

Candidates for LPSCC Office

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Candidates for Chair

Terrence Hayes, Community Representative

LPSCC member for 2 years

Statement:

When I look at what the LPSCC is actually meant to do - identify gaps in public safety and recommend data-driven solutions that keep our community safer - I honestly feel like I'm uniquely qualified for the role of Chair. I don't see accountability and restorative justice as enemies because I've lived what happens when both work together as they should.

There was a time I needed to be separated from the community to stop the harm I was doing to it, and that is real public safety. But what ultimately kept me from reoffending and rebuilding my life was restoration: education, resources, and community support. Programs shaped by evidence and policies like Justice Reinvestment gave me a second chance that actually worked. I've seen firsthand that extremes on either side - "jail only" or "restoration only" - both fail communities.

The safest systems are the ones that hold people accountable when necessary and restore them whenever possible. In rooms where people are often stuck on opposite sides of the aisle, I bring the full picture of lived experience, outcomes, and a focus on what actually makes communities safer, not what sounds good politically.

As for my leadership experience, I am currently serving as a member on several business and community boards and committees besides LPSCC, and was formerly the Chair of the Focused Intervention Team Community Oversight Group, so I understand the logistics of creating an agenda and running a meeting with opposing viewpoints from its membership, while also adhering to government policies and procedures.

Julia Brim-Edwards, Multnomah County Commissioner

LPSCC member for 1 year

Statement:

As the current Co-Chair of LPSCC for the past year and as the County Commissioner for District 3 - East Portland, I am committed to improving criminal justice and community safety outcomes in the County for our neighborhoods and for people encountering and experiencing our public safety system.

My background as a Portland resident for nearly 60 years, as an active member of the community, serving numerous community boards and committees including the Portland Public School Board and currently the Multnomah County Commission, is an asset to the work of LSPCC having developed and maintained foundational working relationships with neighborhoods, community groups, and leaders to build coalitions and advance policy and budget priorities that center equity and impacted people in times of plenty and in resource constrained environments. As a community member I will also bring the perspective and empathy for crime victims as I have been the victim of several crimes

Additionally, as an executive at Nike for 17 years I bring experience in effectively championing organizational progress and workplans alongside community. During that time, I also worked with Senator Floyd Prozanski, the ACLU, public defenders to successfully pass bills to simplify the expungement process.

Since I was elected to District 3 on the County Commission in July 2023, I have championed public safety budgets on the Commission and the intersection of the public safety and behavioral health systems, including:

- Safely and adequately staffing the County's jails
- Advancing the permanent sobering and stabilization center and securing funding for it
- Adding 24/7 sobering capacity into the current temporary Pathway Center
- Advocating for statewide efforts to address the shortage of public defenders
- Preserving and increasing capacity in the District Attorney's office for homicide and -domestic violence investigations and tackling retail and auto theft
- With Commissioner Moyer, setting the planning framework for revisions for the revamping the pretrial system
- Improving the deflection program in coordination with public safety partners and health experts, and
- Supporting preventative crime reduction programs.

Using the knowledge I've gained from 6 jail inspection visits to inform my work as a commissioner and to identify gaps in services and supports that I can work to address through budget and policy and working with community safety partners. I have also participated in 3 Corrections Grand Juries to inform their annual reports and uplift their recommendations.

Throughout my career and active community member, I have built and participated in coalitions of diverse leaders and groups and leveraged the experience and expertise of people, organizations and groups into actions and tangible positive outcomes that advance shared goals.

Among many milestones this year s LPSCC Co-Chair, It has been an honor to serve and to have worked on and strengthened LPSCC bylaws alongside the Council, developed the LPSCC member survey and building a first year work plan, implementing the crucial survey feedback into Council meetings to increase member engagement, and including the critical work of better integrating system-wide data to inform the work of LPSCC and its partners, which I championed through the addition of a LPSCC data and policy analyst. I would be honored to continue leading this work with the Council.

Vice-Chair

Steve Novick, Portland City Councilor

LPSCC member for 1 year

I am co-chair of the Portland City Council Community and Public Safety Committee and have a longstanding interest in criminal justice issues. As Vice Chair, I would hope to, among other things, (1) increase the engagement of the Portland Police Bureau with LPSCC, (2) engage PSR, Project Respond and PPB in clarifying and coordinating their respective roles, and (3) identify other jurisdictions that have superior performance in various aspects of public safety and have LPSCC examine possible reasons for their success. I also want to engage LPSCC in a discussion I have been having with Chief Day and State Rep. Willy Chotzen about how we might ask the State to change how it budgets for public safety, in a way that would allow each county to access additional funds for truly effective public safety investments by reducing its use of State prisons. (This would go well beyond the Justice Reinvestment Program.) My leadership style is to have an open mind, seek out data, and help people or organizations to make policy choices that are evidence-based. One of my favorite books about criminal justice is "The Great American Crime Decline" by Frank Zimring, which examined and debunked a variety of popular explanations for the great crime decline that started in the mid-'90's - and did not offer a new explanation. Sometimes it's important to admit that there are things that we just don't know.

Vince Jones-Dixon, Multnomah County Commissioner

LPSCC member for 2 years (previously as Gresham City Councilor and currently as County Commissioner)

I am deeply interested in serving as Vice Chair of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee (LPSCC). Community safety has been central to my work since 2015, and I have followed the work of LPSCC since 2018. During my tenure as a Gresham City Councilor, I served on LPSCC and continued attending meetings into 2025, which has given me both historical and current insight into the committee's role and potential.

As a City Councilor, I created and launched a youth violence prevention and opportunity program, EMOPI, rooted in coordination between law enforcement, community-based organizations, school districts, youth, and families. Within one year, the program contributed to a 60 percent reduction in violent crimes involving youth, and the city went 480 consecutive days without a youth-involved homicide. The success of this work was driven by centering those most impacted and aligning systems to work together rather than in silos—an approach that directly mirrors the purpose of LPSCC.

In addition, I led efforts in Gresham to clearly define what we were asking of our public servants—police officers, firefighters, and first responders—rather than framing the conversation solely around defunding. This required intentional leadership and trust-building. Through a comprehensive assessment conducted with community members, the police department, and the

fire department, we created shared understanding among policymakers. That work ultimately informed the passage of a public safety levy that right-sized both departments and strengthened service delivery. I believe this same collaborative, data-driven approach is needed within LPSCC today.

On a personal level, I have been a victim of violence in our community and, through my work as a funeral director, have supported countless families navigating loss and trauma. I have also spent much of my life—over the last 28 years—supporting family and friends who have been involved in the justice system. These experiences continually push me to ask difficult but necessary questions: What type of environment are people returning to? What does true justice look like? How do systems actually support healing, accountability, and safety?

Currently, my office is focused on reentry work and has initiated a gap analysis of youth violence prevention programming across the county. We are also working on issues related to pretrial systems and reducing failure-to-appear rates. This work has further deepened my commitment to regional coordination and practical solutions.

LPSCC brings together the leaders who can move this work forward. I am seeking the role of Vice Chair because I have the experience, relationships, and lived perspective to facilitate collaboration, keep the committee focused on outcomes, and help advance a shared vision of safety and justice for Multnomah County.