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Mayor Wheeler and commissioners:

This is a brief contact to raise concerns about two items on Wednesday's agenda.

Starting with item 1281 regarding the Police Review Board code, it is not clear why the Portland Police Association would be asking the City to remove a section of City Code requiring the city to negotiate further changes to the stipulated discipline process. The only reason we can fathom is that the paragraph being proposed for removal explicitly says that cases involving discrimination, retaliation, disparate treatment, excessive force and deadly force will always remain off-limits for officers to voluntarily receive Sustained findings and discipline. In other words, this change implies that some day those items might be allowed for stipulated discipline.

Much like the decision that was made last week regarding the Public Safety Support Specialists, this has a huge impact on public policy and should be discussed not just with the PPA but with the community before the change is made.

The other item, 1270, is on the consent agenda, and allots almost \$150,000 to expand the Neighborhood Involvement Locations (NiLoc) program. The paperwork shows that "the program was not as successful as anticipated, and follow-up research identified a need to better integrate a problem-oriented approach aimed at increasing community capacity to resist crime and disorder." Portland Copwatch warned against NiLoc causing more harm than good in an email to Mayor Hales in 2014.

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That these new initiatives are focused in Hollywood and in particular in Parkrose, from which anti-houseless sentiments were brought to Council in recent weeks, is of concern. Particularly because the programs are not described in meaningful detail, it would be good to know exactly how this money will be spent and what officers may be doing to vulnerable people in these neighborhoods.

Thank you
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