



# Community Advisory Committee Applications Report

March 10, 2020

*In the interest of transparency, this report includes verbatim application responses from Community Advisory Committee applicants received by the February 18, 2020 application deadline.*

## Aaron Brown

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** No More Freeways

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am applying to sit on this Community Advisory Committee because, frankly, I'm morbidly curious to find out just how seriously ODOT is committed to public engagement, transparency, and community collaboration as the agency seeks to move forward on this billion dollar megaproject. I have spent approximately ten hours a week (and often times much, much more) for the past three and a half years tracking this proposed freeway expansion and supplementing ODOT's outreach to make sure local neighbors, climate justice advocates, parents and educational leaders, air quality and public health experts, and transportation activists were made aware of the exact discrepancies between the agency's flashy PR about the project and the decades of academic and empirical research. As one of the rabblers of No More Freeways, our organization has answered the calling to make sure that actual, independent community voices concerned about climate change, air pollution, traffic congestion, traffic safety, and bicycle/pedestrian/transit infrastructural improvements actually had a chance to proactively shape this mammoth infrastructure project that current and future generations of Oregonians will live with for the rest of their lives. I genuinely want to see progress on addressing the traffic congestion along the corridor (as a person who lives in North Portland and owns an automobile, I drive through the Rose Quarter quite frequently), investments that address air pollution, improve street connectivity, and address climate change. Considering that our tiny operation has managed to overwhelmingly shift the conversation about what sorts of massive investments are needed in this neighborhood to solve these problems, and considering my position as an undeniable community leader who is as responsible as anyone for a significant majority of the public comments ODOT received last spring, I'm applying to once again test whether ODOT can credibly claim to want public feedback on this proposal.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I bring to this committee a wellspring of experience sitting on boards, advisory committees, and occupying in positions in service to the community. I served as the Board President of Oregon Walks, the state's pedestrian advocacy organization for nearly four years. My tutelage included receipt of over \$300,000 in new revenue through grants and membership gains, appointment of nine new Board Members and hiring of three staff, and spearheading the grassroots Portland campaign for Vision Zero to eliminate traffic fatalities. I'm especially proud of Oregon Walks' role

in encouraging the Portland Bureau of Transportation to put in specific language opposing increased traffic enforcement; Portland was the first city in America to apply this particular equity analysis to their municipal Vision Zero initiative, and our organization uplifted the voices of numerous East Portland community partners we had cultivated relationships with to provide the political support to make it happen. I am fundamentally committed to collaborative, engaging work to explore how to make our transportation investments more equitable, more sustainable, and more collaborative, and more justice. I know that, if appointed, there will be many individuals on this committee with different opinions than mine about the efficacy and wisdom of many aspects of this proposal. I cherish the opportunity to meet community members face to face and discuss our shared dreams, desires, and outcomes for this project and find opportunities for collaboration. I have served on a litany of other advisory committees on transportation, including: 1000 Friends of Oregon: Land Use Leadership Initiative - Mentor, 2015-2016 Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee - Networks, 2013 Boise Neighborhood Association Communications Chair, 2011 - 2013 Portland Parks and Recreation: North Portland Greenway Project Advisory Committee - Member, 2012 Oregon Metro: Regional Active Transportation Plan - Youth Representative, 2012-2014

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As one of the chief organizers and rabblers of the No More Freeways Coalition, I helped spearhead an initiative that brought in approximately 85% of the 2000+ comments received by ODOT during the public comment period last spring. I worked with our traffic engineers and public records lawyers to uncover the full data sets originally missing from the 2019 Environmental Assessment, and I have years of experience of navigating existing ODOT's materials about this project and bringing them to the relevant community partners who are most likely to be impacted by ODOT's proposals. I probably know the ins and outs of the schematics, technical policies, nearby affected organizations and institutions, and wishes of the surrounding neighborhood as well as anyone not currently working on the project in a professional capacity. Whether or not ODOT is thrilled to admit it, the perspective and concerns that No More Freeways brings to this freeway expansion proposal has been validated by the numerous elected officials and variety of community organizations who have echoed our calls for further transparency and accountability with this project. It will be difficult for you to truthfully claim that this committee is representative of the concerns of the community if you do not include a single voice from the organization that has spearheaded over 80% of the comments received during the Environmental Assessment 45-day period last spring. No More Freeways has submitted countless letters to the Oregon Transportation Commission, ODOT, ODOT's Value Pricing Committee, Portland City Council, Metro, and others - many of these letters signed by hundreds of other community members throughout the city and region. If ODOT is sincerely interested in a good faith effort to address community concerns about this proposal, the agency simply must invite its loudest critics to participate on this committee.

## Aaron Levi

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived in the neighborhood for about 20 years and in my time here I have seen growth and economic development impede the connection this neighborhood has with itself; I have also witnessed longtime residents leave in droves due to affordability concerns and loss of this community feel. I am interested in participating to A) drive discussion in the interest of keeping and recommitting to this connection B) to drive the project in the direction to encourage longtime residents to stay and invest in the place as they had done for many years. I see this neighborhood as now having a very transitory population. What can we do to make this neighborhood a long-term residence for families, singles, alternatives, etc? What can this project do to encourage that?

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved in many projects over the years that require collaboration from numerous stakeholder groups to ensure success. My experience is primarily in the complex and ever-changing landscape of commercial airline operations. The main lessons from this work from over a more than 20 year career, is the interaction of many systems/groups that can impact the final result. In my experience, a group that communicates freely, is led with some clear stated goals, and is willing to tackle serious issues in an open and respectful forum, is the most likely to succeed. I would bring this experience (albeit corporate) to this project.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My community knowledge and expertise is limited from a process standpoint, however I know my neighbors, I am familiar with the major issues in Boise-Elliott, and I have a desire to reside here and raise my children here.

## **Adam Richard Kimbrough**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** CBRE

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in this position because as ridiculous as I think it is that there should be any question as to whether or not that we need high way expansion (I believe we need expansion), I am open to learning about and considering the counter argument and solutions. I work in industrial real estate, and from a professional perspective recognize the challenges that are placed on industry and business in Portland. In addition, especially in my age demographic (29), I feel that I could represent a perspective that is often drowned out by the much more vocal counter opinion.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I specialize in Industrial Logistics and Distribution, for a international company, with offices in many different markets. Part of my practice is directing clients towards solutions that ease areas of tension related to distribution as it relates to traffic and location.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I spend a considerable amount of time behind the wheel for work and personal use, and live in NE Portland.

## Adam Zachary Wolfe

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe in a Portland that works for all of us. I want to bring my voice to the table to ensure that state investments in infrastructure will help develop an economy that lifts all boats. I hope the Rose Quarter project will help alleviate congestion in the city and help continue to grow our economy. I want to make sure that rational decision making is used when evaluating the need for infrastructure. As an attorney I think I'm well suited to effectively participate and contribute to the discussion on these issues. I believe the best answers come from group consensus, and I will come to every meeting with an open mind to learn and help develop the best ideas for Portland to continue growing and succeeding.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I was involved in student government in high school and college. I've volunteered with local community access media filming town hall meetings. I currently serve on the Oregon Consumer League board as the secretary and take notes at our monthly meetings.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am an attorney licensed by the Oregon State bar and can help provide insight into the legal aspects of the project. I lived in Boston during the big dig, and have also lived in Manhattan, and downtown San Diego. From that experience I can offer comparisons based on what I've seen work in the kind of big city that Portland could become. I also live blocks from the Rose Quarter (9th and Holladay) and pass through the area almost every day.

## **Adrian Austin-King**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I moved into the Rose Quarter district (Eliot Neighborhood) in 2016 after graduating from Lewis & Clark College. I live in a beautiful 98 year old Art Deco apartment building designed by A. E. Doyle. I instantly feel in love with the area and have a deep appreciation for its history, from a Scandinavian company town for the railroad, to the hub of Portland African-American life, to the entertainment district it is today. From looking through City of Portland archives/ Oregon Historical Society photos, to diligently reading NextPortland articles about future development, I love seeing how Portland once was and how it continues to grow and change. I have attended a number of community forums about the I-5 Rose Quarter improvement project and think that participating in this CAC would be a delightful way to participate more.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a Multnomah County employee I have sat on a number of committees from the government end working to solve challenging issues. I have never been involved in a committee as a citizen/resident, but look forward to hopefully changing that.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am very multi-modal, regularly commuting via foot, bicycle, Tri-Met, and car. I have a deep appreciation for land use, urban design (specially universal design and ADA accessibility), supporting local (ideally minority owned) business, and the environment. If you chose me to serve on this CAC you would receive someone who is very passionate about the project, well versed when it comes to the complexities of competing priorities, and capable of listening well and providing thoughtful input. Living quite literally across the street from the Moda Center I have a strong desire to see less congestion in the area while at the same time hoping to see the area stitched back together after the destruction of the 1960s.

## AJ McCreary

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I work in engagement and would like to get kore involved with city and state organizations. Being from Portland I notice our lack of civil engagement and want to do my personally part to help inspire more people to get involved in our community. I do understand how engagement is complicated when no one knows about things happening and I would like to help bridge that gap.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My work centers conflict resolution. Most recently I was mitigating a conversation between local artist communities and community members and a large part of my practice is both listening and getting others to pause and listen as well. I am also a person who likes to be solution based so when I have a criticism I also have ideas to solve said issue or a list of smarter folks who will have deeper insight.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a marketing and development consultant with a degree in history and one in art. I'm community driven and work with a wide range of community organizations. I'm also from Portland and have managed not to be priced out of North Portland.

## Alex Wick

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Cascadia Carbon Inc.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Rose Quarter I5 is a huge project which should be examined by all stakeholders

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Attended the OLCC's measure 93 RAC, and worked with stakeholders to design a riparian timber harvest plan in California.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Community knowledge? What does that mean? I'm part of several communities in Portland, and have knowledge...does that count?

## Alison Lucas

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live and have lived in the vicinity of the I-5 Rose Quarter project for almost 10 years, and I travel through that area every day. I care about the communities, the commuting, the economic future, and vitality of Portland. I also have two young kids, and thinking about them and their peers growing up in Portland over the next 30+ years encourages me to get involved and put thoughtfulness into where and how we spend resources to improve the city and region for them.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Many of my examples of experience solving challenging issues in a group or committee process are from my work at Portland General Electric. (I would be representing my own and not PGE's views if selected.) At PGE, I've been a member of teams working through complex strategic issues with many viewpoints from different people within the organization as well as from stakeholders around our community and the Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff. A recent example is when I was a lead representative of the team developing PGE's Green Future Impact tariff. I've also been involved in larger groups solving multi-faceted and sometimes challenging issues in high school and college as part of student council and leading volunteer efforts.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My community knowledge and expertise comes from my experiences living here and starting a family here over the past 10 years. I have firsthand experience with the commutes, the traffic, the cycling, walking and living in the surrounding neighborhoods, and I have also discussed these topics with neighbors, friends, co-workers, and parents of my kids' schoolmates, and have learned about their experiences. I think the committee will benefit from a broader perspective and more thoughtful planning having individual residents with long-term interests in the local community involved.

## Allan Rudwick

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Eliot Neighborhood Association (Co-Chair) & Land Use

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Eliot

**Primary interest:** Other:

Most of the above. Urban design most if I have to pick

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I attended every SAC meeting of the previous incarnation of this project. I want to make sure that institutional knowledge of the project is carried forward to this next phase. Additionally, I believe I would be a good person to represent my Neighborhood Association on this project. I drive, ride bicycles, walk and take transit through the project area in addition to shopping. I feel like my local connection to the project is an important viewpoint that should be a piece of many stakeholder's resumes.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have participated in the Eliot Neighborhood Association and its various committees for the past 10 years. Additionally I have served on an advisory committee before (N Williams Traffic & Safety Project).

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I live, work and my kids attend school within 2 miles of the project area. I am part of the community surrounding the project

## Amy McCandlish Esper

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I've lived in Portland my whole life; I was born in NE & am still here today 37 years later. Our continued population boom and subsequent traffic issues are driving longtime Portland residents away from downtown, who can't handle the gridlock. I commute by car to Wine Country for work a few times a week, and use the Moda Center on/off ramp every time. If there's an event at the MODA Center, or if 84W is clogged up, the commute back home can get so backed up I am trapped on the freeway inching my way home. I don't even bother riding my bike down there because it feels like the air is so polluted and sharing the road with cars there is just too dangerous. I've taken my middle school aged daughter there by bike once, and won't do it anymore- it's just too complex to move through NE to get downtown from Irvington, so many cars with angry drivers not looking out for cyclists, and just not a safe, comfortable ride. I'd rather take the bus. There aren't a lot of short cuts for me to get home from McMinnville to Irvington, by car. Flow is a primary concern of mine, especially as more people move here and inner NE becomes more densely populated close-in. Honestly, I'd rather find work closer to home and bike there (what a dream!), but I dislike the bicycle commute so much this isn't on my radar, as I don't plan to move. I do take Trimet regularly to go downtown, and feel very positive about that mode of transport for the NE area.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served on the board of directors for our sister city with Bologna since 2014, and am currently acting as Executive Director. I think it's important to give everyone enough time to speak, so a consensus can be met in the end without anyone feeling like they haven't been heard. A point person to synthesize the comments and concerns is critical, to tie together points and pull out the most frequent, pressing concerns to highlight and prioritize as you go - without this, those that felt heard before may not feel remembered in the process and feel like their contribution had no purpose if they don't see it added to the larger picture. I think a lot of challenges come when moderators don't have a clear vision of desired outcome, and let the group lead... clear leadership and boundaries are helpful to all.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I think my knowledge of the roads, neighborhood and interchanges for 30+ years gives historical context and lived experience. I have family throughout the city and regularly travel by car all over Portland. My mom's family has been here for 5 generations, and was pushed out the Lair Hill area, which was the original epicenter of the Italian community before I-5 was built. She experienced the Mt. Hood Freeway project as a girl, having been raised in Lents area - a project that could have been planned much better for the residents of the community. I travel a lot nationally for work, and rent cars or use ride share when I'm on the road so have first hand knowledge of other cities and their challenges/successes with managing population growth and traffic solutions.

## Andrea Franke

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Tigard Tualatin School District

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** I was born and raised in Northeast Portland and now live in North Portland. The east side has always been important to me and I now commute through the Rose Quarter district daily on my commute to Tigard.

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The well being, authenticity and cultural preservation of Portland has always been important to me. Having been born and raised in Historic Irvington, graduated from Grant High School and received my undergraduate and graduate education from Portland State University, I am a Portlander through and through. From walking to school from 6th to 12th grade, to using Portland's many bicycle lanes, to using Trimet to get to after school activities and Portland State University on line 17, to commuting between my apartment on North Williams Ave to Tigard through the Rose Quarter's traffic "hell" I have interacted with Northeast and North Portland's many diverse transportation systems my entire life, allowing me to provide a unique community

perspective for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. In order for Portland to prosper, we must let go of the past and instead look to the future of Portland; perfecting the land which is allotted to us within Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Line. There are those who hold on to the past, but there are also those of us who look at NE Broadway and the Rose Quarter district and see incredible potential to connect more communities and bring sustainable economic opportunity to the increasingly outdated and underused land. I would be honored to have the opportunity to influence the development of the Rose Quarter District.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Throughout my career I have been reaching goals and exceeding expectations and you will find me to be an enthusiastic, friendly and reliable person. I am hard working, flexible and have a great passion for serving my community, which I hope can be put to good use on the volunteer committee for the 1-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, I also understand the importance of community development, involvement and buy in. I believe the skill set that I have as both a native Portlander and active community member will help the committee create a clear vision for Portland's future.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As mentioned in the space above, as a native Portlander and resident of North Portland, I believe I would be able to provide a unique perspective into the local experience of pedestrians, bicyclists, Trimet users and private vehicles.

## **Andrew J Campbell**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I understand that with change comes challenge. By definition, to take what already exists in a community, and replace it with better is both a change, and a challenge. However, change for the most impacted often is for worse, not better. What used to be a community is about to undergo a facelift you did not ask for, and had nothing to do with the decision. Like prior decisions - Emmanuel Hospital Project, I-5 Project, Rose Garden, Mississippi and Alberta Corridor development(s), and Light Rail - the configuration and ecosystem of community changed, and people get sick. We know all too well this history. With proposed or new

construction comes displacement, illness, and sometimes death. We must turn to our retroactive understanding of history, which begs we learn and do better to ensure provisions of health, economic equity and neighborhood integrity are priorities this time around. This is my primary reason for involvement with the committee - to remind, and through a community lens. We can ensure community interests and concerns of the most impacted are part of the decision-making process. To minimize harm to our most vulnerable communities, and demonstrate inclusion is tantamount to what I bring to the committee process.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've worked in the capacity of lead facilitator to navigate discussion on related topics and think tanks. From faith-based and community organizations the issues converge on a fundamental principle of respect and preservation of institutional life for our the posterity of our children and sobriety of neighborhood. It boils down to participation, listening, as I've experienced during my graduate school experience. Assisting to resolve challenges faced by student athletes of color experienced, and connecting them to available resources to balance school, sport and model self-care. Co-facilitate discussions of taboo topics like sexual health and gender identity among teens in schools, character development skills and racial equity with all ages. My comfort with teamwork settings will help create safe environments and space for people to share without anticipation of threat or harm. Uniqueness of approach and applying interpersonal skills create trust and a positive environment for all. The arena of local public and private entities is where a dynamic process is ongoing to take on "ism" controversial issues in modern dominant culture to break down and redirect patterns of authoritarianism. Today is no different. My experience here demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively, and prioritizing core ideas that to get us to desired outcome, and resolution on issues.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As a person from this community, I have knowledge and lived experience about my community in the nineties. Over the years the grid changed as population and transportation density spilled past the bound of safe transport. I've lived through cycles of gentrification. I grew up and encountered rules made to coordinate modes of transport from unsafe pedestrian crossing for walking, to the advent of bike lanes, and narrowing of streets and boulevards for motor vehicles. We know what happens when an equity lens is absent and the negative impact when rules change that direct modes of transportation to determine how safe the streets and sidewalks are, or need to be for getting around the neighborhood. Traveling to parks, schools, family and back home. I am one of those community members that continue to heal from seeing all the changes that affected my family and friends. Now 2020 there is a lack of cultural belonging and street insecurity. I bring a life of observance and hope to this committee. To share insight and a history of the area and expansion of I-5, for example. My communication skills will assist the process and inform and broaden thinking, and a benefit to this committee with the substance of the work that we will be doing.

## Anna Kurnizki

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived and worked in NE Portland for 6 years, and I have been devastated to learn the history - past and present - of the City of Portland and this region's role in discrimination and oppression of black and brown communities. My career is in social service/nonprofits and I am interested in getting more involved in public service. This Community Advisory Committee seemed like a good intersection of my desires to give back to my community, to advocate for social justice, and to become more deeply involved in public service, all in my own neighborhood.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I joined the nonprofit where I still work right out of college (22 years old). One of my first responsibilities was handling the logistics of the organization's biggest fundraising event. I had never even attended a gala before, yet I was in charge of wrangling sponsorships, artists, auction details, guest lists, donations, and above all, the event committee. In our first meeting, one of the volunteers demanded to know why I (so young & inexperienced) was being put in charge. To throw another wrench in, we were gradually transitioning the event from volunteer-led to staff-led, and there was a lot of resistance to this change. I navigated this challenging, entirely new, and even hostile environment to pull off the most successful fundraising event yet for the organization. During this difficult time, I also maintained good relationships; all of the volunteers that participated that year are still actively involved as donors and supporters of the organization.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have worked at a nonprofit in NE Portland for nearly 7 years. I have experience working with Boards, staff, and volunteers and partnering with numerous other agencies to engage the community and ensure more efficient and positive outcomes. I am knowledgeable about equity and inclusion practices as well as reading and reviewing budgets.

## Anthony Greiner

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Irvington

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live near the development area, and often pass through it on my way to downtown. After the "Rose Quarter" development proved a failure, I decided to become more involved in neighborhood and city organizations. I am particularly interested in the ramps and covers that will make crossing over the highway not just possible, but attractive, and contributing to the neighborhood. I usually walk, bike or take public transit when I go downtown, and I see how the current set up serves as block to any movement that isn't by car. I also visit Seattle enough to see how covering a freeway can knit portions of the city together, and serve as a green space or limited development area, while reducing the eyesore and noise of a freeway.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am a member of the Citizens Involvement Committee of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for the city of Portland. I also work at Portland Community College, where I am a librarian. At PCC I have been on several college-wide committees, and many library-based ones. I have been a 'Captain' for the PCC Foundation fund-raising drive, and served as chair of a couple of committees. I am also a member of the Irvington Community Association's Land Use Advisory Committee, which gives guidance to people who want to remodel or build new structures inside the Irvington Historic District.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in Portland for over 25 years, all but the first in the same house, so I know my neighborhood well. As a member of the Irvington Land Use Advisory committee, I have become more knowledgeable about zoning and land-use rules. I have studied and spoken in public about the displacement of African-Americans from the Albina neighborhood. I also use all modes of transportation- walk, bike, train, bus, and car, so I can bring the perspective of all those users to the committee.

## Aquiles Montas

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

I-5 Rose Quater Improvement

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a 42 year North Portland Resident and have ideas I have seen in other countries and cities

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Most recently, being part of the Woodlawn Coffee Talk Committee to save a church on Dekum without community input

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a business owner, an administrator in finance and education, north portland resident since 1978, travel countries and other states and cities

## Art Lewellan

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Broadway corridor neighborhood

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As you folks must know, I've long supported rail transit. Over the years I've submitted many draft renderings of advanced integrated bus to rail system proposals for all Portland MAX lines. Living in the Pearl affords me crossing the Broadway via all modes often. To reduce cost, the I-5 RoseQ project can delete or defer the exit to downtown extension northward. ODOT should consider separating the southbound exit from entrance south mess without widening. Could such a traffic lid support the weight? ODOT should prepare a 'valid' answer to that question. I'm not sold on 3-lanes each direction: Wouldn't faster traffic increase accident potential? Lastly, the 'curved' ped/crossing design leads to speed and spills and should be redesigned. The 'L'

shaped row of lids are stupid. Those are my recommendations. Plus, release current close up intersection rebuild design renderings with sidewalk/crosswalk and bike lane accommodations. Do this for both 3-lane widening and left at 2-lane as an unfinished option to consider.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

The best I have to offer is my draft renderings and perspective. I'll probably let others direct discussion with comments on transportation design. I'd like my comments here copied and saved. I support some rebuild high up the ODOT list. Delay Hwy 217 widening and plan converting WES to a MAX Red Line extension from Beaverton. Please help STOP BARBUR MAX. Atrocious engineering, worsens public safety, entirely unproductive, obviously ideal Rapid Bus corridor with curb stops. Please. Tri-Met director Doug Kelsey is woefully incompetent. Their subway is planned to never leave the drawing board. I have documentation to prove it convincingly. I've offered Metro & City Hall a face-saving measure of formally authorizing a Rapid Bus study and WES to Red Line study. It will give them info to admit Barbur MAX is fatally flawed its entire length and stricken from the November ballot. I'm supporting Sarah Iannarone for a most informative race. She seems to be a nice person and smart.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'll submit new draft renderings of ped/street/sidewalk/crosswalk designs. Current renderings are kind of crappy.

