



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

**OFFICIAL  
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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Commissioner Hardesty, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3.

Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone and the City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the City's YouTube Channel, eGov PDX, [www.portlandoregon.gov/video](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/video) and Channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to Council by emailing the Council Clerk at [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov).

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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m. and reconvened at 9:46 a.m.  
The meeting recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.  
The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
<b>430</b>	Request of Anna to address Council regarding proposed budget (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		
<b>431</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:35 AM</b> – Proclaim June of 2020 to be Portland Pride Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>432</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:05 AM</b> – Appoint John Casey Mills, Alejandra Cortes, Alejandro Orizola, David Staczek, Juan Piantino, and Punneh Abdolhosseini and reappoint Paul Agrimis and Mike Elliott to the Portland Parks & Recreation Board (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested  (Y-3)	<b>CONFIRMED</b>

<p><b>433 TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 AM</b> – Amend Planning and Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan Map, and the Zoning Map to implement the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing project (Second Reading Agenda 410; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Title 33) 10 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the package of amendments:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-3)</p> <p><b>Motion to change the effective date to June 18, 2020:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-3)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2020 AT 10:45 AM TIME CERTAIN AS AMENDED</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	
<p><b>*434</b> Accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000 from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office to support historic preservation activities (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*435</b> Authorize a three year master Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to partner on waste reduction and climate-related engagement research and analysis projects not to exceed \$500,000 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>436</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept an additional \$80,000 and extend the expiration date for administration of the Master Recycler Program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003529)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*437</b> Pay settlement of Ryan Aasland bodily injury claim for the sum of \$85,000, resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*438</b> Pay settlement of Natasha Lester bodily injury claim for the sum of \$35,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*439</b> Pay property damage claim of Mark Quemada in the sum of \$7,209 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*440</b> Pay settlement of bodily injury lawsuit of Vincenza Scarpaci in the sum of \$150,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*441</b> Accept and appropriate a \$20,000 grant from Oregon Department of Education Community Nutrition Program Start-up and Expansion Grant for the At-Risk Afterschool and Summer Meals Program (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

<b>Commissioner Eudaly</b> <b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>442</b> Amend Driveways Code to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways (Ordinance; repeal Code Section 17.28.100 and replace 17.28.110)		<b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b>
<b>443</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to support analysis and coordination as part of the Regional Congestion Pricing Study and authorize transfer of \$50,000 to support technical analysis activities (Second Reading Agenda 417)		<b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b> <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b> <b>Office of Management and Finance</b>		
<b>*444</b> Authorize a borrowing of not more than \$42 million in anticipation of the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund levy for FY 2020-21 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested  Continued to June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)		<b>189991</b>
<b>445</b> Amend contract with Marsh USA Inc. for insurance brokerage services for Owner Controlled Insurance Phase VI (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30004804) 15 minutes requested		<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
<b>446</b> Accept the 2019 Title 11 Trees Trust Funds report (Report) 10 minutes requested		<b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>447</b> Approve the designation of thirteen trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from one tree (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested		<b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b> <b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>*448</b> Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the NW Cornell Tunnel Rehabilitation Project for an estimated \$3,180,000 (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested		<b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Office of Community &amp; Civic Life</b>		
<b>449</b> Increase fee schedule for the Office of Community & Civic Life Noise Program for noise variance applications in the amount of 5% as permitted by Code Section 18.14.020.B. (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested		<b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b>

At 11:13 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Commissioner Hardesty, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney

The meeting recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 3:52 p.m.  
The meeting recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 5:54 p.m.

<b>450</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Certify that certain services are provided by the City to establish eligibility for State Shared Revenues (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 90 minutes requested for items 450-453 Continued to June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)	<b>37490</b>
<b>*451</b> Approve accepting funds from the State of Oregon under the State Revenue Sharing Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) Continued to June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)	<b>189992</b>
<b>*452</b> Adopt the annual budget of the City and establish appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) Continued to June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. See page 5 for approved amendments. (Y-2 Fritz, Hardesty; N-2 Eudaly, Wheeler. Failed to pass.) <b>Motion to reconsider:</b> Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4) <b>Motion to remove emergency clause:</b> Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 17, 2020 AT 9:30 AM AS AMENDED</b>
<b>*453</b> Approve levying taxes for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) Continued to June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)	<b>189993</b>
<b>454</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 4:00 PM</b> – Amend Street Access Code and Transportation Administrative Rules to align with changes to the Residential Infill Project (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; amend Code Section 17.88.090 and TRN-1.26) 1 hour requested	<b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 17, 2020 AT 2:30 PM TIME CERTAIN</b>

At 7:01 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, 4.

Commissioner Eudaly arrived late due to computer issues

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney

<p><b>455</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Authorize \$1,623,850 for grant agreements to be divided among the five non-profit neighborhood District Coalitions to support Neighborhood Associations and community engagement activities from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 40 minutes requested for items 455-456</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b>456</b>    Authorize \$851,646 for grant agreements with Center for Intercultural Organizing-Unite Oregon; Latino Network; Immigrant Refugee Community Organization; Native American Youth and Family Center; Momentum Alliance; and Urban League of Portland for the Diversity and Civic Leadership Organizing Project for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b>457</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:40 PM</b> – Amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, and Title 33 Planning and Zoning to revise the Single-Dwelling Residential designations and base zones (Second Reading Agenda 429; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Code Title 33 and Portland Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Maps) 2 hours requested</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 18, 2020 AT 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</b></p>

At 5:21 p.m., Council adjourned.

#### Item 452 Amendments – June 11, 2020

##### Mayor Wheeler

- 1. Motion to move the Hearing’s Office function and budget from the City Auditor’s Office to the Chief Administrator’s Office within the Office of Management and Finance and allocate \$18,615 in General Fund resources to the Chief Administrator’s Office support the administrative workload associated with the Hearing’s Office.**

This motion reduces \$641,733 of General Fund Discretionary and Overhead resources as well as \$212,476 in interagency revenue and reduces associated expenses, including 4.0 FTE from the Auditor’s Office. The motion reallocates the original budgeted revenue, expense, and FTE to the Chief Administrator’s Office within the Office of Management and Finance and increases the General Fund Discretionary and Overhead revenue by a total of \$18,615 to support the administrative workload associated with the new function. Allocates \$8,487 of Ongoing resources from General Fund Unrestricted Contingency and \$10,128 of General Fund Overhead resources. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

**Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)**

**2. Motion to convert the Portland Parks & Recreation Sustainable Future position from limited term to permanent.**

This motion converts the two-year limited term Sustainable Future position to permanent. Funding for the first two years of this position is supported by a transfer of \$358,648 in one-time General Fund discretionary resources. Existing resources to support this position on an ongoing basis have been identified within the Portland Parks & Recreation Finance Division's General Fund allocation. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.  
**Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)**

**Commissioner Fritz**

**1. Motion to allocate \$150,000 for a Tribal Liaison position in the Office of Government Relations, with resources from reducing the Police Bureau budget**

This motion increases ongoing General Fund discretionary revenues by \$68,389 and ongoing General Fund overhead resources by \$81,611 in the Office of Government Relations. These resources will add needed capacity for Tribal Relations coordination, outreach, advice, and support for City offices and bureaus through one additional FTE. Programmatic funding will support delivery of the annual tribal nations summit and other events, delegation visits to tribal governments in the region, attendance at recurring conferences of tribal government representatives, and gift exchanges consistent with cultural protocols. Allocates \$68,389 in ongoing resources from General Fund unrestricted contingency and \$81,611 in General Fund overhead resources. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

**Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

**2. Motion to add \$123,985 for the Civil Rights Title VI Program in the Office of Equity & Human Rights, with resources from reducing the Police Bureau budget**

This motion increases ongoing General Fund discretionary revenues by \$56,528 and ongoing General Fund overhead resources by \$67,457 in the Office of Equity & Human Rights. This funding will support a new FTE to act as a bridge between Citywide policy and practice development and bureau level implementation and technical assistance. To meet demand from bureaus and the community, the position is responsible for providing bureau and community technical assistance; supporting bureau implementation of related policies, plans, and initiatives including developing supporting practices; developing training and building staff capacity; revitalizing the bureau Civil Rights coordinators network; and assisting with accountability through data collection, tracking, evaluation and reporting. Allocates \$56,528 of ongoing resources from General Fund unrestricted contingency and \$67,457 of General Fund overhead resources. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

**Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

**Commissioner Eudaly**

**1. Motion to reduce \$4,610,042 in ongoing General Fund resources and eliminate 50 vacant FTE in the Police Bureau.**

This motion eliminates 50 vacant FTE from the Portland Police Bureau at an estimated value of \$4,610,042. Reduce the Police Bureau's ongoing General Fund allocation by \$4,610,042 and increase ongoing Unrestricted Contingency by \$4,610,042. Update amendments B, C, D, and E as necessary to reflect these changes.

**Moved by Eudaly and not seconded.**

- 2. Motion to amend Attachment D to include a budget note to commit to a community process to inform future General Fund allocation decisions around resources made available by these actions.**

**Community Process for Reinvestment**

Community has been clear. We are being asked to reallocate resources and rethink the scope of police. Council directs that Commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly will lead a collaborative, community-driven process to inform the future allocation of the ongoing General Fund resources reallocated from the Police Bureau. In consultation with communities overrepresented by policing, they will bring recommendations to Council on how to best reinvest these funds.

Update Attachment D as necessary to reflect these changes.

**Moved by Eudaly and not seconded.**

- 3. Motion to amend Attachment D and add a budget note regarding secondary employment in the Police Bureau, as follows:**

**Enforcement and Reporting Out on Secondary Employment in the Police Bureau**

Council directs the following:

1. The Police Bureau shall put a system in place to ensure that officers working Special Duty work, or secondary employment, do not exceed 20 hours per week per the terms of the Portland Police Association labor agreement.
2. The Police Bureau shall not allow compensatory time instead of pay for compensation for Special Duty work, or secondary employment, per the terms of the Portland Police Association labor agreement.

The Police Bureau shall put systems in place to ensure that the above does not occur. In six months, the bureau shall report back to Council on the systems incorporated and effectiveness of such systems over the period of time between enactment and the report to Council.

**Moved by Eudaly and not seconded.**

- 4. Motion to reduce \$2,291,728 in ongoing Recreational Cannabis Tax resources in the Police Bureau for the Traffic Division, and direct the bureau to support the Traffic Division within its General Fund allocation.**

Reduce \$2,291,728 in ongoing Recreational Cannabis Tax resources in the Police Bureau. Balance the Police Bureau budget by reducing \$2,291,728 in General Fund-backed external materials & services expenses. Allocate \$453,000 in Recreational Cannabis Tax resources to Civic Life to support the disbursement of Social Equity Grants, and increase ongoing Unrestricted Contingency in the Recreational Cannabis Tax fund by \$1,838,728. Amend Attachments B, C, D, and E as needed to reflect this change.

**Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

- 5. Motion to amend Attachment D to include a budget note directing the Police Bureau to maintain staffing levels within the Traffic Division.**

**Maintain Traffic Division Staffing**

Council directs that the Police Bureau identify resources to maintain current staffing levels

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within the Traffic Division, and that the bureau adjust to the reduction of \$2.3 million in Recreational Cannabis Tax resources without affecting the Traffic Division. Council directs that the Police Bureau report back to Council on how this will be achieved as part of the FY 2020-21 Fall Budget Monitoring Process, and expresses particular interest in achieving this through external materials & services reductions.

Update Attachment D as necessary to reflect these changes.

**Moved by Eudaly and not seconded.**

### **Commissioner Hardesty**

- 1. Motion to reduce \$5,373,451 in ongoing General Fund resources and eliminate 38.0 FTE in the Police Bureau related to the Gun Violence Reduction Team and Metro Gang Taskforce.**

Reduce \$5,373,451 in ongoing General Fund resources in the Police Bureau for the Gun Violence Reduction Team, thereby dismantling the units in both name and practice. Balance this reduction in PPB by eliminating 38.0 FTE associated with the Gun Violence Reduction Team and Metro Gang Taskforce, as well as associated materials and services expenses. Increase General Fund Contingency policy set-aside by \$4,800,000 ongoing for the Portland Street Response program and increase ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency by \$573,451. Amend Attachments B, C, D, and E as needed to reflect this change.

**Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

- 2. Motion to reduce \$1,913,226 in ongoing General Fund resources and eliminate 14.0 FTE vacant Police Officer Positions in the Portland Police Bureau to fully eliminate the School Resource Officer Program.**

Reduce \$1,913,226 in ongoing General Fund resources in the Police Bureau for the School Resource Officer Program. Balance this reduction in PPB by eliminating 14.0 FTE associated with the program, as well as other personnel costs and associated materials and services expenses. Increase ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency by \$913,226 and increase Special Appropriations by \$1,000,000 in ongoing General Fund discretionary resources for a Black youth leadership initiative. Amend Attachments B, C, D, and E as needed to reflect this change.

**Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

- 3. Motion to reduce \$1,104,341 in ongoing General Fund resources and eliminate 8.0 FTE associated with the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) in the Portland Police Bureau.**

Reduce \$1,104,341 in ongoing General Fund resources in the Police Bureau for the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) Program. Balance this reduction in PPB by eliminating 8.0 sworn FTE associated with the program, as well as associated materials and services expenses. Balance this amendment by allocating \$1,000,000 in ongoing General Fund resources to a Contingency Policy Set-aside for a Participatory Budgeting Process with our houseless community and increase ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency by \$104,341. Amend Attachments B, C, D, and E as needed to reflect this change.

**Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

- 4. Motion to reduce \$4,357,372 intergovernmental resources and eliminate 24.0 FTE associated with the Transit Police unit in the Portland Police Bureau.**

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Reduce \$4,357,372 in intergovernmental resources received from TriMet and ending the intergovernmental agreement with TriMet for Transit Police services in a manner appropriate to the agreement. Balance this reduction in PPB by eliminating 24.0 FTE associated with the program, as well as associated materials and services expenses. **Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)**

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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**June 10, 2020 9:30 a.m**

**Hardesty:** I will call to order Wednesday city council meeting, Portland city council meeting, our 9:30 meeting. Karla, please call the roll.

**Eudaly:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Wheeler:**

**Hardesty:** Here, Karla, before you move on, I just want to say that I want to share my condolences on the loss of the mayor's mother. He will not be with us today but he plans to be back tomorrow for council session. And maybe just a couple minutes of silence before we move into the agenda. Thank you all. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All member council are attending remotely by phone and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can also provide written testimony to council by e-mailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact. And promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patient, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. Linly Rees could you give us the rules of decorum? Or is that Robert today?

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** That's me madam presiding officer. To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions for the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony, individuals generally have three-minutes to testify, unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when time is up or interrupting other testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given and further disruption may result in being placed on hold for ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Karla, has any items been pulled from the consent agenda.

**Moore-Love:** We do have one communications speaker.

**Hardesty:** My apologies. Would you please read 430, please.

**Item 430.**

**Hardesty:** Welcome, Anna.

**Anna:** Thank you. Good morning, city commissioners. My condolences to Mayor Wheeler for his mother. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. Again, my name is Anna, I grew up in Portland and worked at an administrative assistance in the Multnomah County District Attorney's office as a summer job for three-years. In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, James Spurlock, Tony McDade, so many black people, I'm asking to you withdraw \$50 million from the police bureau budget and reallocate those

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resources to trauma-informed crisis intervention, affordable housing and other community resources that will benefit public safety for all. The proposed \$7 million reduction to the original budget still increases the ppb budget over last year and increasing the policing of black Portlanders and other marginalized members of our community. When I worked for Multnomah county, I filed report eliminating disproportionate policing of black and brown members. On more than one occasion I heard them prefer to black men going to prison and saying his dad was in prison, too, as though it was inevitable. If you acknowledge that policing and imprisoning adults leads to policing and imprisoning their children sooner or later, why aren't we investing community based solutions to break this cycle. I saw so many people punished for repeat offences like shoplifting for necessities like food and hygiene supplies or goods to resale to support themselves. At the root of this, quote, crime, are individuals and families unmet needs, in illumination of the inequity in our community. Instead of using \$240 million of our city's resources for ineffective punitive measures like fines and jail sentencings, what if we prioritized offering employment counseling, mental health care and other social services to address the root cause. I often heard staff members say to the individuals, when will they learn. The question I would like to ask is when will they learn? Can we admit our justice system isn't addressing the root of the problem facing our community. According to the Oregon governments website 56% of the people released from our prison system after being convicted of a felony reoffend within three-years. This emphasis on policing isn't actually correcting our problems. The Oregon department of corrections say 61% of people in our prisons have documented dependence and addiction issues and only 11% receive treatment, 33% suffer from mental health challenges that go largely unaddressed and 50% are experiencing houselessness and do not arrive in a better socioeconomic position post release. Where is the justice in that. When I began my work in the da's office I believed it was the right thing because that's what he was taught and now I know there are better options. I cannot take back the ways I unknowingly contributed to systemic violence against black people in my community but I can choose how I participate in fighting for racial equity today and moving forward. You have the incredible opportunity to be true leaders and make a commitment to stand on the right side of history. Redirecting \$50 million away from the ppb and toward services that will decrease the need for policing is a step in the right direction. You will be in the history books for this either way. Cutting the Portland police budget by \$50 million will show your commitment to making Portland a truly safer and healthier city for black Portlanders and for all of us. Thank you very much for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much for your testimony. It is greatly appreciated.

**Anna:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Karla, we have a time certain item, item 431.

**Moore-Love:** Did you want to do the consent agenda.

**Hardesty:** Yes, Karla, thank you very much. I'm a little discombobulated this morning. I understand there have been many items pulled off consent.

**Moore-Love:** There has, and without having four, I understand we're continuing it to next week.

**Hardesty:** Yes.

**Moore-Love:** The item that did not get pulled. Is that everybody's understanding?

**Hardesty:** That is my understanding, as well.

**Moore-Love:** I can read the numbers that were requested to be pulled.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Item 437, 438, 439, 441 and 442.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Karla. With the remaining item on consent, would you please call the roll.

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**Moore-Love:** We need four people to do that. It was my understanding it was going to be the bulk of the consent was going to be continued to next week. Robert, you can correct me if i'm wrong on that.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** That's correct, Karla. I think the items that have been pulled can be considered later today on this agenda, and then the other items can be on the consent agenda, can be carried over until next week. Any items that were pulled that were emergency ordinances would also require four votes so they could not be finally voted on today with our four commissioners in attendance.

**Hardesty:** Excellent so we are going to hold those items until we are, until we can bring them back when we will have four of us to vote on it. Is that accurate?

**Moore-Love:** Or we can go ahead and read those, pulled those four, were we going to hear those and then continue them for vote next week?

**Taylor:** Yes. I think that's a good plan, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Okay.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. And thank you for the patience of the public that's listening, as I said earlier, you know, we're a little discombobulated and I think our hearts are going out to the mayor this morning, so we had to do all this on the fly. So i'm grateful for people's participation. And while we're clarifying how the council agenda will proceed today, I just want to make sure that people know that the item having to do with rip will be continued until thursday afternoon, and it will be a date and time certain so it will be after 2:40 p.m. On thursday. That was originally scheduled to be heard today and that is transferred to tomorrow. I should also say for people planning to testify on the city's budget today, we plan to take testimony later today but we will not be moving amendments until tomorrow where we hope the mayor will be able to come and participate with us. Just for the sake of the public knowing what's going on, as everything changes very quickly.

**Taylor:** Yes, thank you, commissioner. And, on the item for rip, that is scheduled for tomorrow and depending on if there's time to hear that with the budget being moved to tomorrow, then the rip matter might also be continued to a further date. So the public should stay tuned for that and we will make an announcement tomorrow about the date and time certain for the rip hearing, if that gets moved. But I think that's what will likely happen, given that the budget is also -- the vote on the budget would move to tomorrow. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I appreciate that clarification, and I know the public does. This has been a whirl wind kind of week. So Karla, if you would read our first time certain, item 431, please.

**Item 431.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Can I have five-minutes, please? It appears the documents that were sent were not attached to the e-mail. If we can take a five-minute break, I will get my paperwork and come back. Thank you.

**At 9:43 council recessed.**

**At 9:46 council reconvened.**

**Hardesty:** Colleagues, its that kind of day, Karla please read item 431. Karla?

**Moore-Love:** I guess it was muted.

**Hardesty:** It is that kind of morning. All of us should take a deep breath and center ourselves.

**Item 431.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. It is my pleasure to welcome today Debora Porta from pride northwest, Erin Waters from equity diversion and equity consultant northwest for kaiser permanente to provide other presentation today. I believe that erin waters wants to speak first. Please welcome to the council.

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**Erin Waters:** Hi, everyone. I actually want to make clear i'm not here on behalf of keizer today, i'm just here on behalf of myself. My name is erin waters, she/her pronouns. I am a resident, I am black, I am a woman married to a woman and I am transgender. My life is lived on a precipice of danger, I had no hand in creating for myself it does not come with hazard pay or payed time off to grieve. I don't have a lot of original words today because everything i'm saying has been said before in easy comfortable living rooms from james baldwin and ivory towers, from book shelves by angela davis and down in the middle of our streets by Marsha p. Johnson. The heroes of my community never wore capes, what they wore was a sense of pride, strong enough in who they were rise up and fight back against the discrimination that tried to erase them. So long 69 was a turn point, a clear rising of revolution that tide which will one day wash away the dirt and tear gas and rubber bullets and pepper spray as having been worth it. It is a fight that continues today in so many ways evidenced in part by black indigenous and people of color who are transgender, disabled and neurodivergent who suffer the greatest abuses in our society. In order for us to find safety our neighbors and supPortas must move beyond our definitions of identities, labels which allow people to languish in the idea that because they are say the word intersectionality that they're working with an intersectional lens. Our leaders must stop playing wack-a-mole when creating plans to fix the problems we face as you fix that group, that group and that group without confronting the core of the issues that cause the discrimination against us. People are asking for more than platitudes and pretty words and virtual signaling for a world that never existed. Angela davis told us that you have to act is as if it were possible to radically transform the world and you have to do it all the time. In 1973, the Cristopher street rally in new york, sylvia rivera told us to get up and support all of us from the most to the least so that is my ask today, our neighbors in the city of Portland in particular become more than allies in name, we need you to become accomplices to stand up, speak out, offer real support and be the courageous leaders and supPortas can we claim ourselves to be every rainbow washed month of john. We need you to understand that Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera and Stormi delavia didn't start with the white middle class called a riot for white queer counter parts to stay silent. We're not done marching or protesting or being proud of ourselves, but we need you to understand that more than ever. Thank you very much, I appreciate the councils having energy today and i'm looking for a more radical future.

**Hardesty:** You and me, both Erin. Thank you for your testimony today. Debora Porta, you're next.

**Debora Porta:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Commissioners, I want to take a moment and thank erin for speaking out today. Speaking out, as always, and bringing truth into the room. My name is Debora Porta, i'm executive -- I struggled a lot to come up with the words I wanted to speak today and I don't have a lot, but I want to say what i'm feeling. In all of my years of pride northwest, coming up on 14 at this point, i've seen the progress the city of Portland has made in its relationship with its lgbtq plus community. I remember a time when pride proclamations, the simplest recognition an elected body can give were few and far in between. When members of this body informed me it was my responsibility to remind them to take notice and recognize my community. I credit the work of lgbt city employees like Debbie Caslton and the entire work of deep for driving much of that progress, but i've also seen the backlash and experienced the backlash when pride northwest dared to speak truth to power and tried to open a door way to progress. So I know there is still a lot of work to do. The roots of pride have much in common with the movement for equality, equity and justice being born or should I say reinvigorated in our city and in cities and towns across this country. Pride northwest stands firmly with the black community and all communities of color as their community is our community. And our community is their community. We appreciate this recognition on the part of Portland

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city council and we look forward to working with you to build a future that is long over due. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Debora. Now I will open it up to my colleagues if they want to -- if they have any remarks prior to me reading the proclamation on behalf of the city of Portland. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, madam president. I just want to briefly remind Portlanders that pride started with a riot. On June 28, 1969, the NYPD raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera both trans women of color were empowered by the Black Power anti-war and Women's Liberation Movement and together they led the LGBT community to push back. On the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in 1970, the LGBT community gathered for the first annual pride to celebrate their identities openly and formally launch the gay liberation movement. Now, more than ever, it is crucial to remember where this movement came from and to remember who started it. Remember Marsha Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Tony McDade, remember that the fight for justice often starts with historically marginalized leaders, with unrest, with protest and with direct challenge to oppression in the status quo. Happy pride.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, Commissioner Fritz, would you like to say anything?

**Fritz:** Thank you, madam president. Thank you, Debora Porta, for your long-term leadership of the pride movement and for all that you've taught me over the years, and I'm glad you mentioned Debbie Caselton and the work of Deep, as well there has been a movement within the city and that is good to see. Pride month is about many things. To me it means supporting our LGBT plus communities in living freely or fully and authentically. When pride month is often celebratory and the pride parade is one of the most joyful things we ever get to do on the council. We are in a moment where there is a great need for community healing, a sense of Black voices and for white elected people like myself to listen. Specifically the Black Lives Matter movement has helped elevate an epic of violence against Black women and Black transwomen of color. It's crucial to acknowledge the resistance by Black and Brown transwomen paved the way for the LGBTQ plus movement so many decades ago, as was just mentioned. Thank you Debora Porta and Erin Waters for your words and thank you to Aja Blair and the city staff members of the LGBTQ plus and friends affinity group for your work on the proclamation and elevating equity issues not just in the month of June, but throughout the year and thank you to Clair Adamsick on my staff who taught me so much. Thank you and happy pride.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much, colleagues. The resolution that I will read is on behalf of the entire city council, and I just want to say, I've known Debora Porta for at least 25 of my 30-years here in Portland, and it's been an honor to participate in community protests and to stand up for equal rights for all people in our community, side by side. And the pride parade, man, that is one of the most fascinating and fabulous and joyful occasions that we all look forward to each year. This year, we will not have that honor, but our hearts and souls are still in pride and in the parade and making sure that we live up to the dream of equality for all. So at this time I will read the proclamation. Whereas the city of Portland is committed to diversity, social justice, equity and mutual respect as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community, and whereas in any movement it is imperative to center the voices of the most marginalized and acknowledge the pain and struggle of the LGBTQ plus community, especially transgender women of color, who have helped lead the movement and continue to fight for basic human rights, despite being continuously denied them. And, whereas the long and ongoing struggle of transgender, gender queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual and other sexual minorities for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all of those who work against discrimination and oppression. And whereas the presence and visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community continues to enhance the quality of life in the city of Portland. Whereas 2020 marks the 50th

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anniversary of pride around the world and the 26th birthday of pride northwest inc., producers of the Portland pride waterfront parade and festival since 1994. And whereas pride celebrations have been held continuously in Portland since 1971 and pride marches since 1976; And where it is important not to overlook the lgbt+ community and allow them to be physical in the social distancing measures, whereas the covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the daily lives and activities for all of us, including the annual pride celebration, but that does not mean folks in our community have lost their pride. Therefore i, president of the council, hereby declare june of 2020 to be Portland pride month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month as so. Thank you so much for once again giving us the opportunity acknowledge the incredible work that is done by our lgbtq plus community, and we stand with you in pride and appreciation for all that you have brought to our community. Thank you so, so much. With that, we officially proclaim pride day, pride month. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

**Hardesty:** I'm going to check the time. We are ahead of time, so i'm going to go to commissioner eudaly who has an item that we need to address before our next time certain.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, madam president. We have a pbot item on the consent agenda, item number 442. Pbot --

**Hardesty:** I'm going to have the clerk read the item, and then you can tell us about it. Karla, would you read 442.

**Item 442.**

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Karla. Occasionally, pbot staff identify the need to clarify and update city code, but we are pulling this item back to further refine it, so it will not be on -- it won't be presented tomorrow. I think I said what I need to say.

**Hardesty:** Okay. So you're pulling it back to your office for additional work. Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Our next item is a time certain at 10:05. My clock says it is 10:01, and so we will take a brief agenda, unless there is something that we can do for four-minutes. Nothing lasts four minutes on our agenda, so I think that we will take a recess for four-minutes.

**At 10:01 a.m. council recessed.**

**At 10:05 a.m. council reconvened.**

**Hardesty:** Karla can I have you read 432 please.

**Item 432.**

**Hardesty:** I believe director long here to make a presentation.

**Adena Long, Director, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Good morning commissioner Hardesty, commissioner Eudaly and commissioner Fritz. Sorry to hear that the mayor is not joining us today and want to send our condolences to him and his family. For the record, my name is Adena long, i'm the director of Portland parks and recreation. Our mission is to support our community health by providing healthy parks and natural areas, urban forest management, recreation, programming for preschoolers to seniors and facilities that are accessible to all Portland. Covid-19 and the community protests are proving how vital or park system is to the community. Our advisory board was established by council in 2001 with the mission to ensure that we strive to deliver the park system that Portlanders deserve. As you know, parks is struggling to meet the needs of our community with a lack of adequate funding for operations, maintenance and programming. We are currently pressing forward to identifying alternative funding to ensure sustainable future for our park system so we can fulfill our mission and keep our doors open. This year the board will say good-bye to four members who have served two full terms. Pat frobes, Kendal clawson, gladis reeves and jim owens their leadership, advocacy and passion has helped our mission and ensured that equity continues to be centered in discussions and decision

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making. There are two additional vacancies to fill left but members who have resigned. One term ends at the end of this month and the other ends June 30, 2021. Earlier this year, the board selected members to serve on their nominating committee. They drove the recruitment effort with bureau support and received 20 applications. Following the recruitment, application review and interviews, the board voted at their May meeting to recommend John Casey Mills, Alejandra Cortes, Alejandro Orizola, David Stasec, Juan Piantino and Punneh Abdolhosseini for board appointment. I would like to share with you some highlights from their bios provided in the appointment report. Casey Mills is a retired lawyer who practiced for 30-years, focused on reorganizations of financially troubled businesses. He lives in the South Water Front and presently runs a website about Oregon golf courses, Casey helped to create and direct diversity and equity programs and regularly volunteers for a variety of organizations. He believes equitable access to safe, open and natural space for all Portlanders is the key for productive, successful and healthy Portland and wants the city to retain a positive legacy of an exceptional parks system. Alejandra Cortes is a biologist, naturalist and environmental educator for Metro Regional Government, residing in Vancouver, Washington. She has over a decade of experience conducting community centered engagement and environmental advocacy. She would like to contribute to a safe and welcome parks system for all people of Portland. She is passionate about environmental justice, anti racism work and green space accessible. Alejandro Orizola is the conservation director for the Forest Park Conservancy. He has over 10-years of experience in the planning and implementation of land conservation strategies and projects in Chile and the U.S. Alejandro is convinced parks and natural areas play a critical role in the community's mental and physical health and in addressing issues of equity. David Stacsek is an architect and designer at ZGF Architects. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, David found his way out west in 1992. In the last 28 years, David has worked to plan, expand and renovate local regional hospital campuses. David's work at healthcare institutions has designed nurturing and healing environments that have fostered a deeper appreciation for the healing power of nature. He is an avid mountain biker and he is excited to support Portland parks and the work to continue making Portland a great place to live, work and play. Juan Piantino is a child neurologist at Oregon Health and Science University, originally from Buenos Aires. Juan moved to Oregon six years ago with his wife and their three boys. As a father and a physician he takes care of children with brain disorders, Juan understands the importance of open and safe spaces for recreation. Over the past 10-years, Juan has done extensive work with the Latino population, engaging them in health related issues. Juan is excited to work with PP&R and provide access to parks for all communities. Punneh Abdolhosseini currently coordinates the operational needs of the regional illegal dumping program for Oregon Metro Regional Government. Before this role she worked in the Parks and Nature Department where she managed the Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. She also oversaw an environmental education field trip program that served over 8,000 students a year. This included researching and updating content to be culturally responsive and respectful and identifying how white supremacy culture shaped our views of nature and wilderness. Casey's appointment would fill the partial term left vacant that ends June 30, 2021, with the option of being appointed to a full three-year term last year. Juan, Alejandro, David, Punneh and Alejandra's appointments would be for the first three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The board has two members up for reappointment, at the May meeting the board voted to reappoint Paul Agrimis and Mike Elliott. Paul will complete his first full term and Mike is finishing the partial term appointment at the end of this month, Paul is an engineer and professional wetland scientist with over 30-years of experience in environmental planning and design. Paul lives in Northeast Portland and seeks to create places that have cultural and regional context, meet the needs and interests of site visitors and will become community and regional destinations.

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Paul is excited to continuing to engage pp&r leadership to determine a sustainable future and shape important components of a healthy parks system for Portland. Mike Elliott has nearly 30-years of experience with national employee benefits consulting firms. He is an analytical system thinker with broad based experience includes management, budgeting, consensus building, strategic planning and consulting. A third generation Oregonian, Mike is excited about serving the community to ensure fair and equitable access to the city's abundant outdoor space and recreational programs. He believes that helping Portlanders play have strong benefit to recollective, physical and mental well-being. Paul's reappointment to the board would be a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. We know this board's advocacy and collaboration will be important for the success of a sustainable future for parks and we're looking forward to welcoming these community members joining the board this summer. We've submitted the report for these appointments and reappointments for your consideration and approval. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Director Long. Any questions for Director Long? Seeing none from my colleagues, Director Long, did any of the appointees sign up to testify today?

**Long:** I am unaware.

**Hardesty:** Excellent. In that case, if there are no questions, I will ask Karla to call the roll.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Director Long and everyone who is stepping up to serve the city. This sounds like a wonderful group of nominees, appointees, and I'm happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I think we're supposed to move the report. Take that in stride. We're all very supportive of the nominees and I appreciate their willingness to serve. I need to note, Patricia and Kendall have done an absolutely amazing job on the parks board and I know that Commissioner Fish also appreciated this. This is one of the most diverse and talented groups of boards and commissioners we've had and it was an honor to work with them for five-years, I really appreciated all of the advice and insightfulness that they have done, and Jim Owens who also has given great service. And congratulations, Director Long, on this amazing group of people who bring such a wide variety of talents and experiences. As you move forward with re-envisioning the park system and how it is funded, it seems like you have a fabulous group of folks ready to assist. Aye.

**Hardesty:** I also want to really compliment Director Long. This is a really diverse talented group of appointees and re-appointees, and they will be critical to help us think about how we provide park services to all community members in the years to come. I am thrilled to see the intentionality around ensuring the diversity of appointees to the parks board. Parks is one of our gems in this community, and we need people that are committed to making sure we will have parks access for everyone in our community for a long time to come. I am pleased to vote aye in favor of adopting this report. Thank you Commissioner Long.

**Long:** Thank you for that promotion. And also thank you, commissioners.

**Hardesty:** Have a great day. Let's see, we're going to move on. It is too early for our next time certain, so I will just move to our regular agenda. And our regular agenda, if I could have Karla read 444, please.

#### **Item 444.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. And who do we have that is presenting on this item today?

**Matt Gierach, Office of Management and Finance:** I'm Matt Gierach, the debt manager, and the bureau of revenue and financial services.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Matt. Please, take away.

**Gierach:** Sure, thank you. So this ordinance authorizes the city to issue up to \$42 million of tax anticipation notes to finance the projected annual fiscal year 20-21 cash flow deficit in the fire and police disability and retirement fund. Under chapter 5 of the city charter, the city's police and retirement fund is funded annually through the property tax levy based on the amounts needed to pay and discharge requirements for funds that year. You may recall the fire and police levy is separate from these general government levies. The vast majority of

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fpd&r levy collections are received in mid november of each fiscal year, resulting in insufficient fund balance during the july through october time frame. During each fiscal year, the city utilized tax anticipate notes referred to as tans to provide interim funding for expenditures that occur during this period. Tax anticipation notes are short term that mature within one year of issuance. City's debt management division will be facilitating a sale of the 2020 tans as early as july with a scheduled closing in august, and this 2020 can subsequently mature later in the fiscal year. Based on today's capital market conditions, our estimated borrowing rate is approximately .5%, though this will vary depending on marketing conditions that occur on the date of sale when interest rates are locked. We were originally looking to have this presented as an emergency ordinance, but I know that it sounds like we don't have a quorum for an emergency ordinance so I think it will be fine to have this be as a regular ordinance. So happy to answer any questions on that.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, matt. Any questions, colleagues?

**Fritz:** I have my hand up.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you for the presentation, matt. I would suggest that instead of taking the emergency off we just set this over to tomorrow when the mayor is back.

**Gierach:** Okay. That works, too.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz with no objections from my colleagues, we could set this over and vote on it as emergency as part of tomorrow's agenda. Karla, can you tell us whether that -- when that would take place tomorrow? My apologies, Karla. It would take place at the beginning of the regular agenda tomorrow. I was thinking we had more than one council meeting tomorrow. Thank you Matt for your presentation, this is a first reading anticipating we will vote on it tomorrow with an emergency clause added, if we can.

**McClymont:** Commissioner hardesty, we have one person signed up for public testimony for this item.

**Hardesty:** Excellent, thank you so much. Please, Karla, would you read the community member who signed up.

**Moore-Love:** Thank you. It looks like Katelynn Nyssen.

**Hardesty:** Welcome, Katelynn.

**Katelynn Nyssen:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, ma'am.

**Nyssen:** I actually was not prepared, I really did not this is I was going to be heard today.

**Hardesty:** Well, here you are.

**Nyssen:** Great, thank you. I am very excited to be here. I have a written testimony. Oh my goodness, okay. Growing up in the pacific northwest -- i'm sorry, I just joined, are we talking about the budget --

**Hardesty:** No, ma'am. We're talking about item 444, which is authorizing us to borrow money as it relates to the fire and police disability and retirement fund. This is something we do every year as we're waiting for property tax dollars to come in in order to fund the retirement for police and fire. We will be doing the budget presentation starting at 2:00 p.m. This afternoon.

**Nyssen:** Okay. Well, I just have something I would like to say about funds preemptively going into retirement for police. With the way our state is currently, growing up in the pacific northwest was a blessed experience. In third grade, my teacher, miss michael's in gig harbor, she taught our class about civil rights. I was a young child who would go home outraged about what I had seen and heard about discrimination in America and I would mimic martin luther king by making my own protest signs for equality at 8 years old, and that was about 2000. Since then, I thought I knew who I was. Standing up for any person I thought needed it. For a time, I even dedicated my life to learning american sign language

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because I felt it could help make a difference. I guess you could say i've been a liberal my entire life and supported body autonomy, gun control and free speech. Today, free speech is a subscription limited to the people on the left. As long as you want to promote diversity of the correct race or gender. I have a specific example of this in our Portland economy. On June 1, our police chief, Jamie, decided to step down in result of a protests which was a commendable act on her part. And, also, she wanted to promote diversity in the Portland police bureau. And by doing this, she decided to promote Mike Cranz, an Asian American in Portland, Oregon. He was promoted to the assistant chief of the Portland police bureau. And now, mind you, our police chief who is stepping down is a woman and her being in a position of power is extremely inspiring. But movements such as the Black Male Achievement Group, the Coalition of Black Men and Word of Bond had it to say, reported by the Oregonian. He was outraged that Cranz was appointed without community input and that his selection made the bureau's command staff, Resch is deputy chief and three assistant chiefs all white men, these groups also called this whitewashing by our Portland police bureau who has stood by us in the riots. They stood up for our rights and stood up for us to have business and have a productive society, for our most impoverished groups in Portland, Oregon, they stood up for those people. Now, I agree with everybody protesting, I want to show my support for them because I think everyone should have the right to do that, but I think we need to have hope and faith in our police department that they are indeed promoting diversity and their showing a great attempt to do that. I support their attempt to show diversity and I support more people of color being in the police force. I would like to say that, as well. In closing, I don't expect to change anyone's mind today, that seems a moot point in the state of our country, but to preemptively adjust the budget --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Nyssen:** I'm almost done, I appreciate, but to preemptively put money into retirement funds for Portland police is a bad choice politically for you running for mayor and council next year. Being a long time liberal I can say with confidence that defunding the police will affect the most vulnerable and impoverished communities. In closing, with regret I will not be voting democratically, I want to see our police supported. I've been a long-term liberal, and you're pushing people out of your own party but defunding the police.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, your time is up. I greatly appreciate you being here, even though this is not the item we're talking about I wanted to give you a chance to actually speak on it. I greatly appreciate your voice and you speaking today. Thank you so much. Our next agenda item, 445. To be clear, this item 444 will be moved to tomorrow's agenda with the expectation we will add an emergency clause and vote on it tomorrow. Now we will move on to item 445, and I'm going to encourage people who sign up to speak on the budget, that that will happen this afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. And I'm going to be keeping people on track on the topic that we are actually voting on. I know there is a lot of passion around the budget and we will have ample time this afternoon to deal with that passion and that input, so I greatly appreciate people paying attention. Karla, please read 445.

**Item 445.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you, very much. Who do we have speaking on 445? We have Mike Reiner.

**Mike Reiner, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Good morning, commissioner Hardesty. Lester is here, first.

**Hardesty:** Who will present?

**Lester Spitler, Chief Procurement Officer:** I'll go first and hand it off to Mike. Good morning, thank you. For the record I'm Lester Spitler the city's chief procurement officer, Mike Reiner, risk management is here today as well to give a brief overview of the benefits of our insurance program not just for the city but contractors and subcontractors,

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as well. We're here today with a contract amendment primarily due to the fact we weren't able to award the owner controlled insurance programs scope was work from a recent request for proposals we issued for the risk management division within the bureau of revenue and financial services. Before we issued that rfp last fall, there was a collective decision to combine risk management's scope of work for insurance brokerage services with the owner-controlled insurance program scope of work from bes to attract the most attention and best response from the market. As a result of the rfp, we received four proposals, and unfortunately, the highest scoring firm for brokerage services was not the highest scoring firm for owner controlled insurance program services, so that scope of work went unawarded from the rfp. Subsequent to that decision, it was determined that the contract with marsh had the potential to be extended for five-years so Mike Reiner and bes began negotiating with marsh using the information we obtained from the market as a result of the rfp. Although it is not where we planned on being today, the resulting amendment before you represents a better deal than what we received from the rfp actually from all four proposers from both the price and equity standpoint. Marsh proposed the highest amount of certified subconsultation utilization with the partnership of the national insurance consultants incorporated doing business as transportation management services. They are a state of Oregon certified disadvantaged and minority owned business enterprise and the company is owned by an african-american male so, in addition to that outcome, marsh also proposed an amount for the next five-years that was less than any of the proposals we received for the rfp, so credit to mike for the negotiation and his ability to get a better outcome, and i'm certainly happy to answer any questions about the procurement or contract process. If not, I will hand it off to mike to summarize the benefits and advantages.

**Hardesty:** Lester, I just want to applaud, I just want to applaud the outcome of this particular proposal. You know how critical I am mostly when you bring these proposals in front of me, and I want to thank mike for his excellent negotiating skills to get us this excellent contract. Mike, would you like to add anything?

**Reiner:** Yes. Good morning, commissioners. My name is Mike Reiner and I am the risk services manager with bes. To give you a little background on owner-controlled insurance, the program with legislative approval back in 1996. Basically what the ocip is a broad insurance program which we procure insurance on behalf of our general contractors and subcontractors that are doing the work on our capital improvement projects. We purchase worker's comp, general liability, builders risk, excess insurance and other specialty coverages to ensure the contractors that are doing work on our jobs. And in lieu of the city procuring the insurance, the contractors then deduct their insurance cost from their bids. One of the many benefits of this program is it has evened the playing field from a dmweb perspective, where small businesses are able to compete from an insurance perspective with larger insurance companies. Early on in the program, we did outreach owami risks management 101, we taught contractors how to assess risk and develop site specific safety and health plans on our projects and it is one of the things i'm really proud of is some of the feedback that we've gotten from the community is that when they leave a city of Portland job -- contractor, and they've seen their insurance rates drop, which actually becomes profit to them. So that's one of the neat benefits of the program that i'm super proud of. Secondly, I just want to say that we are in the top 5% of insurance in Oregon from a risk management and safety perspective. We save roughly over \$20 million over the life of the program and have received dividends from safe for our safety and risk management performance over \$2.5 million. So as we move into ocip phase 6, which is beginning the 25th year of the program, i'm excited to continue our work with marsh in providing the risk and safety and loss prevention services on our projects to protect their employees and the general public. Thank you.

