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Mingus Mapps, a public policy consultant and former employee in Portland's Office of Civic Life, is running for the Portland City Council, challenging his former boss Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly. Mapps lives in the Buckman neighborhood where he is raising his two sons.

In the Middle of a Fight

Candidate opposes former boss and code change push

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A proposed change to city code by City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to lessen the power of neighborhood associations to better serve diverse and underserved populations has become a contentious issue. One of Eudaly's chief critics is her former employee, public policy consultant Mingus Mapps, who plans to run for her seat.

Eudaly fired Mapps last summer, unjustly he says, but

that's not why he is running.

"I'm not running because of Chloe," he said. "I'm running because of what I think I can bring to the job. In terms of this specific process, no one, including the commissioner, is saying the process worked well and is right. So I don't think there's any debate that something is seriously off the rails here."

Mapps is a southeast Portland resident with deep community ties. He was the fourth member of his family to

graduate from Reed College. He has a PhD in government from Cornell University and before work for the city of Portland he was employed by the Portland School District and Multnomah County.

Eudaly's push to change city code has advocates in Portland's communities of color, including leaders from the Latino Network, the Portland African American Lead-

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