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From: Roger Pierson <rpierson328@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 4:55 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Sanctuary City Task Force

Please verify you have received my written testimony. Thank you. Roger Pierson

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From: "Roger Pierson" <rpierson328@gmail.com>
Date: Mar 1, 2018 4:45 PM
Subject: Sanctuary City Task Force
To: <cctestimony@portlandregon.gov>
Cc:

It was indeed unfortunate that at today's Sanctuary City Task Force presentation to the Portland City Council there was absolutely zero discussion allowed by the general public as it pertains to the City adopting the proposed recommendations. Much further conversation is essential, especially regarding the effect on public safety and cost to taxpayers of providing free legal services to those facing deportation. No testimony was heard from the law enforcement community or ICE, but a slew of worn out anti Administration rhetoric was the order of the day and counter productive to finding humane and constitutional solutions to the problem facing our borders. Where is the task force recommendations on how to cooperate with our border enforcement agents? Submitted by Roger Pierson

MARCH 1, 2018

TO: The Portland City Council

FROM: David R Roth 3936 SE Ankeny St, Portland OR 97214

(Ph: 503-975-2543)

RE: Sanctuary City Task Force Recommendations

Dear Commissioners,

I'm wearing this prison-like uniform because I am an immigrant. My forebears include Jews from Lithuania, Catholics from Ireland, Protestants from England, and French from Canada who might have been Catholics or Protestants. They came for a number of reasons, but, they mainly wanted economic opportunity. If their home countries had shared a border with the United States, my forebears would have come across that border just as eagerly as our neighbors to the South.

Migrations lead to cultural conflict and cultural evolution. Right now we have our own little Hitler in the White House. Instead of denouncing Jews as exploitive financiers, he denounces Mexican immigrants as murderers and rapists. Instead of concentration camps, he believes in border walls and prisons and deportation.

Portland's resistance to this mania has been strong and consistent. The recommendations of the Sanctuary City Task Force will make our resistance stronger still, especially funding of legal assistance for detainees. Whatever the City's fiscal allocation may be, the urgency of the struggle demands that it be made in time for the next fiscal year. When the time comes for a vote, please remember that we could all be wearing a uniform like this if the cards had been dealt differently.

David Roth

March 1, 2018

TO: Portland City Council

FROM: Tangela Purdom 3936 SE Ankeny St Portland, OR 97214
503-701-8704

RE: Sanctuary City Task Force Recommendations

Dear Commissioners,

You have put together an excellent task force which has done a carefully-researched job with these recommendations.

RIGHT IS RIGHT. RIGHT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

In Nazi Germany, good people waited too long to do the right thing. **DON'T WAIT. FUND** the recommendations of the task force **NOW**, especially the recommendation for legal assistance of detainees.

OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is taking a stand against these immigrants for all the wrong reasons. Human beings are at stake. Real people you would like to help. They are just like your families and my family who came to America for a better life. Our neighbors to the South are asking for hard work so their children have a chance at the American Dream.

PORTLAND CITIZENS want to stand up and do the right thing. If you follow through on the recommendations of the Task Force, they will support you strongly, so **DON'T DELAY.**

Tangela Purdom

March 1, 2018

Dear Commissioners,

I am here today to speak out in behalf of the recommendations put forth by the Task Force as they relate to the City of Portland taking meaningful actions in its role as a sanctuary city. These actions are necessary not only for the safety and well being of the undocumented residents of our city but of ALL residents of Portland. We are ALL under attack by the current policies of our federal government which seem based on the fear and hatred of the white supremacy movement and not on the values and ideals of our nation's history.

While Donald Trump claims that the objective is to rid our nation of "illegals" who are murderers and rapists, the truth is that the MAJORITY of those being deported are productive and law abiding residents who have lived here for many years. A typical example is Maria Mendoza-Sanchez, a nurse at an Oakland hospital. She and her husband have lived in the U.S. for forty years, have four children yet were recently deported although neither has any criminal record. Such actions make **true patriotism** impossible as how can any moral citizen take pride in a nation that would treat people in such a fashion? IF our city does nothing to combat this, then how do we teach our children to **trust** their government?

