

Advocate Named to Prosper Portland Board

Newest board member promotes equal access

The Portland City Council Wednesday approved the appointment of long time education advocate and Portland native Serena Stoudamire Wesley to the Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners. A five member panel, the volunteer board oversees the city's economic and development agency.

Wesley is youth development director for the Oregon Department of Education and has more than 20 years of experience in program management, community relations and education policy. She previously served as Gov. Kate Brown's policy director for diversity, equity and inclusion.

In a statement released by Prosper Portland, Wesley said she wants to ensure that the agency's mission of advancing economic and social equity, along with creating jobs and closing gaps of disparity, align with her interest in ensuring that



Serena Stoudamire Wesley

all members of the community have equal access to the opportunities that will come with Portland's development and growth.

"I have lived through the changes that have directly and indirectly impacted my family and community through the years," she said. "I am very passionate and motivated about this place I call home and want to contribute to the revitalization and transformation of Portland."

Prosper Portland is defined by a commitment to grow quality jobs, advance opportunities for prosperity, create vibrant neighborhoods and communities, and collaborate with partners to create an equitable city, with prosperity shared by Portlanders of all colors, incomes and neighborhoods.



A woman wearing a mask walks past a sign on the door of a church in Pullman, Wash. Both Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown have announced new requirements for masks to be worn in public spaces to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. (Photo courtesy AP)

New Urgency to Mask Up as Virus Spreads

Coronavirus spreads in urban and rural areas

(AP) — People throughout Oregon are now required to wear face coverings in public spaces to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The guidance issued June 29 from Oregon Gov. Kate Brown applies to businesses and members of the public using indoor public spaces. Face covering requirements had already been mandated in Portland and eight adjacent counties one week earlier.

Over the last month, Brown said the disease has spread at an alarming rate in both urban and rural counties.

"Modeling from the Oregon Health Authority shows that if we don't take further action to reduce the spread of the disease, our hospitals could be overwhelmed by new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations within weeks," Brown said.

The governor has also extended the COVID-19 state of emergency for 60 days.

The state of emergency declaration is the legal

underpinning for the executive orders Brown has issued throughout the pandemic, including her orders on reopening Oregon, as well as orders related to childcare, schools, and higher education operations. Extending the state of emergency declaration allows those orders to stay in effect.

Face coverings that cover the nose and mouth play a critical role in reducing the spread of the disease because droplets from people's breath can carry the virus to others without people realizing it, she said.

Brown said she did not want to close businesses again as has happened in other states that are seeing a spike in cases. She said Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) will take the lead in enforcing face covering requirements for all covered Oregon businesses.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.



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ACLU files Police Lawsuit

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon filed a class-action lawsuit against Portland Police and the city last week on behalf of journalists and legal observers who they say were targeted and attacked

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by the police with tear gas and rubber bullets while documenting Black Lives Matter protests.

Eviction Ban Extended

Oregon lawmakers passed an extension last month to an eviction ban during the coronavirus pandemic that extends the moratorium on both commercial and residential no-cause evictions through Sept 30 and creates a six-month repayment grace period after the moratorium ends for tenants to repay their back rent.

Support Collapses for I-5 Build

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler announced last week he was withdrawing his support for the I-5 Rose Quarter Project which would add lanes to a congested part of the freeway, citing a lack of representation from the communities the project would impact, including Albina Vision, a group advo-

cating for rebuilding a displaced Black community in the area.

Charged with Sex Trafficking

A Portland man, Tracy Steven Rasberry, 55, was indicted last week on 24 counts of promoting prostitution. The district attorney's office, citing court documents, said the alleged crimes occurred in January and February of 2019.

Old Apple Tree Dies

It survived the most severe floods, winds, drought, ice and snow, but not 2020. For all practical purposes, Vancouver's venerable Old Apple Tree has died at the age of 194. In recent days, dying leaves suddenly appeared throughout the

tree. Arborists determined that the cambium layer of the tree, which serves as the arteries that transport water and nutrients to the canopy, had failed due to a natural shifting of the tree.

No More Oregon Civil War

To advance equal opportunity and justice for all and in recognition that Black Lives Matter, the University of Oregon and Oregon State last week agreed to drop the name "Civil War" for their rivalry games. OSU President Ed Ray said the name was divisive because it represented a connection to a war fought to perpetuate slavery.

Confederate Emblem Removed

Mississippi lawmakers voted last week to surrender the Confederate battle emblem from their state flag; more than a century after white supremacist legislators adopted the design a generation after the South lost the Civil War. Spectators cheered and applauded after the historic votes.

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