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Good Afternoon,

I have attached the written testimony to accompany my verbal testimony that I will give during the July 1 City Council Meeting. To adhere to the 3 minute speaking time limit, I likely will not be able to say all of these words. So, I wanted to submit it for written testimony in the event that I am not able to get to it all. Please let me know if this is not the right email address for this purpose.

Sincerely,
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To: City of Portland, Oregon City Council
Cc: Laura John, Director of Tribal Relations
From: MMIWpdx Advocacy Group
Date: June 30, 2020
Subject: Continuing the Conversation on Defunding the Police to Invest in Communities of Color

All Black Lives Matter.

During this time of revolution, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative PDX advocacy group stands in solidarity with our Black and Afro-Indigenous relatives to engage and uplift their voices for change. Black liberation & Tribal sovereignty are inseparably linked to the need for decolonizing the United States.

The bodies and lives of our Black and Indigenous brothers, sisters, and two-spirit relatives are in danger. The dehumanizing origins of law enforcement institutions are a result of Slave Patrols and State Militias, efforts intentionally meant to enslave Black people and commit genocide against Native Americans to colonize this country.

Anti-Blackness, anti-Indianness and institutional racism are all tactics, rooted in history, used to marginalize our communities and keep our voices silent when public policy, procedures and systems of education are created. This pervasive white supremacist foundation that is perpetuated by educational systems has created an authoritarian police state where policing and incarceration act as a continued form of slavery and oppression experienced by BIPOC communities. White supremacy must be interrupted immediately by the City of Portland, particularly within its law enforcement system.

It is time that police are held accountable to serve and protect our communities, rather than be given liberty and immunity to continue to oppress BIPOC communities. To do so, we need survivor-centered, trauma and healing- informed led services to create a *Community of Care*.

Here is our list of demands:

- Divert funds from the existing Portland Police Bureau budget to be allocated towards BIPOC communities.
- Direct \$150,000 to the Tribal Relations Program.
- Create system of restorative justice, led by the Portland Black Community
- Allocate funds to build upon the Black Male Achievement Program and create a Native Male Achievement Program under the Office of Equity & Human Rights.
- Fund the Office of Equity and Human Rights to work directly with non-BIPOC employees to address internalized White Supremacy and create accountability to ensure training is utilized in everyday police work.
- Include domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault survivor-led/centered organizations and leaders in the conversation on how to dismantle and reimagine the role police serve including overseeing PPB systems, directives, and standard operating procedures.

- Increase Portland Children's Levy funding to culturally specific organizations to have a greater equity impact as well as reduce barriers and build capacity for collaboration within communities of color
- Self-care for officers so they can learn to heal their trauma resulting from conditions of and conditioning of white supremacy without inciting violence against Black, Indigenous, and Brown people.
- Create and affirm processes which allow room for growth and recognize that community needs and demands may evolve over time.

We stand in solidarity with the Portland African American Leadership Forum, Unite Oregon, Don't Shoot PDX and their list of demands. We are aware that not all demands were met at the last budget approval on June 17. We will continue to hold you accountable to these vital needs to our community.

It is time for a new system that honors and nurtures, in loving inspiration, the dreams of a caring and vibrant world, where our children and their children's children will stand tall in their dignity and in the fullness of their dreams.

In Solidarity,

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