



July 24, 2019

City of Portland  
Attn: Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioners  
1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 340  
Portland, OR 97204

Subject: RCPNA Support for Neighborhood Policing and Restored Level of Officers

Dear Mayor and Commissioners –

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this morning. On February 5<sup>th</sup> our Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board directed me to write this letter to the City Council. That was following the presentation by the North Precinct on the status of Public Safety at our January General Membership meeting. Unfortunately, due to my battle with cancer and your public comment schedule, I am only able to speak to you now.

In January Sergeant Jennifer Butler reported that there were not enough police officers to assign a permanent Neighborhood Response Team Officer to our area. This caused grave concern by the 60 participants at that meeting and then was reflected in the Board's direction to me as Chair. The Sergeant's stated reason for this problem was due to the reduction in police officers because of retirements.

Over the past 5 years we have experienced a 300% increase in car thefts and 400% increase in other forms of thefts and burglaries in our neighborhood. The presentation provided by the police gave no reason to believe the situation would improve under the current conditions.

We strongly urge the City to:

- A. Return the number of police officers to adequate levels of at least 17 officers per 10,000 residents;
- B. Support geographically assigned Community Police Officers as the number one priority for neighborhood livability. It is vital that these Officers stay in these assigned areas long enough to understand the community dynamics and become engaged with its community leaders.
- C. Listen to our police officer's concerns as they are dealing with:
  - a. A revolving door for thieves and larceny arrests; and
  - b. Need to reduce time spent dealing with law suits on top of workload requirements.

- D. Encourage Neighborhood Response Team Officers to provide regular updates at Neighborhood General Membership Meetings in their assigned areas.
- E. Let the Neighborhood Associations help reduce crime through grants for high crime areas.

I do understand that NRT officer Bob Boylan has been temporarily assigned to our neighborhood. We would like to see that as a permanent assignment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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## Moore-Love, Karla

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** ed gorman  
**Subject:** Request to be Scheduled for City Council Communication on Safety and FBI Task Force

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Wednesday, May 1, 2019 8:00 AM  
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Hi Karla -

Would it be possible for me to be able to be scheduled for communication with the City Council on July 24th? Our RCPNA Board has directed me to write a letter to the Council regarding safety concerns for our neighborhood due to the lack of an assigned police officer for our area. In addition, based on the response from our neighboring counties the City Council needs to rethink their opposition to participating in the FBI Task Force. See:  
<https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-clackamas-sheriff-pulls-out-of-portland/>

It is getting extremely uncomfortable to feel safe walking at night even in our neighborhood.

Tamara

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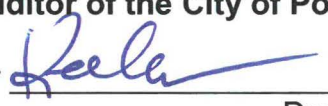
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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Request of Tamara DeRidder to address Council regarding safety concerns in the neighborhood due to the lack of an assigned police officer (Communication)

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