

Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Conversation with Jefferson Smith, Portland Mayoral Candidate

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012



12:00	Member Introductions	All
12:05	Speaker Introduction	Kirsten Wyatt, City of West Linn Assistant City Manager
12:10	Speaker	Jefferson Smith, Portland Mayoral Candidate
12:45	Q & A	All



Portland is Jefferson's hometown. He attended Beaumont, Grant, and University of Oregon and returned to Portland after graduating from Harvard Law School.

Jefferson started and ran a nationally recognized organization, the Bus Project, for a decade. He grew it into a success with affiliated headquarters in 4 states. He set and met objectives and built a team of hundreds of people, including staff and volunteers. He also identifies and recruits really great people and has developed leaders who are spread out across Portland and the country.

Jefferson was elected in 2008 by the people of East Portland to represent them in the Oregon House. He was re-elected in 2010 and his colleagues elected him twice to Leadership. Being Mayor means managing other politicians for success. Jefferson knows how to do that and get things done right.

As East Portland's Representative, Jefferson successfully worked with citizens, lawmakers and stakeholders to champion common-sense, economic solutions like the landmark water investment program, the "Cool Schools" program to retrofit schools for energy savings and to create jobs, and the "economic gardening" plan for homegrown Oregon businesses.

Jefferson serves on the state committee that oversees the budgets of the Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer. He carried the bill to reduce middle management in state government as well as the transparency act to put Oregon's budget online.

Upcoming ELGL Events

- **October 11** U.S. Attorney Amanda Marshall, District of Oregon
- **October 31** Adam Davis, DHM Research
- **November 14** Ken Allen, Executive Director of Oregon AFSCME Council 75
- **January 10, 2013** Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland Executive Director

Special kudos to Megan Messmer for coordinating today's meeting.