

Interest Form for Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council

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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:

BS Portland State University, 2011, magna cum laude, double major:

Economics, with Honors

Environmental Studies, with a minor in Geography

A.A.O.T. Mt. Hood Community College, 2008

A. Reasons for wanting to serve on this group:

I have a strong commitment to dedicating my energy and talent towards building a socially just and equitable food system that benefits all of Portland's diverse residents, and I think that solid and supportive policy is a necessary foundation for that to occur. I have particular talents and abilities that I think would be a benefit to the council, and as I start my career out in this sector I would like to volunteer my time to this group and help out in any way I can. My personal interest is in food justice, and I would like to sit on that sub-committee if chosen. I am working towards setting up a relationship between the different refugee communities in Portland and various land conservation and urban/rural farm advocacy groups, and I think this council would be a good venue to explore the ways policy can facilitate more efforts like that and make sure they are successful.

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

Skills: Economic analysis, ecological modeling techniques, qualitative and quantitative research methods, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), writing, editing, web design (Weebly and Google sites), networking.

Knowledge: Political economy, Payments for Ecosystem Services theory and practice, Social Capital theories, sustainability and sustainable development, food justice, common property resource management.

Affiliations: Institute for Sustainable Solutions (at PSU), Friends of Family Farmers, Wisdom of the Elders Alliance (currently expanding garden efforts), Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

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

Dates (from/to)	Employer or Volunteer Activity	Responsibilities
9/11-present	Volunteer with Friends of Family Farmers	Tabling and outreach, research expansion of database to ethnic/minority farmers
9/10 – 8/11	Work with Sustainability Leadership Center @ PSU	Liaison with student government, research policy recommendations, negotiate purchase of sustainable furniture, research best practices, compile data on student perspectives of a sustainable food system
1/10 – 6/10	Intern with Sustainability Leadership Center @ PSU	Network with student leaders, research City of Portland Green Street initiatives, co-planned a permaculture garden for Montgomery Green Street, sought diverse stakeholder participation

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

Sustainable Drinking Water Taskforce – PSU:

Appointed by the University President following a presentation by the group I was working for, this taskforce was comprised of people from administration, auxiliary services, facilities and planning, catering, the sustainability office, and finally our group representing students. It was a great achievement bringing together diverse stakeholder interests to achieve a common purpose of reducing bottled water use on campus.

Student Sustainability Leadership Council – PSU:

This group was comprised of over 30 student leaders that came from over 18 different student groups – many of which were multicultural in nature. Through teambuilding and group learning exercises, we gained valuable knowledge in how to work together and build synergies across traditional boundaries.

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

In September I began a year-long applied research project with my wife to determine ways to build greater access to food self-sufficiency and economic self-determination among Portland's refugee community. We are working with IRCO, Friends of Family Farmers, and other groups to determine the needs of the refugee population and implement innovative outreach with Portland's thriving urban farming community and rural land conservation groups to help satisfy those needs. This project has led us to multiple action areas that must be brought to overlap in order to address the root issue. These action areas range from health and diet needs all the way to food access and land use policy. I have an interest in becoming a member of this council because as a native Oregonian I want to see this vision of ours, and many like it, all the way through to the implementation of a robust, equitable food system that benefits all people. I think the work that has been done by this group is truly inspiring, and I would do my best to further this progress in the food policy arena if chosen for this council. Thank you.

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: Andy Eiden

Date: 10/21/2011

Andy Eiden

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Education

B.S. Portland State University, Summer 2011, *magna cum laude*

Double Major: **Economics**, with Honors GPA: **3.92**

Environmental Studies GPA: **3.94**

Minor in Geography

Representative Research

Undergraduate Honors Thesis in Economics; Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Participatory Forest Management in Ethiopia: an Institutional look at the Bale Mountain Eco-region

Research Paper, Technical Report Writing; Summer 2010

Agroforestry as an Integrated Development Strategy for the Mexican countryside

Awards and Memberships

Paul Croy Environmental Scholarship, Carl Campbell Departmental Award in Economics, Kawase Study Abroad Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College

Volunteer Experience

VOIS Alliance (Voice for Oregon Innovation and Sustainability) Sep 2011-
Edited and formatted contracts for event sponsors; assisted with day-of-event preparations and event execution

Work Experience at PSU

Sustainable Purchasing Specialist Sep 2010 – Aug 2011

Advised project manager on implementation of green purchasing criteria; worked as project lead with providers of sustainably harvested/salvaged wood for purchasing conference table; evaluated and scored grant proposals; wrote training manual for freshman eco-rep program; planned and facilitated staff meetings; worked with Student Fee Committee to change purchasing policies for student groups

Student Sustainability Engagement Intern Jan 2010 – June 2010

Planned a design charrete to facilitate broad-based stakeholder participation in the City of Portland's Green Street initiative; drafted outline for student sustainability coalition; organized workshop to enable creation of student sustainability coalition

Take Back the Tap, core team-member Jan 2008 - August 2011

Researched and co-authored grant proposals which were awarded over \$40,000; drafted resolution on sustainable drinking water passed by student senate; wrote articles for publication in student newspaper; made presentations to administrators

References

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