

Office of Mayor Charlie Hales City of Portland

Representative Chris Garrett House Rules Committee 900 Court St. NE, Room 453 Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Chair Garrett and Members of the Committee,

Rob Ingram assumed the duties of Director of the Mayor's Office for Youth Violence Prevention on December 26, 2007. From that time to until his death in November 2012, Rob continued work with diligence and dedication as Director under Mayor Tom Potter, Commissioner Dan Saltzman and Mayor Sam Adams. During his role as Office of Youth Violence Prevention Director Rob continued to build his reputation was as an advocate for at risk and gang affected youth and their families, which was molded through his previous employment and volunteer efforts.

Ingram was previously the executive director of Positive Youth Development, a nonprofit that creates and operates mentoring and tutoring programs for other organizations working with at-risk youth. He has also served as the executive director of the non-profit Empowerment Initiatives, Inc. which provided programming for people with mental health issues. Ingram began working with at-risk youth in 1991 as a counselor for Emanuel Community Services, and served six years as a program director at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club in Northeast Portland. Rob was also a Boardman member for Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest, a private non-profit organization supporting adult mentorship for youth.

Rob spent long hours away from his home volunteering and helping others in the city during his role as community mentor and Director. Establishing service efforts with government, private non-profit services and community partners in an effort to create a better place for youth to live is Rob's legacy. The City of Portland through the Mayor's Office, Office of Youth Violence Prevention is continuing to build upon this legacy.

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