

PORTLAND CHARTER COMMISSION



**Climate &
Environmental
Justice**

Listening Session

September 2022

ZOOM OVERVIEW

Zoom overview

Recording: Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on our website.

Mute: Please mute yourself when not speaking.

Chat: Chat is available, we won't be able to answer questions during the presentation, but chat will be part of the meeting record.

Break out rooms: After our presentation we move into small group discussion groups

Tech support: If you have Zoom questions, please feel free to message me directly via chat.

Ground rules

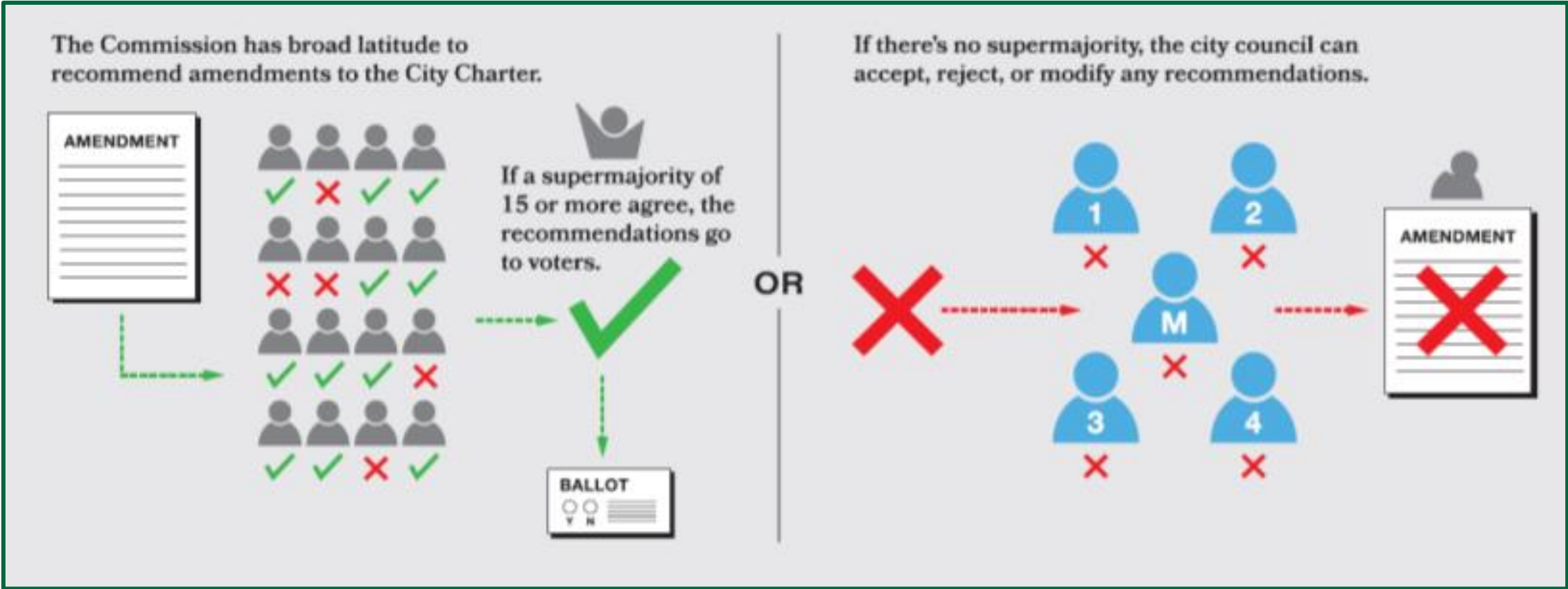
- Come from a place of curiosity
- No one knows everything, but together we know a lot
- Share the space
- Stories stay, but the lessons can be shared
- Take care of yourself

AGENDA

Time	Activity
5 minutes	Welcome & Zoom overview
25 minutes	Educational presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charter 101 (5 mins)• Phase II overview (5)• Climate & Environmental Justice (13 mins)• Closing (2 mins)
5 minutes	Transition break
40 minutes	Small group discussion
10 minutes	Discussion report back
5 minutes	Closing

Charter Review 101

AUTHORITY & TIMELINE



DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR CHARTER REFORM

- 1 Participatory and growing democracy with more voices being heard in elections
- 2 Accessible and transparent government with Councilors who are easy to reach
- 3 Reflective government with Councilors who look like the community they represent
- 4 Responsive government with Councilors who understand your community needs
- 5 Accountable government with Councilors who answer to the people
- 6 Trustworthy government with Councilors who safeguard democracy

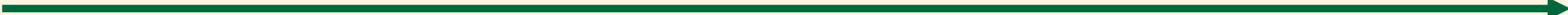
ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

Engagement	Number
Survey responses	4,022
People receiving monthly email updates	1,330
Community listening sessions (partner & Commission hosted)	26
Participants at listening sessions (partner & Commission hosted)	580
Public comments received	1,658
Hours of verbal public comment	16 hours
Public meetings + hearings	87
Charter review briefings & presentations	127
Policy discussions with community organizations	34
Media articles or interviews	203

PHASE II FOCUS AREAS

1. Climate & environmental justice
2. Bureau & office proposals
3. Expansion of voting rights

PHASE II TIMELINE

Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022
Community engagement 			
Subcommittees continue research & evaluation	Commission meeting with unlimited public comment	Draft amendments released	Final vote
	Charter amendment drafting	Public hearings	

PHASE I CLIMATE RECOMMENDED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Chapter 2 ARTICLE 4. THE MAYOR

Section 2-401. Duties

(b) Advance the City's efforts to mitigate the human-made climate crisis and prioritize environmental justice initiatives.