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**Hardesty:** Thank you, mike. And great work in actually creating a more equitable contract. Do we have testimony, public testimony on this item, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** I do not see anyone signed up with that agenda number on them.

**Hardesty:** Are there any questions for my colleagues? This is a first reading. We will move it to a second reading. Karla, please read item 446.

**Item 446.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Who is presenting on this item today? I'm assuming it's director long or someone else here to testify on this item. No one? Unless you're muted?

**Derek Bradley, Office of Commissioner Hardesty:** Hey, commissioner, this is Derek. It is my understanding that the mayor had requested 446 and 447 get pulled back to his office.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. My apologies. As per the mayor's request, we are pulling 446 and 447 back and it will come back at a later date. Thank you for that, derek. Karla, would you read 448, please. Should read 447's title first.

**Moore-Love:** Should we read 447 title first?

**Hardesty:** Yes, 446 and 447 title and then we will send them back.

**Item 447.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Karla. 448, please.

**Item 448.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, madam president. There is some confusion as to whether or not I am pulling this back to my office, so if there is someone from pbob here who can clarify that, I would appreciate it. It's an emergency item. Anybody?

**Hardesty:** Commissioner eudaly, I think we have our answer. We will pull this back to another day.

**Eudaly:** Um, yeah. Yes. So i'll pull this item and we'll bring it -- in light of how demanding our schedule today is going to be, we've just been pulling every item that we can, so yeah, i'll pull this back to my office.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly. I conquer, clearly all of us understand that we're going to be really, really, really busy today, and I appreciate my colleagues helping to clear the agenda so that we can get to some other really critical issues today. And, so, at the request of commissioner eudaly, and I believe that 449 has also been pulled back, is that correct? Excellent. So now we will go back to --

**McClymont:** We have to read it, though.

**Hardesty:** Yes, that is correct. Karla, would you please read 449?

**Item 449.**

**Hardesty:** Commissioner eudaly has requested that that item go back to her office and it will be rescheduled at a later date.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, madam president.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. It is still too early for consent agenda, i'm sorry, its still to early for time certain at 11:00 so I would like to go back to the items that have been pulled off the consent agenda that are still up for conversation. I believe that that would be starting with 43 -- actually, Karla, would you confirm for me which items off the consent agenda have been pulled for another day?

**Moore-Love:** We had the request for 437, 438, 439, 440 and 441, and it is my understanding the office has requested that, yes, these are pulled but they be continued to the regular agenda next week.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** We can delete those items and just carry them over to next week's regular agenda.

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**Hardesty:** Karla, if you would be kind enough to read each one and we will officially carry it over to next week. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Certainly. Sorry, lost my agenda here.

**Hardesty:** It is okay, this is one of those kind of days, we will be just fine.

**Item 437.**

**Item 438.**

**Item 439.**

**Item 441.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Karla. Those items will be rescheduled at a later date. Karla, I want to confirm we still have 434 and 435 and 436 that we will be hearing today. Is that accurate.

**Moore-Love:** Did you say 433, yes. The 11:00 time certain.

**Hardesty:** I did not say that one, but we, we cannot do that before 11:00. I understand we still have three items remaining on the consent agenda and we can start hearing those. Is that correct?

**Moore-Love:** I believe we were going to continue the consent agenda, the remaining items until next week, as well. Is that correct, robert?

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** That's correct, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Okay, thanks.

**Hardesty:** Have we read 434, 435 and 436?

**Moore-Love:** We will not need to read those individually because we're moving the remainder of the consent items to next week.

**Hardesty:** Okay. I want to make sure me and the public both understand what we're doing here. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Sure.

**Hardesty:** So, based on that, it appears we only have one item left on our morning agenda and that is the 11:00 a.m. Time certain. Is that correct?

**Moore-Love:** That's what I show, yes.

**Hardesty:** Well, clearly we cannot take that item prior to 11:00 a.m., so can we take a recess until 11:00 a.m. To hear our agenda item with the time certain.

**Moore-Love:** Okay.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, all. See you at 11:00.

**At 10:42 a.m. council recessed.**

**At 11:00 a.m. council reconvened.**

**Hardesty:** Okay I'm calling the meeting of the Portland city council back to order, Karla if you'll read our the 11:00 time certain 433.

**Item 433.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Eric engstrom, take it away.

**Eric Engstrom, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Good morning, commissioners. For the record i'm eric engstrom with the bureau of planning and sustainability. Nan stark, who is also with bps, is here with me. We're here to take the next steps towards the final vote on the expanding opportunities for affordable housing project. The project includes two items, zoning code changes to allow conditional use institutions in residential zones to add housing to their sites without having to revise their conditional use permits as well as zoning map and comprehensive plan map amendments on a number of institutional sites where it would facilitate more specific opportunities. On may 14 you held a public hearing and took testimony on this item. Some of the testimony suggested additional sites be considered for zoning changes and there was also testimony expressing concern about several of the sites. You also discussed your own concerns about the project actually resulting in regulated affordable housing. You extended the comment period for written comments until may 20 then on may 21st you gave us preliminary directions to develop

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several amendments including adding affordability requirements to the code proposal, removing southwest boundary street from the package, and accepting a compromise zoning proposal on one site. On may 27 you voted on those amendments and then gave us direction on some follow-up items, one of which was to make this an emergency ordinance effective on the 15th in and we also asked for time to prepare updated findings to reflect your decision. With all that in mind we brought back several things for you today. It's my understanding by the way that because of the mayor's absence we'll continue this item for the final vote but make a couple of motion to take the next steps today.

**Hardesty:** Excellent.

**Engstrom:** First we have brought back an exhibit a, revised exhibit a, with updated findings and we're asking for a motion to substitute this for the previous motion. Second we incorporated your changes into revised exhibit b which is the as amended project report, so the code and maps now reflect your amendments and we also updated the commentary in that report to reflect your legislative intent so that's a second motion. Then finally we made some changes to the ordinance to add the emergency clause, incorporate two additional directives consistent with the discussion you had last time. The first directive concerns several specific sites that you had testimony about and in the interests of moving this package as quickly forward as possible your directive was to have us bring a recommendation on those back in the fall or in a few months. The second directive points to a broader community-led scoping exercise that we would do as a next step to work with community to develop a follow-up project. So we're asking for a motion to make these changes to the ordinance consistent with the marked up copy we provided which should be in your packet. Then i'll note the emergency clause lists a specific date next week because this gives us time to publish the needed code changes to the website and we'll change that date when we figure out when the final date that we're voting on this. Nan is --

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry, eric, would you like me to get a motion on each one of these first before you continue?

**Engstrom:** I think you could do it as a package unless there are questions on individual ones.

**Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney:** Okay. So this is Linly, city attorney. I would suggest before moving the amendments that you figure out with Karla what date you're going to come back, because one of the amendments, which is the emergency clause saying when the code amendments will come into effect is dependent on when this comes back for its final vote. It may be as soon as next week but I just want to make sure.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, linly. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Well, it seems like it was ready to go and so potentially we could move the amendments as a package then vote tomorrow. I know we have a lot on the agenda tomorrow but seems like a fairly quick vote. Would that work, linly?

**Rees:** It may depend on how much you have on the agenda tomorrow. I think I will tell you I think the thought was commissioner Fritz that we would simply push this to next wednesday for a five minute item. So today you would move, second and vote on the proposed amendments so essentially it would all be queued up for a final vote, then you would have the effective date one week after that. So it would only delay it by a week. It is my understanding tomorrow is fairly packed, but that's again council's prerogative.

**Fritz:** Thank you, that's helpful. So what you need is a five minute time certain on wednesday, is that correct?

**Hardesty:** That sounds like that is correct. Is that possible next week, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** Yes. We could do it in the morning at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, june 17th.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Please continue, eric. Sounds like we got a plan to move forward. Please finish your presentation. We'll get --

**Fritz:** How about I move the amendments as a package?

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**Hardesty:** The amendment package has been moved. Is there a second?

**Engstrom:** I'll clarify with the amendments go to the wednesday session we would make the effective date be the 22nd rather than the 15th. Is that correct?

**Hardesty:** That would be correct. A week later. Yes. Commissioner eudaly, were you about to second?

**Eudaly:** I did second, yes.

**Nan Stark, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** I think we could actually push the effective date a little bit earlier. It can take effect immediately. We were queued up to make it june 15th, so if the reading is on june 17th, it could be effective that day or the next day or two.

**Hardesty:** linly, would -- wait. Let's have the vote on the amendments then we can talk about when it takes effect and et cetera, et cetera. Okay? One thing at a time. So we're in the middle of a vote. Karla, please call the roll.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye with the caveat that the date might change in the package of amendments. Aye.

**Hardesty:** Aye. The motion passes. Karla, or Linly, who would like to weigh in on whether or not another week or whether we just -- it takes effect within a couple of days? Linly, I think we need your advice first.

**Rees:** At this point we have a motion that the code goes into effect on the 15th, which obviously isn't going to work, so we'll need to have a subsequent amendment to change it to whatever date we decide. My understanding is that the reason we chose typically in an emergency ordinance goes into effect the date we adopt it unless we specify another date. My understanding is we specified another date because bds needed time to publish the revised code. So really I guess that's a question for eric, is how many days do they need to get the code published?

**Engstrom:** I think we just need a day or two to make sure we have everything correct on the website, so if we wanted to not wait until monday and keep it in the same week it could go to thursday or friday I suppose.

**Hardesty:** So would that require us to put an emergency clause on it when we vote next wednesday?

**Rees:** So commissioner, the package of amendments you just voted on contains an emergency clause, so you don't need to do that. You need to amend the effective date in the emergency clause and I would suggest based on what eric just said you could have it be friday. June 17th, 2020, instead of june 15, 2020. So you would need a motion, second and a vote on that. Does that work, eric?

**Engstrom:** The 18th would be more ideal to make sure we have that turn-around time.

**Rees:** I was suggesting the 19th, eric.

**Engstrom:** Sorry I heard you say the 17th.

**Hardesty:** I did too but --

**Rees:** I may have. [laughter]

**Engstrom:** My thought is that the friday has furloughs with a lot of people so thursday might be better.

**Hardesty:** That sounds like a plan, so can I have a motion.

**Fritz:** Move to amend the date to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** 19<sup>th</sup>

**Fritz:** I heard you say don't do it on a Friday.

**Hardesty:** It's been moved to take effect on what date commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Did you say don't do it on a Friday?

**Engstrom:** I suggested Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> just to avoid the day a lot of people have furloughs.

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**Fritz:** That was my motion.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** The motion is to change the effective date to June 18<sup>th</sup>, commissioner Fritz has made a motion, commissioner eudaly has seconded. Call Karla, please call the roll.

**Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Hardesty:** Aye. I say all the technicalities we have to get right. It's a little challenging but we got it. Eric, back to you.

**Engstrom:** I think that's what we wanted to get out of you today. The only thing left would be to say you're continuing it on the next wednesday.

**Hardesty:** That is correct. Any other questions, colleagues?

**Rees:** Sorry, to clarify for the record the matter is being continued to wednesday, june 17, and Karla, you said 10:45 a.m.

**Moore-Love:** That's correct.

**Rees:** There will be no testimony. It will only be for a final vote on an emergency ordinance with an effective date thursday, june 18 with all of the other amendments that staff has proposed.

**Hardesty:** That's correct. That's my understanding. Eric, he's smiling, so I think eric agrees.

**Engstrom:** That's correct.

**Hardesty:** Nan is smiling so I think we're good. Nobody is upset about this. Excellent. So with no other questions or testimony about this issue, is there testimony, by the way?

\*\*\*\*\*: No.

**Hardesty:** We have completed our business for today. We stand adjourned.

**At 11:13 a.m., Council recessed.**

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**June 10, 2020**      **2:00 pm**

**Hardesty:** This is the June 10 afternoon session of the city council. I'm calling the 2:00 p.m. City council meeting to order. Today we will begin taking the final steps, final series of steps and necessary votes as part of the adoption the fiscal 2020-21 budget as prescribed by Oregon state law. I want to take a moment to read a statement from the mayor because I know it's devastating to him that he cannot be here today. I am sorry that I cannot be with you for this hearing. My mother died yesterday evening. I am with family today. For nearly two weeks Portlanders have spoken clearly and with one voice. Our community is counting on us to reimagine what public safety looks like in our community. They are demanding transformation. I believe the actions I proposed yesterday meet that high bar and I am prepared to help lead us through this period of reform. We are responding with changes to our police bureau and we are calling on our partners to make changes to other parts of the justice system. Our immediate actions fall in several categories. Internal policy changes, advocacy for changes to state and federal law, community conversations to figure out what we want policing to look like for the next generation of Portlanders. We are investing in the community and creating more spaces for direct engagement and oversight. And we are changing leadership. Tomorrow morning we will swear in a new police chief, chuck lovell, who brings deep and longstanding community relationships and wisdom that will help guide and shape these changes. The agenda for today is narrower. Today's hearing is about the city's budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. I know most of you are here to talk about the police bureau budget. You have been talking with each other about changes you want to see. My colleagues and I have been having similar conversations and we are looking forward to these discussions. We will hear from you today, tomorrow and tomorrow we will discuss and vote on amendments and adopt the final budget. I approach this exercise with optimism and hope. Together we can build a bridge to a brighter future. Thank you for your passion and your engagement. Ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland. I will turn it over to the budget director Jessica Kinard to walk us through the many steps in front of us. Thank you, director Kinard.

**Moore-Love:** Excuse me, commissioner. We should have roll call first.

**Hardesty:** I forgot that minor detail. Please call the roll, Karla.

**Eudaly:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Wheeler:**

**Hardesty:** You can tell i'm excited about the day. I'm jumping right to the chase. Here. I would like to have robert taylor read the rules of order and decorum.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Thank you, madam president. Of course we're holding this hearing electronically due to the covid-19 pandemic and these are emergency proceedings under the governor's order to hold this meeting electronically. Now for the rules of decorum, to participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization,

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please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Finally, please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, robert. I'll now turn it over to director Kinard.

**Jessica Kinard, Director, City Budget Office:** Thank you, commissioner. Good afternoon. As the commissioner mentioned we're here to begin the process of adopting the budget for fiscal year '20-'21. As usual there are a number of procedural steps to go through and as we read into the record we actually have four items in front of you today of this process. Actually that brings to mind, Karla, do you need to read the items into the record, the number of the items that we're considering?

**Moore-Love:** Yes. Do you want one at a time or all four together?

**Kinard:** Go ahead, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** I think we need to read all four of them and then director Kinard will explain how the process will work. Thank you, Karla. Thank you, director. I forgot that detail as well.

**Item 450.**

**Item 451.**

**Item 452.**

**Item 453.**

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Karla. Director Kinard, I think it really is your turn this time.

**Jessica Kinard, Director, City Budget Office:** All right, thank you again, commissioner. So as the clerk just read we are considering four items today as part of this process. It's worth noting that with only three members of the council present we are unable to pass any of these items today, however we will be opening each item and hearing public testimony then continuing the items for a vote tomorrow. We will start off today the first two items, first with a hearing on state shared revenue then consider two items related to the acceptance of that state shared revenue. The item of most interest to the folks that have signed up to testify today will be the third ordinance that council will consider, which is the adoption of the budget ordinance and allocation of all our resources. The fourth and final item that we will take up today is an ordinance to levy taxes. That allows us to levy taxes to collect the revenue that support services across the city. Again we are going to start off first with a proposed use hearing on our state shared revenue. This is just to -- a legally required hearing on the acceptance of our state shared revenue. Commissioner, you can now read the statement into the record for the state shared revenue hearing.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, director Kinard. This hearing is being held by the city council of Portland, Oregon, in compliance with the provisions of the state revenue sharing regulations ors221.770. It is to allow citizens to comment on the proposed use of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process. As proposed by council adoption, the fiscal year 20-2021 budget anticipates receipts totaling \$25,024,268 from the state revenue sharing under ors221.770. As has been the case in prior years, it's proposed that this revenue be allocated in equal parts to support fire prevention and police patrol services. Is there anyone here today who wishes to testify or be heard on this subject? Karla, has anyone signed up to speak on this item?

**Moore-Love:** I'm going to check with keelen. Do we have a specific sign-up for the 450 item?

**McClymont:** I don't believe anyone signed up specifically for 450.

**Hardesty:** Excellent. Thank you. If there is no one that signed up for this I will close this hearing on the proposed use of state revenue sharing.

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**Kinard:** Thank you, commissioner. Next council considers a resolution to certify that the city meets the eligibility requirements for state shared revenue. State law requires that we provide a number of services to be eligible for the state shared revenue and this resolution certifies that we do so. The services certified by the city of Portland includes police protection, fire protection, street construction, maintenance, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, planning, zoning and subdivision control and water services. Back to you, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Is there any public testimony on this resolution? Karla?

**Moore-Love:** I'm not seeing any. Keelen, do you want to verify that?

**McClymont:** We actually did have a couple of people who registered to speak on 451. I'm not sure if they are in the meeting. I can say their names and they can raise their hands or let us know that they are in the meeting.

**Hardesty:** That would be helpful. For folks who are in the zoom program, if your name is called please raise your hand and I will take you in the order that I see.

**McClymont:** The first person is andrea eagan. The second person was paxton rothwell. The next person for 451 is joe mcFerrin. Let me see if there's anyone else. Amy levan. That's all who signed up for 451.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Anyone here who wants to speak on this item?

**McClymont:** I am not seeing any of those people with their hand raised.

**Hardesty:** It's my belief if they raised their hand later we will call on them but I believe people signed up expecting to talk directly to the budget itself and if that is the case, that is the main attraction today and those individuals will be able to do so. So thank you very much. So not hearing anyone that is saying they want to testify on this resolution. We'll continue this item until tomorrow, thursday, june 11. Director Kinard.

**Kinard:** Thank you. So the third and final step in accepting the state shared revenue is for council to consider and vote upon an ordinance to accept the state shared revenue now that we have held a hearing and certified that we're qualified we just need to take action to accept the revenue, so back to you commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much director Kinard. I will call for public testimony. Is there any public testimony on this issue? Keelen, should I start with you?

**McClymont:** Which number is this one, please?

**Kinard:** I believe this is 451, the ordinance. There was a resolution. The ordinance to accept the state shared revenue.

**McClymont:** The names that I called before i'm sorry those were for 451. If there's anybody on from the list that I called before that wants to testify to 451, they can raise their hand. I'm not seeing any of the names we called.

**Hardesty:** Excellent. Seeing no public testimony, I will continue this item until tomorrow morning, thursday, june 11.

**Kinard:** Great.

**Hardesty:** Director Kinard, back to you.

**Kinard:** All right. So the next item is the main event, the adopted budget ordinance. I will note that we still will have one more item to consider after the adopted budget ordinance, it's the adoption of the tax levy ordinance. I will open this item by describing at a high level the various adopted budget changes as filed. Next the commissioner hardesty will entertain actually she will call for public testimony which I believe is the main purpose and what folks are waiting for today. Then I believe after we hear public testimony we'll be continuing the item to tomorrow to then hear amendments and offer discussion and vote.

**Hardesty:** That is correct.

**Kinard:** So first off, the changes that we typically describe at a high level are the changes that are reflected in attachment b, as filed, which is also known as the change memo. These changes are purely technical and predominantly relate to truing up inter agency

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adjustments, correcting fund balance amounts and making other technical corrections. In the interest of time since I know we have several people signed up to testify i'm not going to walk through these changes, I would highlight there are a few adjustments within the housing bureau outside of the general fund where the bureau is updating its budget to reflect updated anticipated project carryover costs between fiscal years and also within the parks bureau there's a technical correction resulting in addition of 0.2 fte, which is cost neutral. Are there any questions on these changes? Hearing none, I would also like to mention that the city's appointed community budget advisors have submitted their advice on the budget and I would like to have that be read into the record and Pam Knowles is here to speak her perspective however I believe that commissioner Hardesty will open with some remarks first but I want to make sure we make space for our community budget advisor since during this process with the onset of covid-19 we have had to amend and change the way we engage with our community budget advisors. I want to be sure their testimony was made available before public comment.

**Hardesty:** True. If it's okay with you, ms. Knowles, what I would like to do is just explain to people what the process will be today. Then i'll give you an opportunity to make a statement then give all my colleagues an opportunity to make a statement before we open it up for public testimony. Is that okay?

**Pam Knowles:** Thank you. That's fine.

**Hardesty:** Excellent. I want to speak directly to the public who has organized in ways we have never imagined before. I can tell you that prior to me coming to this meeting the last count that I had for emails into my office about the city of Portland's budget, the last count as of 1:55 p.m. Was 61,300 emails. I can tell you in my entire 18 months on the Portland city council combined I have not received 18,000 emails on everything that I have discussed in my 18 months here. What I want to say as I set the pace for today is that tensions are high. We have all been immersed in a pandemic and we have all become aware of just how institutionalized racism is in our systems. And that system includes our police system but in no way does it limit the inequality of policing in our community. Every single institution we have has been built on a foundation of white supremacy and we are here today to take bold action to ensure that we are on the path to make sure that when we say justice for all we really, really mean it. It's my pleasure to introduce the chair of our budget advisory committee Pam Knowles and allow her to provide an opening statement. I'll come back with an opening statement. I wanted to set the frame for today and before I do that let me explain how today will work. I have extended this meeting until 7:00 p.m. Tonight so we will take five hours of testimony. We will try to keep it to two minutes each. I am going to encourage people who are here merely to listen to sign up via youtube to watch the live stream so that we can create space on our zoom for people who want to provide testimony. I'm also going to ask people if they are representing an organization to find one representative if possible to read the statement from your organization and then you may read the names of all the other people who have showed up in support of your testimony. The third ask that I have of community is that we prioritize bipoc voices, that is black, indigenous and other people of color. It would not be appropriate for us to be centering black lives without hearing from black voices. The last thing I will say is in the history of my time at city council I have never seen 700 plus people sign up to provide public testimony. So i'm going to ask you to try to be brief. Try not to repeat other people's testimony. And i'm going to encourage you to submit written testimony. I just want to say thank you to the public. I want to tell you how much I appreciate how engaged you have been. Without you this would have been a very easy process, but now because of you it is going to be a much more in depth and much more I believe humane process that really centers your voices. If we work together we will get as many people in today as possible because that is the purpose of today is to hear from you. Now tomorrow we will limit public

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testimony to no more than two hours because I don't think we could stand another five hours of public testimony, but the goal tomorrow will be quite frankly to seek agreement with all my colleagues on the proposed amendments that we'll be moving forward. I thank you, thank you, thank you, public, for keeping us on track, for pushing us to be braver than we thought we could be, and now I will turn it over to our budget advisory committee chair ms. Knowles. Please unmute. There you are.

**Pam Knowles:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. I do want to say that i'm not the chair. We are all equal on the citizens budget advisory committee.

**Hardesty:** I'll bet.

**Knowles:** Thank you for elevating me. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** I just assumed:

**Knowles:** I do want to say that I am speaking on behalf of all of the members of the budget advisory committee including andrea, joe, frida christopher and danechka serrano. We all worked together to put together these remarks together. So thank you. Mayor wheeler, Portland city commissioners, in our role as community budget advisors we want to understand how council engage in direct community dialogue and collaboration with the black, indigenous, people of color communities about the Portland police bureau budget. It feels essential that the city more formally and publicly consider the demands being made by community leaders around the bureau budget. What will be the process for focus and public community dialogue about this specific budget? Portland faces an opportunity to embrace systemic reforms that are being called for by black community leaders. Reforms that allow the city to embrace the equity analysis you have been working to implement city wide by listening to bipoc community voices and prioritizing programs that address historic and systemic racism throughout our city. Portlands approach to policing historically and presently has included abusive practices and state sanctioned violence that have had devastating impacts on black communities and fatal consequences for far too many black people. The protests that have arisen from george floyd's death are necessary and arising from a deep frustration that the cycle of police brutality and systemic racism has only been met thus far with minor changes by city leaders instead of substantive structural change. Portland's leaders are being called upon to divest from our existing methods for policing in order to both reduce the amount of trauma being inflicted by the bureau on black and brown communities and to imagine a new way of creating a city that is safe for all of us. We are also being called upon to make greater investments in the health, social and economic well-being of bipoc communities. As budget advisors we would like to understand how the city is considering the specific requests for the Portland police bureau budget to be reduced by \$50 million and in what specific ways is the bureau contract limiting these or other necessary spending reductions. Specific cuts have been demanded by community leaders including defunding transit policy, gun violence prevention teams, sros and more. Leaders have recommended specific changes to the city's approaching for policing, homeless, houseless community, undocumented community members, protesters and others which seem to also impact potential budget decisions. Community leaders are also demanding that specific investments be made in community programs and policing alternatives. We would like to know what progress has been made in your consideration of these investments. We support the city's commitment to assessing racial equity impacts in our budgeting and programming decisions and to adopt these systems and procedures that guard against or proactively prevent discrimination and now we want to better understand what equity impacts you have assessed as you weigh the decisions before you. It is urgent that the city of Portland take this opportunity to consider how we will do the city's business differently. We feel the city's leadership must work directly and transparently with the bipoc community leaders to consider and address their demands and develop a common framework for moving forward on Portland police bureau dis-

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investment and community reinvestment plans. We would like to hear more about how the city is working with leaders to do this and what the plans are for future collaboration and action. Thank you very much for giving us this time today to speak.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, ms. Knowles. We appreciate that message from the budget committee. I'm sure you're going to hear a lot today that will start the answering of those questions. I will now ask my colleagues if they would like to have an opening statement before I make mine and then turn it over to the public. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, madam president. Good afternoon, everyone. I hear we're on 1,000 visitors on youtube stream, so hello. I want to thank every Portlander who has written to my office, which is quickly approaching approximately 10% of our population with a total number over 63,000 emails about the police budget. I want to thank every Portlander demonstrating in our streets and every Portlander showing solidarity with black lives during this pivotal moment in our nation's history. While the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery are horrifying crimes they have also shaken our society to the core, they have also shaken something loose. The power of the people. You are the reason we are here today. Today we are here to listen to you in the hopes of creating real structural change. The appropriate response to this national uprising is action from our leaders across the country and action from everyone here on Portland city council. I believe my colleagues recognize our community is demanding action and it's our obligation to respond. There's no time for equivocation or incrementalism. The deaths of unarmed black Portlanders are on our hands. And as such we must take bold steps to defund and reshape the Portland police bureau. Given the mayor's absence today I'll be introducing my amendments in collaboration with commissioner Hardesty during tomorrow afternoon's session, however I would like you to know what I'm calling for. I am supporting my colleagues' calls to disband student resource officers, gun violence reduction team, reduce and reinvest in community programs. In addition my amendments direct council to remove cannabis dollars from the PPB and direct them to restorative justice grants administered through the office of community and civic life and allocate \$1.8 million of those funds for reparation through a community process driven by BIPOC Portlanders most impacted by the war on drugs. And the PPB's participation in and management of the transit police unit as of July 1, 2020 and eliminated 24 associated FTE, cut an additional \$4.6 million and prevent the PPB from substantially increasing capacity on other teams by eliminating 50 vacant FTE, reallocating resources to a community driven process. For commissioner Hardesty and myself to lead a collaborative and community driven process centering the communities most impacted by overpolicing to inform future allocation of the ongoing general fund resources reallocated from the police bureau. I want to acknowledge that these amendments don't go as far as I would like or many in the community but collectively with additional council action they will significantly reallocate resources and reenvision the role of Portland police in our community. It's important to remember that other cities like Minneapolis have been engaging their communities on police reform for years and have building blocks in place that allow them to take bolder action in this moment. As our city government we have neglected although commissioner Hardesty is the exception, as a long time advocate for police reform to do the hard and unpopular work that other cities have already done. We know from their examples that reform alone will not work. Reform must be accompanied by meaningful, rational defunding and reallocation of resources. Lasting structural change requires relationship building and community conversations about alternative models that we haven't had yet in Portland. With that context I believe the amendments commissioner Hardesty and I will propose tomorrow will give the community the ability to dive into that work right away with significant resources to make it last and yield a better, stronger outcome. For today I look forward to hearing from all of you and learning from you. Thank you again.

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**Hardesty:** Thank you commissioner Eudaly. Commissioner Fritz, do you have an opening statement you would like to make?

**Fritz:** Thank you, no, I would just like to get to the public testimony. I'll make my statement tomorrow.

**Hardesty:** I have an opening statement. I want to say that today is the beginning of implementing almost 30 years of work that I have done in the community as a grass roots activist and organizer attempting to change the culture of Portland police bureau and to make it more fair and just for all. I have worked with 14 police commissioners in my time in Portland and I can assure you the culture within Portland police bureau has not changed one iota. The changes that are going to be proposed by my colleagues, commissioner eudaly and by our incredible police commissioner mayor ted wheeler will start the process of reimagining what community safety looks like. For too long we have assumed that community safety meant armed individuals patrolling our streets. What we know is that that has not kept us safe. What we know is that the policing profession has consistently over-policed black and brown communities and under-policed white communities. What we know is that black people are arrested at significantly higher rates. All you have to do is look at the data from the Portland gang unit, gang enforcement task force, that used to be in place that changed their name to the gun violence reduction team. 59% of the stops were of people who were african-american in a city with a 6% african-american population. Clearly the community and I consider myself part of that community that has been advocating with the police bureau, with the city of Portland, for decades that there is no way that this inequitable treatment was just or fair, and I have to say, no one was listening. People were polite. They would accept the testimony. But no one listened. And here we are. In a space in our time, in our history where we have the opportunity to think big. We have only been given that opportunity because over 50,000 people have made it a point to write us, to call us, to make their voice heard, and my work with the police commissioner ted wheeler is going to make sure that we are redesigning what we believe community safety looks like and what our vision is for a community that is safe and just and fair. I am proud of how much mayor wheeler has learned through these last two weeks. It's not his fault that he was born white male, and he did not have the same lived experiences that I did. But I want to say today before we open this to public testimony, mayor wheeler has been at the center of helping us imagine, reimagine what community safety looks like. I want to be clear, it's just not about the police budget. It's about how we recruit police officers, it's about how we train police officers, it's about how we use police officers and I am committed as I have been for the last 30 years to making sure that we look at this system-wide and make the necessary changes so that the community can feel comfortable, that they are being heard a, and b, that the police understand that they must be a partner, not a dictator, not an enforcer but a partner in creating community safety. I have known the new chief, chief lovell, for a couple of decades. I have absolute confidence in him that he is the visionary leader that we need at this time. So I look forward to the hard work that comes after our budget vote because that's just the beginning. We have a whole system built on white supremacy that we must change, and if not now, when? I want to thank the public. You have warmed my heart, given me so much -- given me so much joy knowing that you see it clearly and you know we have to make changes. So at this time I would like to turn it over to Karla. If you will call the first three individuals who have signed up for testimony, and let me quickly repeat, i'm going to ask you to keep your remarks to two minutes. I'm going to ask you to please prioritize bipoc voices. I'm going to ask you to please if you're representing an organization to have one person speak and then read the other names into the public record. I'm so honored to be chairing this meeting today because this is what I have been waiting for. I have been waiting for the public to catch up.

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The public has caught up. Let's see if the city council has caught up with them. On that I will turn it over now to Karla to read the first three names, please.

**Moore-Love:** Thank you, commissioner. The first three will be Hyung Nam, Kim Lundin and Andrew Riley.

**Hardesty:** Good morning Hyung welcome.

**Hyung Nam:** Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can hear you perfectly.

**Nam:** I'm a teacher and organizer with the Portland metro people's coalition. I served as budget advisory committee member for Portland police bureau. I'm speaking today to support every single demand called for by unite Oregon and palf, so many other community groups to cut \$50 million from the police to reinvest in communities most impacted by policing and this historic recession. We need to rethink public safety. Police have a monopoly over the use of violence but they should not have a monopoly on our imaginations. We can't police our way out of deep social economic problems and traumatize people while externalizing the costs that perpetuate cycles of incarceration and poverty. A recent study at havards kennedy school shows police killings traumatize black and hispanic high school students in the area and now killings by police is the sixth biggest cause of death for black men. We need to ban all crowd control munitions, but we need to completely disband the swat and special emergency response teams. They have recently hired seven additional fte, and have budgeted millions in extra over time to police protests. The new directions in protest policing study concluded that police dress for war and only inflame violence and jeopardize their own safety and that of the public. With covid-19 pandemic this mismanagement of ppb is endangering public safety and health for all of us. Defunding police is not fringe demand, ron surpass with 30 years experience as police chief said cops spend most of their time responding to auto accidents, noise complaints, calls about people dealing with substance abuse. About 90% of calls have nothing to do with major uniform crime, rape, murder, robbery, assault or auto theft. We can even make this happen without many layoffs since there are already many vacancies and block exodus retirements are coming in august and january. We will be suffering austerity for many months if not years.

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Hardesty:** You can finish your sentence if you'd like.

**Nam:** That's okay, thank you

**Hardesty:** Appreciate your testimony. Next?

**Moore-Love:** Kim Lundin.

**Hardesty:** Welcome, kim.

**Kim Lundin:** Hi.

**Hardesty:** Can hear you fine.

**Lundin:** I'm Kim Lundin, the executive director of the Oregon cannabis association, Oregon's leading trade association in the cannabis industry. I speak on behalf of our members. The oca has joined with numerous other organizations in a coalition effort to insist that funds derived from the Portland cannabis tax appropriately go to social programs and services that aid black, latinx and native American people in our community and that no further cannabis tax dollars be used for police or law enforcement budget. As businesses who benefit from legalized cannabis we are obligated and committed to fight for communities of color who have been disproportionately harmed by the drug war. As retailers cannabis dispensaries pay city licensing fees, city taxes just as any other business in our city does. Cannabis businesses are required to pay a 3% tax to the city on top of existing standard business fees. During original negotiations around these taxes the oca worked hard to keep those funds directed back to the communities. The original agreement has not been honored. In the past two years only 14.5% were used for social

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equity. The remainder going largely to fund law enforcement positions. After giving the police \$410,000 in the first year for service coordination team to access drug and alcohol treatment, there were no cannabis tax dollars spent on drug and alcohol treatment in year two. Last year the police received an increase of well over \$1 million taking in more than 2 million of cannabis tax revenue. This is simply unacceptable. We will not longer allow the use of any of these cannabis tax sales dollars to fund the police. Particularly at the exclusion of other critical services which will provide a more direct and positive impact to the people of our city. We have submitted a letter which outlines how we would like these funds used. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, kim. Next, please.

**Moore-Love:** Next is -- I lost my place here.

**Hardesty:** It's that kind of day.

**McClymont:** Next is Andrew Riley, the next will be Lauren leffer, Jonathan Frochtzwejg and Sai Sivakumar.

**Hardesty:** Andrew, welcome.

**Andrew Riley:** Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can.

**Riley:** Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is andrew riley I use them, they pronouns. I'm organizer for unite Oregon. I know you have a ton of folks signed up to speak tonight so i'm going to keep this brief and echo what I know you'll hear from tens of thousands of folks. Its simple defund the Portland police bureau. Unite Oregon and the Portland african-american leadership forum is going to be hearing a lot tonight to do just that, drawing on what we have learned from long time advocate leaders lie don't shoot pdx. Specifically we ask that you cut the Portland police bureau budget by \$50 million and commit to never increasing the budget again. Cut special units like the transit police, gun violence reduction team, sert and school resource officers that have caused particular harm to the communities we helped organize. As you heard from my colleague Kim the city cannabis tax fund from the ppb budget and invest those into reparations for black and indigenous Portlanders and Portlanders of color that have been harmed by the drug war. Reinvest police resources in the black futures through a community center health and safety model developing strong partnerships with grass roots Portlanders and community organizations. United Oregon is in this for the long haul, we a look forward to working with you. Please defund the police.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, andrew.

**Moore-Love:** The next three are Lauren leffer, Jonathan Frochtzwejg, and Sai Sivakumar. Lauren leffer.

**Hardesty:** Are you on the line? Lauren?

**Lauren leffer:** Yes, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can. Thank you.

**leffer:** Good afternoon council my name is Lauren Leffer I live in southeast Portland, I'm here to say the proposed new reallocation of police funds is not enough. I'm calling on Portland city council to commit to working towards defunding and abolishing the Portland police bureau entirely. Police do not prevent crime. They criminalize being black, houseless and poor. Almost 30% of recorded incidents of police use of force are against black people who make up only 6% of the total population. The city of Portland has done everything possible throughout it's history to violently exclude, remove and destroy black people and the Portland police bureau continue that every day. We need justice for quanice hayes and for every black person in this city killed, assaulted and surveilled by the police department. Black adults are the fastest growing houseless demographic in Portland. About 50% of the reported instances of Portland police use of force are against houseless people. What if instead of criminalizing houselessness we work to ensure

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nobody in society is forced into it? With funds allocated to the police bureau in the proposed budget we could provide safe housing to every unhoused person in Portland many times over. We could provide wrap-around health care services, we could protect the most vulnerable people in our society instead of alienating, assaulting and neglecting them. About 80% of crimes are nonviolent property crimes, how many of these offenses would still be committed if we eradicated poverty if we decriminalize the victim free actions of people merely trying to survive. If every person in the city had access to resources what would the cops have left to do? Police do not prevent crime, they contribute by enforcing systemic inequity. People forced into prisons are not rehabilitated they are further brutalized. People in over-policed communities are traumatized. Every dollar that goes towards the Portland police bureau and not towards our communities is wasted. Police do not prevent crime. Investing in community does. Lastly any given year between 40 and 70% of reported violent crimes in Portland don't even lead to an arrest. On top of everything else Portland police aren't even very good at the thing they claim we need them for and if I did my job this badly I would not expect or receive a raise. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, lauren. Next speaker, please.

**McClymont:** Next is Jonathan Frochtzwajg.

**Hardesty:** Jonathan?

**Jonathan Frochtzwajg:** I'm here. Good afternoon, commissioners.

**Hardesty:** Good afternoon.

**Frochtzwajg:** My name is Jonathan Frochtzwajg, I live in northeast Portland and serve on the board of next step formerly the best project. First I want to thank commissioner hardesty, commissioner eudaly and mayor wheeler for responding to many of the community's demand. I know the steps you've taken are not insignificant. That said, Portland's black community is asking for far more and I believe white people must actively participate in anti-racism work so i'm testifying today to ask for far more. What we're all asking for is a truly creative reimaging of public safety and how we distribute resources in our community. The Portland African American leadership forum and unite Oregon have asked that you reduce the police bureaus budget by \$50 million in this year's budget and promise not to increase the budget in the future. I know that may seem unrealistic in the super technical slow moving system that is government, but that is by design. That resistance is white supremacy showing up in our institutions and I urge you to push against it. We just witnessed a massive rapid shifting of resources in response to one emergency, the covid-19 pandemic. To commissioner Fritz, commissioner eudaly and mayor wheeler, if you don't feel the same sense of urgency about police violence and systemic racism I hope you'll recognize that as white privilege and try to deeply empathize with the sense of urgency that the black community has expressed over the past two weeks. I'll be frank, I don't expect you to take the kind of sweeping measures the black community is asking today because political leaders have never delivered the level of change needed to begin to dismantle structural racism but after the past couple of weeks the impossible seems more possible. Surprise us. Be national leaders like those we're seeing emerge in minneapolis. Make Portland proud. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, jonathan. Next.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Sai Sivakumar.

**Hardesty:** Welcome.

**Sai Sivakumar:** Thank you. My name is Sai Sivakumar and I am a resident of northwest Portland, I am here today to speak in favor of the proposed amendments calling for reducing the budget allocated to the ppb, including cutting funding to specialty units such as the gun violence reduction team and the transit police and divesting cannabis tax dollars from the ppb to alternate community resources including community development, community services and city grant funds. Defunding the police and divesting into

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community resources can help reduce violence, improve mental health response and make Portland a safer place for all of its residents. Other cities have successfully implemented similar programs. For example austin and eugene have seen success reallocating money specifically towards responders trained in mental health rather than police officers. Data from the treatment advocacy center shows that people suffering from mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed in an encounter with the police than other civilians. Reallocating resources towards mental health professionals can save lives and be a more effective solution to help those most in need. Oakland's partnership has cut gun violence nearly in half since 2012. This program works by analyzing trends within violent incidents and then providing social services to high risk individuals. Law enforcement officials do play a role but a much more minor one. As a result the Oakland pd has seen a decrease in complaints due to use of force incidents. Black Americans are killed by police at a rate of over double the rate of white americans, so implementing a similar program and decreasing police can save lives most negatively affected by excessive policing. Committing some of these can improve our community and make it safer for all particularly black communities and communities of color. These steps in conjunction with allocating funds towards the research committee are the most effective way to reduce crime and violence through community investment will help pave the way for a safer Portland for all. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Next.

**Moore-Love:** The next three will be John Carter, Timothy Ho, and Ruth Rockafield. John Carter.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. John? You're muted.

**John Carter:** Not any more.

**Hardesty:** Not any more. Welcome.

**Carter:** All right. I speak today as a citizen of Portland. I believe ppb needs to be defunded and the police union dismantled as a power broker of the city the union has largely escaped accountability and codified systemic racism. This should be replaced by creative reimagining of what policing can be. Funding for community protection agencies throughout the city designed by people who have connections of shared experience, true accountability and empathy because they are run by the community, the people they actually protect and serve. The police apparatus of today is constantly looking for ways to justify and solidify its need and existence, it looks to create and seek out problems, selectively enforce the law to extorts money and liberty from the oppressed and feed the prison industrial complex whenever possible. It's parasitic and enforces racism toward black and people of color. Split the \$246,000,000 in half 50% for a new community protection program, for the other half every penny goes towards reparations for communities torn apart by police oppression and gentrification. We can no longer hide a rigged system and called it a free market. Portland cannot truly thrive until black and other people of color can thrive as well. As long as we have the ppb, the ppa in place and no reparations for a population victim to a system rigged against them we will never reach our potential as a people. Given that all of the cards have been stacked against these populations for the city's entire history see, a complete reimagining of what law enforcement looks like is the least we can do. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, john.

**Timothy Ho:** I'm a person of color, and a resident of northeast Portland in the cully neighborhood. I am here among others to advocate for reducing the budget to the Portland police bureau by \$50 million and calling for abolishment of ppb and reinvesting those funds into the community. The \$7 million announced yesterday is a good place to start, but it is a start but not enough. The roots of policing america have been less about public safety, but more about reinforcing the existing power structures. Given Oregon's racist roots it's easy

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to see how communities of coloring can be negatively affected by increased policing. I'm concerned about increased militarization of local police forces including ppb. During recent protests we have all seen photos and videos of police teargassing our own residents. Call it what it is. This is chemical warfare, these are tools meant to inflict harm. I don't know why we are engaging in chemical warfare on our own community members. Now is the time to act. Now's the time for broad change. Now is the time to demilitarize, defund and abolish ppb. Crime occurs because of inequities and divestment in our communities. It's time to reappropriate public funds away from the police and towards making our community better, towards schools, parks, housing, programs meant to enrich our lives, towards more substance abuse councilors, mental health and homeless advocates. We can do better. The offer of \$7 million does not satiate our appetite. Eliminating the gun violence reduction team to try to police sros are too incremental. We need to act more boldly. I agree with others here in cutting the budget \$50 million and abolishing the Portland police bureau. I want to be brief. I only have two minutes and I want to hear from other bipoc community members. Two minutes is all I have. It's over six minutes less than derek chauvin had his knee on the back of george floyd's neck. So please stop the senseless killings, stop engaging in chemical warfare on our citizens, let be bold, demilitarize our police, defund the police and invest in our communities. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, timothy. Karla, who is next?

