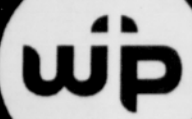


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the last few years, and it will be great to have this kind of expertise right at our fingertips."

The Job Fair places job-seekers face-to-face with employers from a wide range of industries in both the public and private sectors where they can learn about available openings, pay scales and benefits, and the amount of education needed to obtain a given position, Washington said. Among the employers represented at this year's fair will be Comcast, Clark County Human Resources, and New Seasons Market, to name a few.

The 2012 Job Fair is sponsored by Brooks Staffing and OregonLive.com.

"This is the best job fair in the city of Portland, for a number of reasons," said Mark Curnell of Oregon/Idaho AAA Human Resources. "The support staff is outstanding, there is a high applicant flow... and it is well advertised - in fact, the promotion of the event is superb."

Would-be employees are encouraged to "dress like you're going to an interview," Washington said. "We attract lots of job-seekers, so it's also a good idea to show up early."

"It's no secret that it's a competitive job market at the moment," Washington added. "People should try to give themselves every advantage they can."

For more information, visit [pcc.edu/cascadejobfair](http://pcc.edu/cascadejobfair).

## Activist

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munity.

He also points to his work with Joe Ann Hardesty (formerly Bowman), a local African-American leader and former state representative, to promote equity issues, such as keeping a 30 percent set-aside for housing from Urban Renewal districts.

"We need someone who knows how to do something," he said, during a visit to the offices of the Portland Observer.

Chase said Metro can help

create jobs that fight poverty with living wages. He calls for the cleanup of polluted brownfield sites for job creation, and for maximizing minority contracting to help the disadvantaged.

He said downtown projects like streetcars are good things, but often come at the expense of other needs.

"Are we doing everything we can? Who's being left behind?" he asked, questions that he said he would apply to the issues before Metro.

Chase and his wife Meredith have two young daughters who attend Portland Public Schools.

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