

## **City of Portland – FY2009-10 Vision, Mission, Values and Goals**

### **Mayor's goals in developing FY2009-10 Budget:**

1. Keep the City on a sound financial footing to weather the economic downturn while protecting General Fund resources and increasing the annual contingency.
2. Protect core services such as public safety and increase funding to human services programs such as housing assistance and homelessness.
3. Make strategic investments in youth and local businesses so that we can emerge stronger from the recession.
4. Increase bureau accountability for service and performance improvement.

### **Council Vision**

We aspire to be a beautiful, safe, and clean city of choice for ourselves and future generations—a city with a healthy and sustainable economy, strong businesses, vital neighborhoods, a diverse population, excellent schools, a vibrant downtown, an honest government that is open and participatory, extensive recreational and cultural opportunities, a healthy environment, and sufficient housing stock to meet our needs.

### **Council Mission**

The City of Portland is a responsive and accessible local government that strives to continually identify and seize opportunities to improve the quality of life in our community. We work to support civic excellence and effective, responsive community and intergovernmental partnerships.

We provide urban services to meet the public health and safety, transportation, environmental, recreational, planning, and neighborhood livability needs of our citizens and visitors. We are responsible for providing clean and safe drinking water and for the maintenance of the City's water system. We are responsible stewards of our City's fiscal health and resources. We utilize a diverse, skilled, and dedicated workforce to provide seamless service to our citizens and visitors. We strive for excellence in all we do.

### **Council Values**

- **Commitment:** We believe that service to our citizens and customers is our most important job. We will make sure that people can count on us to be responsive to the needs of the community.
- **Integrity:** Whenever we make a decision, provide a service, or deal with citizens and customers, we act with honesty and integrity. People learn from interacting with us that they can continue to trust us. We treat all people equally and equitably.
- **Partnerships:** Our team supports and complements the leadership of our Mayor and City Council. We involve people and key stakeholders because we value their commitment, diversity, and ownership.

- **Innovation:** We apply creative and cost-effective solutions when delivering services to our community with a goal of continuously improving the quality of life.

## **Council Goals**

The current goals of the Mayor and the City Council follow. In the coming years, these goals will be updated and realigned to reflect results of the Portland Plan.

### ***Ensure a safe and peaceful community:***

- Protect life
- Preserve property
- Promote community responsibility, commitment, and preparedness

### ***Promote economic vitality and opportunity:***

- Support quality education
- Provide high quality, reasonably priced public utility services
- Create an attractive location for businesses and jobs

### ***Improve the quality of life in neighborhoods:***

- Ensure growth and development are well managed
- Provide access to transportation and recreation services
- Provide affordable housing and reduce neighborhood nuisances

### ***Protect and enhance the natural and built environment:***

- Protect the city's land, water, air, and open spaces
- Provide safe drinking and waste water services
- Protect endangered species

### ***Operate and maintain an effective and safe transportation system:***

- Provide multi-modal transportation choices
- Maintain and improve street conditions
- Support economic development and neighborhood livability

### ***Deliver efficient, effective, and accountable municipal services:***

- Deliver responsive, competitive government services
- Maintain healthy City financial condition
- Manage government to achieve goals