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Submitted by  
Eric Maher

Mr. Mayor and Honorable members of the City Council.

Good morning.

I am here today as an impartial citizen to go on the record. I was inspired to do this because of the cancellation of a Rose Parade event this past April because of threats.

It appears the organizers had little confidence in the Mayor or the police department to maintain order and protection. I was outraged how entitled, cowardly, idiots could put this type of fear into our community with impunity. I am equally disappointed in the organization's decision makers to cancel it. A decision based on fear is usually the wrong one.

Coincidentally, a request by the Mayor to the federal government to revoke an event permit of another organization confirmed the manipulative discouragement of one political point of view and the encouragement of an opposite one.

The first amendment is under attack in Portland. Whether the threat comes from a violent protest group or the Mayor himself, it is an attack on the First Amendment . Any attempt to infringe on that right is, at the very least un-American. If safety is truly the motivation here, then The City Council should take a proactive approach by enacting and enforcing a law making the concealment of one's identity in a public space illegal. Such a law would protect those who wish to assemble "peacefully" without encouraging danger or threats of violence.

Currently, freedom of expression in Portland is being hijacked by groups motivated to destroy public and private property, intimidate those they don't agree with, and generally create chaos. The common denominator among these groups is that they are masked and therefore unidentifiable.

Our founders obviously intended the First Amendment be a broad, sweeping statement of the rights they wanted to secure for them and us.

As you know, Freedom of speech and expression is not absolute. For example, you cannot wear a mask in a bank. Or yell fire in a movie theater. Which is why there are many states and cities that ban disguises in public places, except under special circumstances like Mardi gras and Halloween. California, New York and Washington DC. Are included on that list.

I strongly believe a similar law would protect the citizens and businesses of Portland and greatly inhibit future violence and destruction.

Recently, Portland has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. Bad press alone on our city has cost us millions. Provocateurs come to Portland to cause harm. They have no sense of civic duty. They are not concerned about the public welfare. There appears to be no consequences for their actions. Give law enforcement what they need to identify its citizens and do their job so they may protect the people and businesses in Portland.

It is an honor to be heard and I thank you for this opportunity.

I hope the City Council will courageously draft a law that will protect the First Amendment for all of its citizens not just the ones they agree with.

Thank you.

**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** ERIC MAHER <eric@one401k.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Request for public communications before City Council

My name is Eric Christopher Maher and I wish to address the City Council at the first time available. This request is considered timely as it relates to the cancelation of some Rose Parade activities. I am not affiliated with any group or related organization, only a concerned citizen interested in freedom, safety and the rule of law.

I wish to address the Council and introduce consideration of City ordinance legislation of a "no disguise" law within the Portland City limits. There are numerous legislative precedence across the United States including New York, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota and California.

Sincerely,

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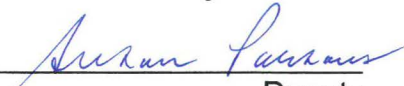
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some Rose Parade activities (Communication)

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