## Aurora Rupert

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have an interest in make my neighborhood better and serving the needs of my community. I like to listen to different perspectives, gathering input from others, and coming up with solutions that might not have been thought of before

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I'm a professional theatre-maker and therefore have a lot of experience working with groups and diverse opinions. I have also served on a Board of Directors and have worked in many collaborative businesses.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm fairly new to Portland, but I have an avid interest making my community better. I'm particularly interested in walk able cities and good public transit. I like discussing these issues with others and learning all I can about them.

## Benny Carlascio

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** LatinoBuilt and AGC-Columbia Chapter

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I participate in several DBE business associations, such as NAMC, LatinoBuilt and CDE. Also a champion of DEI.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Everyday I solve problems and overcome objections. I enjoy hearing all perspectives and look for ways to find a win-win solutions. My experience primarily comes from work experience and a wide array of personal experience.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I was raised in Portland most of my life and have lived in several areas of the city. The culture rich city has so much to offer and we have so much to preserve from the past. I have a long list of life experiences , from construction of architecture to supporting our partners in the community. I feel that my balanced view and open-mindset will be an asset in assistance during this project.

## Bianca Montaña

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** N/A

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in participating in this committee for many reasons, but I will focus on 3. 1) I believe I have a lot of ideas, perspective, and insight to offer; many of which I don't think anybody else will bring to the table. 2) I would like to be more included within my community, especially in regards to big projects that will impact many people and communities- specifically people of color and low-income families. 3) Lastly, this committee will benefit me as a young professional in developing and enhancing my skills such as networking, professionalism, and city development.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I got my BA from Western Oregon in Communications and Spanish which has served me well in finding solutions for challenging issues. I currently work for a social change organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters. My role here is to lead and train the volunteers we get into the program in assuring they are adequately suited to care for a child in a 1:1 relationship. Although I work for the program aspect, I closely interact with our development team who funds our programs through grants, donors, etc. Times have presented where funding becomes tighter than projected and training materials for my volunteers decreases. Having clear constant communication with the development team and having my numbers to show them, (as to why volunteer training is so vital) had proven to be a solution for such a critical aspect in assuring child safety.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Even though I do not have formal expertise, my community knowledge is expansive and far more valuable than professional experience. I was born and raised in North Portland in the 90s and early 00s and aside from going to college for 4 years I have not lived anywhere else. I've witnessed the drastic and somewhat unfortunate change the city had experienced and I have a lot of important feedback and ideas to give. I come from a bicultural and bilingual upbringing which has allowed me to connect with people from all walks of life. I'm only 23 years old but my mom says I'm an old soul :) I work and collaborate extremely well with people of different ages, cultures, socio-economic background, etc. which holds great importance in any group setting.

## **Bob Earnest**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** none

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in having conversations about improving I-5 and how it affects Portland's future. I want to be involved in an objective approach to decisions made about I-5 as we serve area residents and businesses. I want to see a balanced approach to planning that moves Portland into future and uses public funding wisely.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am a board member for the Hazelwood Neighborhood for the past ten years. I am a founding member of the East Portland Action Plan and continue to lead the Structures Committee and provide orientation to new members. I was the chair and co-chair of the Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Group for more than ten years. In all community activities, I listen objectively and make efforts to engage everyone in the discussion and problem solving. I also served on three committees with the City of Portland and Portland Parks in purchase, design and naming of Gateway Discovery Park.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I was chair and co-chair for the Gateway Urban Renewal and during that time I participated and lead in several community groups regarding the expenditures of project funding. I participated establishing building design review standards within the district. I also participated in the NE/SE 102nd Avenue redesign including street lighting, sidewalks and street landscaping. I have a broad community member perspective and overview of City and County processes and would like to share my knowledge with the Advisory Committee. I will bring an objective decision making process to any group I participate in.

## **Brad Baker**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Eliot Neighborhood Association

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

Air Quality

**Secondary interest:** Other:

Climate Change

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in participating in the CIC to help push this project in a positive direction. Right now, there are little to no local benefits, and lots of local downsides. I'd be interested in pushing it so that the opposite is true.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am the chair of the Eliot Neighborhood Association's Land Use and Transportation Committee, served on the Eliot Neighborhood Association board, and serve on North East Coalition of Neighborhood's Land Use and Transportation Committee. I'm used to working in groups like this.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Serving on the Eliot Neighborhood Association, I'm aware of folks concerns in the area. Serving on several Land Use and Transportation Committee's I'm generally aware of how our transportation system works and trade-offs that we make when we make decisions.

## **Brad Halverson**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Overlook NA

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Overlook NA immediately to the NW of project

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I think this CAC should have representation from the surrounding neighborhoods that go to and through this area often because of the close proximity to it. I believe my previous participation on other CACs resulted in better projects and programs because I do not represent a particular niche such as a mode of travel.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved in the Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) since the early 1990's when the Albina Community Plan was the hot topic of the time. I have been on the board of

OKNA intermittently for over half of those years serving in every main role and as the lead of transportation-related issues for most of that time. I led the discussion about the placement of Interstate MAX - next to I-5 or down Interstate Ave. I served on the South-North CAC that eventually morphed into the Interstate MAX project, of which I chaired the CAC. I represented the neighborhoods on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, and I chaired the Transportation Subcommittee for years. I served on the Columbia River Crossing's CAC. At First Presbyterian Church, Portland, I have served as a Ruling Elder on the Session (board of directors). In all of those settings, I was involved in dealing with challenging issues.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in the Portland area most of my life and in the Overlook neighborhood for over half of it. My breadth of involvement in various groups combined with my goal of listening to all sides, asking questions of those sides and the governmental jurisdictions, and letting the facts guide my decisions could help this committee reach compromises when necessary. This important project and the decisions surrounding it will impact the people going to and through it for many years to come. I want to help make it the best that it can be.

## **Brad Perkins**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Soul District Business Association.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe my diverse experience in transportation/land-use planning, real estate, development, retail business, community activism, architectural design and photography can add to the Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) discussion on many different levels of this I-5/Rose Quarter Project. I have always taken my commitment, as a volunteer, to improve our community's physical and social construct very seriously. There is more to life than a paycheck. I joined the Soul District Business Association (SDBA) to have a stronger voice on racial and climate justice issues related to land use and transportation planning. I believe that having a position on this CAC is an important responsibility as SDBA Transportation and Land Use Chair. Recently, I worked with PBOT as the SDBA transportation representative, to allow the African American community the opportunity to be heard regarding the cultural differences or impacts of choosing NE 7th Ave. vs NE 9th Ave. as a new bike greenway. Fortunately, after a number of community meetings with the African American community, PBOT listened and changed its mind by selecting NE 9th Ave. as the new bike greenway. I also had influence in our community regarding the Williams Russell Project. Over many years, I wrote letters to Eliot Neighborhood

Association, Urban League, PDC and Emanuel Hospital regarding Emanuel's promise to build affordable housing on the vacant land at North Williams and Russell. During the Comprehensive Planning process, I testified to the City on the need to rezone the vacant three blocks in this area from hospital use to mixed use. I, among other community activists and Emanuel's Board Chair, pushed to take a community-based approach to decide the future of the property. Now the development of 1.7 acres of the land will be decided mostly by African American stakeholders working on what is now called the Williams Russell Project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In the 1980's I was chair of the West University Neighbors (WUN) in Eugene, Oregon. For five years I was involved with the refinement plan process with other representatives of the neighborhood, City of Eugene, Sacred Heart Hospital, University of Oregon and businesses to plan future land uses and address major institutional and transportation pressures. We as neighbors understood the need for greater density by being located in the middle of downtown, U of O and the Hospital, so we compromised on a plan for growth. I took a leadership role in helping to design and build a neighborhood park, pressure Sacred Heart Hospital to build commercial spaces on the ground floor of a major parking garage, helped stop U of O from building a major parking garage with its only access on a one-lane, one-way street with two bike lanes, and helped with beautification projects in the neighborhood. In 2006 I founded the Sullivan's Gulch Trail (SGT) Committee. It again involved a group process with representatives from a number of neighborhood groups, business associations and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance. For six years we met weekly or bi-weekly to plan and secure \$250,000 from Metro to pay for work by CH2M Hill, the City Transportation and Parks Department to develop a SGT Concept Plan. It was approved by 16 neighborhood associations, 3 business associations and the Portland City Council on July 25, 2012. I continue to push the need for the City to follow, as instructed in Resolution #36947, to find funding and develop the initial phase of an expanded trail from the Rose Quarter to the Columbia Gorge. It is obvious to many that we need safer off-street trails along existing right-of-ways for greater ridership opportunities, given the prospect of incorporating congestion pricing on I-5 and I-84.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in inner NE Portland for 45 years. For the past 30 years I have owned and operated development and real estate companies. I remember when I-5, the Coliseum and Lloyd Center were being built. When Erik Sten was on the City Council, I worked with his office and Central City Concern to purchase the Ramada Inn near the Moda Center so that 188 workforce housing units could be developed as the Madrona Studios. I was on the City Housing Committee for three years. There is much to consider regarding the impact of the I-5/RQ Project and I believe I am well qualified to bring to a compromise with others as to what makes sense on issues such as: How best to design the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge to complement access to the MODA Center and other bikeways? What scale of buildings is appropriate for the I-5 covers? How best to meet the needs of ingress and egress from the Rose Quarter parking garages? How might the I-5/RQ Project best integrate and reconnect with existing buildings, new buildings and

street grid? How to mitigate traffic flow on City streets during construction? How to lessen impacts to Tubman Middle School? A larger scale planning effort and study area in and around the Rose Quarter should be considered by the City of Portland to coincide with the I-5RQ Project planning effort. I look forward to sharing ideas and listening to others in shaping the areas future in regards to the I-5/RQ Project. As representative of the SDBA I will keep equity and good land use goals in mind as a member of this newly formed and important Community Advisory Committee.

## Brandon Brown

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Mississipi

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

lived in area for years. want to be part of the future.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

i have successfully joined 2 buildings to the national historic registry including the Rinehart building in the heart of N williams

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

i have a great amount of experience working with both municipal organizations on both the neighborhood and business side

## Brett Morgan

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** 1000 Friends of Oregon

**Organization represented (if any):** 1000 Friends of Oregon

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Since 1974, 1000 Friends of Oregon has been Oregon's land use watchdog. We take a pragmatic, business-focused approach to mission success using the tools embedded in the 19 statewide land use goals to promote livability in every city and town so that we may effectively protect our balance of working farms, forests, ranches, and vast network of interconnected natural areas. 1000 Friends seeks to bring expertise in land use policy, particularly around Oregon's Planning Goal 12 (transportation planning), and Goals 1 (citizen involvement in planning). 1000 Friends has served on similar ODOT committees in the past, and we hope to bring a nuanced and informed policy perspective on land use and planning to the space.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Problem solving, consensus building, and robust community dialogues are at the core of what 1000 Friends does. Oregon's land use system is based on bringing together diverse voices and needs, and finding outcomes that meet all community needs. From my experience prior to 1000 Friends of Oregon in the Oregon State Legislature, I have a detailed understanding of the operations of ODOT, HB 2017, and stakeholder workgroup facilitation. I feel these things will help me be an effective member of the CAC, and in the engagement process.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Aside from my role at 1000 Friends of Oregon, I am a resident of Kenton in North Portland, which is directly impacted by this project. This lived experience continues to give me insight into the complicated issues around I5, and the I5 Rose Quarter Project.

## **Carla Penn-Hopson**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Albina

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I'd like to support the project by providing information and receive feedback from the community. I believe serving as a liaison would be beneficial to this process.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've worked in community based programs for over 38 years in leadership capacity as well as have skills with organizational capacity building.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

See above

## **Carol Lee Gossett**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** None

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Was a committee member on the N/NE Quadrant Plan and supported this project at that time. I am interested in seeing this project implemented. I have a career of transportation and master planning and believe this is a unique opportunity for the city.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Coordinated/Prepared the Central City Master Plan for OMSI, working with a variety of issues and people to create a master plan within parameters established by a new and untested city zoning code.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Chaired the Sullivan's Gulch Land Use Committee for 7 years Was on the board of the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods for 6 years Board member of the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association and Inner Powell Alliance

## **Carolyn Stoudamire**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Eliot

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived in this neighborhood since 1956 and I have seen many changes and displacement.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Been to school board meetings.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Lived in same house since 1956.

## **Carrie Leonard**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Other:

All non personal vehicle modes of transportation

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to see alternate solutions to obtain the goals of the RQ project are to reduce congestion, move freight more freely through the region, and provide for more safety. I am concerned that the construction activities themselves provide an environmental hazard that has not been fully addressed. In addition, I am concerned that the impacts of this project on people in the region who are not inside of cars or trucks has not been addressed. I would like to be the voice of these people in an advisory capacity.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I was a member of the Portland Off Road Cycling Master Planning Advisory Committee. This committee was composed of cyclists and planners as well as environmental advocates and general trail users. As part of the process we were able to incorporate the views of many of the people on the committee into the final recommendations -- they often were not what where we started, but reflected where we needed to go. We also received in person and written public testimony, much of it full of vitriol against any change in use of the Portland City lands and parks. It was challenging to keep listening when a community member painted you as evil or in the pockets of the bike industry, but it was invaluable experience in doing so.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I commute daily from SE Portland to N Portland. I usually use a bicycle to get the 11 miles from my house to work because a) traffic congestion is such that it is usually faster and b) there is no reason to drive a GHG emitting vehicle by myself for this use. I would prefer to take transit, but it takes 2x as long as either option. I have significant user experience in all modes of travel through the project region and will represent the voice of the user that is often not considered during both construction and implementation.

## Chris Crean

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived in the Lloyd Center/Irvington area for almost 30 years and care a great deal about the future of the area. Any changes to I-5 at the scale envisioned by this project will significantly affect the neighborhood. I have a deep background in land use which I hope to use to advocate for a balanced multi-modal transportation system. I also very much want to ensure the continued viability of the Black community in this part of NE Portland.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I spent the last 25 years practicing land use law, mostly on behalf of government interests, so I deal with groups of people with divergent interests trying to solve difficult challenges on a daily basis.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As mentioned, I have lived in this part of NE Portland (Lloyd Center/Irvington) for almost 30 years. I have walked to biked almost every part of it. My child went to the local schools. My wife and I have served on local community groups, church groups and neighborhood associations. Also, because of my background in land use, I understand issues related to urban design and transportation.

## Chris Minnich

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** CEO, NWEA

**Organization represented (if any):** NWEA

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe we have the opportunity with this work to chart a new path to the future for the downtown area. We have 750 employees that come downtown and getting this right matters deeply to our community. It can also be the springboard to economic revival in the area.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Church committees I've led 2 non-profits PTA

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I work in Old Town and are effected by these issues daily. We need to design for the future not the present.

## Christopher Engelbach

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a member of the committee I will work as part of the team to provide design ideas that improve multimodal transportation in the area. I will provide insight from the perspective of a pedestrian, cyclists, and motorist local to the area.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I work on small and large scale construction projects and coordinate daily with clients and consultants to provide projects that are on schedule and on budget.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a local resident and frequently walk, ride, and drive in the community.

## Christopher John O'Connor

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a resident of NE Portland and a frequent commuter through the impacted area for almost 20 years I have experience walking, biking, bussing, driving and otherwise experiencing that area. I work as a public defender and have thousands of past clients impacted by the history, traffic and public transportation of the impacted area.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I spend my days advocating in court for individuals navigating the criminal justice system and related bureaucracies, I previously served on the City of Portland 'Drug Free Zone' citizen's committee.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have an economics degree as well as a law degree. I have worked in the Multnomah County court system as a public defender for over 16 years. I regularly walk, bus and drive though the relevant area. I have the writing, research and comfort with public speaking skills needed to

quickly absorb lots of novel material, process it and produce a product such as a report or opinion paper.

## Claire Vlach

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Oregon Walks

**Organization represented (if any):** Oregon Walks, a pedestrian organization dedicated to making the conditions for walking safe, convenient and attractive.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The Rose Quarter Improvement Project is an opportunity to redesign the local street network with multimodal enhancements, including pedestrian improvements. I'd like to help ensure that any redesign includes an attractive, safe, and convenient environment for pedestrians through the use of elements like continuous sidewalks, safe crosswalks, street trees, and pedestrian-oriented street lights. As an urban designer, I'm also interested in this project's potential to transform this part of the city. These big infrastructure projects don't just affect the transportation network-- they also affect the neighborhood and city beyond. From an urban design perspective, the planned overpasses and public spaces are key elements of the project and should be addressed as such. I'd like to help the community think about how to develop the best possible public spaces as part of this project. Portland is my city. I love it and am proud of it and want to contribute to making it the best that it can be. I look forward to the opportunity to work with other members of my community to make this happen.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've been involved in solving issues in a variety of group contexts. As a specific example, I was recently involved in restructuring my dance company's rehearsal process. All the members of the company met and identified their problems, potential solutions, and reasons for their preferences. We developed a plan orally that worked for all the members, but I was worried that we would forget or misremember what had been said. After the meeting, I made a list synthesizing what had been said and sent it to the group to check for accuracy and for acknowledgement and approval. Other experience includes: - Several years on the Oregon Walks Plans and Projects committee, including as a member, secretary, and now as chair - The PedPDX Community Advisory Committee - The Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee - Various government projects in my work as an urban designer - As a member of the marketing and fundraising committee at Kathy Mata Ballet

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm familiar with multimodal transportation issues in general, and very familiar with pedestrian issues in particular. Thanks to my involvement with Oregon Walks, as well as my participation on the PedPDX CAC, I'm well versed in Portland's pedestrian-related plans and policies, as well as the pedestrian-related challenges that different neighborhoods and communities face. For example, Black Portlanders listed poor lighting as the condition that most contributes to making walking difficult in our city, which is especially relevant given the project's location in the historically African-American Albina neighborhood.

## Cleo Davis

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

To contribute to the future of African American prosperity and overall future growth of the city of Portland.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

-Eliot neighborhood association.

-college greek letter fraternity.

-African American chamber of commerce.

-NAACP.

-Billy Webs Elks club.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a local, business owner, artist, black history expert and researcher.

## Clint Culpepper

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Portland State University

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This project has the potential to repair a neighborhood that has historically been negatively impacted by large projects. I see the opportunity for improvements in freeway traffic, neighborhood livability, and public transportation to be fantastic opportunities for the city of Portland.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a current member of the Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee (as well as other city, county, and university committees), I have extensive experience in solving problems from within a group that has very strong opinions, often within the group as well as negotiating details within projects to find collaboration between parties.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have been a member of the of the Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee in addition to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. My position at PSU allows me to represent the interests and concerns of a fantastic cross section of the region. I also have two children that will attend Harriet Tubman in the coming years and pass through the neighborhood on a daily basis. As a longtime resident of Northeast Portland, I'm excited to share my (and my children's) experience of living in the neighborhood.

## Cory Wilson

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I was previously the Board President of a mixed-income community in Washington, DC (essentially, an entire city block). Since moving to Portland several years ago, I have been

looking for an opportunity to volunteer in a way roughly centered around my interests in land use, development, equity, affordability, and public transportation â€” to name a few. I am now a homeowner living on the edge of Boise and Humboldt neighborhoods; and my wife and I use the bike lane corridors almost every day to connect many parts of the city. It would be an honor to be part of this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As Board President of a mixed-income community in Washington, DC, I accomplished the following:

- Revitalized board by recruiting younger and more diverse community members to hold positions; created goals and agendas which resonated with community needs
- Created long term capital investment plan for 134 units (250+ people) and community center: revenue and budget scenarios; reinvestment/renovation strategies; financial analysis, capital reserve projections, and investment forecasting
- Acquired remaining emergency funds from DC Housing Authority, requiring collaboration and negotiation across legal and policy stakeholders; remittance ensured existing reserves could be redirected to capital needs
- Initiated scoping and initial contract for a 425 kWh solar array
- Initiated scoping and contracting of first interior redesign in organizational history
- Modernized policies to reduce tenant turnover, eliminate unnecessary procedures, and increase transparency; led community and board policy meetings
- Led monthly board meetings and weekly working groups; first Board President to regularly provide leadership and guidance to staff; collaborated with board members to solve recurrent operational, legal, financial, and other community business; created tools to increase institutional knowledge retention during periods of board turnover

I also have years of experience working with non-profit and for-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholder groups.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

This is my home. I live about a mile or two from the site and commute/travel through the very corridors we're discussing.

## Craig Garrison

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe that the impact of this project, both short term during construction and long term after completion has not been fairly represented. The effectiveness of the project has been essentially biased towards short term results. I would like to participate in this committee in order to gain a perspective on the reality of the project and to gain a further understanding of who benefits.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My work experience has revolved around collaborative solutions involving community and business interests. I am a non-degreed engineer, understand most engineering concepts and processes, and have functioned in several very large projects as a project manager, a supervisor and a problem solver.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in the Eliot neighborhood since 1987. I am familiar with the challenges that have been imposed on the neighborhood by city and state planning and have worked to understand solutions and origins. I believe this project is ill-conceived, improperly represented to the community and provides only short term solutions. I am willing to be convinced otherwise and would welcome the information that would change my views.

## **Damenicka Allen**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived in Portland, Oregon for the past 53 years, namely in the historic Black and African American Albina Community. I also share the goal to seek diversity not only in this CAC, but in our City as a whole. Having been an uninformed and passive witness to the most recent gentrifying effects on my neighborhood(s), I would like to avail myself of an opportunity to understand what the future may look like, and how proposed changes to the City's Community and Transportation Infrastructure Planning might affect my community/neighborhood, and if

those changes will be beneficial, or detrimental for our (minorities/african-americans) advancement and integration.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I believe that the main challenge which has faced not only the Black Community, but also the more urban and poorer sections of our city, is the lack of resources, information and education specifically directed towards the very inhabitants who will most feel the impact of proposed changes within their neighborhood. This is especially true of historical information that would have been beneficial to the very people who flocked to a specific region with no understanding of city planning or future design. People should be informed of city planning, and knowledge of public involvement meetings which relay information and encourage the public to have meaningful input into the decision-making process. Not that the information and opportunity to attend is not out there, but it is not focused on, appealingly advertised or primarily directed to the majority of those whose voices matter most. I find myself in the role of the informer, and often reach out to invite and inform my peers and others on topics that I believe they would enjoy and learn from.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have raised 4 children, in the Inner NE Neighborhoods of Portland, OR. I know my community and I know this area. My family has utilized the transportation system in all modes—pedestrian, driver, shared rides, and biking. My/Our goal is to ensure that as we build a more interconnected city, that we do not leave out those who grew up in this area, who pride themselves on having a knowledge and feel of the interworking of this area, and that the diversity and needs of the community (past & present) are addressed.

