

On Portland Civility

Good morning and thank your time. I am here today to plead for you - our leaders, to be better examples of civility. Today I fear for my wife's safety. In the last 6 months my wife has been harassed in the vicinity of her workplace 3 times. Forgive my language but this is what my wife experienced:

A transgender person called my wife a "fucking dyke."

An elderly woman screamed COEXIST repeatedly while following my wife.

A black man called my wife a "long nosed white bitch, faggot, it" and screamed "I hate white people" then threatened to (quote) "fuck her up" while bystanders said nothing.

Mr. Wheeler you asked for an administration and leader that cares for all citizens and cares for safety of families. Yet my family is less safe today because city leaders seem more interested in partisanship and pet projects. Respecting citizens includes trying to protect them from: undocumented rapists and criminals, needles left in family yards and city parks, AND not inhibiting citizens and workers from moving about safely due to occupations or rampant homelessness.

I believe I speak for what some call a "silenced majority" when I say WE want a mayor and city council who will listens and doesn't pretend to speak for all Portlanders. We want a city council who takes the first step to reach out to those whom they may disagree and explore ways to work together. Do you want your legacy to be one of - new residents leaving for fear of safety, long term residents turned into 2nd class citizens so those who yell the loudest can intimidate an entire neighborhood, and minorities hating and harassing other minorities? We need leaders who foster civility and delight in working with creative and diverse ideas so that our city can be an example to this country of - respectful discourse and listening without prejudice. I know all of you work hard and I thank you for it. I simply ask for you to consider these words and do your best to make every citizen here, including the ones you disagree with, feel welcomed again. Then we will truly have a city WE all can be proud of and a safer community to be a part of.

Again thank you.

Frances Quaempts
Portland resident since 1997

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Parsons, Susan

From: Quaempts-LeVoir Family <qualev@zoho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Communication Request for Aug. 29th

My name is Frances Quaempts and I am requesting the opportunity to comment at the City Council meeting on August 29th 2018. Please sign me up.

My topic is: Fostering Civility

Thank you.

Frances Quaempts

Request of Frances Quaempts to address Council regarding fostering civility
(Communication)

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