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## **Extensive Public Input**

In November, 2005 a unanimous City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look since 1913 at how the City was working. This independent volunteer committee spent 15 months developing their recommendations and held more than 100 public meetings.

**These volunteers listened to over 2000 hours of testimony from:**

- Current and former elected officials;
- Neighborhood organizations;
- Senior organizations;
- Minority media representatives;
- Youth organizations;
- City workers;
- Bureau directors;
- Academic and legal experts;
- Public administrators;
- Community organizations;
- Labor representatives;
- Auditors;
- Professional managers; and
- Community members.

The panel developed draft recommendations and presented them to more than 30 diverse community and neighborhood organizations for review and discussion.

All of the panel's meetings were open to the public and televised. The panel reported formally to the City Council 3 times throughout the 15 months in addition to meeting individually with City Commissioners. The panel's final recommendations were submitted to the City Council in January 2007 and referred to the voters.

Portlanders will have been discussing the need for these reforms for many years by the time they vote May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**And, these reforms are long overdue!**

**They are the first to be submitted to the voters in 94 years that include more citizen oversight, streamlined government, and increased accountability.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM TOM POTTER

### Real Reform at City Hall

Dear Neighbors,

Two years ago I campaigned for Mayor by asking for your help in changing how City Hall works. You told me about the problems you had in accessing City services. We've made a good start together, bringing a renewed sense of openness and transparency, and making City Hall more welcoming to everyone.

Now it's time to finish the job.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to adopt four reforms proposed by an independent committee of Portlanders that will increase accountability, achieve more efficient use of tax dollars, and bring more community oversight to City Hall.

I'm proud to support this volunteer commission's recommendations for real reform at City Hall. Their reforms include some of the most significant changes to our City since 1913. And, it's about time!

- 89: Provide you the opportunity to review city government every ten years and allows the public to vote on community recommendations;
- 90: Streamline and modernize public employee provisions – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- 91: Eliminate duplication of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus by allowing managers to run City bureaus, and hold them accountable; and
- 92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission;

Reforming City Hall will take hard work, but that's what you've elected me to do.

I need your help.

I hope you'll help me bring more accountability and citizen oversight to City Hall by supporting Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

Take care and thank you,

Tom Potter  
Mayor

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**CLEAN UP OUTDATED, CONFUSING & CONFLICTING REGULATIONS**

**BRING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO PERFORMANCE**

In November 2005, Portland City Council charged a group of 26 independent volunteers to comprehensively review the City Charter.

After meeting for 14 months, holding over 100 public hearings and listening to more than 2,000 hours of testimony, a majority of the 26 members of the commission came up with four reforms designed to increase the efficiency and accountability of city government.

**Streamline and Modernize the City's Civil Service Requirements**

One of these reforms – Reform 90 – will streamline and modernize outdated language found in the City Charter's civil service language.

**Establish a Flexible, Merit-based Personnel System**

The measure will provide a more flexible and adaptable structure for a merit-based personnel system, rewarding more employees for their performance, not their tenure.

**Require Annual Reports**

Require the City's Civil Service Board to report to City Council yearly; meet at least quarterly; and review any administrative rules adopted or set to go before Council –helping reduce the use of confusing or conflicting language.

**Increase Accountability**

Provide greater accountability by increasing the number of top level employees that can be fired if they do not perform.

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**Vote Yes on 89, 90, 91 & 92.**

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**Streamline work rules that are too often outdated  
and cost the City time and money**

Portland's Charter, which hasn't had a comprehensive review since 1913, is filled with Civil Service language that is old, outdated and often confusing.

It's time to modernize and streamline our Civil Service rules while maintaining protections for our rank and file workers. These changes will:

- strengthen the reporting requirements of the Civil Service Board;
- standardize the civil service appeals process; and
- delete or update, outdated, confusing and inconsistent regulations.

Reform 90 also increases accountability by increasing the number of top level employees that can be fired if they do not perform.

**A YES vote on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92 will:**

- update and streamline government;
- provide more coordination among bureaus;
- hold managers accountable; and
- provide more citizen oversight.

**Give citizens a voice in improving City Hall.**

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