**Moore-Love:** Ruth Rockafield.

**Hardesty:** Welcome Ruth.

**Ruth Rockafield:** Good afternoon, council. My name is Ruth Rockafield. I'm a resident of the northeast neighborhood concordia, which historically was black neighborhood of Portland which no longer resembles its former self in large part due to efforts by the Portland police bureau. I am calling for the defunding of the police, the same as unite Oregon and pulse and I will keep this very brief because I know you'll hear the same thing over and over today from people better equipped than i, but especially defunding sert which we have seen deploying chemical warfare against our own citizens. The gun violence reduction team which has been incredibly detrimental to the bipoc community here. The juvenile gang enforcement team which also has been incredibly destructive to so many young bipoc members of this community. And also the homeless outreach programs and engagement which has not served its purpose in the way it should. I'm calling for these portions of the budget to be reallocated to reparations, to community outreach programs, and community building programs and especially to social services and which are so desperately under-funded in the city and are not able to provide as they need to for the very people that the Portland police bureau harms. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, ruth. Karla who are the next three

**Moore-Love:** Catherine Hayes, Jeannette Ward Horton and Nicole Javalay.

**Hardesty:** Welcome, Catherine. You're on mute. Katherine, can you get your mute button off?

**Catherine Hayes:** Yes. Thank you. I'm here just quickly to again support the defunding of the police, specifically supporting commissioner hardesty's amendment to the city budget. I am a resident of the city of Portland. I live in st. John's and i'm the daughter of a former police officer and someone who has been really inspired by commissioner hardesty's commitment to this issue and has been changed by the incredible support of my fellow city of Portland residents. I appreciate the opportunity here to come out and support defunding the police. Thanks, commissioner hardesty, for all your hard work.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate you being here. Jared is next.

**Moore-Love:** Jeanette.

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**Hardesty:** Jeanette. Welcome. Jeanette, are you there? Jeanette, you're not on mute, but it looks like we're not able to hear you. We'll see if we can help with that. Why don't we go to nicole.

**Nicole Javalay:** Hi. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes. Welcome.

**Javalay:** Great. Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak. I think I join other people here expressing my deep concern about the Portland police bureau's behavior in these past two weeks as they gassed protesters and their previous work killing Deonte Keller, Lloyd "Tony" Stevenson, Kendra James, James Jahar Perez, Aaron Campbell and many others. Policing in Portland is fundamentally broken and I want to urge city council to take this moment when the contract with the police association is about to expire to follow minneapolis' example and disband our police force entirely. At the least consider defunding the Portland police bureau and insisting on amendments to the Portland police association contract that can help remediate these issues. As so many others unite Oregon, The Portland African American leadership I would ask the city council to reduce the Portland police bureau budget by \$50 million and to listen to members of our community most harmed by police bureaus actions in determining where we allocate funds. It's imperative to update the status of the Portland police associations contract renewal. While its understandable that covid has canceled several meetings the lack of information transparency about the status of this process is egregious. I urge the city please do not accept any contract with the Portland police association that does not include meaningful agreements, community oversight in policing and consequences for police misconduct. Specifically I would ask that you a.) fix the decision matrix that determines consequences for officer misbehavior. The officer must repeatedly commit biased acts as documented before the city can impose consequences and the cap on consequences for biased behavior is three weeks unpaid leave. The city needs a way to fire officers who use excessive force or engage in biased acts without those decisions being overturned by binding arbitration. The behaviors are unacceptable and we should give no quarter to those who engage in them it's also quite frankly puzzling how as an employer we're unable to fire those who undermine our own work. Stop allowing officers accused of misconduct are blocking access to resources and privileges that are not extended to all Portlanders and increase civilian oversight of the Portland Police association form a body that will able to review allegations of excessive force and biased acts and specifically that would review all uses of deadly force. Again, while the police in the Portland police bureau which receives all these aims which are efficiently. Please update us on the status of the Portland police association contract negotiations and push for a contract that does not -- that follows the recommendations listed above. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, nicole. Let me just say you know labor labor negotiations actually restricts our ability to talk to the public about what's going on. But next week there should be something on the city council agenda that may interest you. As it relates to that contract.

**Javalay:** Thank you. I'm concerned because there have about been no updates since february that I can find.

**Hardesty:** Legally we're obligated to not publicly talk about a contract under negotiation. I want you to understand it's not that we don't want to talk about it, we are legally obligated to not do that until we're at a place that we know what direction we're headed. Let me just say that I think next week I hope that you will support the direction that we're moving in.

**Javalay:** Thank you very much, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, nicole. Appreciate you calling in. Let's see if we can hear jeanette before we call the next three callers. How is your volume now?

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**Jeannette Ward Horton:** How is it now?

**Hardesty:** Perfect.

**Ward Horton:** Oh, good.

**Hardesty:** That's good.

**Ward Horton:** Great. I'm Jeannette Ward Horton from new leaf project. We heard yesterday that mayor wheeler has set aside \$12 million to invest in black and brown communities, \$7 million from the police budget and \$5 million from other sources. It's a real step but not the same as results. People rioting and protesting are asking for real change they can see. Commissioner eudaly mentioned this, we believe there must be a committee made up by black and brown community members who ensure those funds directly reach black and brown Portlanders. The committee and the city should set measurable multi-year goals for improvements in education, income, housing and health care for black, native and latinx Portlanders. Those goals need to be transparent and available for public feedback. The investments need to increase policy and pau, unite and others have said set aside larger numbers and I support continuation of these conversations and moving us further ahead. It's a start but not enough. I have two young sons i'm raising in Portland. Ten years from now I would like them to be able to see opportunity and excellence within their community and I would like them to feel that Portland is a place that they could raise their children and those children could see opportunity and excellence in their community. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Jeannette you may be happy with one of my amendments that I will be putting in tomorrow. I have an amend many to put \$1 million aside for black, leadership development program that would be controlled by black youth. Not by people who say they represent black youth but the youth themselves. So I think you will be excited about that amendment as it comes forward tomorrow as we continue this negotiation.

**Ward Horton:** I'm excited to see that.

**Hardesty:** I thought you would be.

**Ward Horton:** Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** You're welcome, who are the next three Karla?

**Moore-Love:** Ali Hamdan, Moof Mayeda and Sage Paden.

**Hardesty:** Welcome, I don't see Ali, let's go to number two, if Ali is there please put your hand up and we will come back to you.

**Moore-Love:** We'll go with Moof Mayeda.

**Sara Oneska:** My name is Sara Oneska, I am stepping for Moof. I'm representing Asians for black lives Portland a collective of Asians fighting for justice and liberations with black and African people since 2014. We are testifying today to advocate for the disbandment of the ppb starting with a \$50 million divestment of funds for this budget cycle and every year forward. We believe that policing is fundamentally white supremacist, American policing grew directly out of slave patrols and organized effort to catch runaways and spread terror among enslaved people. Modern day policing continues as violent and racist legacy and the Portland police are no exception, we see the ways the ppb targets and murders black people, their ties to white nationalist organizations, the assault and domestic violence perpetrated at their jobs and at their own homes. We believe the police can be reformed, they must be disbanded in order to end the violence and terror they inflict in our community. The reality is that no single alternative can replace police or prisons, but there are bipoc abolitionist who have been treating practical alternatives for decades. The leaders believed that we must treat new structures and systems that cultivate commissions of safety. This means access to healthcare, education, housing and food for everyone especially those who have been historically oppressed. Abolition is actually the most loving process we can under take for our society. Asians for black lives is here today not as a monolith, but as a collective of individuals who have been directly harmed by policing and

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white supremacy, especially those of us with intersecting marginalized identities. As Asians we simultaneously benefit from white supremacy and are frequently positioned to further oppress and criminalize black folks. So we are here today to emphasize what the council must do to break this cycle, it brings us hope to see power begin to shift back towards the community in Minneapolis, this is not only possible but necessary in Portland as well. City council we are asking you to take a real step towards justice and safety for community. Vote to defund the Portland police and move toward a police free future, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Moof, next Karla was.

**Moore-Love:** I have Sage Paden.

**Hardesty:** Sage welcome.

**Sage Paden:** Hi, first off I would like to say thank you for having me here. I'm a member of – I was born and raised in southeast Portland, but I currently live in northeast Portland, I will keep my statement short because you are going to hear it a lot today and I'm sure there are more people who can say it better than I can. I am asking that you completely defund, disband the police and start looking to start using social workers instead because I think that something like that would be much better for the community. I would also like to point out Oregon's history of white supremacy and kkk related affiliates in our Portland police bureau, starting out with Mark Krueger who put up a nazi shrine in our parks and was barely reprimanded at all and actually his record was completely expunged in 2014. I would also like to point out in the 1980s our police chief started a smoke em don't choke em campaign against people and when he was tried to be reprimanded for it he was extremely against it. All I ask is that you please get rid of the policing if you believe in change and you completely disband the Portland police and that you start being leaders that we asked you to be, thank you and that is all.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Sage. Next.

**Moore-Love:** The next three will be Andrea Valderrama, Joy Alise Davis and Meghan Myers.

**Hardesty:** Welcome Andrea.

**Andrea Valderrama:** Hi there can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can hear you fine thank you.

**Valderrama:** I first just wanted to say my sincere condolences to mayor Wheeler for the loss of his mother. Mayor Wheeler and members of the council thank you so much for the opportunity to testify on this item, my name is Andrea Valderrama, I currently serve as the advocacy director for the coalition of communities of color, I am a registered lobbyist with the City of Portland speaking on behalf of the ccc. In the fiscal year 2020/2021 general fund guidance stated that mayor Wheeler is directing and challenging leaders and managers to take bold action and beyond their bureau walls to find ways to deliver services better and more cost efficiently. However there is \$246.2 million dollars for the Portland police bureau which is about a third of the general fund budget. When compared to other priority issue areas homelessness at \$46,214.8 million in phb, parks at \$197.5 million, there is a significant discrepancy. The ppb budget is unstable as noted in the cbos review of the ppb budget and urge you all to defund and reinvision what public safety looks like. At arms law enforcement there are school resource officers, police officers or ice maintain white comfort at the expense of black, indigenous, people of color and do not equate to public safety for our communities and we're calling on you to stop funding this violence towards our communities to black lives before black dust and have three main ask led by two of our organizations, palf and unite Oregon. One immediately defund the police bureau by \$50 million. Two never again vote to increase the ppb budget and three refund and reinvest in community led strategies for health, safety, housing and basic needs for black indigenous people of color. Measures of community safety aren't just about 911

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response times, its about jogging Ahmaud Arbery, sleeping in your own home Breonna Taylor, walking from the corner store Mike Brown driving, walking or biking to work to going to school and countless other measures black community members have repeatedly died for. I urge you to upstream approaches to redefining core services and addressing overtime. I think pcep is the right community led space to have those discussions. I'll close by saying we need courageous leadership in this moment. Bold visionaries ready to fight for black lives and challenge the status quo that clearly has never worked, was never designed to work for bipoc communities and I urge you to answer these calls today. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Is joy --

**Moore-Love:** Joy alise.

**Hardesty:** Welcome.

**Joy Alise Davis:** Yes. Can you hear me okay?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you fine.

**Davis:** Great. Hello, i'm joy alise davis, executive director of palf and palf action fund. Thank you for this time. I urge you to cut the Portland police budget by \$50 million along with unite Oregon we sent a letter outlining our full request and we hope you'll view that letter as part of my testimony today. All across this country black people live with the everyday reality of being subject to police occupation but we're here not only because of Breonna taylor and george floyd we are here because of our own community experiences of violence, surveillance, exclusion and incarceration due to the Portland police bureau. We're here to name some who have been lost to police violence here in Portland. I name Lloyd "tony" Stevenson, Quanice Hayes, Kendra James, Andre Gladen, Keaton Otis and Aaron Campbell. Want to hold that for a second. Whether the polce chief has been black or white the Portland police has been violent in defense of whiteness and private property. We are allowing the city of Portland to displace and to do violence against black people. This can no longer be tolerated, despite the attempt to reform and oversight by local elected officials city committees and the u.s. Department of justice Portland police has not had meaningful change. We hear commissioners say that they recognize that we have not seen those change in culture and activities of the Portland polic. We are saddened by their analysis that does not lead to the same conclusion we have been led to, the proposals we shared, we've heard for the elected officials is not sufficient, we ask that you catch up with us now. I say again the proposals that you have heard from our elected officials are not sufficient and we ask that you catch up with us now as we follow our colleagues at don't shoot, critical resistance Portland, care not cops, black and pink we demand immediate reduction of harm to our communities through policing that compel the Portland police to stop doing violence against us. We do not support reforms that create friendlier or community oriented policing. We do not support reforms that create friendlier policing. There is no policing that does not threaten us. We support a platform to defund, we invest and protect as a movement away from policing and towards a new imagination of public safety. Please cut \$50 million from the Portland police budget by this year and reinvest into black futures. I strongly hope that later today we hear the full list of the many black folks that have been killed by the Portland police, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Joy Alise, who's next Karla?

**Moore-Love:** That will be Meghan Myers.

**Hardesty:** Meghan welcome.

**Meghan Myers:** Thank you, I just want to say that we're in a moment of history, you as commissioners have the ability to create real and lasting change here, right here and right now. The entire country is calling out for revolution, for a overhaul of a system that has been built on the backs of black people and the land of native people. Portland considers itself a liberal haven, but I myself have witnessed the brutality of the police and the racism

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involved in our very department. Abolition of the police department is the only way forward, but I will say that massive defunding is the first right step. I urge all of you as the commissioners and mayor Wheeler to please start by defunding and taking away the money that polices our community's, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Meghan, Karla who are the next three. You may be on mute Karla.

**Moore-Love:** I sure was, the next three are Allie Furlotti, Scotty Lawrence and Emma Furth.

**Hardesty:** Allie welcome.

**Allie Furlotti:** Hi, okay so my name is Allie Furlotti, thank you so much. I want to propose that instead of giving \$50 million to ppb it goes to white bird or cahoots which is used in Eugene and Springfield and it covers about 150 or 300,000 people so if you double their working budget its \$2.6 million, we could have an organization meet over 50% of the 911 dispatch calls for \$5.6 million. These are mental health professionals, domestic violence professionals, people that are unarmed, medics and that would take care of so much stress that the bureau has used violence against.

**Hardesty:** Sorry Allie clearly all of us are getting used to our new technology. It's wonderful to hear children in the background and lots of activity. I wanted to take a moment to let it quiet down again so we could hear your testimony. You may start again.

**Furlotti:** Well, that was actually it. She just silenced me pretty well. That \$50 million [laughter] reroute it to cahoots, white bird or street resource. Any organization taking the bulk of 911 calls and making it about housing, mental health, domestic violence and things that ppb is not educated in dealing with and I would also like to see some oversight committee so this is followed through.

**Hardesty:** I want you to know that will be one of my amendments, that you may know we were going to start a pilot but the pandemic hit where we were going to have one unit. I'm proposing we start with six and grow it from there. Cahoots is a fabulous model and we will definitely be implementing that as soon as we have the ability to be out on the streets and engaging once again. So I appreciate your support of Portland street response in that way.

**Furlotti:** Thank you so much, commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate you being here. I believe emma is next.

**Moore-Love:** Scotty Lawrence.

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry, Scotty.

**Scotty Lawrence:** I'm here. Can you hear me? I muted myself. Thank you for having me. I'm going to cede my time to bipoc voices.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Scotty. Is there anything you want to say that you support yea or nay? I guess he was done. Moving on, emma.

**Emma Furth:** Hi, yes. I am a Portland resident of the last ten years and I am here to urge you to adopt the divestment proposal made by the Portland african-american leadership forum. The last two weeks I have been heartbroken and horrified at the way police have all the information about how police have been killing and brutalizing people particularly people of color in this city and across the country with no regard for rights or humanity. I'm very serious about how our police department has responded to those protesting policies with teargas and curfews. I used to think that reforming the police was enough. I no longer believe that is possible. I think the only way to move forward is to defund police and reinvest that into the community as the Portland african-american leadership proposal suggests including cutting the ppb budget by \$50 million and committing to never increasing again among may other things. I think this is a good proposal and that's what we should do going forward, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, emma. Appreciate your testimony. Who are the next three? Karla? You may still be muted.

**Moore-Love:** Thank you. Connie Wohn, James Calkins and Annette Johnson.

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**Hardesty:** Thank you. Connie, are you on the phone? You will need to unmute yourself.

**Connie Wohn:** I'm here. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, ma'am.

**Wohn:** Thank you so much for your time this afternoon, council. I'm Connie Wohn, resident of arbor lodge in Multnomah county here to speak to the agenda item 452 regards adoption and implementation of the '20-'21 budget. First and foremost some of the suggested ideas the city can address is \$75 million deficit and the \$4.4 million proposed budget. It's clear from the 12 days of protests and outpouring of emails at least one in every 20 Oregonians want this reform. Some actionable items to focus on, demilitarizing the police, defunding transit police, defunding the gun violence reduction team, defunding special emergency reaction team, divesting cannabis tax funds, thank you from oca and other cannabis leaders that we have heard from today, from the ppb budget and reinvesting that in reparations for those affected by the war on drugs. Reducing Multnomah county and doc budgets. Divesting from electronic monitoring programs. Divesting from juvenile gang enforcement teams and finally disarming the psu campus police. The cops are doing too much. When the police are filling the gap for the work of social service, domestic violence councilors, substance abuse support and community based organizations they are doing too much that they are not trained properly for. These problems are heightened and highlighted and escalated by the arrival of aggressive police who are untrained for these specific issues. Not to mention the police are typically ablist and not able to have the right skills to handle any situation including many forms of communication, for example asl, nonviolent communication or being multilingual. We can support the mental health infrastructure and decriminalization of houselessness, support many who have been marginalized and train police to manage actual criminal activity. The goal would be a community led restorative justice process for healing from the traumas and long standing oppression of a policy state and police state and policy rooted in white privilege and supremacy. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, connie. Appreciate you taking the time to be here. I believe we have jamey next.

**Moore-Love:** James Calkins.

**Hardesty:** My apologies, James. Are you on the line?

**James Calkins:** Yes, hello, commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Hi, James.

**Calkins:** I would like to forego my testimony to give more time to my bipoc neighbors and community members.

**Hardesty:** I appreciate that. Thank you, james.

**Calkins:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Who is next?

**Moore-Love:** Annette johnson.

**Hardesty:** Please unmute yourself.

**Annette Johnson:** Yes, i'm unmuted now. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, ma'am. Welcome.

**Johnson:** I'm a vendor for street roots. I would just like to speak on the program where they are going have the police show up and arrive, the Portland pilot program.

**Hardesty:** The Portland street response? That one?

**Johnson:** Portland street response. I'm speaking from experience myself. I have almost 17 years in recovery. I have been to prison five times, et cetera, et cetera, drug addict, all that, and I have been on lately every time I see the cops pulling over a mental health person I live on a busy street, and they are just screaming, like ten cops and I have videos of it to show. I would just like to see more help out there for the people that are homeless and that need help instead of the police coming and not knowing exactly what to do. I do

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have a lot of concern when I hear people say defund the police department so I was just kind of looking it up on the web to get a better understanding of that because most black people here with any type of record are not able to carry a weapon, so when you consider this racist problem that's going on right now, I would hate to be in a situation a bunch of white people jack me up with a whole bunch of guns and I didn't have nobody to protect me. So there's two sides of every, you know, story. My main concern is my protection and the protection of my nephews, my great nephews that i'm happy with the protests. I'm happy with all that other stuff, during the corona virus more blacks are dying. There's a lot going on right now, but my main concern is to see people that are on the streets get the kind of help that they are going to do with the Portland street response. That was on the board. That's what we were talking about. Covid, stop that. I see it every day. I have tons of videos on my phone seeing what is happening.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, annette. Appreciate your testimony. You have the whole board champion Portland street response and we're going to invest more dollars in that.

**Johnson:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** From one van to six is my proposal. I hope that will pass tomorrow. Thank you.

**Johnson:** Shout out for street roots.

**Hardesty:** Hey, hey: Thank you. Next three, please.

**Moore-Love:** Next three, Yoko Silk, Jenna and Brandon Buell.

**Hardesty:** Welcome Yoko.

**Yoko Silk:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, ma'am.

**Silk:** I am a city of Portland employee so i'm presenting my testimony on behalf of 25 other city of Portland employees. This is an open letter from a diverse group of concerned employees. We're not acting in our official capacity. We do not claim to represent the positions of our bureaus, but we are exercising our right to free speech and solidarity about the black lives matter movement, this letter was written off the clock and no city resources were used. We felt it was important to speak out specifically because we're city of Portland employees. We stand in solidarity with black lives matter movement and for all those calling for racial justice and institutional change. As employees we're uniquely positioned to see the disparities in the city budget. As such we call on city council to allocate money directly into programs serving marginalized community members and youth rather than a militarized police force. The institution of policing has to drastically change and be recreated from the ground up. It's well past time to create a truly community oriented public safety program that focuses on support rather than incarceration. As a step in the right direction we ask that the council take the following actions. Defund the gun violence reduction team, thank you, and ban the use of military crowd control tactics, thank you. Increase ongoing funding for mental health response programs like street response, thank you for recognizing that. Demilitarize the police department and redirect the money towards assistance to the most vulnerable community members. Demand accountability of Portland police force by supporting the independent police review board, ensure that the people who sit on the review board are from communities most impacted by policing. Demand transparency and discipline accountability from the Portland police association. No qualified immunity. Prioritize and mandate increase deescalation in racial bias training and demand that officer recruitment strategy reflect those values, for example rather than a question asked about the willingness to use deadly force we could use a question on the supplemental question sheet about willingness to use nonviolent deescalation. Shift certain responsibilities and associated funding away from the police bureau and to agencies and community groups more equipped to deal with issues like homelessness, mental health crises, drug abuse and school safety. Elevate and support staff those within the police bureau who are actively working to dismantle the institution of racism that exist within

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policing. Ban no knock warrants, implement a zero tolerance policy for police brutality and misconduct. Thank you, the following city of Portland staff which are employed by pp&r, bes, bds and bps. I don't have to read the names. My time is up. There's 25 of us. I will send the letter.

**Hardesty:** I was just going to suggest that. Thank you. Please do. Appreciate you taking the time to be here.

**Silk:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Jenna, I believe is next.

**Jenna:** Hi, my name is jenna. I want to be another voice in support of the proposal by the Portland African American leadership for unite Oregon to reduce police funding by \$50 million, reinvest that funding in to black futures and commit to increase budget again. I don't think we have to be killing people, I don't think we have to hurting people, I don't think we have to be about that, I don't think Portland has to be about that. That is all, I yield the remainder of my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much it was sweet and to the point. Brandon, you are next. You may be muted.

**Brandon Buell:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Buell:** I want to echo what other community members are saying and advocate for \$50 million to be taken away from the ppb and briefly I would like to say that these last 11 nights have been sort of a test as to whether or not Portland police are able to deescalate situations and they generally have failed and used teargas on mostly peaceful crowds. I want to cede the remainder of my time.

**Hardesty:** I want to check in with my colleagues? Would you like to take a five-minute break or just keep going? Commissioner Fritz? Commissioner eudaly?

**Eudaly:** I'm fine. Up to you.

**Hardesty:** We'll keep going for about 15 more minutes. Karla, will you call the next three names.

**Moore-Love:** The next three are Amira Tripp Folsom, Will Fruhwirth and Angela foster.

**Hardesty:** Amira, you are next.

**Amira Tripp Folsom:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can.

**Tripp Folsom:** Okay my name is Amira Tripp Folsom, I am an 18-year-old black woman and I am tired of living in fear of the police. I have learned that the police have never existed to protect and serve me. The Portland police protect the white supremacists like the proud boys and throw teargas at people like me when only one of us is demanding to be treated like a human being. The police are reaction to crime when instead of only being reactive we must be proactive. We must ask why are crimes being committed in the first place. What are the unmet needs of the person or that community to feel that their only option is crime. \$7 million is not enough. I'm asking city council to do the right thing and cut \$50 million from the police budget and eventually disban the ppb and give the money to bipoc communities that can actually put that money to good use. The policing system that we have now is not only ineffective, but it is discriminatory, classist and racist as proven by the previous testimonies. It is time that we divest from the police and invest in community initiatives that will lower crime and keep our community safe. I want to conclude with the fact that there was a time people in this country could not imagine a life where slavery did not exist. There was a time people couldn't imagine that segregation did not exist. One day in the future people will say there was a time when people in this country could not imagine a time where policing did not exist. Remember that this is not only for george floyd, but all the innocent black people killed by the police, including the Portland police bureau. From Patrick kimmons, terrell johnson, Keaton Otis, Andre gladden, quanice hayes, kendra

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james, Jason Washington, James perez, byron hammock, aaron campbell, jenelle Fritz, james chase, lane martin, christopher collange and many more. Remember them. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Will, you are next. Welcome.

**Will Fruhwirth:** Hi, thank you for your time. Will Fruhwirth i'm a white resident of southeast Portland. I want to thank commissioner hardesty on your decades of work of dismantling white supremacy in institutional systems in the city of Portland and our community and thank commissioner eudaly for your leadership in recent days and to urge commissioner Fritz and mayor Wheeler to join the two of you in taking bold action to defund the police in the Portland police bureau and to amplify the voices of the Portland african-american leadership forum and unite Oregon with calls to defund police, starting with the gun violence reduction team, transit policer, school resource officer program and to commit to not increasing the budget for Portland police bureau in the future. That's all i've got. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, will. We are going to move to angela. Welcome.

**Angela Foster:** Hi, thank you. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Foster:** Okay, great. First I want to say I speak in favor of palf and united states Oregon for defunding the police. I want to speak on the main budget cut which was the body worn camera program by ted wheeler. Nancy pelosi just announced a new reform to require body cams, but that is not enough. I want to talk about a budget for citizen oversight and correspondence for law changes. Basically I want to base that off of the objective reasonability that a standard set by the supreme court for officers. I think that is one sided and can sway the outcome. And we don't get the same liberties as they do, as the police officers do in the court system. Also many cities have weak rules in place allowing the department to refuse to share footage with civilians who want to file complaints. So what I would like is for our city to protect its citizens. In partnership with the body worn camera program we need to adequately establish and fund citizen oversight and require police body cam data to be collected and reported. Citizen oversight is needed to protect citizens from qualified immunity. In correspondence with the body worn camera program, if we create lawes that will require the footage to be collected properly we can stop the police from alleging malice and using the history of a perpetrator to suggest such malice basically protecting our constitutional right, innocent until proven guilty. I would like us to stop sequencing if we can it cause unnecessary cost, it does not expand constitutional rights. Here as a state we can do that by basically making it a clear law. The clearer the law, the more likely a reasonable official would know the law and hesitate before acting. We need to create clear laws to define the hazy border between excessive and acceptable force here in Portland and that's all I have.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, angela. Karla, please, the next three names. Yasenia welcome.

**Yasenia Pascual-Buendia:** My name is Yasenia Pascual-Buendia this is my first time giving testimony. I am a first generation mexican american. I live in southeast Portland. On page 29 of the annual budget it lists that Portland police bureau received \$2.3 million from recreational marijuana tax dollars. I will give a brief explanation for why I think this is unethcal. From 2001 to 2010 about 8.2 million drug related arrests were made, 88% were for having marijuana. People of color and specifically black people are four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana charges and historically police have been charging people of color for drug charges and creating more disparities in these community's for years we need to remove these unhelpful policing practices and reinvest in disadvantage communities that have been effected by policing and constant surveillance. I am particularly requesting that you remove the \$2.3 million from the budget and reinvest in the

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people of color who are leaving our prisons. 90% of people that are in prison will be getting out and there's not enough resources for them that will set them up for success which in hand just makes many of them just go back in and I just want to speak from my personal experience because I feel that is more powerful and although I am not black but a first generation mexican who is affected by overpolicing and an unfair justice system that effects people of color. My father was deported when I was a child without a fair trial and for the charges he was given and my uncle is also Mexican was in prison for drug charges for five years. He was recently released last year and then less than six months later he was rearrested for violating his parole for marijuana possession. I want to say the majority of people in prison are not inherently bad people. Many people have been placed in a system that was designed to be against them and waiting for them to fail. I'm just requesting the city reallocate the \$2.3 million we are receiving for recreational marijuana and provide more resources for people being released from prison to set them up for success, like increasing social workers and investing in community organizations and stop over policing people transitioning and searching for any mistakes they will be making.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much for your testimony. We appreciate it. Chris, you are next.

**Chris Hooper:** Yes. Hello. I just wanted to say thank you to you, commissioner, for your leadership, along with commissioner eudaly, obviously mayor wheeler seems to be a huge failure in this. Basically my comment today is to commissioner Fritz, your silence has been deafening and I hope all four of you take this opportunity to be actual decent human beings and not politicians and defund the police by \$50 million. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, chris. Marissa, you are next. Marissa, you are on mute. Marissa, can you get off mute? If not, we'll call the next three names. We'll go back to marissa. Thank you. Brittany, you are next. Welcome. Brittany, you are on mute. Brittany, are you able to get off mute? If you are on the phone, it is star 6 to get off mute. If you are on the computer, you should see on the left-hand side a button that allows you, if you just touch the screen to allow you to unmute.

**Brittany Tinkler:** Oh, hi there. I'm just listening in. So you can move on to the next one.

**Hardesty:** Okay. Thank you very much. I wanted to give you an opportunity.

**Tinkler:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Jakelen you are next.

**Jakelen Diaz:** My name is Jakelen diaz I am a resident of northeast Portland.

**Hardesty:** My apologies for messing up your name.

**Diaz:** No worries. I'm here like several people asking you all to please not approve the budget set forth which is allotting \$200 million for the Portland police bureau, \$200 million. That is absurd compared to other offices that don't get enough funding. Like others have called for, i'm asking for at least a \$50 million reduction in the Portland police bureau budget. That is the bare minimum that we are asking for. And yeah, this is my first time making a comment like this. So i'm -- but we need to redirect funding as others have stated immediate funds for specialty units within the police bureau. The money is there. There is no reason why the police can be receiving all of these funds while others are struggling. Commissioners, you have the opportunity to think creatively and work alongside with community to find solutions for us. Please do not let us down.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Appreciate your testimony. Next we'll hear from abigail.

**Abigail Rose:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Rose:** My name is abigail rose, I live in inner southeast Portland. As a tax paying citizen I demand and complete divestment and disbanding the Portland police. I demand that money be reinvested building black futures and community care that not reliant on the logic or practices of policing, surveillance and incarceration. There is strong evidence that these methods create safer communities like when camden, new jersey, disbanded their

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police system where violent crimes dropped 42%. Oregon is one of the systematically and socially racist states in the country. For example black folks were not institutionally allowed to own land in Oregon until 1973. Dismantling our police structure is a vital start to creating a community where black folks can thrive. I have personally been physically, emotionally and mentally traumatized by the Portland police bureau for the last 13 days, I've watched the police target black folks in peaceful protests and brutalize them mercilessly. I have seen the police use teargas on children and open fire into a crowd of people utilizing their first amendment rights, I have seen the police instigate violence and bloodshed over and over, I demand a future where myself and my loved ones feel safe from the cruel racist systemic brutality that the Portland police offered to this community a future without police. I demand these funds be used to support the healing and growth of the black community and are redistributed into mental health services, business loans, affordable housing and education thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, abigail. I appreciate your testimony today. Karla, I would like to call for a five-minute recess.

**Moore-Love:** Okay thank you commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you be back in five minutes it is now 3:46 by my phone.

**At 3:46 p.m. council recessed.**

**At 3:52 p.m. council reconvened.**

**Hardesty:** Here we go I'm calling the meeting back to order, Karla, who are the next three individuals?

**Moore-Love:** Marissa essex, sharon white and tabitha mcmillican.

**Marissa Essex:** Hi, this is marissa. Are you able to hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Essex:** Thank you so much commissioners for holding this space. I'm going to be brief and submit the rest of my testimony in e-mail form. I want to speak on one thing from personal experience. I'm a mother of an autistic child. She is white. I want to know what you are doing to support accessibility for Portlanders who are black and differently abled. It was pointed out by a recent video posted by a asl interpreter Andrew Tollman that the police are in direct violation of ada accessibility laws. I would like you to do a better job supporting that. I voted for you believing you would do that. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Sharon, you are next. Sharon, you are on mute. Can you get off mute, sharon? I'll go to tabitha and then come back. Tabitha, you are next.

**Tabatha Millican:** Hi, commissioner. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Millican:** I'm a resident of st. John's Portland and a proud volunteer of Portland peoples outreach project. As we have been going through this its obvious that the joint office of homeless services is either inept or underfunded in a way that is properly care for the people who live outside. Over 50% of the people arrested last year were homeless and I don't understand why our only response to public health and public safety is police. I would like to cede the rest of my time to bipoc.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, tabatha. Sharon, we are going to try you again. If you touch your screen at the bottom, there should be a button that allows you to unmute yourself. We will come back to you later, sharon, if you are able to make that happen. Karla, who is the next three? Andrew, welcome.

**Moore-Love:** I'm not seeing him. He may have gotten disconnected. Quinton blanton.

**Hardesty:** I'm not seeing quinton, either. Who is the next person? They may have just been on to listen. So we'll keep going. Who is next.

**Moore-Love:** I see Matthew Celentano.

**Hardesty:** I see matthew. Matthew, please unmute yourself. It is your turn.

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**Matthew Celentano:** Thank you commissioner Hardesty and council members my name is Matthew Celentano I'm a white man who lives in northeast Portland. I want to quickly register my support by demands by united states Oregon and palf. I would love to hear from commissioner Fritz. I haven't heard from her in several days nor on this call. I would love to hear from her. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, matthew. Who is next, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** I see sharon white is still there. Sharon, are you able to --

**Hardesty:** You can communicate in the chat if you are just here to listen and we'll be able to move on.

**Fritz:** Madam president.

**Hardesty:** Yes.

**Fritz:** If I could respond to the previous testimony. I did post a statement to my website last week which I encourage people to read. I have always wanted to listen first to community voices before coming to decisions and that is why I have not yet announced what i'm going to do tomorrow.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz. Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Nicole Dobrow, kyle ashby.

**Nicole Dobrow:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Hi, nicole. Yes, I can.

**Dobrow:** Thank you. I would like to thank commissioners hardesty and eudaly for your leadership, the people of Portland we thank you. I am here today to ask city council to defund ppb and reimagin community safety from a holistic perpective. To that end I request city council reallocate funding to strengthen our city's housing, substance use disorder and behavioral services and systems. Something we can all agree on including rank and file of ppd, is police officers should not be tasked with addressed housing and mental health crises. They don't have the tools to do so sustainably, safely or adequately. As a social worker I can attest to there is a huge unmet need for behavioral health and related services in our city. I serve people who want to get into substance abuse treatment and they are ready to get sober, but they can't because all of the beds are full. I serve people who are experiencing an acute mental health crisis but face a three-month wait time to see a mental health prescriber to get on stabilizing meds. I propose we take the money allocated for ppb that is used to criminalize people for the crime of merely existing and apply it to our community's woefully and inadequately funded safety net. This includes funds more beds and supportive housing services, funding more detox and inpatient substance abuse treatment services, more drug and alcohol counselors, more peer mentors. I propose money be allocated from ppb towards reparation. Let's directly invest in black communities by providing grants to black businesses, more down payment assistance to black families, narrowing the educational achievement gap through targeting funding through the Portland public schools to recruit and retain black educators and social workers. Portland has --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, nicole. Please submit the rest of your testimony in writing if you would like.

**Dobrow:** I will. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Kyle, you are next.

**Kyle Ashby:** Thank you for providing this opportunity for public testimony. I echo --

**Hardesty:** You just muted yourself, kyle. You did it again.

**Ashby:** How about now.

**Hardesty:** Now you are good.

**Ashby:** I echo all calls to defund and disband the Portland police and invest in black community health and wealth. I ask that city council audit the white collar crime unit of ppb

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as white collar crime costs more every year than street crime yet the majority of personnel for ppb are directed toward street crime and unfairly targeting disenfranchised communities, the majority of white color crime is committed by white men while black communities are continually devastated by minor charges along prison sentences. Lastly, I ask for oversight in the use of overtime funds in priority projects in the ppb budget, that the city council pursue a hiring freeze for ppb even with the staffing issues identified and officer discipline includes reductions and pension instead of the more common paid administrative leave.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, kyle. Karla, who are the next three. Excellent. Quinton, you are on. Quinton. You are not on mute, but we can't hear you. I think we will go on to james. Hopefully quinton will come back or communicate via chat. Quinton are you there now. Yes, I can hear you.

**Quinton Blanton:** Oh, okay. Hi this Quinton Blanton I'm a 29-year-old black male born and raised in Portland representing Multnomah county democrats today. One of the things I wanted to clarify first and foremost. I hear the word reparations being thrown around a lot. I don't think people realize different communities have different justice claims. Americans descendants of slavery abos have a unique experience that other communities of color don't, reparations should also be advocated for ados at the federal level, not the local as an ados male I believe reparations should be done right according to renowned and leading economists, ados reparations are somewhere between \$17 trillion to \$20 trillion, just for clarity sake. Now is the time to address deep economic inequality and make real structural change. Towards the end of his life dr. King made it clear that civil rights was easy. What is going to be difficult is redistribution of wealth because it requires white people to give up something, give up whiteness and their privilege. Police violence and brutality against ados is a symptom of a much bigger problem. The problem is the wealth and bottom caste status against ados. It is a commonly held notion that america functions as a meritocracy, not a caste system, given recent events like the 2019 college admissions bribery scandal, it should be clear to American people that there is no such thing as meritocracy wealth begets wealth. The wealth of botton caste statuse of ados is the result of multigeneration plunder and oppression by the u.s. Government and white america. Caddle slavery, jim crow, a failed reconstruction era, convict leasing, sharecropping, lynching, white mob violence, exclusion from new deal and fair deal legislation and programs, blood lining, mass incarceration and gentrification have been effected of locking ados out of opportunity and wealth simultaneously infusing the government and white america with untolds amount of wealth. According to the road o zero weath report published by prosperity now and the institute for policy studies the median wealth of black americans will fall to zero by 2053 if current trends continue, however the covid-19 pandemic may have expedited that prediction especially given the fact that ados were largely excluded from the corona aid relief economic superiority act and ppb program. Fundamentally changing policing is admirable, but its only the tip of the iceberg, ados communities of Oregon and across this nation must be infused with weath and resources they.

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Blanton:** Until they are no longer a bottom pass and there is a sameness about all of us.

**Hardesty:** Quinton, quinton -- quinton. If you would like to submit your comments in writing, your connection was not clear, but I heard every word you said and if you have additional information we are happy to receive it via e-mail.

**Blanton:** I submitted it via e-mail to all of you guys.

**Hardesty:** Okay. Thank you. Next we have james. I don't see james any longer.

**Moore-Love:** Sharon white is still on the line. Can we try her again.

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**Hardesty:** Yes, we can. Sharon white, can you unmute. Going once, going twice, sharon, please comment in the chat. Let us know that you don't want to provide testimony. You are just listening. That would be very helpful for us. The next three, Karla. Talieson, welcome.

**Talieson Solomon:** Thank you so much. I want to say my name is Talieson Solomon I'm a united states air force veteran. I was there for five years. I worked law enforcement there and I also worked for the vancouver police department. As anybody who has any sense of morality left in them, I can no longer support that structure and have left law enforcement and haven't worked there for many years. That said, from my time inside of it I can tell you that any cries for additional funding are completely irrelevant and misplaced and a total drain on resources. Of all the government offices I have ever seen, they are flush with money and flush with personnel. It is criminal how the ppd has handled these protests. I spent time in operation freedom and I can say the way we treated the people that we dealt with there was done with care and civility that we have not seen the ppd treat us, the citizens trying to express our first amendment rights. It has been horrifying and terrible and I think that any public official who can still support this won't have a future here in Portland. So if not from a place of concern and love for the people you are supposed to represent, perhaps from some sort of twisted self-preservation, I would -- I support -- I suggest that you guys support the comments that have been expressed by the testimony today. That's my time. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Appreciate you being here. Jay, you are next.

**Jay Parasco:** I just want to say that I fully support the palf recommendations and fully funding Portland street response and yield the rest of my time to a bipoc community member.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Jay, Susan you're next.

**Susan Anglada Bartley:** Thank you commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly, Fritz my name is Susan Anglada Bartley, I'm here as a veteran Portland educator, a parent and a member of Portland parent union, a supporter of don't shoot Portland united neutral aide network which operates in the 82nd corridor as well as the recovery community. I'm here to demand that the city of Portland divest and disband Portland police. They city of Portland's investment in police and public schools demonstrates Portlands historic investment is in racism. If Portland has spent \$6 million per year on policing Portland public schools for the past 15 years or more years that equates to \$100 million invested in hyper policing black children in Portland public schools. As a teacher, I want to say full stop. If we can invest \$100 million over a 15-year period, we can vow now to invest more than \$100,000 million into community run programs designed by and in support of black youth more affected by the racist decision making. Listen, as a teacher, I have seen black youth dragged out of the school and thrown into a cop car like a criminal. I wrote a book. Look it up. It is called what the f is that. As a family member of three addicts may they fly in power who also struggle with clinical depression, I also note the rising rates of addiction in Portland including in black and indigenous communities. Direct funds toward nonpolice operated social work street teams provide outreach for deep trauma informed social work. These are examples of unpolicing strategies to support deeper transformations that will heal this society not drive us into further violence and bloodshed. As a 20-year member of the activist community I can tell you the youth are on fire. I am not their leader and there is no solitary leader, but I can tell you this generation is not taking short anymore. The youth see the sick patterns of racism and capitalist greed. They are doubly supported by a lot more parents than you might expect. Quite a few mothers in my community helped to take i-84 the other day, so if you think you are going to give us less than we put on the table think again because we as a community are not giving up on a future for our children that rectifies the racist wrongs of this dates history.

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**Anglada Bartley:** We are not giving up on a Portland that repairs it harms to black individuals and families through needed reparations and divestment and disbanding of police and fund beloved communities. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, susan. I appreciate your testimony. Karla, who are the next three. Amy, welcome.

**Amie Wexler:** Hi, thank you. My name is amy wexler. I live in northeast Portland. I am a lawyer. And I am here to testify about the police budget because we are standing on the precipice of a time late change. Voters overwhelmingly elected mike schmidt to be district attorney for Multnomah county on a platform of reforming our justice system. The people of Portland have spent two weeks in the streets day and night demanding that we reprioritize our values. We imagine what justice and peace looks like I support the reforms proposed by commissioners hardesty and eudaly, I believe we can go further and restate what life is like in Portland particularly for black people. The propels in place will begin that process, school resource officers, the gun violence prevention team, formerly the gang violence team and transit police all disproportionately target black people. They make our city less safe not more safe. I support cutting funding from them now black Portlanders experience public space and public spaces differently as was identified in the walking while black focus groups.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, amy, I'm sorry your time is up. Appreciate you being here. Next we go to lauren.

