



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland**

September 20, 2017

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointment to the Rental Services Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Christian Bryant	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Deborah Imse	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Michael Nuss	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Raul Preciado Mendez	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Christina Dirks	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Katrina Holland	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Yoni Khan-Jochnowitz	9/17 – 9/20	Vacancy
Allen Hines	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy
Ian Davie	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy
Ron Garcia	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy
Nick Cook	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy
Margot Black	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy
Laura Golino de Lovato	9/17 – 9/19	Vacancy

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

Rental Services Commission Appointee Bios



Bio:

Nicholas Cook is a lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon. He is a Principal Broker and small business owner that has worked in real estate since 2005. He has extensive experience in property management and landlord tenant matters. Mr. Cook obtained his Bachelor's degree in Real Estate Finance from Portland State University. He lives and works currently in Northeast Portland. Nicholas also holds a Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation through the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).

Personal Statement:

I am interested in serving on the Renter/Owners Services Advisory Committee because I care about the city and believe that my knowledge of the area, education and work experience will allow me to offer unique insights that could result in a much more equitable process for renters and owners.

Bio:

Mike is a lifetime Oregonian who has been engaged in the Portland Real Estate market his entire adult life. He uses his knowledge from his appraisal background to provide quality housing in Portland's urban neighborhoods. Mike is a licensed property manager, housing provider and renter in the City of Portland. He loves chatting real estate with anyone who wants to have an authentic dialogue about our community.

Personal Statement:

I pride myself in understanding all seats at the table and believe this provides a grounded basis for being a valuable stakeholder in the Portland renter/owner services community. Portland is in the middle of unprecedented change and I desire to contribute to the conversation, bringing thoughtful, carefully considered ideas to our Mayor and Commissioners over the next 3 years. Landlord/tenant communication and education are essential to a thriving community and I look forward to contributing to Portland's progress.





Bio:

Yoni Kahn-Jochnowitz is the Enforcement Coordinator for the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Yoni is a Public Interest lawyer and member of the Oregon State Bar, and a lifetime advocate on behalf of social justice causes. Yoni previously served as a Staff Attorney at Legal Aid Services of Oregon in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties, as well as a Policy Advisor to Oregon State Representative Dan Rayfield. Yoni also worked on the legislative staff of U.S. Congressman Eliot L. Engel from 2010-2012. He has a Masters in Judaic Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and enjoys exploring Portland with his wife and new baby.

Personal statement: It is an incredible honor to be able

to serve as a member of ROSAC. I hope to shed light on issues of housing discrimination that affect communities of color, as well as other protected-status groups, throughout Portland. Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to work on issues of Fair Housing and identify policies that pose a disparate impact to the most vulnerable segments of our community. As an individual who has devoted his life to promoting social justice causes, I am excited for this opportunity to build bridges between tenants and housing providers in order to bring greater equity to Portland's housing market. I look forward to sharing my experiences and knowledge as part of ROSAC's work, as well as being an engaged listener who will learn from the experiences of others.

Bio:

Deborah Imse has been with Multifamily NW for 16 years. She has a Master's in Public Administration from Washington State University. Under her leadership the Association has grown from 65 local members to 1500 members statewide. The Association trains hundreds of landlords every year in landlord tenant and Fair Housing law. Through charity golf tournaments and other activities the Organization has raised over \$600,000 to give to housing related charities.

Personal statement:

I have been committed to housing my entire career. First as a Senior Vice President for US Bank and for the last 16 years as the Executive Director for Multifamily NW. The mission of our organization is "promoting quality rental



Housing”. Our members own or manage both affordable housing as well as market rate housing. I have a unique insight on how complex housing issues can be. I am motivated to serve on the advisory commission because solving these issues will require a collaborative partnership between the private and public sector.



Bio

Allen Hines is a disability advocate who has lived independently for 12 years and has personal experience finding and maintaining housing as a person with a disability. He is currently working to support people with disabilities to transition from institutions to living in the community through a project called the Real Choice Initiative.

Personal Statement:

Over the course of our lives, many of us will have physical accessibility needs at one time or another. Part of creating functional and equitable housing is ensuring that our housing stock meets the needs of older individuals and people with disabilities. Affordable, accessible housing is especially hard to find in Portland. Using my knowledge of fair housing issues, housing access, and needs within the community, I will support inclusive policies that build a Portland that is accessible

to all Portlanders.

Bio:

Christian Bryant is President of the Portland Area Rental Owners Association who provide education and support for landlords in the Portland area. Christian has been a property manager since the beginning of 2008 and has provided education for landlords that focuses on responsible & fair Land lording practices.

