

Interest Form for Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council

*The purpose of this form is to obtain information for use in making appointments to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council, and to assist the City and County in making inquiries concerning the qualifications of applicants for appointment. Please note that information provided in this document is **public information**, with the exception of the confidential section. (Information in the confidential section will only be disclosed as required by law.) If you have a recently prepared biography or resumé, please attach it to this form*

Please return application, resumé and any additional information to:
Office of Neighborhood Involvement, 1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 110, Portland, OR 97204
Applications can also be submitted by email to: patrick.philpott@portlandoregon.gov

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Biography/Resumé Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

List education, including degree(s) earned:

A.S. Culinary Arts, Johnson & Wales University (2001)

B.S. Food Systems Technology, University of Wisconsin-Stout (2005)

M.S. Food Science and Technology, Oregon State University (2008)

A. Reasons for wanting to serve on this group:

My interest in serving on the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council is driven by my desire to contribute to this community using my professional and academic expertise and personal interests. Throughout most of my educational and professional experiences I have worked with food and food systems—primarily as chef or lab and manufacturing technician, but also as a student and academic researcher. In order to make food issues more visible and to gain valuable experience with policy makers and advocates to complement my technical background I would like to apply my knowledge and passion for food. More important to me is that after working in the biomedical pharmaceutical world for the past year, I am eager to find an avenue to become more involved with community food systems and policy matters.

B. List skills, knowledge or affiliations that would be relevant to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council:

I have a keen desire to learn and hone my experience to ultimately pursue a doctorate in food policy. In the past I have done a myriad of work or volunteering with many different food systems organizations including cooking in restaurants and hotels, harvesting and laboring on farms, preparing food in non-profit institutional environments,

winemaking and lab analysis in the Oregon wine and grape industry, as well as lab analysis and manufacturing in industrial food production. My knowledge of food systems and food science will enable me to lend a unique perspective and technical understanding to the council. While I have limited experience in the policy arena, I feel my enthusiasm for food issues and especially my passion to work with the community to effect change are assets.

C. List work or volunteer experience that would add to your expertise for this Board/Commission

Dates (from/to)	Employer or Volunteer Activity	Responsibilities
3/09-9/09	Ecumenical Ministries (Portland)	Helped prepare lunches for at risk youth
7/08-9/08	Perucho Organic Agricultural Experience (Ecuador)	Collaborated with surrounding farms to educate landowners about farming without the use of pesticides and fertilizers.
9/02-6/05	Creamery Restaurant (Wisconsin)	Cooked with food sourced from local farms and often interacted with farmers to ensure the best food at its peak.
10/05-7/08	Graduate Research Assistant (Oregon)	Research and development of methods to identify and quantify yeast protein in wine

D. List your experience working on diverse teams or committees:


During my undergraduate studies I was an active member of Greensense ecology club for 3 years, and I served my last year as co-president. Greensense was comprised of members from diverse background from within the university and the broader community and focused on raising environmental awareness at the local level. The group is focused on environmental awareness and local issues. We worked with local farmers and exposed interested students to organic agricultural and to the joint environmental and economic values of community supported agriculture. Upon my arrival in Corvallis for graduate studies at Oregon State I immediately got involved in the local food scene, attending Food and Fermentation and Vitis club meetings regularly. The groups were made up of graduate students, undergraduate students and departmental staff from many different concentrations of study. I have drifted away from the food industry recently, but in my current job I serve on two interdepartmental committees focused on improving processes integral to day-to-day functions. Specifically, one of the committees allows me to facilitate small group discussions that ask "5-Whys?" about human error events. We find the root causes and how technicians can help improve the process and learn from those events without punitive repercussions. Ultimately we report our findings, which include the causes and possible solutions to the larger manufacturing group. I have gained much insight by working with others; it offers multiple perspectives that provide far more balanced results and incremental improvements.

E. Briefly describe your experience and/or interest in advancing effective food policy.

I have nearly 15 years of experience working with and studying food. Food has effectively been the greatest force for good in my life. Community service has also been always been equally integral in my life—but it became especially important early in my education after realizing that passing on knowledge and being an agent of change is the most rewarding way to make a difference. I am encouraged by the recent movement to embrace food as nourishment, not just fuel, and want to foster this important concept by advocating improvements in our relationship with food. I see Portland's local food movement as a national model and stepping-stone not only for sustainable food systems but also as an educational tool for exposing the coming generations to eating healthfully and responsibly. It is also important to engage local chefs and farmers to advance the knowledge that they share and to make that knowledge more readily available to willing community members. Most importantly, I would like to use my experiences as a chef combined with my knowledge of farming to connect local restaurants and growers with the community to foster a more cohesive and collaborative approach to improve our relationship

with food. Specifically my goal is to involve the chefs and farmers more directly with the policies that affect them and their community—but my goal is not only to bring food-system matters to their attention, it's to enlist their assistance in educating the community as well.