If we do not take meaningful action, then what do we tell our children and grand children when they come home from school and tearfully tell us how the family of one of their friends was torn apart by the actions of ICE agents? If we continue to allow our undocumented neighbors to be forcefully deported by ICE agents, we will be allowing racism, fear and hatred to win and our sense of decency, pride and trust in our nation as well as our children's futures will be deported along with our neighbors.

Sincerely, Rev. Jack Longbine (503) 201-9522

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Jack Longbine". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and phone number.



East Portland Action Plan

21 noviembre de 2017

Sobre: Nuestro apoyo para aumentar la asignación de fondos para la Asistencia legal para comunidades santuario a \$300,000 para pagar tarifas y honorarios legales

Estimados Ronault (Polo) Catalani, Suk Rhee, Comisionados Chloe Eudaly, Nick Fish, Amanda Fritz, Dan Saltzman y Alcalde Ted Wheeler:

Los miembros del Subcomité de Participación Cívica del Plan de Acción para el Este de Portland (EPAP, por sus siglas en inglés) plenamente apoya la promesa de la ciudad de Portland para ser una ciudad santuario. Mientras la ciudad ha comprometido \$50,000 para pagar la asistencia legal para los miembros de la comunidad de Portland necesitados de apoyo de santuario, opinamos que sería apto complementar este trabajo con \$300,000 más después del Proceso de Ajustes Presupuestarios de la primavera (Spring Bump, en inglés) para apoyar a aquellas personas que enfrenten riesgos jurídicos de agresión sistémica que van en contra de su derecho de vivir en Portland.

El Subcomité de Participación Cívica de EPAP cuenta con representantes de la comunidad latina, rusa, zomi, vietnamita, china, iraquí, indígena, butanés, congolés, afroamericana, de las islas pacíficas, birmana/myanmar, polaca, inglesa y finlandesa. Todos estamos de acuerdo que es importante ofrecer apoyo a los miembros la comunidad migrantes/refugiados/recién llegados a Portland que carezcan de asistencia legal para afirmar su lugar en esta ciudad.

El Plan de Acción para el Este de Portland (Plan de Acción) fue adoptada por la ciudad de Portland y el condado de Multnomah en 2009 para ofrecer liderazgo y orientación a agencias públicas y otras organizaciones sobre cómo lidiar con problemas identificados por la comunidad de forma estratégica y asignar recursos para mejorar la calidad de vida y evitar el desplazamiento en el Este de Portland.

El grupo del Plan de Acción para el Este de Portland (EPAP) tiene la misión de realizar la abogacía por el Plan de Acción y el área identificada como el Este de Portland, la que está compuesta de 150,000 residentes y un 20% de la superficie terrestre de la ciudad. El Este de Portland aloja un 26% de la población de la ciudad, un 40% de sus estudiantes, una diversidad significativa de diferentes razas/grupos étnicos/lenguas (o sea, escuelas donde la lengua materna de más del 50% de los alumnos no es el inglés) y tiene altos índices de pobreza (es decir, escuelas en las que el 90% de los estudiantes tienen almuerzos sin costo o a bajo costo).

Las estrategias del Plan de Acción para el Este de Portland que respaldan esta carta son:

- CB.1 Aumentar la interacción entre las colectividades culturales y los vecindarios geográficos
- CB.2 Empoderar a los residentes y a los comerciantes del Este de Portland para que puedan participar en la toma de decisiones.
- CB.3 Incluir a los residentes del Este de Portland en proyectos comunitarios y en el desarrollo de una identidad comunitaria
- EQ.1 Fomentar la distribución equitativa de recursos públicos para el Este de Portland

Dado que el Concejo Municipal ha declarado que Portland es una “Ciudad Santuario”, es crítico las personas a las que la ciudad brinda el santuario sean apoyadas: ¡Realicemos el santuario por proporcionar más fondos para amparar a aquellas personas que enfrenten riesgos de agresión jurídica sistémica en contra de su derecho de vivir en Portland!