**Lauren Skonieczny:** Hi. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** You're welcome.

**Skonieczny:** I first want to thank the work done by commissioners hardesty and eudaly and state that I support the amendment proposed today, including the elimination of the gun violence reduction team, sros, transit police and reallocation of cannabis revenue away from the police force. I support the recommendations by palf and unite Oregon to reduce ppb by \$50 million and encourage the council to make funding the Portland street response a priority. The timing of this budget and renegotiation of the contract with the Portland union puts our city in a unique position to lead the nation with meaningful and drastic changes that are being demanded in our streets. Knowing how much these issues mean to you all especially you commissioner Hardesty, I really hope you take advantage of the opportunity and take the steps towards defunding the Portland police bureau and I fully support all of the work you've been doing and thank you for it. Our system clearly doesn't work for anyone. It demands too much of our police asking individuals trained to be soldiers to be social workers and mental health workers. It is heart wrenchingly clear by the endless list black people murdered by police it is destructive to our communities and humanity. Let's imagine a new vision for community safety and build a Portland that my kids can be proud of, thank you so much I yield the rest of my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, lauren. Ethan, you are next.

**Ethan Harrison:** My name is Ethan Harrison I'm a resident of zip code 97211. I'm a white person, a gender queer person using they and them. We live on occupied indigenous land and settler government is illegitimate. I know that these comments are not directed toward commissioner hardesty but the all white other city council members. I grew up in the deep south with parents who taught me to fear black neighbors and to the help of friends and teachers I understand my place in white supremacy and support abolitionist calls to demand the defunding of the police and dismantling of the police. Like Angela Davis, so fuck teargassed Ted and his intentional bratty unwillingness to unlearn his own white supremacy. This is fucking convenient at the time he chooses to take one single day of bereavement just happens to be this auspicious occasion. This reminds me of 2017 when ted wheeler heard the words of the mother of Quance Hayes aka moose a 17-year-old Portlander who was murdered in the streets by Portland police. He called for five minutes

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of recess and he was the only one to leave chambers, commissioner Eudaly you remember this, you were there disrupting you sat there in council chambers and cried and then you know what you did, you voted to increase the police budget in 2017, 2018 and 2019. You voted to steal money from the Portland parks department and give it to the murderous cops, so what the fuck is that, we don't need any of these crocodile tears, we need actual change. I suggest you turn around you and look at black people and read some of those fucking words instead of trying to get clout points by putting pictures up, so either you'll respond to these riots in the streets while its in the streets or we will be here again next year doing the same old shit, I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Please watch your language.

**Harrison:** No. I will not, fuck ted wheeler and fuck the Portland police.

**Hardesty:** Please mute ethan his time is up, I want to be really clear, it is inappropriate to use that language in public testimony. I believe in free speech, but I also believe in respectful disagreements. Let me say for the record. I think it is outrageous for you to say anything about the fact that mayor ted wheeler is not here. His mother died last night. I would have been appalled if he had shown up today without addressing the issues his family needs to address. You can disagree with policy. I will not allow you to use that language or allow you to disrespect people who are grieving. And so I just want to be very clear. Karla, who are the next three. Andrew, you are next. Welcome.

**Andrew McAlister:** Hi.

**Hardesty:** Hi, andrew.

**McAlister:** Hi, i'm sorry i'm trying. Is it possible to go to the next person.

**Hardesty:** I will be happy to do that and I will come right back to you. I will go to glyniss. You are up. Can you unmute yourself? Going once, twice.

**Glynnis McBride:** Hello.

**Hardesty:** Hi. Welcome.

**McBride:** Sorry about that, I thought I did.

**Hardesty:** No worries.

**McBride:** Hi. I think I would just like to echo the sentiments of pretty much everybody I heard so far and ask that our elected officials listen to the people of Portland and defund the Portland police department, the Portland police department. Specifically, I would like to echo commissioner hardesty in saying we need to defund the gun violence reduction team, the emergency reaction team, defund the school resource officers and stop using cannabis tax funds to fill funding gaps for the traffic division. This is a very small beginning step to doing something that actually looks like something that the community can be proud of and value. I would like all of the funds that defund the police go to community-driven organizations like the Portland street response. I think that it is time that we imagine and envision a better future for everybody. Where the police don't get to murder and brutalize people in the street because of the color of their skin or for any other reason. I received an e-mail from ted wheeler in my response to my e-mail about these matters. He said that our values are reflected by the budget because he is planning on doing an across-the-board 6% decrease to all city bureaus. I would like to say that doesn't reflect my values. I want the police bureau to specifically be defunded and I want those funds reappropriated to community-supported organizations like Portland street response. And I yield my time. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, glyniss. Andrew, are you ready for us?

**McAlister:** I am.

**Hardesty:** Welcome.

**McAlister:** Thank you. My name is andy mcallister, I live in the south tabor neighborhood and a teacher in the north Clackamas school district. In my district and I know in all Portland area schools it is the norm for teachers to be hungry to learn about and fight the

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inequities in our school system. We look at data and experts and to our students and families of color to teach us what kind of work we need to do to end racial disparities in our field. I know everybody in public schools myself included has a lot of work to do, but teachers don't see the opportunity gap as a threat. We see it as an invitation to work harder and change our systems. That is not coming from the top. It is coming from the hearts of individual teachers, staff, schools and unions. The police unions and individual officers are not critically engaging with their work in the same way. We've watched nearly every police officer in america the last two weeks stand by and be complicit with deranged authoritarian violence leveled at their neighbors. If they were interested in serving the public the police would be actively engaged in anti-racist discourse and work. The careers are self selecting and policing attracts people who want to use the tools of surveillance, force and asset forfeiture to harass their communities into compliance. This mindset is further cemented in police academies instead of researching best practices for guaranteeing public safety and equality, cadets are taught their neighbors are their enemy. Having that limited critical discourse with such an important job is unacceptable. We cannot give that much authority and money to a group of people so resistance to understanding the root causes of the violence their departments are causing. Not when there is so much need for anti-racist social workers, counselors, teachers and others in our community. I demand that we divert funds and a lot more that is currently on the table from this group of people and use it instead to invest in people who are already educating themselves on how they can help end systemic racism. We have to take away these people's power and give it to people who are already committed to approaching public safety through a lens of racial justice and peace, I want to thank you for you work.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Andrew appreciate the testimony. Adel, you are next.

**Adele Pickle:** Hi, My name is Adele Pickle. I am a white nonbinary their resident of concordia neighborhood. I'm here to advocate for the complete divestment fun and demand complete disbandment of Portland police bureau. The only way to stop police violence is dismantle the police. We know that the police will never keep oppressed and colonized people specifically black people safe. U.s. Policing is rooted in police controls and maintained social controls. We have seen that reforms and training have failed to make police less violent and less racist. Take action now to invest in long-term and life changing resources safe and supported shelter, medical support and community based mental health mental health health care. In solidarity with the minneapolis uprising and coordination from nationwide calls for divestment from the abolition of policing, we demand the city of Portland divest entirely from and disband the Portland police bureau. I call on ted wheeler to resign as he has continued to fail our community. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Adele. Karla, the next three names. D.j., you are first. Oh, vj, sorry. You're next.

**Vijay Pai:** No worries. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, can.

**Pai:** My name is vijay, an indian american male living in northeast. I admire your years of devotion to the topic but urge the council to go forward. I support the \$50 million reduction in the budget that others are calling for, but more so for a more sweeping change and fell the current reductions don't go far enough. The residents marching in the streets are demanding systematic change in public safety and we must act in a sweeping shift in our budgetary allocations. It is time to lead on this issue not react. Let's look to our neighbors to the north whose council got behind 50% budget cut and reallocation of police funding, look to minneapolis who has fully committed to a fully dismantling and rebuilding of a system that works for the people instead of weaponizing against them. Thank you, I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, vijay. Next we have joel.

**Joel Midden:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Midden:** Hi, just real quick, I would like you to defund and abolish the Portland police and I yield the rest of my time to bipoc members.

**Hardesty:** Katia, you are next.

**Katya Reyna:** Hi my name is Katya Reyna I'm latinx, chicana, the daughter of an immigrant and I live in northeast Portland. I would like to say this movement is being led by the amazing and resilient black community of Portland who have endured a great deal of pain and gas lighting from the city's leaders and police. I stand in solidarity with them and wholeheartedly support the demands made by Palf and unite Oregon. I have watched cops abuse their power. I been personally pulled over and harassed by police about having done anything wrong, I grew up watching my brother, cousins and close friends be persecuted alongside white counter parts who recieved a mere slap on the wrist. In the past 12 nights I have stood beside thousands of peaceful protesters and journalists exercise our right to demand justice by george floyd, breonna Taylor and the dozens of other lives taken by cops including ppb officers. I have watched ppb officers charge unarmed protesters with teargas, rubber bullets and night sticks while simultaneously doing nothing about the white supremacists proud boys circling around and running protesters over in their trucks. Mayor wheeler called for reform, while they sound nice on paper we know even though the transit division has been cut, many of our understanding is the ppb will police transit riders under the supervision of Multnomah county sheriff's office instead of ppb. If this is the case this is not a solution. It is a distraction. It was announced \$7 million from the ppb budget and \$5 million from other city funds will be reallocated to communities of color. I'm concerned what these other city funds that are being skimmed to make up this \$5 million, while we are only cutting the ppb budget by a mere 3%. This is not enough. Mayor wheeler and city council we demand you cut the ppb budget by at least \$50 million for 2020-2021 fiscal year and that each year going forward you continue to decrease by ppb budget by at least \$50 million. These funds should be reallocated to community groups like don't shoot Portland, health, and investing in black people and supporting their work and protecting and uplifting black communities. Police reform alone does not work. We have tried and the reforms and have been ignored, resisted and over turned. We ask you today to not act from a place of fear, but a place of hope for the future.

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Reyna:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Appreciate your testimony. I want to check in with the city attorney, robert. We had a 4:00 time certain. That we will not get to today. What is your advice for us to move that item to tomorrow or to next week?

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Thank you, commissioner. If we are not going to get to that item, my advice would be to carry it over until next week if that would be acceptable to the commissioner whose item it is.

**Hardesty:** I believe that is commissioner eudaly's item.

**Eudaly:** Yes, actually, we had already communicated a withdrawal in the interest of saving time today. Pulling that back and we will reschedule.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, commissioner. I didn't want the time certain to go unless we had people waiting to testify on that item. Thank you. Next three names. Thank you, Pedro are first. Can you unmute yourself.

**Pedro Anglada Cordero:** Yes. Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Anglada Cordero:** Thank you. My name is Pedro Anglada Cordero. I am a social worker, I don't not presenting any organizations. I come from indigenous heritage from the

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caribbean, including the people of aruba. I am here to testify in support of the defunding of the Portland police bureau. I'm in support of all the comments made by united Oregon. I ask the city commissioners and the city's mayor to the mass of the people and defund the Portland police bureau. The police cannot reform itself. I want to remind the mayor the killing of george floyd, breonna taylor and ahmaud arbery gives a fear that any given day someone like myself may be killed by a policeman for no particular reason. Building relationships and trust is essential to bringing healing to a community ruptured by gentrification, employment, housing and food and security, lack of access to health and mental health services and racism. I have to breaks down ho the impact of this dynamic exacerbate how this breaks down on black and brown and people of color. I heard the mayor and high ranking police officers in the press conferences throwing talking points at racial disparities in the city, the in investment of training for the police force. It is not enough to show these societal problems are enough. Action is needed and acting and implementing anti-racism policy practices are the only way to put resources where they are needed in the community. That is on access to housing, food health, mental health, addiction and recovery would result in anti-racist policies. Reinventing the way these services are provided by removing stigmatism of racism and making them more accessible to people that need them with result in anti-racist practices. A small portion of the Portland police bureau to implement insufficient resources defunded --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, pedro. Pedro, please submit your written testimony. If you had more to share. We thank you for being here today.

**Anglada Cordero:** Thank you. I will.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Maria disappeared off my screen. Are you still there, maria? Hopefully maria will call back if she still wants to testify. jeannie is next. Maria, I see you now. Are you ready?

**Maria Hernandez Segoviano:** Can you hear me okay?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you just fine. Welcome.

**Hernandez Segoviano:** Perfect. Hi, everyone, for the record my name is Maria Hernandez Segoviano I use she, her pronounces. I'm here as a organizer and a activist asking you to listen to the black community and the demands they put forth, I support palf and unit Oregon demand and ask for you to act today. Enough is enough. No human being deserves to lose their life in the hands of police like george floyd, Breonna Taylor and the many more beautiful souls that we have lost. Its time now for institutions to recognize the white supremacy and racist policy that they continue to uphold by continuing not listen to the black communities who for decades have been asking what you are today starting to consider. Enough is enough. People are asking for real change. Your budget proposal cannot be a one-time thing but demonstrate real steps for the future to come. Enough is enough. It is important as you look into providing amendments to remove the transit police, working on schools decriminalization's just remember Portland law enforcement as a city will not remove entire criminalization of transit system. It is worth to note here trimet gives 11,700 citations per year or more for not playing \$2.50, which is a vast majority goes to black community. This number is still after the work from transit justice organizations who have fought to what used to be a \$175 citation for not paying \$2.50, now it is pay \$50. I'm asking as you consider to remove the police transit system, that you also welcome your partners and stakeholders in other cities who have millions of dollars invested in contracts with the police, transit police, to invite them to do the same that you are considering to do today. Again, no life deserves to be taken in the hands of police for being innocent and also just in general no life deserves the treatment we continue to get by police, teargas, rubber bullets and any of those issues. Thank you so much for your time. I have submitted my testimony with those data points. I welcome you on june 24 to join the trimet board

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meeting and ask them not to just remove in the city of Portland but a region as a whole. Thank you again. I look forward to hearing your decisions tomorrow.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, maria. Appreciate your testimony. jeannie, you are next.

**Jeannie Rodriguez:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Rodriguez:** My name is jeannie rodriguez, third generation mexican american residing in Portland. I'm asking the proposed budget of \$246.2 million allocated to the Portland police be redistributed to other programs and services that benefit the community. My request stems from my own personal life experience, but I can assure you there are hundreds of stories just like mine in Portland. My testimony is on behalf of my brother. I want to keep it concise because it is a story that began 20 years ago. We were raised by a single mom who worked 14-hour-days at a minimum wage job. We were poverty level poor. My brother was arrested at age 12 and raised by the criminal justice system. By the time he was 17 he was released from juvie and I can only imagine how difficult his transition must have been fully supporting himself and going to community college. That transition was too much for my brother. He made bad decisions, he quickly dropped out of community college and from that point of he was in and out of jail and eventually ended up in prison as a felon. During one of the rare moments he was out he came to me with a secret. He told me he had been hearing voices in his head since he was 12 years old, for weeks my moth and I tried to find help but we didn't know where to go. My brother didn't have insurance and we felt powerless and we eventually found a doctor who diagnosed him with bipolar schizophrenic and we had no idea what that meant or even begin to manage his illness and by the age of 28 he felt completely helpless and with mental illness and felony he felt there was nowhere to turn but to deal drugs. He used drugs to self-medicate and he was at rock bottom. Me and my mom were extremely worried about him and we knew we had to do something or he was going to die. We also know at that time he has a warrant for a parole violation and so I turned my brother into the police not knowing that he would end up serving years in prison. Until this day I live with the guilt of that decision. I love him dearly he is stronger than anyone I know. Imagine sitting in solitary confinement for 30 days with 12 voices talking to you nonstop in your head. My brother has experienced that more times than I can count on both hands. I compare our lives and ask how we could have turned out so different. I graduated college, I have a good paying job and have traveled the world to places where my brother will never see. The black lives movement has shed a light that clearly helps me see I'm an hispanic female and any run in I've ever had with the law police have treated me kindly for the most part. My brother is hispanic male. His run-ins have been the exact opposite. He is the only person I know who has been arrested for smoking a cigarette underage, my brother is mentally ill, my mother didn't know how to find resources to the help him he was labeled with behavior issues since kindergarten.

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Rodriguez:** I went to school, I found mentors and teachers who supported me where my mom couldn't. The criminal justice system took my brother and kept him and he's never had a fair chance. It doesn't have to be this way so i'm asking the budget is redirected to low-income mental health services that are accessible addiction services, health care for all, early intervention, community centers, food programs, disability services. Thank you for hearing me.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so, so much. I really appreciate you centering the experience of people who find themselves struggling in and out of all criminal justice system. I'm really sorry that's stories repeated over and over again in our community as you can imagine, but thank you for your courage to share it with us today. The next three Karla who we got. The first name you called was?

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**Moore-Love:** Nels Vulin.

**Hardesty:** I'm not seeing nels, nels are you on zoom? If you are please unmute yourself.

**Moore-Love:** Maybe we lost them.

**Hardesty:** Let's go to Asukulu, is that correct?

**Asukulu Songolo:** Asukulu.

**Hardesty:** Your up. I'm sorry do have an alarm turned on?

**Songolo:** Yes I do can I start over.

**Hardesty:** We'll come right back don't worry. We'll go to Niema.

**Niema Wilson:** Hi Niema Wilson I'm a black Cyp women living in southeast Portland and commissioner Hardesty I want to say I know how it feels to be the only black women in a mostly white space and I have so much respect for you, auntie, keep fighting for us. Thank you so much. I agree with all of the requests for unite Oregon and some of the other organizations to defund the police -- i'm a poet.

**Hardesty:** I was just going to ask the other gentleman to put his phone on mute. He just did that.

**Wilson:** Sure. I like so many calls for reimagining the future rather than repeat what everyone said, i'm going to bring it more to metaphor, if all we have is a hammer, then everything looks like a nail. And we have given these people who are neighbors training that makes us perceive us as enemies and weapons that makes them only have violence as their only tool. The requests that I echo is to move the money to organizations that actually know how to treat houselessness and mental disability and what so many people are actually facing and not just escalate and cause more violence. Since this is a budget meeting, I would add if with look at it physically, it's so much more than that, it costs the city more money to disable people which is what teargas and rubber bullets and so many of those so called nonlethal ways of intervening do. It costs the city money to make it so people can't get jobs to create and perpetuate trauma, emotional, psychological disabilities as well as physical disabilities. So in the long run it will be better for everyone including financially as well as socially for the money and the resources to move towards social initiatives that actually give people homes, mental health care and responders that can actually help people rather than just attacking them. Thank you so much for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. I'll go back to Asukulu. I apologize. Will you please tell me your name one more time.

**Asukulu Songolo:** Asakula.

**Hardesty:** That is a beautiful sounding name. I will never get it wrong again. Promise.

**Songolo:** Yeah. 110 black youth or live or work or go to school in the Portland area have signed an open letter to each of you to make the conscious decision to divest \$50 million in police funding and spend it to strengthen black communities in support of the paalf and unite Oregon's ask. We ask for the defunding of the guns violence reduction team, eliminating the special emergency reaction team and trimet transit police. While only 6% of the city population identifies as black we know our lives are heavily overpoliced and disproportionately impacted at every level of law enforcement. In light of the recent deaths Amahmoud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd many non-black people across the country and across the world are realizing the horrors of police brutality and violence. We however are one of the being black in America and in Portland, our city aims to veil itself in a liberal light, but it is not untouched by the stain of racism, the pain of gentrification and the horrors of police brutality. If you believe in a Portland that works for all of its people then we urge you to act, mayor wheeler and city ouncil commissioners we demand you take action now if you believe our lives matter and you must do better for us, our brothers, our sisters and future generations of black people. Aaron Campbell, Keaton Otis, Kevin Moufet, Quanice hayes, Patrick kimmons, Andre Gladen these are the names of black Portlanders that were killed by the Portland police bureau within recent history. Their lives

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may be lost but we use their memory to guide us to a more equitable future. No the mayor and the commissioners our families, our teachers and our friends voted for you. Our demands are not unreasonable and are warranted now more than ever to protect our basic right to life and prosperity in the city. If you refuse to act, we will remember. We have two questions, are you going to take action now or will you allow more black Portlanders fall victim to police violence? Will you stand up for that? I tagged the open letter to each of you with the subject line urgent, listen to black youth and with that I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate you being here. Glad we made it work. Welcome, gloria, you are next.

**Gloria Cruz:** Hi. Thank you for having me. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can. Thank you for being here.

**Cruz:** Yes, thanks again. I really just want to speak to a point that commissioner eudaly made in her statement and that was to the effect that we're looking right now to what minneapolis has done and really the groundwork they had put forth to be able to defund the police. And looking at the first steps that we right now have in front of us with the \$12 million is just not enough. If this is the first step, then we need to make sure that we are keeping pace and i'm wanting to just make sure that we are in line with palf. I support care not cops and all the demands of don't shoot pdx. Really I just wanted to say I stand in solidarity with our black community. We are really expecting the commissioners and the mayor to be leaders. And we're calling for action. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, gloria. Rabi Kolondy, welcome.

**Debra Kolodny:** Good afternoon, my name is Debra Kolodny thank you for the opportunity to speak for Portland united against hate. Puahs steering committee wholeheartedly supports palf and unites call to immediately remove \$50 million from the ppb budget and reinvest that money in communities who have experienced horrific harm at the hands of the police. Namely the black, indigenous and people of color communities. We are also here to say police violence is hate violence. Puah called for reports on police violence 24 hours ago. We received 15 reports that represent the experience of tens of thousands of protesters since may 31. Many were clear that police were attacking because they could not abide our political position. We are sharing several of those reports in our written testimony. Four puah steering committee members including myself witnessed the unprovoked instantaneous violent escalation of police against protesters who were simply chanting, shaking a fence and throwing water bottles to where no one was located. Two were injured by rubber bullets and project tiles. Police violence is hate violence. \$50 million in budget reductions is not just a good idea it is a necessity for the safety of this city. Police violence during both protests and their daily work has put blood on your hands, you, the collective electeds and it must stop. The qualified immunity doctrine must be eliminated not reformed. Military equipment must be banned, not subject to council authorization and nothing except nonweaponized deescalation strategies must be used during protests. Studies have proven that only deescalation works to manage crowds. In addition, when police services are cut, domestic violence and sexual assault survivor led and centered organizations must be engaged regarding how those services are dismantled and reimaged. Those who have transitioned from incarceration and those in recovery along with those who work in those fields must be engaged regarding how resources are redistributed. We urge you to keep and support officers from historically underrepresented communities, especially black and indigenous communities as long as police officers exist. Thank you for hearing our testimony today.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Lea, you are next.

**Lea Care,n,n Peace:** My nickname today is karen, as in care'n'n. I'm in support of defunding the police. I'm a resident of evirate station lots and galleries, a historic landmark of 35 years a well spring of creativity and emerging arts in old town china town bordering

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the black historic district. Ten years ago there was a 20 foot acupuncture needle in the parking lot of sisters of road. It was part of a traveling art installation carefully placed in strategic locations throughout the city. My neighborhood is the caring heart of Portland. It is the locus of compassion and social services and like most feminine labor it is under valued and suffers from compassion fatigue. Every day we see refugees from the economy based on wage slavery, right now there are 2210 outside outside of the covid response count. Come July 8, what is going happen? Are we going to have s.w.a.t. Teams coming in to violently evict people and shove them into the streets? We have overvalued toxic masculinity and its time to transform and use this fire for transformation, its time to value active, dynamic, nurturing and caring, its time to fortify the pericardium, the heart protector to find the deeper pulse. I'm asking you for a formal acknowledgement of the black historic district. I'm asking for funds for complementary and culturally relevant alternatives to self-medication for PTSD and complex traumatic slave disorder. My neighborhood is rich in culture and history and arts. I would like to see structures, actual buildings and funding for reparations for arts, history and cultural center for african-americans and indigenous people. My neighborhood is the starving heart of caring and compassion for the creative life force. Please activate your care'n'n super powers. I put links to flush these ideas in an email and I just sent it to and I thank you all for your service.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony, lea. Karla, who is the next three?

**Moore-Love:** The next three are Renea perry, kevin thomas, and john wexler.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Renea, you are next. Welcome.

**Renea Perry:** Thank you. [ speaking foreign language ] hello, my name is Renea perry, part of the nation of Alaska of southeast Alaska, visitor and resident of these lands occupied by the city of Portland resting on the ancestral and contemporary homelands and communities of the columbia river nations and tribes and other native nation peoples that were forcibly relocated here. I'm here to present a statement to the city of Portland on behalf of the community gathering for community initiative. The community gathering for community initiative is a direct response to covid-19 and a means to access plans for food and medicines and care of community health in a culturally responsive way. This initiative was born from a grassroots effort amongst cyst and fluid lgbtq queer indigenous, afro indigenous and black peoples in the Portland region. We have worked to engage in an increasing access to traditionally imported gathering places. We want to send gratitude to the city's tribal relations director, Laura John, for providing support to our group since the covid-19 pandemic began. These communities have lived with murder, genocide, racism, forced removal from homelands, colonization, white systemic oppression and the resulting trauma for generations. With the inherit strength of our ancestors which can never be instinguished, black and indigenous and afro indigenous communities are still here recovering, resisting, organizing and still healing within a system not born from them. To this very day parallels in violence and oppression are witnessed to black indigenous and afro indigenous community and these lands that provide for all of our lived. We are at a critical turning point with our relationship with the city of Portland as a whole.

Transformation is happening in front of us and there is no turning back. We are not going away and we are holding you to your commitment of the recent May 6 murdered and missing indigenous women proclamation and the November 2019 tribal nation summit. Defunding the police and relinquishing funds to the community increases capacity to directly meet needs not appropriate for police response. Community gathering for community initiative is an emblematic example of the innovative culturally informed and speedy response our communities continually provide to meet our relatives needs particularly our elders and to do so from our own community. Unrestricted funding must be given to communities to respond and develop culturally specific solutions within their own time framings, while leveraging ways of knowing, organizing and responding. While we

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acknowledge the urgency of acknowledging the issues stated here and other communities of color regarding policing behaviors, an exhaustive list of resolutions cannot be established overnight. These changes must be deep and ongoing. There are some immediate items that can be addressed today and that we demand. Reallocated funding to communities to address needs from within the community should be released immediately and without political oversight. Organizations from within indigenous, afro indigenous and black communities will continue to submit a comprehensive list of demands today and in following days. This statement will be submitted via e-mail. [ speaking language other than english ]

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Kevin your next.

**Kevin Thomas:** Thanks for having me on, I want to say thank you to Renae for the thoughtful words and in an interest of time, I am going to make a really short statement. I'm hoping the city council will make meaningful changes to the way this city is policed for all communities of color and all people. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. John, you are next.

**Jon Wexler:** Hello, my name is john wexler. Can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Wexler:** Hello my name is Jon Wexler and I'm here to testify about the police budget. I'm calling for a serious realignment of city priorities and funding to begin the process of defunding police and funding social services to make our community stronger and more resilient. I support the calls from commissioner Hardesty and commissioner Eudaly for defunding of transit police, school resource officers and gun violence team. I support commissioner Eudaly's proposal to cut ongoing cannabis tax dollars from the Portland police bureau. This should be invested in addiction recovery and communities most impacted by the war on drugs. In Portland half of the arrest are from the houseless community, we are criminalizing poverty and criminalizing addiction and mental health problems when you have police answering calls about someone in a mental health crisis and they show up with guns and flak jackets they exacerbate the problem. We need greater funding to the street response team so social services will show up to these calls and not police officers. We remember terrell johnson and james chassis, both killed by Portland police bureau during a mental health crisis by police. It is time to invest in community and divest from police. We have an opportunity to reimagine what justice looks like and a new district attorney about to take office who was overwhelmingly elected to enact reforms and people in the streets demanding changes. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, john. Karla the next three please, Erin welcome.

**Erin Annis:** Hi, thank you, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Annis:** My name is Erin Annis, I live off foster and 82nd. I am a public schoolteacher in the metro area so I wanted to give a shout out to andy for his wonderful comments about the way teachers work to improve equity outcomes in schools. In education we define equity work as reducing the predictability of who fails and who succeeds and interrupting the repeated practices that negatively impact people. I think the same definition of equity needs to apply to city programs and especially city programs that have an outside impact on individual citizens like policing. I voted for commissioner hardesty because of her advocacy on policing and I am so happy and proud to see those issues finally getting traction today, even though it is under very sad circumstances. We know through both personal testimony and quantitative data, certain repetitive policing practices create harms in our community and perpetuate racist violence and structures. We have seen the evidence so we should eliminate those programs and divert the money to programs that work, similar to how we try to do in the education sphere. It's because of this definition of

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equity, this data and personal testimony that I have been hearing for decades in the united states that I urge the city council to vote an affirmation of hardesty's proposals this week. Thank you so much. My time is done.

**Moore-Love:** Kayse Jama is next.

**Kayse Jama:** Can you hear me?

**Moore-Love:** Yes.

**Jama:** Good afternoon, everyone. Good afternoon, commission hardesty and madam president. My name is Kayse Jama I am executive of unite Oregon. Unite Oregon stands by the amendment that we submitted with the African American leadership forum the \$50 million divestment of the Portland police department. I want to speak a few things before I yield my time. Let me speak to the commissioners who are here today. I have been an organizers for 20 years. I have demanded -- we have demanded many, many years to change in how Portland police works and how they interact with the public. What do you have today is not enough. What we need is systematic change in Portland police department. I don't think we are suggesting cutting less than 3% of their budget it is actually meaningful change we need. We need to divest first and move some of the barriers and challenges to employ policy that needs to be reflecting the values of Portlanders. Let me speak to the young organizers on the streets of Portland. Those organizers have inspired us. There is a movement, please do not stop until your demands are met. This is historic moment for us. We need to support those youth while demanding meaningful change. Secondly, let me say this finally, we spend seven times as much on police as we spend on housing. More than one-third of Portland goes to Portland police department. This is not acceptable. If you want to ask somebody to show their values, you see -- you look how they spend their money. When we are spending more money on housing and bureau of fire and rescue, when we are spending more money on homelessness, it shows true values of how we are spending our values. Portlanders demanded that we have to align our values and it is time for Portland to suggest to change the way we operate in Portland and we have to meet the demands of Portlanders. We will not stop until those demands are made. Thank you very much.

**Moore-Love:** You are muted, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I had to do that at least one time today, huh? Thank you kayse. Jamie, you are next.

**Jamie Oller:** Hello. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Oller:** Hi. Thank you for your time today. My name is Jamie Oller, and I am a white queer community member in the cully neighborhood. I am calling in support of the defunding of police disbandment of the police union and a reallocation of all those funds into community led initiatives. I'm doing so on behalf of my brother who was murdered in front hill park in january 8, of 2018. As a survive of homicide, I can say that my family has been victimized twice. Once by the unknown assailant who murdered my brother and again by the police in charge of finding his murderer. In our attempt to find justice for my brother, we have been harassed and brushed off by the police and after over a year of no answers from the local police, we hired our own investigators and found some deep and egregious negligence in the investigation of his murder. Only to then also find out that there's no possible way to hold the police accountable for their gross misconduct. I do not understand why we would allow more money to be funded to an absolutely useless and quite honestly authoritarian and terrorizing organization in our community. I know personally that the police do not keep myself or my family safe. My brother was out for a jog in the park the day after his 21st birthday when he was murdered. I stand with all others who have lost their loved ones to murder and demand accountability for the ways the Portland police continue to cause

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violence and death in our community. I concede the rest of my time to my bipoc community.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, jamie. Appreciate your testimony today. Karla, who are the next three? Brian, you are up. Welcome.

**Brian Robins:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can. Thank you.

**Robins:** I want to stand in support of my neighbors and call for the divestment of the Portland police bureau I ask you please remove \$50 million from the Portland police bureau. I want to call out to commissioner eudaly who in her opening statement said that she wanted us to remember that a city like minneapolis has been building up to this point. I would like to ask all of you to remember that this budget is a symbol of our morals. It is our morality as a city. And Portland cannot claim to be a progressive sanctuary city would committing to disband the Portland police bureau. Thank you so much for my time and I yield my time to my bipoc neighbors.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, brian. I appreciate it. Alaina, you are next.

**Alaina Floor:** Hello commissioner hardesty. I would just like to say I stand with the demands of palf, unite Oregon and don't shoot pdx in their demands to defund the police department and I yield my time to the bipoc community.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Appreciate you being here. Is jamie on the line?

**Moore-Love:** Kevin cherry.

**Hardesty:** Kevin cherry, you are next.

**Kevin Cherry:** Can you hear me okay?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Cherry:** My name is kevin cherry, I am a white male resident of northwest Portland. I speak in support of the demands of palf, care not cops, unite Oregon and the Portland committee on police engaged policing. The city of Portland needs to divest from the Portland police bureau and directly invest in communities. The mayor's proposed diversion of \$7 million from the ppb budget is simply not enough. City council should immediately reduce at least \$50 million from the ppb budget and commit to never increasing their budget again. Furthermore, I want to express my disgust and embarrassment at the way ppb has brutalized protesters over the last two weeks. Perhaps the silver lining here is ppb's actions has proven the protesters' point over and over again. Policing bring violence and chaos and not safety and well being. Recently, the minneapolis city council president stated that our efforts at incremental police reform have failed. Period. I believe this sentiment is representative not just in minneapolis but policing as a whole in the united states, including Portland. City council has an opportunity in this budget to demonstrate bold leadership and enact radical change, not incremental reform. Finally, I believe city council owes an apology to the entire city and especially activist groups who have been making these demands for years. City council had an opportunity to enact some budgetary changes merely weeks ago and failed to do so. I believe it is deeply unfortunate that it took a national uprising to force your hand on these matters. In conclusion, disband the Portland police bureau and invest in communities. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, kevin. Karla, the next three, please. Karla, you may be on mute.

**Moore-Love:** Sorry. The next three are joanna cowan, nikolai black and tyranny mcbride.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Joanna, you are first. Welcome.

**Joanna Cowan:** Hi can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Cowan:** Thanks for taking my call. I want to echo what everybody said. What I personally want to say is just that we have seen some amazing progress in places like minneapolis and Portland is just the type of place that is poised for this type of leadership role to stand up and do something different. We have a really horrible past that maybe not all people

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would see us as the people to make this move, but we have a really progressive present in our communities and a really potential for a really progressive future. So I think we should take the opportunity to be on the right side of history now like we are seeing in just a few places. I think we should continue with that direction and any extra time I want to pass on to any bipoc people. Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much, joanna. Nikolai, you are next.

**Nikolai Black:** Can you hear me all right?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you perfectly.

**Black:** My name is Nikolai Black I'm a black indigenous person of color living in north Portland and i'm here to speak of defunding and disbanding the police. An exorbitant amount is currently being allocated to a police department that repeatedly failed its citizens and shows no willingness to reform. This money would be better spent on improving quality of life for Portland citizens especially the historically underserved black community. Restoring the police department would have the opposite effect. Even the minneapolis city council president has said that any efforts of incremental reform have failed period, this is also true of the Portland police department. Cutting the funding by \$50 million is a great start, but we need to move toward the complete disbandment of the police. The purpose of the police is supposed to be to protect and serve the community and the Portland police bureau has failed to do either of these things. There are staggering amounts of video evidence that Portland police has instigated violence and misused non-lethal weapons. In my own personal experience with the Portland police I witnessed a disturbing amount of favoritism towards white nationalist groups and a complete failure to respond or investigate hate crimes. When I was attacked by white supremacist on March 28, 2020 I was met with blatant disregard for my safety and favor being showed towards my attacker, evidence was disregarded and thrown out and my attacker walks the streets freely presenting an immediate danger towards not only myself, but all members of the black community. My voice and my safety both as a black indigenous person of color and a survivor of racially motivated violence have been entirely disregarded and this city is no longer a safe place for me nor other bipoc residents of Portland. We I neither being protected or served and we live in constant fear of becoming a statistic. The Portland police department is a failure that has made the city of Oregon unsafe place. City commissioners, mayor wheeler, the trauma, violence and excessive use of force on black civilians is on your hands. The perversion of justice resulting from Portland police bureau various failures are on your hands. The future of myself and other members of the black community of Portland rest with you. I'm asking that you do the right thing. Defund, disband and replace the Portland police bureau with a more efficient program that will preserve -- myself and other underserved citizens of the city who have yet to see justice for the crimes committed against them and in conclusion fuck the police.

**Hardesty:** Your time expired. Greatly appreciate your testimony. Thank you so much for being here. Our next speaker, mcbride. You are up. Can you unmute yourself.

**McBride:** Hi.

**Hardesty:** Hi. Welcome.

**McBride:** I just wanted to say I support the calls of black organizers to defund the ppb by at least \$50 million this year and every year going forward and going towards the complete disbandment. Police in the united states is primarily and racist force who's primary purpose is to create a supply of legal slave labor to the American economy by targeting poc particularly black and indigenous people for harassment and arrest. That we allow this violent force to work in our name is shameful and give them hundreds of millions of our tax dollars to do it is repulsive. As a white person who benefits from this system, I demand my tax dollars not the be used to overpay people to destroy communities of color and kill black

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Portlanders at will with little or no recompense. We don't need better cops, just no cops. Please defund and disband ppb. I yield the rest of my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. I appreciate your testimony. Karla, the next three. Thank you. Garrett, you are next.

**Garrett Brown:** Hi can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you perfectly.

**Brown:** Good afternoon city council my name is garrett brown, he, him or they pronouns I live in northeast Portland and I am a white queer masculine presenting person. I'm giving testimony to ask the council to defund the Portland police bureau reducing their budget by at least a few million and continuing to decrease the ppb budget for every year by at least another \$50 million in line with what other local activists would like. I want to share a personal story involving the ppb, one of the most frightening moments of my life took place in december 2019. I was working for a local dog walking service and went to a clients house in southeast Portlands house to walk their dog, the client forgot they scheduled a walk and called police on me. The members of the ppb arrived, detained me and searched me without consent. I was let go after I showed the officers my dog walking app proving I was supposed to be there. That was the most terrifying moments of my life and while I experienced emotional trauma, I was at least able to physically to leave without harm. That is a privilege that many communities and bipoc individuals are not afforded when interacting with ppb. That is a privilege that many communities and bipoc individuals are not afforded when interacting with ppb, mine was traumatizing does not hold a candle to the pain and suffering black families in Portland have been put through, the city owes a debt to black activist groups like don't shoot pdx for making us "white liberal Americans" benefit from white supremacy. It is our responsibility to help dismantle systemic racism. If any other profession operated in the way police do they would be fired and started from scratch, police exist to subjugate minority communities and protect white property owners. The client who called the police on me never apologized to me, they gave me their house key and let me take their dogs out on walks, but as soon as they felt vaguely uncomfortable they had no issue calling armed officers to come and protect their stuff. White Portlanders need to be comfortable being uncomfortable and recognize the safety you believe you experience comes at the expense of bipoc communities. Defund the Portland police bureau, thank you, I yield the rest of my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, garrett. Jen, you are next. I -- can you unmute, jen? Going one more time, jen. Are you ready to testify? Would you like to testify? Karla, please give me the next three names. Japai, you are up. Welcome.

\*\*\*\*\*: Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Barely. Can you adjust your volume, please.

\*\*\*\*\*: Is that better?

**Hardesty:** Much better.

\*\*\*\*\*: Awesome. I wanted to say appreciate e-mail sent out by the assistant county attorney. I'm going to yield to more bipoc voices are able to hear. I electronically sent my testimony.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Appreciate you being here.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

**Hardesty:** So ford, I believe was next, but I don't see ford.

**Moore-Love:** Let's go with -- I lost him. Oops. Travis Grail-bingham and that looked like barack goodman and Taylor Weekley.

**Hardesty:** I see barack, so I will start with barack. Barack, welcome.

**Barak Goodman:** Hi there. My name, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

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**Goodman:** My name is Barak Goodman I am an arab american and third generation Portlander on my father's side. I would like to talk about my first experience with the Portland police when I was 9 years old in 1999 when my father had a seizure and our neighbors called 9-1-1. Instead of an ambulance the police came. They found him incapacitated, they asked him what drugs are you on, not are you okay. They proceeded to search our house illegally, tear out all of the drawers, including my mother's underwear door, break her dresser and brutalize my father and detain him in handcuffs. When my mother got home our house was destroyed. My police uncuffed my father, filed no report and left without apologizing. This wasn't the last time I would witness Portland police using their brutality. Just last week I was walking down the street alone after a protest when a cop pointed a gun at me unarmed. I put my hands in the air and asked, why, please don't shoot. He continued to point a gun at me without responding. I was terrified. I have seen police officers throw teargas canisters into a homeless camp without provocation. I'm horrified by what I have seen. I'm demanding the immediate defunding and disbanding of the Portland police and demanding that those funds be reallocated into indigenous and black community organizations, early childhood care and public housing and into people of color and their communities. I'm demanding trimet police be disbanded immediately and I'm demanding that ted wheeler resign immediately. Fuck you, ted wheeler.

**Hardesty:** Let's cut this mic. Again, nobody is going to listen to people who are disrespectful like that. Taylor, you are next.

**Taylor Weekley:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you perfectly.

**Weekley:** Thank you for allowing myself and the community to speak. I stand for defunding of Portland public police by \$50 million to make our city a safer and more inclusive place of all. This includes an agreement by elected officials to not increase the funding for Portland police at a later date. I stand with commissioner hardesty on all projected policy changes, especially to eradicate the gun violence reduction team and would like to see that funding to be used to help the bipoc community in Portland helping with housing cost and making addiction counseling and mental services more accessible. The displacement of direct bipoc communities have throughout our city's is horrifying and it is now our city's responsibility to help heal these wounds. We are in the midst of a revolution. We need our elected officials to listen to our people now more than ever. In the last two weeks I have seen peaceful protesters subject to heinous war crimes, peaceful, unarmed protesters being shot in the face with rubber bullets, children being sprayed with teargas. This is proof our Portland police bureau is failing their duty to deescalate situations in a peaceful way and much more often than not results in violence. This is a proof of a lack of training and deliberate misuse of power. We are not safe if the people meant to make us safe are the ones that cause the most danger in society, especially to our bipoc community. We cannot continue to raise the Portland police bureau budget and reward them with more chemical weapons to use against their own community and people. We need to disband the Portland police bureau and redirect funds to set up direct response teams, smaller sects that have the appropriate training to respond to the particular situation, not officers looking for who to arrest. More funding towards mental health care instead of the prison system. I yield the rest of my time to the bipoc community as they have been silenced and these problems ignored for too long. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, taylor. Travis, you are next.

**Travis Grail-bingham:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Grail-bingham:** I will try to keep this brief. My name is Travis Grail-bingham and I support cutting the budget for the Portland police bureau by \$50 million and working toward the abolition of the Portland police bureau all together. The stated goal of the police is to

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produce public safety, but it is not shown their existence is beneficial to public safety not to the extent we can afford to spend upwards of \$240 million a year on them. That money would be much better spent creating access to housing for people living on the streets, creating drug treatment resources for people dealing with addiction, creating and strengthening crisis response teams made of unharmed mental health professionals and creating some sort of reparation for black and indigenous people in Portland. If you want public safety defund police, demilitarize communities and safe housing for all Portland residents and repeal all laws that criminalized survival and put a immediate moratorium on building new jails and new prisons. I want to see an immediate budget cut of the Portland police bureau of \$50 million. Not a shifting of cost. It is great we are getting rid of sros, its great we're getting rid of the transit police and the guv violence task force. I want to see that money cut from the ppb budget entirely not shifted into other programs. I also want every officer that has been filmed harassing and attacking members of the press to be fired immediately. In theory the police are here to preserve our constitutional rights if they have been seen violating those rights they should be fired on the spot, I can see no justification for spending public money on the salaries of people who are actively suppressing American constitutional rights. In short, please defund the police bureau entirely and reallocate that money into programs that actually produce public safety. I don't expect this to be accomplished overnight, I would like to see a plan that ends in the disbanding of the police bureau, allocating this \$240 million to useful programs beginning with an immediate \$50 million cut. Thank you. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, travis. Karla, the next three names. Thank you. Meghan, you are next. Welcome.

