



## CITY OF PORTLAND

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April 18, 2012

Seth Alan Woolley  
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Dear Mr. Woolley,

I am writing in response to your complaint received by my office on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2012. You alleged that Charlie Hales, a candidate for Office of Mayor in the May 2012 Primary Election, does not meet the candidate qualifications as stated in Portland City Code (2.08.050) and City Charter Section 2-202. In combination, these sections of code and charter require that an eligible elector filing for city office must be a registered voter in the City of Portland.

Pursuant to Oregon statute, county elections officials make the determination of whether a person is a registered voter. Therefore, whenever a candidate files for office, the City Elections Officer verifies with the appropriate county elections officer that the candidate is indeed a registered voter. That procedure was followed when Charlie Hales filed his candidacy for Mayor with our office. At the time of Mr. Hales' filing, Multnomah County reported that he was a registered voter in the City of Portland.

In response to your complaint, the Multnomah County Elections Officer again confirmed that Mr. Hales is, and was at the time of filing for office, an eligible City of Portland registered voter.

Therefore, after consulting with Oregon Secretary of State's Election Division and the City of Portland's Attorney's Office and reviewing the information provided by the Multnomah County Elections Division, I have determined that Mr. Hales meets the registered voter requirement of City Code Section 2.08.050 and have no basis for rejecting Charlie Hales' filing of candidacy.

Sincerely,

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Portland City Auditor

cc: Charles Hales, Candidate for City of Portland Mayor  
Stephen Trout, Oregon State Director of Elections  
Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections  
Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney