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### **Andrea Valderrama Appointed to the Oregon House**

*Longtime community leader and school board chair will represent House District 47 in East Portland*

SALEM, OR— Earlier today, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners voted to appoint community leader and David Douglas School Board Chair Andrea Valderrama to represent House District 47 (East Portland) in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Details and timelines about Rep.-Designate Valderrama’s swearing in will be forthcoming. In the meantime, House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner extended her congratulations.

“I’m thrilled to welcome Andrea to the Oregon House and the House Democratic Caucus,” said Rep. Smith Warner. “Her years of policy expertise, progressive values, and her commitment to racial and social justice will be a such a benefit to the folks who call House District 47 home—and to the people across the state. She’s a great fit for this district, and I’m excited to see what she does in this new position.”

Valderrama has a long history of community leadership, having served as a policy advisor in Portland City Hall, school board chair, advocacy director, and policy director.

“Our district has been experiencing high COVID-19 contraction rates, job and wage loss, a housing affordability crisis, lacking transportation infrastructure, public safety issues—and the list goes on and on,” Valderrama said during today’s appointment hearing. “We are in crisis. We need decision makers who don’t just listen to directly impacted communities, they are themselves directly impacted.”

“I am ready to be the strong voice our community needs in Salem,” Valderrama added. “And as a first generation Peruvian American, from a family of day laborers who have experienced poverty, I will lead with my values of racial, economic, and social justice.”

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