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## Hired for Equity Focused Agenda

### Prosper Proper taps Portland leader for job

Prosper Portland, the city of Portland's economic development agency, has selected Chabre Vickers as its equity, policy and communications director. She will lead the agency's ongoing work to center equity in its policies and practices, guide strategic communication and community engagement, and oversee the development of quantitative outcomes and metrics.

"We could not be more pleased to welcome Chabre to our team," said Prosper Portland Executive Director Kimberly Branam.

Vickers' background includes multiple roles at Wells Fargo, where she served as a public affairs employee initiatives leader and community development officer for Oregon. In these roles she led the statewide activation of more than \$22 million in Wells Fargo Foundation philanthropic community investments, including a Neighborhood LIFT program, which helped 280 families become new homeowners across Multnomah County.



Chabre Vickers

In 2021 she helped lead Wells Fargo's Open for Business Fund, a \$5.4 million investment to support Oregon's diverse small businesses.

Vickers has also served in many leadership roles representing the bank and finance industry, among them the Oregon State Treasurer's Financial Empowerment Advisory Team, the steering committee for the Oregon Economic Justice Roundtable led by Asset Funders Network, Governor Brown's Metro Regional Solutions Committee, and the inaugural chair of the Oregon Bankers Association BIPOC Task Force, working to ensure financial institutions across Oregon intentionally work to benefit communities of color.

Vickers is a third generation Black Indigenous Oregonian, a descendant of the Shoshone Bannock tribes. Her passion for community is demonstrated by her commitment to public service and her advocacy with many organizations – including the Williams & Russell Project Working Group, Prosper Portland's N/NE Action Plan Leadership Committee, as a board member for NAYA, the Literary Arts Organization, and the Oregon Symphony.

She is a former chair of the City of Portland Human Rights Commission, and former executive board member of the Portland African American Leadership Forum.

"I am grateful to work with a team that has such an extensive level of experience, expertise and commitment to amplifying inclusive economic development in our city," Vickers said. "Raising my daughter in a place that my family has called home for generations makes this new involvement in Portland's future a very personal step for me. The realization of economic justice and prosperity for our vibrant communities requires our work to strengthen community connections and partnerships to make Portland a place where everyone can thrive."

## Destructive Abortion Rights Protest

### Mother and Child Center, school van, businesses hit

An abortion rights protest in Portland turned destructive over the weekend of June 24-26, with some people marching down streets in the Hollywood District breaking windows on businesses and vehicles and scrawling graffiti, police said.

Officers were monitoring the crowd but no one was arrested because they "did not have the resources to intervene at the moment," police said in a statement Sunday. City police officers were also responding to a shooting, a felony assault, a community festival and drivers doing stunts in various parts of the city at the time, police said.

Protesting the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and leave abortion decisions up to the states began with a gathering of about 200 people at a park.



Demonstrators leave a trail of graffiti and broken windows, including to the entrance to the Mother and Child Center at 1500 N.E. 41st. Ave., a grassroots nonprofit that provides services to people who have decided to have children. The damage took place June 25, the day after the Supreme Court erased the constitutional right to abortion, police said.

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