**Meghan Horst:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can hear you fine.

**Horst:** Hi. Hello, commissioner hardesty and fellow commissioners. I'm a professor at Portland state university and a supporter of the call by palf unite Oregon and many others on the phone to defund the police. Using my research skills have been digging into it in hearing lots of people echoing the call that this is a doable ask. Just defunding the special teams, especially the ones with cert and et cetera adds up to \$21 million and there's a problem with overtime if addressed could add more. The data shows it is possible. We also know from data and lots of people on the call have acknowledged that the police, lots of data they have racially disproportionate impact and not the best way to help our community. Other data shows that more than 50% of arrests are people experiencing houselessness. That is better resolved with housing and mental health services. I stand with my community. I appreciate you commissioner hardesty pushing this forward. We look forward to hearing this is the time for dramatic action. Thanks for your time and cede the rest of it.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, colleen, you are next.

**Colleen Llywelyn:** Okay. I would like to address the issue of the urgent need of funding for homeless population. These citizens are being traumatized by current events and they need shelter now. I am serving them in food pantries, feeding programs and lives who live in the downtown area. I'm in contact with them and find them downtrodden and withdrawn. One sweet lady I spoke with shared people just don't care. My response was I feel its more they fear falling into a similar situation. She had been on the street for three years. Can you imagine camping on pavement with no ability to cook or access fresh water? Mentally ill people are particularly vulnerable and we know our streets are their institutions but without the care. They need skills not more pills. They have mental illness. I had mental illness creep into my family as many have. It is scary. We look away. One young man on the street this week was crying in anguish, I want to be clean. I want to see my sister. Why can't I see my sister? It was heart wrenching. It is said some want to be out there to do

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their drugs. Indeed, drugs play a part. One man explained it is the only way I can cope with being on the streets. Possibly of living lives of less desperation it would be possible not to entitize one self. Many do not choose street life, but they are blocked out and there will be more coming in this new economy. We will find shelter for stray animals, why can't we find the same thing for people? Are we less important? I'm not on a tirade, but I make a plea we stop looking away and look hard at these people. They need long-term housing that meets their needs, allows their autonomy and restores their dig any. America is the most generous of countries. We can accomplish this, but we have to care.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, colleen. Garrick, you are next.

**Garrick Imatani:** My name is Garrick Imatani I'm an educator, parent and person of color who lives in northeast Portland. I'm asking for a motion for this years budget to specifically exclude the line item for the ppb. I want to acknowledge the steps to reappropriate \$7 million is a step in the right direction but it is a really small step. The council needs to make a larger commitment. There are hundreds of millions going toward the ppb at a time when a city like minneapolis is radically reimagining their policing by defunding and restructuring it. We need to ask why? Why are they doing this in minneapolis? Police can't be the place where we ask unprepared and untrained officers to address the failures of our society in a severely underfunded basic needs of the citizenry that includes housing, education, health care, mental health. If the third of the budget didn't go to policing, but was redistributed to basic services and invested in community self-governance, neighborhood trauma centers, drug and alcohol treatment and non carceral violence prevention just to name a few, we wouldn't just see a reduction in crime the vast amount of research shows these alternative models of policing are more effective and cost efficient. We are just being dumb. We can't afford to keep spending money inefficiently in the face of the greatest economic depression in history. The pension fund alone of past and present officers is unsustainable and will continue to cripple our city budget for decades. How many more decades? You know we are going to continue paying for the inequitable distribution of city resources is pretty much up to you and, again, why are the leaders of minneapolis doing this? It is because the city has spoken and as sworn representatives of their constituency, they are just doing their jobs. Commissioners and mayor, with all due respect, your city is simply asking you to do your job and represent our voice. You do not represent the nation. You do not represent the state. You were sworn in to represent the city of Portland. Your city's voice is loud and clear. It is the same voice taking to the streets in the thousands every single night saying no more. There are other and better alternatives. Please represent us and make a larger and louder actions that starts with defunding and ends with dismantling our broken system of policing in the city of Portland.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Garrick. Your time is up. Appreciate you being here. Who are the next three? Hi, Krystal, you are next.

**Krystal Riley:** Hi can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** I can hear you perfectly.

**Riley:** My legal name is Krystal riley, but I just go by riley. I am a teacher in northwest Portland. Over the years I have heard from black children as young as 5 years old they have been harassed by the ppb. The Portland police have a long history of antagonizing the communities they claim to keep safe with no accountability. I support the call with others to defund the police and reallocate funds to better services. In the 2020-2021 cycle I support the reduction of the ppb budget by at least \$50 million and immediately eliminate school resources officers, special reaction team, transit police, neighborhood response, service coordination team, behavioral health unit and gun violence reduction team. Redirect these funds towards anti-violence programs unaffiliated with law enforcement and other community driven organizations like Portland street response. Immediately reduce the number of officers and stop policing protests. Many have mentioned the unacceptable

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teargassing and violence inflicted on demonstrators in recent weeks. This experience will change me forever, but I also know it does not even come close to the trauma and state sanctioned violence that bipoc people have experience and have experience throughout the entire history of policing. The racism of the police is nothing new and all of the ppb have done in the past weeks is further illuminate institutionalized racism and the power held by police and prison industrial complex as a whole. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Allyson, you are next.

**Allyson Koplín:** Hi, can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Koplín:** I'm Allyson Koplín I live in northeast Portland. The state of Oregon requires that someone complete 2300 hours to obtain a cosmetology license, while less than a 1,000 hours to become a police officer in this state. That means you need twice the training hours to do facial and waxing than to make life-and-death decisions while wielding deadly weapons. We have completely overfunded the police with the expectation they respond to every imaginable situation, most of which they are woefully underqualified to handle. While we arm police with military weapons of war to use against Portlanders, while we send them to terrorize our bipoc communities, while we pay them to criminalize poverty, mental health crises and nonwhiteness we ruthlessly gut the budget for services that address root causes. I consider your current commitments a good start, I demand city council take the steps put forth by palf and untie Oregon. Police do not equal public safety they are a danger to the public. To say the system is broken and needs reform is false and disingenuous. The system of policing is working exactly as it was intended, rooted in slave patrols and white supremacy. George floyd, breonna taylor and more are proof positive that the system is doing exactly what the job was supposed to do. Defunding is a start, but dismantling and abolition must come next. Do not disappoint us in this moment. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. John, you are next. Welcome.

**John Marvin:** Hello. And thank you, commissioners, for the opportunity to testify today. A special thank you to you, commissioner hardesty, for your decades of work in policing reform. My name is john marvin, I go by jack. I live in northeast Portland and I work in a community-based mental health and houseless services and public schools in the Portland metro area. I'm originally from chicago, a grotesque model of white supremacist policing. In my time in Portland I have seen many parallel as evidence by the long list of black lives taken from the police and numerous people violently impacted by the disproportionate policing and criminalization of bipoc, queer, trans and houseless individuals. Commissioner Eudaly you spoke to incrementalism in your opening statement of this public hearing. I believe the proposed budget amendments put forth thus far are just that incremental. With due respect commissioner Eudaly and mayor Wheeler, your proposed amendments are incremental quarter measures that fall embarrassingly short and there is no excuse for that. Mayor wheeler and commissioner eudaly and Fritz, in light of the last 500 years of state sanctioned looting of black bodies and sovereign lands, \$12 million is paltry and pathetic commitment to reparations. Along with many on this call Unite Oregon, palf and many other black led and grassroots organization i'm demanding rejecting incrementalism as you promised commissioner Eudaly. We call for at least \$50 million to be immediately removed from the ppb and sheriff's budgets and \$50 million more divested every year until the entire bureau is permanently disbanded. In addition to immediately eliminating the school resource officers policing on and in metro transit systems, the gun violence reduction team and all vacant positions within ppb call elimination of the emergency reaction team, the neighborhood response and behavioral health units and any policing in protests in Portland. We demand these funds be divested in policing and reinvesting in building black futures and community care and services that reject the logic

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or practice of policing surveillance or incarceration. The system of policing in this city and across the country validates its own existence perpetuating violence against black individuals we have seen in the last two weeks in this city and since the origins of this country. The demands I believe are the very least you can do as political leaders of this city can do to reduce incrementalism and commit to real change for Portland. Thank you. I cede the balance of my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, John. Appreciate your testimony. Karla, the next three names. Welcome, Amy. You're next. Amy, can you unmute yourself? Amy, going once, twice. I will go back to Amy at some point. I actually don't see the other people who are in line. They disappeared.

**Moore-Love:** Ezell Watson.

**Ezell Watson:** Yes, I am here.

**Hardesty:** Hello. You are next. Thank you.

**Watson:** Thank you very much. My name is Ezell Watson, I am a citizen in northeast Portland and support all of the statements made by Palf and Unite Oregon. I would like to humanize this by sharing a personal experience I have had with Portland Police Bureau. I have been accused by Portland Police Bureau of stealing --

**Hardesty:** Could you hold on for just a sec. There is a lot of background noise. If people are not talking would please be on mute, I would be really appreciative.

**Karla:** If you have your TV or something on, that is feedback.

**Watson:** I apologize. I was actually walking and I'm outside. Is that better.

**Hardesty:** This is a hundred times better. Thank you.

**Watson:** Excellent. I want to share my personal testimony about why we need to defund police. As a Black man who has attempted to be an asset to every community that he has been in here in Portland I have been continually harassed by Portland Police Bureau. I attempted to put together a skate party out in the city of Gresham and I was detained for an hour on the night of my event by police from Portland Police Bureau. They told me that because of the type of car that I was driving, that they needed to make sure that it was registered to me. If you ran my license plates you knew that the car was registered to me. I was also accused of stealing a watermelon by a police officer and Fred Myer in Hollywood. He had his hand on his gun. I feared for my life. And I couldn't even reach in my bag to produce my receipt because I was terrified of what he might do. This is why it is very important that we defund police right now. And reinvest in other areas. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, your testimony is important to this conversation. Scarlet, you are next.

**Scarlett Stack:** Hi, can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Stack:** My name is Scarlett Stack I'm a queer resident of Old Town Chinatown, a parishioner of St. Andrew Catholic Church and former Old Town Associate Board member. I am advocating for the complete divestment from the disbanding of the Portland Police Bureau. It is time to abolish the police and allocate resources to the health and well-being of marginalized communities who have been harmed by the brutality. Before COVID-19 Portland's housing crisis was catastrophic and a large portion of the houseless lives in my neighborhood. I'm surrounded by shelters, the sidewalks are lined with tents and instead of addressing the issue in a constructive way the city only worsened the crisis with cops. Though always a target by the police those without a house who have congregated to my neighborhood have become latent victims to the police latest acts of terrorism, protest and journalists did not deserve the tear gas. Those sleeping in the streets didn't deserve the chemical weapons in their lungs and irritating my eyes. Not to mention my pets. This is the latest addition to the infractions the cops have committed against the community it pretends to protect. They use high level of force on individuals suffering from actual or

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perceived mental health. They have a pattern of shooting homeless people. In 2017, 52% of arrests made in Portland were people experiencing homelessness despite representing 3% of the population. City council members need to take action because no amount of reforming or retraining will make officers less violent, less racist or suddenly empathetic. The system of policing and incarceration have no role in public health and safety, now is the time to reimagine how to allocate resources to housing, food security, transit, education and so much more to transform Portland into the progressive city it pretends to be. My condolences to mayor wheeler, few things compare to the loss of a parent my dad died from opioid crisis seven years ago a fate that might have been avoided if a mental health and addiction services had been funded instead of police, thank you I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, scarlet. Appreciate you being here today. Ashanti, you are next, welcome.

**Ashanti Hall:** Thank you. Where do I start? I'll try and make this quick here. I am a Portlander, went to harriet tubman, jefferson high school. I have definitely seen a lot of different forms of police brutality and different ways police treat people of color since I was a child. I definitely want to put on record that I would like to advocate for divesting as much money as we can from the police department and putting more money into housing and into mental health services and into treatment programs. I think what we are doing isn't working. I'd also like to see, I know this is about the budget meeting. I would like to see some kind of thing where police officers have to carry their own personal insurance and therefore if they have more use of force against them, their insurance premiums go up. I would like to see something along those lines. I know how hard it is to get things like that through the contracting process for the police bureau. But, yeah. Long story short, yeah, I would like to put on record that I would like to take as much money away from the police officers as possible and put it in the communities. Specifically housing first. We will lose a lot of the issues we have that surrounding homelessness, surrounding crime and the perception of crime if we can keep people housed. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate your testimony, Karla you're next.

**Karla Mallari:** Hi, can you hear me.

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Mallari:** Hi my name is Karla Mallari and I'm a resident of lents, as a filipino immigrant, I have mentality that america is a country is if you work hard enough you can make it. The american dream. It is not true because of economic inequality. Our economic inequality a direct result of systemic racism, which is what the place is fundamentally built on and perpetuates. reigning terror every day to marginalize the communities. The history of violence against black, brown, immigrants, lgbtq+, disabled, sex workers, poor people, the list goes on, we need to follow suit with Minneapolis we need justice and dignity for all and we can start right now. I myself and my family have been racially profiled walking home from work, driving, going to school, getting back from work by police and was held against my will for long periods of time to confirm my identity as well as my immigrant status. Multiple times not just in Portland, Oregon, but in los angeles, arizona, and many other states. Defund the ppb. Allocate funds to community based models of safety, support and prevention. Fund that \$50 million to immigration and social work and crisis staff that focus on deescalation, social workers, woman's shelters, homeless shelters, affordable healthcare, planned parenthood and reparations. Community outreach and many other more that we can fund besides the police. We're calling for our city officials like yourself for your intellect to do what is right. Thank you for listening and I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Cramer, you are next.

**Cramer Kallem:** Hi. My name is Cramer Kallem, I'm a mental health professional and doctoral candidate in clinical psychology. My brother is a police officer for the city of Gresham police department and my mother is a budget officer for the same department. I

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say all that because among law enforcement a common kind of defensive statement is that the public just doesn't understand what happens behind the scenes. But I do. I also know that myself and my colleagues are better prepared to respond to so many crises that are impacting people. I've personally provided treatment to multiple people of color who were traumatized by the police. And that stuck with them for decades. It also I would like to echo calls to fund housing, sorry, I would like to echo defunding \$50 million from the police department immediately and summarize what I have heard about 200 people say the same and to invest in uplifting people of color and righting some of the wrongs. Also to commissioners eudaly, Fritz and mayor wheeler, I also identify as someone that's a white person that is late to show up to the fight for racial justice. And I just want to say that this is just a start. We have so much work to do. Please don't get complacent and pat yourself on the back for these steps. This is just the start. More generally, I want to urge the members of the council, the mayor and other local government leaders to follow the recommendations of commissioner hardesty. She is uniquely qualified to lead the city in the concerns at hand and in this particular time in history. She's respected by the black lives matter movement and following her recommendations I believe will lead to the healing of the city. And I would just like to conclude that as a mental health professional we should be sending healers to heal. Yeah. I yield my time to bipoc.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, cramer. Really appreciate your testimony. Karla, can I get a status report. How many more speakers do we have lined up?

**Moore-Love:** I can let you know after the next three.

**Hardesty:** I'm trying to decide whether we should have a five-minute break and you can do that.

**Moore-Love:** That would probably be a good idea.

**Hardesty:** Lets take a 5 minute break and we'll be back my clock says 5:48. Yep. Back in five minutes. Thank you.

**At 5:48 p.m. council recessed.**

**At 5:54 p.m. council reconvened.**

**Hardesty:** Karla can you give me a count of how many speakers do we have left?

**Moore-Love:** 99.

**Hardesty:** Okay. We are in our last hour. Give me the next three. Thank you very much. Robert, you are up next. Welcome.

**Robert Wilcox:** Yeah, hi. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity today. Joanne hardesty, I appreciate everything you have done for the city of Portland as well as commissioner eudaly and the other city commissioners. Thank you for the small steps you have taken so far to help to try to fix the dire situation we are in with our police bureau. A couple of the things I have noticed while looking over the city budget that is proposed for the next year in regards to the Portland police bureau, \$105 million allotted to the Portland precinct control, \$2.9 million allotted to a program known as chief and staff, which I imagine goes to the payroll for the chief and the staff officers. We are looking at a \$40,000 increase for the Portland police chief. \$8 .7 million for narcotics and organized crime formerly known as drug and vice. \$6 million to gun violence reduction which I know we are getting rid of, \$4.5 to neighborhood response team. All kinds of things that are going towards broken windows policing that I think need to be avoided and eradicated immediately. We have around 11% of clear cases out of 9,795 crime against property, i'm sorry, 47,000 cases of crime against property offenses compared to 9,795 crime against person offenses in 2,005 crime against society offenses. We are focusing way too much on crime against property offenses. It is easy to find the \$50 million within the budget to allocate these towards the mental health services, the community organizations and the community organizations that are going to support the bipoc community in the ways that we need. So what i'm hoping you'll see is that the \$50 million we need to reallocate within

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the Portland police bureau can be found here. I hope that you will look to find the specific programs where we're spending millions of dollars on personnel that we don't need to be to properly solve the situation. Thank you for everything you have done for the city of Portland.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, robert. Appreciate your testimony. Mike, you're next.

**Mike Mooney:** Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, I can.

**Mooney:** My name is mike mooney, I'm a resident of southeast Portland. There are no simple solutions to complex problems, so i'm not in a position to offer solutions today. But rather to share some of what I have experienced in my interactions with law enforcement in my five years of living in Portland. \$50 million cut does seem like a good start. The police take an oath to protect and serve. I pay \$3,561.17 in taxes annually for my 750 square foot condo in southeast Portland. I have had limited interactions with the police, but by and large my experience has been underwhelming. The police were called when my dog got loose when my partner and I were out on a Saturday afternoon, when I arrived home I had found that I left the window open and someone cut the screen to break in. I informed the officer and he asked me if I wanted to make it a part of the report, when I informed him I would like to have that be the primary part of the report he seemed disinterested. I offered to send him pictures of my broken screen, another window that had clearly been tampered with, he said I could email him the pictures so I did. The only person who followed up was an animal control official who came out to do an investigation into my dog. The message I got from the city was more concerned about my dog getting out than my home being broken into. My vehicles had been broken into twice and stolen vehicles have been abandoned in my neighborhood. My neighbor's car was stolen from outside my window in the middle of the day. The police were called every time and I have yet to receive a follow-up from anyone at ppd. Not only are police harming bipoc people in our city, they are not doing their job satisfactorily. What are we as a city getting for the \$246 million we are collectively paying annually and can those funds be better used elsewhere. Before we green light another year of \$246 million to the police, we need them to justify how they plan to serve all of Multnomah county with this budget especially bipoc neighbors, friends and family. In reviewing the budget it appears the one thing they are willing to cut, the body cam program, that has been in a pilot phase without a clear path forward for implementing body cameras on every officer. I ask that be reviewed. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mike. Let me just tell you, I was the one that has been trying to cut that body cam program ever since mayor charlie hales proposed it because it is a fake accountability measure. The law requires the police own the video, they decide when it becomes public and the general public has no access to it. And I was unwilling to invest millions of dollars into a program that only served the police. Just so you know.

**Mooney:** I was unaware of that. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** You're welcome. Thank you for your testimony. Lauren, you're next.

**Lauren Armony:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Armony:** Great. Thank you for your time I will keep it brief. I want to cede most of my time to our bipoc community. I grew up in occupied chinook territory now called Portland oregon and I grew up in the Portland school system. I saw how much the funding was cut and especially cut from schools located in historically black neighborhoods and watched my peers dropout of school and become a part of the prison, school to prison pipeline. Let me see. I'm here to echo and amplify the call by our black community to defund the Portland police and instead invest in our education system, social services, health care services and reparations. Over the last two weeks we've seen how the Portland police bureau has

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exemplified its incompetence of keeping citizens safe and in fact has incited violence they claim to reduce and deter using chemical weapons, illegal practice of caddling and targeting legal observers and journalist, especially during a pandemic is unconscioned and inhuman we must commit today and tomorrow and to the future to defund, disarm and disband the police, thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you lauren appreciate you being here, karla please call the next three names please. Thank you, Karen you're next.

**Karen de Vera:** Hi can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**de Vera:** My name is karen, I am a person of color, I live in northeast Portland. Hello elected officials thank you for listening to us today, I will get to the budget but I want to touch on a few things. Last night there was a order issued by federal judge Hernandez that police are still able to use tear gas during a two-week restraining order, they just have to follow city rules. This restraining order is weak because it literally says the police with still use tear gas, oh and also even prior to the restraining order, the police haven't been following city rules. The police are acting as if they are above the law, so why is that? Because they're well protected by their union. The ppb contract ends this month, and I know the terms of the contract have been negotiated well in advance. I urge you to void the contract and not renew. Why does the police need so much protection anyways, if they were actually good at their jobs which is protecting the public then why the need for a legal shield. They're doing such a bad job they need legal protection there is no reprimand for cops doing a bad job. The city has to keep settling disputes. I think I calculated 240,000 in settlements just from today. The cops are costing us money is that in the budget in moving on to the budget, mayor ted wheeler is not here today. Elected officials his proposal is a reduction of the Portland police budget by \$7 million is not enough to fix the racial injustice. I stand with the Portland African American leadership forum, it asks you to decrease the Portland police budget by \$50 million to reallocate that to community problems and promise to never increase the Portland police budget in the future. \$50 million is the least you can do for the racial injustice that has been going on the city and in Oregon, deeply rooted in white supremacy. Commissioner eudaly I support your proposal of street responders, commissioner Eudaly I thank you and your office for e-mailing me back it shows you are listening, I support your statements. To all elected officials, I urge you not to renew the ppa contract, reduce the budget by \$50 million and reallocate it to community programs. I really hope you are listening to the people of the city of Portland, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, karen. Celeste, you're next.

**Celeste Noche:** My name is Celeste Noche I live in northeast and i'm the founder of Portland in color. I ask that the proposed budget increase be rejected and stand with palf unite Oregon and all Portlanders calling for a minimum of \$50 million to be divested from the police and I advocate for the immediate disbandment and defunding of the ppb all together. I condemn the city in most particularly tear gassed teds enabling and protecting of police violence, the policing of black lives matter protests needs to end immediately, it is reprehensible you have allowed the ppb to use tear gas and pepper spray on civilians peacefully rallying for black lives while not only allows white supremacists to gather peacefully with police protection, it is despicable. Commissioner hardesty, I appreciate your efforts to get us here, but I was disappointed by your opening comments today attempting to defend wheeler by saying it is not his fault he is white. I also condemn the policing of callers calling in. We all have the right to use language as we choose and the city and policing have not earned our respect. Do not feed hypocrisy in policing the language of the people in this moment, it is clear the system is not broken, but functioning just as it was designed. Wheelers proposal as is, is not enough, his actions continue to prove he does not care about us. I call for his resignation, I call for defunding the ppb

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immediately, all cops are bastards and if the city continues to enable them we know where you are too, we will not forget how you choose to act in this moment. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, celeste. Diana, you're next.

**Dianna Montzka:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Montzka:** Thank you for the opportunity speak today. I'm Dianna Montzka, I live in the boise neighborhood of Portland. I'm here to echo the eloquent voices of those before me and I urge to you reduce the police budget by 50 million minimum and \$50 million in every year following until ppb is disbanded. Reform is not solution as we know it has never proven effective. In addition, police should end their presence at protests going on immediately, regardless of any call for them to use less lethal weapons they will simply turn to other ways of enacting violence. Their actions in the last two weeks have been disgusting and inhumane, hearing the many stories today and knowing what they've been doing when cameras are not on them sickens me. It is also insulting and hypocritical for ted wheeler to propose june 2020 as Portland pride month considering pride itself started in response to a police raid that triggered numerous demonstrations by the lgbtq community, specifically black lgbtq folks standing against police brutality. How can you stand for pride yet allow police brutality continue day after day in Portland. This speaks to the emptiness behind ted wheeler's statements and promises. I urge you to not resign the contract with the Portland police association that expires June 30th, simply let it expire. I am about to leave my house to continue to protest, like I have the past two-weeks. If you do not vote for the voice of Portland and the things people have asked of you, we will continue to fight and will not stop. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Dianna. Karla, can I get the next three names, please. Thank you Miranda you're next, welcome

**Miranda McCafferty:** Hi, thank you for hearing me. I am a health care worker at ohsu and I live in the southwest downtown water front, and I am calling for disbanding of the Portland police bureau, effective as soon as we can, that would be great. I would like to redirect funds located for gang policing towards anti-violence programs unaffiliated with law enforcement, reprobation's for black Portlanders targeted by gang policing and other investment in black people to be determined by community groups, such as don't shoot Portland. Eliminate these positions entirely by reduce the total number of officers not just folding them back into general sworn officer positions, immediately stop policing protests. Cops are bringing the riot, not the demonstrators. I've seen this first hand, it is very disturbing and sickening. Even if they stop using less lethal weapons, they will just shift the way they enact violence. This has truly been disturbing to see, and i'm just hoping you hear and I yield my time. Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, miranda. Next we have, how do you say --

**Alasdair Crawford:** Alasdair.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. My apologies for butchering your name.

**Crawford:** No worries, i'm pretty use to it. Hello, i'm Alasdair Crawford, I live in downtown Portland. The last two-weeks police have rioted downtown and terrorized our community with tear gas, pepper spray and even beating down journalists by their incompetence they've made our community less safe, they are frivolously spending taxpayer money on military grade equipment, again to brutalize our community instead of make it safer. Their one job is to keep the peace and they have failed miserably at that. They have more money than they know how to spend so we should defund the police by \$50 million. Thank you. I yield the rest of my time.

**Hardesty:** Sam waller is next.

**Samwel Hughes:** Hello, I am a northeast resident and dysfunctional activist and as mentally ill queer white perp from a police state in arkansas I have experienced and

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witnesses abuse from the police but i've also experienced and benefits from white privilege with that said, I would like to go on to the budget. I think at least 50 million should be cut from our budget. And, honestly, I think maybe 50% of the budget should be cut because, to me, if 50% of their job is harassing homeless people, then 50% should be given to the housing the homeless and mental health services. Sorry.

**Hardesty:** No worries.

**Hughes:** I think it is absurd that we would expect police to deal with the mentally ill. We don't expect them to do emt work if someone is having a physical health crisis, so I think it is important to realize what mental health actually means and that for decades it has been pushed aside since the reagan era of ending our mental health hospitals. I want to yield the rest of my time to bipoc people.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for being here. Karla, who are the next three? Thank you. Eric, you're up next. Welcome.

**Eric Feczko:** Thank you. I am a white data scientist working at ohsu living at the southeast Oregon and my opinions here are my own. The journey of 1,000 paces begins with a single step. I applaud the commissioners in taking a small first step -- in Portland's community. Be the events over the past two-weeks cannot make it any clearer the ppb no longer serves the needs of the community. We need to rethink its role in the budget. I support palf and unite Oregon and other proposals, including reducing the ppb budget by \$50 million. In preparation of this meeting, I looked over the annual budget and I want to echo what robert wilcox already stated \$100 million was in the budget going to programs that have been empirically shown to contribute to systemic racism and effectively fail, so cutting the police budget impacts nothing. Anything, the ppb budget of 224 million already excludes health, pension plans for employees so cutting 50 million will impact nobody's future, as well. Finally, this budget provides \$200,000 per star stuff. By way of comparison, if you look at the the Portland school system, budget of 665 million mostly fund by state, only \$86,000 for staff support exists, this is about what the average police officer makes as much as the entire support of a single educational staff. Decades from now, succeeding generations will ask who we were, well who are we really. A officer with greater deadly force against peaceful protesters in a real time facebook post or are we human, do we embrace love and work together to dismantle the systemic racism that targets black and indigenous and psc communities. At this point i'll give my time to any bipoc.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, eric. Sarah, you're next.

**Sarah Vuylsteke:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Vuylsteke:** Awesome, I want to do this really quick so I can cede to my bipoc community members, as well, but I just wanted to add my voice. My name is Sarah Vuylsteke I've lived in southeast Portland for most of my 33-years. I joined my voice with defund Oregon, Palf and others in abolishing the Portland police and reallocate those funds to the city's crucial needs and health, wellness and safety for the vulnerable bipoc non-white members. As a white educator working in a school with a high percentage of bipoc students, I know in the white community we've long suppressed and silenced racial violence history in needs of our communities in favor of upholding capitalist and white supremacist systems and values, including the more police bureau, we must remove this branch to focus instead on start to rebuild our communities for the black, brown, native and bipoc residents who not only have been violently targeted by the police but the entire history of the Portland and Oregon community steeped in white supremacy. We must focus on these by placing great value on social and mental health and community services. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate you being here.

**Kimberly Diamond:** My name is kimberly diamond, I am a white person here supporting abolishing the police bureau. I would like to acknowledge the land we are on these are the

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stollen land of the Multnomah, Willamette, Clackamas, cowlitz, chinook, Tualatin, quiea, Molalla and many other tribes who made their homes along the columbia river. The settler colonial government is illegitimate. On Sunday June 7, the president of the minneapolis city council stated efforts at incremental police reform failed, period, they fully committed to disbanding the minneapolis police department, the Portland police bureau has failed the black people of this city time and time again, they failed Keaton Otis, Aaron Campbell, James Jahar Perez, Kendra James, Deonte Keller, Lloyd "Tony" Stevenson and countless others. Police do not protect and serve this community, they protect and serve each other which in and of itself upholds the racist structure in this society. We're calling for no more. The only way to stop police violence is defund, dismantle and abolish police. We know policing never and will never keep oppressed and colonized people safe. No amount of reform or train will make police less violent or less racist. The policing system is rooted in slave patrols and maintained state sanctions violence at its core. The city can address its \$75 million deficit in the \$4.4 billion proposed budget by divesting entirely from the violence of police and incarceration. A 6% decrease from the ppb budget is not enough, it would change absolutely nothing, from the original proposed \$236 million budget allocated to the ppb a 6% decrease will lower the budget by only \$7 million. That would leave the ppb with a budget of \$229 million. For perspective, in the proposed budget, the office of equity and human rights is proposed to receive \$2 million. \$2 million for human rights compared to the \$229 million the ppb is going to get along with their lock history of racial profiling and murder of black folks. We are demanding at least this. Reduce the budget by \$50 million until they have been stripped of all funding.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, kimberly. Your time is up. I greatly appreciate you being here, though.

**Diamond:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Karla, who is next. The next three, please. Thank you. Tara, you're next. Welcome. Tara, you're on mute.

**Tara Hershberger:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Hershberger:** Hello, i'm Tara Hershberger. I reiterate the demands that have been expressed. I would like to encourage that money being reinvested in the black community go to artists and cultural makers. Commissioner hardesty, you mentioned the importance of reimagining public safety and for that I request that we fund black artists and black culture makers, and I really push the remainder of my time to black and indigenous people. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much.

**Quakamo:** My name is --

**Hardesty:** Excuse me.

**Quakamo:** I am the person whose time is being yielded to by tara.

**Hardesty:** Oh, okay. All right, thank you. Go ahead.

**Quakamo:** So I would just like to say that I want to see the Portland police bureau budget be halved every single year until it is disbanded and completely over, and that that money be immediately invested and directed to programs that are dedicated to communities of colors but specifically the black and indigenous that are run by black and indigenous folks and fund the for black and indigenous folks. I personally knew the person who was killed by tear gas, sara grossman, yeah, that's right, and yes fuck tear gassed ted because i'm really sorry about what happened and his mother, but the police are not showing respect to us and we're not about to, you know, be respectful to a system that is killing us and that is tear gassing us when obviously people are dying so fuck the police and disband them.

**Hardesty:** Sarah, you're next. Welcome.

**Sarah McPike:** Hi, can you hear me?

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**Hardesty:** I can.

**McPike:** Okay, thanks. My name is Sarah McPike, I'm a white resident of Portland. I was born and raised in the Portland metro which greatly shaped my views of racial injustice. I may be from an economic disadvantage background, but let me be clear I have been a benefactor of white privilege my entire life. I'm here to ask for a \$50 million reduction of the PPB budget, I think some people say police save and protect but I disagree and I have many personal stories that support that belief. I have two stories that illustrate white privilege as it relates to policing. When I was a teenager, I was in a car with five people, three white girls two black boys, and to be clear, the driver was a black teenager. We were pulled over, we were let go, no official warning, just let go this girl started to celebrate because why not, we got a pass. The teenagers were confused and in shock. When we asked request why they weren't celebrating with us, they say it was the first time they were pulled over and they were not pulled out of the car and searched, this wasn't a moment of celebrations for them, but an affirmation of they were not afforded the benefit of the doubt that we were. Second is my father, he was an extreme alcoholic who succumbed to his addiction. During his lifetime, he had 11 DUIs, he did not spend a day in prison. On May 17<sup>th</sup> my father went missing, the police reacted with days of searches, including search dogs, sonar searching many miles of the river. While my father was a lifetime alcoholic those police recognized his humanity and not his addiction, I understand if my father had dark skin, he would not have been treated that way. So let's recap, my friends had never been treated with kindness or the benefit of the doubt, yet my father's life in his entire life, he was never held accountable. This treatment didn't help either of them. This is not a system of justice, it is favoritism and hate, let's defund the police and protect our citizens, let's fund mental health resources, fund our futures, Black Lives Matter and it is a time for us to stand up. Please defund the police and I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Sarah. Harper, you're next.

**Switchblade Alvarez for Harper Brokaw-Falbo:** I'm speaking for Harper they gave me their time to convey what I've been talking about so good afternoon, everyone. My name is Switchblade Alvarez and I lived in the Buchman neighborhood in Portland, Oregon. I've had my share of experience with the police in my life and as a Black and Latinx person, I've been profiled, I've been abused, shamed, dismissed and traumatized because of my skin, the way that I look. I know a huge part of the community has been as well, we deserve to be able to survive and have resources that thrive, to be able to nurture ourselves and our peers. This country has a long history that currently is still systematically oppresses us. We've built this country, we nurtured it and we are the soul of what makes this country great so why would you want to alienate and abuse a big part of what makes this country. I'm calling for us as leaders to be there when we call to you aid us without the need of incarceration and the police. I support Palf and the United Oregon's platform to defund the police. We need you to invest in community service that can uplift and nurture the Black and Brown community. By defunding the PPB and the other programs that rely on abuse and neglect of the Black and Brown families, we have the resources to nurture those communities. Trauma creates trauma and you have the power to better that cycle and be better for your people and yourselves, it is what we deserve and what we need and we want the same opportunity that white people have taken from us so we may be able to stand on equal ground. We need accountability with the wounds of the police and the city have done and be able to see the accountability unfold swiftly. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Karla, who are the next three?

**Adam Abplanalp:** Hi there, good afternoon, my name is Adam Abplanalp, I'm a life-long Oregonian, I lived and worked in Portland for the last 15-years, I'm here to say it is time for white people who enjoy so much privilege in our community to stand up, to acknowledge the systemic racism and call for change, change that starts with the lifeline of our city

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government, its budget. I joined in the advance by the numerous organizations, namely the immediately reduction of the police budget by \$50 million, committing to disband the Portland police bureau and invest instead of the health and well-being of communities of color. We need to completely reimagine how our public safety infrastructure works and step away from the long-held belief that policing works. We witnessed it doesn't work and more importantly it doesn't work for Portlanders of color. The Portland police bureau is not built for the Portland we want it to be. As commissioner Hardesty said despite decades of community activism, this culture hasn't changed one iota, despite comprising more of a third of the general fund budget the police bureau does serve Portlanders. The city of Minneapolis and its city council has seen that reality, now it is time for you to open your eyes to the same reality. You were elected to be the voice of Portland, 60,000 e-mails should be enough to convince you to stand up for us. Commissioners I ask you to ask yourselves how can we lead our country and radically rethink community safety in centering bipoc voices. I think if you search inside yourselves, you will see we can't move forward without incremental change. Now is the time to invest in long term sustainable solutions that take care of our most marginalized community members and now is the time to invest in solutions for all Portlanders and now is the time for bold steps that can serve as an example for the rest of our country. I ask you today to stand up, champion these bold changes and harness your right to do what is right for all Portlanders, lets radically reinvent Portland as the example that it can be. Thank you, and thank you commissioner hardesty, for your leadership and poise and stamina today as president of the council, you are truly an inspiration and very honored to call you commissioner of our city. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, adam. Appreciate you being here. Kara, you are next.

**Kara Kingen:** Hi, can you guys hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Kingen:** Excellent. My name is Kara Kingen and I work for the city of Portland and i'm here to address the proposed 20-21 fiscal year budget which allocated \$246 million to the Portland police bureau. This money will fund a militarized police force which has recently been used to violently suppress peaceful protesters organized to fight against police brutality, to despite nationwide criticism of the Portland police bureau, regarding the treatment of protesters, mayor ted wheeler would like to give the bureau a \$6 million raise. The replacement of chief Resch with chief lovell is a little more than cheap politics which insults the intelligence and memory of the people of Portland. We have not forgotten in 2006 while serving as school resource officer chief lovell was involved in a lawsuit for placing a crying teenaged girl in a choke hold. Chief Lovell now inherits a bureau plagued with inappropriate use of force yet was unable to cope with a teenaged girl and how can we expect them to react to angry protesters. Since his appointment chief lovell has made it clear his loyalties lie with the Portland police bureau and not the city of Portland so I ask you what is the sense of funding a police department that protects only itself and not the people it is meant to serve. Therefore, today I call for three essential items of action. First and foremost, I call for the city of Portland to stand in solidarity with minneapolis by defunding and disbanding the Portland police bureau. Second, I call for a minimum of \$50 million to be reallocated towards the reestablishment of historically over policed community by aiding against food and housing insecurity. Finally, I call for the immediately resignation of ted wheeler as police commissioner and mayor, his absence of leadership during this time has demonstrated his lack of ability and lack of compassion for our city and for our bipoc community. In conclusion, all cops are bastards, I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, kara. Eric, you're next.

**Eric Howk:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

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**Howk:** Okay. My name is Eric Howk I'm here on behalf of portugal demand and the ptm foundation, we are a band from alaska based out of Portland for the last 15-years. I wanted to thank you for this platform and thank you for your tireless efforts, commissioner hardesty. Thank you for the platform, thank for a bit of your time and I want to acknowledge mr. Wheeler for his lengths of action in the last couple of days, particularly for recognizing Portland's black, indigenous and the bipoc community and their calls for sweeping changes which he acknowledges were a long time coming. These are great first steps to making structural change, the disproportionate arrests on people of color should disturb the entire community and must not continue this moment time is an incredible opportunity to think about the future of our city and look at the needs in front of us and down the road to reprioritize and recognize as we come out of quarantine and reincorporate into society, a lot of us have kids that just want to be part of sports programs, kids that miss the community and are desperate to interact in our parks and public places. Looking at the future, our resources are better served on our kids than the intimidation and shows of force from those who are meant to protect and serve the community so we're asking for a complete defunding of the ppp. We have faith in our city and we look forward to coming together to be strong and more united in the future. Thank you for allowing us to listen and learn.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate your testimony. Karla, can I have the next three names, please. Thank you. Vivian, you are up next. Welcome.

**Vivien Lyon:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. My name is Vivien Lyon, I have lived in Portland since 1999. In my time here, the Portland police have never been able to behave themselves in peaceful protests. Time again rioting and provoking violence has never been met with adequate discipline and accountability I believe that defunding is the first step, disarming is critically important and the real goal should be disbanding the police and reforming how we address community safety. While we build up to that goal, i'm recommending the following measures and will be providing written recommendations. I'm an attorney and former activist and union organizer. I do not take union busting lightly. The city should refuse to enter any contract that has any arbitration clause, if that means taking a new jersey route and terminating all members of the union so be it. Real accountability is mandatory and the arbitration clause utterly prevents that, in the near term, this budget process can address accountability by doubling the budget for the independent police review it hire more investigators. There is a flood of complaints that have been received by ipr in the wake of the on going protests and the violence response of the police to extremely minor so called criminal activity and they need to be processed in a timely, meaningful manner so officers found to be out of policy with respect to the crowd control directives can be disciplined appropriately. Funds should also be allocated for a full citizen review of all the directives and the discipline policy with the power to make policy changes to drastically increase meaningful accountability for police violence, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for being here, Hilary you're next.

**Hilary Nichols:** My name is Hilary Nichols and I am a multi racial black woman living on stolen and indigenous land here in Portland. I spent the last six-years working in city government and i've dedicated my career to teaching communities of color how they can change the flow of power in the government, I am constantly learning about how communities can shift power by spreading progressive ideas, changing social norms, advocating in government and showing up in numbers. The "black lives matter" movement has done just that over the three weeks of protest and the last eight-years before that, we have showed up and we will continue to show up there are sources of power in this movement we do not have access to, namely wealth. City council, you more than anyone should understand the power of wealth and money in city government. The proposed 20/21 budget gives an astronomical amount of power to the Portland police bureau who

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have demonstrated they cannot and will not wield that power responsibly. If given that power, they will continue to murder black and indigenous people, they will continue creating racial disparities in the criminal justice system and they will continue to criminalize poverty and mental illness with deadly impacts. We need to move power away from ppb and reinvest that power in community-led, non-violence solutions. We cannot shift flow of money without your help. We demand \$50 million be removed from the ppb and \$50 million more divested every year until the entire bureau is entirely dismantled. We demand you immediately eliminate school resource officers, special emergency reaction team, transit police, neighborhood response, behavioral health unit, the gun violence reduction team and any policing of protests in Portland. We demand money be reinvested in black futures. I'm giving my public comment today for all of the black girls, boys and in between who need their futures. I want to yield the rest of my time and I thank you, commissioner Hardesty, for your work.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Drew, you're next.

**Drew Price:** Thank you. Good evening. Modern day Portland is widely known as a white space. Policing physically enforces this through the continued criminalization and destruction of black lives. Policing fiscally enforces this white space by absorbing funds that could otherwise be used for the reparation of our racist history and liberation of black life. As a white man and a former police officer I can attest we cannot remove white supremacy from policing through reform. Policing exists to protect and preserve white supremacy and privilege. I echo half and others saying we need to defund policing in Portland and invest in black futures under the direction of the bipoc communities of Portland, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, drew. Karla, can I have the next three names, please. Thank you. Bradley, your turn. Welcome. Bradley, can you take your thing off mute? You still there, bradley? Okay, i'll go to Damon and i'll come back and check on you, bradley. You are up, welcome.

**Damon Motz-Storey:** Thank you. Good evening commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity testify, for the record my name is Damon Motz-Storey, i'm speaking for Oregon physicians for social responsibility. We want to be brief. We have five people signed up, including pediatric nurse practitioner Maxine, surgeon dr. pat o'heron, epidemiologist Theodora Tsonngas and executive director Kelly campbell and we want to make space for the voices of black, indigenous people of color. We support commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly's amendments as step one and want you to go farther than that, we support the black community leaders especially the African American leadership forum and unite Oregon, and everyone who has supported their demands to defund the police and invest in communities and hope that all commissioners will support these demands, as well. Racism and police violence are public health crises and need to be addressed as much, we need to take a public health approach to community safety using a equity lens, to do no harm and build on community reliance and strength. There is good evidence that allocating money to addressing the social determines of health, equitable health and mental health care, housing, employment and education not only decreases crime, but improves health. Budgets are moral documents and we must reverse the past where we chronically defund vital programs such as parks and rec. Health, mental health, housing and elsewhere while funding a more militarized price force. We must reallocate to invest in the bipoc community. A weaponized, militarized police force is hurting people and not keeping us safe. It does not advance the community health goals we need. We condemn the use of tear gas, flash bang or pressure grenades, rubber bullets and other riot control munitions. These thing unfairly punishes those expressing their rights and those living nearby who are caught in the cross fire. It is unjust, unhealthy and traumatizing and especially heinous to

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be used in a respiratory pandemic. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and we urge to you support palf and unite Oregon's demands.