## David Anchel

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I own Elmer's Flag and Banner. I spend the majority of my waking hours managing my business in the Irvington/Lloyd area of Broadway. What happens next on this project directly affects me and my 15 or so employees. I also commute by bicycle and would appreciate the opportunity to do that (more) safely.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I'm the Club Service Director on the East Portland Rotary Board of Directors and am also a member of the International Service, Fundraising, and Website committees. We tackle many complex issues by putting "Service above Self" and acting in a collaborative and respectful manner at all times.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As a member of the Northeast Broadway Business Association, we've discussed, and tried to improve, many issues that affect the Northeast Broadway corridor and the the neighborhoods of Lloyd District and Irvington.

## David Binnig

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

For most of the past decade I have lived or worked in the Albina area (my first house in Humboldt neighborhood; my current job on N Williams) and traveled daily through the area impacted by this project—by car, by bicycle, and on the 4 and 44 bus lines. My great hope and central concern is that the changes in the Lower Albina area will make the neighborhood itself a better place to live and spend time in. That would be true for any major project, but is of special urgency in a place where a previous era of road development demolished, displaced, and divided the community. My hope is that as this project moves forward, it will make the surrounding area a priority in itself, and seriously pursue the potential for reconnecting some of those divides and healing those scars.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In my church I was involved in discussions over a controversial and divisive plan to expand the church parking lot into church-owned lots being used as affordable housing for people living with mental illness. In the course of that process I engaged both with the church Young Adults group and with the church Board of Trustees—groups with very different perspectives and priorities. Throughout those discussions, my goal was to maintain courteous, good-faith dialogue, to

understand and help communicate the goals and positions of the parties involved, and to look for positive-sum solutions that would address the desires and concerns of those disparate groups. The ultimate resolution was not what I personally would have chosen, but I was glad that I was able to be part of the process, and felt that I was able to help improve mutual understanding within the decision-making process.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My most direct personal experience is as a frequent multimodal commuter in the area: I regularly travel to and from work by car on I-5, by bike on Williams, Vancouver, and Flint, and by bus on the 4, 44, and 6 lines. As someone who works in a restaurant in the area, I also have strong connections with my many coworkers, who travel by all of those means. I'm personally familiar with, and invested in, the challenges of transportation through lower Albina, and have a balanced perspective on the various modes of travel.

## Deon VanZee

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Washman Auto Spa

**Organization represented (if any):** Washman Auto Spa

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a life long Portlander, also an African American citizen, and having managed a business in the I5 corridor for the last 20 years I would enjoy the opportunity to give feedback and be part of the process. Thanks for your consideration, Deon.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My job has been a Manager of the Washman Car Wash near the I5 corridor for 15 years. For the last 5 years I have been a Regional Manager for Washman with 3 of the locations I oversee in the I5 corridor.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Someone who has grown up in Portland and seen all the changes I would like to be part of the growth that is inevitable in the area.

## Diana St Amour

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Youth perspective

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I want to help make NE more livable and want to improve the community for all members.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Researched on equity issues for Latinos as volunteer for Governors commission. Researched diversity and equity issues in NE Portland Volunteered in local schools Have understanding of community organizing and advocating for minority interests

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Have knowledge of community organizing and advocating for all community interest to make community more livable for all members

## Diane E. Williams

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have always had an interest in our community and tried to be involved by volunteering. I am on the Patient Wellness Council at N by NE Community Health Center where we do outreach to minorities for their health. We also have partnered with metro and have Safe Homes Healthy Homes every other month at N by NE Community Health Center parking lot site. Metro did an outreach to the community which I attended and participated in for what the community wanted.

We help make that plan and it was brought back to us and is now being implemented. I volunteer at my church making hats and scarves which are delivered to various places in our community. I have helped deliver food at meals on wheels, helped with African American Health Coalition, Coalition Alliance for Tenants, Jobs with Justice, Free Geeks, Worker's Organizing Committee, and the Rainbow Coalition. Before that volunteered for 4C sending out letters to our senators to get affordable childcare and lunch programs in schools. I live here and want to see that it is not destroyed by greed and ignorance. I want well thought out decisions to be made as we move forward in change.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

PWC = we discuss issues that we want to do outreach for and how to incorporate it into existence. Metro = we talked to the needs of our community as a group, wrote them down and discussed them, did some problem solving and presented them as a group to Metro who then presented it to their people and come back with a plan. At Sabin School volunteered making copies for teachers for school work for kids. Attended PTA meetings and discussions. At Worker's Organizing Committee participation in discussions that affected workers and letting them know their rights as employees. At church making hats and scarves as a group. Interaction with the group. Sometimes I organize block parties to have the neighbors know each other.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I think it is valuable to be able to look at the growth of this project from many perspectives and would like to hear and see and be a part of this one. The Rose Quarter has already gone through a lot of change. A lot of people over the years have been displaced because of the changes. Our environment has also suffered. If and when we go forward with change would like it to be with care and benefit to all people and environment involved.

## Donald Allgeier

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live near the area and have a daughter that will attend Tubman in a few years.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have many years of government and non-profit experience at all organizational levels. My educational background is in community development and public administration.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I enjoy finding bridges between different perspectives to create options that are inclusive and help our city to move forward.

## Douglas R Allen

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** AORTA-Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates

**Organization represented (if any):** AORTA is a state-wide 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that has been advocating for more than 40 years for improved public transportation -- inter-city and local, urban and rural, including bus and rail.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Other:

Cost-effectiveness

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe that I have knowledge and experience that would be helpful to the CAC in achieving its goals. I enjoy civic engagement with a goal of benefiting my community. I am now retired, I want to share my expertise, and I have the time to do so. I have a particular interest in improving public transit in Portland, and this project has significant potential to both improve and interfere with transit, including Portland Streetcar, C-Tran express service, and TriMet bus and light rail service, all of which exist within the bounds of this project. I am also interested in ensuring that tax dollars are spent cost-effectively, that air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions are not increased, and that Committee recommendations emphasize equity for disadvantaged communities.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

From 1975 to 1978, before I began working for TriMet, I served on the Banfield Transitway Citizens Advisory Committee, which supported the analysis of alternatives that eventually became the first MAX line. During that process, light rail was thrown out, then brought back in; we considered BRT and HOV solutions; we discussed concerns of East County residents, and

eventually developed broad support, from a geographically diverse group, for a combined transit and highway project consisting of a light rail line plus the addition of full lanes in each direction to I-80N (now I-84). I believe that meeting face-to-face and listening to others generally allows people with differing opinions to share their concerns in a productive manner. This approach worked well on the Banfield Transitway CAC, where I represented the Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association. During my 35 year career with TriMet in Service Planning and Scheduling, I worked on multiple issues that required groups and committees to solve problems. These typically involved interfacing data and creating agreements between departments about providing services. Perhaps the most challenging issue that came up was a switch from in-house software to vendor-supplied software for transit vehicle scheduling. As the person tasked with developing the RFP, I had to deal with competing interests for meeting IT standards while providing needed functionality within budget. I came to appreciate the value of a neutral facilitator, along with the benefits of clear and open communication about goals and reasons. I believe that a collaborative approach will usually provide the best results, but when many competing interests are involved, 100% consensus is often not possible. However, collaboration can often produce workable compromises that produce broader support.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am knowledgeable about public transit planning and operations, including experience operating a scheduled inter-city bus service under Oregon PUC authority for passengers and freight. I have degrees in mathematics and structural engineering, and spent a summer working for the Oregon State Highway Division on a construction survey crew, prior to a 35 year career with TriMet in Service Planning and Scheduling. I am a Director of AORTA--Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports better public transportation, including local and inter-city bus and rail service. I regularly attend Portland Freight Committee meetings, and have spent considerable time attending and observing various citizen task forces and advisory committees, including those for the Sellwood Bridge replacement, the Division Transit Project, ODOT's Value Pricing Policy Advisory Committee, and Metro's current Transportation Funding Task Force. I was a year-round bicycle commuter while employed, and now walk several miles with my dog each day, and feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the multi-modal nature of transportation in the Portland region, including the history of how we arrived where we are, and the legal and structural framework of how transportation decision-making occurs. As an advocate for better transit, I am focused on equity, and participate with a variety of civic organizations to improve equitable mobility.

## **Dr. Robert Bullard**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The health of our transportation systems are integrally linked to the health of our extended community. This includes not only our economic health, but our physical and emotional health as well. The history of this project has been one of fits and starts and near misses. It's time we connect the dots.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am the CEO of three small businesses that collectively employ 35 people. Two are veterinary clinics, the other a small farm. The owners, customers, employees, and vendors are a diverse group who deal with economic and emotional issues on a daily basis. We successfully traverse them daily. I served on the an ODFW advisory committee working with staff and 16 other community representatives to successfully write a new Administrative Rule. I have served on numerous professional, community, charitable, and club committees and served in most every official capacity within those organizations.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

The members of the CAC will need to have the ability to synthesize a great deal of data regarding livability issues, environmental effects, as well transportation effects when assessing the design alternatives available I have lived in the extended Portland community for the past 47 years and have been an active observer of the evolution of transportation options and their challenges during that time. I am also data driven and people oriented and have successfully managed to engage in group decisions throughout my career. While I do not profess to be a transportation insider, I do believe I have the skill set to analyze information, engage in active listening, and effectively communicate in a working group which will allow me to be an effective member of this team.

## **Dru Metz**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The Rose Quarter corridor is a key intersection of residential neighborhoods and urban amenities. As a resident who lives and works in and around the Rose Quarter this project will have long term impact on the livability for the N/NE residents increasingly feeling the pressure from economic drivers such as entertainment ventures, large business, conference participants and associated impacts. This committee will need ensure project participants are looking to best in class practices. In order to inspire a community and N/NE Portland centric project that blends the needs of an economically growing area with permanent infrastructure that not only preserves but revives neighborhoods dissected and displaced in the past.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My primary experience relevant to this project that I have lived and worked in the area for nearly 10 years and my wife and I have recently purchased our first home in the NE area committing to continue our presence in the community as we raise our 6 month old son. Professionally, I have more that 10 years of experience in health care administration most recently in the area of Capital Planning. So I bring an understanding of engaging stakeholders in the planning and execution of large capital projects. My masters degree in the same field. Previously, I have served on advisory boards for continuing education programs at my undergraduate alma mater for 8 years. I have had the opportunity to volunteer for local nonprofit charitable organizations, several of which, reside in NE Portland like the Children's Book Bank, Oregon Food Bank, Playworks and Solve. Through my employer I have also had the opportunity to participate in Big Brothers Big Sisters to engage 3-4th graders in NE Portland schools (Boise-Eliot and Kairos PDX).

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived and worked in NE Portland for nearly 10 years in the Rose Quarter. Most recently my wife and I purchased our first home off of NE Ainsworth and celebrated the birth of our first child last year. The growth in this area I have seen over my short time here has resonated with me. In talking with many long time resident who are neighbors and local colleagues the recent growth continues a trend of displacement, uncertainty and loss of community continuity, particularly for those historically disenfranchised communities. If able to participate, I would hope to advocate for project elements that strength and revive community institutions, integrated the local neighborhoods, and have a positive impact for the next generation of Rose Quarter and N/NE residents.

## **Elyssa Kiva**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I wish I could check all of the interest boxes because there are so many reasons I care about the effect of this project on our community. I am interested in joining this Community Advisory Committee because I am a lifelong Portlander, I commute on I5, and care deeply about how Portland is going to transition into a greener, more just city. I was born in Portland and lived here all my life until college. I moved back because I think Portland is an amazing beautiful city that I have deep roots in. In addition to my connection with our city I am also an I5 commuter. I understand how vital this freeway is to our current infrastructure, I use it everyday, however as a young Portlander I know that we cannot as a city continue to build fossil fuel infrastructure. Climate change is an existential threat to Oregonians as well as the rest of the world and transportation accounts for 40% of emissions. We must protect our environment. I am also very concerned for the health of Harriet Tubman Middle School students if this project goes through. In order for our city to become greener, healthier, and more just we must carefully consider all the impacts that this project may have on our community. Thank you for your consideration.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

For the past five years I have been involved in roller derby. Roller derby is completely a volunteer run recreational sport with an emphasis on empowerment for women and LGBTQ people. I have served on training committees and marketing committees, and sat on the board of directors for Pioneer Valley Roller Derby, a 501c3 nonprofit. These committees had to listen to feedback as well as make difficult decisions for the greater good of the organization. The decisions we made ranged from simple decisions, such as training schedules, to tackling more difficult problems. One of the most challenging things we had to address was whether or not our officials should pay dues to the league. This was complicated for a number of reasons. 1) many skaters felt it was unfair for officials to receive free training and track time. 2) officials saw their role as a volunteer role, supporting the skaters. Many skaters did not agree. 3) no other league in our area asked officials pay dues. We were effectively disincentivizing officials from joining us. 4) the whole league relies on dues money in order to rent our practice space. We conducted surveys of our league members as well as officials in the area in order to make an informed decision. We ultimately decided it was in the best interest of the league to not charge officials membership dues. While it wasn't a popular decision at the time, the overall effect has been positive. We have been able to introduce more people to our sport and have trained more officials, which benefits the entire derby community. My experiences in roller derby taught me to value the opinions of individuals while also acting in the best interest of the majority. These skills are essential when working in a committee or group.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

y community knowledge comes from first and foremost from growing up in Portland. My family lives here, I went to school here, I got my first job here. I've experienced the city change, for better and for worse around me and I want to positively influence those changes. I am also an avid reader of local news and work hard to stay informed on what is happening in our city. I've only recently graduated college, so while I don't have a wealth of relevant expertise I do have a degree in statistics. I feel my education background will provide useful insight. This committee will need to examine this issue from all sides and will need to analyze relevant evidence. Being able to understand statistics and make data driven decisions will benefit the work undertaken by the committee.

## Eric mandel

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This is a critical piece of infrastructure in the region and the future growth and prosperity of the region relies on getting this done right. The complexity of the community interests is both a challenge and opportunity and I believe there is a way that interests can be aligned. there is tremendous potential for development in the area if access was better and urban design and connectivity were improved. Beyond the immediate area, this is a critical choke point for traffic and the livability of our region depends on solutions. Portland is a unique place in the world and this problem is a microcosm of so much of the problems facing the region. We must work towards the right solution for this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Previous experience: Board Member representing ownership interest in 12,000 unit Parckchester Community Bronx, NY. Solved challenging community issues with oversight of aprox. \$30MM Annual Operating Budget to provide community services and real estate operating expense, and \$20MM capital budget in a 24,000+ person minority / majority community. Member of Alumni Council at The Catlin Gabel School, Portland OR.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I grew up in Portland and know the area well but have spent the last 20 years on the East Coast (Philadelphia and NYC). My undergraduate degree covered economics, political science, and

history. I have a masters degree in urban planning with a concentration in community / real estate development. I have worked for entrepreneurial developers in new York, but most of my career has been with the non-profit Community Preservation Corporation of NYC, a national leader in affordable housing finance and community development in underserved neighborhoods. I currently work for a for profit real estate development company Killian Pacific [the company has no direct financial interest in the project and does not own any property in the immediate Rose Quarter area.] My area of expertise is general analysis, and finance at the corporate and real estate level. This real estate expertise compliments my educational background in Urban Planning. I also wear both hats as a Portland native and as someone who just recently moved to the area at the beginning of '19. Personally, I live in inner NE and commute by bike through the area every day to / from work. My wife drives and is often effected by traffic. For 6 months in '19, I lived downtown and commuted to Vancouver via I-5 usually through the Rose Quarter.

## **Frank Elizondo-Alcala**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Latino Built

**Organization represented (if any):** Latino Built

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in participating in CAC to ensure the representation of local professional Latino Contractors.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served on several advisory committees including Latino Built, The Mankind Project and served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for The Houston Council of Alcohol and Drugs.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am currently the Community Outreach Officer for Wauna FCU. We work closely with other Credit Unions in the Portland metropolitan area and I specialize in Banking and Insurance for the underserved.

## Franklin Smith

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Allied Systems Northwest

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Traffic Flow and Safety

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Offer and Consider an alternative view.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Corp, Enterprise experience.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Neighborhood association.

## Geoff Cerruti

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Commute from Overlook to Gresham daily; interested in correction of bottleneck area. Alternately use public transportation or bicycle. Prefer bicycle use on weekends around town when possible.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Board member of Overlook Heights HOA ~10 years.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Grew up in Gresham, lived in Overlook neighborhood >10 years.

## **Hanna Howsmon**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

My primary mode of transportation throughout the city is as a pedestrian, and, in order to walk downtown or across the river, I typically need to walk through the Rose Quarter transit area. Throughout my many trips walking and running through this area, I find myself surprised and frustrated at the confusion and discontinuity of sidewalk and crosswalk infrastructure at this particular junction. Because this area encompasses the biggest traffic bottleneck in Oregon, the risks of insufficient pedestrian infrastructure are exacerbated. I was excited to learn that ODOT plans to redesign the multimodal street network of the Rose Quarter, design pedestrian/cyclist overpass(es), and reconnect the area to neighborhood streets. I would like to take part in planning this endeavor through the Community Advisory Committee to represent a pedestrian perspective in an area dominated by intersecting high-traffic roadways. I would also like to bring a youth perspective to the committee and to apply my knowledge of active transportation planning to this issue in my community. I earned my undergraduate degree in urban studies and geography, and I hope to bring useful, relevant knowledge and experience to the committee. This particular part of the city (North and Northeast Portland) has also historically displaced people of color in the name of redevelopment; I wish to take an active role in working with community members of color to ensure that all voices are heard and valued in this project. I hope to take part in holding white peers accountable in planning with and for the existing community and to work against displacement.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In working on school leadership committees in NYC public schools, I supervised a 13-member team in coordinating efforts for student success. These efforts included decreasing chronic absenteeism, addressing racial tensions within the school community, and incorporating research and career-readiness skills across departments. Each of these projects required background research and case studies, collaborative and structured brainstorm sessions, execution, and evaluation/reflection. Throughout this process I collaborated with a diverse array

of stakeholders including teachers, school administration, parents, social workers, and guidance counselors. In working as a high school civics teacher for a public high school in NYC, I facilitated active citizenship projects with groups of 10-30 students each year. For these projects, students chose an issue affecting their local community that they wanted to address and researched methods to address the issue. Over the course of the semester, students worked in committees to delegate tasks, devise a plan, and contact local decision-makers to communicate their findings and provide recommendations. I also took part in design-build architecture coursework as an undergraduate. Throughout the course, I collaborated with small peer groups to identify challenges and meet the needs of local nonprofits. Each nonprofit needed to provide small-scale infrastructural improvements to their facilities in order to be more accessible to people with different abilities. Through collaboration, my peers and I worked with each nonprofit community to design and build accessibility improvements that would work for each unique setting.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

While I am relatively new to Portland (~6 months), I've taken extensive coursework in urban research and planning methods, active and multimodal transportation, urban policy, as well as social, cultural, and health impacts of the built environment. I believe that this knowledge along with my professional experience in urban policy communications and education would benefit the committee with the substance of its work, and I would love the opportunity to learn more about the specifics of a planning project of this scale.

## J Scott Moore

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived in PDX since 2006 and I have owned a condo in the Convention Center area since 2012. The on going development and redevelopment of my neighborhood has a direct impact on both my quality of life within the district (grocery stores, entertainment, safety, business opportunities, walkability and public transit), as well as a financial impact on the value of my home. I am excited about the development projects that have/are happening in my neighborhood and the CAC is the first opportunity I am aware of where I can participate in decisions.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a system analyst I have worked in small groups on many projects to determine needs of end users and best use of system to fall with in best practices. I have also worked as a trainer when implementing new systems upgrades to help engagement and successful end user acceptance. For volunteer work I have also lead a team of coworkers to raise funds and buy needed supplies for families identified by IRCO as well as soliciting and collecting winter supplies (gloves, hats, socks, etc.) to donate to local organizations such as Outside In and Rose Haven day shelter. I have donated my time through Hands On Greater Portland to help purchase, prepare, and serve meals (determined by a team organizer) at Jean's Place women's shelter. Finally, I served on the board for NWOUG as treasurer from 2015-2019 to help organize monthly lunch and learns (for Oracle database users and developers) as well as bi-annual conferences in SEA and PDX with up to 200 attendees.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

This is a difficult one to answer. I follow developments on NEXT PORTLAND as a hobby. I knew about the 12 store affordable income apartment building that was planned to be constructed next to my building before we ever even received notices for he proposal. OPB, The Oregonian, and Portland Business Journal are a part of my daily reads. I am interested. And invested. I am passionate (somewhat mouthy) person, but I am an activator. I believe these traits and my strong organization skills will be useful to the CAC.

## Jack peterson

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I was born and raised in Portland I am a current home owner in ne. Portland. As a teenager I witnessed the building of the I-5 corridor and the construction of Veterans Memorial Coliseum . I have a historical perspective of the impact of pedestrian,bicycle and automobile traffic on the Rose Quarter and Portland neighborhoods in general.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served on various community and school committees, The Washington State Noxious Weed Board, and other agricultural organizations.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I believe my historical perspective of the impact to neighborhoods and business along with my background in construction and technical understanding, makes me a good candidate. I have a strong desire to give back to my community and the wonderful city that I have always called home.

## Jacob Loeb

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I possess an internal balance to transportation issue like the one being evaluated by this group. I am a bike commuter but also rely on my car. I have children in PPS but not the one being affected by this proposal. I do not work in real estate or development but my family's business is based on development, out of State, and I grew up thinking about the way cities grow. I have an active interest in the growth of Portland as a functional and attractive place to live.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My work often requires me to participate in working groups to resolve complex issues that will require full company buyin. Previous to moving to Portland. I worked for the Evergreen State College running one of their Residence Life programs. In that environment, community participation was extreme and active. Managing those interactions well required the development of special communication skills that can function with all types of opinions.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a father with one child and Portland Public Schools and one who graduated from PPS. I am a year round bike commuter and I interact with other bike commuters around the city.