Chapter 2 The City Administrator

Section 2-406

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PHASE II: Climate & Environmental Justice

Educational presentation

Climate & Environmental Justice Basics

Climate & Environmental Justice

Climate justice is a framework that calls for centering the voices, priorities, and lived experience of people most impacted and burdened by climate change

Frontline Communities

Overwhelmingly and disproportionately people of color, individuals in these communities have endured the incredible physical, economic, and mental burdens of climate change.

Educational presentation

Climate & Environmental Justice Basics

Climate Change Facts

- The concentration of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere is directly linked to the average global temperature on Earth.
- The most abundant greenhouse gas, accounting for 2/3 of the gases, carbon dioxide (CO₂) is largely the product of burning fossil fuels.
- Experts have stated to curb detrimental effects of climate change we must reduce carbon emissions by 45 to 65% by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

Educational presentation

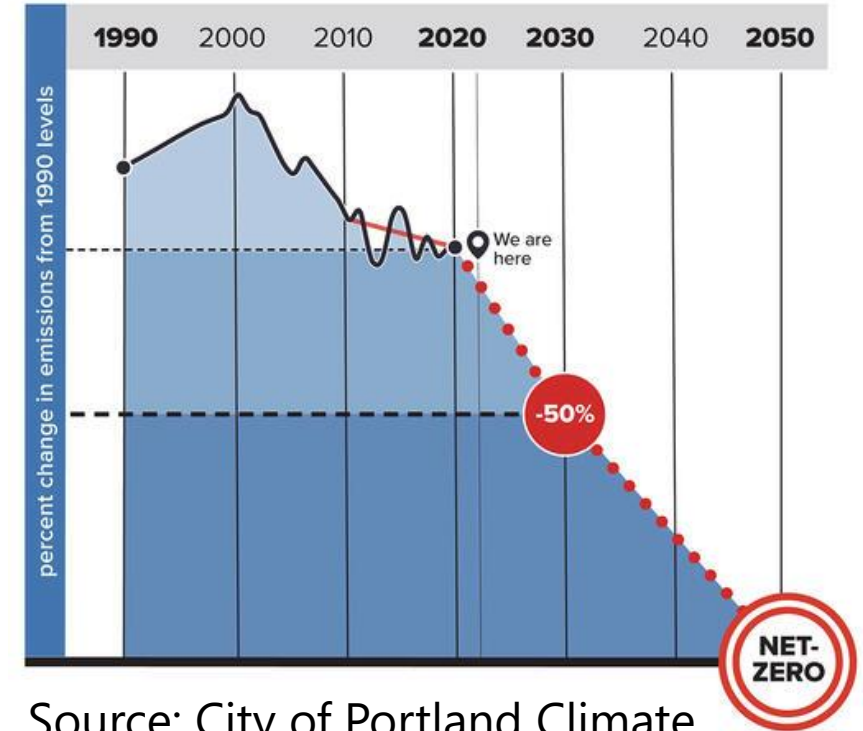
City of Portland's Climate Emergency

What is the City of Portland Doing around Climate?

City Council declared a climate emergency in 2020 and directed City bureaus to restore a safe climate for all Portlanders, especially communities of color and those most at-risk to impacts of climate change.

Climate Emergency Declaration: Declare an immediate mobilization effort initiating greater action, resources, collaboration, and new approaches to restore a safe climate resolution

The City has set a long-term target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and an interim reduction goal of 50% by 2030



