

County district in the next few months to gather petition signatures to place his name on the ballot next year.

"Karen Minnis bought her spot in the Legislature in the last few elections with massive corporate political contributions," he said. "I want to earn my way onto the ballot through grassroots support, and I want to earn the trust and votes of my neighbors to give them a new voice in Salem."

Brading works as CEO of Multnomah Community Television. He serves on the Multnomah County Library Board and is past president of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce. Brading also served on the Gresham Centennial Planning Committee and the Police Advisory Committee. He and his wife, Karen, a minister and chaplain at Willamette University, live in Fairview.

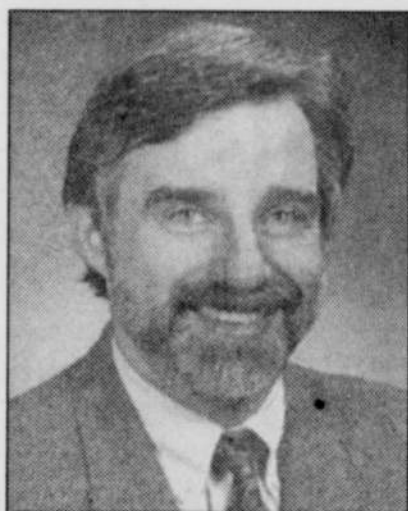
Queer Leaders Appointed to Mayoral Charter Review Board

Portland Mayor Tom Potter has named a diverse group of 25 community members who will sit on the city's first Charter Review Commission since 1922.

Additionally, he has asked 11 distinguished Portlanders to serve on an Honorary Advisory Committee that will offer expertise and guidance to the commission. The group includes former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts and former Portland Mayor Vera Katz.

A resolution charging the Charter Review Commission with reviewing the city's form of government, examining the role of the quasi-independent Portland Development Commission and reforming Civil Service rules was heard Nov. 9 by the City Council.

The charter, much like the U.S. Constitution, contains the rules and laws that describe how the city functions, organizes itself and makes the decisions



Rob Brading is challenging Oregon House Speaker Karen Minnis in District 49, which includes Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale and Gresham.

that affect our daily lives. The charter determines how effective our city government is, how city employees are hired and retained, what kind of service the public receives and how tax dollars are collected and spent.

Minor changes to the charter have been made every few years, but this is the first complete review of its form of government in more than 80 years. Portland is the last major city in the country with a commission style of government.

More than 160 residents applied to sit on the commission. The commission has a July 1, 2006, deadline. Its recommendations then will be presented to the council before being forwarded to the public as a ballot measure in the November 2006 election.

Queer community leaders appointed to the board are Melanie Davis, David Martinez, Bob Ball and LeAnn Locher.

Davis is the sales and marketing director for *El Hispanic News*, the nation's largest bilingual newspaper, and treasurer of the Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association. She has been involved with the Multnomah County Gang Task Force, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Sabor Latino and Portland Community Land Trust.

Martinez is director of multicultural programs for Linfield College's Portland campus and a board member of the Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association, Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference, Cascade AIDS Project and LGBTQ Community Center Fund.

Locher is a communications professional with the Metropolitan Group and has worked with many government agencies, including the PDC, and is active in queer causes.

Ball is a real estate developer who is also a volunteer officer for the Portland Police Bureau. He was chief petitioner of a ballot measure to change Portland's form of government in 2001-2002. **to**

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From left, David Martinez, Melanie Davis and Bob Ball have been named to a mayoral panel to review the city's charter.



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