## Jacob Stallings

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Int'l Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701

**Organization represented (if any):** I am the general counsel for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701. 701 is a labor Union which represents heavy equipment operators in the construction industry. I am experienced with the process and timelines involved in large scale

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a member of the community that this project directly affects, I would like to make my contacts and expertise available to help ensure that this project is completed efficiently and effectively (both in cost and in community impact). As both a member of the community living directly adjacent to the construction zone as well as a union attorney for a labor union who will almost certainly be directly involved in the project at some point, I bring a unique perspective to the table. I have access to project data from similar large scale construction projects, and can help the committee make accurate predictions and informed decisions.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved in multiple collaborative meetings for project labor agreements, represented members in negotiations and mediation, I have collaborated with other unions on multi-trade construction and collective bargaining agreements, assisted non-profit advisory boards with compliance issues and entity formation, advise the 701 executive board, and am a member of a number of legal, and am a member of numerous professional network organizations such as the AFL-CIO Lawyer's Coordinating Committee.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I live in the Boise neighborhood in North Portland, just on the opposite side of the I-5 freeway barrier. I am fairly well read on the history of the Boise neighborhood community and the neighborhood and am active in community discussions. I have lived in the Portland Metro area for approximately 10 years.

## **James Kallio**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have lived near this intersection for several years and have envisioned changing it for a long time. I believe this project has the potential to radically reshape the future of the city and improve the way people live in and experience the city. Transportation infrastructure is necessary to drive economic growth, but should not come at the sacrifice of human health and well being. The construction of any new highway will also create years of disruption and should be thoughtfully planned to minimize that disruption. The design and functionality of any new structure should also be heavily scrutinized to beautify the city and encourage alternative transportation options. The location of the junction being on the water makes the city more visible and in need of an aesthetic upgrade to make the city feel more modern and connected.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've worked at Nike in Procurement supporting large project and supplier transitions for 6 years. Prior to that I worked for Accenture helping clients identify cost savings in their supply chains. The projects and scope that I have supported range up to one billion dollars in supplier spend. These projects have sharpened my strategy and planning skills in order to effectively influence change. I've also recently completed an MBA at Willamette University further developing my leadership and business skills. These experiences have broadened my perspectives and allow me to bring points of view to considering various alternatives.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I've lived in Portland for six years and the last three within the Rose quarter area. I frequently bike, run, walk, and drive in the area making me keenly aware of the opportunities to envision solution. I've also volunteered to support the homeless by cleaning up camps in the area. The community faces unique challenges with many transient individuals and people only coming to attend events at the Moda Center. There is also a lot of resentment in regards to how highways have divided and ruined local communities surrounding the I5 junction. Future projects will need to acknowledge the damage created and attempt to resolve those errors made in the past.

## **James Riemenschneider**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** I live within Boise and hope to represent my neighbors.

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Working in civil engineering, shortly with a D.O.T. and mostly in private consulting, I've always wanted to get more involved in Urban Design, in large part because I chose to leave the sprawl life to live in a dense livable city, in a neighborhood with longtime residents and walk-ability and old character and local pride and close proximity to our downtown and etc. All the recent apartment-housing projects have really dissected the community, where I live, Boise, and of course, the Eliot neighborhood too. . The I-5 R.Q.I.Project has me and neighbors excited yet concerned for its impact to our neighborhoods. I am interested because I believe my engineering, and land development, and construction knowledge and desire to help my neighborhood hopefully makes me someone who could offer useful commentary and be engaged and engaging.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Years ago I did attend our neighborhood meetings. Though I had little opportunity to be effective, I enjoyed the conversations and liked the energy and involvement. It's my work experience as an engineer, working in the world of land and building development, that has exposed me to working with others to effectively solve problems together. It always surprised how new each project was, with having to help engineer a solution from a mixed bag of thousands of variables regarding every aspect of the project. Funding was always tight so communication wanted to be effective and to the point, and we always seemed to work it out.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Living close to the I-5 corridor for almost 20 years, I have Overlook, Boise, Humboldt, and of course the Eliot neighborhoods as my back yard. I was married at Peninsula Park and see neighbors daily. I've also kept an ear to most of the building and street improvement projects, again as an engineer by trade, so believe I could represent how the local infrastructure is being used, also having experienced these changes, to the community, like this I5 project would be, first hand and from beginning to end. I also followed the initial Interstate Bridge improvement project around 2002, through its design process. I also shop at local stores, avidly ride my bike in and around the 'hood, and interact with my neighbors as much as possible and don't plan on moving.

## Jane Waian

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live in the Boise/Eliot neighborhood and have huge interest in improving the Rose quarter area, especially as it relates to sustainability and bicycle commuting.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In my professional life, I've served on many committees involving large scale office redesigns and moves, corporate strategy, developing effective and efficient processes and communication plans. I am a good collaborator and believe that the best decisions are made when a diverse group of people work together to find common ground.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I don't own a car. I bike everywhere I need to go and take public transit when the weather doesn't permit biking. I've been in the Portland area for 12+ years and have seen a lot of changes, including the huge increase in traffic. I love the North Portland area and would like to be a part in making it a better community for all of us.

## Jasmine Gadie

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am an African-American resident of North Portland who has been directly impacted by the urban renewal of the area. I'm also a concerned citizen who works for a culturally-specific nonprofit organization in North Portland that advocates for the African-American community and my voice reflects my community.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I was the lead organizer for a DEI group with a previous employer and challenges included hosting events with minimal funding, gathering event speakers for DEI events, showing up at community listening sessions and speaking with panelists, gaining trust of the community through consistent engagement.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My community knowledge comes from the lived experience of being a Black resident in North Portland, particularly the Boise neighborhood, for several years. In addition, I work for the Urban League of Portland which is an organization that serves the Black community. This organization has existed in Portland since 1945 in order to advocate for African American communities and my roles as the Data and Impact Analyst for this organization affords me in-depth knowledge and insights on this history of North Portland, how the community has been impacted by constant development and gentrification, and the disenfranchisement that POC are continuing to face in Portland.

## Jenny Taylor

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Go Lloyd is a nonprofit transportation management association serving the Lloyd neighborhood, including the Rose Quarter area

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As the transportation management association for the Lloyd neighborhood, Go Lloyd represents and advocates on behalf of people who travel to, from, and through our service area, which includes N/NE Broadway and the Rose Quarter. Our programs focus on enhancing connectivity, safety, sustainability, and neighborhood ambiance through sensible, efficient, and modern transportation systems and networks. As such, we have a vested interest in the I-5 Rose Quarter project. Our board of directors includes representatives of large and small employers, residents of Lloyd and adjacent communities, property owners and managers, and public agencies. As a member of the CAC, I will represent their consensus viewpoint on design and construction considerations and priorities for this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a staff member at a small nonprofit organization, I work in regular collaboration with other staff, committees, constituents, and our board of directors on issues both internal and external.

While our staff is headed by an Executive Director with final say-so over program decisions, our organization is generally non-hierarchical in practice, working on issues and solving problems through collaboration and consensus.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have been a staff member at Go Lloyd, working in the heart of the neighborhood, for 14 years. I regularly travel to, through, and around the area on foot, by bicycle, by public transit, and by car. In the near decade and a half I've spent working here, I've seen the neighborhood change and grow significantly, and understand the opportunities and challenges that come with such growth. During my tenure at Go Lloyd as a Program Manager and later Director, I have worked directly on programs affecting public transit use, and in close collaboration with colleagues working on issues involving bicycling and walking. Our board and staff are regularly updated and consulted on projects involving transportation, land use, and development.

## Jeremiah Bahr

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** TriMet

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I travel the I-5 most days to get to & from work. Specifically between Rosa Parks & the Morrison Bridge. At night when there is no traffic it is a 12-15 min drive, like it was for years prior to everyone moving here. During the day I am now shocked to see the I-5 turn into a parking lot in BOTH directions! Not to mention I have to give myself an HOUR to get to work for a 12-15 min drive. One can blame the droves of people who have moved here, or the flocks of people that spill in & out of Portland from Vancouver daily, but really its on/off ramp placement, lack of land use/structure (size, number of lanes, etc), lack of signage/designation/enforcement, etc. It boils down to poor efficiency. I would love to be evolved in the process of revamping the I-5, especially as a someone who has grown up and still lives in NE Portland. I would love to see the transportation system revamped and reborn, so people can get to and from their many daily destinations safely and efficiently. I hate to think what tourists passing through Portland experience, how it effects their vacations, puts a bad taste in their mouth. Most of us cringe at the thought of LA rush hour traffic, but I don't want those thoughts to be synonymous with Portland traffic. Thus I volunteer.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I work for TriMet, the Portland area transit system so I am used to steering committees, participating in planning meetings, planning boards, power points, community input, community interaction, government over site, & adapting to state, multiple county and city regulations. One of the biggest challenges is trying to come up with a plan or solution that will benefit the greatest number of effected people involved. Some times there are issues staying focused and on track. Another big issue is trying to make sure everyone's voice is heard, that opinions, ideas, & cultures blend, not clash. If proper brain storming, sectioning, timing, homework, and teamwork are implemented than success can be achieved. The biggest key to that is communication.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a true Oregonian, born & raised, lived in Portland all my life. I know the history, and what changes have worked, and which have not. I work for TriMet and can be a voice for transit. I have worked for Union Pacific in the Intermodel Motorfreight division railroad and have knowledge of commercial transportation/trucking, I commute to work using the I-5 corridor from an adjacent neighborhood representing the everyday commuter and the effected homeowner. I hold a class B CDL and I'm third generation that is Supporting my family by driving in the Portland Metro Area. I'm tired of high insurance rates, and the increased number of accidents on our roads. I'm all about improving Portland's driving infrastructure and culture to grow a safe and efficient driving environment.

## Jessica Kelley

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live with my family in a house very close to the I5. My daughter's school is right next to the i5. We notice the increase in traffic along our neighborhood streets, standstill traffic along Interstate, trucks and cars driving at unsafe speeds. We are worried about the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. We are worried about the increase in smog and unhealthy air quality

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've served on multiple Boards of Directors for nonprofit groups and I've worked in management positions for nonprofit organizations and in both cases, we worked very collaboratively to solve problems in funding, space, accessibility, equity, and community building.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm not sure that I have much, other than I live in the community that is directly affected by these transportation issues.

## Jim Owens

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Portland Parks Board

**Organization represented (if any):** Portland Parks Board

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

Parks, open space and recreational facilities

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Selected by Portland Parks Board to represent it; focus will be on effects to City parks, open spaces and recreational facilities.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

20-year career as facilitator of large groups addressing public policy issues; certified by OR Department of Justice Dispute Resolution Program and by Oregon Consensus Center. Served on numerous boards and committees, including 8 years on Portland Parks Board.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

History of engagement as community representative, as well as many years of consulting experience working with the City, ODOT and other state and federal agencies.

## Jimmy Vernard Wilson

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Eliot Neighborhood

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I've been in Portland for sixty years and now i'm co-chair Eliot neighborhood association, I feel it's time to help make a difference.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Deacon Board, Trustee Board, Co-Chair Eliot neighborhood Board, Financial Board, Transportation committee and schools advisory team.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Years of experience in living in the area of where this project is being look at.

## Joan Petit

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** I live in Eliot neighborhood, near the Rose Quarter

**Primary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I moved into the Eliot neighborhood so my children could attend majority black schools, including Boise-Eliot/Humboldt and now Tubman. As the parent of a recent Tubman student, I am very concerned about mitigating impact of this project on the children of Harriet Tubman Middle School.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

With challenging issues, it's important to talk to frontline people and communities, those who have been most impacted by the issue and who have the most to gain or lose from possible changes and solutions. When my children were younger and attended Boise-Eliot/Humboldt K-8, I was initially opposed to the idea of opening a stand-alone middle school. But in talking with other parents, especially African American parents who were familiar with the neighborhood's history, I changed my perspective on what would be of most benefit to not just my kids, but all the kids in the neighborhood, with an emphasis on those who had the least privilege. This was a contentious issue, and it was important to me to hear a range of opinions before I firmly developed my own.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in the Eliot neighborhood for nine years and drive, walk, and bike regularly in the project area. I am familiar with Tubman and the communities of kids who attend.

## John Brennan

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a resident of Irvington for 13 years, I've had to deal with issues around neighborhood connectivity. Congestion on I-84 leads to, or adds to, congestion on I-5, and, as a result, my neighborhood streets can be bumper to bumper. Additionally, the beginning and end of events in the Rose Quarter create unpredictable slowdowns in the area. I'm also doing what I can to hopefully assist fixing the social justice issues created in the past: ruined neighborhoods, fractured communities, and dangerous schools are the big ones for me. I'd love to not take my life into my own hands when I ride my bike along NE Broadway, especially crossing the on-ramps, off-ramps for I-5.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As an urban planner, I worked with community groups with conflicting ideas, yet a common goal. I served as a community member in the the Carmel Post Office Committee. I volunteered once a year for years working with teenagers at a 4-day residential seminar. Being a dorm parent taught me lots! I co-facilitate small, week-long intensive adult workshops one to three times a year. I served on a City Club of Portland special committee anticipating a response to a ballot measure that never materialized.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I worked as an urban planner three careers ago, after getting my Masters in Urban Planning from UO. I remain interested in the urban environment from infrastructure to quality of life to social justice issues. I have a strong drive to right injustices. I pay attention to my neighborhood and the city. I've written and edited long reports. I'm computer savvy. I'm a fair-weather biker along the NE Weidler/Broadway couplet when heading across the Broadway Bridge, so I have first-hand knowledge of that experience. In my car, I encounter I-84/I-5 related surface

congestion often when I want to cross the Broadway Bridge and nearly constantly as I merge onto I-5 southbound from the Rose Quarter into stopped or merging traffic for I-84.

## John Ley

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Self

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Clark County residents

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

We need to reduce traffic congestion and the pollution emitted by cars and trucks sitting in stop & go traffic. We need to use scarce transportation dollars effectively & efficiently. Both Metro and the Oregon Transportation Commission surveys indicate the majority of people want traffic congestion relief. We should not be using scarce resources to create real estate. The developers should pay for that, including the construction of 2 lids.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

National union leader, ALPA. Community activist fighting for effective transportation solutions in SW WA.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Actively involved in the CRC, tolling on our freeways, and in seeking efficient means of collection of transportation dollars.

## Jon Isaacs

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Portland Business Alliance

**Organization represented (if any):** Greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce, the largest and most diverse network of businesses in the State of Oregon

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The successful completion of this project has been identified as one of the top policy priorities by the members of the Portland Business Alliance for 2020. We have established transparent processes to efficiently organize shared principles, feedback, and policy positions on behalf of the greater Portland business community, which will facilitate effective service on this advisory committee.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In several different roles, I have been a key party to or led many successful complex and challenging processes, involving diverse stakeholders which led to improved policy outcomes. My experience serving in leadership roles for a wide diversity of organizations, including environmental, education, business, give me a unique understanding of the varying perspectives that will be important to the success of this process. I have a demonstrated commitment to collaborative, community based policy development.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am the former Chief of Communications of Public Affairs for Portland Public schools, and Executive Director of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters so I have a detailed understanding of the perspectives and challenges these stakeholders bring to the discussion. Now, as the lead advocate for the business community, I have a detailed understanding of the importance of this project to the overall economic health of the region. In addition, I have a long history of working with and advocating for policy solutions to empower communities of color and racial equity. I am deeply committed to policy solutions that successfully and intentionally apply an equity lens throughout the process.

## **Josh Hetrick**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Environmental quality

**Primary interest:** Other:

Climate change

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Portland has some of the worst air quality in the nation, and along with the project area the Brooklyn neighborhood where I live has some of the worst in Portland. The environmental impact of a proposal of this magnitude must be fully understood and carefully considered. Community concerns need to be brought to the front of this project for the direct and indirect impacts it would have on air quality, public space, public transit, bike and pedestrian access, and overall climate action plan.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am an active member of my neighborhood association (Brooklyn Action Corps) and chair its Land Use & Transportation committee. I also participate in a number of non-profit and community organizations, both as a board member and general volunteer. Each of these groups have diverse memberships and all require group cooperation and consensus to succeed. I also have 15 years of experience working and collaborating on technical projects with a variety of stakeholders. More more important than any technical aspect has been my ability to communicate clearly, listen, and understand others' perspective.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My work with neighborhood and issue-based groups has shown me the frustration that people often have with large projects such as these. I ask questions and help to uncover the unspoken concerns that often lie between the lines. This helps bring the more important concerns into focus and makes the group's work more effective.

## Josh Linden

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** PBOT's Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I care deeply about preparing our transportation system to address current and future challenges -- local and regional population growth, equitable options for mobility and access to opportunities, financial constraints, displacement of vulnerable populations, roadway safety, and climate change. The potential I-5 Rose Quarter demands a high level of community involvement to ensure that the final result positively impacts each of these challenges for the local community, along with the broader region.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served as a community representative on multiple transportation committees. While living in Washington, DC several years ago, I was appointed by Councilmember Charles Allen to represent DC on the Community Advisory Committee for the Transportation Planning Board (the MPO for the DC metro region). We collaborated with TPB staff on defining substantive investment priorities for the DC region's updated long-range transportation plan (Visualize 2045). We also helped TPB organize and facilitate community open houses throughout the region to collect a diverse range of input that reflected the region's many communities. During that time, I also served as a member of the Transportation and Public Space Committee for my local Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 6C), an elected body that represents ~10,000 residents in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. ANCs help local residents navigate the city bureaucracy, and advocate for specific policies and projects that affect their respective neighborhood. As a member of my ANC's Transportation Committee, I worked directly with DC's Department of Transportation to request safety studies, refine designs for active transportation projects, and provide input on DDOT's annual budget request (specifically with regard to performance measures and long-term goals). As a committee, we often facilitated challenging community conversations and attempted to forge compromises that would positively impact as many neighborhood residents as possible. Here in Portland, I have served on PBOT's Bureau and Budget Advisory committee for the last year and a half. I currently serve as Co-Chair, and have helped BBAC navigate a complicated budget process to (1) understand the discretionary areas we can influence; (2) connect BBAC values and priorities with investment opportunities; and (3) draft a letter to PBOT leadership and City Council that communicates our investment priorities and urges reforms in the budget process to help evaluate progress toward goals in the future.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I bring a few areas of knowledge and expertise: - As Co-Chair of PBOT's Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee, I am familiar with: transportation budgeting (on a local and state level); a plurality of community views and interests; the core transportation challenges and opportunities that we face as a city and as a region; the need to address our troubled history of racism, harmful displacement, and inequitable investments; and the need to expand access to a variety of transportation options to mitigate the affects of population growth and affordability challenges. - I have a background in transportation planning, and I am familiar with the process of developing and evaluating alternative approaches to address an identifiable challenge/goal. - Professionally, I have managed large community engagement programs internationally that sought to strengthen local advocacy and build relationships between residents and government officials. I strongly believe that smart, inclusive, and consistent community engagement can lead to better project outcomes for all interested parties and communities.

## **Ka'sha Bernard**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I was drawn to this project due to its potential effects on the students of Harriet Tubman Middle School. Since learning about the project, I have attended various meetings and public hearings related to the process. I have also started working with a coalition of environmental groups who were also concerned about the environmental impacts of the project. I am interested in participating in the Community Advisory Committee to continue to get more information on the development of the project, as well as provide input alongside other community members.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I was a resident assistant in college, where I frequently participated in group processes to solve issues within our residence hall. I was also an assistant rector in law school, where I did the same thing with more responsibility. I'm currently on the youth advisory council at the Oregon Zoo, where I sit on a committee to help the Zoo achieve its goals with an equity lens and community focus. I'm a board member of two local nonprofits and make decisions in a group setting in those meetings as well.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm newer to Portland and can look at this with fresh eyes. I'm also a public interest environmental attorney who has done some land use work, and can lend those talents to the committee as well. I'm also a black woman and have connected with other black women in the area to get their inputs and experiences about the area and this project. I'm fairly young for an attorney and could provide a youth perspective to the group, as well.

## **Kavan Bahrami**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Arbor Lodge NET, Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association, Multnomah Democrats

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As Portland continues to grow these steps to address and mitigate against increased traffic bottlenecks are critical to it successfully maintaining its status as one of the best cities in America. We need to ensure that this transition is done well, done with the existing communities in mind and that we are always conscious of the historical wrongs that have been committed for the sake of progress, here and across this country. We must ensure that equity is a priority and I hope to be a part of this committee to do just that.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I currently work with the Multnomah Democrats, specifically with their Inclusivity workgroup. We are working to tackle the underrepresentation within the larger body, having hard conversations with party leadership and crafting working plans for moving forward together. I am apart of several other committee structures and feel very comfortable with Robert's rules.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As a member of my local neighborhood association, I do my best to be aware of the issues of the neighborhood. I am also a Portland NET member and through that organization am aware of the current emergency plans and have worked to plan emergency scenarios in my community.

## Kiel Johnson

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Friends of the Green Loop

**Organization represented (if any):** Friends of the Green Loop

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The Rose Quarter project is a crucial piece of the Green Loop. I would like to represent the Green Loop project and our organization on the Community Advisory Committee. The Friends of the Green Loop has been coordinating with the city on the development of the Green Loop over the past three years. The Green Loop is a circular park that connects the four quadrants of the central city. One of the biggest "missing pieces" is the Rose Quarter. Having the I-5 Rose Quarter project align with the rest of the development of the Green Loop is crucial to the over all success of the project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Whenever I join a committee with people with different views my goal is to first listen and then see where we have common ground. Once we have an agreed on common ground I look to find where we can compromise and work together on a common goal. Building trust and building relationships are very important to a successful committee. I was on the Lloyd Community Association for 5 years where I had to work together with Association members with very different perspectives. One of our biggest wins was passing a Good Neighbor agreement between the neighborhood and the Right 2 Dream rest station. I also set up a bottle return program where all the deposit bottles collected from all Lloyd apartment buildings went to fund the Right 2 Dream. I was a committee member of the successful Barbur Concept plan that recommended design guidelines along the Barbur corridor. Whenever I would disagree with someone in a meeting I was ask to meet with that committee member outside of our work group time and build a relationship with that person as well as listen more to their perspective. By the end we reached unanimous agreement for the plan. I like to think outside the box to find solutions to problems. But the most important part of working in a group is agreeing to what the problem is. In all my committee work I consider the broadest scope until we find this agreement.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As the founder of the Friends of the Green Loop I have been involved in the evolution of the Green Loop project from the beginning and getting the Green Loop included in the Portland Comprehensive Plan. I would bring a comprehensive understanding of this project and how it can fit into the I-5 Rose Quarter planning. As a former member and resident of the Lloyd Community Association I have connections to most businesses and groups from that neighborhood and understand the unique struggles that neighborhood faces as it continues to evolve. I also bring an understanding of a small business owner with six employees. I have a degree in economics as well. It is crucial that large transportation investments help our economy grow. The Rose Quarter project represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to connect Portland, the region, and interstate commerce. Getting it right is important for the future of our state and I would be honored to be able to participate.

