

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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### Appointment to Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

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Meeting Date: January 25, 2010  
Department: City Manager's Office  
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Agenda Item Number: 2C  
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest  
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#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

This is an action item to appoint a Eugene representative to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Board of Directors.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Interim appointments are made, when needed, to various boards, committees, and commissions outside the regular annual recruitment process. A vacancy on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency board was created when Kit Kirkpatrick resigned her position in fall 2009. A mid-term recruitment that was subsequently conducted and publicized by LRAPA and City Manager's Office staff resulted in two applications being submitted.

The Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority sets and adopts policy for operation and makes recommendations on issues directly related to air quality in Lane County. The City of Eugene has four positions: one elected official and three citizen at-large positions. Citizen members serve three-year terms; the elected official appointment is made each year.

The Mayor nominates and the council appoints the at-large citizens. Both candidates who submitted applications were interviewed by the Mayor on January 13, 2010.

#### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

No policy issues are related directly to this action.

#### **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

The City Council can vote to approve the nominee; it can also request additional information or background on the applicant and delay the vote, or reject it entirely.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager recommends approval of the proposed nomination.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

Move to appoint Scott Lucas to Position 2 on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Board of Directors, the unexpired term of Kit Kirkpatrick, ending on June 30, 2011.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Applications of Trudy Ann Cameron and Scott Lucas
- B. LRAPA Roster (Eugene representatives only)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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# Interested Applicants

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## Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Name **Trudy Ann . Cameron** Evening Phone **541-349-0294** Day Phone **541-346-1242**  
Address **1165 East 23rd Avenue** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **7 yrs 11 mo**  
**Eugene OR 97403** Ward **3** Neighborhood **South University Neighborhood Association**  
Occupation **Professor** Employer **University of Oregon**  
Business Address **Department of Economics, 435 PLC** Fax **541-346-1243** E-Mail **cameron@uoregon.edu**  
**Eugene OR 97403-1285** How did you learn of this vacancy? **Newspaper**  
Optional Information  
Gender **F** Age **46-55** Ethnicity **White/European American** Disability **N** Description  
Additional Languages spoken  
Education / Training  
**Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University (1982)** Job Experience  
**Full curriculum vitae accessible through University of Oregon Department of Economics website:** **Raymond F. Mikesell Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Oregon (2002-present)**  
<http://economics.uoregon.edu/> **Professor of Economics, University of California at Los**  
Community Service / Volunteer **Personal Experience**  
**-Science Advisory Board, US EPA: Chair, Adv. Council for Clean Air Compliance Analysis 01-06; Member, Environ Econ Adv Cmte 96-00**  
**-Pres., Assoc Environ & Resource Econ (aere.org) 07-08**  
**-Board Dir., Resources for the Future, Wash. DC (09-)**  
**As someone who breathes? My husband and I went to Los Angeles in the early 1980s and got stuck there for almost 18 years. Policy with respect to air quality management is obviously a huge issue in that context.**



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## Personal Interest

Professionally, it has always been important for me to maintain a national-level constituency, and service to the U.S. EPA and RFF has fulfilled that requirement (despite the amount of air travel involved). I have now been in Eugene for almost eight years and it seems time to begin to contribute more at the local/regional level. I also have numerous students each year who are interested in, and could benefit by learning more about, air quality policy matters at the county level (as well as elsewhere in Oregon). I teach courses at a variety of levels in environmental economics, to economics undergraduates, masters level, and Ph.D. students. I also teach a course called "Allocating Scarce Environmental Resources," at the 300-level, for UO's Environmental Studies Program. Local air quality policy issues should figure in more of our curriculum, especially for our undergraduates and the ENVIS students.

## Contribution

Environmental economists are often mistaken for corporate cost accountants, which means that environmental advocates often see us as the enemy. However, this is a lot like saying you don't like criminologists because you are opposed to crime. We study the types of behaviors that lead to poor environmental quality. We also try to develop incentives that will exploit the self-interested behavior of firms and households to better environmental ends.

Any type of environmental policy involves tradeoffs. Environmental economists specialize in problems involving the allocation of scarce environmental resources to competing uses. In particular, we are concerned with (a.) contexts where there are "externalities" (typically costs imposed on third parties who are not involved in the decision-making), and (b.) cases that involve "public goods" (where no private company on its own would find it profitable to provide/do something that society would value, so a collective decision must be made to provide it through public spending or to require it via regulation).

My own research for the last couple of decades has concentrated on the measurement of non-market environmental benefits to be weighed against costs of regulation. For a long time, a large share of the costs of environmental regulation were quantifiable, but benefits could not be measured as easily in comparable terms. There is still a long way to go, but "benefit-cost assessment" of environmental policies has made great strides in the last thirty years as a way to inform environmental policy. It should never be used as an up-or-down number to dictate policy choices, but I feel that it



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provides a very transparent way for stakeholders to lay out their assumptions for scrutiny.

As has been my role in my advisory capacities at the U.S. EPA over the years, I would hope to bring similar insights to LRAPA Board discussions.

No Supplemental Answers



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Name	<b>Scott C. Lucas</b>	Evening Phone	<b>541-510-2815</b>	Day Phone	<b>541-484-2434</b>
Address	<b>2490 Columbia St Eugene OR 97403</b>	Do You Live within the City Limits?	<b>Y</b>	If so how long?	<b>17+ years</b>
Occupation	<b>Johnson Clifton Larson &amp; Schaller, PC</b>	Ward	<b>3</b>	Neighborhood	<b>None</b>
Business Address	<b>975 Oak St., Ste 1050 Eugene OR 97401</b>	Employer	<b>Johnson Clifton Larson &amp; Schaller, PC</b>		
Optional Information		Fax	<b>541-484-0882</b>	E-Mail	<b>slucas@jclsllaw.com</b>
Gender	<b>M</b>	Age	<b>36-45</b>	Ethnicity	<b>White/European American</b>
Additional Languages spoken					
Education / Training	<b>B.A.- Quantitative Exconomics and Decision Sciences@ Uni of Cal, San Diego (1988) J.D. Uni of Oregon School of Law with environmental and natural resources law statement of completion (1996)</b>				
Community Service / Volunteer	<b>Board member, Center for Community Counseling(former)</b>				
Job Experience	<b>Personal Experience Board member-Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Eugene Chapter (former)</b>				



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Personal Interest

Contribution

I have been interested in environmental issues for over two decades. In law school, I was articles editor of the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation, a co-director of Land Air Water, a member of the clinic at WELC, and editor of the Western Environmental Law Updat. More recently I attended the public meetings at the Red Cross Building in Trainsong regarding clean up efforts of soil and air in the neighborhood. Author, "The Meaning of Harm Under the Endangered Species Act; Taking a Hard Look at Sweet Home Chapter of Communities for a Great Oregon c. Babbitt. Journal of Environmental Law & Lit(1994). Author "Halting the Downward Spiral of Monoculturation and genetic vulnerability: Toward a Sustainable and Biodiverse Food Supply" Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation (2002)

No Supplemental Answers



# Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Roster

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Pos	Criteria	Last Name	First Name	Expires	Sex	Age	Ethnicity	Disability	Residence	Income	Ward	Neighborhood
1	Councilor	Ortiz	Andrea	9/27/2009	F	46-55	Hispanic				7	None
2	Eugene Resident	Kirkpatrick	Kit	10/31/2010	M	46-55	White/European American				E-UGB	River Road Community Organization
3	Eugene Resident	Monk	David	10/31/2011							2	Southeast Neighbors
4	Eugene Resident	Johnson	Drew	10/31/2010	M	36-45	White/European American				2	Crest Drive Citizens