



# **ACLU of Oregon Announces New Executive Director**

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PORTLAND, Ore. – The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon (ACLU) is pleased to announce that David Rogers has been selected as its new executive director beginning June 1. Rogers has over twenty years of social justice organizing, advocacy, and organizational development experience including eight years as the executive director of the Portland-based Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ).

“David is a person of vision, a proven advocate, and a well-respected leader,” said Jennifer Middleton, a civil rights attorney and president of the ACLU of Oregon Board of Directors. “We are tremendously excited to put David's talents and energy at the helm of the ACLU of Oregon, working to advance civil liberties and civil rights throughout our state.”

At PSJ, Rogers led groundbreaking work in the areas of criminal justice reform and public safety. Most recently, he worked as a consultant to the Ford Foundation to identify promising approaches to dismantle the policies and impacts of mass incarceration and over-criminalization.

Rogers will step into the leadership role as the ACLU of Oregon celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The nonprofit, non-partisan organization integrates legal, legislative and public education approaches to protect and promote a broad range of civil rights and civil liberties including free speech, racial justice, prisoners' rights, humane police practices, privacy & technology, religious liberty, reproductive rights, LGBT rights, immigrants' rights, and more.

“No matter who you are or where you're from, the ACLU is the organization that has your back,” said David Rogers. “I strongly believe in the ACLU's mission and am deeply honored to be given the opportunity to lead the ACLU of Oregon. I am excited for the chance to build on its incredible history of advancing freedoms for all Oregonians.”

Rogers has extensive relationships with Oregon advocacy organizations rooted in communities of color and groups working for gender justice, immigration reform, economic and environmental justice, and civic engagement and was the recipient of a

Charles Bannerman Fellowship for Organizers of Color from the New World Foundation.

Rogers will replace David Fidanque, the ACLU of Oregon's long-time executive director who retired on March 31, after leading the organization for 22 years.

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