunteers and donations

Contact Lauren Holt, development associate with Transition Projects at lauren.holt@tprojects.org or 503-280-4741.

Interactive shelter map: multco.us/joint-office-homeless-services/distribution-shelters

Council adds new hearing for controversial infill plan next Wednesday

By Jim Redden

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City Council adds third hearing on Residential Infill Project recommendations because of high public interest shown before and at the first one

Because of high public interest, the City Council has added a new evening hearing on the controversial proposal to limit new home sizes and rezone existing single family neighborhoods for more housing.

The proposal was developed by the staff of the Residential Infill Project created last year by Mayor Charlie Hales. It includes recommendations to restrict the mass of new homes built in the city, and to allow small multi-family projects to be built in two-thirds of the neighborhoods now zoned for one home on each lot. Many Portland residents have split over whether the recommendations will help the city grow or change the character of existing neighborhoods for the worse.

The new hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16. It will follow the 2 p.m. hearing that day originally intended as the final one this year. After the last hearing, the council is expect to vote whether to send the recommendations to the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, which staffed the project, to be drafted into City Code amendments. The citizen Planning and Sustainability Commission that advises the bureau will then hold hearings on the amendments before deciding whether to recommend them to the council for final approval some time next year.

The council agreed to hold the new hearing at the end of the first one, which was held Wednesday afternoon. Too many people signed up to testify for all of them to speak before the council lost its quorum after about three hours. Those not able to testify will be allowed to speak before anyone new who signs up to testify at either the 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. hearing next Wednesday.

The council heard from many people on both sides of the issue at its Nov. 9 hearing — and from people who support some of the recommendations but not others. They included members of two organizations formed around such issues. One is Portland for Everyone, a project of the 1000 Friends of Oregon land use watchdog group that supports the recommendations. The other is United Neighborhoods for Reform, a grassroots organization that pushed for the Residential Infill Project, but which now opposes the recommendations.

The split was visible throughout the hearing. Many proposal supporters wore buttons that said, "I Heart Housing Choices." Opponents carried signs that read, "Save Our Neighborhoods."

Hales opened the first hearing by saying the recommendations are intended to ensure that “we save what we love about our city and build what we want to see.” Portland is projected to add around 123,000 new household by 2035, and the council is working to figure out where there should go.

Earlier this year, the council endorsed the idea of encouraging more so called missing middle housing in existing single family neighborhoods, including duplexes, triplexes, four-plexus, accessory dwelling units, small apartment buildings and cottage clusters.

During the hearing, affordable housing developer Eli Spevak said the recommendations would make Portland more livable by encouraging more housing choices that would cost less than the large infill homes currently being built.

“I think what you’ll see is a variety of housing types, which is what we need,” said Spevak, who is a member of both the Planning and Sustainability Commission and a stakeholders advisory committee formed to assist the Residential Infill Project.

But neighborhood activist and United Neighborhoods for Reform member Margaret Davis testified the recommendations will encourage more existing older homes to be demolished without guaranteeing that many residents can afford the replacements, even if they are smaller and accommodate multiple families.

“It promises more harm than good, and will further the loss of a valuable resources, which is affordable housing,” said Davis.

For a previous Portland Tribune story on the issue, go to tinyurl.com/zpmju9w.

Portland: A stronghold for women

*By Shasta Kearns Moore
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The 2016 campaign has put a unique lens on women in power, nationally and closer to home. Portland, it turns out, is much more likely to put women in positions of political power than elsewhere in the state and the nation.

Bookstore owner Chloe Eudaly won a major upset Tuesday night to become only the eighth woman elected to Portland’s city council.

“White men have dominated city council for 100 years,” Eudaly said at her election night party. “Now (underrepresented people) are going to dominate.”

Eudaly also acknowledged the cognitive dissonance she felt winning while watching Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton lose the U.S. presidency.

“It really couldn’t happen at a weirder time,” she said. “I’ve been more stressed out about the national election, because this is terrifying.”

The 2016 campaign has put a unique lens on women in power, nationally and closer to home. Portland, it turns out, is much more likely to put women in positions of political power than elsewhere in the state and the nation.

On Tuesday, Oregonians voted for the state’s second female governor and reelected a female attorney general, both from Portland.

Many women will also represent the area in Salem. Fourteen women were elected as state representatives Tuesday to fill the Portland metro area's 26 House districts, a 54 percent majority. In the state Senate, six out of 14 Portland-area seats are held by women.

In Multnomah County, all five commissioners will be women next year.

Though defeated, Clinton's nomination and race has already changed the conversation.

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury was driving in a car a few weeks ago with her 10-year-old daughter, when from the back seat came a question.

What are you going to do after your term is done? her daughter asked.

