

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
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Chair Kafoury and Board of Commissioners,

The Food Service Advisory Committee facilitates communication between the food service industry, the general public and Multnomah County Environmental Health Services. In doing so, it provides critical guidance and feedback to our program's operation, strategies and systems. Recent committee work includes:

- Review of the food service facility license fee structure
- Industry feedback on changes to the Oregon Food Sanitation Rules
- Guidance on education and outreach strategies for food service operators
- Industry and community input on our updated licensing and inspection software and web interface

As part of our continual effort to support a robust and inclusive committee roster, we have identified three community representatives who are interested in serving on the Food Service Advisory Committee:

- **Caitlin Burke**, Economic Development Fund and Program Coordinator, Hacienda CDC. In this position Caitlin works to fundraise and implement an expansion of the Micro Mercantes food incubator in the (soon-to-be) Portland Mercado project, which will be the first Latino public market in Portland. Caitlin provides critical perspective on working with emerging businesses and engaging business owners from the Latino/a community. Recently, Caitlin partnered with our program to produce culturally appropriate videos on the setup and operation of temporary food booths.
- **Sherry Fox Hames**, Owner and Operator, Shakers Martini Lounge. Sherry is a new business owner and recently worked with the Health Department to open her first restaurant and bar in Gresham. Her experience interacting with our program and systems will help us as we continually seek to improve our service to business owners.
- **Rachel Clark**, Operations Manager, Goose Hollow Inn. Rachel has a long history of partnering with Environmental Health Inspectors to promote safe food practices in her facilities. We are excited to formalize that relationship by bringing Rachel on to the committee.

We fully support the approval of these new members in order to better inform the work of Multnomah County Environmental Health. Thanks for your attention to this appointment, we are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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