Por favor, avisenos de cómo podemos ayudarles a implementar este recurso adicional muy necesario.

Atentamente,

Natalie Arreola

Zinah Mudhafar

Galina Nekrasova

Adriana Govea

Natalya Sobolevskaya

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EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PARA EL ESTE DE PORTLAND

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East Portland Action Plan

December 6, 2017

Re: Encouragement for Sanctuary Legal Aid Funding Allocation increase of \$300,000 for Fees and Legal Representation

Dear Ronault (Polo) Catalani, Suk Rhee, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner Nick Fish, Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Commissioner Dan Saltzman, and Mayor Ted Wheeler:

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Civic Engagement Subcommittee members are fully supportive of the City of Portland commitment as a sanctuary city. While the City of Portland has committed \$50,000 toward legal assistance for Portland community members in need of sanctuary support, we think that this work should be supplemented by \$300,000 in the Spring Bump to support the people who are legally at risk for systemic legal assault on their rights to be living in Portland.

The EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee has representation from the Latino, Russian, Zomi, Vietnamese, Chinese, Iraqi, Native American, Bhutanese, Congolese, African American, Pacific Islander, Burmese/Myanmar, Polish, English, and Finish communities. We all agree it is important to provide support to the East Portland immigrant/refugee/ New Portlander community members who need legal assistance to assure their place in Portland now.

The East Portland Action Plan (Action Plan) was adopted by the City of Portland and Multnomah County in 2009 to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability and prevent displacement in East Portland.

The East Portland Action Plan group (EPAP) is charged to advocate for Action Plan and the area identified as East Portland, which is comprised of 150,000 residents and 20% of the city's land area. East Portland has 26% of the city's population, 40% of the city's students, significant racial/ethnic/language diversity (schools with over 50% native language other than English), and has high rates of poverty (schools with 90% free or reduced lunch).

The East Portland Action Plan strategies that support this letter are:

- CB.1 Increase interaction among cultural communities and geographic neighborhoods
- CB.2 Empower and engage East Portland residents and businesses in civic decision-making.
- CB.3 Involve East Portland residents in community projects and building community identity
- EQ.1 Foster an equitable distribution of public resources for East Portland

Since the City Council has declared Portland a "Sanctuary City", it is essential support the people the City is giving sanctuary to: Let's Make Sanctuary Real by providing more funding to support the people who are legally at risk for systemic legal assault on their rights to be living in Portland!

Please let us know how we can help you to implement this much needed additional resource.

Respectfully,




Natalie Arreola



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March 1, 2018

Before Portland City Council

In support of Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force Report & Recommendations

Testimony of:

Maria Garcia, Co-chair New Portlander Policy Commission

Kolini Fusitu'a, Co-chair of Equity in Practice Committee, New Portlander Policy Commission

Wajdi Said, New Portlander Policy Commission, Executive Committee

Before Portland City Council

March 1, 2018

**Testimony of
Maria Garcia, Co-chair New Portlander Policy Commission**

In support of Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force Report & Recommendations

Buenas tardes, good afternoon, my name is Maria Garcia, a Mexican Immigrant women, a local business owner and Co-chair of the New Portlanders Policy commission. My address is 1432 SW Sixth Ave.

I am honored to be speaking in behalf of the New Portlanders Commission and give a testimony as the Latin representative in our beloved commission that has hosted this important Sanctuary City Task force together with ONI and other community partners.

Some of the values the New Portlanders Policy Commission stands for are: solidarity, unity, recognition and inclusion of our colorful and vibrant immigrant communities living in our loved city of Portland and metropolitan area.

Many want immigrants to be here legally, coincidentally, a legal status immigrants also want, a status that recognizes their existence and contributions to the US in education, manufacturing, food and beverages industry, construction and resorts. Without immigrant labor, the US could not compete in the agriculture or textile industries. Food, hotels, or resorts would be too costly for many of us.

