

# R1 ACT Community Member Information for March EMCTC Meeting

Dear EMCTC Members,

In preparation for our action item on Monday's meeting regarding the Region 1 ACT Community Member Elections, please review the information below and reach out to me with any questions or concerns ahead of the meeting.

## Context:

Multnomah County has 5 community member representative seats on the [Region 1 ACT](#). We currently have two vacant seats: one general community member representative and one Environmental Justice focused representative. A public application process was open from December to January, and we received 5 applications total across both positions.

Multnomah County and the City of Portland evaluated the applicants and are presenting two individuals to EMCTC as our staff recommendation. Timur Ender is the staff recommendation to fill our Environmental Justice representative seat, and Nancy Chapin is the staff recommendation to fill our general community member representative seat.

Bios on both individuals are included below to provide background ahead of your vote. There is an action item on the March agenda regarding approval of these two applicants.

## Bios:

**“Timur Ender** is a first generation Turkish-American and a parent of 3 young kids. Professionally, Timur has spent the last decade working to make Portland a safer, healthier, and more equitable city. While at the City of Portland, Timur was involved in the launch of BIKETOWN, fixed speed safety cameras, and the Fixing Our Streets program. He also managed over \$40 million worth of city infrastructure projects such as curb ramps, sidewalks, traffic signals, and street lighting. Most of these projects were situated in East Portland, neighborhoods with over 100 languages represented.

Timur's interest in serving on the Region 1 ACT relates to health equity. Residents in East Multnomah County have lower life expectancies and face greater exposure to traffic crashes compared to residents in other parts of our region. He looks forward to working together to make our transportation system safer and to increase mobility options for residents.

Timur has a criminology degree from North Carolina State University and a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School. He is a resident of East Portland and enjoys playing futsal, cheering on the Portland Thorns, and searching for the best vegan ice cream.”

**Nancy Chapin** is newly retired, following a 34 year career working as the Administrator of the Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association. She was also an active member of the 82nd Avenue Business Association for 20+ years, serving as President for 7 years until May 2024.

Transportation issues have always been a component of her work in those spaces from Hawthorne Boulevard to 82nd Avenue and Columbia Corridor to Midway and the JADE District. Nancy has been very aware of the challenges of changing 82nd Avenue from a highway back to an Avenue that serves small businesses and the community & neighbors with services, products, and groceries. She is also coordinating the 82nd Avenue of Roses Annual Parade.

In addition to her work, Nancy serves as an Officer on several small 501c3 boards, including:

- 82 Roses Community Enrichment Coalition, which presents the 82nd Avenue Parade – [82RosesCEC.com](http://82RosesCEC.com)
- Sustainable SE Community Coalition, which celebrates the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21st – [S2C2PDX.org](http://S2C2PDX.org)
- Lester Viles North Portland Project Association, which offers grants to North Portland Businesses

In their applications, both Timur and Nancy spoke about ensuring the transportation system is accessible for all users, including non-drivers, elderly populations, people without strong access to public transportation, people of color, families with young children, and those who do not speak English. They both spoke of ensuring East Portland and East Multnomah County have their voices heard and their needs met as transportation issues are discussed. Multnomah County and the City of Portland staff believe these individuals would complement our other three community member representatives very well and would bring new perspectives to the group. We recommend EMCTC votes to approve these two new R1 ACT representatives.

Thank you,  
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