## **Kyle Kemenyes**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I'm interested because I'd like to get more involved in community events, especially those that have a large impact on my neighborhood. Additionally, this project will have a effect that will last multiple generations so I feel it important to share my voice where asked and appropriate.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My experience is unfortunately short as a majority of my experience comes from work. I work as a construction coordinator so my primary role is to work with a wide array of groups to accomplish a specific task. I've worked with teams as small as one or two people to teams as large as 30-40 people.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My community knowledge stems from residing at my place of residence (13th & Tillamook) for over two years. I primarily commute by bike/transit and commute directly through the areas that would be directly affected by the proposed changes.

## Lane Thompson

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I currently use I5 to get to and from work every day, I have many thoughts and opinions regarding possible improvements around rose quarter I-84/I-5 interchange area when it comes to safety, efficiency, environmental impact and future economic development. I work at a non-profit asset building organization - continued rental, home ownership, commuting and small business opportunities are facilitated by easy, useful and diverse transportation options. This is crucial to the work that we do at CASA of Oregon in addition to the my personal values as a long time resident of Northeast Portland. I used to live at 8th and Weidler, so I am super familiar with all aspects of max/bus/biking/walking/highway options around Rose Quarter area. I graduated from P.S.U., and our graduation ceremony was held at the Moda Center - my interest in, and relationship to this area runs deep. Importantly, Damian Lillard is my favorite sports person. Last but not least, I once wrote to PBOT about the Rose Quarter exit off I5 north - both because it is always so backed up, and because my brain loves to solve a problem. I was

informed that jurisdiction belongs to you all over at ODOT, and that this project may impact that intersection. Later, I was contacted about this panel -my response - why yes I do have input for a citizen group.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Most of my committee experience has been at work. I currently serve on the FUN committee and the Strategic Planning Committee at CASA. The FUN committee does not usually have anything too challenging to address - Strategic Planning is at the other end of the spectrum. Similar to the racial equity policy Implementation Committee that I was recently also a part of, Strategic Planning was convened around a specific and challenging issue: how do we best move forward as an organization in order to complete our mission and impact the world in the way we aim to. In both the Strategic Planning, and Implementation Committees we have done surveys focus groups and other forms of feedback in order to make sure that not only are things done democratically among committee members, but that view points of other stake holders outside the committee are also heard and valued. The one other place that I do some committee work is as a member of DSA - the caucuses all run on parliamentary procedure.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have worked in the community development field in Portland for around six years - at Hacienda CDC and now at CASA of Oregon. My capstone project at PSU was a grant request to Meyer Memorial Trust for capacity building funds for the Multnomah Education Service District (outdoor school!!), I volunteered at Voz workers right project, and I live in Cully, one of Portland's lowest income and most well organized neighborhoods. I am civically active, from voting, to protesting, to working for a state funded program. I have lived in Portland since 2006 (and have seen the Rose Quarter change so much in that time, including when I lived there for three years). Have I mentioned that Damian Lillard is my favorite professional athlete?

## La'Tina Spears

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Diversity & Accessibility

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I was born and raised in Portland, OR. After graduating from OSU, I got the opportunity to travel the world and live in the most diverse communities. Communities that embraced their diversity. I

want to see more of that way of life in Portland, my hometown. I want the residents of Portland to learn to appreciate and organically respect diversity and not just do it because it's "on trend". We have the opportunity to show other cities how it's done!

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Education/Credentials Middlesex University, London, England LLM General Law, October 2014  
Masters of International Relations, October 2013

Trinity International Law School, Santa Ana, California Juris Doctorate, May 2010

The University of San Diego, San Diego, California ABA Graduate Paralegal Certificate, Dec. 2004  
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon Bachelor of Arts: Liberal Studies

Concentration: Political Science Advice and Information Volunteer, Liberty, London, England

1. Provided informal legal advice on human rights law and civil liberties matters arising in England and Wales.
2. Offered information and support to individuals and organizations who wish to understand and enforce their rights under the Human Rights Act 1998.
3. Performed in-depth legal research on matters relating to criminal law and civil procedure.

AmeriCorps Outreach Worker, PCC Community Wellness Center, Oak Park, IL

1. Provided outreach services to families with children ages 0 to 13 living on the West Side of Chicago. Maintained a client load of thirty-five medically high-risk families for the duration of the program year.
2. Educated parents on the specific medical and social needs of their children.
3. Provided clients with the necessary resources to access services such as assistance for early intervention, developmental delays, speech and ideology, and physical therapy, etc.
4. Recruited community residents to volunteer in a clinic-based literacy program.
5. Maintained documentation of outreach efforts for medical, social, and legal purposes.
6. Coordinated a legal seminar for staff and clients.

Researched legal inquiries for staff and clients. Human Rights Facilitator, Amnesty International, Chicago, IL

1. Organized human rights Q & A events in the City of Chicago in an effort to bring about more awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights document.
2. Facilitated weekly discussions on the state of human rights law at a local high school in the City of Chicago.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a native of Portland, OR. My parents owned a number of rental properties around Portland during my childhood that they designated for "low-income" families. This business practice definitely inspired me to consider the needs of others when conducting business. I currently oversee a commercial property management company, so I'm equipped with a wealth of knowledge about construction and neighborhood layouts.

## Liz Foucher-Branch

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** GoToHelp, LLC

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a second generation from the area being considered for this project and would like to know what the benefit will be to the community members impacted by displacement and urban renewal.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have worked on committees that defined the issues of homeless/houseless populations as a City Club member which led to passage of legislation. I've also elected to an advisory boards to improve training for Doctors, nurses and other medical employees via the Oregon Health Authority.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I was born and raised in the very area under consideration and have had family members displaced due to I5 Corridor, Memorial Coliseum and Emmanuel Hospital.

## Liz Foucher-Branch

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in what impact this project will have on the needs of displaced communities, environmental impacts on air quality and overall livability.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I just completing a similar project around planning for the revitalization of Jefferson High School in consideration of an upcoming bond levy. I serve on the board of MRG Foundation and serve on numerous committees around the city.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a second generation Oregonian that was raised in the Boise Neighborhood whose family was impacted by the expansions of the Memorial Coliseum, I5 Corridor and Emmanuel Hospital.

## **Mack Parnell III**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** None

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I want to know more about our community, and to be apart of this up coming project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have to solve problems on my jobs, in making sure that I have enough room to keep things put in the right spots, and staying organizes while being on schedule and on time.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I know that the Northeast is in need of good leadership. I can bring some insight and expertise in the construction industry

## Marilyn Fleener

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Sunrise PDX

**Organization represented (if any):** Sunrise PDX is a group of volunteer youth climate activists who are fighting for a just transition to a Green New Deal.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Youth perspective

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have been to the public hearings in Lebanon and in Lake Oswego and have begged for the Oregon Transportation Committee to listen to the youth voice. I have testified on behalf on Sunrise PDX, and would love to share my knowledge on the global climate crisis as it applies to us locally, within this proposed project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am on the Strategy Team for Sunrise PDX which means that I am involved in the conversation of all major decisions that our hub makes. I enjoy conversing with my fellow activists and bringing up as many perspectives as possible.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I bring a youth environmental activist perspective, which in this time in our global crisis, is necessary. This project effects my future as someone born and raised in Portland, OR, and I would appreciate my voice to be heard. I am knowledgeable on the science involved in the climate crisis, which should always be considered in any decisions this committee makes.

## Mark Hamburg

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Born and raised here, delivery and installation lead man. Now a CDL driver. So sad the project is stalling. The biggest pinch point for on I 5

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Logistics experience, working with other contractors, building management, clients, safety committees. To moving products in and out of buildings.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Life long metro area resident, the over the road ,and shuttle truck drivers deserve a long overdue safety improvements

## Matthew T Meskill

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to have a say in this project since it's such a large amount of public money. I also traverse the project area twice every weekday on my commute.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My work involves getting doctors, nurses, etc. aligned with software and hardware analysts. I've also been the foreman on a federal jury.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I've lived in Portland for over thirty years and have a rich history with all modes of transportation. I'm passionate about how people move through space.

## Megan Panagopoulos

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** multifamily property management

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I love community! I love seeing Portland grow in our little boom. Being a global traveler plus an MBA in sustainable development my specialty is people and their happiness where that's in their home or out on the sidewalk. Sidewalk spaces and roadways intrigue me. I see the flow of the city and how it connects all the pieces together.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Hello, My experience trying to solve challenging issues in a team setting have been various including working with the Goose Hollow association during the early stages of developing the City Plan of 2021 with focus groups and working with Lloyd District Community Association and GoLloyd while being a property manager in the area to meet the needs of my residents plus the whole of Lloyd District during GreenLoop develop. My largest experience is my day to day job of being a property manager I am constantly balancing human need with business goals. I find my job exciting and love to see a triple bottom line success story where we meet capital goals as well as keeping people happy. With my MBA I specialized in social capital and how to quantify people's happiness.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

MBA- sustainable development, specializing in social capital, 7 plus years as a property manager in downtown Portland/the urban core, nature nerd & bird watcher, someone who will step in when needed

## **Michael**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Citizen

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

What's interesting is that if one doesn't understand each of these topics, how can the collective actualize the best solution and see it as collaboration? My picks are: 1) Environmental quality 2) Economic development 3) Modes Transportation - all the above.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Researcher, marketing and seller experienced in developing new methods to actualize specific activities for consumers, businesses and our company. I work toward mutual benefits within all my professional and personal projects.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

In moving to Portland/OR, 11 years ago, from, in reverse order, SF/Bay Area, LA, Atlanta, Tampa, New York, and well-traveled in roles as tourist and professional; I desire to share both areas to enhance the collaboration all those traveling and living in Portland/OR/US.

## Michael Benkoski

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a long time resident of Portland, I take pride in our community. I want to work to improve it for everyone. I believe the CAC gives me a chance to be a positive voice in the process.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I was selected to serve as a foreperson on a Federal Jury for a complex case. The jury was split in its outcome and we sat deliberating and arguing over the facts of the case. After going around and around, with jurors arguing back and forth, I stepped in and began moderating the conversation. Instituting a communication policy while deliberating and then asking questions and trying to clarify certain points, we were able to identify our disagreements and work past them. Eventually we were able to come to a unanimous decision.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm a parent of 3 young children, all of whom will be in the Portland public school system. We commute by walking and bicycle.

## Michael Espinoza

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This project has the capacity to harm or help this community, I want to help make sure the harms are limited. We must never ignore the history of this neighborhood and we must not repeat the mistakes of the past with this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Volunteerism: environmental justice non-profit work, community activism, queer community actions, arts organization support.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am an artist living and working in Eliot. Making space for arts and artists is just as important to my livelihood as environmental sustainability, accessibility, affordability, diversity and a strong community.

## Michael Hangland-Skill

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a young Portlander I have never felt the desire to leave and escape as many of my friends have. Instead, I see myself staying here in the city I love to improve it for generations to come. I want to voice my concerns in addition to serving as a conduit between community interests and the project. A project like this has national impact; all eyes are on us as they have been for years. Portland is known for its innovative urban planning. Portland is also known for its racist past perpetuated by interstate highway projects like this one. I want to participate on the Community Advisory Committee to bring Portland into a new generation of thinking and planning.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Working as a designer means bringing creative problem solving to every project I encounter. Design doesn't stop at the face value of aesthetics. The final product has to work. My best projects involve a collaborative process with the people it is intended to serve. From initial planning to the final product, I have learned that the outcome isn't always what the team expected. By way of trial and error, community engagement and self-effacing realizations, the final outcome is always better in my experience. I find it is always important to be humble in my work but strong in my convictions. Every project has a goal, but how that goal is achieved will differ.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My work in the community is just beginning. As an emerging artist and designer, I am looking for new and impactful ways to make change in my community. I bring the knowledge of my young peers who will live and succeed in this city. We are the generation that will inherit the decades-long impact of this project. I believe our opinion is important and should be included in the planning of such a large project.

## Michael Harrison

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I ride a bicycle everywhere throughout the Portland area, and I would like to represent Portland's bicycle community. (I don't have a car)

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have attended a few bikeloudpdx meetings. We have discussed various options that would make Portland easier for urban design. I can offer new ideas for transportation issues.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I know what works for bicycles. There have been several accidents involving bicycles and I would like to make Portland safer for the bicycle community and decrease traffic congestion, for example, with the addition and construction of a bicycle skyway.

## Michael Stine

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** senior

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

creating new neighborhoods

**Secondary interest:** Other:

more green space

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This can be a defining step in the future of Portland. There is a potential for innovation & creativity that would make Portland even more of a model of sanity.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Save the Mt Tabor Reservoirs (successful), church worship committee, worked for public and private employers effectively.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

49 year Oregon resident, former bike commuter, long term view of a 67 year old person thinking about my grandkids (& everyone's). I have good writing skills, am well-organized, and a sense of humor. Now retired so lots of time.

## Michael Westling

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Business for a Better Portland

**Organization represented (if any):** Business for a Better Portland

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in participating on the CAC because I have a strong interest in transportation policy and projects and the opportunities and impacts they create for local neighborhoods, the Portland region, and the entire state. The decisions we make today have the potential to make our region a place that is more productive, livable, affordable, safe home for people of all incomes, professions, and backgrounds for decades to come - so it's important we get them right. I bring multiple perspectives to this work: as a Portland-area commuter, employee of a small business, a parent of two young children, and resident of Northeast Portland. By participating on the CAC, I will also represent the perspective of Business for a Better Portland, an organization that forges collaborative relationships between the business community, non-profit organizations, and government to advocate for a Portland that is equitable and prosperous for all. In my role with BBPDX, I will be able to communicate project details and updates back to the organization's staff and membership, helping the organization's 400+ members feel that they are being included in the process to advance one of the largest transportation infrastructure projects in the state. BBPDX members are particularly interested in transportation issues and their role in advancing economic opportunity for everyone in the Portland region.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In my job at Brink Communications, I work with city, regional, and state agencies on issues related to housing, transportation, economic equity and social justice. Much of this work includes collaboration with multiple government agencies ensure that community members and community-based organizations have a role in the decision-making process. At Brink, I work with the Fair Shot for All coalition to secure permanent funding for public schools, improve legal representation for those who cannot afford it, make drivers licenses available to all Oregonians regardless of immigration status, and help keep families in their homes amidst a statewide housing crisis. I also work with state and local transportation agencies to promote safe, sustainable transportation options through programs like Safe Routes to Schools and transportation demand management. I currently sit on the Associate Board of Business for a Better Portland. This volunteer work includes organizing events, coordinating with nonprofit partners to connect BBPDX members with volunteer and advocacy opportunities, and communicating with public officials. I recently served as a member of the City Club of Portland's

Affordable Housing Research Committee and the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Centers and Corridors Parking Study Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Each of these groups involved collaborative work to provide recommendations and feedback to government agencies as they developed policy and projects that have significant community impacts -- very similar to the goals of this Community Advisory Committee.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

In my work at Brink Communications, I have developed a deep understand of local transportation issues and how they connect to economic development, housing, and racial equity. My work at Brink has included projects with Metro and the City of Portland, community organizations such as Unite Oregon, Urban League of Portland, and Causa, and labor organizations such as AFSCME and SEIU. Through my work with Metro specifically, I have supported efforts to highlight the agency's leadership in developing and implementing partnerships to improve and expand contracting with businesses owned by women and people of color. As an associate board member of Business for a Better Portland, I work with organization staff to facilitate our Transportation Workgroup, a team of organization members interested in the impacts that regional transportation policy and projects have on both businesses and the community as a whole. This volunteer work has included in-depth discussions with local officials about transportation projects, like the Rose Quarter Improvement Project, that have significant regional impacts in terms of economic impact, job creation, racial equity, air quality. Through this work, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the connections between infrastructure projects, program funding, and local, regional, and state policy. In my role on the City Club of Portland's Affordable Housing Research Committee, I worked with a team of 11 others to develop recommendations for addressing the city's affordable housing crisis and inform the City Club's membership and regional elected officials about those recommendations. I also have a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, with a focus in housing and economic and community development.

## Michele Reeves

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a Portland-based economic development consultant that works throughout the US helping mixed-use and commercial districts to improve their brand and increase their sales per square foot. I often do this work in conjunction with transportation planning and major infrastructure

improvement projects, including collaborations with DOTs from Caltrans to MnDOT. I am particularly known for my work in social goal development, which is real estate development that has an underlying community benefit or mission. Here in Portland I worked start to finish on two successful examples of social goal development:

- 1) Vanport Square, an innovative New Market Tax Credit building renovation and new construction project that provided opportunities to own for a wide variety of business of color and women owned businesses. This is located on NE MLK Jr Blvd.
- 2) The Portland Mercado, a now beloved food incubator developed by Hacienda focused on giving an array of startup and rental options for Latino immigrant entrepreneurs interested in food businesses. Being on this committee is a chance for me to put all of my experience, both in Portland and around the country, to work for the good of my home city of Portland. Especially of interest is helping to think outside the box about how to repair past harms in the African American community and leverage this infrastructure project to provide economic opportunity to people who have been negatively impacted by land use planning in N and NE for generations.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

A large portion of my professional work involves collaborating with committees trying to bring economic improvement to their communities. I am most commonly helping organizations such as EIDs, redevelopment agencies, neighborhoods, Main Street organizations (both local and State), economic development agencies, and downtown associations engage their constituents, set goals, decide priorities, and spend public sector funds to benefit a wide cross section of people. I work across the US with a range of groups on myriad topics, including: a) the revitalization of a Latino district in Stockton, CA; b) tackling economic improvement in an African American corridor in Waco, Texas; to c) helping a community best decide how to tackle land use policy in their neighborhood, the oldest in Portland, Maine. I approach these projects with the following steps/process:

- 1) Committees offering feedback on land use or development projects should start by developing a shared vocabulary and understanding of project realities. In this case, it would just be an overview of costs, surrounding land use implications, environmental impacts, benefits, drawbacks, economic impacts, history, traffic changes, and timelines. The group should have input from a variety of people/expertise on these subjects.
- 2) With this shared understanding in place, committees should identify short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals for the project, and prioritize what is most important to the group.
- 3) Goals should be married to project realities to come up with a general road map that everyone can accept. 4) More specific "next steps" should then be identified and agreed to.

Board and committee memberships include: \* Current Member, Mayor Wheeler's Council of Economic Advisors \* Past Chair of Metro's Brownfield Task Force. \* Past Member of PDC's Neighborhood Economic Development Leadership Group. \* Past Board Member for Resolutions Northwest, a dispute resolution non-profit.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Since 2001, I have two decades of first-hand knowledge on a wide variety of real estate development and economic development initiatives in N and NE Portland, including individual development consulting, business assistance, tenancing advice, and district organization support in the community. I have completed these kinds of projects on the following streets, all of which will be impacted by this project: \* NE MLK Jr Blvd \* N Mississippi Ave \* N/NE Lombard St \* NE 42nd Ave \* N/NE Killingsworth St \* NE Alberta St \* N Williams Ave \* N Vancouver Ave \* N/NE Broadway St \* N/NE Weidler St \* N Interstate Ave \* N Albina Ave. Additionally, I am currently a member of the grassroots NE STEAM Coalition, which is a group advocating for access to STEM and STEAM educational opportunities for black and brown children in Multnomah County. ([www.nesteamcoalition.org](http://www.nesteamcoalition.org)) Lastly, I helped create the Lombard Investment Strategy with Walker Macy and Prosper Portland, including targeted work with the Hispanic Chamber toward helping Latino businesses on the corridor, which also serves as a high and wide freight route.

## **Michelle DuBarry**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a resident of North Portland for the last 15 years, I am most interested in making sure the project has a strong focus on safety, both for the drivers commuting on I-5 and also for the residents who will be impacted by construction, traffic, and pollution. As the mom of a child who was killed by a careless driver in 2010, I would also like to advocate for pedestrian and cyclist safety measures including safe crossings over the freeway.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In the 2019 Oregon legislative session I initiated and passed a Made Whole doctrine in Oregon, which is an insurance reform law that prevents health insurers from collecting pain and suffering awards from people who are affected by automobile crashes. My personal lobbying efforts earned bipartisan support for the bill and it passed nearly unanimously, despite similar measures being defeated several times in prior sessions. I also serve as the Vice President for Communications for the Portland Community College Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals Union. In 2019 I represented our nearly 2,000 members on the contract

negotiation team and successfully bargained a four-year contract. This was a year-long process (including nearly 3 months working without a contract) and involved extensive outreach to members, determining priorities of a diverse constituency, writing proposals, presenting them to management, and engaging with members throughout via email, phone, social media, and in-person conversations. On one side of this process was our union members, many of whom were suffering tremendously with economic hardship including housing and food insecurity. On the other side were PCC administrators, who were very reluctant to commit to salary and benefit increases that might compromise their ability to pursue infrastructure projects, add to reserve funds, and limit tuition increases. Both sides of the table cared deeply about the students served by PCC, and by focusing on our shared values, we came to agreement on a fair contract.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a member of Oregon and Southwest Washington Families for Safe Streets and through this organization have relationships with many families who have been affected by car crashes. I think the committee would benefit from someone who can speak directly to safety issues, including the personal and economic fallout of crashes.

## Mikhaila Bishop

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Sunrise Movement

**Organization represented (if any):** Sunrise is a youth-led grassroots political movement fighting for equity and climate justice.

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a community and coalition, we need to be examining modes of transportation other than car and highway. The organizations fronting the Rose Quarter expansion are aware of the risks and harms that will come of it. I wish to represent the perspective of the future, in which congestion is reduced in the only way that's been proven to work: by reverting to 50 years ago, when there were far less cars on the road. To be honest, I will be participating in the interest of finding other avenues to move people from their job to home and anywhere else they need to go. People should have the option of clean, low-carbon travel.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I graduated recently from Portland State University, a school which places great classroom emphasis on group work, team building, and listening skills. Every term I was challenged with

new groups of people and projects to develop and present to either boards, teachers, or partnership organizations. I am more than familiar with the practice of meeting different perspectives at a table and moving a collaborative idea forward. I have facilitated many discussions, and taken part in a numerous amount of debates. I feel my bachelor's degree in English is a qualifier to be part of this committee process. If not: I am also an experienced, long-term camp counselor, and again developed familiarity with group dynamics, understanding best intention, and uplifting diverse perspectives. Solving challenging issues within a group requires synthesizing the ideas of each person while taking into account which perspectives are being represented in those ideas. The discussion taking place is one of great importance, and my experience both as a participant and facilitator make me a great candidate for this specific committee.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a transportation lead within the Sunrise Movement's transportation and housing campaign. I am also an avid transit user, a cyclist, a very young adult, a community member below the poverty line, and a lifelong Oregonian. I have many resources under my belt to provide a unique and unheard perspective to this table forming at a crucial moment in time. However, I am excellent at democratic diplomacy and listening leadership, and will not be a hindrance to the project or try to stall discussions. I enter with the full and total purpose of discussing options that are most beneficial to the community. We need to be part of a conversation to help the most people who are actively participating in commuting possible.

