

Portland Citizens' Income-Tax Study Committee

The Portland City Council is seeking residents who are willing to serve on a temporary committee to evaluate the City income tax. Committee members will work together to gather data, study the issue, survey the rest of the community, create a report of its findings, and make recommendation to the City Council.

Portland residents have a variety of interests in this issue. For example, some would like to eliminate the income tax, regardless of its effect. Others have paid the income tax for many years but live on streets that still need to be repaired. Others have business interests that are affected in one way or another by the income tax or its abolishment. To ensure that all interests are represented during this process, we have identified a number of stakeholder groups; we are seeking representatives from each of these groups. Committee members will ensure that residents with similar concerns and interests are represented during every stage of the process.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or if you know of someone else who will represent you and your interests well, please submit this form to City Hall as soon as possible. If you believe we've missed some stakeholder groups, please make additional recommendations. We would like the committee to meet, set a schedule, and move forward as soon as possible. The City Council would like a final report within six months, but the committee is welcome to set a different schedule. Thank you for your willingness to serve or make a recommendation. Broad-based representation from the community will enable the Council to make informed decisions about this very important issue.

I recommend asking the following Portland resident to serve on the income-tax study committee:		Below are the stakeholder groups that we have identified. Please check one (or more) that your nominee is qualified to represent. Residents who oppose the income tax, regardless of the consequences of its termination Residents who have paid income tax for some time but whose streets are not yet paved (i.e., no improvements done since the income tax began). Residents who live on streets that have fallen into disrepair since they were paved or improved. Residents who have benefitted from the income tax (i.e., significant improvement to their streets) City of Portland employees who will be affected by a decision to terminate the income tax Business owners whose business is indirectly affected by the quality of streets
Name		
Address		
Phone		
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Length of time a Portland resident		

		Business owners who employ nonresidents who pay the income tax because they work in Portland
Where does this person work?	City of Portland	<p>Business owners whose business is directly affected by the quality of the streets, e.g., delivery services, contractors who repair streets, those that depend on trucking activity, etc. Others who rely substantially on the city streets—e.g., school bus drivers</p> <p>Accountant or other financial expert, preferably someone with a background in municipal finance issues</p> <p>A representative from Portland area schools</p> <p>A person with research skills, such as a librarian or investigative journalist</p> <p>Other (please describe):</p>
	City of Ionia	
	City of Grand Rapids	
	City of Lansing	
	Other	
Please provide your name and contact information below. You may simply write “same” if you are nominating yourself.		In the space below, please explain why your nominee is the right candidate to represent this group or groups
Name		
Address		
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If you have additional comments, please include them below		