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## Alliance Makes Endorsements in Local, Regional Races

Portland, Ore. – Today, the Portland Business Alliance Board of Directors endorsed several candidates running for office at the city, county and metro level. A full list is below.

The Alliance reviewed a number of criteria in its endorsement process, including each candidate's plans for building a strong economic base for the city and creating family-wage jobs, as well as the candidate's commitment to working with the business community on those objectives.

"All of the candidates endorsed by the Alliance demonstrated a willingness to work with the Alliance and the rest of the business community to support family-wage job creation and the building of a stronger economy," said Sam Brooks, Chair of the Board of Directors and President of Brooks Staffing. "We appreciate all of the candidates who took the time to meet with us and share their agendas and thoughts on the Portland region."

In the positions with no endorsement, the Alliance will remain neutral.

### Portland Mayoral Race

Endorsement: Sam Adams and Sho Dozono

Following interviews with both candidates, the Alliance board voted in favor of a dual endorsement of the top two candidates – Sam Adams and Sho Dozono.

"The race for Mayor of Portland includes two strong candidates – current City Commissioner Sam Adams and longtime civic leader Sho Dozono," said Brooks. "The Alliance feels that each candidate understands the important role that business plays in building a strong regional economy, providing jobs and supporting community needs."

"The Alliance has a positive working relationship with each candidate and has found that both candidates have a number of attributes that would benefit the city. Because of these reasons, the Alliance Board has endorsed both Commissioner Adams and Sho Dozono."

### Portland City Council

Position #1: No endorsement in primary

Position #2: Nick Fish

Position #4: Randy Leonard

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Clackamas County

Chair: Lynn Peterson

Position #3: Martha Schrader

Position #4: No endorsement

Position #5: No endorsement

Multnomah County

Position: #1: Deborah Kafoury

Position #3: No endorsement

Position: #4: Carla Piluso

Metro Council

Position #5: Rex Burkholder

About the Alliance Endorsement Process

Each election season the Alliance assembles a sub-committee to interview viable candidates for various political offices. Each candidate is sent questions in advance and can offer additional information as appropriate. This year the 15-member Alliance sub-committee interviewed 29 candidates over a two-day period and then presented their recommendations to the Board of Directors for discussion and a vote.

Alliance by-laws state that endorsements must be ratified by at least two-thirds of Board members present at the meeting where endorsements are made.

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*The Portland Business Alliance is Greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce representing more than 1,300 businesses in the region. The Alliance focuses on central city and regional issues and recognizes that the vitality of the central city and the region depend on one another, and Portland's vibrant, growing downtown is a regional asset. Visit [www.portlandalliance.com](http://www.portlandalliance.com) for more information.*