## Natasha Coleman

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

All the Above

**Secondary interest:** Other:

All the Above

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have grown up in this community and have watched it change drastically. Unfortunately the members it directly affects as not the ones who are making the decisions, and I would like to see this change, and be a part of the change to make the community better for my children when they become adults.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am currently serve as a member of Black Voices United, and Board Member for Black Parent Initiative. I have served as the PTA Vice President for Boise-Eliot/Humboldt Elementary School, I have worked in social service assisting the community access several different resources for the past 25+ years, and am a active member of the community and it's engagements.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Every position that I have held, and experience that I have gained that I have listed above.

## **Nathan Mizrachi**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As someone who is relatively new to Portland (I moved from California in 2016) I am still growing into this city. Compared to San Diego, where I grew up, Portland is much more bike and pedestrian friendly. We can still do a lot better. I'm very skeptical of the decision to expand I-5 because I've seen firsthand how wider freeways do not solve congestion problems in Southern California. The simply induce demand. I recently bought a home in St Johns and intend to call Portland home for the foreseeable future. So it's in my best interest to see this city grown in a way that is sustainable and prioritizes quality of life for those of us who live here, rather than people who simply work here. If given the chance to participate in the CAC, I will represent the interest of Portland homeowners, transplants who live in the city, and citizens who are concerned about the environmental impact of human-caused climate change. Additionally, while I am not African American, I understand the history of the community here and support any measure taken by the State of Oregon and City of Portland to make good on the injustices done to the people and their descendants who lived in Albina/Alberta before the freeway demolished their homes and deprived them of equity many decades ago.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I am already a volunteer with SMART at James John elementary school because I believe that every child should learn the joy of reading. Why not give back in my own neighborhood first?

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am not an urban planning professional but I read CityLab pretty extensively. I am also an active member of the NUMTOT facebook group, which is much more serious than you might expect a facebook group about urban planning to be. I would say that I take a populist view and approach to city planning. I expect that my expectations going into working in a CAC would be very different compared to the reality. So that's probably a good thing. I am willing to learn, but want to uphold the values I believe in and contribute to making Portland a better place for those of us who live here, rather than the commuters who simply work here.

## Nicolas Wolf

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe that widespread, systematic change begins at the community level, and that equity in access is a key driver of change. Portland is a thriving hub of original Portland natives, new arrivals, and a constant influx of tourists. Traffic is only going to get worse, and working to solve the issue is going to be key into maintaining Portland's status as a cultural mecca for many.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My entire career has been in education. Before I came to Portland (not a native), I worked for a national network of charter schools, the KIPP network. KIPP's enrollment is based on applications and then a lottery. Engagement in that lottery is an optional process that requires buy-in from the community, the local school district (New York City Public, in this case), and the participation of all neighborhood groups. My team and I worked together to dramatically increase our applicants, and worked with a myriad of religious, cultural, and governmental organizations to spread our opportunities as widely as possible. I am a firm believer that equity starts with active engagement of the community.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have extensive knowledge in parental engagement, particularly with a focus around schools, and have worked with numerous community organizations. However, in all transparency, I have

had a different job since moving to Portland, and do not have local connections. However, I have the skills to build those connections.

## Nina Pavlich

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to provide my perspective as someone that walks, shops, bikes and runs around the project area.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I work in an organization that requires consensus and trust within our team of 5 engineers to make decisions. We practice respect, patience and communication to ensure full participation in our discussions.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived and worked in Albina since 2009, though I just recently bought a house in the neighborhood. I am familiar (though not deeply) with the neighborhood's history and would like to help make sure it continues to thrive for future generations.

## Pastor Craig Brown

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I'm a local Pastor in the Community and I want to be informed as well as involved with what is happening in the City and the effects has on my Community Good bad or indifferent.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a Pastor, Government employee and retired military, I deal with challenges all the time. I believe that groups with common interest always work for the good of trying to solve issues no matter what they are. In this case how can the challenging issues be solved, what matrix will we use, What will be the group/team concept as we approach the issue. What's our end-state?

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have been in the Portland area for approximately 5 years and what I have noticed is the gentrification and homeless issue especially in North/Northeast Portland. I have been monitoring those issues and trying to come up with a plan on how to strategically approach them and come up with a few viable solutions. As far as expertise go, I have my ear to the ground listening to members and neighbors gaining knowledge of what is happening in the community.

## Patricia Gardner

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This project has the possibility of making a huge difference to the region and state by creating connections in a place that desperately needs better connections. It could make all modes of transportation flow better and begin to knit together the city.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I believe in community involvement and consensus and have been fortunate to sit on many committees at the local level. Most relevant experience: Committee member of Bridge the Divide & Cap 1-405 committee 1999-2000; Member of Mayor's 1-405 Strategy Team 1999-2000; Member of Freeway Loop Advisory Group 2004-2005; Member of Central City 2035 CAC; President Pearl District Neighborhood Association 2011-2016; Planning Chair Pearl District

Neighborhood Association 2001-2016; Chair PBOT Motorcycle & Scooter Advisory Committee 2010-2012; Co-chair River District Urban Renewal Advisory Committee 2009-2013

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have had the honor of be part of many previous studies for the freeway loop - the original study with the ASLA & AIA when we studied caps; Mayor's Katz's blue ribbon technical study which involved both PBOT and ODOT where we analyzed the engineering and feasibility of caps; Dr. Toulan's FLAG study in 2005 that looked at 1-5 and was one of the generators of this project. I understand the complex issues around this project from that experience. I also sat on the CAC for Central City 2035 Plan where we spoke at length about the green loop, bicycle and pedestrian goals, and equity for this part of the Central City.

## Patrick Rafferty

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Portland

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe I-5 should be torn down between I-84 and the Marquam Bridge, allowing for a restoration of SE waterfront and the surrounding area. I have been following this project for some time and believe my viewpoint would qualify as a "diverse perspective" on the committee.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've spent time on a variety of committees both in school (student government), work (various subcommittees), and my personal life (the KBOO board). All have had their challenges, but in my experience working together, listening, and empathizing with others leads to productive meetings and helps build trust.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm extremely multi-modal! I drive, bike, bus, walk (scoot!), and feel like I have a solid understanding of the I-5 corridor.

## Paul Rippey

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Interested citizen, voter, Portland resident

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a climate change activist and song writer. I have been arguing for more than a decade that there is a fundamental incompatibility between cars and cities. I'm happy to argue against cars on the basis of cost, climate, or livability. If this is described as the Rose Quarter IMPROVEMENT Project, you have begged important questions. I don't think the widening is "improvement" at all, and I can say why. That said, I don't think this is an easy question AT ALL, and it will take courage and intelligence and negotiation to find a path forward. I know what a traffic jam is, so I understand your position, just like you know what induced demand is, and you understand mine. We're both right. But our children have to live on a dying planet - that's not an overstatement. We have to change course. So, I want to listen to other people and find out where we can agree, and look for compromises. I don't want to compromise the future of Portland, the Rose Quarter or the planet, but there are some areas where we can meet, and I actually do have an open mind.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I worked in Africa for 20 years, managing programs bringing financial services to poor people. I repeatedly had to balance the needs of borrowers, and the needs of lenders. In Guinea, loan defaults were a big problem, and we started a campaign based on the slogan, "Our clients are trustworthy, hardworking and honest". We carried that out through posters and staff education, and simply setting that positive tone had a highly positive effect on our loan repayment. In Morocco, frequent high payments were hurting our borrowers. We didn't think we could cut interest rates, so we stretched out loans for somewhat longer periods. That was not exactly what people wanted, but they generally accepted it. In Uganda, I worked with other donors and projects to set up various steering committees - on bank linkages, on solar products, and on consumer protection. We were generally successful in finding policies that worked for all the actors, as well as our clients. Also in Uganda, an influx of credit from banks and development agencies was leading people to get into debt trouble, and a lot of the lenders were suffering too. We started a consumer education program, using radio, posters and community theater to reach borrowers. We got financial institutions, NGOs and the Government of Uganda to join in. Our themes included the rights AND responsibilities of borrowers. This program was widely admired and continued long after I left.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I was a presenter with Al Gore's Climate Reality project back in the aughts, and gave 50 climate presentations to all sorts of groups in the US and overseas. I realized that the way the presentation was structured was scaring people, without providing a way forward, and I stopped doing presentations. I have since worked a lot with the Pachamama Alliance, an NGO that points people towards positive things to do to achieve Social Justice and a sustainable planet. I have co-presented about Paul Hawken's Drawdown Project, designed not to slow carbon emissions, but to turn things around so that we begin to draw carbon down from the atmosphere. (Great book highly recommended of the same name, by the way!) Inspired by Pachamama's invitation to reach out into the community, I wrote and performed a song, "Induced Demand", which I sang (to mixed reactions!) to the Portland City Council, then later to the ODOT public hearing you held at the convention center in March 2019. I considered myself fairly well self-taught on transportation and urban planning issues - no formal education about them though.

## Paul Edgar

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Veterans Advisory Council, Clackamas County

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have 20 years of involvement with the CRC and Delta Park widening project, having lived in Vancouver and commuted to my offices in NW Portland. I have taken upper-division classes at PSU in transportation-oriented studies and have been on a County-Transportation Committee preparing the TSP. I have been a consultant and analyst in IT Business Automation and Supply Chain Management, now retired.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I worked in corporate Advance System and Product Development as a Senior System Analyst, in Corporate Sales Management. I have served on Urban Renewal Commissions, Land Use Committees, County Transportation Committees, Historic Review Boards, Veterans Advisory Councils, Neighborhood Associations, non-profit boards, Evangelical and Veteran Homeless advocacy organizations.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

High level of knowledge of all perspectives having live in Vancouver and commuted into my office in NW Portland with an analyst eye on the problem. Raised in North Portland. I have worked with the previous head of ODOT Matt Garrett on the CRC Project Plan.

## Paul Wroblewski

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live in the Lloyd District and am a Landscape Architect that has practiced in Portland for the entirety of my 15-year career. I am passionate about people, places, communities, and the environment. I am a multi-modal Portlander; I am a cyclist as well as an automobile driver, and can understand the range of issues that this project faces. I am interested in helping the project find the right solution to the challenges we are currently facing.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved with many projects in Portland, including large scale developments, parks and open space, and urban design. I understand the community outreach and jurisdictional process, having lead projects that involve the Portland Design Review process, public hearings, and public open houses. I understand the many layers that can be involved in a project such as this, including design, place-making, environmental issues, land use issues, public welfare and public safety. My role as a landscape architect is hearing from all stakeholders to build consensus within diverse groups. Each voice holds equal weight, regardless of ethnicity, gender identity, age, and income level. Diversity of voices is important in finding the most robust and thoughtful solution to a challenge that affects so many.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have worked on three major projects within the Lloyd District; one was built, two were not. I understand a lot of the influences and driving forces behind what this neighborhood is facing from a growth and identity standpoint. While I haven't lived through the challenges of gentrification that long-time residents of this community face, I have lived in Portland long enough to have seen the effects that gentrification have had on this neighborhood, and in Portland in general. I am also the founder/owner of a Portland-based cycling apparel company, who's mission is to support diversity, equity, and inclusion. As part of that mission, we have

created a local cycling club to make make cycling accessible to everyone, not just the elite few. We encourage authenticity, kindness, and empathy. As part of my role in the creation of the club, I identified and formed relationships with local community businesses who support the club in various ways. Some of these partners are located within the study area of this project. Having these partners provides insight into the priorities of businesses in this community. I'm really good at networking with people about shared interests and finding common ground.

## Paxton Rothwell

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to bring in a fresh and young opinion to discussion involving transportation in an urban setting. I want to steer the discussion away from the costs, result, congestion, and benefits of the project and instead ask one question to the committee, "do we really need to invest in expanding a highway segment while encouraging alternate forms of transportation?" In this committee I want to advocate against highways all together. I want to questions ODOT's purpose in an urban setting where the level of service and mobility rules, in my opinion, shouldn't apply. I want to help the committee and the City picture a world where we use this colossal sum of money to invest in walkability, transit, bike infrastructure to reduce congestion by encouraging single-occupant commuters to leave their car at home. We should change the conversation, and as a society we will, but it's taking too long. In an answer to this question, I am interested in participating on this committee because I believe that the only way to change the world around me is by making my voice heard. I have a view of this world that is likely unlike what you have seen before, and I'd hedge my bets on myself that this committee would benefit from having me on board.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I do not have experience solving issues in a committee format, but I have the drive to learn how to. I am confident in my ability to learn quickly and actively engage with the committee. I have leadership experience in a few of my previous roles (Boy Scout leader, dispatcher for a transit system). I also have participated on many group projects in college that required me to constructively analyze and criticize others' opinions and efforts. I believe that my drive the be involved will outweigh any lack of experience in this realm.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a resident of NE Portland's King neighborhood and use the project area daily during my commute to work. I am new to the City and the neighborhood but have an understanding of the struggles the Albina community has faced in the past. I have experience in Urban Planning and believe that would also be a benefit to the committee. I've also seen what freeway additions and expansions do to a community while growing up in Southern California.

## **R P Joe Smith**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** private citizen

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

The congestion and wasted human time caused by the uninterrupted growth of automobiles on our roads and highways, will over the long term never be solved by building more roads and highways, but Americans are also unlikely to ever be completely weaned from their love of the automobile. Indeed, a case can be made that the right many Americans feel most strongly about is not granted in the state or national Constitution: it's the "right" to go anywhere, at any time, by any route and by any mode of their choice. A primary focus for transportation planning therefore needs to recognize that bias, and to explore every way possible to reduce the number of cars traveling at any given time, and especially, at "rush hours." Effective alternative modes, and "carrots and sticks" must all be considered. I have ideas on this, and am open to any others.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Elected District Attorney, Umatilla County Chief of staff to Speaker of Oregon House Chief of staff to Oregon Congressman Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Regional Commission Chair, Oregon Democratic Party and chair/member of many Party Committees. President and board member of Oregon Pilots Ass'n Member, Community Advisory Committee and Citizen Noise Advisory Committee, Port of Portland Member, Albina Ministerial Coalition for Justice and Police Reform

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Resident of Irvington Neighborhood, 47 years, and because I worked for a Washington D.C. law firm that specialized in transportation, have always had a keen interest in, and been an observer of, transportation in the Metropolitan area. Maintained a successful law practice in Portland, and have a pretty good grasp of statutory and regulatory issues.

## Rachell Hall

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** NE Portland

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have been a long time resident in the Portland area. We have lived here for 3 generation. I feel my voice is often shut out of conversations when it comes to reconstruction neighborhoods. I want to be counted and my concerns heard.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

During my life time I have been apart of community organization like Albina Head Starts Policy Counsel Chair Vice Chair, and Regional Secretary. Most recently I have been apart of my employers Equity Team. While serving as E Team Committee Member I was instrumental in helping to hold the organization unaccountably to implementing an equity lens to help embed equity through out the organization. At my local church I hold many positions Choir Member, and Youth Leader.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I feel the committee needs a diverse set of voices the help find tangible solutions. I'm a firm believer it take all people to make the world go around. We can come together with a collective mind to work on resolving issues that effort everybody. It will make for a better outcome.

## Raife Robert Neuman

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I grew up in SW Portland, have lived in SE-Woodstock neighborhood, and have lived on N. Williams now for 7 years. I have commuted to jobs downtown from these various locations during the last 3 decades and have seen vast changes in neighborhoods and transportation conditions and options over this time, most currently walking, biking, taking public transit, and driving through the heart of the area where changes are being considered. I understand the tension between preserving the character of particular neighborhoods and the need and desirability of smart growth in the urban core. I also deal with related issues professionally as an attorney who specializes in serving new and smaller local businesses - especially those with an emphasis on sustainable business practices - and real estate, housing, and land use. (My law degree included a certificate in environmental law from Lewis and Clark Law School). As someone who is heavily invested in both Portland's past and future, I want to give my time and perspective to its ongoing development. And as a resident of the Williams-Albina neighborhood, I have a vested interest in development that will likely have a dramatic impact on where I live; and I want to do what I can to insure that impact is positive rather than negative.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Every class I took for my undergraduate degree was conversation based - a group of 6-20 students and professors debating and trying to reach a shared understanding of complex original texts in philosophy, literature, math, science, and other subjects. In law school I found myself frustrated with the lecture format and gravitated to seminar style classes - including classes in mediation and negotiation (both from a general perspective and a specific perspective of dealing with multi-party environmental disputes). As a professional, I started a law firm 9 years ago with two other partners ... and let's just say that having your economic livelihood dependent upon the efforts and decisions of two other co-equal partners can be a trying experience that requires extensive negotiation and compromise, whether the issues are petty or substantive. I also was extensively involved in community-focused legal committees for a good portion of my time as an attorney, volunteering for and eventually chairing both the Multnomah County Young Lawyers Service to the Public Committee and the Statewide Oregon New Lawyers Pro Bono committee. While I will regularly go to trial to represent my clients, I try to push them towards alternative resolutions even when the parties are starkly opposed, and I firmly believe in the power of consensus-based decision making.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As mentioned above, I have deep roots in Portland and for the last 7 years I have commuted through the Rose Quarter area on a daily basis. While I will often use public transit, it is not uncommon for me to walk or ride my bike through the area. As someone who grew up in Portland, I have seen the vast changes to the freeways over the last 30+ years of my conscious

existence. I also spend a lot of time in my neighborhood - I live almost directly across from Dawson Park, frequent many of the local businesses, and spend a lot of time simply wandering around on foot through the neighborhood and enjoying its particular character. I often find myself curious about the history of how certain things have developed in the way they have, and have tried to educate myself on how both the neighborhood and Portland generally have developed over time - whether through trying to read histories of the City or going into the historic land records to try and figure out how or why an area is the way it is.

## Richard Kappler

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** none, but the Rose Quarter project only needs a cap over I-5 and nothing else.

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

ODOT has wasted money, time, and resources to achieve non gridlock but they fail to realize that induced-demand will take place on the I-5 rose quarter project as planned. It only needs a cap over the freeway and absolutely nothing else.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've built and rebuilt paper street trails with SWTrails in southwest Portland and I've often called the non-emergency phone line to report people parking cars on sidewalks and bike lanes. I've often asked ODOT to paint bike lanes on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. I want bus-only lanes on TV Highway.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I recognize the destruction that freeways have brought to the Portland area after I broke a leg on Scholls Ferry Road and had to learn how to walk again. I'm passionate about improving the walking experience in the portland area.

## Richard Lewis Bailey

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live & own property within one mile of the Rose Quarter. For over thirty years I transited the RQ zone on my daily work commute as well as on call, and off hour transit for Emergency Surgeries. I have personally driven, ridden the bus and MAX trains, bicycled and walked in and through the area for over thirty years.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

The last fifteen years of my career with the VA I was the Capital Equipment Coordinator for the Surgical Services Division. I was responsible for researching new equipment for the OR's, the Clinic areas and the Emergency Room. I needed to negotiate with those departments to integrate their wants and needs to make sure the items we purchased would cross boundaries where needed, and integrate into the overall plan of the Portland VA Mission.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As I stated above I have ridden, driven the Rose Quarter area (sometimes several times a day) for over thirty years. I have also walked in & through the zone and attended festivals and celebrations in the area.

## **Robb Wolfson**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Participating on the Community Advisory Committee would allow me to link key elements and experiences from both my professional and personal lives to provide input for one of Oregon's most important public infrastructure projects. Its impacts will affect me and my family on a daily basis for the rest of my life. I have lived in the Eliot Neighborhood within a half mile of the I-5 Rose Quarter Project Improvement Area for nearly 15 years. My daughter currently attends

Harriet Tubman Middle School. I walk, bike, drive, and take public transit in this area on a daily basis. I have also been personally engaged with numerous actions shaping my neighborhood like the Portland Public Sewer Project, planning for street parking, and Tubman's reopening. The Community Advisory Committee will allow me to continue being engaged with public policy affecting my neighborhood. I have previously worked conducting public outreach and community engagement for more than 11 years around complex policy issues that involve planning and transportation. As a Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability Associate Planner for over two years, I worked on projects involving the Central Portland Plan, the Portland Plan Summit, the Portland Plan Housing Technical Working Group, and Portland's efforts to reduce global warming. As Multnomah County's Citizen Engagement Coordinator for over 5 years, I facilitated public committee meetings and coordinated their policy recommendations, researched issues to promote greater civic engagement, organized activities like forums and surveys to inform the public and gather input, presented workshops about public engagement concepts, and recruited new volunteers. Currently I am working as a community service officer at the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct. This means I drive the Project Area daily and bring a perspective of the importance of public safety and items like emergency lanes and escape routes.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

One of my strongest skills is working to solve challenging issues in group and committee settings - frequently involving participants with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. In these settings I employ the following practices. First, I always approach participants with the utmost respect and active listening. Second, I validate their concerns by reiterating them. Next, I attempt to respond to their concerns using consensus building strategies. They may include: a) providing more information; b) offering other ways to look at situations - (e.g., looking at the bigger picture); c) emphasizing commonalities; and d) using humor to dispel tension. In one situation as a Portland planner I led a team of city staff from different offices to analyze the use of Floor-to-Area-Ratio Transfers and suggest system upgrades. I quickly ran into obstacles like keeping all participants focused and getting them to submit input and provide feedback to documents. Overcoming this required building relationships with them by way of tasks like calling regular meetings, drafting agendas and documents far in advance, collecting information and drafting memos to provide a system overview and summarize program trends, sending email updates, and requesting comments by specific deadlines. The project successfully delivered a spreadsheet tracking data and identifying trends, and a report that drew conclusions about transfer performance and suggested innovative upgrades. In another situation I was conversing in a group setting with a resident angry about the city's push for neighborhood densification. I listened to their concerns and learned that despite their frustration they also adored the transit options Central Portland offered. After validating their argument by saying I understood his concern and heard it often, I discussed how the increased density was what made Portland's transit options viable. In the end we had a thorough discussion and he better understood the issue.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I believe I have a wide range of community knowledge and expertise that will significantly contribute to the committee's deliberations including:

- living in the Eliot Neighborhood within a half mile of the I-5 Rose Quarter Project Improvement Area for nearly 15 years.
- my daughter currently attends Harriet Tubman Middle School.
- walking, biking, driving, and taking public transit in this area on a daily basis.
- personal engagement with numerous community planning initiatives shaping my neighborhood like the Portland Public Sewer Project, street parking, and Tubman's reopening.
- over 11 years of professional education and experience conducting planning and community engagement, including nearly eight years in metropolitan Portland around complex policy issues that frequently involve planning and transportation.
- over two years as an Associate Planner at the Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability I worked on projects involving the Central Portland Plan, the Portland Plan Summit, the Portland Plan Housing Technical Working Group, and Portland's efforts to reduce global warming.
- as Multnomah County's Citizen Engagement Coordinator for over 5 years, I facilitated public committee meetings and coordinated their policy recommendations, researched issues to promote greater civic engagement, organized activities like forums and surveys to inform the public and gather input, presented workshops about public engagement concepts, and recruited new volunteers.
- for over seven years I have collaborated with and communicated cross-culturally with communities of color and people traditionally underrepresented in local decision-making in order to facilitate their inclusive participation in programs and activities.
- my perspective and attention concerning the importance of the public safety of the I-5 Improvement Project and relevant items like emergency lanes and escape routes (given my current work as a community service officer at the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct.)

