



# Portland Democrats

## September 1, 2016 Meeting

### Agenda:

- Welcome by Portland Dems Chair, Emily Figdor
- Introduction of Panel Moderator Maine Law Dean & Professor Danielle Conway
- Panel: **Portland's Transforming Demographics: Racism, Diversity, & Inclusiveness**
  - *Panelists: Rachel Talbot Ross, Rev. Kenneth I. Lewis, Jr., Mayor Ethan Strimling, Kate Knox, Ekhlash Ahmed, Sean Alonzo Harris and Samuel James*
  - *Recommended readings by our panelists: [portlanddems.org/racism](http://portlanddems.org/racism)*
- Upcoming Events and approval of the minutes

*After tonight's meeting, meet fellow Democrats and continue the discussion at Local 188 on Congress St.*

### Introducing Dem Drinks!

**Thursday September 15, 5-7pm @ Novare Res**

The 3rd Thursday of each month the Portland Dems will host an informal networking event - no candidate speeches and no fundraising, just good beverages, conversation and company. The first Dem Drinks will be at Novare Res on Thursday, September 15th at 5pm. *(Immediately following Dem Drinks at 7pm, a reading/discussion group will convene to follow up on the September 1 panel on racism in Maine. Find the recommended readings at [portlanddems.org/racism](http://portlanddems.org/racism))*

### Announcing the New Deal Dance Party!

**Thursday October 27, 7-10pm @ Mechanics Hall Ballroom**

Save the date for our 1st Annual New Deal Dance Party on Thursday, October 27, from 7-10pm. This 1930s-themed event will feature live music by the *Soggy Po Boys* - a legendary jazz band - and swing dancing lessons from 7-7:30. Tickets available soon.

### Volunteer!

***(Learn more at [portlanddems.org/volunteer](http://portlanddems.org/volunteer))***

Want to help register people to vote? Interested in connecting with other voters about what's on the line in November? Volunteer with us to help register voters at the Farmer's Market and Art Walk, or sign up to phone bank to help local Democrats win critical races in November. Learn more at [portlanddems.org/volunteer](http://portlanddems.org/volunteer)

### Upcoming Subcommittee Meetings

***(See our complete calendar at [portlanddems.org/events](http://portlanddems.org/events))***

Community Building Subcommittee *(every 2nd Thursday)*

***September 8, 5:30-6:30pm, @ Bard Coffee***

Affordable Housing Subcommittee Meeting

***September 9, 6-8pm @ Room 24, City Hall***

Bylaws Subcommittee *(every 4th Thursday)*

***September 26, 5-6pm, @ Bard Coffee***

Candidates Subcommittee *(every 4th Thursday)*

***September 26, 6-7pm, @ Bard Coffee***

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*Or join our Facebook group: "The Portland Democratic City Committee"*