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Multnomah County on Thursday swore in Susheela Jayapal as the Board of Commissioners' first Indian-American member. She succeeds Loretta Smith who was prevented by term limits for running for re-election and then lost an election for Portland City Council.

## Jayapal Takes Oath

### County board seats first Indian-American

The Multnomah County Commission opened the New Year by seating its first Indian-American member.

Born in India, the former general counsel for adidas America, Susheela Jayapal said running for office was never her life-long plan.

But after witnessing her Portland community become unlivable for too many people left behind by the region's soaring economy — noting that the rising tide wasn't lifting all boats — she couldn't sit idly by.

Jayapal succeeds Loretta Smith to represent north and northeast

Portland on the five-member governing board from District 2. Smith was prevented by term limits for running for re-election and then lost an election for City Council against Jo Ann Hardesty

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## Opposition Grows on Warnings

### NAACP, music venues say new rules will bring displacement

The Portland NAACP has new allies in opposition to a recent city policy requiring owners of unreinforced masonry buildings to post warnings signs on structures deemed to be at risk of collapse during an earthquake.

Local NAACP President Pastor E.D. Mondainé was joined Saturday by other community members and groups impacted by the placarding requirement, including a coalition of music venue owners—Music Portland, for a rally



A new placard warning for unreinforced masonry buildings.

in front of City Hall, demanding the mandate affecting some 1,600 buildings be halted.

The Portland NAACP likens the requirement to Portland's

long history of white supremacy and where black people were displaced when urban renewal and

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