## **Robert Haley**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Piedmont

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I currently work as a GIS consultant for a number of transportation and logistics companies and thus I am very passionate about road networks and their importance for communities. I also live directly in the planned area of construction.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a consultant, I am often brought into companies to lead groups of strangers in coordinating communications between multiple business units and nations, analyze supply chain and logistics problems, define business opportunities, and execute strategic business initiatives to achieve goals.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I live directly in the path of construction and have been an active participant in neighborhood organizations. I am a passionate Portlander and an effective planner and leader.

## Robert Hemphill

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am an urban planning student at Portland State University and interested in planning decisions that sit at the intersection of transportation, housing, and land use. Freeways represent a decision that affect all these, and I hope to provide a perspective in thinking about how our public investments are furthering all these issues and setting our region up for long term economic success.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a planning student, I often work on group projects. I previously served as the Board President of a small non-profit, the Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrator's Association. Lastly, my previous work in energy efficiency had me working on a remote team. I am relationship driven and consensus driven. I want to understand people's perspectives and problem solve toward a solution that works for everyone.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm a big picture thinker that sees the connections between decisions. This project has many components and effects that I believe I can relate together and consider. Further, as a planning student, I am developing knowledge on a breadth of issues and can bridge the academic research from the practice. I previously lived in the Eliot neighborhood and now in the Kerns neighborhood, so this project affects me personally.

## Robert Matthew Gable

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I've lived in the Lloyd District as a renter for three years and haven't gotten involved in much. I work downtown and live in the inner City area and would like to take initiative and become more involved in my immediate neighborhood.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served as chair of the Cascade AIDS Project's Ambassador Board for two years, leading a junior-level board in planning, fundraising, problem-solving and community outreach efforts to directly support a top PNW non-profit organization in this community. In addition, I also serve on Oregon and SW Washington's Human Rights Campaign's Steering Committee, and work with other leadership members to oversee a wide range of community engagement events and efforts to directly support a national organization geared at humanity and equality in the US and abroad.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Sadly, I don't bring a breadth of knowledge on this area like I'm sure many others do. However, I'm eager to be involved in this committee and share thoughts and collaborate on efforts and plans to help make this area of Portland a more accessible area for it's citizens and passers by.

## Robert S Carroll

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** IBEW Local Union 48

**Organization represented (if any):** Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This project will affect a wide range of community members and organizations of which organized labor is one. In my opinion the Rose Quarter Improvement Project is needed to alleviate a number of issues that negatively impact the Rose Quarter as well as the broader region, such as livability, freight mobility, jobs and environment. The opportunity to participate in this committee is an excellent way for me to have input that will shape the region for decades to come.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have participated in Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader for 11 years, been a member of the IBEW for 41 years and in leadership for 13 years, negotiated labor contracts with many public and private entities, was a member of the Clark County Jail Replacement Advisory Committee last year and sit on the Workforce Southwest Washington Board of Directors. At present I am in leadership roles on the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council and the SW Washington Central Labor Council, in these councils I work in committee to solve issues related to workforce training, economic development, environmental impacts, job creation, apprentice utilization and inclusion of diverse community groups.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

In the roles that I have explained above, I have attended many City of Portland Council, Multnomah County Commission, City of Vancouver Council, Clark County Commission, Port of Portland Commission, Port of Vancouver Commission, Clark County Transportation Alliance, I-5 Bridge replacement, C-Tran, Regional Transportation Alliance meetings in which I either listened to the issues or testified about the issues. As a consequence of these meetings I have a both a broad and specific knowledge about a wide variety of issues that affect our region.

## **Robert Sallinger**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Audubon Society of Portland

**Organization represented (if any):** Audubon Society of Portland

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in participating on this committee because I am personally and professionally interested in ensuring that Portland that develops in a manner that is equitable, sustainable, and which achieves a high standard for improving the health of our communities and our environment. I have been engaged with the I5 Rose Quarter project since I served on the Portland Central City Plan NE Quadrant Plan CAC (circa 2010-2012) which did some of the earliest public review and development on this project. I remain concerned about fundamental issues associated with this project that have never been adequately addressed. I think there are legitimate questions about whether this project should move forward at all and, if it does move forward, I think that this project has far more potential to meet community goals and aspirations than would have been realized in the most recent project design alternatives. My goal in serving on this committee would be to ensure that those fundamental questions are adequately addressed and to find solutions that meet the needs of our community. Portland has prioritized equity and inclusion, sustainability and leadership on climate change. A project of this size, scale and cost must be able to demonstrate that it is consistent with those values. Finally, I live in NE Portland and I have a five year old who will be attending Harriett Tubman so this project is of direct interest on a personal level as well. Once caveat: I will be in Harney county working on another long-term collaborative effort on the day of the first meeting so I would need to be able to attend via phone or skype.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have extensive experience working in group and community processes to solve complex and challenging issues. This includes serving on dozens of local stakeholder groups over the past 28 years on a multitude of issues including issues closely related to the I-5 Rose Quarter Process including the Central City Planning Process (where this project was first developed), the Portland Comprehensive Plan Process, Metro RTP and others. I have extensive experience serving on board including the board of Coalition for a Livable Future, Portland Parks Board, Intertwine Alliance Board. I held elected for nearly 9 years as an elected board member of the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. I have worked on collaborative processes both locally and across Oregon including national recognized collaborative efforts one of the most highly conflicted landscapes in the Western United States in Harney County. I am comfortable and experienced working in stakeholder processes designed to integrate diverse, competing and sometime conflicting community goals. I enjoy the challenge of finding positive solutions to complex community issues.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have 28 years of experience working on local urban conservation and planning issues for Portland Audubon which has more than 17,000 members in the Portland Metro Region. I have served on dozens of local conservation and planning committees for Portland, Metro and other local jurisdictions. I have extensive experience working on issues related to parks and greenspaces (including serving on the Portland Parks Board and the Intertwine Alliance Board), green infrastructure, river conservation and restoration issues, climate issues, and local plans (eg Portland Comprehensive Plan, Portland Central City Plan, regional TSP, etc.) I am dedicated to holistic solutions that create healthy equitable communities and have long-term experience working on intersectional issues including serving on the board of Coalition for a Livable Future and on the Steering Committee of the Portland Clean Energy Fund. My work at Audubon allows me to effectively connect a wide range of community members and community based organizations to complex planning processes. I also have a law degree and extensive experience with local, state and federal regulatory programs and processes. I am also an adjunct professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School and teach a course on legal strategies for protecting natural resource values on urban landscapes. I would bring 28 years of experience working on complex multidimensional, collaborative urban planning process.

## Robin LeConche

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

To advance into the future with viable fresh ideas that work for all people, we must, as citizens in a representative democratic republic, get involved-deeply! I commit to this idea. This project has already stumbled through ill-fitting membership and needs average activated citizens to move ideas into workable progressive outcomes.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My wife and I were among long time members of ICURAC- (Interstare Urban Renewal Committee in Overlook, N Portland area. This led to associations with local school, business and civic projects. economic and civic

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I live in N Portland, (Interstate & Ainsworth). I travel to and from work through the Williams district, Legacy area to the Portland Public School building near Flint and Dixon. I am a Multnomah County employee who drives all day in this area and around Portland. From a municipal driving vantage point I have highly relevant experience on what affects these neighborhoods in addition to traffic issues.

## Rocks Zayda

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: ADA interests

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to have some say in what happens to this city that I love. I trust myself to take in information and vote wisely.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a recent PSU graduate I had many opportunities to problem solve in groups and synthesise information together.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in Portland for 12 years, taking all modes of transit, but mostly pedestrian and transit. I have always had an interest in ADA accesibility of the city and retaining Portlands culture of forward-thinking transportation.

## Rowland

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I've lived in Eliot neighborhood for 20 years and have walked, bicycled, driven, and ridden transit to businesses and services throughout the area during that time. I care deeply about the local "lived experience" and the wellbeing of neighbors and local businesses and am interested in interacting with other stakeholders.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

In my work role (as manager and associate director of a small but growing OHSU research center) I am involved daily in navigating organizational changes in the context of institutional constraints. I believe in welcoming all perspectives and engaging as transparently as possible to work toward consensus, where perhaps not everyone is happy but at least everyone feels heard and understands rationales for decisions. I'm also trained as a researcher to focus on listening and learning about others' experiences and world views and being aware of my own biases and agendas. I'm also now a homeowner rehabbing a vintage house and have been watching changes in zoning and development rules in the area.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Mostly I have "lived experience" of being in the neighborhood, using its facilities, and interacting with neighbors and local businesses for the past couple of decades. During my time here I have also gone from being a relatively low-income tenant to being a relatively well-off homeowner. I use multiple modes of transportation (cycling and transit to get to work, car and walking for errands and other business).

## **Ruby Banaitis**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Albina Resident

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a long time resident of Albina and Portland in general. My neighborhood will be directly impacted by this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I live in the neighborhood and have for 17 years and would be directly affected by the project. I have extensive experience working with neighborhood and social justice movements. I am a certified non violent communication facilitator .

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I've lived in Portland for 22 years and in the Eliot / Albina neighborhood for 17. I have extensive awareness around city development and it's issues.

## Ruth Eddy

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Living in the Eliot neighborhood

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to be apart of the future of my neighborhood. The I 5 expansion has

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have served on the board of a non profit radio station. The experience grew my ability to hear from a multitude of perspectives and to not hold my own so high up.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have been involved with the Eliot Newspaper for two years, which has introduced me to a lot of my neighbors and helped me better to know the history of my community. I have a variety of personal connections in the neighborhood.

## Sam Friedenber

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a N.E. Portland resident, bicyclist, I5 commuter and fan of our city, I want to be sure it remains an urban area with high quality of life.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been a lawyer in private practice who has worked to bring people together, have served on non-profit boards and have served on many committees.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have followed this project in the newspapers.

## **Samuel Galvan**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Land use

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am an undergraduate student studying urban planning at Portland State. I'm pursuing this degree because I'm interested in and passionate about issues surrounding the design and development of our cities and the importance of prioritizing equity and environmental justice. It's important to me that my engagement with these issues is not limited to the classroom. I feel serving on this Community Advisory Committee is an opportunity to engage with these issues in a real-world, rather than classroom, setting.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

The experience that most prominently comes to mind is a backpacking trip I was on with 11 others in Northern California several years ago. That was a particularly dry summer and much of the wilderness around us caught on fire. We had to adjust our route and ultimately end the

trip early due to these wildfires. This was an incredibly stressful challenge to face and our lives were quite literally at stake. In order to decide how to proceed we had to come to some sort of actionable consensus. The methods we used for this included group discussions, a "stack" discussion structure, and ultimately as a group delegating two of us to be leaders with more decision making authority than the rest of us. We all got out of there safely but it was certainly a close call. The experience was both humbling and empowering and has made group work with less urgent stakes more comfortable for me.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As I mentioned, I'm an undergraduate student at Portland State pursuing an urban planning degree. I'm by no means an expert in this area but I spend a lot of time thinking about planning and community development and applying a critical lens to these fields. I'm passionate about these issues and rather than feeling burnt out from my schoolwork and wanting a break from it (as is common for college students) I'm here applying to do more work in the same field.

## **Sarah F. Moore**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Bonneville Power Administration

**Organization represented (if any):** BPA is a Federal Power Marketing Agency

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

Regional improvement of transportation for and through Portland Metro area for all modes, and environmental quality.

**Secondary interest:** Other:

Your choices didn't capture my response

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I think it's important to include Advisory Committee members who are committed to helping a project get completed, on budget and with community input.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a federal employee I am experienced in stakeholder engagement, data-driven solution consideration and managing a project within a budget. As a former Neighborhood Association Chair, I have first-hand experience leveraging community passion (and even negativity) to ignite engagement to contribute to a successful project resolution. I have over twenty years of experience in positions managing critical support functions, internal operations, strategic initiatives and special projects for government agencies, utilities, nonprofits and the community.

I am experienced in energy efficiency, sustainability, program planning and implementation, policy research, business analysis, budget development, project management, strategic planning, meeting facilitation and change management. I am highly skilled in collaborative program design, organizational development and process improvement. I have been acknowledged as an effective leader with strong communication skills and a proven ability to motivate teams and individuals. Richmond Neighborhood Association, Portland, Oregon

November 1999 - 2009 PRESIDENT/CHAIR (June 2001 - May 2003) / VICE PRESIDENT/CHAIR (November 1999 - May 2001)

- Worked with board and land use attorney to eliminate nonconforming drive-thru on Hawthorne Blvd.
- Provided leadership for strategic planning, committee development, and board recruitment for what later informed the development of SE Division Street.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am experienced in understanding environmental requirements and in reviewing and considering data for the purpose of evaluation options. For example the City of Portland's Transportation Dept is excellent at using and leveraging data for good decision making. Over time, they have used these data to build community confidence, reduce risk, and save money during large projects. Job related training/skills

Management Skills: Crucial Conversations

Trainer, LEAN Project Management, Project development, Budget and time-line development, Analysis and reporting, Cost-Benefit analysis, Strategic planning, Public speaking, Meeting facilitation, Stakeholder engagement

Public Administration: Public Budgeting, Public Sector Financial Management, Public Relations and Public Affairs, Public Participation Theory and Practice, Public Sector Communications, Public Policy, Policy Analysis Research, Analytic Methods/Statistics, Environmental Sustainability

## **Sarah Heinicke**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Lloyd EcoDistrict

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I think this project could be very good or very bad for the neighborhood. I would like to have some influence in making it better.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have spent most of my professional life working in community involvement. Most recently I have been involved with City Club committees working on earthquake advisory capacity for the critical energy infrastructure hub.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have worked as a leader in the Lloyd Community for the past 9 years, prior to that I was a project manager at PBOT, and prior to that I was a sustainability advisor and project manager for Portland Development Commission. These experiences mean I have a great understanding of how big capital projects are built. I also understand that we have to do better by the communities that we are affecting with these kinds of projects.

## Saumya Kini

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As a lifelong Portlander and sustainability advocate who was deeply and positively influenced by our City's public transit and active transportation culture, I am interested in advocating for greater investment in and focus on public transit and bicycle infrastructure, as the latest IPCC report has noted that these are among the most effective tools to combat climate change in cities by moving away from dependence on cars. Also, having just spent a year in Japan on a fellowship, I have been inspired by the myriad benefits of a highly-developed mass transit system, and I hope to become a long-term advocate for improved mass transit locally and regionally. Participating in this CAC seems like a great way to get involved in that discussion.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As an urban designer and planner in my day job, I have experience facilitating workshops and discussions at various scales. This experience has taught me the importance of balance

between listening to everyone's input and opinions while focusing this information to relate to the topic at hand. During my year fellowship in Japan, I have conducted interviews with almost 40 individuals in community and government in Japanese to understand and clarify issues in a partnership to improve public space. During this project, I also participated as a second-language speaker in many meetings and workshops, so I have some understanding of the experience of those who may be participating in a second language.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

As a professional planner and designer, I hope that I can serve the committee by helping to bridge the gap between technical and layperson discussions. As a woman of color and NE Portland resident, I hope that I can help to lift up the voices of Portland communities of color and advocate for infrastructure that will best serve those who have been historically excluded from these kinds of processes. I don't know if I have any special community knowledge or expertise, but I really do want to help as best I can.

## Scott Landsman

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Strong interest in transportation issues from time volunteering with the Alliance for Climate Protection and undergraduate classes in Operations Research

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Worked with the King Neighborhood association a few years back to elevate a noise complaint through proper city channels. Used to run joint application design sessions among different stakeholders of divergent sub-orgs when I was a consultant.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

7.5 years in the neighborhood. Often pass the development zone by car, BIKETOWN, on foot, and sometimes catch the MAX from the Convention Center stop

## Scott Schilmoeller

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** N/A

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Economic development

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This project has massive impact on all of the areas of interest listed above. I have a good understanding on how the areas of interest interact with each other and could provide insight into those interlocked pieces. I believe that the advisory committee will want a cohesive voice, and I am willing to work the other committee members on establishing just that. This does not mean excluding different points of view, but rather having candid conversations about the pros and cons of the I-5 Improvement Project. As a lifelong Portland resident, I have a vested interest in the development of my city and my community. I truly want what is best for the city as a whole for the long term.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My experience is from working on committees at work. Decisions on a committee can be a frustrating process, as decisions must go through the ADKAR (Aware, Desire, Knowledge, Ability, Reinforcement) change process with each committee member in order to make a well thought out decision. Even then there could be disagreements with the final product, not just from dissenters but also from the deciders. Compromises may come with a lot of difficulty. It is important to take a step back and have a lot of patience with the process. Meet with committee members and establish a rapport so your comments or opinions do not come as a surprise. Surprises could lead to unnecessary delays in the process. Overall - patience, homework, and communication are key to making the process as successful as possible.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am 33 years old and have lived in the Portland Metropolitan Area for over 30 years. I have used each method of transportation for over a year, including alternative transportation methods like e-scooters, so I have an understanding of the pros and cons of each and have fair perspective evaluating the changes to the I-5 improvement project has to each sub-group. I have a good sense of the consequences to the I-5 Improvement Project to various community functions - including the surrounding schools, the freight shipping industry, economic development, our growing homeless population, our Vision Zero and other safety initiatives, the work/life balance of our citizens, the looming threat of climate change, and the list goes on. I

believe can keep these issues in balance when acting on behalf of the advisory committee and provide recommendations that serve our long term interests.

## Shane J Nehls

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Ironworkers Local 29

**Organization represented (if any):** Ironworkers local 29

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like to have the honor of participating in this advisory committee to add to perspective from an organization that advocates for workers rights and diversity in the workplace, directly benefiting our community.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have sat on oversight committees for community benefits agreements in Portland.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

We have over 1000 working members that will be affected by this project.

## Shannon Olive

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Womens first transition referral center

**Organization represented (if any):** Womens first transition and referral center

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

Because I currently run an organization serving Afrincan Amererican women whos transition to prison to recovery. Our goal of this to help women be successful of society. One of our goal is help women have resouces, basic needs, but help them get liveable wage jobs to take care of

themselves and thrive and be successful members of society. Our black communities use to live in the project area, I truly believe that those jobs should be prioritized to our black communities. As a black woman I myself want to be able to advocate for those women and help women thrive and be successful.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

My experience has been, learned how to be open minded. A person willing to learn from others. Work as a team player. Create different strategies from different backgrounds. I have learned from my leadership background in challenging moments that when you disagree you have to be open minded and become a team player to understand that everyone brings something valuable to the table. To be strategic and bring solutions to the table. Remember that we are here to serve a purpose, and think about the people we are serving and think about the needs of the people and how to address those needs. Within the work I do, I am a woman of lived experience, before I started doing this work, I understood the work that I am doing is important and meeting where people are at, I have a non-judgmental stance. I am also a person who is willing to learn. Being willing to listen and not always be the talker, you can learn from listening. Have a mind to understand what others bring to the table is really important. But one of the things I've also learned, in the work that we are doing in terms of serving others, is having the compassion to serve. We get in those challenging moments, I have also learned we have to remember why we are doing this. Allow the team to remember why we are here when challenges come up. I think once we bring that back to the drawing board, it brings people back, to remember we are doing this for the people being impacted to make a difference and improve lives and make a change.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My knowledge and expertise, I am a POC, I have served and experienced in nonprofits for over 15 years, I've served on boards and committees for the past six years. I represent our black community in what the I-5 use to be and its history. I am a community member and advocate for women who are looking to make a difference in their life for success through connected resources in regards to employment, housing, education, to help them become successful and productive members of our society.

## Shawn Penney

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** North and Northeast Portland, I'm an employee at MESO Portland and previous President of the Non Profit Organization Good in the Hood 501 c(3)

**Primary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Secondary interest:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I'm very interested in participating on the CAC volunteer committee, I'm an active community activist in North and Northeast Portland, I care about the community that I live and work in. I would love to have a voice or a say on the upcoming changes of the neighborhood. As me and my family members was once and still displaced without any say years ago, would only be fair to the people that know this community and the people. I have been serving this community for the last 25 years and will continue to service the communities of Portland and the POC of Portland. I will make a great addition to this committee knowing my background and skills and I'm also a people person. Please consider my application today as someone you can trust, someone that's honest, dependable and responsible.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

\* Good in the Hood Organization \* Self enhancement Parent Coordinator for Jefferson and Grant High School. \* Employed with MESO an organization that support small business and POC's in the community. \* working with Northeast Coalitions of Neighborhoods (King Neighborhood)

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

\* 35 years of living in this community \* Attending neighborhood coalition meetings \* Holding people accountable for there actions and hosting and organizing community events that brings family and communities together.

## Shelly Garteiz

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live nearby, on NE Weidler and NE 10th. I want to be a part of the community advisory committee because the outcomes matter very much to me being so close by. This is a big project and I want to help shape the result for my neighbors + the whole city.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I recently served on the community advisory committee for Portland's pedestrian plan (PedPDX). In my professional life, I work as a project manager and have worked collaboratively with remote teams in other countries. I love working with people.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a property owner who lives very close to the project area, and I'm active in the community, volunteering with organizations like EcoLloyd.

## Sophia N Cain

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I care a lot about this city and how we all get around it. I think that there are many improvements to be made and I'd love the chance to be able to be a part of that.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved with my union at work and have served on the executive board and bargaining committee. With my work in all of those areas I have had to make decisions within a group and decide what our priorities are together and what will be best for everyone.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am an environmental chemist and I have been very interested in how cities work and what the best ways are to plan for everyone who needs to get around them.

## Sorin Garber

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Sorin Garber & Associates, Transportation Planning Consultant

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Other:

All of the above

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Freight

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I hope to work to help resolve some misunderstandings there about AQ, Safety, and to help make this a remarkable project that we're immensely proud of .

