Henry Balensifer III
Commissioner—Warrenton City Commission
Warrenton, OR

Henry Balensifer was elected to the Warrenton City Commission in 2012 and elected Vice-Chair by the commission in 2013.

Born and raised in Warrenton, he has tirelessly worked to increase the education and opportunities of children in Warrenton. At age 15, he founded WarHF, Incorporated, and raised $485,000 in a year-and-a-half to build a state-of-the-art salmon research hatchery at Warrenton High School. At age 19, he retrofitted that facility into the nation’s first rain-powered hatchery.

In 2007, he was appointed by Governor Kulongoski to the Oregon 150 Commission where, as chairman of the Youth Legacy Committee, he conceived and planned Project 2059, a statewide, 50-year visioning process.

Henry received his degree in Political Science and Conflict Resolution at George Fox University and is a graduate of the Ford Institute Leadership Program and the Luke Center for Catalytic Leadership Pacific Program.

Monique Barton
Senior Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility—Bank of America
Portland, OR

Over the past 20 years, Monique has created and managed effective public affairs, philanthropy and communications campaigns for leading organizations across the western states. Her work has encompassed corporate reputation protection, ballot measures, crisis communications campaigns, and strategic planning.

She received her degree in Advertising from Brigham Young University and is accredited in public relations by the Public Relations Society of America.

In her current post at Bank of America, Monique serves as the Senior Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, where she directs local philanthropy, sponsorships, executive thought-leadership, volunteerism, corporate reputation protection, and public affairs activities. She serves on the bank’s Global Marketing & Corporate Affairs team.

Monique is originally from Cape Town, South Africa, and is fluent in Afrikaans. She now lives in Portland, Oregon.
Jonathan Blasher
Executive Director—Playworks
Portland, OR

Jonathan Blasher was born and raised in Eugene, OR. He has devoted his life to serving the needs of communities, and is inspired by the capacity for human compassion.

Jonathan is the Executive Director for Playworks in Portland, OR, a national nonprofit focused on youth development and school climate improvement, and dedicated to improving the health, learning and well-being of children through recess play and physical activity. His experience includes delivering direct service at schools, managing and directing program teams, negotiating school district contracts, grant writing, donor stewardship, corporate partnership engagement and advocacy.

He earned his BA from the University of California Santa Cruz and his MBA from the University of Oregon, Lundquist College of Business. Jonathan is an AmeriCorps alumni, former Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer and Civic Committee member of the Urban League of Portland Young Professionals. In his leisure time he likes to play basketball, travel, play music, fly fish and spend time with his wife.

John Breidenbach
CEO—Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Ontario, OR

John has been the President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for the past 8 years. A graduate of Heppner High School, he also attended Treasure Valley Community College, served three years in the US Army and five years in the Oregon National Guard.

John has a wide range of business experience, from large factories to small businesses, from retail operations to media.

He has the honor of serving on many boards of organizations in his community.

In 2011, he graduated from the Western Association of Chamber Executives Academy.
Lisa Brubaker  
**Senior Vice President, Government Programs—Cambia Health Solutions**  
Portland, OR

Lisa Brubaker is responsible for growth, finance and operations of government programs, with accountability for overall performance of Cambia’s Medicare and Federal Employee Programs (FEP) lines of business and other government programs.

She is also Trustee Emeritus of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, a member of the Oregon Business Association, Education Committee, and has served as a Board Member for the YMCA of the Greater Rochester Area (New York), the Rochester Museum and Science Center, Greater Rochester Enterprise, the Rochester Business Alliance, and the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency.

Lisa earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Iowa State University and a Master’s in Health Service Administration from the University of Michigan.

Kendall Clawson  
**Director of Executive Appointments—Governor’s Office, State of Oregon**  
Salem, OR

Kendall Clawson is currently the Director of Executive Appointments and the Arts and Culture Policy Advisor for Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber. She is responsible for the recruitment and oversight of 312 boards and commissions to which the Governor appoints, and for his policies and programs in the arts and culture arena.

Prior to joining Governor Kitzhaber’s senior staff, Ms. Clawson worked in the non-profit arena for 22 years, primarily in community development, non-profit management, and strategic planning. Most recently, she served as Vice President at the United Way of the Pioneer Valley (Massachusetts) and the Executive Director of the Q Center, Portland, Oregon’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community center.