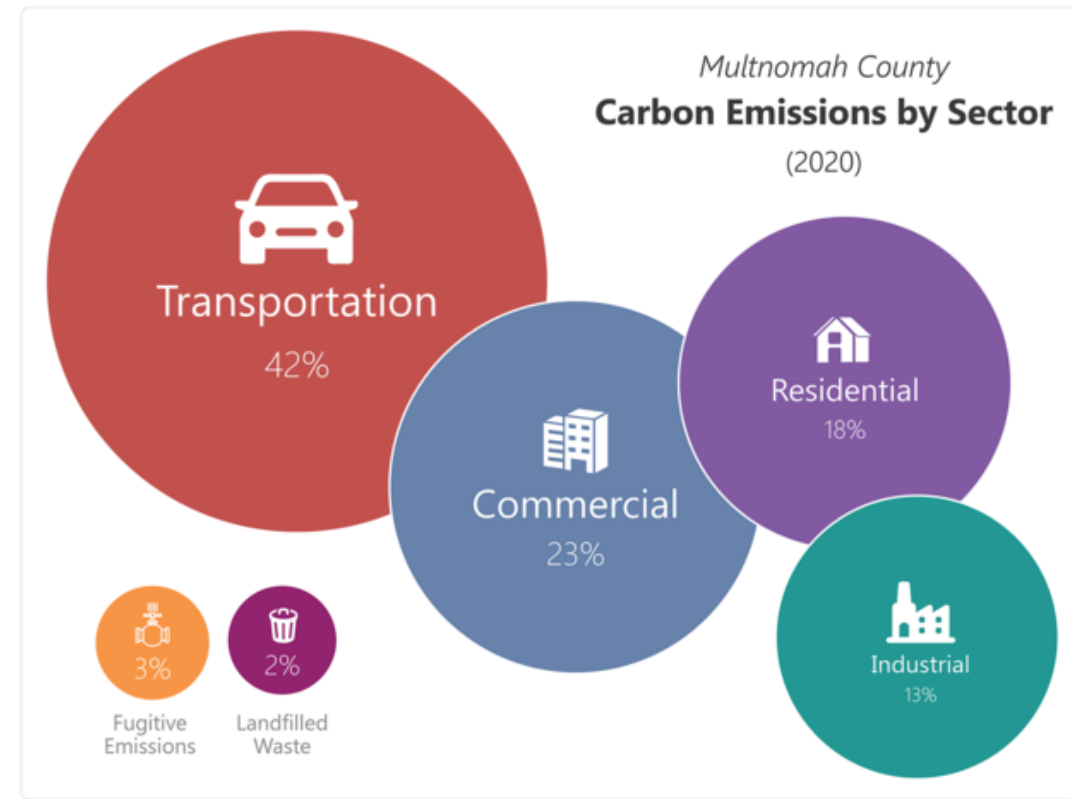
Source: City of Portland Climate Emergency Workplan 2022-2025

Educational presentation City of Portland's Climate Emergency

Making Portlanders resilient to climate change

To meet the net zero carbon goals the City created the Climate Emergency Workplan that will:

- Reduce Carbon from the sectors that produce it (transportation, industry and buildings)
- Reduce carbon from the consumption of food, goods and materials
- Sequester carbon in trees and green spaces
- Build Portlanders' resilience to the impacts of climate change and focusing on those most vulnerable.



What we heard in phase I engagements

Climate from Community

Almost eight percent of all public comments received by the Charter Commission relate to climate and environmental justice

- Urgency and no time to wait
- Establish a climate oversight committee or commission
- Establish a bureau or office of climate and environmental justice
- Establish a bill of environmental rights and responsibilities
- Embed a climate and environmental justice overlay into the charter

COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

PEACE	350PDX	Sunrise Movement PDX
Office of Climate Emergency	Climate assembly	
Climate as a special power and core value	Environmental rights and responsibilities	Binding climate test
Portland as a carbon emission free city and community by 2040	Fossil fuel phase-out*	Fossil fuel phase-out
Renewable energy alignment		
Protect rights of nature, right to nature		
Regenerative circular economy		
Expanded representation for youth		
	Participatory budgeting	
<i>*Emerging proposals</i>	Prior consent & Tribal consultation*	Prior & informed consent for Tribes

What's Next Climate Declaration

The Climate & Environmental Justice Subcommittee is interested in adding a climate declaration or climate as a core value statement into the Charter



What's Next

Climate Related Bureau Proposed Amendments

- A proposal from **Portland Parks & Recreation** to update language to reflect the City's and Portland Parks & Recreation's role in protecting, restoring, and enhancing natural systems and natural areas, and to mitigate against the public health, economic, and threats of climate change, biodiversity loss and invasive species.
- A proposal from the **Bureau of Planning & Sustainability** to delete the charter prohibition from the city's mandating weatherization of structures built before September 1, 1979.
- A proposal from the **Bureau of Environmental Services** to add specific power to the city to protect and manage natural features that convey, store, retain, infiltrate, clean or evaporate water in a manner that is necessary for the management of sewer and storm drainage.

What's Next

Learning more about Participatory Budgeting

PB Explained

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money.

The Climate & Environmental Justice Subcommittee is also interested in learning more about participatory budgeting as a tool for ensuring climate & environmental justice can have funding allocated towards its initiatives.

NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Meetings

Sept 20

Climate & environmental justice subcommittee meeting

Oct 3

Full Commission meeting

Thank You!

5-minute break followed by
small group discussions

STAY ENGAGED IN CHARTER REVIEW

**Give verbal public
comment at full
Commission meetings**

**Join & engage in
virtual committee
meetings**

**Sign up for monthly
email updates**

Join charter events

**Submit written
comment via email or
comment form**

**Watch past
recordings online**

**Request a briefing or
meeting with
Commissioners
and/staff**

**Engage through our
partner
organizations**

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