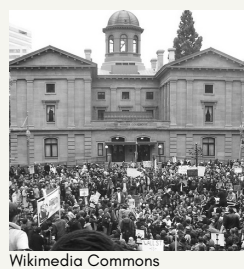


# Twelve Years of Participatory Budgeting Advocacy in Portland.

Despite persistent advocacy since 2011, Portland remains the **only major West Coast city** – from LA to Vancouver BC – without a municipal participatory budgeting program.

## 2011

Occupy Portland proposes PB as part of a People's Budget. Mayor Sam Adams' administration explores using PB to allocate some transportation funding but takes no action.



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## 2016

Mayoral Candidate **Ted Wheeler pledges**- if elected- to bring "New York-style participatory budgeting" to Portland.



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## 2017

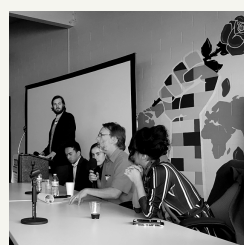
City Council adopts a FY 17-18 Budget amendment with \$500k in Cannabis Tax revenue for PB. After controversy over related funding for the Portland Police Bureau **the Council reverses** this decision. A later proposal by Comm. Eudaly for PB through neighborhood coalitions is stymied.



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## 2018

Over **100 residents** gather in East Portland for a Community Forum to explore PB & make recommendations to local governments for implementing PB in the region. Advocates again press the City Council to launch PB in Portland.



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## 2020

The City Council adopts a FY20-21 budget with \$1 million in ongoing funding for PB to be implemented by & for unhoused Portlanders. By September 2021 the program had not launched and **the Council eventually retracted funding for PB.**



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## 2021

State Legislators Kayse Jama, Chris Gorsek, & Ricki Ruiz secure \$690K in federal COVID recovery funding for Youth Voice Youth Vote PB, **Oregon's first PB process** run by five nonprofits & youth leaders. Hundreds of young people in East Portland & Multnomah County develop COVID recovery projects for a ballot and Spring 2023 vote.



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## 2022

After **several unsuccessful efforts to launch PB in Portland**, the Charter Commission drafts a charter amendment modeled after one adopted by 67% of Boston voters in 2021. The amendment requires the City to annually implement a PB process "open to all residents."



## 2023

The Portland City Council receives the proposed PB Charter Amendment from the Charter Commission but does not forward it on to voters, effectively **rejecting charter-mandated PB** that redistributes some budgeting power directly to residents.



More details & sources at [tinyurl.com/PDX-PB](https://tinyurl.com/PDX-PB)