Ms. Clawson has a Bachelor’s degree in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.
Suzanne Cooper  
**Vice President, Bulk Power Marketing—Bonneville Power Administration**  
Portland, OR

Suzanne Cooper is the Vice President of Bulk Marketing at Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). She has been with BPA for 22 years, taking on her current leadership role in 2011.

Cooper joined BPA in 1991, with initial roles in EEO, load forecasting, market analysis, and loads and resource analyses. She later worked eight years focused on operations to enhance survival for fish spawning, rearing, and migrating through the federal hydropower system. She then spent three years managing Power Policy and Rates.

A native Oregonian, Cooper was born in Portland and raised in Corvallis. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in economics from Lewis and Clark College in Portland. Cooper and her husband, William, live in Gresham. They have three sons aged 20, 15, and 6.

Lisa Gaines  
**Director—Institute for Natural Resources**  
Corvallis, OR

Lisa is currently the director of the Oregon University System’s Institute for Natural Resources (INR), headquartered at Oregon State University. She has worked for more than 20 years with universities, government agencies, and NGOs to develop and manage multi-institutional natural resource and international development projects and programs. At heart, she is a facilitator and a networker. Lisa’s areas of interest and experience include the human dimensions of environmental risk, environmental policy and decision-making, citizen participation, evaluation, and international transboundary waters.

Lisa was born in Hawaii and raised in California and on the East Coast. As the daughter of a military officer, Lisa moved every two years—and she loved it! After her undergraduate studies and living in Madrid, Spain, Lisa moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where she has lived for the past 22 years. Lisa earned her two Bachelor’s degrees from the University of California, Davis and her Master’s and Ph.D. from Oregon State University.

She loves to travel, have fun, and have rambling adventures with her family and friends. She also enjoys swimming, biking, hiking, just being outdoors, and meeting new people. Lisa and her husband, Jon, have two daughters—Eva and Vivian—who together create plenty of adventures for family and friends.
Jake Gibbs
Director of External Affairs—Lone Rock
Timber Management Company
Roseburg, OR

Jake is a suburban St. Louis, MO, native. He graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a BS in Forestry in 1993, and lived in Moscow, Russia, and Atlanta, Georgia, before moving to Umpqua in 1996.

He started at Lone Rock in December 1996 as a tree planter on the company reforestation crew, and has since worked within various departments gaining exposure to the entire company operation. John was named Director of External Affairs and promoted to the management team in 2010 and now oversees policy and regulatory affairs as well as new business development. He serves on several boards and associations on behalf of LRT.

Jake met his wife Jenny while in college. She opened her own physical therapy clinic in January 2012. They have two daughters—Emma and Madeline—who are active in sports, choir/band and FFA/4H. John has been on the Oakland School District Board of Education since 2010.

Martín González Martínez
Manager of Multicultural Programs—TriMet
Portland, OR

Martín González Martínez was appointed to the Portland School Board in 2008 and elected to the Board in May 2009. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Board and will finish his term in June 30, 2013. Professionally, González serves as the Multicultural Program Manager at Tri-Met.

González received his B.S. in Education from Texas A & M University in Corpus Christi, Texas. He has more than 30 years of community and social justice organizing experience. He has served in leadership roles throughout Portland's Latino community. González was a founder of Latino Network, and former President of Centro Cultural of Washington County. González lives in North Portland with his family.
John Goodwin
Senior Premium Service Manager—Portland Trail Blazers
Portland, OR

John Goodwin is a UNC Tarheel who studied in London and lived in New York, Europe, and Hawaii. He is currently Senior Premium Service Manager for the Portland Trail Blazers, where he oversees the Premium Courtside seating in the Rose Garden arena and manages the accounts for the arena's most sought after seats.

Before joining the Trail Blazers, he hosted presidents, stars, and world class athletes at the Benson Hotel, where he moved up the ranks from the front office to becoming the hotel's top sales manager. After the Benson, he spent seven years dramatically increasing membership at the University Club of Portland as Marketing Director. He recently joined the University Club as a Member.