**Hardesty:** Appreciate your testimony. Bradley, are you able to unmute now.

**Bradley Anderson:** I think I am.

**Hardesty:** I hear you final. Your testimony, please.

**Anderson:** Thank you commissioners my name is Bradley Anderson, I'm a homeowner and taxpayer in Portland and I want to go on the record to strongly voice my support to defund the police, spending taxpayer money on a violent organization that has, you know, perpetrated violence against our community members cannot be tolerated and as somebody that pays a significant amount of taxes every year, I want to demand not request, we reduce their budget to the greatest extend possible. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Karla, the next three people, please.

Thank you. Alan, you're up. Welcome.

**Alan Kessler:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Kessler:** All right, I want to be really quick. I tried to get video of the protest last night. Ppb says they deleted it right afterwards. I tried to get public records about disciplinary files, that is going to take forever. We need access for this conversation, we need to know what our cops have done to our community. They have those files. The city attorney could waive the public interest exceptions, I think it is huge public interest to see all the disciplinary files right now and we need to have that as part of this conversation. So my demand is defund the police as quickly as possible and please direct the city attorney to open up the disciplinary files at least for the brass so we can know what they're doing to us. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Alan, I don't know if you have gone to the ipr office, they do reports annually on all the investigations that they have taken but I can assure you it is not the totality of activities happening with the police but that is at least a window into discipline and to the Portland police bureau.

**Kessler:** I want to see all the files that were swept under the rug that didn't make it that far. They hide a lot more than they show.

**Hardesty:** Yeah, I know that.

**Kessler:** I'm sorry, I don't need to tell you. Thank you. I yield my time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, alan, appreciate. It laurie, you're next. Laurie palmer, you're next.

**Laurie Palmer:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Palmer:** Okay.

**Hardesty:** Welcome.

**Palmer:** Good evening, city council. I am laurie palmer and i'm here as a black community activist and the ceo and founder of go get your child, community violence prevention coalition and a community member. 57 years ago, I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, I have two black sons that have been racially profiled by the police and I have experience racially profiling and disrespect by the police. I support you, commissioner jo ann hardesty in defunding the gang enforcement team. I trust your judgment because you live in this community and have witnessed the abusive violence at the hands of the police. We have also been on the front lines together when it comes to violence of the police. My family are community members, as well. We have six generations in Portland, Oregon my mother was from the third generation, i'm the fourth generation. Am I done? Is that a bell?

**Hardesty:** No, ma'am. Keep going.

**Palmer:** I am the fourth generation and from a young age I watched the police come into our communities from other communities and have no lived experience with struggles or our culture the african-americans that live in the community. They have no respect for

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african-american when it comes to them speaking their mind when they show up. I have worked in social service field for 27-years and sat at many tables and I have noticed that the programs and the agencies that receive the money for design for change are created by people that don't even look like us and don't even know our culture. The budget has given money to all of these great changes without our input. We need to invest in the african-american families by training leaders out of each family so they can go back with their families with the tools and can help their families address the dysfunctional generational passed down from generation after generation. I'm asking to you fund three very important things. Grass root organizations created by african-american leaders that live in our community, affordable housing, funding programs to educate our youth about the drugs and alcohol they experience when they get to grow up in the community. Thank you for your, allowing me to speak my truth.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Appreciate you and all the work you do in the community, Laurie. Paul you are next, welcome.

**Palmer:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** You are next. Welcome.

**Paul Frazier:** Thank you. Hello, I am a white cisgender male living in north Portland 97217, i'm sorry for taking so long to call for the defunding of the police. We tried reform, it didn't work. We tried consent decrees, they haven't works. I echo Alan Kessler, don't remove the live stream a couple nights ago a bicyclist was ripped off their bike by the police and the Portland police deleted that video from youtube, flagrant violation of public record laws. We've heard from over 350 people today, thank you for your patience all of the commissioners, I haven't heard one person opposed, many are asking to do more go above and beyond, we heard from a military and police veteran. Change looks impossible until it is done. Let's make the impossible happen. Commissioner thank you for attending the protests, your energy has bin spiring, i've marched with over 250 families in the Portland children's march. The parents, the kids are literally out in the street demanding change. Mayor wheeler said yesterday this is hard, if it was easy, we would have done it years ago. Most of what is worth doing in life is hard, very hard. Lean into that, what side of history I do want to be on. As a father, i'm shocked with all of this. How can I imagine how to explain to my 2-year-old daughter how to fear the police. That's my privilege and my heart pours out to all the bipoc families who have to deal with this. Ted wheeler should be out as police chief, hand it over to commissioner hardesty, my heart mourns for Kendra James and deonte Keller. Get rid of the arbitration clause. Commissioner hardesty, happy about the six units but let's double it, triple it can we blanket the city with the response team. How many would we need for the whole city? Let's get another amendment that does that, let's go bold. Over 50% of crime calls are not crime related. Let's defund the police 50%, the gun violence reduction team, what a euphemism and band-aid. We don't need band-aids any more. Police have been attacking the media. The footage is shocking, what is happening at our city. I was at the protest last sunday, they dispersed it. I did not believe it, I went to film police on a van, protesters were running away and throwing flash bangs at them. Please defund the police. Thank you for the time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, paul. Appreciate you being here today. Karla, can I have the next three names, please. Hannah, you're next.

**Hannah Burns:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** I can.

**Burns:** My name is Hannah Burns and I am a member of the arts community who lived in Portland for 11-years. I would like to open by saying black lives matter and we need to drastically defund or disband the ppb according to unite Oregon and palfs demands. Obviously i'm horrified by the ppb's ongoing use of unnecessary force and disregard for constitutional, civil and human rights but others can speak to that directly. As for me, I

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know that the Portland police union president darryl turner is concerned that survivors of gun violence were not consulted about the disillusion about the gvr and other proposed cuts. I want to speak up on the record as a survivor of gun violence in Portland, a little over two years ago I was shot on northeast alberta street in the aftermath and it was local residents, medics, hospital staff and therapist who helped me, not the ppb. I had direct contact to the gvr who referred to themselves as gang unit so I feel I can confidently demand the unit be immediately dissolved. By the way the gangs i'm concerned about are the violent white supremacist gangs that the ppb is known communicate with and collaborate with regularly. So there you have it Daryll, you can't keep us safe, we keep us safe. I demand the city dissolve the gvr and other specialty units, eliminate those positions entirely and redirect funds allocated for gang policing towards anti-violence programs unaffiliated with law enforcement, reparations for black Portlanders targeted by gang policing and other investment in black people to be determined by community groups such as don't shoot Portland. I support an immediate and total freeze in hiring and budget increases as well as at least \$50 million reduction to the ppb budget in the fiscal year budget 20-21 to start. The mayor should resign. Thank you, commissioner hardesty for your hard work, that is all.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Hannah, appreciate you being here. Cyan, you're next.

**Cyan W:** Hi, I live in northeast Portland, I want to reiterate what everyone is saying to reallocated funds from the ppb to go to mental health and also to addiction detox recovery, everything to help people overcome their issues rather than use police force. I would love for the police to be ultimately disbanded. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Brittany, you're next. Can you unmute, Brittany?

**Brittany Andrus:** Okay did that work?

**Hardesty:** It did.

**Andrus:** All right. Thank you guys for your patience and endurance today. This is maybe scattered but I am a middle aged white woman, live in northeast Portland and lived here 25-years, my daughters are asian american, and 10 years ago when aaron campbell, more than 10-years ago when Aaron Campbell was killed, that was my first, I don't know, visceral reaction to police violence in Portland. So we met at the church, I took my girls, they were 10 and 11, their grown now and then we just, it seemed like we just watched and things kept going in the same vane. Later officer threshour was fired and then rehired so that speaks to the system itself. When you have a system where immediately following an officer-involved shooting, a lot of police are down in pioneer square standing shoulder to shoulder before even the facts are out, something is broken badly. So there's some sort of group thing, some sort of mindset, and I know this is weird but i've been reading the michael polen book, how to change your mind, and they talk about the default mode network that acts as the cerebral executive coordinating and organizing and competing signals from other systems and its the autobiographical brain he calls it, the side of your ego and you get in these emotional grooves and it is hard to get out of them and I think that's what we have here, the police department is almost like a brain in this groove, there is no way that you can keep that structure and just trim away the edges and cut a couple of teams. And, I also want to have a plea for clarity from officials in the city that a lot of people are reacting to that word, the word defund, and just, you know, I want to see is a ground up reimagination of how to ensure public safety and listen to the young people, listen to palf, listen to unite Oregon and just be clear that it's not that we're going to repeal all the laws, it is that this organic system that we have is brutal and failed and thanks for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, brittnay. Appreciate your testimony. Karla, you could give me the next three names, please. Thank you. Julia, you're up next. Welcome. I'm not seeing julia. Is west?

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**Wesley:** Hello.

**Hardesty:** Hi, west, welcome, you're on.

**Wesley:** Hello, my name is wesley and I am a professional glamorous drag queen in Portland. The police have been murdering black people and harassing minorities for years and the last couple of weeks has been a tiny representation of what happens in the shadows every day. Millennials and zoomers are at the forefront of the protest, we all have smart phones, we are all filming the Portland police department inciting riots, shooting rubber, pepper and blast bullets at peaceful protesters and targeting black and brown protesters to beat down with their night sticks. Police are not doing their job as protecting and serving but let's not act like that is what their original job was. If you are black, calling the police is dangerous. If you're brown, the police are dangerous. If you're indigenous, the police are dangerous. If you are islamic, the police are dangerous. If you're trans the police are dangerous, if you are visibly queer the police are dangerous, if you are deaf the police of dangerous, if you are blind the police are dangerous, if you have a mental illness like autism, the police are dangerous. You have all these communities that cannot call on police because there is a risk of harm or murder if they come and the fact that ted wheeler wants to raise the budget by \$246 million in the middle of a pandemic is insulting and disgusting. We are calling for the immediate abolition and disbandment of the Portland police department, as well as the step down of ted wheeler and the funds be allocated for departments and programs that benifit the public like education, health care and housing. My final advice to you is that you listen to the thousands of people protesting every single day, listen to the 700-plus people that signed on to this zoom call to talk to you. Be on the right side of history and get rid of the police because if you don't do it, we are going to do it for you. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, wes. Appreciate your testimony. Christine, you're next. If you could unmute yourself.

**Moore-Love:** I'm not seeing her. Laurel Swordlo.

**Hardesty:** Welcome.

**Laurel Swordlo:** My name is laurel swordlo, i've been a resident of north Portland for over four years. To honor black Portlanders killed by police including Quanice Hayes, Patrick Simmons, Keaton Otis, Kendra James, Terell Johnson, Andre Gladen, I'm asking to you immediately and substantially reduce the budget for the Portland police bureau, commit to never voting for police budget increases again and immediately reduce the ppb budget for \$50 million for fiscal year 20/21. I'm calling for the immediate reduction of the size of the police force and a reinvestment in black futures. We are in the midst of health, social and economic crisis that's having its most devastating impact on black, indigenous and brown communities, we must protect and expand community led health and safety strategies. We must keep folks housed and get housing for those in need. We must resource the basic needs of black and African immigrant and refugee community members. For survivors of domestic violence in moments of crisis, calling the police often feels like the least safe course of action. The brutality that Portlanders exercising they're first amendment rights have endured in the past weeks is of course knows as well. I urge you to do everything in your power to compel police to stop their violence against our communities now while we work to abolish police entirely. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, laurel. Karla who else do we have? We have six-minutes left. How many more people are on our list?

**Moore-Love:** Its going to be about 45 or so, that's a rough estimate, it is hard to count them on this list.

**Hardesty:** What I would like to do is to see if my colleagues have any closing remarks for today, and then let folks know what the next step of the process is so that we are all on the

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same page for tomorrow. Does commissioner eudaly or commissioner Fritz have any closing comments that they want to make today?

**Eudaly:** I'll just quickly thank everyone who watched today and especially those of you who gave testimony. This is a pretty amazing moment, and we have a lot of work to do in the next 18-hours. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** Commissioner eudaly. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, madam president. Thank you to everybody who participated. Thank you to Karla Moore-Love for keeping track of everything. President hardesty, you've done an amazing job of keeping everybody focused and keeping it moving. I appreciate everybody especially to those who deferred to others to be able to speak their truth. I look forward to the meeting tomorrow.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Thank you, colleagues. Thank you to all the community members who showed up and testified, I even appreciate the ones that use words that make me blush, but the reality is we are partners in this effort, we are trying to reimagine what our community looks like when it is safe and it is protected and everyone feels like that the police is here to protect and serve us all. I want to make one comment. It's fabulous to see so many white people stepping up to say black lives matters and we should defund the police, but I want to remind white people, we have the police department we have because of you. You were the ones demanding more police, you were the ones demanding that we have more officers on the street, you are the ones that call 911 because people, you're uncomfortable with what people look like. And, so, I want to center our conversation tomorrow, black people and brown people did not create the policing organizations that we have. White people did that. You own what we have, right? And, we're going to undo it together. But, please, don't blame us because I certainly, as a black person, never wanted more police and I know that our community have never demanded more police. So I hope when we come tomorrow, we will have two-hours set aside, we will try to get through as many of the people we were not able to hear from today and I also want to say that I hope you will keep an open mind because not only are we doing cuts, we are also planning on investments. So, for example, my proposals would reduce 122 positions within Portland police bureau, 55 of those are vacant right now, and the investments are in black youth development and the Portland street response and in making sure that houseless people have a participatory budget process to help them have the resources to help them be stable until we have housing that everyone can afford to live in. I thank you all. This is absolutely -- it's been just a beautiful thing to listen to all the passion and all the desires to do something different. I know that my colleagues and I are all committed to doing something different. So, have a great evening and we will see all of you tomorrow and we will continue this conversation. And let me just say the budget process is only the beginning. We have a lot of work to do that has absolutely nothing to do with the budget. We will continue this tomorrow. And, on that note, we're adjourned for this evening, thank you all.

**Jessica Kinard, Director, City Budget Office:** Commissioner, i'm sorry to jump in I just want to be sure because we did have one item that Karla read, the tax levy item, you have to make a motion to continue that, as well and maybe Robert Taylor can help us on that as well.

**Hardesty:** Robert, if you will give me instructions, I want to do it legally.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Would you ask if there is any objection from your fellow councilmembers to continuing that item until tomorrow.

**Hardesty:** Excellent. What was that item number again?

**Taylor:** It was item 453.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Colleagues, do you have any objections to us continuing 453 until tomorrow? I see commissioner eudaly shaking no. Commissioner Fritz, are you okay?

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**Fritz:** I have no objection, madam president, thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Thank you all.

**Taylor:** Commissioner hardesty, can I do a quick check in with Karla on item 454, the time certain, do you need to read that so we can formally move it.

**Moore-Love:** That would be a good idea, I have it rescheduled to date, is that what you asked commissioner Eudaly. I'll read it.

**Item 454.**

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Karla. We are pulling, or rescheduling this in light of our packed schedule and that's it.

**Hardesty:** On that note, are there any other outstanding issues? Seeing none, we are adjourned. Have a good evening. Thank you all.

**At 7:01 p.m., Council recessed.**

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**June 11, 2020 2:00 p.m.**

**Wheeler:** Session of the Portland city council, good afternoon everyone, Karla please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Here. **Eudaly:** **Fritz:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

**Hardesty:** Excuse me mayor commissioner Eudaly had to sign on in something else, she had computer problems.

**Wheeler:** We'll wait just a minute. Is she signing in right now?

**Hardesty:** Yes, she is.

**Wheeler:** I'll do the electronic requirement and rules of order and decorum. Under Portland city code and state law the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending by phone and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can provide written testimony by emailing the clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to immediate remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your continued patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this challenging situation to do the city's business. And I will now call on legal council to read the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Thank you, mayor. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The published agenda at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) contains information about how and when to sign up for testimony while city council is holding electronic meetings. You should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Finally, please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, robert. Appreciate it. I want to take a moment this afternoon to thank my colleagues for reading a statement on my behalf at the beginning of yesterday afternoon's council session. I appreciated it. My mother leslie passed away on tuesday evening. She went peacefully and she went without any pain. I felt very fortunate that I could be at her side along with other family members. I had the opportunity to tell her both how much I loved her and to thank her for everything she did for me over the years. In that respect I feel that I was very fortunate. Of course I was not therefore able to be present to hear testimony yesterday but I did spend this morning reviewing the record. I didn't get through all of it, but I got through most of it. I look forward to hearing more testimony today before we take our final vote on the budget. I have been briefed by my staff on the totality

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of the public testimony as well. We have one item that was carried over from yesterday that we need to take care of today. That is item 444. Karla could you please read item 444.

**Item 444.**

**Wheeler:** Was there any testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** I don't believe anybody signed up for this afternoon. We asked for testimony yesterday, though.

**Wheeler:** Very good. This is an emergency ordinance. Is this any further discussion? Hearing none please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Yes. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. With regard to another housekeeping item, there are three items that are being withdrawn from today's posted agenda. One is a time certain that I'll read for a later hour. Read item 455, please, first. We're jumping around, Karla.

**Item 455.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly, I understand you're withdrawing this or moving it to a later date. Did you have any other comments?

**Eudaly:** We're just pulling it to make some edits and we will bring them again on June 24.

**Wheeler:** Could you read 456? I believe it's the same.

**Item 456.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Same thing. We'll bring them back on June 24th.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Today then we are going to take the final steps and the necessary votes as part of the adoption of the fiscal year '20-'21 budget as prescribed by Oregon state law. This is a continuation of the hearing that was started yesterday on items 450, 451, 452, and 453. At this point I'll turn it over to budget director Jessica Kinard to walk us through today's agenda.

**Moore-Love:** Do we read those titles first?

**Wheeler:** To be all legal, 450, 451, 452 and 453, again, this is a continued hearing.

**Item 450.**

**Item 451.**

**Item 452.**

**Item 453.**

**Wheeler:** Director Kinard.

**Jessica Kinard, Director, City Budget Office:** Thank you, mayor. For the record Jessica Kinard, city budget director. We're here to adopt the budget for fiscal year '20-'21. There are a number of procedural steps we need to go through. As Karla read into the record we have four items as part of this process. Yesterday commissioner Hardesty as the president of the council introduced each of the four and heard public testimony. We'll review these again today as we move to vote on each. The first course of business to adopting the budget is holding a proposed use hearing on state shared revenue. The hearing was open and closed yesterday so we will move to the next item which is a resolution to certify the city meets the eligibility requirements for state shared revenue. State law requires that we provide a number of services to be eligible for this state shared revenue and this resolution certifies that we do so. Mayor, I turn it over to you to call for public testimony and the call for a vote.

**Wheeler:** Is there any public testimony on the resolution? Karla, any testimony on 450?

**Moore-Love:** I believe the bulk of the testimony signed up for 452. Keelen, correct me if I'm wrong on that.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Any further discussion on 450? Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. And 451 I would expect is much of the same. This is the consideration to accept the state shared revenue. Jessica, anything else on this?

**Kinard:** No, now that we have certified that we're eligible we just need to accept the revenue.

**Wheeler:** Any public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** We asked for testimony on this yesterday. No.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Director Kinard, the big show.

**Kinard:** The big show. The next is the adopted budget ordinance this. Is the item for which most signed up to testify. Yesterday I provided a high level overview of technical changes included in the budget as filed and we did hold some public testimony. Today the mayor will entertain motions from council to amend the budget then call for public testimony. Then at the conclusion of testimony the council will deliberate, discuss and vote on the proposed amendments and finally vote to adopt the budget as amended. Mayor, back to you.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, I believe in front of you you will have or in your inbox you will have a document that is a consolidation of all of the proposed amendments from various numbers of council. It looks like this. Does everybody have access to this document?

**Hardesty:** Not yet, mayor. I'm trying to get it sent to me now. I haven't seen it.

**Wheeler:** I'll be a little narrative heavy while we're getting this in our inboxes. The first amendments for consideration to 452 are my own. The first is a motion to move the hearings office function and budget from the city auditor's office to the chief administrator's office within the office of management and finance and allocate \$18,615 in general fund resources to the chief administrator's office support to support the administrative workload associated with the hearings office. To be clear on all of these we're just going to move them and second them. We won't vote until after we hear public testimony on these items. I am moving this. Can I get a second?

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty seconds Wheeler 1, Wheeler 2 is a motion to convert the Portland parks and recreation sustainable future position from limited term to permanent. Can I get a second?

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Next are commissioner Fritz's amendments. Her first is a motion to allocate -- i'll let commissioner Fritz make her own amendments.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Just for old time sake. The first is to allocate \$150,000 for a tribal liaison position in the office of government relations with resources from reducing the police bureau budget.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Fritz:** Second is a motion to at \$123,985 for the civil rights title 6 program in the office of equity and human rights with resources from reducing the police bureau budget.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Fritz:** So folks know both were requests in the submitted requested budget but were not previously funded because of lack of resources, but there's now new resources so we're adding them back in.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Commissioner eudaly, did you have any amendments?

**Eudaly:** I'm looking at this document and i'm confused because there's several amendments that you did not advance so i'm actually a little lost as to which ones i'm to advance.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. The ones on the sheet that I did not offer i'm deferring to other amendments that other of my colleagues are putting on the table. Just to be crystal clear there is an amendment that I had proposed regarding the transit police. I'm going to defer to a different amendment by commissioner hardesty I believe related to the transit police.

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There was another amendment which I was going to offer up to reduce the police bureau's budget and reallocate those funds to the community. I'm not making that amendment out of deference for a different amendment that does the same thing that has been offered I believe also by commissioner Hardesty, and there was a third -- sorry? Commissioner Hardesty, did you say something? I think she's going to a printer. The third item was an amendment with regard to the school resource officers. I'm not putting that one on the table because I like the language in a different amendment related to school resource officers so I support the amendments I will be supporting different amendments rather than the ones I had proposed that relate to the same items. That's why I did not mention home to. Does that answer your question?

**Eudaly:** Kind of. I'll read my amendments into the record. Amendment 1, reduce \$4,610,042 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate 50 vacant fte in the police bureau. Two, motion to amend attachment d to include a budget note to community to community process to inform future general fund allocation decisions around resources made available by these actions. Three, motion to amend attachment d, add a budget note regarding secondary employment in the police bureau as follows. Enforcement and reporting out of secondary unemployment in the police bureau council directs the following. Police bureau shall put a system in place to ensure officers working special duty work or secondary employment do not exceed 20 hours per week per the terms of the Portland police association labor agreement two the police bureau shall not allow compensatory time instead of pay for compensation for special duty work or secondary employment for the terms of the Portland association labor agreement. The police bureau shall put systems in place to ensure the above does not occur. In six months the bureau shall report back to council on the systems incorporated and effectiveness of such systems over the period of time between enactment and report to council. Four, motion to reduce \$2,291,728 in ongoing recreational cannabis tax resources in the police bureau for the traffic division and direct the bureau to support the traffic division within its general fund allocation. No second for that?

**Wheeler:** I'll second that. I didn't know if that was a motion. I would be happy to second number 4.

**Eudaly:** Five motion to amend attachment d to include a budget note directing the police bureau to maintain staffing levels within the traffic division.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner, I believe that's the right thing to do but I think we can work that out with the new police chief rather than making it a directive.

**Eudaly:** That division has already been decimated. It is grossly under-resourced and understaffed. I can't support taking that money away from it unless we're going to commit to preserving the staffing today.

**Hardesty:** I appreciate that, commissioner Eudaly. I will just say that with the resources the police bureau will have, they will have to make different decisions about where they invest resources. I am willing to work with you and the new police chief to make sure that we prioritize transit officers to make sure that we're keeping our streets safe. I have no doubt that the new police chief, Chief Lovell, has a commitment to that effort. He will be here later and you can ask him specifically about that.

**Wheeler:** We'll hear from the chief after the amendments and after testimony. He's asked for an opportunity to address the council and we'll certainly let him do that.

**Eudaly:** Six, I remain very confused because it was my understanding that I would be moving an item on the transit police then I heard it was under the mayor now the mayor has said it's coming from commissioner Hardesty, so I need clarity on that.

**Wheeler:** Yes. Commissioner Hardesty, why don't you start with your amendment 4, which is directly related to that item.

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**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Can we confirm that we have a second for each of commissioner eudaly's amendments?

**Wheeler:** I did not hear that. I have seconded her amendments number 4, which is the motion to reduce 2.291728 in ongoing recreational cannabis tax resources. I seconded that. Commissioner hardesty, can you read your amendment for it is related to commissioner Eudaly's question?

**Hardesty:** Yes, mayor. Motion to reduce by \$4,357,372 the intergovernmental resources and eliminate 24 fte associated with the transit police unit and the Portland police bureau.

**Wheeler:** Second. Do you want to start your list?

**Hardesty:** Yes, sir, I would be happy to do that. The first motion to reduce by \$5,373,451 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate 38 fte in the police bureau related to the gun violence reduction team and the metro gang task force.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to reduce by 1.9 million, 13 -- 1,913,226 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate 14 fte, vacant police officer positions in the Portland police bureau to fully eliminate the school resource officer program.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Hardesty:** To reduce by \$1,104,341 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate eight fte associated with the special emergency response team also known as sert in the Portland police bureau.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Next item, motion to reduce \$4,357,372 intergovernmental --

**Wheeler:** Commissioner, we already got this one.

**Hardesty:** I was on a roll.

**Wheeler:** You were. Have I overlooked any other amendments anyone wants to put on the table at this point? All right, I think that concludes putting amendments on the table. Now it's time for public testimony. Karla, how many people signed up? New people are not able to sign up today. We heard from many, many people yesterday and I believe there's 40 some odd left for today. Is that correct?

**Moore-Love:** We have I believe about 74, 75 people signed up right now. We had about 75 left over who were on the line that did not get to speak yesterday.

**Wheeler:** So let me ask a question of my colleagues who were here yesterday. My assumption is we want to get to the vote today. So I would propose that we limit testimony to two minutes each, that we ask people to keep their testimony as limited as possible so that we can get through as many people as possible, that we limit testimony to two hours before we have our deliberations and take the vote. Does that square with my colleagues?

**Hardesty:** Yes, mayor. I told people yesterday that we would only have two hours today, so you are consistent with the message I gave yesterday.

**Wheeler:** I'm glad we're on the same page. Thank you, commissioner.

**Fritz:** If I may join in, it was really impressive how president hardesty ran the meeting yesterday and how people were very mindful of not taking too much space and they stopped usually before time so we should be able to get through a lot of people.

**Wheeler:** Glad to hear it.

**Hardesty:** I would say one more thing, mayor. We asked people to prioritize bipoc community voices and so we know there's a lot of interest but we also know it's because black lives matter that people have shown up in such force and our emails and our phones and in person. That might be a good way to continue to center those voices so that we're hearing from the people most impacted first.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. That's a good admonition. With that, Karla, get into the list, please. Good afternoon, Rachel.

**Rachel Adler:** Can you hear me?

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**Wheeler:** Good to go.

**Adler:** Hello. My name is Rachel Adler, a white resident of northeast Portland Concordia neighborhood. I'm a member organizer and former chapter leader of the Portland chapter of Resource Generation. An organization of young, wealthy, class privileged people working equitably to distribute land, wealth and power. As the demands of my neighbors that we need at minimum \$50 million divestment from the Portland Police Bureau's '20-'21 fiscal year budget and investment into Black Futures. I demand that the PPB end its relationship to the federal 1033 program which supplies military weapons to police. I also demand that the city cannabis tax funds are divested from the PPB budget and invested into reparations for those harmed by the war on drugs. I demand police presence be eliminated in historically Black neighborhoods, communities of color and areas with high houseless populations. Council members and Mayor Wheeler we need to act boldly and bravely and reimagine how community safety can be achieved in Portland now. I demand that we divest from and dismantle the PPB now and reinvest in Black Futures and reparations now. I yield the remainder of my time to my BIPOC neighbors. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Rachel. Sorry, couldn't find the unmute. Thank you for your testimony. Next person.

**Moore-Love:** Kate Hall.

**Kate Hall:** Can you hear me? My name is Kate Hall and I'm living in downtown Portland, with the global COVID-19 pandemic and massive uprisings in the wake of George Floyd's murder we're seeing that things we never once thought were possible are possible. Minneapolis City Council has committed to disbanding the Minneapolis Police Department after decades of organizing by Black leaders. It's time for Portland to follow suit and fully disband the PPB, once and for all. As other people have mentioned the Minneapolis City Council President Lisa Bender said our efforts at incremental police reform have failed. Period. We know that police reforms and incrementalism do not work to increase public safety and eliminate violence. We should not be trying to just reduce the number of Black people murdered by the police. We need to eliminate those murders altogether. Every cop is part of a violent institution designed to cage, kill, and control Black people. They cannot be reformed with training and gadgets. The only way forward is defunding and disbanding. I'm with care not cops and we're demanding that City Council reduce the PPB budget by at least \$50 million this year and continue decreasing by at least 50 million each year going forward. We're demanding the elimination of vacant positions, implementation of a hiring freeze and reduction in the total number of officers. These funds should be folded back into the general and special appropriations fund. Funds allocated for gang policing should be invested in Black communities and we have determined by those most impacted in grass roots such as Don't Shoot Portland and Freedom to Thrive. We're demanding that the policing of protests stop immediately. The PPB relationship to the federal 1033 program which supplies militarized weapons, gear and vehicles to local police departments across the country must be ended. City Council must commit to never vote for PPB budget increases again. Now is the time. This cannot wait any longer. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Christopher Rosimo.

**Wheeler:** Christopher you're up?

**Christopher Rosimo:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Rosimo:** Good afternoon, council members. I speak as a person who has lived and worked in Portland 15 years and the numbers in the schools, the prisons with the mental health, community safety, community engagement, addiction counseling, juvenile crime investigation, juvenile family law investigation. I'm a fat, queer, nonbinary who is living on stolen Indigenous land and my voice is only heard now BIPOC citizens who recognize that

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this is our duty. I speak with compassion, patience and the fury of my ancestors on behalf of my children and you will listen. I'm here to speak for myself. [audio not understandable] should not ruffle more feathers than teargas canisters exploding in crowds of people. [audio not understandable] taking away our -- I hear the sounds of pain and anguish of my ancestors. Commissioner Fritz, your silence is deafening. [audio not understandable] commissioner eudaly while I appreciate your vocal solidarity the picture that you posted [audio not understandable] that is the extent of my compassion you will receive today. [audio not understandable] you say you share our concerns but none of the risk. You say you hear us but you harm us. You seem to be a complete stranger to shame. You also don't seem to get it. I will now yield my time to explain the gravity of the situation. Each council member should have been compelled by its own moral compass to do this work already. [audio not understandable]

**Wheeler:** Next individual, please. Welcome.

**Jessica Atwater:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear. Good to go.

**Atwater:** Hi, commissioners. I'm jessica atwater. I'm a resident of the montavilla neighborhood in Portland. So I think my testimony has to change from yesterday i'm encouraged by a lot of the amendments put forward today. I still don't think we're there. Mayor wheeler, you said this is our opportunity to reimagine every aspect of policing. Let's go big. Portland likes to be different. Let's have the courage to face the fear of uncertainty that comes we have enormous change like defunding traditional policing. Let's put our money where our mouths are and show our black community members that their lives matter. Commissioner hardesty, i'm grateful to you for leading athletes efforts for so many years. I want you to support the Portland african-american leadership foundation demands to decrease the total ppb budget by at least 50 million, implementing a hiring freeze -- stop policing the protests, ending ppb's relationship with the 1033 program which supplies militarized weapons to police and end of police responders to mental health calls and implement alternative responses and in that letter contingent on an action with the police. Thank you so much. I yield my time to my bipoc community members.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, jessica.

**Moore-Love:** Madeleine popay.

**Wheeler:** Hi, madeline. Madeline, are you unmuted?

**Hardesty:** She's unmuted now.

**Wheeler:** Can you speak? Let's see if we can hear you. She's on the phone. Try star 6 maybe. Let's come back to madeline. We're not hearing you, so hang in there and let's see if we can resolve the issue. We'll go to the next person for now.

**Moore-Love:** Mason madeira.

**Wheeler:** Hi, mason.

**Mason Mimi Yadira:** Hello? I'm Mason Mimi Yadira. I live here in Portland and i'm calling to demand that city council reduce the Portland police bureau budget by 50 million this year immediately and 50 million every year after. The demands we have set forward are not being met and this is not enough to say these reforms are going to do it for this year, it's obviously not. I remind you the pressure will stay on. Your seats can all be taken away if you don't listen to the people demanding this. Everyone has called pretty much has demanded 50 million immediately. If this cannot be met the city won't trust you and you're not representing us. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Next person, please.

**Moore-Love:** We tried madeline again.

**Wheeler:** Let's see if we can hear you. No. Still isn't working, madeline. I'm sorry. Maybe if you log out, log back in that will fix it. Sometimes that works for me. Let's move to the next person for right now.

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**Catalina Gaitan:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Gaitan:** I'm Catalina Gaitan, I'm a lifelong resident of northeast Portland Saban neighborhood. I'm in support of abolishing Portland's police force beginning with divesting \$50 million in the upcoming budget. Growing up in Portland I've seen first hand the disparities between how our public schools are resourced, I'm from the east side, but my siblings and I were bussed across the river to attend west side schools under the Spanish immersion program and white wealthy public schools like Lincoln received vastly more support and resources than east side schools like Jefferson and Benson. In high school when I volunteered at Lents elementary school so many of the students were hungry. Saban has gentrified over the last 25 years. I have watched our neighborhood elementary school get more support and resources from the city as more white people have moved into the neighborhood and replaced Black families. I bring this up today to say our tax dollars are not being allocated correctly. Nearly a quarter billion dollars we pour into the toxic and dysfunctional police bureau imagine how we could use that to address the housing crisis, how we could address racial inequities in our schools and end hunger in Portland, make public transit free and guarantee all Portlanders have access to health care and a living wage. As a community and we can and already have come up with better ways of keeping each other safe and healthy and it's time to recognize that policing, surveilling and incarcerating human beings is hurting, not helping. City council please defund and abolish the police, reallocate that money to supporting the people of Portland not the system that's hurting us. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Catalina.

**Moore-Love:** Let's go with Madeline. Her mike is open I see.

**Madeline Pape:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Pape:** Yayyy.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Pape:** Thank you. I'm Madeline Pape. I work as a music teacher in the Montavilla neighborhood. I have lived in northeast Portland most of my life and for my community I'm here to encourage complete divestment from following a commitment to fully disband the police department. The years of attempted reform within the police system have proven reform is not enough. If we are to have hope of a safe and beautiful future, we must abolish the police. I stand with the demands of the defunding by 50 million yearly and redirection towards community programs previously articulated and supporting the people of Portland, not the system that's hurting us. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Catalina. Karla, one moment, please.

**Moore-Love:** Let's go with Madeline. Her mike is open, I see.

**Wheeler:** Karla, can you hear me?

**Moore-Love:** That's like a recording going through. I can hear you. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Can we take a pause? I need you to read item 457.

**Moore-Love:** Yes.

**Item 457.**

**Wheeler:** This is an administrative action. This will just take a moment. Due to the urgent matters we need to consider today we're going to continue the residential infill project hearing item 457, which was scheduled for right now, 2:40 p.m. Today, to June 18 at 2:00 p.m. Again we're rescheduling residential infill to June 18 at 2:00 p.m. We had 43 people signed up to testify on rip today. Those individuals will receive information from staff about joining the continued hearing. We encourage other interested individuals including those who already testified to watch the continued hearing on channel 30 or the live stream. The written record, which was originally scheduled to close at 8:00 p.m. Tonight, will be left

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open until 8:00 p.m. On June 18th. Written testimony may continue to be submitted through the map app online or by sending a letter to the council clerk's office. Thank you. Now back to public testimony on the police budget.

**Moore-Love:** I'm not sure if Madeline had finished.

**Madeline Pape:** I was not done. Thank you. If I may I request to start from the beginning?

**Wheeler:** If you feel that's necessary. This is your time. Go for it.

**Pape:** Thank you. If we are to have hope of a safe and beautiful future we must abolish the police. I stand with the demands for the defunding by 50 million yearly and redirection of funds towards community programs previously articulated. Additionally I demand, one, immediately stop policing protests. The police standing in riot gear behind a fence is not solidarity but a clear stance that our government opposes the Black Lives Matter movement. There must be an immediate ban on all chemical agents, rubber bullets, flash grenades and other police weapons under all circumstances. Protesters are putting our lives on the line for this cause, by which I mean the police violence is threatening our very existence. Three, police attacks on media must be a fireable offense. There's video evidence of physical attacks against journalists and press. The media is there to protect our first amendment right and any attack is an attack to our humanity. As an educator I'm exhausted seeing the police allocated more and more funds every year and education being slashed left and right. The students I work with are amazing. Their future holds the potential for great leadership, compassion and creativity but their future can't exist if we continue to support this racist and capitalist department. The prison industrial complex still relies heavily on the slavery of Black and brown people. Black Lives Matter more than the United States economy and corporate greed. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Welcome, Seth.

**Seth Fox:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Good to go.

**Fox:** I support defunding the police, 50 million is not enough. I yield my time. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** That was short and to the point and unmistakable in your views. Thank you, Seth.

**Taylor Stevenson:** Hi. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes, we can.

**Stevenson:** This is my first time ever being involved in anything like this and I'm proud. I'm new to Portland. I moved here in September, I moved here for a better quality of life. I believe from seeing in other cities I have lived in L.A., New York, San Francisco, I was tired. I grew up 20 minutes from Oakland, California. I watched people be treated drastically different by the police and the systems we have in place. My whole life. I was done. I didn't want children in this world anymore and I'm the last person you would expect to not want a child. I can't believe this is happening but I'm so glad it is because I see the ultimate change in this world that has needed to happen for a very long time finally happening and I will not be a voice in this movement and I will not stop my voice to say 50 million to a police system that does not work. It doesn't work. I'm sorry. I was going to give away my time to the BIPOC community which I am just learning about and I am here with you, but I can't not speak. I can't not speak because I have mental health issues. I have family with mental health issues. I have seen the displacement in society. We need this money. Everybody does but the Black people right now and have always needed it to get them out of the situation that we are in. And our communities, our country needs it. The world is watching. Our country needs this money. Portland, Oregon, needs this money to go to the humanitarian response, to the issues that we have created in our society. I'm going to stop now because I will keep going but this money needs to not go to the police. It needs to go to programs that are there and being worked on that can help these problems and the Black community. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Taylor.

**Sean Abplanalp:** Thank you. I'm Sean Abplanalp and I live in the Lloyd district. Thank you for the commissioners for being here again today. While acknowledging the systemic racism woven into the government and police system I would like to jump forward to Mayor Wheeler's \$12 million olive branch to the BIPOC community is an underwhelming start. First off on \$7 million is coming from the police budget and \$5 million from somewhere yet to be determined. This is after Superintendent Guerera dismissed the \$4 million cut and then we have the gun violence reduction program and transit pretty much being cut totaling \$14 million. Add in the five you get out of some magic hat and that should be at least 19 million minimum. Mayor Wheeler, as am I, we're white, privileged and he in an article admitted his white privilege has blinded him to the need for action. I ask you, commissioners, to ask him how he arrived at an embarrassingly low number of 12 million. Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz what will you do to do better than that? Yesterday we heard from hundreds of people demanding the same thing. When your citizens have spoken with such a loud and united voice, how can you not listen? Now is the time for you to listen. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Sean, just for the record, it sounded like a bunch of maneuvering earlier when we were reading amendments. I effectively withdrew my budget amendment in favor of a different one.

**Abplanalp:** Thank you. I really appreciate that and I think it's good to look at that 12 million and decide why was that initial number but thank you for your motions.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate your testimony. Karla, next person, please.

**Wheeler:** Welcome. You're on. You're still muted.

**Maria Cahill for Jocelyn McAuley:** Hello, I'm Maria Cahill. Jocelyn yielded this time to me. I live in Portland. I speak on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Family Circle, a multi-racial group of families where we support families whose loved ones were murdered by police. Police hardly ever stop violent crimes, they don't solve many either, policing is inherently racist and ableist, by ableist I mean the Portland police assume people are mentally and physically able to follow their commands. When someone can't they are often abused or killed. Over 170 people of every race have been killed by police in Portland since 1992. That's about six people a year. According to Dan Handelmann of Portland Cop Watch that average has somehow gone up in recent years. In 100% of those murders by police officers were either not punished or didn't stay punished. The reason that officers think they can kill people with impunity and immunity is because until two weeks ago they could. When someone is murdered by police in Portland you, city councilors, must take responsibility for funding the police. Just in the last two weeks two more people were killed by police in Portland. Knowing what you know today about policing, are you willing to take responsibility for funding the government sponsored murder of at least four more people before the year is over? We're encouraged by the call of Palf and Unite Oregon to cut the police budget by 50 million. We support reallocation of this money to community-led efforts but we're not satisfied with 50 million cut to the police budget and neither is Donna Hayes, grandmother of lost loved one Quanice Hayes. She says we can't stop this uprising until the federal laws change, we need upward pressure from local governments. Federal laws grant police officers their qualified immunity at the local level. You must use your political connections and power to protect us. Defund the Portland Police Bureau and then keep going.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. Next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Edith Gillis.

**Edith Gillis:** Are you able to hear me?

**Wheeler:** Good to go.

**Gillis:** I wholeheartedly agree with Palf if you're not going to have the complete abolition which I prefer I also want to have it outlined that anyone of any agency or any nation,

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public or private individual or a group outlaw the use in city limits of teargas cs and of the elrod, the electromagnetic pulse weapons. The microwave weapons, and the rubber bullets. I want you to outlaw the use of riot cops, riot police for crowd control or for interference with freedom of speech, freedom assembly. I want us to also have a law that anyone using any items of riot gear must within city limits must have that riot gear every item showing clearly from designated places in white reflective tape. The last name and/or the i.d. So on the top of the helmet, one everyone, the i.d., the visor, one inch, the i.d. For the shield three inch last name; chest and back three inch last name. Two inches last name shoulders, outer arm. One inch i.d. Number back of the hand. I.d. Number and last name one inch front of the knee, back of the knee. I.d., one inch outside the boot or the gator. On the ends of any muscles longer than three inches versus the i.d. Number in white reflective so we can know who is using it. This would be hook and loop like velcro, soft on the outside, hook facing toward the object or the clothing so people can know who did that and they are held responsible. I want to make sure each person who is --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Gillis:** Who is going to be insured privately for liability insurance.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, edith. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Emma swanson.

**Wheeler:** Hi, emma.

**Anna swanson:** Hi. I'm a white, queer trans person who produces drag shows in Portland. I was looking forward to speaking yesterday and saying you're welcome on behalf of the lgbtq community to Chloe Eudaly and the whole city council for apparently improving everyone's quality of life in Portland. If you have the audacity to make a pride proclamation and claim you understand the history of stone wall deeply abolitionist history born of the leadership and rage of black, trans, houseless and sex workers you must be prepared to improve the quality of life of our most marginalized community members by fully disbanding and defunding the Portland police bureaus. As a white queer drag performer I can't let myself celebrate pride if I'm not making it a riot to abolish the violence of policing and deep solidarity with my black neighbors. You do not get to use the word pride if you're not prepared to fulfill the legacy of pride's origins and abolish policing in Portland. I would like to congratulate care not cops, don't shoot Portland, Teresa rayford and her tireless work on the gang enforcement team riots, student organizers vanessa rose and many other activist and organizers that are on the street in so many way for finally getting out to eliminate the gun violence reduction team, school resource officers and transit cops. That is people power and you're rightly forced to move with it, but the amendments are not enough, care not cops is demanding that you go further. In solidarity with care not cops i'm demanding within the 2020-21 fiscal year budget cycle you reduce the Portland police bureau budget by at least 50 million and each year going forward continue to reducing the ppb budget by at least 50 million. You could also do more right now if you want to, with the leadership of black visions collected and reclaim the black minneapolis city council has shown it's possible to begin disbanding the police bureau. In Portland care not cops have made it clear how you can do this with our demands. The only way to stop police violence is to defund and disband the police, so fucking do it. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Just a reminder we have an fcc license. We want to keep broadcasting. Next person, please, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** The next three.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, Francie.

