



Portland's Remodeled Housing Bureau

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Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish was charged by the City Council in January 2009 with overseeing the merger of the Bureau of Housing and Community Development and the housing functions in the Portland Development Commission.

It was decided that this reorganization "should be treated not as a merger but rather as an opportunity to build a brand new agency." Their challenge is to ensure that "every Portland resident has a safe, stable, affordable, and attractive place to live and communities are livable, attractive, safe, and maximize the use of community resources."*

Margaret Van Vliet, the director of this agency, will update us on the new organization and the challenges it faces. The program will provide a timely perspective on the Portland League's Housing positions in advance of January's Program Planning discussion.

* Information from :

<http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=260698>

Save the Date!

Meet the Press Luncheon

Dave Mazza, Co-host of KBOO's "Voices from the Edge"

Thursday, January 14, 11:30 am
Calaroga Terrace,
1400 NE 2nd Avenue, Portland

Reach out and invite a guest!

December General Meeting



Inside the Front Door: Portland's Remodeled Housing Bureau

Margaret Van Vliet,
Portland Housing Bureau

Wednesday, December 9, 12:00 noon

Board Room, Multnomah County Building,
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

Parking: Ample street parking.

By Bus: TriMet bus lines from downtown: 4-Division to Gresham TC; 10-Harold to Foster Loop; 14-Hawthorne to 94th & Foster. Get off at SE Hawthorne & 6th.

Unit Meetings

No regular Unit Meetings in December. Some units may have optional social gatherings. Contact your unit leader if you have any questions.

See you again in January 2010!

January Units: Program Planning

Do you have an issue LWV should study?

January units will be discussing local and national Program Planning. If you have an issue you would like to see LWV of Portland study next year, please contact Mary Hepokoski, Member Education Chair by **Wednesday, December 9.**



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1:	LWVCRR – 1:00 pm, Room 433
2:	Executive Committee – 12:00 pm, Room 520
9:	General Meeting – 12:00 pm, Board Room, Mult. Bldg.
11:	Voter Deadline
18:	Voter Mailing Party – 10:00 am, Room 520
19:	Board Meeting – 9:30 am, Home of Betsy Pratt
19-31:	Office Closed

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1-2:	Office Closed
5:	Ballot Measure Forum – 7:00 pm, Board Room, Mult. Bldg.
6:	Executive Committee – 12:00 pm, Room 520
14:	Meet the Press – 11:30 am, Calaroga Terrace
15:	Voter Deadline
18:	Board Meeting – 5:45 pm, Room 433
26:	Voter Mailing Party – 10:00 am, Room 520
29:	Action – 1:00 pm, Room 433
29:	New Member Event – TBA
29:	Office Closed