In his spare time, John enjoys traveling and has visited a vast number of beautiful locales throughout the world. He also enjoys visiting galleries, museums and collecting art. He has loaned art from his collection to both New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and the Portland Art Museum where he is a Patron Member. John likes playing and watching tennis and has attended the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open.

Simon Hare
Commissioner—Josephine County
Grants Pass, OR

Southern Oregon native Simon Hare spent his childhood on his family's cattle ranch with his parents, brother, and sister. He cultivated a connection to the land and a love for farming and agriculture, and continues to spend much of his free time replacing fences and keeping things running on the family farm.

In 2002, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business from Oregon State University, and went on to serve as a legislative intern in Senator Gordon H. Smith's Washington, D.C. office. His desire to make a difference in rural America lead him to a position with the Rural Electric Cooperative Association, where he spent six years.

He returned to Oregon in 2008 looking for a change of pace and to be closer to home. The degraded state of his local community was the inspiration that moved him "off the couch" and into the arena of local politics.

Commissioner Hare took office after winning the general election for position #1 in January 2011. Since that time he has piloted very challenging times in Josephine County. He continues to be a proponent of small, fiscally responsible government, and a long-term funding solution for the county.
Tyee Eamon Harpster  
**General Manager of Specialty Finishes and Specialty Marine Decking—Vigor Industries**  
Portland, OR

Tyee earned an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business with an emphasis on International Business, Business Strategy and Small Business. He was the Co-President/Team Captain of the Stanford Rugby Team. His undergraduate degree is from Cornell University where he majored in Government and History. He is an active member of the Cornell University Alumni Network, Stanford GSB Alumni, and Stanford University Alumni.

He is currently the General Manager of Specialty Finishes and Specialty Marine Decking at Vigor Industries, the leading provider of shipbuilding, ship repair and other industrial services in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Previously, Tyee held professional positions as the GM at Documents, Larson Juhl and NWF Commercial at Northwest Framing. He was the Director of Business Development at Cyclone Commerce and Associate Partner with Nippon Enterprises prior to that.

Tyee’s expertise is in professional business development and business turnaround. Tyee enjoys managing people from diverse backgrounds and skill sets. He believes in empowering and equipping individuals and teams to achieve their very best work. Tyee lives in northeast Portland with his wife and two children.

Daniel Ledezma  
**Director of Equity, Policy, and Communications—Portland Housing Bureau**  
Portland, OR

Daniel Ledezma leads the Equity, Policy and Communications team for the Portland Housing Bureau. She has held key leadership roles for over ten years at the City of Portland. Through her work with a variety of programs and community partners, her leadership has furthered the City’s goals of creating and preserving affordable rental housing and has forged important collaborations in the homeownership arena. She is highly regarded for fostering innovative collaborations, community and civic involvement and demonstrated leadership in advancing equity among historically underserved communities. She is an experienced facilitator, leading many of Portland’s most successful organizations for communities of color through their strategic planning process.

Originally from Colorado, she holds a degree from the University of Notre Dame in Government and Peace Studies, with a focus on conflict resolution, planning, and community development. She has two years of master’s level coursework in Urban Planning from Portland State University. Daniel is a graduate of Unidos—a statewide Latino leadership program, Future Leaders Initiative, and the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber’s Latino Leadership Program.
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Alvin Liu
Pastor—Elohim Covenant Ministries
Heppner, OR

Alvin Jeremiah Liu was born in Taiwan and is now a citizen of the United States of America. He is married with children and serves as the pastor of Elohim Covenant Ministries in Heppner, Oregon. He is also a council member of the Oregon Community Foundation, a Community Ambassador of the Ford Family Foundation, and a member of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Ryan
CEO—All Hands Raised
Portland, OR

Since 2008 Dan Ryan has served as the CEO of All Hands Raised, which has a mission to champion education, equity and excellence inside and outside of the classroom in Portland and Multnomah County. Possessing a deep commitment to equity and ensuring that all kids succeed, Dan has worked to expand the work of the organization to six school districts in Multnomah County. This long-term sustainable collective impact work is rooted in the national Strive cradle to career model. He has also strengthened the organization’s two-decade long focus on the Portland Public Schools Foundation. As the backbone organization for the All Hands Raised Partnership, Dan leads the organization in synchronizing the community’s collective actions and guiding them toward measurable results, as well as rallying the community together to change: practices, expectations and behaviors to improve outcomes for all kids.

