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**Alliance releases city and county candidate questionnaire results**  
*Results reveal individual positions on job creation and economic development*

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, the Portland Business Alliance released responses to its 2016 candidate questionnaire, revealing how those running for public office approach important issues that affect the overall economic health of the region. Responses were collected from candidates for Portland mayor and Portland City Council, Clackamas County Commission chair, and both the Clackamas and Multnomah county commissions. The Alliance asks candidates to complete the questionnaires to inform its endorsement process and to provide a resource for voters.

“Elected officials within these municipalities all play an important role in determining the overall economic health and quality of life of our community,” said Sandra McDonough, president and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance. “Answers to these questions give our members and voters a good idea on where candidates stand on priorities that impact the region’s employers and workers.”

Since 2010, the Alliance has maintained a sharp focus on private-sector job creation and retention through its Value of Jobs campaign. These questionnaires are part of that effort to demonstrate how private-sector job retention and growth helps create a healthy region with quality public services. The Value of Jobs campaign includes a series of studies about how the region’s economy is faring, a public policy action plan for increasing jobs and communications to the region’s residents about the value of jobs.

More information about the campaign and all candidate questionnaire responses can be found at [www.valueofjobs.com](http://www.valueofjobs.com). Additional questionnaires will be posted as they are returned. The Alliance will announce candidate endorsements in March 2016.

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***The Portland Business Alliance***

*The Portland Business Alliance is Greater Portland’s Chamber of Commerce. With more than 1,850 members, we strive to promote and foster an environment in the Portland region that attracts, supports and retains private-sector jobs, spurs economic vitality and enables quality educational opportunities for the region’s residents. Learn more at [www.portlandalliance.com](http://www.portlandalliance.com)*