

**From:** [Harrison Osbourn](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Meghaan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: request time slot to address City Commissioners  
**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:16:31 PM

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Hi Meghaan,

I just wanted to follow up on my request. I would like to formally request one of the timeslots on July 8th. The subject will be "Stanton Street Crime". I will have the other residents email you directly.

best,  
Harrison

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:20 PM Harrison Osbourn <[hosbourn@gmail.com](mailto:hosbourn@gmail.com)> wrote:

Do you know what time during July 8th we need to be available? I will try to gather all of the information you need by today.

Since this is my first time, can you tell me exactly what you need? Do you need a separate email from each individual who would like to speak? Or do you just need the names? I recently went through a training with Jacob Brostoff who said that we could pool our time and have 1-2 speakers for the group.

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM Davis, Meghaan <[Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

I have July 8<sup>th</sup>, would everyone be able to send me their request by close of business day today?

Thank you –

Meghaan Davis

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Request of Harrison Osbourn to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime  
(Communication)

**July 15, 2020**

**Placed on file**

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**Auditor of the City of Portland**

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| COMMISSIONERS VOTED<br>AS FOLLOWS: |      |      |
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| 2. Vacant                          |      |      |
| 3. Hardesty                        |      |      |
| 4. Eudaly                          |      |      |
| Wheeler                            |      |      |



June 25, 2020

To:

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Portland City Commissioner Joann Hardesty  
Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly  
Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell  
Portland Police Sergeant Jennifer Butcher

Bcc:

Eliot NA Board  
Emanuel Hospital Public Relations

Portland Mayor and City Commissioners and others:

Each of you has expressed deep concern about the need to ensure safety and livability in our Portland neighborhoods. We believe our concern to be in line with your city priorities of building a community that enjoys a healthy environment and safe place to live and thrive. We are writing this letter to inform as well as serve as a call to action to partner together towards a shared solution.

The northeast corner of N Williams Ave and NE Stanton Street is a hotbed for illicit activity. This stems from rampant and open drug dealing that occurs along the south face of the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church. This activity occurs on a daily basis, but there is a marked increase during the afternoon hours as well as on the weekends.

This drug activity regularly causes many negative effects, such as verbal altercations which can quickly escalate to physical violence. Residents have witnessed gunshots, assaults, and fist fights. Moreover, corresponding activity stemming from the drug trade also includes prostitution, gambling on the sidewalks, and public urination and defecation. It is not uncommon to witness urination on the sidewalk or street, and the alleyway area next to 18 NE Stanton Street is a frequented spot that is used for defecation.

This illicit activity has spilled further down the Stanton Street block towards NE Rodney Ave, further compromising the safety and livability of the area. Drugs are routinely consumed on private property such as the front steps and porches of the residents who live on Stanton Street (see attachments for examples). On nicer days, there is constant loud music from parked cars, and residents have to deal with verbal harassment and litter from the activities. While several neighborhood volunteers help to try to clean up the litter, it feels like a losing battle as cars routinely dump their discarded fast food containers into the street. There seems to be no concern for social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis, as several bystanders gather to loiter on the side of the Immaculate Heart Church, which is currently closed during the pandemic.

Furthermore, there seems to have been an increase in speeding cars on NE Stanton Street recently. As you know, this is a huge threat to children, dogs, and pedestrians. N. Williams Ave is one of the heaviest trafficked



bike throughways in the city. Residents have reported reckless speeding cars on Stanton Street that routinely race by at speeds well over the posted speed limit of 20mph. We think that this increase in bad driver behavior may be connected to the drug dealing on the Street.

While it might be tempting to put off a decision or action given these difficult times – it is also an important time to move forward. The neighborhood block safety and livability on Stanton Street has significantly deteriorated, and the issue seems to get worse as the weather gets better. On a sunny weekend afternoon, cars block the intersection of N Williams and NE Stanton as vehicles routinely line up to stop to purchase drugs from dealers who are stationed there. Loud music begins at 7:00am and continues until midnight every night.

**The problem has grown from a minor annoyance to a full-fledged public safety crisis for the block.**

Residents fear for their safety and are hesitant to engage or speak out directly against this illegal activity for fear of retribution. The residents frequently contact the North Precinct Police Department, but these calls have not changed the overall environment that has developed on Stanton Street. The residents and Neighborhood Association both believe that it is only a matter of time before somebody innocent gets hurt in this environment.

The residents of Stanton St have approached the Neighborhood Association for help. They have also engaged other key stakeholders that operate on the same block. These stakeholders include the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Friends of the Children (a non-profit whose back parking lot abuts Stanton St), and Arc en Ciel (a local pre-school Montessori on the block). All of these stakeholders are aligned that there is a significant problem and that we need help from the city to solve it.

Actions that have been taken so far:

- Reached out to Portland Police at least 10 times, through multiple channels. We have not gotten any ability to have an official meeting. Sergeant Butcher was our main point of contact. She mentioned the North Precinct Neighborhood Response Team seems to have just been disbanded.
- Reached out to all adjacent property owners
- Asking people to leave private property when found using drugs and trespassing
- Reached out to PBOT about installing speed bumps, but were told no funds existed

We are writing your office formally requesting the following actions:

- Increased police presence on NE Stanton Street between N Williams and NE Rodney, specifically to deter drug sales, which we believe to be the origin of many of the issues on the block
- Investigate the known drug dealers in the area to dissuade them using Stanton Street for their activities
- Disperse the loitering on the southside of Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, especially in times of COVID-19 (possibly by installing no parking signs along the church)
- Separate meeting with representatives of the Portland Police to inform and align on next steps

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please let us know when we can expect to hear back from you. We would be happy to provide additional details, if needed, and look forward to working together towards a solution that creates a safer neighborhood for our residents.



Thank you,

Eliot Neighborhood Association Board

Allan Rudwick, Eliot NA co-Chair

Jimmy Wilson, Eliot NA co-Chair

Harrison Osbourn, 54 NE Stanton St

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Joe Lear, 89 NE Stanton St

Kathryn LePore, 89 NE Stanton St

Vlasta Powell, 18 NE Stanton St

Elliott Patt, 18 NE Stanton St

Rachel Hall, 44 NE Stanton St

Examples of drug use and trespassing on private residents' property:



# Eliot Neighborhood





Public Urination:



Public Drug use directly outside resident homes:





# Eliot Neighborhood



Litter Dumping:





Trespassing and drug  
use on resident  
property



Trespassing and drug use  
on resident property



Trespassing and drug use on resident property





# Public urination on resident property





# Drug use outside of residents' windows





Excessive littering in front of resident houses



Constant stream of  
drug deals