Dan serves on advisory boards for the Portland Trail Blazers, Portland State University’s Graduate School of Education, the Center for Innovative School Facilities, and the SUN Service System Coordinating Council. Prior to All Hands Raised, he worked in the private, public, and non-profit sectors including positions at the Oregon Ballet Theatre, Portland State University, Pacific Science Center, and New School University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oregon and did graduate-level work at New School University.
Joseph Santos-Lyons
Executive Director—Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
Portland, OR

Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons is a Chinese-American minister and cultural organizer who grew up in Clackamas County and lives in North Portland. Joseph’s commitment to public service lies at the intersection of his religious calling and his experience with music. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Network (APANO), a statewide advocacy organization focused on civic engagement and policy advocacy. He is also the Affiliate Community Minister with the First Unitarian Church of Portland.

Joseph is passionate about his family and neighborhood, spending time outdoors with his wife and three kids, and tending to a prolific plum tree. He is a past performing member of Portland Taiko, a multicultural trainer, and is particularly interested in the rising community of color electorate. Community board service includes Resolutions NW, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, and the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.

Joseph completed his Bachelor of Science at the University of Oregon and Master’s in Divinity from Harvard University.

Rosie Shatkin
Legislative Policy Advisor—State Senator Arnie Roblan, Oregon State Senate
Florence, OR

Rosie Shatkin presently serves as a Legislative Aide to former Co-Speaker and now Senator Arnie Roblan. She joined Representative Roblan's staff in 2009 and, in his most recent successful re-election bid, served as his Campaign Manager.

Previous to her public service in Oregon, Rosie worked on habeas corpus review and civil rights complaints for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. She has also worked for a private law firm in its litigation department and did legislative analysis for the California Appellate Project. Before moving into the legal arena, Rosie was an educator, academic counselor and chairperson of the Social Studies Department at St. Genevieve High School in Los Angeles.

She received her Juris Doctor degree in 2005 from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and her B.A. in political science in 2000 from UCLA. She makes her home in Florence, Oregon.
Zeke Smith
Chief Impact Officer—United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
Portland, OR

As the Chief Impact Officer of the United Way of the Columbia Willamette, Zeke Smith leads the community impact strategy through grant making, volunteerism, community convening, and policy work.

Previously Zeke served as the Chief of Staff to Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith from 2007 to 2012. He was responsible for managing the executive leadership team, providing strategic planning leadership for the district, and managing connections with community organizations, elected officials and other jurisdictions. Zeke also served All Hands Raised (formerly the Portland Schools Foundation) as its Director of Community Engagement. In that role he built strong relationships with Portland Public Schools and a wide array of civic institutions and communities of color. He developed and implemented Connected-By-25, designed to connect every Portland teen and young adult to school, work and citizenship by age 25 through a coalition of public and private organizations.

Zeke is also a Portland Public Schools parent: his two children attend Beaumont Middle School, and Vernon Elementary, a Pre-K-8 school.

Terri Sorensen
Executive Director—Friends of the Children
Portland, OR

Terri Sorensen is a catalyst and visionary for changing the way our nation treats its most vulnerable children. As president of the Friends of the Children national network, Terri provides strategic direction for Friends of the Children chapters, located in Boston, MA; Klamath Falls, OR; New York, NY; Portland, OR; and Seattle, WA. Her passion inspires a network of 124 employees, serving over 760 children, with a budget of $8.5 million.

She led the Friends of the Children-Portland chapter for eight years to great success: the revenue and number of children served grew by 54% over five years; over $4.3 million in annual operating revenue was raised without federal, state, or county funding; and over $11 million was raised for an endowment to ensure sustainability. In 2012, Friends of the Children was named the Most Admired Non-Profit in Oregon by the Portland Business Journal, and has been in the top ten for the past seven years.

