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**Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform
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The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform (AMA Coalition), has entered into a Collaborative Agreement with the City of Portland and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the DOJ's suit against the City, alleging the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) engaged in excessive force against individuals with mental health issues. The Collaborative Agreement preserves the AMA Coalition's role as a zealous advocate for true police reform and ensures the community that the AMA Coalition will be a continuing presence for oversight and accountability in Portland.

Said Dr. Leroy Haynes, chair of the AMA Coalition, "We are moving in the right direction and we are cautiously optimistic that changes will take place."

The AMA Coalition has long advocated for a culture shift at the PPB to one of true accountability, transparency, and oversight. Toward those ends, the AMA Coalition became a part of the suit after its motion to intervene in the case, which set forth several areas in which the proposed Settlement Agreement did not go far enough in reforms. The Court ruled on the motion by granting the AMA Coalition enhanced amicus curiae (friend of the court) status in the suit.

The Coalition recognizes the proposed Settlement Agreement, negotiated and entered into by the City and the DOJ, presents an opportunity for systemic change within the PPB. As such, the AMA Coalition has agreed not to object to the entry of the proposed Settlement Agreement, but will continue to work hard to ensure the reforms in the Agreement are as effective as possible.

The AMA Coalition, however, maintains the concerns raised in its initial comments on the proposed Settlement Agreement, as outlined in its motion to intervene. These concerns include deficiencies in: the PPB's use of force and less lethal policies; community input into police training; the Citizen Review Committee's deferential standard of review and oversight into officer-involved shootings and deaths. The Coalition maintains it concerns that the Settlement Agreement did not eliminate the practice of providing 48 hours notice before use of force interviews with involved officers.

The Collaborative Agreement guarantees the AMA Coalition a role in the process of selecting the Compliance Officer Community Liaison and the Community Oversight Advisory Board, two key oversight roles in implementation of the Settlement Agreement. The Collaborative Agreement also aids community-wide oversight by requiring that the City will do its best to provide the public with adequate notice of implementation of the agreement, and its progress toward reaching the Agreement's goals.

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The AMA Coalition is an umbrella group of community organizations and individuals at the forefront of community organizing for police accountability and oversight in Portland. It came together most recently in the wake of the shooting of Aaron Campbell, and coalesced around these five goals:

1. A federal investigation by the Justice Department to include criminal and civil rights violations, as well as a federal audit of patterns and practices of the Portland Police Bureau.

2. Strengthening the Independent Police Review Division and the Citizen Review Committee with the goal of adding power to compel testimony.

3. A full review of the Bureau's excessive force and deadly force policies and training with diverse citizen participation for the purpose of making recommendations to change policies and training.

4. The Oregon State Legislature narrowing the language of the State statute for deadly force used by police officers

5. Establishing a special prosecutor for police excessive force and deadly force cases.

The Coalition follows these three principles:

1. Embrace the five goals.

2. Accept the principles of non-violent direct action as enunciated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. Work as a team in concert to achieve the goals.