My signature affirms that all information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I understand that any misstatement of fact or misrepresentation of credentials may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

Signature:  Date: 10/21/2011

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RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE:

Genentech, Packaging Technician, Hillsboro, OR, Aug 2010– Current

- Operation of tertiary packaging equipment for biopharmaceutical products.
- Review/execution of documentation and discrepancy initiation/approval
- Coordination of line activities and serving on process improvement committees.

Kroger Dairy, Lab Technician, Portland, OR, Mar 2009–Sept 2009, Dec 2009– July 2010

- Routine QC testing of incoming raw and outgoing finished product.
- Shelf life testing and sensory analysis of finished product.

Oregon State University, Graduate Research Assistant, Corvallis, OR, Fall 2005 –Summer 2008

- Thesis research: Quantification and composition of wine proteins.

Creamery Restaurant and Inn, Shift Supervisor/Lead cook, Downsville, WI, Fall 2002– Summer 2005

- Seasonal menu development, line and prep cooking, daily special preparation.
- Initiated and oversight of on-site compost of food waste.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Weingut Toni Jost

Harvest Intern/Lab technician

Bacharach, Germany

Sept 2009 – Nov 2009

Grassroots Campaigns

Field Manager

Portland, OR

Dec 2008 – Feb 2009

12th and Maple Wine Company

Cellar Intern

Dundee, OR,

Sept 2008 – Dec 2008

Left Coast Cellars

Cellar Intern/Lab technician

Rickreall, OR

Sept 2007 – Dec 2007

EDUCATION:

Oregon State University

Masters of Science (June 2008): Food Science and Technology
Emphasis: Enology/Biochemistry

Corvallis, OR

University of Wisconsin–Stout

Bachelor of Science (May 2005): Food Systems and Technology
Emphasis: Food Science

Menomonie, WI

Johnson & Wales University

Associate of Science (May 2001): Culinary Arts

Providence, RI

PUBLICATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Rowe, Jeffrey D., Harbertson, James F., Osborne, James P., Freitag, Michael, Lim, Juyun and Bakalinsky, Alan T. *Systematic Identification of Yeast Proteins Extracted into Model Wine during Aging on the Yeast Lees*. *J. Agric. Food Chem.*, 2010, 58 (4), pp 2337–2346
- Speaker– American Society for Enology and Viticulture – June 18, 2008
- Greensense (Stout's Ecology Club) – Spring 2002 – 2005 ***Co-President** 2004–2005
- Magna Cum Laude, Johnson & Wales – 2001
- 15 years working in the food industry

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Preparation of lunches for at-risk youth via Ecumenical Ministries – Spring 2009– Fall 2009
- Volunteered on family-run organic farm in Ecuador – Summer 2008
- Helped with Peace Corps latrine project in Panama– Summer 2008

2012 Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council Call for Applications

The City of Portland and Multnomah County seek interested community members to serve two-year terms on the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council. Those interested in being considered for a January 2012 appointment should complete the following application and submit it by October 21. Resumes or curricula vitae are optional.

The Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council provides policy advice to local governments on food-related matters that impact land use, health, the environment, jobs, access, and other relevant issues. The Council currently consists of 15 members who are appointed by Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen.

Priorities for 2012 are expected to include:

- the availability of healthy, affordable food to all residents;
- food justice;
- urban food production and distribution/land use policies;
- expanding the networking role of the Council;
- the capacity of local communities to engage in healthy food practices; and
- food system strategic planning.

Food Policy Council Positions

The position of Council member will require expertise in one or more local food-related issues such as local agriculture, food security and access, nutrition, food business and industrial practices, community food education, land use, urban food production and distribution. Equally important is the Council members' ability to work together to create policy advice that takes into consideration the impact of current and proposed policies on the entire local food system.

The criteria that the Commissioners use for selecting members include:

- Commitment to a two-year long term requiring regular attendance and participation in monthly meetings (4:00–6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month); active membership on at least one subcommittee of the Council that will generate a work plan with specific goals; and attendance at a half-day retreat in January 2012;
- Ability to generate policy action items for the Council to pursue;
- Capacity to bring specific food system relationships and resources to the effort, as well as potential to represent diverse sectors of the local food system and/or the community at large; and
- Lives or works predominantly within Multnomah County.

The Portland Multnomah County FPC website can be found at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=42290>

Applicants will be notified of the City/County decision by November 17 and individuals nominated to the Council will be invited to the December 8 Food Policy Council meeting.

Thank you for your interest. For more information, please contact Steve Cohen, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, steve.cohen@portlandoregon.gov; Katie Lynd, Multnomah County Sustainability Program, Katie.lynd@co.multnomah.or.us; or Rachael Banks, Multnomah County Health Department, rachael.m.banks@co.multnomah.or.us.