**Francie Nevill:** Hi my name is Francie Nevill and I live in the foster powell neighborhood. I'm a former civil rights attorney and when I practice law I represented labor unions and people killed or injured by police, jail or prison staff. I cannot count the number of Portland

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police bureau abuses I saw in my work. I support demands of unite Oregon and palf to dismantle the ppb thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Coua Xiong.

**Coua Xiong:** Good afternoon. Hope you can hear me.

**Wheeler:** We can. Welcome.

**Xiong:** Great. Hello, mayor wheeler, commissioner hardesty, commissioner Fritz and commissioner eudaly. I'm Coua Xiong and I am here on behalf of asian pacific american network of Oregon to express strong support for the demands led by Portland African American leadership fund and unite Oregon to immediately defund the Portland police bureau by 50 million with targeted cuts to reduce harms to our communities especially black Portlanders. The Portland police bureau has failed to fulfill their stated purpose of creating community safety and has endangered Portlanders creating widespread distrust. Like many people have said yesterday and today reforms have not worked and it's time to commit to black lives by shifting public resources into safety that value these lives. Along with these partners we ask that you defund special units with particularly harmful impacts including transit police and gun violence reduction team both of which overcriminalize black Portlanders and also defund the special emergency reaction team. We also ask that you divest Portland's cannabis tax funds from the police budget and invest these funds into the community harmed by the war on drugs. All funds divested from the Portland police bureau must be invested into black indigenous, communities of colors and houseless communities. It's time to reimagine our approach and invest in the futures and well-being of black Portlanders. This will require creating economic, social and health wellness with a community centered health and safety model that is developed in partnership with impact communities. Changes that will benefit all Portlanders. I urge especially commissioner Fritz, who has been silent, and mayor wheeler to support amendments to the budget brought forth by commissioner hardesty's office and supported by commissioner eudaly to adopt the proposals of palf and unite including a cut of 50 million from the Portland police budget. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I always vote for the amendments I second. Next person, please, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Katie sombat.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Katie Sombat:** Thank you. I'm katie sombat. I live in the king neighborhood of northeast Portland. I stand with palf, unite Oregon, don't shoot Portland and cares not cops in their demands for defunding police. I want to see the money divested from ppb towards resources such as housing, food security, income support, transit, education, child care and dignified health services especially Portlands bipoc community. I like to see the cannabis tax funds divested from ppb budget and invested in social services as well as underserved bipoc communities. Defunding the police will not end racist policing but it's a step towards removing some of the power and presence they wield against members of our black community. What we get in return by investing in social services is proper care for community members most in need. Those who are unhoused or in poverty, those struggling with addiction or mental health and trauma, better schools and safer streets. Issues facing overwhelmingly by communities of color do in no small part to racist policing. As elected officials you're supposed have our interests in mind when making decisions that will affect our community, state and nation. You received hundreds of testimony and we're shouting for change. Do not tread water anymore, but whether make a big splash. I want to echo a previous community member yesterday, we claim to be a progressive sanctuary city, let's do just that, listen to us make those changes. I appreciate your time.

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**Wheeler:** I appreciate your testimony. Somebody is having more fun than I am: [laughter] all right, oak, you're up.

**Oak Alger:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Loud and clear.

**Alger:** Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony today. I'm going to keep it short. What I have to say has been said by many others. The last two weeks have laid bare a fact known to many for a very long time. Portland police bureau is not serving the people and it's certainly not worthy of a \$240 million investment. Now is the time for Portland to continue being progressive city that it claims to be and for you city council to be brave and to take what you've heard in this testimony to heart. Take 50 million away from the police bureau if not more. Thank you. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, oak.

**Moore-Love:** Katherine agnew.

**Katherine Agnew:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Welcome.

**Agnew:** I'm katherine agnew, a resident of southeast Portland. Others today and yesterday have already spoken up much more effectively than I can about the importance of abolishing the police bureau and I join them in demanding a reduction of the ppbs budget of 50 million minimally. Specifically I want to today urge the council to make serious cuts to the police and their budget amendments today not delay for further study or public attention to die down. Right now is a time when an unprecedented number are finally paying attention to the role of police. If you want to see public attention to that, to see citizens engaged in finding alternatives now is the time to launch this experiment. We already know police are ineffective at the best and mostly violent and cruel. There's no point continuing to fund a bureau that hurts Portland people. Why delay on making a real change at the minimum cutting the budget by 50 million. I want to extend my sympathies to mayor wheeler on the loss of his mother. As a citizen I demand he resign after a pathetic response to the protest in Portland between the morally spineless and bloody crackdown if you can't handle authoring a real response to outcry and participation from Portlanders begging you to defund the police you have no right to claim to represent us. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thanks for your perspective. Next, please.

**Moore-Love:** Emily Kaul.

**Wheeler:** She's here. Hi, emily. You can unmute. You're still muted, emily. In the lower left corner of your screen if you're on a computer. If you're on the phone it might require you to push star 6. On the keypad. Let's go to the next person while emily works that out. Hang on, emily. Try a couple of things and we'll come back to you.

**Moore-Love:** Nicole robinson.

**Wheeler:** Are you on board, nicole?

**Nicole Robinson:** We're here. I'm nicole robinson. [speaking simultaneously] i'm here with lamar, right? [audio not understandable]

**Lamar Wright:** My name is lamar wright.

**Robinson:** I want to thank the commissioners and the mayor for the pledges that they have made to remove officers to take the cannabis tax from police, to get rid of the gang enforcement unit and the transit police. This is not enough. I don't think 50 million is enough. The things you are pushing should have happened years ago. The new chief lovell has been part of a lot of community based policing programs. I don't think any of these programs have a place in law enforcement. I support programs like cahoots and the mobile social services, not law enforcement responding to mental health calls. The behavioral health unit did make a difference. If you don't know to ask for the behavioral health unit you could just get any cop. I'm working as a care-giver, which is great. I support

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a lot of activists but I want to work in mental health and I don't support institutional [audio not understandable] so I am really limited in what jobs I can do. I would love to be a first responder for mental health crises and, yeah, even if I got my master's degree I couldn't hope to make as much as a cop does in Portland does at entry level position. Defund the police. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** The next person is emily Kaul.

**Wheeler:** Hi, emily. Can we unmute you now? Still not unmuting, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Let's go chelsea --

**Wheeler:** Emily, are you there?

**Emily Kaul:** This is emily.

**Wheeler:** We hear you.

**Kaul:** Sorry about that.

**Wheeler:** No worries.

**Kaul:** My name is Emily Kaul I have been a Portland resident for 25 years. I grew up in the city and have a deep love for the creativity and passion of its residents. With these things also comes heavy acknowledgment that our city has a long, painful history of systemic racism and discrimination within the community. We cannot be in denial about this any longer. It's time for our city to reaffirm its commitment to racial justice in the black community with the commitment from city council to immediately divest a minimum of 50 million this year and \$50 million each year from the Portland police bureau budget until it's completely disbanded. Ppb is an organization that has disproportionately harmed the black community. With that 50 million we could start paying reparations to all black Portlanders, especially those targeted by gang policing, police violence and the war on drugs. Portland could invest those funds into other social services like free health care, stable housing and food security for the black and brown community to be determined by local groups like don't shoot Portland. I'm also calling for an immediate end of the use of police responders to mental health and wellness checks and to instead implement alternative responders highly trained not led by or contingent on interactions with the police such as Portland street response. Additionally, I believe it is imperative that we divest Portland cannabis tax funds from the Portland police bureau budget and channel those funds into reparations for the black community which is unfairly targeted for activities now being legal during the pandemic. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, emily. Sorry about the technical difficulties getting you on. Next individual, please. Welcome, chelsea.

**Chelsea Riedy:** Can you hear me? Hello?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can.

**Riedy:** Excellent. I am Chelsea Riedy, a white, queer, cys woman. I live downtown close to the heart of the protest to hear the helicopters and flash bang every night being deployed by the ppb for the past two weeks. The city and state are built on racial injustice against bipoc and police in the country are an ugly legacy about injustice. There's no reforming a system that was built on injustice like that so I support local black leaders and their call to defund the police bureau and I support commissioner eudaly's plan to begin by removing 50 million from their budget. The money we give to the city with our taxes is meant to improve our communities. What the police are doing doesn't make any of us feel safer. Quite the opposite. That is it. I yield the rest of my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate your perspective.

**Moore-Love:** Cay horiucci.

**Cay Horiuchi:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

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**Horiuchi:** I'm Cay, them/they pronouns. I'm a trans person of color representing a queer trans bipoc artist collective. I work in chinatown where I often witness police brutality toward black, queer and houseless people. On behalf of the community I demand a complete defunding of the Portland police bureau. I demand you to reinvest in black, houseless and disability communities not based on violence. Police misconduct reports in u.s. Over 22,000 cases of excessive force, over 3,000 cases of rape, child molestation and sexual misconduct specifically toward women of color. Only 10% get investigated. No accountability there. In the past two weeks you have allowed the ppb to use a war crime chemical weapon on our own people during deadly respiratory pandemic. Shame on you. What is a nation that does not serve the most vulnerable? What is a state that murders its own people? What is a city without empathy to its own community? What is a leader that allows state terrorism in collaboration with white supremacists? If you want our empathy toward your loss and yet you can't feel the pain and trauma of the victims of police brutality then suck my dick and choke on it too. You are a war criminal and you don't deserve to be part of our community. All cops are bastards. Quit your jobs. I yield my time.

**Moore-Love:** Next is joanna brenner.

**Johanna Brenner:** Thank you. My name is johanna brenner, i'm professor emeritus of sociology at Portland state university and a member of the Portland police reform network. I want to thank commissioner hardesty and eudaly for your proposals although they are not far reaching enough, and I support all the arguments that have been made from palf an unite Oregon that a \$50 million cut is necessary and possible. In addition to cutting the specific units that have been proposed today, it is possible to extract significant resources from the police to be redirected to community needs by cutting the number of people employed by the bureau. I understand that there are concerns that such a cut will lead to layoffs among law enforcement. The budget can be significantly cut without layoffs because the total number of officers can be reduced by not filling the 107 existing vacancies and not replacing officers slated to retire this summer and in january 2020. 2021. The number of retirements is expected to be quite large. Since the police often justify their budget by stoking fear of crime. I want to point out that these cuts in staffing are reasonable in light of the long term decline in violent and other crime in the Portland metro area, not to mention that community investment is the best way to reduce crime. In closing, I submitted a longer testimony via email but just in closing I want to mention and talk to you, commissioner Fritz. Are you concerned about the issues that people have raised yesterday and today? You are the leader who created the office of equity and inclusion. Now you have an opportunity to extend that legacy by reimagining public safety, removing resources from the police and putting them into our communities. I want to thank all the commissioners for listening to the testimony from the community for so many hours yesterday and today. I wish that you had been able to act on what we have suggested. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Welcome. You're muted. There you go.

**Simona Bearcub:** Hell, my name is Simona Bearcub i'm a sitting member of missing and indigenous women usa. I'm here to give testimony to my experience with the conduct of Portland police bureau during my domestic violence situation. In april my two adult children came to visit and I made five to six calls for assistance in one month period. My initial calls for assistance were because my friends were smoking marijuana and creating unsafe environment for my 15-year-old daughter. The officers' response was they couldn't do anything. Each time the officers arrived, it caused more harm. I was being held hostage in my own home and in the last three calls I was literally begging for my life. [audio not understandable]

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry, your voice is no longer -- we can no longer hear you.

**Wheeler:** Simone, are you muted?

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**Bearcub:** Can you not hear me?

**Wheeler:** You cut out for some reason. We heard you up to the point where you said your life was threatened then you cut out.

**Bearcub:** Okay. Well, I was begging for my life and then may 18 my 18-year-old attempted suicide. An ambulance and officer were dispatched and he was patted down before entering the ambulance. He was able to check himself out of the hospital hours later. May 28th my son launched a picture at my head. I again called for assistance. The glass was still present when the officers arrived but they left me to fight for my life once again. That night I slept with a dresser barricaded against my door and mace under my pillow. On the 29th my 18-year-old busted through my door which led to a struggle over the mace. Once again the police refused to assist me and the indigenous community stepped in. I find they stepped in and gave my sons a hotel room. June 3 I found out they were in my home. They had broken in. This time my son choked me and again the officers left and the indigenous community stepped in. I find it extremely hypocritical that these events took place on the heels of the city signing the missing women and murdered indigenous proclamation. For people who are not familiar the proclamation states the lasting effects of colonization and history of oppressive policy directly correlates with the rise of violence against indigenous women and girls. The disappearance and murders is directly connected to domestic and other forms of violence sexual assault, trafficking and history of intergenerational and historical trauma. These acts of violence, neglect of government law enforcement is a continued form of genocide and is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty. On may 6 this proclamation was signed. In light of what I shared with you this proclamation is looking like nothing more than theatrics. I ask you to put your money where your signature is, mr. Wheeler. What I need this situation was a deescalation team, trauma informed officers, someone with knowledge of historical and intergenerational trauma, someone with cultural sensitivity training, not sending an officer who had been on duty all night. Instead I received victim shaming, dismissal of my fears, complaints from the police that they were exhausted and their lack of sleep was more important than my safety. And dismissal at my request for domestic violence advocate to be present. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Simona, this is commissioner hardesty. Do you have the name of the officers who showed up at your house?

**Bearcub:** I got every card.

**Hardesty:** If you would be kind enough to share that information with my office we would love to follow up with you.

**Bearcub:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Let me say i'm sorry that you called for help and you did not get the help you needed at that time. It's outrageous, the story that you're telling, and i'm happy to follow up with you to find out what we can do to hold those officers accountable for not protecting and serving when you needed it most. Thank you.

**Bearcub:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is virginia ulrich.

**Virginia Ulrich:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** You're good to go.

**Ulrich:** I'm virginia ulrich. This is primarily for you, mr. Wheeler, because I keep hearing you default to white fragility and defenselessness. The way you paused the last press conference to say what you did we know this is a hard problem but saying it would have been done already if it was easy makes people who are hurting feel dismissed. It's gaslighting. I will never forget the day I learned the lesson that I was part of the problem if I stood by in silence. The police officer started harassing someone walking in front of our house, harassing turned to beating. I watched my dad intervene and had never seen my dad that angry. In the aftermath my parents made it very clear that what I witnessed was

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wrong. I was five or six. I understood it was wrong. My parents also made it very clear that to witness such wrong and do nothing is more wrong. I was a child and I understood. And yet there was a time when I also played into the idea that somehow having police was better than not. I now get to sit and continue to sit with my own stupidity. But the key is to stop clinging to a system that clearly isn't working. Stop hiding behind hollow gestures that will not solve for the underlying root cause. Check your privilege. Stop caving to the fallacy that leads to wanting to preserve something so broken and accept that reforms are not good enough. Stop telling the community you are trying to keep them safe when members of the community have made it very clear they do not feel safe. Its time to defund and disband the ppb and start over, immediately reduce the budget by at least \$50 million, reallocate those funds to more meaningful investment into the community. You already know the demands from don't shoot pdx, care not cops and others, stop making excuses and do the right thing, not just in your vote, but how you carry yourself in what you say and what you do from this morning forward, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you virgina.

**Michael Sproles:** Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can.

**Sproles:** I'm Michael Sproles with the movement for labor party of Oregon, the Portland chapter and today we have eight demands. One, an immediate end to police brutality and oppression. Two, demilitarization of the Portland police bureau. Three prosecution officer Sean McKenzie, James Dewy, Andrew Hurst, Jeffrey Livingston, James Dufrane, Ryan Foot, Cully Burn, Andrew Polus, Chris Burley, Ronal Freshour, Rick Bean, Kenneth Reynolds, Scott McColluster, Kai Ho, Daryl Shaw, Mark Freidman, Jeffery Bell and Samsó Agire for the murders of Jason Washington, Quanice Hayes, Patrick Kimmons, Keaton Otis, Aaron Campbell, Kendra James, Vernon Allen, Jose Santos, Mejia poot and Terrell Johnson. Four investigation and prosecution of all police officers as well as private security companies, pacific patrol services involved in the people civil and human rights during demonstrations against police brutality. Five amnesty and freedom for all those arrested at demonstrations against police brutality. Six complete exit of the police bureau from the joint terrorist and task force by ending all collaboration between the Portland police bureau and federal so called counter terrorist operations. Seven, demand the closure of the Oregon titan fusion center with a public release of all names of the liaison officers in Oregon and the destruction of all information obtained through surveillance and infiltration operations. Eight reject attempts to use the popular demands of defunding the police as a pretext for replacing police functions with private security corporation as and/or the national guard. The nlpo calls on the broad masses of the people to fight for their democratic and civil rights for the end of abuse and repression by police and see to it that these demands are achieved by any means necessary. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, michael. Next individual, please, Karla.

**Kim Menig:** I'm Kim Menig and I live in northeast Portland resident. To echo the powerful and very consistent testimony yesterday and today we are counting on city council for a more drastic and immediate defunding of the Portland police than the council proposals offered so far. I support the full set of demands put forth by unite Oregon and palf that includes reducing ppbs budget by at least 50 million for fiscal year '20-'21. Thank you. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, kim.

**Moore-Love:** Caleb bergthold.

**Caleb Bergthold:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Bergthold:** I e-mailed my testimony so i'll keep this short. I'm a white cyc male a combat vet with multiple deployments. With all my privilege i'm afraid of the Portland police. I have

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seen far more violence in the last two weeks than I have in six months in a combat zone. I fully support unite Oregon, care not cops, don't shoot pdx and all Portlanders calling for the reduction of the police budget by at least 50 million and all the demands of the citizens of Portland. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Lana Finley.

**Wheeler:** Hi, Lana.

**Lana Finley:** Thanks for having me. I own a condo downtown. I serve on two boards in Portland. I'm active on the equity and inclusion committees for Portland center stage and for the Portland art museum I serve as the only board member on the art museum staff equity and inclusion team. I want to take a minute to state clearly for the record that I support the demands of palf and unite Oregon. I agree we should begin the process of divesting and disbanding the Portland police bureau, reducing that budget by about 50 million a year until a new nonfear and punishment based public safety alternative has been instituted. I did send in my testimony so i'll cut to the chase and say my understanding is that I just received an email moments ago that says if you all decide to vote to approve the current budget as it is today that the community is prepared to push back and that we will continue to push until full disbandment of the police because the proposed amendments are not enough. I yield my time now to the bipoc community.

**Wheeler:** Thanks for your perspective. Welcome, christopher.

**Christopher Howell:** Thank you. All right, I would like to start by calling for a little bit more leadership from the council. This is not my first city council meeting. Mayor wheeler, I think you caused a very interesting thing by not being here yesterday. People couldn't yell at you. They uniformly lined up to call for defunding of the police. I have heard no one on the side of the police, literally nobody. I would like to say cutting the police budget by 5% when the rest of the city budget has been cut by 5.6% does not show initiative. The 50 million being asked for is a great start but things are in negotiation. Commissioner eudaly's response to the idea, the only emotional response I have seen from you or certainly the most emotional response was to the idea of lowering the number of traffic police, which, fine, if you want to support that find cuts elsewhere. I want to see a \$100 million proposition so that we can have a negotiation that leads to something that people might accept. I recognize this is hard as you said, ted wheeler, so perhaps the right answer is to pass a continuing budget month by month, week by week, whatever you got to do, get the lawyers, don't kick this ball down the road for another year. Commissioner Fritz and mayor wheeler, I think these are both your last months in office. You could get statues built to you in this city by committing to defunding the police but I don't think that's how it's going to go. Commissioner eudaly, i'm very disappointed to see your reaction to the idea of cutting traffic police who are absolutely responsible for racism in their policing. Many, many things that have gone wrong have begun with a traffic stop but you don't come with a proposal to cut money from anywhere else. Finally actually addressing that moment I would like to say, commissioner hardesty, I appreciate your response to commissioner eudaly pointing out the police have to find places to cut like every other place. Schools, my kids' schools talking about cuts. Every year they talk about cuts. It's time to cut from the police. The entire community has told you today and yesterday uniformly what is wanted. So let's get some real leadership. Let's have some negotiation. Let's also end the police union and commissioner hardesty I would like to thank you for your leadership for example pointing out the embarrassment clause.

**Moore-Love:** Your time is up.

**Howell:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, christopher.

**Moore-Love:** Next is brian king.

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**Wheeler:** Hi Brian.

**Brian King:** Good afternoon. I'm Brian King. I am a Portland resident and a member of the Portland DSA, Democratic Socialists of America. I am testifying for myself today. Defund and disband the Portland Police Bureau. It is an unreformable occupying paramilitary that is a threat to life and to democracy. I lived in Bangkok when it turned from a constitutional monarchy to a military dictatorship. I saw many peaceful protests for democratic rights. In May 2010 the military deployed snipers to roof tops around the demonstrators, declared them to be terrorists, massacred them and established their junta. I found it in August 2018 Portland Police hid for a month that they allowed a right wing militia to have long guns on a parking garage overlooking anti fascists protest. President Trump threatens to declare many in the George Floyd demonstrations to be terrorists. He has deployed federal police and the National Guard around the country to police protest. If Trump's orders result in fire on demonstrators he calls terrorists of course he will be supported by the Portland Police, whose union leadership calls Portland a cesspool. Commissioners, do you respect Portland? It is unacceptable that people who view Portland as filth to be cleansed are paid by the city to carry guns. And we should accept, not accept the threat of a paramilitary in the city. Vote to disband Portland Police Bureau while you still have a vote to cast. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it, Brian.

**Matt Cardoza:** Hello. My name is Matt Cardoza, I want to be as brief as possible I am adding my voice to the mass of people calling for you to work with community organizers in the unequivocal defunding of the police. I agree with all those saying we have a historical responsibility to stop at nothing short of the total abolition of policing and incarceration in all forms. I support calls to cut \$50 million from the police budget. But I want more. We need a commitment to disbanding the PPB outright and concrete steps working towards that end. I have to say that I am extremely disappointed that not a single city leader had made any kind of commitment to dismantling the police, something your constituents are crying out for. Additionally, I echo demands for the immediate firing of all police officers who have brutalized journalists covering recent protest, also Mayor Wheeler, I am sorry for your loss and I offer you my condolences, however I have to insist that you have proven yourself not to be the person we need to lead us forward. I think extending to the police 40 hours of paid time off to grieve the police murders of black people is exactly the kind of decision-making that has shown us we can't depend on you. Please endorse Teresa Raiford as a write-in candidate for mayor and step aside. Listen to the people you claim to represent. We do not need empty platitudes and liberal reforms. We need abolition now. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. Appreciate it. Welcome.

**Caroline Rose Moore:** Hi there.

**Wheeler:** You're good.

**Moore:** Hi there. My name is Caroline Rose Moore. I was raised, still live in Southeast Portland. I work for the Portland Public School System and I agree with their decision to end regular police presence in public schools. In my work and student experience at PPS I can tell you the PPB is not a positive include. My work in the special education system helps to, aims to help students who are targeted by the PPS reform system and the police involved in it. The fear, trauma, and humiliation experienced by Portland students at the hand of the Portland Police Bureau and school resource officers has been apparent for too long. In 2006, our new police chief, Charles Lovell, was involved in a civil rights lawsuit while serving as a school resource officer. A position in which he described having positive relationships with students. He put a 15-year-old girl in a choke hold. This behavior does not foster positive relationships with students. Sorry, Ted. You must have missed that detail when you were scrambling to find a POC scapegoat for your fascist agenda. In 2017 the PPB shot and

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killed quance hayes who was only 17 years old. Officer hurst was not charged with his murder and ted wheeler did not withdraw that decision. We have not forgotten this, this is not justice, these are not the presence we want in our public schools or our community. I demand the budget for the Portland police bureau is completely eliminated within this year. I echo the demands made yesterday and today to defund specific departments and for you to call for your resignation. I demand for these funds to be reallocated to learning programs for black and brown youth as well as head start and early intervention programs that help the community. The fear, trauma, and humiliation experienced by too many at the hands of the Portland police bureau should be enough for these demands to be met. Instead of investing in a police state, invest in teachers, counselors, food banks, public housing, early intervention programs. When you invest in the community there is nowhere to go but up. Begin defunding the Portland police department for now. When you become defensive toward the press asking the same questions you have heard before, please ask yourself, why you are hearing them again? Perhaps your first answer was not sufficient. We want not be silenced. You are a war criminal and we will continue to demand your resignation. Fuck the police and fuck you, ted wheeler.

**Kayla Stolte:** Hi. My name is Kayla Stolte. I am hoping to add the voice of some of the black and brown students that I teach to this council meeting. I live in northeast Portland and as a high school teacher in Portland public schools, I am calling for complete disinvestment from and disbanding of the Portland police bureau. Over the last few weeks as the school year wrapped up I should have been celebrating my students and all they have accomplished this school year. I should have been at prom and graduation, track meets and assemblies, sharing their unhindered joy. Instead I was in my apartment speaking into the void of distance learning. And at the start of my precious hour, on the one I get with students now, instead of our usual three-plus per week, I did a check-in. Last week, I asked, linked them to a feelings wheel that listed a bunch of different emotions and I gave them some time to look it over. I had them choose one or two words to describe what you've been experiencing this week. And one by one they unmuted their mics. Revolved. Anxious. Inferior. Disgusted. Panic. Scared. Worried. Isolated. Helpless. And hopeless. They weren't talking about the pandemic. They weren't talking about protests. No, they were talking about the police. The only way to stop the violence of the police in the city is to defund and disband the Portland police bureau. As commissioner Fritz and mayor wheeler, please commit to severing all ties to the schools. Commit to eliminating police presence in our historically black neighborhoods, commit never vote for a police budget increase again. Please commit to protecting our youth with the community care they deserve use the police budget to invest in housing, food security, education, and child care. We know the safest communities are the ones with the most resources so please invest in ours. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it, kayla.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. If I may?

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I am really going to ask our community to please not use words that will make us lose our ability to communicate with the public. We are not trying to tone police anyone but when you use words that the fcc has declared that we will have to pay either a significant fine or we will lose the ability to communicate via this kind of forum. Please. I know you're mad. I know tensions are high. But if we could just please refrain from using language that you would not use in front of your grandmother or your grandchild. I would be greatly appreciate active. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Karla, next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Paul.

**Paul Ahrns:** Hello.

**Wheeler:** Hi, paul.

**Ahrns:** My name is Paul Ahrns. I am a white male living in northeast Portland. I stand with my fellow community members, bipoc leaders, all over the city, calling for the defunding of police so we can reinvest this money into our community in true community services. I will defer to their demands since they know where the money should go and how it should be spent. I appreciate commissioner hardesty for noting that it is white voices who have called for more policing in the past and my lack of opposition to that is inexcusable. A racist policing is reprehensible now just as it was then. Incremental reforms are not enough. Now is the time for transformational change. Commissioners, I beg you not to disappoint your constituents and disillusion them by approving the budget as proposed and amended is not enough. We need to do more. Defunding the police is just the start and I ask the commissioners to also address the systemic racism across all city bureaus and all policies. I was trying to yield the rest of my time to the bipoc community but I feel it is a joke because you then cut off bipoc voices after their two minutes are up. They should have the chance to finish their testimony and continue to tell their stories. Demand that you listen to everyone who is on the call today. And not cut off their testimony. Thank you. For everyone who has shared their stories today and yesterday. I hope that you will continue to listen to the people. I yield the rest of my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, paul. Karla, after Maddie, can he get a checklist, a list check?

**Moore-Love:** Yes.

**Maddie Herman:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Herman:** My name is Maddie Herman. Commissioner hardesty, I want to thank you for your statement at the end of the session yesterday. It's taken me and many white people in this city years to catch up to what you and many people of color have known for so long. That the police are not here to serve black indigenous or people of color. Because of this and as the city of minneapolis's attempts have reforms have shown us, it will never be enough. I am here to voice my support for paalf and all the others to demand you reduce the budget by at least, \$50 million starting now. That each year, you continue to decrease the budget by at least \$50 million with the end goal of the ppb be completely disbanded. We use all of that money to directly fund black-led community-supported groups including groups that specifically support black transgender and black disabled individuals. Ted wheeler, your previous proposal to divert only \$7 million from the police bureau to support communities of color is less than 3% of the money currently slated to go to the ppb. It was a gesture meant to pass by the call for reform and we need to do better. I support the defunding and complete disbandment of the ppb, decreasing the budget by \$50 million now is only the start and it's the very least that ted wheeler and the white members of city council can could for this community if we want to support more than fellow white people. Thank you. I yield the remainder of my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective, Maddie. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** We show about 26 more people.

**Wheeler:** That's good. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is finn. Finn?

**Wheeler:** Finn are you able to unmute? Let's go to the next person while finn works. Sometimes a star 6 on the key pad works. If you are on a computer, lower left corner, if you take your cursor down there you might be able to unmute. Let's move on to the next person while finn sorts it.

**Moore-Love:** Alexa graham.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, alexa.

**Alexa Graham:** Hi, ted. Can everyone hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

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**Graham:** Great. So I want to make good use of this two minutes. I'm going to start off that I am not going to spend time berating the mayor for lack of better words because I know that there's plenty more of that to come. I am a black trans woman. I live in southwest Portland. And I have lived in the area for about five years. I have to say I am extremely disappointed with the violence that mayor wheeler has sanctioned against people of color, particularly the black community being overpoliced. While I understand and respect with the upmost honor jo ann hardesty defending mayor wheeler. I have to say that he is not deserving of this. And I just want to say personally to you, ted, your violence is not unseen. And it does not go unnoticed by the black community. In summation I am petitioning to have the police defunded by a minimum, and this is a minimum, not \$50 million. Not \$100 million. But by 50%. And the reallocation of those funds towards the black community that has been overpoliced, that has been marginalized, and thanks, of course, to our current mayor, has been further impacted with violence. So, ted, I would like you to ask yourself this question. What will people think of my once I resign? Fuck you, ted wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I don't know what the bell is but it happened at exactly the right time. The next individual.

**Moore-Love:** That's my new timer.

**Wheeler:** I approve of it.

**Finn Dijkstra:** My name is Finn Dijkstra. I am a white non-binary resident of northeast Portland. I implore you to be on the other side of history and choose to drastically defund and ultimately disband the Portland police bureau, choose stop them from ending another black life, choose to stop allowing unlawful and violent force used against other peaceful protestors. You hold this power and I demand that you use it today this means defunding the ppb by at least 50% this year and at least 50% each year hereafter. Former police officers of 10 years recently wrote an article published on medium and widely circulated this week in quote, "when I was doing my best work as a cop, I was doing mediocre work as a therapist or as a social worker ." this is central to the point. The funds currently allocated to the ppb need to be taken away and reallocated towards programs and professionals who will actually help our community instead of harming them. We know that will over 90% of calls answered by police occur well after a crime has taken place. We know that we need not be policed by a militarized force and it is not enough to try to shift to a so-called community policing model or any other type of reform. It's time to defund and disband the police. Thank you. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, finn. Appreciate it. Brandon you're good to go.

**Brandon Farley:** I am Brandon Farley. I want to express how sorry I am to hear about the passing of your mother and to see you interacting with this community today really shows your level of commitment to the city. But what I want to come on here today to discuss was the fact that I was brutally assaulted by a Portland police officer on the night of June 4, 2020 and it's seven days since the attack and I can still not walk. There's bruising all over my leg. And I am suing the city of Portland for \$950,000 as a wake-up call. I want more people to speak out against the use of rubber bullets. Knowing that they are not nonlethal, that they do have a tendency to kill people, we have seen imagery from the news showing that journalist's eye sockets have been obliterated by these things. I was five feet away when police decided to use this against me. I was filming peacefully. I had not broken any laws. Was pushed into the line of fire by antifa, and much like last year, june 29th, they didn't have -- they didn't have my back. I really think it needs to change for peaceful journalists out there to have a safer environment to be able to film. And I yield the rest of my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. Karla, next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Next is marissa katz.

**Wheeler:** Hi, marissa.

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**Marissa Katz:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. You're good to go.

**Katz:** My name is marissa katz and I live in northeast Portland. I have lived in Portland for 10 years. And worked with youth for the last five or more years. So many people before me have said everything that needs to be said but I want to echo the demands and the statements of many others in the meeting before me today and yesterday. And the demands put forward by unite Oregon, paalf, care not cops and pay respect to the mountain of work done by don't shoot pdx. So many before me have said today and yesterday I demand you reduce the police budget by at least \$50 million and that each year going forward you continue to decrease by \$50 million with the ultimate goal of defunding, disbanding and abolishing the police. As many have said before me this is a doable task ask that takes courage and commitment to imagining a new future that we all deserve free from police violence. We need a complete reimaging of how we allocate city resources and to deinvest from police and invest in community-determined resources. I also demand that police immediately stop policing protests as many before me have said. They continually brought the violence night after night here in Portland using tear gas at exorbitant amounts. Why is it a war crime when used in war but not on the citizens of Portland? Tear gas simulates what plan b does to the body. I have heard from around the country who have experienced early period and menstrual cramps in the after math of being tear gassed. This is unacceptable. I demand the end to shameful use of tear gas by the ppb. I want to bring attention to some of the cops that the city of Portland has not removed from the force who have murdered Portlanders. Portland officer Andrew Hurst murdered Quanice Hayes in 2017, he's still on the force. Ppb officer articed Ronald frashour murdered Aaron Campbell in 2010 he is still on the force, ppb officer Jason Sturling murdered James Jahar perez in 2004, he is now on the beaverton force training over officer. Ppb officer scott mcollister murdered kendra james in 2003. He is still on the force. It's vital we hold these police accountable and be bold and walk to the future without police. I have one sentence left. In which these murders cannot happen. So many voices before me are joined together and I have not heard from even one person in the hundreds of public testament that is in favor of the current budget or in favor of an increase. I ask you listen to your constituents and remember who voted you in. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, marissa. Hey, Lisa.

**Lisa Chiem:** Hi my name is Lisa Chiem I am a descendant of immigrants. I am a vietnamese queer, nonbinary identifying person born and raised in Portland. I stand with the black lives matter movement. I have a testimony I will send to you but choose to give my remaining time to my friend who is on the phone.

**Javon Wheeler:** How you guys doing. I am javon wheeler, I'm a heterosexual black male I am 25 and I recently have been in contact with the superintendent guadalupe guerrero letting me know the city is in control of the \$1.2 million that was going to be given to Portland -- that Portland public schools pulled from their budget. I want to make sure that's money is delivered to the black community, not minorities taken out of protest for George Floyd. I think a lot of times black people are lumped into minorities, and america has not intoned for injustices that happen specifically to black males, black women, black officials, black people as a race. We need different programs, we need economic inclusion, economic inclusion comes in the form of programs geared to help black businesses. Most black people work over 95% have to work people who are not black employees, employers. That creates a whole other set of issues, microaggressions that are taken out on us. We would never be able to escape this police brutality if economic inclusion is not a priority. I have further demands as far as economic inclusion but we will get to later. First I really want to focus on one -- sdi and other black communities.

**Chiem:** We yield the rest of our time.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you, both. Appreciate your time. Welcome.

**Keziah Black:** Hi. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. We sure can. You're good to go.

**Black:** Hi my name is Keziah I was born and raised on the stolen indigenous land we call the Portland metro area. I work as an educator in the greater Multnomah county. I am here in support of disbanding the police bureau reallocating that budget and resources to black and indigenous led community programs. These programs are here with the knowledge and ability to lead us and our new unpoliced future. As a child of a mentality ill single mother and ward of the court from ages three to 18 I can attest how a family is hurt by the so-called criminal justice system and personal interactions with the police. I can personally attest how a family would benefit from fully funded, fully inclusive holistic and lifelong community services. Services completely divested from the police. My mother should not have been arrested when experiencing episodes of schizophrenia. She should not have had a jail sentence. And my white mother's black counterparts and other counter parts of color should not be killed for seeking the same help, murdered when helping the community and murdered for existing while black. I personally want to simply what my life could have been like if me and my family have been given these community oriented services. I am asking you our elected officials to not leave the members of our community to simply just imagine what their lives would have been. Give them a safe reality. Lastly I would like to give of my condolences to each family who has lost their loved ones to police violence. Those who did not go peacefully those whose loved ones did not get to be surrounded by their family members giving them thanks in their last moments. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Rebecca wilkins.

**Wheeler:** Hi, rebecca.

**Rebekah Wilkins:** Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Wilkins:** My name is Rebekah Wilkins. I live in the south tabor neighborhood and I have been living in Portland to a decade. I am involved in community outreach I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed budget for the 20-21 fiscal year. The renegotiation of the contract with the local Portland police union. The substantial amount set aside for the ppb budget is unacceptable because we are pouring our city resources into this money pit that gives its citizens no return on investment, all while money from the ppa union pac lines the pockets of elected officials and anyone that would strengthen their grip. I demand you immediately stop the expansion of ppb budget by ending all budget increases. I demand you end ppbs relationship with the federal 1033 program that feeds into the military industrial complex that rips at the fabric of our nation. 246 million being funneled into the ppb could be turned into harm reduction community nourish meant programs. This money needs to be going into holistic resources for Portland's community. The police do not stand with the people as we have seen so clearly. The contract with the ppa is up for renewal and I understand there have been negotiations underway. Thank you for that. Jo ann hardesty. Ppa leader Darryl turner has been outspoken about his disdain for the city and has identified his position as being in opposition to the citizens. He supposedly serves. It is past time to take this city back from the for profit industry of violence, a toxic fraternity that is resistant to address. We need an independent civilian agency holding authority over cases involving deadly force. We need to make it easier to fire police officers who have used excessive force or exhibited racism which in a city already has the authority to do under article 2.1 of the contract, ppa contract. These are demands that already been brought to you and I implore you do right. I demand accountability from the city council

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members to uphold the wishes of the majority of those that have spoken here. Thank you for your time. Chief Lovell puts little girls in choke holds all cops are bastards. I see my --

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Just a reminder, folks. We are taking two hours of testimony. We started our testimony at about 2:25. So we have about a half hour more for testimony. Obviously, we won't get through everybody. So the quicker people can be in terms of getting to their point the more folks we can hear from.

**Allison rose:** My name is Allison rose. I am Navajo and I am born from the tribe. I live in northeast Portland and I work for the city of Portland bureau of environmental services and the PSU food pantry and I speak for myself today. I am advocating for the complete disinvestment and disbandment of the police bureau in solidarity with PAF, Care Not Cops, Don't Shoot PDX and many more organizations. The community is demanding city council to reduce the PPB budget by at least \$50 million and continue to decrease the budget for PPB every year by at least \$50 million. The changes are not enough and by keeping a system inundated with white supremacy we are jeopardizing BIPOC lives. As a brown and indigenous woman I have had terrifying moments with law enforcement, but not so much as black community members. This brutality has traumatized our black communities and the violence from PPB against protestors has continued to retraumatize these communities. Ted Wheeler, when you tweeted that the violence we saw on Friday evening protest nearly two weeks ago does not represent our Portland, I want you to and the rest of council to know that tagging and looting is nothing compared to what BIPOC communities have faced since first contact with colonizer. Portland is a white supremacist haven and the disproportional violence against our black and other communities of color proves this is still that haven. This was never our Portland. This is the unceded land of the bands of the Multnomah, Wasco, Chinook, Molalla and many other indigenous people. This has been tainted by the brutality of the Portland police bureau and the continued protection by city officials offering reform and accountability. There's no accountability for an already racist system. Again, I am demanding the city of Portland to defund and disband the Portland police bureau. Invest in black, indigenous and communities of color by directing the funding towards community determined resources and reparations. When you invest in community resources you invest in black lives. When you invest in police, you invest in their deaths. Thank you Commissioner Hardesty, Fritz, Eudaly and Wheeler for listening to our testimony together.

**Wheeler:** Destiny, welcome.

**Destiny Houston:** Hi. My name is Destiny Houston. I am an African-American woman. Excuse me. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon. Mayor Wheeler, you stated that you had to admit that this was a reckoning. Can everyone hear me? I'm not sure.

**Wheeler:** We can hear you loudly and clearly.

**Houston:** A reckoning looks like using the full power and authority of your respective offices to reallocate funds from the Portland police department to organizations such as the Oregon Innocence Project, to immediately review cases of all BIPOC persons in prison for violent crimes. If found innocent that funds are directed to release them immediately into mortgages-free homes, ecofriendly cars and at least \$1,000 per month over and above food and other services it looks like urging Kate Brown to reconsider the release of 2,836 individuals identified for early release in 2019 and reallocating funds to place these individuals in housing and to support them with \$1,000 over and above other services. In lieu of completely abolishing the police, immediately create a task force to review policing policies that allow for the murder of black lives or replace them with policies that do not allow for killing, feeding or brutalizing people taken into custody for any reason. Cease and desist all traffic stops. Immediately direct funds to a task force that will identify and terminate racist police officers. Redirect funds to retrain police officers on being anti-racist by funding workshops using -- training true peace officers to become experts. They should

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feel as safe with those that protect and serve us as we do with firefighters. Immediately forget dmv violations. Create a fund to provide car insurance and car maintenance for low-income individuals. The dmv shouldn't be responsible for everything to do with motor vehicles. Funds could be reallocated, that notice that send out notices to drivers that contain a voucher to receive free replaces for tail lights. Traffic stops are not about safety. They are about terrorizing black lives. Build tiny houses and communities for my houseless neighbors regardless of their issues, mental health status or past criminal records. Provide them the services they want getting treatment should not be a prerequisite to housing. [bell] since mr. Lovell will be speaking, it is insulting the budget cuts to combine three districts into one as the reason for the public mistrust. Stop killing black people. Stop terrorizing. Black voices that do not support black lives matter agenda do not distract us. Black lives matter, I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Next individual, please.

**Belise Nishimwe:** My name is Belise Nishimwe I am one of the 110 black youth who signed an open letter to the mayor and city council to defund the police bureau. From many of the policies passed by the city bipoc communities have always been affected by them the most, when police are called to protect people, it is in the consequence of black people and other people of color. Because often black people are the thing everyone including the city want explicitly state they want protection from. This time of racial unrest, increased global health issues and economic depression due to do loss of jobs caused by covid-19, the police bureau should not be receiving over \$236 million in funding if Portland's houselessness issue is at an increasing rate, as people struggle to pay their bills. It is important that within the newly proposed reform by mayor wheeler around the police and communities of color, that the responsibility of reform is not solely held on communities of color but also within the police bureau. I believe, however, that you cannot reform a system that was built to protect white people at the expense of black and brown lives. If you truly believe in a Portland that works for every person, then I urge you to divest more of the bureau's funding to the city's communities of color and the people that are currently financially suffering due to covid-19. We the 110 black youth of Portland spoke of, sent the material that we tag you the mayor and commissioners in and we labeled it urgent: Listen to black youth. And I urge you to take a look at it. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony and I appreciate your engagement on this. Thank you.

