



Biography

Lucy Vinis has served as Eugene's Mayor since January 2017.

In her professional life, Mayor Vinis has worked across the government and non-profit sectors addressing equity, land use, natural resources, agriculture, housing, and homelessness. Early in her career she worked for the American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) organization that supported Palestinian schools, health institutions, and agricultural cooperatives in the West Bank and Gaza. She served as the acting Director in the West Bank and as Vice President during a time of widespread anti-Arab sentiment in the US. After her international work, Lucy wrote for Resource Management Consultants in Washington, DC and co-authored studies on sustainable farming, land use and development impacts on ground and surface water in the Chesapeake Bay.

When she moved to Eugene, she joined the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) for ten years; and most significantly, authored the report, "Tracking Progress: Alternatives to Pesticides on the Farm" that galvanized the Oregon Legislature's successful adoption of the state's Pesticide Use Tracking law.

Her focus as mayor continues to advance those priorities: addressing the dual challenges of climate change and population growth, increasing the supply of housing that people can afford, supporting efforts to stabilize people who are homeless, and encouraging economic development.

As mayor, she chaired the Ad Hoc Work Group on Eugene's Climate Recovery Ordinance; and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Protection of Individuals and Groups – leading to Eugene's sanctuary city ordinance. She serves on the Executive Committee of Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board and the HOME Board that oversees the granting and expenditure of federal housing funds. She serves on, and is the past chair of, the Metropolitan Policy Organization governing the priorities and allocation of federal and state transportation funding; and serves on the Public Safety Coordinating Council overseeing public safety funding. She is a past board member and Development Chair of the Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) that promotes and supports local emerging businesses.

She is a member of the US Conference of Mayors, where she is a regular panelist advocating for investment in transportation and infrastructure, and for municipal governments to retain local authority over Rights of Way. She is a Climate Mayor, bringing Eugene's leadership and experience into the national discussion about the role of cities in responding to climate change. Mayor Vinis is also a member of Mayors and CEOs for US Housing Investment, where she advocates for investment in housing as infrastructure; and she is a partner Mayor in the New Partnership for Infrastructure Playbook of Accelerator for America. Mayor Vinis was appointed to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee in 2021.

Professional Experience

- Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP): writer and fundraiser, 1992-2002.
- Organic Agsystems Consulting, Inc.: technical writer, 1993-1995.
- Oregon Pesticide Education Network: Researcher and writer, 1998-1999.
- Researcher and Writer, Resource Management Consultants, Inc., Washington, D.C. 1987 -1990
- Co-owner and Manager, Manor Lane Berry Farm, Warrenton, VA 1984 - 1987
- Vice President, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA). 1979-1983
- Counseling Consultant, American Field Service, 1975-1976
- Youth Visions: Director, 2002-2008
- Earth Share of Oregon: Campaign Manager, 1992-2008
- State of Oregon Employee Charitable Fund Drive: Campaign -Manager, 2006-2008
- Shelter Care: Development Director, 2009-2015

Education

1987: M.S. Entomology: Integrated Pest Management of Crops, University of Maryland

1978: M.A. Near Eastern Studies: Arabic language, University of Michigan

1974: B.A., cum laude, Religion, Kenyon College

Selected Reports and Publications

Coody, Lynn S. and Darryl I. Brown. 1995. *Organic Expert; User Manual and Design Objectives for a Prototype Computer Program for Evaluation of Organic Materials*. Published by Organic Agsystems Consulting, Inc. Lucy Vinis, Editor.

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Gray, Robert and Lucy Vinis. 1988. "An Assessment of the One Dwelling Unit Per 20 Acres Limitation." Report to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission.

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