Despite demand for immigrant labor for centuries, immigrants still fear for their freedom, livelihood, and their loved ones. Many families have children, parents, and siblings without legal status. Fortunately, many Oregonians understand that immigrants are vital part of our future. Yet, many immigrants are struggling in access to education, health care, insurance as well as legal and driving rights and more important factor added to the long list of needs, funds to cover the expenses of proper legal representation in case a deportation takes place. Our community experiences workplace and domestic abuses. But due to fear of deportation they are afraid to report these violations of their rights to safety and protection.

I ask this honorable city counsel, to be on the right side of history with us, with immigrants and make sure our communities start gaining trust knowing that the Portland, the city that welcomes them is protecting them and supporting their efforts keeping our families together.

It is time to stand with immigrants. TO stand for the human rights of every ones means to stand for the human rights of all.

**Testimony of
Kolini Fusitu'a, Co-chair of Equity in Practice Committee, New Portlander Policy Commission**

In support of Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force Report & Recommendations

Thank you Mayor Wheeler and City Council for the opportunity to speak about the urgent need of support for our immigrant and refugee community in Portland.

My name is Kolini Fusitu'a, co-chair of Equity in Practice Committee of the New Portland Policy Commission. I am also the president of Tongan-American Resource Committee and have been a civic activist in my community for over 25 years.

I have reached out to the Portland Police Bureau to start a dialogue about current equity in practice and how we can support their work to better serve the underserved immigrant and refugee communities. My goal on this commission is to reach out to all city bureaus to build on what we are starting with the Police Bureau.

Our Pacific Islander community is Oregon's fastest growing community, according to the 2010 census. We have over 12,000 Chuukese from the Federated States of Micronesia seeking dry land here in Portland because of rising sea levels and continuing contamination from US nuclear testing 50 years ago.

Tongans first arrived in Portland in the late 70s, and established themselves in larger numbers in the 1980s. Today, Portland's 1,200 Tongans are literally a cornerstone of the city, well known for building stone walls all throughout Portland Metro area. We were unintentionally forced out of NE to the outer East Side in the early 90s and now are at risk of relocation again due to rising housing cost on the Eastside.

We have Marshallese, Chamorros, Samoans, and Fijian community members running on fear and uncertainty. Our Pacific Islander communities are already in survival mode, living doubled up in apartments built for much smaller families. With the current political environment, we are constantly in a state of fear.

Your support of our recommendations will give the community a sense of belonging, a sense of self-worth, and a ray of hope from a dark cloud that was forced upon them.

As a member of the New Portlander Policy Commission and a Program Coordinator of IRCO, I witness every day the bonding together of new Portlander communities as they seek common goals. This is your opportunity to support our goals by accepting and adopting the following recommendations.

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Before Portland City Council

March 1, 2018

Testimony of

Wajdi Said, New Portlander Policy Commission, Executive Committee

In support of Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force Report & Recommendations

Respected Mayor Wheeler and distinguished members of the City Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

As-Salamu alaikum/Peace be upon you!

I am honored to speak before you this afternoon on behalf of the New Portlander Policy Commission. I speak to you as a proud immigrant of an Arab and Muslim background, and as a proud Portlander and a great citizen of this amazing country and world which has so much potential to empower and engage each and every one of its citizens, both new and old.

America has been built over the shoulders of the indigenous people, African slaves, immigrants, refugees, and America is beautiful and strong because of our Multiracial and Multi-faith societies.

We as a community-based organizations and stakeholders in our common future, have a moral and ethical responsibility to reclaim our personal narratives and define our public square towards healing, unifying, and creating common grounds for each of our citizens.

Respected City Council, our former Mayor Potter is remembered for the creation of the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force 10 years ago. Four years ago, our respected commissioners Fritz, Saltzman, Fish, and Novick with the help of our former Mayor Charles Hales, are also remembered for creating the New Portlanders Council that would become the New Portlanders Policy Commission.