Terri holds a BS in Accountancy from the School of Business & Public Administration at the University of Missouri, and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), licensed to practice in Oregon. She serves as a Board member for Social Venture Partners, Oregon Mentors, and the National Charity League-Oregon Rose Chapter. Terri received a 2012 Orchid Award for the 25 Most Influential Women in Business by the Portland Business Journal.
Kristin Stathis
VP Customer Services Operations—Portland
General Electric
Portland, OR

Kristin Stathis leads PGE’s Customer Service Operations area, which is responsible for providing outstanding service in day-to-day interactions with the company’s 827,000 customers. She oversees PGE’s metering, billing, credit, collections and contact center operations.

A 19-year-veteran of PGE, Stathis has served in a broad range of roles throughout the organization. Prior to her current position, she served as general manager of Revenue Operations, assistant treasurer and manager of Corporate Finance and general manager of Power Supply Risk Management. Before joining PGE, Stathis worked at a number of companies in the Portland area, most recently Arthur Andersen LLP.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Willamette University and a certificate in accounting from Portland State University. Stathis also serves on the board of the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities, and on the board of Marylhurst University.

Barbara Summers
Director of Business Development—NW Natural
Portland, OR

Barbara Summers is the Director of Business for Northwest Natural Gas Company, an LDC headquartered in Portland Oregon. At NW Natural, Barbara is responsible for regulated and non-regulated business development.

Prior to joining NW Natural, she held similar positions with PacifiCorp and Scottish Power as Vice President, Business Development and Vice President PacifiCorp Power Marketing, now PPM. She has been active in the energy and telecommunications industries for over 30 years concentrating on developing new business opportunities, strategic business relationships and joint ventures, and short and long term strategies.

Barbara is married with three children and has a BS in Business Administration from Portland State University.
Denise Swanson  
Deputy Director—211Info  
Dallas, OR

I am the Deputy Director for 211Info, a statewide non-profit providing free information and referral services to Oregonians. I work primarily with our partners around the state to improve our services and find new ways for 211Info to be an asset to our local communities.

Previously, I have served as the Deputy Director of the United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley. I sit on the Polk County Commission for Children and Families, and am the Senior Warden for St Thomas Episcopal Church. I am also chairing St Thomas’ first annual jazz festival to raise money for local non-profits. I am a graduate of the Ford Family Leadership Institute, and also a community ambassador for Ford.

I am a soccer fanatic and have season tickets to the Portland Timbers. I enjoy international travel. My husband and I have been to several world sporting events, including the Winter Olympics, and soccer and rugby world cups.

I reside in Dallas, Oregon, with my husband, John, and our two dogs and two cats.

Tashiana Wangler  
Government Affairs Manager—PacifiCorp  
Portland, OR

Tashiana Wangler has lived and worked in Portland since 2006. She works at PacifiCorp as the government affairs manager, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers across the West and serving 555,000 customers across Oregon.

Before moving to Portland, Tashiana lived in Washington, D.C., for several years. While there, Tashiana worked for Senator Kent Conrad as a legislative correspondent; for City Year, a nonprofit AmeriCorps program, in government affairs; and, earned her Master’s degree from Georgetown University.

In her free time, Tashiana and her husband enjoy gardening, bicycling, throwing the Frisbee and playing pinochle. Tashiana is also active as a volunteer on the Oregon Volunteers program committee; a renewable advisory committee member at the Energy Trust of Oregon; and the business advertising manager for her neighborhood association’s quarterly newsletter.
Patti Whitney-Wise
Executive Director—Oregon Hunger Task Force/Partners for A Hunger Free Oregon
Portland, OR

Patti is one of the nation’s most effective anti-hunger activists. Her innovative leadership of the Oregon Hunger Task Force helped Oregon become one of the only states in the country to reduce hunger by US Department of Agriculture measures. She has won multiple awards for her work and helped create the first five-year plan for Oregon: “Act to End Hunger: 40 Ways in Five Years to Make a Difference.”

Patti’s 33 years of experience includes outreach for the Children’s Rights Group on federal food programs, promotion of church/state policy initiatives as the Executive Director for the California Council of Churches and the formation of Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, a non-profit to support the work of the Oregon Hunger Task Force. She is also working with the First Lady of Oregon, Cylvia Hayes, on a Prosperity Initiative, to be released this fall.

Patti is a native Oregonian and grew up in Salem. She has two children and lives in Milwaukie with her husband, Stephen.