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With 12 city council seats open, familiar faces including PPS School Board Vice Chair Michelle DePass and former city commissioners Loretta Smith and Steve Novick join a diverse field of candidates.

# The New Portland City Government: What You Need To Know About Voting

City councilors will be district-specific, and chosen through ranked-choice voting, as Portland transitions to a voter-approved revamp of local government.

By Saundra Sorenson  
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The next Portland city elections in November will seat a larger, more representative form of city government and a mayor whose job description will differ from predecessors'. The size of the city council will increase to 12, with three representatives per four new geographical districts. (Previously, four city commissioners held citywide seats.) Once elected, city councilors will have fewer administrative duties and will focus more on legislative activities; they will no longer be assigned as heads of city bureaus, which will now be overseen by a city administrator. The mayor will no longer act as a kind of fifth city commissioner, but will handle more executive duties and will only weigh in on city council sessions in order to break a tie in votes. The mayor will not have veto power over council decisions.

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## OHA Releases Strategic Plan to Eliminate Health Inequities

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# UMOJA FESTIVAL



The Annual Africatown Heritage Parade and Umoja Festival at Judkins Park in Seattle on August 3 and 4 drew hundreds of people to what the organizers describe as the Soul of Seafair. The parade which started on 23rd and Cherry and ended at 23rd and Jackson featured 40 different organizations and groups including the Seattle Buffalo Soldiers, The All City Band and multiple drill teams including the Electronettes and the Washington Diamonds. The 2 day festival featured dozens of vendors, 2 stages, a children's village and a performance by headliner Doug E Fresh on Saturday evening.

## Kamala Harris' Campaign Reinvigorates Voters – And Opportunities to Volunteer From Home

Whether you want to stump for Harris or support BIPOC candidates in battleground states, work can be done door-to-door or from the comfort of your living room.

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Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris had raised more than \$200 million and enrolled more than 170,000 new volunteers and is only in the second week of her campaign. The largest push by far began the night Pres.

Joe Biden announced he would be exiting his race for reelection. Win With Black Women founder Jotaka Eaddy quickly set up a Zoom call with the goal of raising \$1 million for Harris within a week, but which netted \$1.5 million that evening alone – along with attracting 44,000 participants. Following suit, Zoom-based groups like Black Men for Kamala,

South Asian Women for Kamala, White Women for Kamala, White Dudes for Kamala and others continued to break Zoom attendance records and, like the first now legendary virtual fundraising event, push Zoom into new territory for hosting unprecedentedly large audiences. It is a testament to the groundswell of excitement and support for what

could be the country's first Black woman president. As identity-based groups coalesce to demonstrate Harris' diverse base, volunteer opportunities abound for those interested in phone-banking or using their own professional skills and talents to support Harris and her down-the-ticket allies.

**#WinWithBlackWomen**  
Long known as the backbone of the Democratic party, Black women have reliably voted blue and

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## Breaking News: Kamala Harris Selects Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as Running Mate

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NNPA Newswire

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has learned that Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential candidate, has chosen Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate after much speculation and a whirlwind of last-minute vetting and interviewing candidates. As of Monday, August 4, reports suggested that Harris had narrowed

her choices to Walz and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. Other considered candidates include Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Arizona Senator Mark Kelly. Walz provides the ticket with a diverse and extensive background. His career spans over two decades in the Army National Guard, including deployment overseas after the 9/11 attacks and a dedicated period as an educator and coach. His politi-



Tim Walz

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