The Question in our Beloved Community Today, What will Mayor Wheeler and this council be remembered for?

It is very important to continue this journey and to carry on with this critical work to empower these immigrants (which everyone in this room once was) and give their daughters and sons an opportunity to serve in the same capacity in which each of us serves today.

Respected Mayor and elected officials, now is time to be proactive in addressing the needs of our new Portlanders, immigrants, and refugee communities. Now is the time to do right by our citizens and make available to them every reason to be well-engaged and successful.

Dear respected Mayor and Council Members, I strongly urge you to make a bold statement and instate the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs within the New Portlander Policy Commission, if we seriously want to become a Welcoming and Inclusive Sanctuary City that is true to its mission and vision. Our next door neighbors in Seattle have attracted multi-billion dollar companies in the name of integrating all of its citizens

to become an added value. Today, 67% of high-tech companies attract international immigrants to become the new Americans who will take part in defining our collective future as a community.

Let us stay away from any necessary politics and choose to do what is right!

We are extremely lucky to have some of our own community members working so hard for the city; Special thanks and sincere appreciation to my dear beloved sister, Linda Castillo, and my dear beloved brother, Ronault Catalani (aka Polo), for taking on this critical work and working ever so hard to support and positively integrate our new Portlanders, wherever they happen to come from. I honestly do not know what the NPPC commission would have done without the diligent and sincere efforts of Polo and Linda. Thank you and God bless you always!

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Jennings, Gayla
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 7:28 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: FW: Sanctuary City and the African American community vote

Good morning, Council Clerk,

This testimony was received by Auditor Hull Caballero yesterday morning for Thursday afternoon's City Council meeting. I'm not sure if you received a separate email from Chuck – my apologies if this is a duplicate and for the delay in getting this to you.

Thank you!

Gayla Jennings

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From: C-Rocc47 . [mailto:c.rocc47@gmail.com]
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To: City Auditor, Mary Hull Caballero <AuditorHullCaballero@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Sanctuary City and the African American community vote

The African American community disagrees with the city or state becoming any kind of sanctuary city or to accommodate anybody. We don't even feel safe in our city nor do we feel heard. These immigrants aren't our friends, they aren't friendly, they don't like us and are just as racist as all other whites and Eurasian countries. WE REJECT ALL REQUEST FOR SANCTUARY. Until OUR needs are met by the people currently guilty of wrong doing to us, we don't want our tax dollar, votes, or approval of this request. If any of you Council members continue to ignore the African American community request, we will request and petition for the resignation or all involved and move to remove our tax dollars from the city tax tools and direct it to our community only. It is clear we are not heard. It is clear Portland city Council doesn't care about it's African American community but this will be the last time we aren't felt when we use our voice. As stated before we requested our own voting and review system for exactly this reason. The Council does not represent the African American community, nor do the immigrant groups, we represent ourselves. We are one and are speaking as 1. NO to sanctuary cities, no to any decisions being made that include African Americans or African American tax dollars, until we are heard and our voting system and review board is set up. It's 2018 in 1929 we finally got the right to live in Oregon not being a slave or illegally. City hall is in a plaza dedicated to a racist (Terry Shrunck). We didn't receive any reparation which we are also still requesting. We built communities that were attacked and gentrified by whites and immigrants with the help of whites. On 18th and Dekum in NE Portland a bar called "Tough Luck", was put of to mock the African American store that was previously there but was boycotted by whites spreading false information. It was closed due to the complaints, the city aided its closure by not protecting the store from acts of discrimination. After succeeding in the racist boycott, whites put the bar, "Tough Luck," to mock us. Meanwhile the Hispanic restaurant, "Tamale Boy," directly across the street is not bothered. This has been happening for years and is still happening.(Exotica gentleman's club is another example)(Williams, Mississippi, etc.)

Chuck Crockett
African American Community Leader and Representative
Candidate for Multnomah County Chair and the rest of the African American community.