Well, Kafoury said, I still have two more years.

Yeah, but then what are you going to do? she asked. Governor? President?

Kafoury — who inherited a legacy of glass ceiling-shattering from her political mother, Gretchen Kafoury — nevertheless marvels at that conversation.

"That just wouldn't have happened a couple years ago," Kafoury says.

Not an accident

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, women filled only 24.4 percent of America's state legislative seats in 2016. Oregon had the 10th-highest share of women legislators in the nation this year, at 31.1 percent. But women held half of the Portland area's 40 House and Senate seats.

So why has Portland been more successful in promoting women to positions of political leadership?

"It's definitely not by accident," Kafoury says, "and it's not necessarily because we're more enlightened here. It's because we work hard."

Kafoury points to the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and the National Organization for Women chapter (both pioneered by her mother), as well as Emerge Oregon, National Education for Women's Leadership of Oregon (NEW Leadership Oregon) and others, for incubating and recruiting women leaders in Portland.

Barriers remain

It's not all roses in the City of Roses, though.

Women have found it particularly difficult winning seats on the Portland City Council — only seven have ever served.

And despite the reelection Tuesday of U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Beaverton, who represents Portland's westside, she's the only female in Oregon's seven-member congressional delegation.

But Amanda Fritz no longer will be the only woman city commissioner, after Eudaly's populist message defeated incumbent Commissioner Steve Novick on Tuesday.

Fritz believes strongly in the need for public campaign financing to level the playing field for women and minorities who want to run.

"If there are fewer affluent women in society," she says, there are fewer women who may be able to come up with or ask friends for large sums of money for a political campaign.

Fritz was originally elected through a now-defunct public campaign finance system that she is trying to revive. Eudaly won despite raising a fraction of Novick's haul.

Fritz says there is a common belief that because the county handles human services and the city handles infrastructure, those subjects tend to split along feminine and masculine interest areas.

However, she adds, "It's not wise to generalize."

Fritz echoes the sentiments of many other women politicians when saying she doesn't have any political ambitions to higher office — in part because she still feels the sexism in the system.

"I have never had any desire to do that," she says, noting her desire for local change that she can see with her own eyes. But Fritz also has no appetite for a higher-profile campaign, like Clinton's. "It's absolutely astonishing that anyone would put themselves through that campaign."

Oregon a model

Portland State University's Center for Women's Leadership runs the NEW Leadership Oregon program. Interim Executive Director Mariana Lindsey says research shows there is still a gender confidence gap.

Women need to be recruited for leadership more than men, and women are less likely to take a chance applying for a job if they don't have every qualification listed.

"It's critically important to get women into positions of leadership, business or politics," Lindsey says. "I think when we're talking about our representatives, we want them to be representative of the constituencies that they are elected to serve."

Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women in Politics, says more liberal areas of the country are typically where women are more likely to be in office.

"Places where there is a more progressive outlook, women do better," says Walsh, from Rutgers University in New Jersey. But she also notes there are geographical reasons women might be willing to run for a seat away from their families. "We'll tend to see the women clustered close to the state capital, because it is easier to do that sort of juggling."

Studies have shown that women are more likely to need to be recruited before they will run for office, while men are the ones more likely to actually be recruited, Walsh says.

But Oregon women seem to have already figured that out — several women legislators the Portland Tribune talked to were recruited by a woman, or themselves regularly talk to women about running for office.

"Oregon has been a place that is pretty receptive and open to (women) leadership, when it's not always the case," Walsh says. "You have a long history of women being in legislative leadership."

Child care a major impediment

All of the women the Portland Tribune talked to listed child care as a major factor in women's decisions to run for office.

Rep. Julie Parrish, R-West Linn, posits that this is why there are far fewer women in the legislature from areas outside of Portland. Women from rural areas are not going to move away

from their children for six months during the session, or commute that far away from them to Salem.

Nor can they typically afford to.

“If you’re a young woman and you don’t have child care and the legislature pays \$1,900 a month, what are you supposed to do with your child all day?” Parrish wonders.

But, she adds, there are many women running in the Republican “ring” around Portland and they are highly motivated by the desire for good conditions for their own businesses and for the education of their children. “That’s a powerful combination, right?” she says.

In her experience, female leaders in the Capitol tend to be more willing to put aside differences and work collaboratively toward solutions.

“They’re there because they actually want to solve problems ... I think women in general now in both parties ... tend to be more cause-oriented,” Parrish says, adding that she has resisted recruitment to run for higher office. “The things I’m really focused on fixing are right here in my backyard.”

‘A more perfect union’

Janelle Bynum says there was nothing that ever made her think she couldn’t run for office.