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I've been appointed to multiple Portland advisory committees and task forces, was a citizen member of TPAC for two terms, member of Hollywood Neighborhood Association. I have the objective (and some have said talent) for being able to explain technical details to lay audiences and to consistently remind people to focus on the big picture.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Resident of Portland for 30 years, worked on the Rose Garden (now Moda Center) development including TDM strategy that's been in place since its opening; am involved with "Friends of Seasonal Service Workers", managed public involvement for several local plans and studies including Portland Freight Plan, Metro Freight Plan, St Johns Truck Strategy, and others.

## **Stephen A. Onisko**

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Retired

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

My "getting around locally" is affected by drivers who choose neighborhood routes due to the traffic congestion on I-5.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

None. I simply make personal adjustments

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

First hand experience in dealing with local traffic congestion.

## Stephen Judkins

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a parent of future Tubman middle school students. The project is scheduled to be completed by the time by children attend. It is important that the interests of students at this school are represented.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have testified in front of Portland City Council on several occasions regarding housing, affordability and transportation issues. Professionally I have work at building consensus between disparate stakeholders.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have no official expertise but have followed the issues closely and critically. I am well-informed on the history of the neighborhood and the city.

## Steve Bozzone

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I served on the original I-5/RQ N/NE Quadrant committee and would like to continue that work on this committee.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been on several committees that have managed difficult and challenging issues. I-5 Rose Quarter / N/NE Quadrant Stakeholder Advisory Committee, ODOT/PBOT, 2011-2012 (Completed full term) N Williams Corridor Traffic Operations Stakeholder Advisory Committee, PBOT, 2012-2013 (Completed full term) 20s Bikeway Stakeholder Advisory Committee, PBOT, 2013-2014 (Completed full term) Central City Parking Policy Update Stakeholder Advisory Committee, PBOT, 2015-2016 (Completed full term) PBOT Traffic & Transportation Class Graduate, 2010 Oregon Walks Board of Directors, 2010-2018

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have followed the project closely and have worked with PBOT, ODOT, and neighborhood groups throughout. I have lived in the Albina neighborhood which is adjacent to the project. I have served on public committees and been actively tracking the project's pedestrian, bike, and transit impacts.

## Steve Cackley

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Schools within the project area

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I live in the Humboldt neighborhood in a house I bought in 1976. The freeway is a piece of getting around and I am interested in helping to make this project the least painful process it can be. As well, it is important to me that the historic community that has been disrupted by development in my neighborhood, including I-5, be included in this plan.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I spent my working life as a building inspector for portland. I was active in the humboldt neighborhood association for many years and spent a lot of time on the albina community plan. I represented humboldt at necn for several years in a remarkably contentious time.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have been rooted in albina for almost 50 years, raised a family that attended neighborhood schools, have seen the good and bad of a gentrifying city.

## Steve Satterlee

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Ride Connection Board Member

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I have long had an interest in public transit and urban design. From mid 1990's to mid 2000's, I served on various committees in SE Portland studying and advocating for the Orange Max line. I am interested in ensuring that public transit (bus , streetcar and light rail) is folded seamlessly and efficiently into this finished project. Also, I am concerned about minimizing transit service disruptions during construction. I am interested in urban design issues related to capping the highway as part of the project. Good design is vital to the development of a diversity of land uses: parks, housing, employment and arts and culture.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

From 2001-2003 I served as Executive Director of the Milwaukie-Portland Light Rail Coalition, a neighborhood- based group advocating for construction of the Orange line. We dealt with a number of challenging issues dealing with our recommendations of the route of the line. The most difficult was placement of the bridge crossing the Willamette River. We considered efficiency, cost, design and where it would land on the east side. A lot of debate ensued. Some members urged using the Hawthorne Br as the most cost effective, but taking into consideration of design and landing place and diversity of modes to best serve inner Southeast neighborhoods, the majority chose to recommend what became the Tilikum crossing. While working as a customer service supervisor at TriMet (2005-2008) I served on an advisory service

planning committee. We wrangled with adding new bus routes vs adding more frequent service vs capacity of bus fleet and driver work force. All the time factoring in the impacts to the riding customers' experience.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived about a a half mile from the Rose Quarter for about 20 years. I pass through the area almost daily by auto, public transit and walking or biking. I can see the opportunity to revitalize the area to what it once was -- and bringing back more diversity -- while at the same time moving highway traffic through the area more efficiently. My familiarity with the neighborhood and my background in public transit provide a unique perspective in helping the committee.

## Steven Koch

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** local property owner

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Neighborhood connectivity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am a property owner and business owner located at NE 2nd and Broadway. I am also a professional licensed landscape architect and a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. I am a native Portland resident and routinely use the transportation routes involved daily. My early professional career included working for Lawrence Halprin who design Keller Fountain, Lovejoy Fountain and Pettygrove Park in DT Portland, I returned to Portland from San Francisco and co-founded the Halprin Landscape Conservancy which now oversees designed planning and design issues in SW Portland's "Portland Sequence." The Conservancy facilitated the creations of an LID for the district. I am also familiar with issues being experienced at Freeway Park in Seattle, the first freeway cap in the US, 45 years after its creation. Freeway Park was also designed by Lawrence Halprin. I could volunteer to be an liaison to the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to facilitate dialogue with that constituent group.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have owned and operated a professional business in Portland for 20 years and have led community participation workshops. I was trained by Lawrence Halprin who was a defining leader of community participation for urban design and planning in the 1960's thru 1990's. I

have a good grasp on the complexities of design and construction after 30 years in the profession.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I grew up in North Portland and through my training in workshop process, understand that people have multiply ways of expressing themselves. All modes of communication must be made available. You need distill from emotional reactions what the core value is that is being communicated. Most importantly community participation should be less about "reaction" as it has come to evolve today, and more about intimately and personally understanding the opportunities and constraints of the site and culture and budget.

## Terry Parker

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):** Unorganized motorists that are underrepresented & non-inclusive at PBOT

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Automobile

**Secondary interest:** Other:

Equity

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

As couple of years ago, Portland had the 12th worst traffic congestion in the U.S. and the 40th worst congestion worldwide. The Rose Quarter is the worst bottleneck on the entire I-5 corridor. Several years ago, a crash occurred in the lane right next to me leading into the Rose Quarter southbound. Much of Portland's roadway motor vehicle capacity is nearly 30 years behind what is needed to accommodate present day population growth. Various studies have clearly demonstrated that redesigning streets to accommdate alternative modea only has a minimal affect- reducing only a fringe of the total percentile of auto trips. Even with all the investments in transit and bicycle infrastructure, the vehicle lanes on city streets to accommodate alternative modes has only ntensified congestion. A change of direction, absent the failed social engineering, is needed. Every day we wait, Portland is becoming more like a junior LA. Adding weave lanes to I-5 at the RoseQuarter in simple terms is fixing a bottleneck that will reduce crashes and improve traffic flow which in turn will alleviate drivers from burning fuel while just idling when stuck in traffic. Even though anti-car acvitivists are extrememly vocal about opposing the project, the newly completed less controversial weave leanes on I-205 have clearly demonstrated this concept works. Not adding motor vehicle capacity to keep up with the current politically embraced growth rate and new housing only intensifies congestion, fuel comsumption and emmissions by default. Finally, the proposed covers and the bicycle bridge over I-5 will provide better connectivity and benefits for alternative mode users. THerefore equity should be

applied whereby a proportional amount of the funding for the infrastructure over the freeway should come from the alternative mode users.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As VP of the Pacific NW Chapter, National Railway Historical Society in 1981, I was left in charge when the President was out of town on a business trip. The calculated ticket price for a charter excursion using the entire Amtrak train came in higher than I was authorized to approve. The organization had been working to put the fund raiser together for about 6 months. I called an emergency board meeting, proposed a way to reduce a specific budgeted expense and worked with the board to reassign responsibilities. The first words from the chapter President when he returned were "congratulations". The trip was a success. For nearly 20 of the 24 and one-half years working for a yellow page publisher, I was a National Account Rep. This entailed being a single source contact for assigned Customer Service Representatives who had contracts with national corporations. My job was to provide customer service, make sure advertising met specifications and placement into a 14 region that included 300 directories. Shortly after one of the larger directories hit the street, I received a call from a Customer Service Representative. She had removed a half-page ad for Atlas Van Lines in error. She asked if there was anything I could do to restore first place seniority. The longest running ads have first place under a heading. My response was usually when the customer makes a mistake, seniority is not restored, but I would see what I could do. I approached the issue with the concept that the Customer Service Representative and myself are a team working for the actual customer. After a no from my supervisor but leaving the door open to take it elsewhere, I was able to restore seniority in the next issue and received an award for doing so.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

My current citizen involvement/civic engagement includes being a member of the Rose City Park NA Board, a member of the Land Use & Transportation Committee, and a neighborhood rep to the Central Northeast Neighbors (Coalition) Land Use, Transportation and Open Space (LUTOP) Committee. Neighborhood transportation concerns and issues include Sandy Blvd. and Growing Transit Communities as it relates to NE Halsey Street. My previous involvement includes a member on ODOT's 82nd Avenue CAC and serving for 4 years on ODOT's Banfield Transitway CAC in the 1970s which recommended the first Max line. I was elected chair of the committee for the last 2 years when the decisions were being made. As light rail was emerging as the preferred option, the committee more or less independently recommended it go all the way to Gresham using East Burnside and the former Portland Traction right of way, identified the location of the Hollywood Station and coupled safety improvements and modernization of the Banfield Freeway (I-84) with light rail. The beauty of the project is that some of the construction costs could be shared for both rail and highway thereby giving some equity to motorists in that Mt. Hood Freeway dollars were utilized to fund the project. In the early 1980s I served for 3 years as the VP of the Pacific NW Chapter, National Railway Historical Society followed by 3 years on the board of directors often working with the Class 1 railroads, Amtrak, and the Portland

Development Commission related to the restoration of Portland's historic Union Station. Additionally I sat in on many of the Columbia River Crossing meetings and often gave testimony.

## Timothy C Wood

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Urban design

**Secondary interest:** Land use

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I believe that this is an extremely important decision which will have implications for at least a century. It is imperative that we as a community get this right. I worry, however, that the process is becoming emotional or everyone involved rather than rational. I care deeply about getting the process right, asking tough questions of those involved and making sure that the advice given by the committee is rational, fair, and represents a compromise everyone can live with.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Having worked as a consultant for the last seven years I have been involved with many controversial and difficult decisions among decision-makers. I have worked on dozens of land use policy plans with jurisdictions throughout the Northwest ranging from long-range housing plans to dam removal. Through these processes I have learned that decision making bodies are only as good as the engagement of those involved. It takes an active board member asking incisive questions to get at the important issues. It's also crucial to ensure that all voices represented are heard to establish a meaningful process. Finally, I have served on the Multnomah County Planning Commission for the last 5 years, discussing issues such as marijuana business regulations, accessory dwelling units and transportation capital spending. My experience on the other side, that of a decision maker, has emphasized how important it is to be able to have conversations with my fellow commission members in public. It is important to be able to hear everyone you serve with because each member has an important perspective.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in the Portland area for 28 of my 32 years of life. I live about a mile away from the project area, love my city, I studied and work in urban planning, I drive I-5 almost every day and I bike everywhere I can. In short, I have significant lived experience of this project and the impacts it could have on my community. I worry about this process, that it will be overrun by interest groups and that local expertise will ultimately mean nothing. I think we need individuals

on this body that will understand the proposed alternatives and will weigh them fairly and logically based on their experience with the area, the highway, the city and local residents. I hope that is what we get.

## Tre Madden

**Interest:** I am applying to represent a neighborhood interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Eliot Neighborhood

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:** Eliot

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Environmental quality

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in playing a more active role in the development of the community around me, especially in regard to ensuring that any construction of highways or roads near my home are not a threat to wild life, to bikers, or to pedestrians. I would like to network with other concerns citizens who advocate for neighborhoods first, freeways second. By working on a committee, I would see first hand how the people are being consulted on construction that will inevitably impact their daily lives. My hope with participating is that I will be able to offer a bike commuters perspective, so as to increase the safety (in other words, encourage the actions) of those who produce the least amount of gas emissions.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have engaged in political organizing in regard to issues of accessibility, inequity, health-care, reproductive justice, environmental policy, and LGBTQ+ inclusion for a decade now. I have also been involved with the Episcopal Church and various spiritual communities that discuss the nature of God, morality, and life, all of which has given me nuanced perspectives and an ability to find common ground across difference. Currently I work at the OR legislature as a committee assistant (which will end by the beginning of this Community Advisory Committee) so I am well acquainted with the procedures of committees and the importance of organization within that process.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

Across the span of my volunteer and work experiences, I have become tuned into skills such as de-escalation, non-violent communication, "calling in," and consensus. Have lived in ne Portland for 4 years and drive, bike, transit, and walk depending on where I have to go. Knowledge of the local overlapping histories of gentrification and wish to apply that acknowledgement to the process.

## Tristan Isaac

**Interest:** I am applying to represent an organizational interest

**Affiliation (if any):** Bus Riders Unite

**Organization represented (if any):** Bus Riders Unite is an association of transit-dependent people advocating for a more equitable, accessible and sustainable transportation system

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Public transit

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

For many decades in the US the field of transportation planning and urban design has been dominated by a single school of thought: how to move more cars, faster. This logic has led to numerous deleterious outcomes: the interstate highway system fractured inner city communities and facilitated suburban sprawl; prioritizing single-occupancy-vehicle throughput has made urban streets into killing fields for pedestrians; overwhelming levels of SOV use has poisoned the air; municipal budgets can barely keep pace with maintaining overburdened right-of-way; pedestrian infrastructure is neglected or ignored; lack of investment in public transportation has created an incentive for debt-ridden transit agencies to harangue their riders for petty cash; over-exploitation of fossil fuels is contributing to climate catastrophe and; an excess of massive infrastructure spending contributes to ongoing cycles of gentrification and displacement. Put simply, virtually none of the externalities inherent to our current paradigm of transportation planning has been accounted for, let alone acknowledged. More so, each and every one of these outcomes is also held in a deeply racialized context with Black, Brown and Indigenous people of color bearing the brunt of the impacts. Bearing all this in mind, it is clear to me that there needs to be a radical reframing of the issues at the heart of transportation planning. Contrary to the logic currently at play, transportation planning is more than pure engineering, it's a political issue with political solutions. My interest in participating in this community advisory committee is to bring a radical political lens to the planning process of the I-5 Rose Quarter Expansion Project. As a committee member I would seek to analyze the root causes and foundational beliefs in order to arrive at solutions that lead to the greatest possible benefit for all.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Before I joined, Bus Riders Unite had succeeded on numerous campaigns that directly benefited its membership. Upon joining them in 2017 as an organizer-in-training, my cohort and I supported the final implementation of and did outreach around with recently won campaign for a Low-Income Fare, a BRU-led initiative for fare equity with over 25,000 users as of 2020. Since then, I have become an elected member of the Bus Riders Unite Steering Committee and their representative on TriMet's Transit Equity Advisory Committee. On TEAC, I have provided input on dozens of items brought before us including TriMet's Non-Diesel Bus Program, SW Corridor

Light Rail Project and Division Transit Project. Additionally, I serve on the Safety & Security Subcommittee where I have taken a critical lens to TriMet's security programs and successfully advocated for the funding of a pilot for a revived Rider Advocate Program in the FY20-21 budget cycle. Internal to BRU itself I have pushed for reorganizing our committee to promote member input and built stronger alliances with TriMet workers by aligning with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757. In addition to attending TEAC, as a steering committee member I also serve on the OPAL Board of Directors where I have agitated for improved policy, transparency and equity for the workers which correlated with the recent formation of OPAL Workers Union. For the past several months I also served on the Rose Lanes Project advisory committee as we collaborated to bring a lens of racial equity to that incredible project which recently passed unanimously on Portland City Council. Additionally, I am also a board member of the Madison South neighborhood association where I advocate for the rights of all residents and seek solutions that prioritize access and equity.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have spent the last three years of my life engaging in a deep dive into transportation with an environmental justice analysis. In particular, I have focused on public transit as a holistic solution to bad air, unsafe streets, congestion, suburban sprawl, economic precarity, wealth inequality and social atomization. This is contrary to the logic of the status quo with prioritizes individualism, private ownership, externalization and enclosure of wealth and power. Moreover, my analysis focuses specifically on Portland and Oregon as a whole. I possess a deep understanding of how Oregon's genesis as a white supremacist utopia has shaped the systems that govern it, including and in many ways especially transportation. In 2019, I participated in Portland Bureau of Transportation's Traffic and Transportation course at PSU which, while not revealing much new information, did help to sharpen my analysis. As I understand it, Oregon's transportation landscape, from its logging trails to its highways, is built around capitalist extraction and exploitation. Every street, neighborhood and alleyway from the location of Vanport, the unique angle of SE Foster Road and the popular alignment of Interstate 5 versus the unpopular alignment Mt. Hood freeway reflects a system of white supremacy that methodically exploits, abuses and persecutes the life, land and labor of Black, Brown and Indigenous people of color. When we build (or expand) on the mistakes of the past we are continuing a legacy of violent colonial exploitation. The status quo has and will continue to fail communities of color until old ideas have been fully expunged and a new analysis focused on environmental justice can take its place. My on-the-ground experience organizing with communities of color gives me a valuable analysis on how decisions made about transportation have serious impacts on the lives of everyday people, especially people of color.

## Virginia L Macrae

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** St. Andrew Catholic Church

**Organization represented (if any):** Macrae

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I would like my voice and the voices of my neighbors to be heard in this issue

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Joined in the group that discussed lead in the air and soil in the Elliot neighborhood and attending Neighborhood coalition meetings

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I have lived in the Elliot neighborhood for 34 years and have seen huge changes. I have organized many events and participated in many collaborative efforts to better the communities I lived in.

## Virginia Macrae

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):** St. Andrew Catholuc Church

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Environmental quality

**Secondary interest:** Black and African American communities and businesses

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in any development in my neighborhood and how it affects everyone. I would like to be a part of information sharing for this project.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Fundraising to support my church which provides many services to the underserved in the neighborhood by running an annual auction for many years.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I've lived in the Eliot neighborhood for 34 years and have a good perspective of how things have changed for better and worse.

## Yevgeniy Blashchishen

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Youth perspective

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

This is a very large project which will have significant effects on the community and entail large costs. As somebody with an education in planning and public policy, I want to be involved in looking at the evidence surrounding this issue and to advise the course of action that will be most in line with the public interest and well-being of our population.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

I have been involved in numerous committees and collaborative efforts in city planning classes I have taken in which I collaborated with 3-5 other people about decisions concerning the direction and substance of our collective work. I have also spent a lot of time meeting with coworkers in my previous job at the University of Oregon Bike Program, which we ran largely collaboratively and met weekly to update each other on progress and make decisions about what events we would be hosting and other decisions concerning the wider direction of our program.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am a regular bike and transit rider. I live in The Dalles but have family in Portland and visit them often. I use public buses to get between the two cities and use a mix of trimet, my personal bike, and occasionally e-scooters to get around Portland. I am 23 years old and believe I can represent the perspective of young people who call Oregon home and intend to be responsible stewards of this land and make responsible decisions on its part. I have formal education in transportation planning as well so I believe I can approach this issue from an informed perspective and understand the relative costs and benefits of this project as well as competing claims about it.

## Zachary Karl Reyes

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Economic development

**Secondary interest:** Urban design

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I am interested in helping guide the project to create the most economic and social benefit for everyone who relies on the I5 corridor to conduct business, commute, live, work, get educated, and play. I5 through the rose quarter impacts a huge number of people every day. It has far reaching effects on the economic vitality of the area, public health, environmental quality, lifestyle choices, and much more. I've spent nearly two years living within 7 blocks of the project site and I want to be an active member of my community by bringing my perspective to ODOT's community advisory committee.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

Every day at work I spend time balancing the views of multiple parties seeking different objectives from the same project. I balance the needs of operations folks who will use my designs, with the program managers who represent financial interests, with engineering limitations. I use clearly stated language to express the constraints and criteria of each project and help guide the project development team through the alternatives. I strive to conduct the evaluation of those alternatives on the agreed upon metrics and keep the discussion respectful at all times. Beyond work, I have become increasingly involved in community events, taking part in difficult conversations about what the future of Portland should look like.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I am aware of the history of the destruction of the original Albina neighborhood that the construction of I5 caused when it was built. I am also aware that this was not an isolated event. Throughout the country, the interstate system was built by paving over black and minority neighborhoods. If I am selected for this community advisory committee I will strive to respect that historical wrong and help facilitate discussion about what we can do now to provide equity for all Portlanders. I am passionate about how our built environment is largely responsible for the communities that thrive, or wither, inside them. I will bring this passion and knowledge of built environments to this committee.

## Zachary Powers

**Interest:** I am applying to represent my own personal interest

**Affiliation (if any):**

**Organization represented (if any):**

**Neighborhood interest:**

**Primary interest:** Modes of transportation: Bicycle

**Secondary interest:** Modes of transportation: Pedestrian

**Please tell us why you are interested in participating on this Community Advisory Committee.**

I commute through the Rose Quarter by bike daily, and I often move through the area by car, bus, Max, and bike as well. I'm interested in improving the area for all modes of transportation, and I'm especially interested in improving safety and accessibility as the area changes.

**Please list your experience trying to solve challenging issues in a group or committee process. Experience can be from your involvement in school, work, community organizations, faith based organizations, your neighborhood, etc.**

As a product manager, my job every day is to balance the needs of stakeholders and help find a solution that satisfies all of their needs. My job is to discover and prioritize the most valuable activities we can focus on given the constraints of technical feasibility for our engineers, usability for our customers, and market viability for our business. These interests always compete to some extent, and I mediate discussions and help to resolve conflicts every day at work. Most importantly for purposes of serving on the CAC, I don't solve these conflicts through command and control. Like most product managers, I'm not the boss of any of my stakeholders, so I have to help solve our issues and build consensus on the most valuable solution and right way to solve a problem by working with everyone involved and helping the group make decisions. I provide valuable input, but I know that the world doesn't resolve around me at the office or anywhere else, and I have to listen to, respond to, and work with my committee and stakeholders.

**Please describe your community knowledge and expertise (if any) that you believe will help the committee with the substance of its work.**

I'm a multi-modal commuter who uses the Rose Quarter roads, sidewalks, bike paths or rails almost every day. I work for Quantum Spatial, a geospatial consultant to electric utilities, DOTs, and other government agencies, so I've worked on suitability analysis projects for electric transmission lines, greenfield surveys, and other consulting projects that involve siting, routing, or removing infrastructure. And while I am by no means a professional historian, I read regularly on Portland history, development, and transportation initiatives and policy, so I'm aware of the history and impact of transportation projects in the Rose Quarter area, including demolishing homes to make way for I-5, possibly displacing low-income residents in N Portland by installing the yellow line, and the smaller controversies over the redesign of bike and car lanes on N Williams leading out of the Rose Quarter.