Personal Statement:

I am interested in serving on the Rental Services Commission because I want to do my part to help focus our city on developing mutually beneficial relationships between landlords and tenants in Portland. As president of PAROA I see firsthand how small landlords can struggle when costs & expenses are increased. On the other hand, I am a



tenant as well so I want to make sure that any new legislation is fair to everyone involved and that all possible effects of proposed legislation is considered.



Bio:

Margot Black is an organizer with Portland Tenants United (PTU), a Portland metro area tenant union founded in the summer of 2015 to strengthen and increase tenant protections for Portland area renters. A college mathematics instructor by training, Margot’s passion for tenant rights and housing security is based on her lived experience as a renter, which has been deeply informed by her two devastating no-cause evictions, both with young children underfoot. As an organizer with PTU, Margot has studied local and statewide landlord-tenant law in order to help advocate for tenants in eviction court and with policy makers. She sat on then candidate-Wheeler’s housing advisory committee, helping develop the [‘Tenants Bill of Rights’](#), which included relocation assistance and an Office of Tenant Affairs, both of which have since been

successfully adopted by City Council. She is committed to housing justice and very eager to help the 50% of renters in the Portland area have access to more resources as well as have a louder voice in all housing policy discussions.

Personal Statement:

I am very excited to be serving on the advisory commission for this new office. Oregon's landlord-tenant law is complex and often confusing. On paper it offers minimally adequate protections for tenants in many circumstances, however, many tenants are not aware of their rights, and even when they are, the only accountability mechanism available to tenants is the court system. Whereas landlords have the tools of fines, fees, inspections, security deposits, rental references, and screening processes, there is no such reciprocity of information, record keeping, or enforcement mechanisms for tenants. It is my hope to serve on this committee in order to help the new office provide renters with the information and tools they need in order to maintain their housing and foster amicable relationships with their housing providers.

Bio: No Photo Available

Ian Davie began as Chief Operating Officer at Home Forward in September 2016. After a rural Oregon upbringing and some college years in Los Angeles, Ian spent nearly twelve years in New York City – among other things, he biked through as many neighborhoods as possible, figured out where to get a good late-night slice, and tried his best to remain productive while commuting two hours a day on the subway. A lawyer by training, Ian became Deputy Director of Housing at the Bronx office of Legal Services NYC, where he focused on fair housing issues, civil rights litigation, housing advocacy, and anti-poverty policy. At Home Forward, Ian oversees

various departments including rent assistance, homelessness initiatives, facilities and safety, and property management. His bike rides in Portland are far less frenetic than in New York, and his hikes involve more ferns and trees than concrete and steel.

Personal statement:

From South Bronx courtrooms to Home Forward's Old Town Portland headquarters, Ian Davie has been considering landlord-tenant issues through a critical lens for the better part of his professional life. In a city like Portland, where housing issues appear so close to home, addressing renter and owner concerns is paramount. Ian's day-to-day work at Home Forward provides the opportunity to continue to think critically about the struggles facing the Multnomah County community. And ultimately, believing that no issue is intractable, Ian sees a unique combination of empathy and determination that permits meaningful dialogue and realistic solutions.

Raul Preciado Mendez is a Civic Engagement & Policy Coordinator at Latino Network. He has worked at the Oregon Community Foundation, and the Center for Improvement of Child & Family Services at Portland State University. He has a Master's in Public Policy from Portland State University and a B.A. in Political Science from University of Alaska Anchorage.

Christina Dirks is a Staff Attorney with Legal Aid Service of Oregon. She has formerly worked for Oregon Law Center as a Staff Attorney. She has a J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law, and a B.S. from Boston College.

Katrina Holland is the Executive Director, Community Alliance of Tenants. Katrina has worked in finance and operations and has a B.A. in Community Development at Portland State University.

Ron Garcia is a Principal Broker with the Garcia Group Property Managers. He is a Past Board Member of Elders in Action and a Certified Residential Specialist. He is currently the president of the Rental Housing Alliance.

Laura Golino de Lovato is the Executive Director of the Northwest Pilot Project, she has also worked at the Director of Development and Communication for Volunteers of America. She has a Master's of Library and Information Science from Simmons College and a B.A. in History from Suffolk University.

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Agenda No.
APPOINTMENT REPORT
Title

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Appoint members to the Rental Services Commission for terms to expire September 2019 and September 2020 (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>SEP 26 2017</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: <u><i>Susan Parsons</i></u> Deputy ACTION TAKEN: OCT 04 2017 ACCEPTED
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler <i>kc</i>	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Office of the Mayor	
Prepared by: Matthew Tschabold Date Prepared: 9/20/17	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date <u>9/28/2017</u> <u>10/4/17</u>	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>2 of 3</i> Start time: <u>2 pm</u> Total amount of time needed: <u>20 minutes</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	—	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	✓	