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It is unfair that only the District 2 Commissioner is on the same election cycle as the Chair, meaning that the District 2 Commissioner cannot run for Chair without potentially losing their seat - they have to choose whether to run for re-election or for Chair. Since the District 1, 3 and 4 Commissioners are on the opposite two years, they can run for Chair without giving up their seat. This is particularly egregious since District 2 represents North and Northeast Portland, historically with more people of color. District 2 (both Commissioner and voters) is currently disadvantaged in this regard. It would be more fair for District 2 to be on the same schedule as the other three Districts, and only the Chair position on the opposite cycle. This could be accomplished by making the term of the District 2 position six years for one election, thus putting the position on the same cycle as the other three Districts.

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