



Multnomah County Department of Community Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC)

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The Department of Community Services, DCS, chooses community volunteers invested in and curious about Transportation, Elections, Land Use Planning, and Animal Services to serve as Community Budget Advisory Committee members. CBAC members are vital, aiding in our mission to preserve harmony between natural and built environments, keep people and pets safe, and ensure every voice is heard. The DCS CBAC develops recommendations for the Chair's consideration on departmental budgets and operations through a process of listening, learning and prioritizing allocation of funding each fiscal year.

New Appointee Biographies

John Barber, D2 Resident, a retired BLM employee, believes public participation is critical for a healthy, functioning government particularly when it comes to land management decisions. He brings experience in public engagement from PBEM's Neighborhood Emergency Team, Burns Volunteer Fire Department, and as a Red Cross Duty Officer. He has federal budget management experience and hopes to use his diverse group work experience to aid county decision-makers.

Omotola Oladapo, D1 Resident, a Nigerian immigrant holds a Master's in Finance and is pursuing a PhD in Public Policy at PSU. She has a strong foundation in financial analysis and community-centered decision making. Omotola is the founder of a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for youth from marginalized communities in Nigeria. She offers a global lens to the CBAC and feels well equipped to contribute to discussions around equity, resource allocation, and community priorities.

Timothy “Tim” Wiepking, D3 Resident, newly retired now calls Portland home. Tim brings a strong background in finance, having worked as a Budget Analyst for the Municipality of Anchorage, a unique combined city/county government. He sees his extensive background in finance and budget review as an ideal pathway for a newcomer to actively engage and contribute to the civic life of his new home. He is particularly eager to leverage his analytical skills to ensure fiscal responsibility and transparency in county operations.

Kara Hall, D3 Resident, a transportation engineer, is keen to apply her professional background to understanding how budget decisions impact community experiences and contribute to broader outcomes. Having moved from the Midwest, Kara recognizes the diversity in people and lifestyles and believes that a thriving community requires tailored solutions rather than a "one-size-fits-all" approach. Her experience includes budget development and review, gained through her role as Mentorship Co-Chair for the Portland Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar.

Returning DCS CBAC Members

Peter Finley Fry, D4 Resident, serving a second term CBAC, Peter is a nationally certified planner with a PhD in Urban Studies and Regional Science. As a long-time resident of east county, Peter was a founding board member of Verde and served on the Multnomah County Planning Commission. He is passionate about resolving land use issues and supporting people as they age, and has served on the Joint Office Safety on the Street's Committee.

Taylor Scott, D3 Resident, is in her third year as a first term CBAC member. Until recently, she was the only woman on the committee. Taylor moved to Portland a few years ago to work as an Association Manager with Update Management, Inc. She is a strong advocate for diverse citizen participation in governmental priority-setting and resource allocation within the community. Taylor has actively volunteered with various local events and nonprofits, including Transition Projects, the Portland Rose Festival, Oregon Public Broadcasting, and Pride NW.

James "Jim" Abeles, D1 Resident, co-owner of Topaz Farm on Sauvie Island, has a diverse background in business leadership, law enforcement, and nonprofit governance including being a former Board Chair for Street Roots. A retired Washington County Sheriff's Deputy, Jim currently serves as a Board President of the Sauvie Island Community Association and as a Board Member and Secretary for the NW Agritourism Association, working to support local farmers and promote agritourism across the Pacific Northwest.

Yume Delegato, Outside the County Resident, is a Senior Communications Coordinator for Prosper Portland. Born and raised in Multnomah County, he now resides outside the county while continuing to work within it. Yume has a strong background in police oversight, having served on the Police Accountability Commission and currently chairing the Citizen Review Committee. He has also held numerous appointed positions at the City of Portland, Metro, and regional levels.