An engineer, small business owner and mother of four, Bynum knew it wouldn’t be easy, but she had seen women like House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-North Portland, go before her, and felt it was time for her voice to be at the table.

“I thought that we were at a point in time that as women — and me particularly as an African American woman — it was time to stand up for the principles we believe in,” Bynum says.

By press time, Democrat Bynum was holding on to a narrow lead for her House seat in District 51, Happy Valley, in Tuesday’s election. Even if she loses, her Republican opponent, Lori Chavez-DeRemer, will still guarantee the seat goes to a woman.

Bynum says her mother encouraged her to see it as an obligation to run, and her oldest daughter is encouraging her to take even stronger positions.

“ ‘In order to form a more perfect union,’ the work is never done,” she says, quoting the U.S. Constitution. “We’re always seeking perfection.”

Bynum says she believes the country as a whole will wrestle with sexism for years to come.

“But you don’t hesitate on moving forward just because it might be ugly,” she says.

Eudaly win increases city focus on affordable housing

By Jim Redden

November 10, 2016

Chloe Eudaly rode a growing wave of anxiety over increasing housing costs to City Hall on Tuesday, defeating first-term Commissioner Steve Novick after forcing him into a November runoff election.

And she will have a chance to help Portland’s most ambitious effort yet to provide more affordable housing after Portland voters also approved a \$258.4 million bond measure to

preserve and construct at least 1,300 units for households earning below the median-family income.

Eudaly will be able to work with new Mayor Ted Wheeler and the rest of the City Council to try and convince the 2017 Oregon Legislature to repeal the statewide bans on no-cause evictions and rent control. Eudaly called on the council to immediately freeze rents and ban no-fault evictions during her campaign, while Novick warned that rent control can have unintended consequences. Wheeler reaffirmed his early pledge to ask the Legislature to lift both bans when speaking at the annual Housing Forecast sponsored by area home builders last Friday.

Eudaly's win was the biggest council upset since tavern owner Bud Clark defeated incumbent Mayor Frank Ivance in 1984. The last time an incumbent council member lost was 24 years ago, when Charlie Hales defeated Commissioner Dick Bogle.

Eudaly, a small-business owner and single mother of a son with disabilities, ran an underfunded grassroots campaign that focused on income inequality issues.

Because of her limited fundraising, her campaign relied on social media and door-to-door canvassers, who distributed a comic book about the city's affordable housing crisis by noted cartoonist Joe Sacco.

In contrast, Novick campaigned as a conventional incumbent, pointing to his accomplishments after an admittedly rough first year in office. The day before the general election, he reported raising \$427,363 in cash and in-kind contributions in 2016. That compares to just \$98,279 reported by Eudaly, who refused to accept contributions from corporations that do business with the city.

Housing bonds create new system

The \$258.4 million affordable housing bond approved by voters is not only the largest money measure ever placed on the ballot by the council. It also radically changes the way city government provides affordable housing to Portland residents.

In the past, the city has contributed a share of construction costs to projects owned and operated by other jurisdictions or non-profit organizations. However, because of a restriction in the Oregon Constitution, the city must own all of the projects financed with the bond money — and it can only share the costs with other governments, not the private businesses and nonprofit organizations that have helped fund them in the past.

As a result, Portland taxpayers could end up paying all of the costs for the new units, which could average as much as \$200,000 each, counting administrative expenses. The city is likely to contract with nonprofit housing organizations to manage them, however.

Measure 26-179 will cost about \$75 per year, or \$6.25 per month, for the owner of an average home assessed at \$178,230 in Portland.

The campaign in support of the measure was backed by the broadest coalition to ever rally around a city candidate or bond measure. Supporters included such unlikely bedfellows as business advocates and homeless activists, real estate developers and social justice organizations, home builders and land use watchdogs. By the day before the elections, the Yes for Affordable Homes campaign had raised \$519,040 from its diverse base.

Recreational marijuana sales tax: Yes

Portland voters also approved a 3 percent city tax on the sale of recreational marijuana. It takes effect on July 1, 2016, when the state sales tax on recreational marijuana drops from 25 percent to 17 percent, meaning costs should go down anyway.

The measure will raise an estimated \$3 million a year to mitigate the economic and social impacts of the state's newly legalized recreational drug.

Its passage is another sign of how normal the recreational marijuana business is becoming. The city tax is similar to the state tax on the sale of alcohol and tobacco.

The Yes on 26-180 committee was underfunded compared to other races, raising just \$4,600 by election day.

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On the Sixth Day of Portland's Anti-Trump Protests, Elected Officials Join In

*By Rachel Monahan
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Six consecutive nights of Portland protests against the presidency of Donald J. Trump have drawn thousands of outraged citizens, anarchists with baseball bats, a call by state Republicans to deploy the National Guard, a chiding from the Oregonian Editorial Board, and a shout-out from Dave Chappelle on Saturday Night Live.

