

Topic, Speaker Selection, and Editorial Policy

City Club of Portland

The City Club of Portland is grateful to its donors and corporate sponsors for their financial support that helps to underwrite the expenses of its research, advocacy, and events. Such donations are accepted by City Club without regard to any funder’s opinion on the selection of research and event topics or speakers and the editorial content and methodology of research, advocacy, or events.

City Club of Portland is a non-partisan, membership-based, Oregon nonprofit corporation whose members a) conduct impartial research on topics approved by the Board of Governors; b) advocate for the implementation of research report recommendations that are approved by two-thirds of members voting; and c) produce and promote public events and forums.

The Board of Governors, committees, members, and staff face an array of editorial and topic selection decisions. These include deciding which issues to select for research and events and the method for doing so, how to advocate for research recommendations, which issues to cover in communications to members, the public, and the media, and when and how all such content will be made available.

City Club’s bylaws determine what board or committee is responsible for the selection of topics, speakers, and the editorial content its of research, advocacy and events.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that City Club of Portland maintain its independence when producing research, advocacy, and events and is not faced with undue influence from its funders. For purposes of this policy, “undue influence” means intentionally coercive behavior undertaken by funders that seeks to interfere with the member-based production of City Club’s research, advocacy, and events.

When appropriate, solicitations of financial support and acknowledgments of that support will contain text which refers to this policy.

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