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COMMISSIONER SAM LAUNCHES NEW BLOG

Commissionersam.com gives Portland citizens an online link to Adams' office

(Portland, OR) Commissionersam.com, the new blog of Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams, launched on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The website, one of Adams' campaign promises, raises the bar for openness in Portland city government.

"My goal is to create the most expansive blog-oriented site of any elected official," Adams said. "Commissionersam.com gives Portlanders' another avenue for direct interaction with my office. My hope is that with this site, I can increase participation in our city's government—one of my top priorities."

Featuring up-to-date reports from Adams and his staff, Commissionersam.com gives visitors the opportunity to read what Portlanders are saying and post their comments in real time. For Adams, the accountability and discourse that the site fosters is essential.

"My blog provides visitors the opportunity to follow my office and report back to me," Adams said. "If they like what I'm doing, are unhappy about policy, or have a suggestion, they can comment at the site and instantly let me know how I'm doing. In turn, I can write back. That's why this is a great tool for dialogue."

The site includes Adams' proposed policies and office initiatives, his calendar with meetings and events sorted by neighborhood, relevant news, and Adams' personal posts—his blog—about life as a commissioner.

“Portland should be a proving ground for new ideas and technologies,” Adams said. “I want my office to reflect that.”

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