Tonight, they added a newly elected city official.

City Commissioner-elect Chloe Eudaly marched in a family protest this afternoon and joined a candlelight vigil this evening, pledging to be a conduit between anti-Trump demonstrators and Portland City Hall.

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury also joined the family march, where children carried white balloons along the Park Blocks.

"We are little," chanted the protesters. "We are loud."

The family march and tonight's vigil—which has so far been mostly unbroken by clashes with police—stand in contrast to the past three nights, which included a rash of vandalism and repeated face-offs with riots squads, who deployed compression grenades and tear gas.

Portland police deploying tear gas on Saturday, Nov. 12. Video by Aaron Mesh.

After anarchists destroyed property on Thursday night and a protester was shot early Saturday morning, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and Police Chief Mike Marshman urged protesters to stay home.

Portland Police arrested 71 people last night, prompting Oregon Republican Party Chair Bill Currier to call for the deployment of the U.S. National Guard.

Yet today's marches have largely been without incident—though demonstrators were startled by a blast of fireworks over the Oregon Convention Center. Police still haven't said who was responsible for the fireworks.

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“Please Stay Home Tonight,” Portland Mayor and Police Chief Tell Demonstrators

By Dirk VanderHart

November 12, 2016

It's official: Mayor Charlie Hales and Police Chief Mike Marshman are done with anti-Donald Trump protests.

On Friday afternoon, Hales and Marshman called reporters to City Hall to decry rioting and property damage that had occurred in an anti-Trump demonstration the night before. But they were clear: The vast majority of people in the crowd Thursday were peaceful.

"It's our city, and you have a right to protest, which we support," Hales said at the time.

That sentiment was largely absent this afternoon, when Hales and Marshman once again spoke to reporters about an eight-hour demonstration on Friday night that saw numerous clashes between police and masses of anti-Trump demonstrators. Now, Hales and Marshman are urging protestors to channel their energies elsewhere.

"If you are upset about the election of Donald Trump and you want change, there are ways to do that," Hales said. "They don't involve taking to the streets with signs anymore."

In far stronger language than the day before, Hales said Portland has been "taken over, over the last three nights, by people who simply want to fight with police. Please stay home tonight, or better yet go out and participate in the life of our city as you would normally do on a Saturday."

Marshman, clearly weary of sending out Riot Response Team officers night after night to tangle with demonstrators, had a similar message to his boss.

"They're on the street, taking abuse from criminals... who have hijacked protest events," the chief said of his officers. "If you're upset with the election, please do not come out and protest tonight."

"If you're intent, though—if you're one of the folks in the city who want to come out and battle with the police, who want to cause vandalism, who want to break the law—we will try and we will arrest you for that. We are done with criminal activity in this city."

Over the course of Friday's protest, Marshman says officers had bottles, rocks, and flaming objects thrown at them, inciting police uses of force that included tear gas, pepper spray, and repeated flashbangs to disperse the crowd.

And he's right, of course. Again and again last night, I witnessed small clusters of people who were bent on lobbing bottles and other things at cops. I also saw people being very proactive about stopping that activity. Like this:

Hales and Marshman weren't too interested in talking about the peaceable elements of last night's demonstrations today, though. Rather, Hales made a case that protesting Trump's impending presidency is no longer effective. Instead, he urged Portlanders to volunteer with "a host of organizations that are going to try to make a difference in the lives of Portlanders and of Americans in the next four years."

He mentioned the ACLU, Sierra Club, 350PDX and others.

I asked about a pretty stark shift in police strategy between last night and the two previous protests: That the PPB preemptively amassed its riot unit before any hint of trouble.

"There were anarchists and people in that crowd who are trying to stir up the crowd," said PPB spokesperson Sgt. Pete Simpson. "That's when decisions were made by incident command. It was a very precise strategic move so [demonstrators] knew exactly what they'd be dealing with."

It's anyone's guess whether there will be a demonstration for a fifth consecutive night tonight. Portland's Resistance, which has spearheaded actions over the past several days, has said it's taking a night off.

Also of note at this afternoon's press conference: Simpson announced that the PPB would be pursuing attempted murder charges against two of four people it detained early this morning, in connection with a protester being shot in the leg on the Morrison Bridge.

Simpson says the two suspects have "gang involvement." While some witnesses to the shooting told the Mercury the shooter took exception to protesters blocking the bridge, Simpson said: "It doesn't appear they were frustrated by that. It may be the case they were out looking for trouble."

Police recovered a semi-automatic pistol similar to a TEC-9 in the arrest, Simpson said.