**Andrea Bakacs:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes, andrea. We can hear you.

**Bakacs:** Thank you for your time, council. My name is Andrea Bakacs I am a white immigrant constituent in the majority minority neighborhood of portsmouth. I commend you on the amendments put forward so far but we need to go further and we need to do it now. Now is not the time for baby steps. Past efforts at police reform have failed. This is your and our collective opportunity to advocate for the complete divestment from and disbanding of the Portland police bureau and to move instead to system of community care. I have lived in countries where this is possible and proven to work. My person experience with policing in Portland, however, has been extremely traumatizing on multiple occasions. Including that of my brother who was pepper sprayed while handcuffed. Unable to tend to his own care. He suffered a panic attack in the back of the police car and for the rest of his life is traumatized and fearful of the police. And he's one of the lucky ones. Our bipoc citizens have died at the hands of the ppp. There's absolutely no correlation between more police and less crime, spending more money on cops simply does not lead to increased overall public safety. That has been proven. Instead arrests go up, police shootings go up, police beatings go up. We need to allocate resources toward community-based drug and mental health treatment. The education system. And other social

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institutions that improve life outcomes for all rather than arresting people on every corner. There's a fundamental misunderstanding between the police and public safety. Not only does more police not equal less crime but studies have found that increased investment in law enforcement can actually harm public safety because it fuels a distrust of police. Especially in historically overpoliced communities. It actually makes people less likely to report crimes. This is our tax money. We fund this budget. We have a right to dictate what gets funded and what doesn't. It's time to acknowledge that ppb has a reputation as one of the most racist police forces in the country. Therefore we demand your commitment immediately to remove \$50 million from the ppb budget each year starting with this one until the entire bureau is permanently disbanded and reinvestment in programs unaffiliated with law enforcement. We demand that money be reinvested in community care and not reliant on the logic or practice of policing, surveillance, or incarceration. Invest in our priorities and needs as a community. The police do not make our community safe. Police departments don't need more money. People do. Fund services for care, not cops. Black lives matter. Thank you and I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for testifying.

**Olivia Putnam:** Hello.

**Wheeler:** We hear you.

**Putnam:** Ok. I just want to echo what everybody has said. That I support it and I hope you listen to all the people. And I want to yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, olivia. Appreciate that.

**Artur Grochowski:** Thank you, olivia. First of all, condolences, mayor wheeler. I hope you can find enough time to grieve. Dear counsel, my name is Artur Grochowski, and I am a white architect working in old town chinatown. I would like to remind you about the immense gravity of this vote. And of our next steps. Especially as today's addendums of reallocating of the 6% of the police force budget indicates a lack of that realization. The mayor's email I received last night sabotages the true intent for future change. It stated the ppb has improved the equity and of their policing and cited small changes that fixed quirks in the system. The email did not note that we have the chance to change everything. That the budget and the union contract are both not yet signed. Nor did it mention democratic community control over safety and justice. Completely disbanding the ppb, or your roadblocks in enacting these actions. I fully support these radical moves and know that this vote is not about small issues of adding or removing bits of programs or fine-tune building policies. This vote is about basic human rights that i, mayor wheeler, and all other white males in this country already enjoy. It is about the right to not get funneled into an awful life based on your skin. It's about the right to not live in constant fear for your children's lives. And it is about so many other rights that I don't even know exist due to my privilege. Portland's black community has the seeds of solutions. And still cares enough to share them with us. And for once, they have unilateral support of the white community. Trust them and plant their seeds. Not just 6% of their seeds but all of them. And then plant the 60,000-plus other seeds that are in your emails. Thank you for your time and hugely difficult work ahead.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, artur.

**Kathleen Devera Tembrock:** Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. Yes, we can hear you.

**Tembrock:** My name is Kathleen Devera Tembrock. I reside in the goose hollow neighborhood. I am a nurse practitioner and doctor of nursing practice graduate at Oregon health and sciences university. I am also a former pediatric trick nurse. I do not claim to represent the views of ohsu but I am here to exercise my right to free speech. I am here to speak in favor for reducing the ppb budget by at least \$50 million and ongoing defunding of the ppb for consecutive fiscal years. As a person of color who has been racially profiled by

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police officers, I can speak from personal experience of a childhood fears instilled while growing up in impoverished neighborhoods where police officers targeted my bipoc friends. This feeds into the cycle of trauma, violence and oppression experienced by vulnerable minorities. My professional endeavor lies in the promotion of health and wellness for children. I ask for the \$50 million budget be reallocated uplifting bipoc and marginalized communities by providing access and additional support systems and access to health care. Clinical rotations in location such as Multnomah county school health centers provided a small window in understanding underfunding and gaps of services provided to do bipoc and impoverished communities in the Portland area. Bipoc communities are still getting a shortened of the stick with resources. I am here on behalf of Portland's bipoc and medical community to advocate for a abolishing police brutality, dismantling the use of power and we are living in a public health crisis. People need health care. Mental health services and social services for support, not policing for militarized force. Defund the police and most importantly black lives matter.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And thanks for your hard work during the pandemic. I know you guys have been working really hard up at ohsu. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Welcome. Surya. Can you unmute? Who is after Surya? Was it ashley?

**Ashley Oakley:** Yes. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Let's go to ashley first. While we work out the technical problem with Surya, please. Go ahead, ashley.

**Oakley:** Great. Thank you. Good afternoon, council members. For the record, my name is ashley oakley, resident of northeast Portland. Master of social work and over 10 years experience in supporting organizations like the native american youth and family center, self enhancement incorporated and the coalition of communities of color. The foundation of our country, our state, and our city policing is racist. Historically used to control people of color this foundation is so outdated it's rotten, and any sort of reframing, retraining or inspects, we try to build on. They're not working. We need to defund the police and build a new foundation for our home. One built by the people of Portland with the values that we hold today. Not with the racist values that Oregon was founded with. Personally, I have never felt protected or served by police in Portland nor any city that I have ever lived in. I have feel supported by community-based organizations, by a city that takes care of its people, not tear gases them. And that listens to those who are calling out for justice. Thank you so much for your time. I yield the rest.

**Wheeler:** Ashley. Karla, Surya, are you able to get on yet? Are we able to hear you? It might be, if you are on a computer, I can't tell from my screen. Cursor to the lower left corner. Unmute. And if you are on a phone, sometimes you have to push star 6 on the key pad in order to be unmute. Try both of those things and see if that works. In the meanwhile, Karla, can we move on to the next person?

**Moore-Love:** Travis roberts.

**Wheeler:** Travis, you on board?

**Travis Roberts:** Yeah. Can you guys hear me?

**Wheeler:** Sure can. Thank you.

**Roberts:** I will be brief. I want to echo the overall majority. The statements have been made so far. And I want to thank council woman hardesty for all her hard work and courage. I just want to reiterate real quick that I find mayor wheeler's handling of this issue to be absolutely appalling. And I would encourage, you know, by acknowledging first and foremost no one person can fix everything, I want to encourage everybody listening to give a serious look at his opponent, and consider voting for her in the fall. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Looks like Surya is unmuted now.

**Surya Joshi:** Hi. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we can. Mayor, you are muted.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Joshi:** Sorry. Hi. My name is Surya Joshi. I am a program coordinator for economic opportunity program at irco. And thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioner, mayor wheeler, I would like to express my condolences to you and your family. And at this moment, since we have heard a lot of community members about realignment of Portland police bureau's fund, I would like to share some of the opportunities that you have at this moment. I am part of the different community organizations, irca, black apparent initiative, human solution, southeast works, el programa espanol, latino networks, central city concern, Oregon trades, and many other community organizations. We work primarily for economic opportunity for communities of color. And immigrants and refugees. And at this moment, when our communities are being suffering from the covid-19, this is the right time to reassess the funding that you provide for prosper Portland's economic opportunity program. This is the right time to invest in the community who will be or who are actually getting the worst effect of covid-19, both in terms of the infection and also the economic result. And we have done a lot of trainings, for the community who are working currently as a cna, truck driver, different professionals, and in these are the communities of color who we are talking about at this moment. Who are historically not getting benefit of the both economic and also social benefit that this country should provide for them. And this is your opportunity. And I would like you to make sure that at this moment that economic justice is also in your plan for the community who are affected by the situation we are all talking about at this moment. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, sir. We appreciate your testimony. We have got about eight more minute for testimony. Welcome.

**Donavan James:** Can you all hear me? Thank you for letting us all speak. I am happy to be here. I am Donovan James, I am a financial planning and analysis manager at -- [inaudible] I want to [inaudible] and I want to say a couple things. I would like the abuse of chemical weapons, flash bangs should be ended immediately. I was tear gassed last friday night while peacefully protesting at a black lives matter. There's no reason for the Portland police bureau to use tear gas on its citizens. We are human beings. We do not deserve this. And we are the citizens who are elected to serve. The Portland police bureau has failed its social contract and must be completely defunded immediately. We pay taxes to support various institutions to maintain and promote a healthy society. An institution we created fails in its stated goals that engages in violent behavior against its citizens we have the right to deconstruct it and create a different institution. It is with the social contract in mind that I urge the city council to completely defund Portland police bureau and redirect these funds to mental health, social services that improve the community of Portland, especially the black community of Portland. If the Portland police bureau cannot be completely defunded \$50 million should be cut from the budget. As the analyst the budget wrecks of administrative costs its is \$246 million which includes 700 police officers and many more positions. I encourage the council to commit to cutting \$50 million of this budget and use an objective third party agency to look at the budget and find positions to eliminate. This should be easy if you are committed to helping Portland and opposed to propping up a racist institution that harms the citizens it promises to protect. The budget should be invested in the community. And the citizens and people of Oregon you all are serving. It should be used to strengthen the lives of human beings in Portland. A better world and a better society are possible if we are innovative in our thinking and not burdened by the inertia of old traditions and bound by racist institution. I support the demands of paalf and urge the city to defund the police budget by at least \$50 million and to please ban all chemical weapons, sound weapons, and ammunition of all kinds against its civilians. Thank you for your time.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Sailor Winkelman.

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**Wheeler:** Welcome, sailor.

**Sailor Winkelman:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes, we sure can.

**Winkelman:** Cool. Good afternoon. My name is Sailor Winkelman and I am a white transgender person living in southeast Portland on cowlitz and clackamas land. Over the last two days you have heard from hundreds of Portlanders and their families especially bipoc and black Portlanders about their ongoing experiences of abuse by the Portland police bureau. People have been harassed, traumatized and murdered by the ppb. When Portlanders stood up in droves against the this violence the ppb shot them, gassed them and threw them in jail. All during the covid-19 pandemic that is disproportionately killing black americans. In minneapolis, the city council pledged to disband the police department. They said it is clear our existing system of policing and public safety is not keeping our community safe. They said our efforts at incremental reform have failed, period. Portland's efforts to reform the ppb have failed, period. There's still terrorizing houseless people. They are still murdering black people. They are still murdering people experiencing mental health crisis. We must defund and dismantle the ppb and invest in community-led health and safety strategies to do this, I support the paalf and unite Oregon's demands to immediately reduce the ppb budget by \$50 million for fiscal year 20-21, to immediately stop policing protests, and to commit to never voting for a budget increase for the ppb. In addition, I urge the city council not to renew the police, Portland police association's union contract. There's power in the union and police abuse it. I yield the remainder of my time. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Emory mort.

**Wheeler:** Emory, are you there? Emory, can you unmute?

**Emory Mort:** Here we go. Good afternoon. My name is Emory Mort. I use he/him pronouns. We want to back the calls, arguments, and sentiments from black owned led organizations and hundreds of public testimony voiced in the last day and in the streets led by bipoc peoples. In terms of whats politically possible we urge the to adopt commissioner Hardesty and commissioner Eudaly's amendments in full and move rapidly in assertively in disbanding ppb and disbanding ppa's ability to defend wanted police violence. I want to thank you, most importantly, thanks to the people of Portland and since there may be people waiting to need to be heard, I want to yield my time now and I urge you to take if I have or 10 extra minutes to hear from the remaining testifiers. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, emory. I think we can take a few more minutes. Let's go to 4:30 but we have to cut it off at 4:30 so we can keep the quorum and still vote on the budget and we have one item after this particular issue. So we will continue until 4:30 and then we will have to cut off the testimony at that point. Next name, please, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** The next three will be patrick, lucas, and maggie.

**Wheeler:** We will hear from those three individuals and then I am sorry for those who did not get a chance to testify but we will have to cut it off at that point.

**Patrick Leue:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Leue:** My name is Patrick Leue. I am a person of color resident of st. Johns and son of oakland, california who has lived through countless half measures and incremental failures designed to protect those who harm our communities. I would like to read the names of our brothers and sisters who have been shot and killed by Portland police. But I only have two minutes. I am aligned with the prison and police able litigation movements and want to stand with all of those calling to disband and allow the ppa contract to expire, create a climate for the so-called good apples to interview with a role in reimage ining a racially just and peaceful system not rooted in coercion, punishment, and violence. That system includes reparations I stand with the call to cut and not shift the Portland police budget by

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\$50 million as a start to this work. I also want to humanize, acknowledge, and honor the grief that ted wheeler is feeling with the loss of a family member but I also demand he honors the grief of those who have lost their lives and family members at the hands of this department with the surrendering of the power he yields. In "the Oregonian" announcing ted wheeler's tepid reform plans it referenced, he said his white privilege has blinded him to the need for action in the past and acknowledged he should have acted with greater urgency on the issues of police violence and systemic anti-black racism." I want to reiterate and emphasize this point for the public testimony. Ted wheeler, the Portland police commissioner has admitted that he was unable to adequately ascertain specifically what needs to be changed, how quickly, and to what extent within the very department he leads. That deficiency has killed people. You don't get a pass, period. Resign. Conversely, commissioner hardesty said yesterday she has lived and breathed this work for 30 years. And I trust her to stand authentically but I also implore letter to stand righteously and collectively with the people. Above and beyond the amendments on the table now and in the future. I want to her to know if she stands up and stands alone as she did in 2019 with these exact same people in the room we will raise hell. We will remember. And we will take your damn jobs. In the name of transparent see, representative democracy and black lives, I am calling specifically for all our city commissioners and the Portland police commissioner to issue written statements on every single upcoming vote associated with the Portland police budget. I demand that if their vote isn't aligned with commissioner hardesty to explain why that should trump the decades of receipts commissioner hardesty has amassed. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Lucas Littlefield.

**Lucas Littlefield:** Afternoon. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** We can.

**Littlefield:** Perfect. Thank you very much, commissioners and mayor wheeler. For allowing us this time I really do appreciate a platform to speak. And will do my best to present my ideas quickly. First of all, the receipt duction of the police budget by a \$50 million is the least you can do. And I absolutely am asking for that along with every single other member who testified so far. Like another person mentioned, not one single person, and mr. Wheeler, I hope, or mayor wheeler, I hope that you do take the time to go back and listen to all of that testimony that was presented yesterday. Not one person who has presented testimony yesterday or today has been in support of the current budget. And I strong majority have asked for the \$50 million reduction at a minimum. I am originally from idaho and moved out to Portland specifically to achieve an environment of more diversity. To have experiences not allotted to me in a very, very white state, idaho. And since moving here, I honestly was taken aback at how not progressive Portland was of how racism exists very much so in this state and specifically in this city. The last point that I would like to make is that i've been attending both of the -- sorry, many, many, many demonstrations and protests throughout the last week and a half. I think of them as eastside and westside protests in that the westside protest, those that happen downtown at the justice center, and on the streets of downtown, southwest Portland, have been engaged with and dare I say attacked by Portland police many, many more than one time. Yet every single protest and demonstration that's taken place on the eastside that also been little if any police presence, including helping with mitigating traffic and safety for the protestors. I know i'm close to my two minutes so allow me to close in saying that. Mayor wheeler, none of us think or in any way believe that you have an easy job here. We all do very much so understand it's a heavy burden. And we ask that you think as best you can about all of those involved and how the decisions that you make will affect not only them but their children, grandchildren, and for years on. Again, thank you commissioners and mayor wheeler. That's all I have to say.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you, Lucas. Appreciate it. Thanks for your testimony. And, Karla, was there one more person?

**Moore-Love:** Maggie Morris.

**Wheeler:** Then we have to close the record after Maggie. Good afternoon.

**Maggie Morris:** I am here to reiterate that the police system as a whole has specific racist beginnings and is completely beyond reform. We've tried that route and continue to see black people killed and routinely traumatized by police. The only acceptable way forward is to defund PPD by \$50 million this year and each year following year until it's dismantled. This is not a budget issue but a moral issue. Wheeler's initial proposal to cut funding to each bureau by 6% is disgraceful to our community. We need to fund the people that actually have the training to assist and uplift our communities instead of aggressively policing them, jailing them, and throwing them into the same situation again and again. While I am here, I would like to publicly ask why Ted Wheeler was in violation of the Campaigns Finance Reform Law that Portlanders voted for in 2018 and wonder what he is hiding? Is he accepting funding from the police union or the police bureau in general? During this time, you have proven yourself untrustable and we are fed up. Portlanders are watching. I yield my time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And I see Robert raising his hand. He's probably going to object to my saying that the record will close. Is that correct, Robert?

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Yes, that is fine to close the record. I had consulted with the budget director. The motions that have been made and seconded are appropriately on the table. There are associated with each of those motions, some more detailed descriptions of how the budget will be amended. And I think it would be appropriate for the record if all of that detailed information is read by the maker of the motion.

**Wheeler:** Good, Robert. That's good advice and what I would propose to my colleagues first we want to hear from Chief Lovell. He had asked to be able to speak at the close of public testimony. So we are going to give him that space next to speak. And then what I would propose is we would go through each of the amendments in the order for those amendments that were proposed and seconded and we will give that more specific detail as required under state budget law. But I just propose we do that as we go through and then vote individually on each of these amendments. Does that square with my colleagues? I see Commissioner Hardesty is a yes. Commissioner Eudaly and Fritz, are you OK with that?

**Fritz:** That's fine.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Eudaly? Well, when we get there we'll confirm that it's OK with Commissioner Eudaly. Chief, Lovell -- Chief Lovell, welcome. Thank you for being here today.

**Chuck Lovell, Chief, Portland Police Bureau:** Thanks for giving me some time this afternoon. I know it's been a long day. Good afternoon, all. I am Chief Chuck Lovell of the Portland Police Bureau. Thank you for allowing me to testify today during these historic and unprecedented times. The events over the last two weeks have brought the question of our criminal justice system's fairness, practices, and levels of accountability into the forefront of our society and communities across the country. I believe we can work together to find a new path for fair, equitable practices to keep our Portland streets safe. I am committed to listening to the community and instituting change in the Portland Police Bureau. As an organization, we are committed to transforming the police bureau to educate and prepare officers for this new era in policing. A new time in our history that puts the community first. Once we learn City Council's decisions, we will realign to best meet the needs of the community and respond to priority calls for service. It's important to recognize all the people who work for the Portland Police Bureau who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Their sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, they're human beings

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who shop beside our community members in the grocery store, sit beside them in houses are worship and face challenges life has to offer. They demonstrate care and compassion every day. The men and women of the police bureau are part of our community and here to be part of the solution. Thanks for the time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, chief. We appreciate your comments. Thank you for that.

**Lovell:** Thank you, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Congratulations. We appreciate it. I hear from commissioner eudaly. She is good with what was proposed. So we will go through each of these amendments in order. We will go through the same order we did before. We will only raise those that were moved and seconded and then we will give the specific legal language that specific budgetary language and then I will ask, is there any discussion or further commentary by commissioners on any of these items? And then we will take the vote. So we will go through each one of these amendments in that way. Does that square with you, director? Thumbs up. Good. So the first amendment, the first set of amendments were mine. The first one motion to move the hearings office function and budget from the city auditors office to the chief administrator's office within the office of management and finance. And allocate \$18,615 in general fund resources to the chief administrator's office supporting the administrative workload associated with the hearings office. This motion reduces \$641,733 general fund discretionary and overhead resources as well as \$212,476 in interagency revenue and reduces associated expenses including four fte from the auditor's office. The motion reallocates the original expense and fte to the chief administrator's office within the office of management and finance and increases the general fund discretionary overhead revenue by a total of \$18,615 to support the administrative workload associated with the new function. It allocates \$8,487 of ongoing resources from the general fund unrestricted contingency and \$10,128 of general fund overhead resources. This amends attachment b, c, and e as necessary. Any further discussion on this amendment? Just raise your hand if you have any further discussion. Doesn't look like it. Call the roll, please, Karla.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment passes. Amendment 2, a motion to convert the Portland parks and recreation sustainability position from limited terms to permanent. This would convert the two-year limited sustainability future position to permanent. Funding for the first two years of this position is supported by a transfer of \$358,648 in one-time general fund discretionary resources, existing resources to support this position on an ongoing basis have been identified within the Portland parks and recreation finances division general fund allocation. This amends attachments b, c, and e as necessary. Any further discussion on this one? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment passes. Commissioner Fritz, number one, do you want to take it up?

**Fritz:** Yes. I know I was muted. I was trying to toggle back and forth between the zoom screen and the other screen. Here we are. The motion is to allocate \$150,000 for tribal liaison position in the office of government relations with resources from reducing the Portland police bureau budget. This motion increases ongoing general fund discretionary revenues by \$68,389 and ongoing general fund overhead resources by \$81,611 in the office of government relations. These resources will add needed capacity for tribal relations -- these resources will bring added capacity for tribal relations, coordination outreach, advice, and support for city offices and bureaus to one additional fte. Programmatic funding will deliver at the annual tribal summit and other events, delegation visits to tribal governments in the region, attendance at recurring conferences of tribal government representatives, and gift exchanges consistent with cultural protocols. It allocates \$68,389 in ongoing resources from general fund unrestricted contingency and

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\$81,611 in general fund overhead resources. And amend attachments b, c, and e, as necessary.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll, Karla.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I am really happy that we're able to fund this in my final budget. This is something that I have worked on for a long time and I am very happy to support this. Thank you, colleagues. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, I want to thank you for your long standing efforts around our tribal relations program. I don't think it's ever been as strong as it is right now. And making this position permanent further underscores the progress that's been made. I want to thank you for bringing this amendment. I am very happy to support it. I vote aye. The amendment is approved. You have a second amendment?

**Fritz:** Thank you. The motion is to add \$123,885 for the civil rights title 6 program in the office of equity and human rights with resources from reducing the police bureau budget. This motion increases ongoing general fund --

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry to interrupt. I think the number, I want to make sure we get it right. Is it \$123,885 or 985?

**Fritz:** 985. I may have misspoken.

**Wheeler:** Start with this motion again.

**Fritz:** Ok. Right. The motion increases ongoing general fund discretionary revenues by \$56,528 and ongoing general fund overhead resources by \$67,457 and the office of equity and human rights. This funding many support a new fte to act as a bridge between city wide policy and practice development. And bureau level implementation and technical assistance. To meet demand from bureaus on a community the position is responsible for providing bureau and community technical assistance, supporting bureau implementation as -- elated policy -- elevated -- related policies, plans, and initiatives including developing supporting practices, developing training, and building staff capacity. Revitalizing the bureau civil rights coordinators network and assisting with accountability through data collection, tracking, evaluation and reporting. Allocates \$56,528 of ongoing resource from general fund unrestricted contingency and \$67,457 of general fund overhead resources. Amend attachments b, c, and e as necessary.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I am thrilled to support this. We are asking a lot from the office of equity and human rights. And it's really important that we provide them the resources so they can hold our bureaus accountable for the outcomes we seek. I am happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** First of all, Karla, I have a whole new appreciation for the way you read all the ordinances each time. I had to channel my inner Karla to get through that spiel. And thank you, colleagues, for your support of this. This is something that we have to do. It's, again, really gratifying that we are going to be able to do it. And I think it's very appropriate to use some of the reduction from the police bureau to fund this program. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Happy to support. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Then commissioner eudaly, I believe the cannabis tax is yours. Item four.

**Eudaly:** Sorry. Just scrolling. I read it into the record?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Eudaly:** Motion to reduce \$2,291,728 in ongoing recreational cannabis tax resources in the police bureau for the traffic division and direct the bureau to support -- oh, wait. That's not --

**Wheeler:** That's right.

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**Eudaly:** Ok. Direct the bureau to support the traffic division within its general fund allocation. Reduce \$2 million -- do I keep reading the whole thing?

**Wheeler:** Yeah. We have to get all of it.

**Eudaly:** Sorry. It just seemed repetitive.

**Wheeler:** Jessica won't let us out of budget jail unless we do it.

**Eudaly:** We only do this once a year so i'm a little rusty.

**Jessica Kinard, Director, City Budget Office:** It's to make sure the resources are allocated --

**Eudaly:** Yeah. I see. Once again, reduce \$2,291,728 in ongoing recreational cannabis tax resources in the police bureau. Balance the police bureau budget by reducing \$2,191,728 in general fund backed external materials and services expenses. Allocate \$453,000 in recreational cannabis tax resources in civic life to support the disbursement of social equity grants. And increase ongoing unrestricted contingency in the recreational cannabis tax fund by \$1,838,728 amend attachments b, c, and e as needed to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Is there any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I want to really appreciate commissioner eudaly. This has been a vein I think in our sides ever since we started receiving cannabis tax dollars. I am proud of the leadership that she has shown. And I am very happy to vote yes on this amendment.

**Eudaly:** So as I have said many times, over the years, I don't believe that we have adequately delivered on the promises we made to voters when they approved the cannabis tax. The Portland police bureau was receiving over \$2 million of that tax every year while civic life, the only bureau with the cannabis program that funds restorative justice community grants, had to fight for a fraction of that every budget cycle. The police bureau uses their allocation of cannabis dollars to replace previous funding. This means that although they have received more money, they have not taken on any additional work or capacity, creating capacity on their traffic team. Despite my frustrations with how ppb funds their traffic enforcement team, this isn't in any way reflection on that team. It is a statement on cannabis dollars and who should be receiving revenue from a legal industry that was historically racist -- racistly policed. Allocating money to the ppb violates the spirit of restorative investments particularly when we so meagerly fund our equity grants. I want to thank my colleagues for supporting this amendment. This will bring us to a total of \$1 million annually for the social equity grants and allow us to do a much deeper restorative justices work in the community that we previously just didn't have the funds for. And I vote aye.

**Fritz:** How about me?

**Wheeler:** Go ahead, Fritz.

**Fritz:** It's been a long week, hasn't it? Happily I am not muted so I can just butt in. Thank you for this motion. Thank you, commissioner eudaly, for your commitment to the traffic division which I share and I am glad to see that the motion does include that work will continue to be done. Clearly, that is part of safety on our streets as well. And I am really happy that we have had this amount of money to allocate. And it's increasing. And that our community, the cannabis policy oversight team has been foundational in guiding where the money goes and what's done, particularly within the first office of neighborhood involvement and now the office of civic life, to make sure that it's directed to the right places. And so I will be looking to see as the money continues to grow and what choices you will make in continuing to make sure that it does the most good for the people who most need it. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank commissioner eudaly for her strong leadership on this amendment as well as others. She made a very clear and compelling case for this. I am

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happy to support it. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Next up is Hardesty number one.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Number one, motion to reduce by \$5,373,000 -- let me start over. Motion to reduce by \$5,373,451 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminated 38 fte in the police bureau related to the gun violence reduction team and the metro gang task force. Reduce by \$5,373,451 in ongoing general fund resources and the police bureau for the gun violence reduction team thereby dismantling the unit in both name and practice. Balance this reduction in Portland police bureau by eliminating 38 fte's associated with the gun violence reduction team and metro gang task force. As well as the associated materials and services expenses. Increase general fund contingency policy set aside by \$4,800,000 on ongoing for the Portland street response program and increase ongoing general fund unrestricted contingency by \$5,073,451. Amend attachment the b, c, d, and e as needed to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Any further discussion? On this amendment? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Next one, please, commissioner. Number two.

**Hardesty:** Motion to reduce by \$1,913,226 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate 14 fte vacant police officer positions in the Portland police bureau to fully eliminate the school resource officer program. Reduce by \$1,913,226 in ongoing general fund resources in the police bureau for the school resource officer program. Balance this reduction in Portland police bureau by eliminating 14 fte associated with the program. As well as other personnel costs and associated materials and service expenses. Increase ongoing general fund unrestricted contingency by \$913,226 and increase appropriate appropriations by \$1 million in ongoing general fund discretionary resources for a black youth leadership initiative active. Amend attachments b, c, d e. And e as needed to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Any other discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I wanted to say that I am so excited about this particular amendment because what we tend to do at the city is talk to adults about what youth need. And this particular initiative will put young people -- and I consider young people 25 and under. -- in the leadership role of determining what, how these resources are spent. I am also in the process of talking to foundations who have agreed to help us match these funds so that these young people will have the opportunity to chart their own course into the future. I am just giddy about this process. And I am very happy and honored to vote yes.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is doing exactly what the community asked us to do. Removing the school resource officers and investing in education and youth leadership. So I commend commissioner Hardesty for this approach and mayor Wheeler for your support. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I am very excited about the youth component here. And there's tremendous potential. We actually heard from some young people today during public testimony. And they absolutely had an active role in this conversation and helping us to imagine that future. So I am very happy to support this. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted.

Amendment 3, please, commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Motion to reduce by \$1,104,341 in ongoing general fund resources and eliminate 8 fte associated with this specialty emergency response team also known as sert in the Portland police bureau. Reduce by \$1,104,341 in ongoing general fund resources and the police bureau for the special emergency response team program. Balance this reduction in Portland police bureau by eliminating eight sworn fte associated with the program as well as the associated materials and service expenses. Balance this

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amendment by allocating \$1 million in ongoing general fund resources for a contingency policy set aside for participatory budgeting process with our houseless community. And increase ongoing general fund unrestricted contingency by \$104,341. Amend attachments b, c, d. And e as needed to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Last but not least, commissioner hardesty, amendment 4, please.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Motion to reduce by \$4,357,372 intergovernmental resources and eliminate 24 fte associated with the transit police unit and the Portland police bureau. Reduce by \$4,357,300 -- i'm sorry. Reduce by \$4,357,372 and intergovernmental resources received from tri-met and end the intergovernmental agreement with tri-met for transit police services in a manner appropriate to this agreement. Balance this reduction and Portland police bureau by eliminating 24 fte associated with the program as well as associated materials and services expenses.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, Karla, you know what to do.

**Hardesty:** I want to appreciate both the mayor, mayor wheeler, and commissioner eudaly early on stepping up and say, yup, yup, community wants this gone and we have an obligation to make it happen. And so I am very happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** The total of these four amendments led by commissioner hardesty by reckoning about \$15 million and 84 positions. Although this doesn't go as far as the community has been asking us, it does make a significant difference. And I want to be supportive of chief lovell to make sure he is set up for success. And I know that that's also commissioner hardesty and the mayor's wish and, of course, commissioner eudaly's as well. Aye.

**Wheeler:** As commissioner Fritz just pointed out, it's not the 50 but it's not the seven. And the chief is committed to working with us and the community to get this right. I am very happy to vote aye. Amendment is adopted. That leaves us with one last vote on this particular piece of the budget and that is to vote for the budget as amended. We will now vote to adopt the budget as amended. Any further discussion before we do so? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I want to start by thanking the young people who have taken to the street every night for over two weeks. I want to thank you for elevating this conversation to the point where there was no doubt that we would act. I want you to know that though we have over and over again that the request was for a reduction of \$50 million from the police budget, I will tell you that the actions that we are taking today will make sure that we have reduced the police budget by \$27 million. That is significant. And I am absolutely -- I know for sure that that would have never happened without you taking to the street. I want you to know that ever since we started this conversation, my colleagues and I have been in deep conversation about where we can go. I also want to assure the community that the passing a budget is not the end of reform in the Portland police bureau. I have publicly said to chief lovell, I will be there to help him make the reform that the community has demanded. It is important that, as we move forward, that we keep our eye on the prize. For many years, I have believed that the only way for us to have community police officers is for community to be able to train our community police officers side by side with police. And so I will be working with the chief to totally revise how we recruit, how we train, and who we recruit to be police officers. We will also be totally revising the training program so that there will never be a training that does not include community except for training having to do with weapons and automobiles. And so other than that, we're not just working on this at the city

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level. We know that, at the state, at the bureau of -- department of public safety standard and practices, that they also have to totally fire everybody who is there and start over. Because we have people there that are there based on their seniority and the law enforcement agencies they have come from. And when the number two person has been found to falsely accuse someone from the african-american community, it is absolutely critical that we totally strip everyone out of that bureau and start over. I have also recommended to the governor that she put in place the same components that I am proposing with chief lovell, that there should never be a training for community police officers that does not include community as a core partner in the group. I have spent enough time at dpsst to know what we do today is retrain people to -- we train people to be -- we train them as if we were training them to go to the military. We train them as if they were going to war. We no longer allow our folks to be trained in a way that makes them -- us versus them mentality. We can no longer afford that. In addition to that, I want to be really clear. We must change how we hold police accountable. Ipr, which is known as the independent police review, has never worked. It's never worked for police. It's never worked for the community. And my plan is to work with the community to develop a truly independent oversight board that will include subpoena power and the resources to investigate police misconduct. You have given us a mandate to make radical changes happen. And my goal is to ask you, with the changes that we're making today, I need you. I need you, community, to be part of us reimagining what community safety looks like and who will be showing up when someone calls 911. We want everyone in the city of Portland to feel safe when they pick up the phone and call 911, and not have to guess whether or not the people that are coming out are people who are going to help them. I want to say to chief lovell and the Portland police officers who are listening to us today, I want you to know that I look forward to working with officers who are committed to a community process and committed to making sure that they are treating each and every one of our community members with the respect and dignity that they deserve. And any officers, and I know -- I am very happy to work with officers who are part of the domestic violence unit who are superior when it comes to engaging community members who have suffered domestic violence. And so I do not want the police to see this as an indictment of all the men and women who work there. But I want them to see this as a call to action. Our community has demanded we act. And we can do nothing less. I am proud to vote aye for this budget. Thank you.

**Eudaly:** I want to start by saying how moved i've been by the uprising against police brutality around the world. Over the past two weeks, including the testimony we heard yesterday afternoon and today. By the outpouring of Portlanders showing solidarity with black lives. As of today my office has received 65,000 emails in favor of defunding the police and transforming community safety. This critical mass of outreach and the unequivocal support for defunding the Portland police bureau shows there is a clear directive coming from the public. And we have an undeniable mandate to take bold steps to reduce the size and scope of the ppb and to reevaluate what community safety is in our city. So I wanted to thank all of you. I also want to thank my staff for their incredibly hard work with the community and other offices on these amendments. I know how passionate they are about these issues and how deeply personal they are for some of my team. So thank you as well. Every budget process I have been through since I took my seat in 2017 has come with unique challenges. And every budget I voted to support has involved compromise. Tradeoffs are required when the five of us have competing priorities, different ideas about how to get to our shared values. The best thing to hope for is the value of what you are able to advance outweighs of the cost of what you concede on. There's an intense pressure to come to an agreement on the budget and the amendments and present a unified front. The hardest vote I ever made was to support the 2018 budget which that

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included an increase in position of authority for the police bureau. My regrets and frustrations were evident in my closing statement at the time. And remain so now. I am not new to the issues we are grappling with today. I have been politically involved for 30 years. As an activist, as a radical book seller, as a disability and housing advocate, and most recently as an elected representative for the city of Portland. You will find racial equity and racial justice as the heart of virtually every major policy I have advanced and in the work of my bureaus. From the fair access and renting policy to both code change and community safety through civic life to prioritizing the least well served communities through fixing our streets and vision zero investments. And this is not the first time I have spoken out on police violence. I've done it many times from the dais and in public and faced harsh rebukes for the audacity to question the authority of the bureau despite the fact I was elected by all of you to do just that. So I want to promise this won't be the last time either. I want to explain why I started this session on the verge of tears. My office has been working around the clock with my colleagues' offices to find a viable path forward to demonstrate we're receptive to our community's demands and we will take a bold stand to defund and reshape the Portland police bureau. While I do support the amendments we made today, these are largely efforts community advocates have been demanding for years. They are low hanging fruit and I don't believe they go far enough. Portlanders are demanding a \$50 million cut as we fundamentally change our approach toward community safety. It became clear to me immediately prior to council this afternoon that my colleagues could not be convinced to support my amendment to cut additional positions from the bureau which would have been an additional \$5 million savings. This moment demands bold action and I knew coming into this meeting we weren't going to truly rise to that challenge. I am going to keep fighting for you, Portland. I will fight for you in the fall bump. I will fight for you and against racism at every level of government. But today, I cannot support this budget. You deserve better. We all deserve better. I know many Portlanders are going to be disappointed by what that is happened here today, myself included. But I want to take heart that you have been heard and although this isn't the outcome we wanted, it is progress. And our work to dismantling racist systems, structures and public policies has only just begun. I want to make it clear once again I support these amendments, this vote in no way suggests that I don't. But I can't swallow another bitter budget pill in good conscience. I vote no.

**Fritz:** This year's budget has been one of the most challenging and the most moving processes I have been in a part of in my 12 years on the council. Thank you, Jessica Kinard and your team and the city budget office, for your nimble response to assist the council in navigating the budget changes associated with two public health crises. The acute one of covid-19 and the ongoing chronic one of systemic racism. I vote today in support of commissioner Hardesty's amendments which are informed by her decades of advocacy work and are responsive to the concerns the community has shared regarding policing. Specifically our black, indigenous and people of color communities. I appreciate Mayor Wheeler's affirmation of the amendments and his courage in continuing to work during this difficult time for his family. I vote today to recognize and elevate the Portland African-American leadership forums and unite Oregon's recommendations. I listened to your helpful input at our meeting yesterday and now I am voting to begin implementing your action plan. Thank you for your leadership in our community and your guidance to me. Yesterday's hearing and today's votes center on new approaches to public safety so that the term will meet safety for the most vulnerable and most oppressed communities in Portland as well as for those of us with white privilege I support our new police chief Lovell in leading the process of redefining what community safety looks like. For the remainder of my term I am committed to continuing to uplift the voices and needs of black, indigenous and people of color communities, the LGBTQ plus community, people experiencing mental

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health and people with disabilities. I will work alongside you with a government that meets your needs. The time is now to rethink how we keep our community safe. The time is now to put our money where our mouths are and dedicate more resources to support the health, safety, and economic prosperity of our black and indigenous communities. The time is now to begin dismantling the structures that are in our way as we move forward towards achieving a more equitable and just society. After this budget vote we must forge ahead with the same determination we have seen over the past two weeks. As we begin to work to implement the changes adopted today, my colleagues and I will be engaged in additional efforts to be responsive to demonstrators and advocates. Specifically in the police contract bargaining, and advocacy at the state capitol to support legislation necessary to make statewide and local police accountability possible. As the law stands today, the city of Portland doesn't have the authority to change practices we agree are abhorrent. The people of color caucus who are nine legislators of color -- of the 90 -- will be leading the push at the state level. Even if you know your representative and senator are on board with the necessary changes, please contact your legislators to encourage bold, swift action. Guiding the council through these efforts and everything we do is the shared responsibility to ask over and over again, how are decisions affecting the root cause of the problem? And whether the communities we aim to lift up are better off because of these decisions? I appreciate my colleagues' support for my amendments today directing additional resources for the tribal liaison program and the office of equity and human rights program on civil rights title 6. And I am grateful the mayor and council supported money for the reporting position at the office of equity in previous votes. Dr. Markisha Smith has demonstrated her leadership and will continue to guide all city staff including me. My staff and I will continue to elevate the work of our city bureaus and the efforts of city employees who are centering their programs and practices on racial equity and social justice outcomes. We know that policing is but a single piece of a larger system of oppression felt most acutely by the black community and communities of color in Portland and across our country. Change starts from within. My staff and I are committed to acting on policy that fosters belonging for those who have been intentionally left out and oppressed for centuries. Some Portlanders are struggling to understand why we are making reductions in the police bureau. Some of the 65,000 emails and hundreds of phone calls are from people opposing the cuts. To those folks I ask you to hear and consider the interactions with police officers have caused individual and collective harm and trauma as so many people in our community have testified. We also know that policing is experienced differently in some neighborhoods and in some communities. I invite you to consider and keep an open mind as to what a new public safety model could offer not only to black Portlanders but to all Portlanders. I acknowledge that as a white person and city leader my experience, my burdens and my grief are not the same of my black colleagues and Portlanders. Yet my response in policy and in supporting justice and community healing joins a collective one. I stand with black community members here in Portland and nationwide and proudly join my colleagues on council, mayor wheeler, commissioner hardesty and commissioner eudaly saying, I hear you, I see you, and now is the time to take important steps to rectify by this budget. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, colleagues. I am privileged to be mayor and I am privileged to serve on this council with all of you. I think we all agree these are extraordinary times. Progress in racial justice has been too slow for too long but today it's accelerating. I am proud of the difficult but necessary conversations that we've had together. And I am proud of community leaders and the council for leading the way with both unity and partnership. As you know, this year's budget process took two dramatic turns. First a global pandemic that created what we anticipate to be an approximately \$75 million loss in city revenues. But thanks to our leadership as a city, smart financial planning over the last few years, and

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working together with our employees and our labor partners, we will close almost 90% of the gap today and we are on a trajectory to balance it altogether in the fall. As has been said many times, a budget is a moral document. Where we put our money shows where our values are. That's why I prioritize the following in my budget. Climate action, the most vulnerable amongst us, especially our houseless, Portland's communities of color, and our public parks. Second, a long overdue national reckoning about racism in america's criminal justice system. So we adapted. We reshaped this budget to respond to the calls that we heard by reprioritizing funds away from the police bureau and investing them in our community directly. Our job as elected leaders is to listen, to understand, and to respond with urgency to the needs of our community. Voices in our community have strong and differing opinions about how this all looks but our strength is in our shared values. Respect for one another. Seeking justice. Speaking restorative justice. Creating opportunities for our communities of color to thrive and lift up the most vulnerable amongst us. We are learning, we are changing, and we are growing together. The road ahead is long. And it will be challenging. But we're starting with a shared vision and a collective commitment. I have faith in the power of community wisdom to work through the difficult questions that lie ahead with us. And I have great hope for the future of our city. I want to thank all of the community partners who helped shape this budget we have today. I want to thank director jessica kinard and her entire team. I want to thank my staff for their hard work. I want to thank my council colleagues for leadership and their partnership throughout. I would, of course, vote yes on the other hand to support this budget. But for procedural reasons and the purpose of reconsideration, because this is an emergency ordinance, I am going to vote no. The motion fails. Colleagues, I would like to move a motion of reconsideration. Can I get a second.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** I have a motion on the table for reconsideration. Commissioner hardesty seconds. Karla, please call the roll on the motion for reconsideration.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion for reconsideration passes. Colleagues, I would like to put a motion on the table to remove the emergency clause from this ordinance. Can I get a second?

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion and a second from commissioner Fritz. Please call the roll on the motion to remove the emergency clause.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. So this is effectively a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading as amended. Robert or jessica, is there anything else on this particular ordinance that we need to consider?

**Taylor:** No.

**Kinard:** Not from my end.

**Wheeler:** Jessica, we have, director kinard, we have one more item for the day.

**Kinard:** The final item for today is to adopt the tax levy ordinance so this action includes the levy amounts for property taxes accruing to the general fund, the children's levy investment fund and the fire police retirement and disabilities fund. It includes property tax levys for general obligation funded debt and 15 urban renewal areas. I will turn it over to you to call for public testimony on the ordinance.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Karla, is there anybody signed up who wants to testify specifically on the tax levy ordinance?

**Moore-Love:** I am not seeing anybody with the number by their name for that item, no.

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**Wheeler:** This is my fourth year and I believe this is my fourth year in a row nobody has signed up to testify on this item. Is there any further discussion from my colleagues on this particular item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank our taxpayers. At the end of the day all of these services that are provided by the city of Portland are paid out of the pockets by all the people who live in this city and I want to acknowledge that paying taxes can be a very, very challenging threshold for a lot of people to meet in this community. I want to take this opportunity and thank the taxpayers of this community for supporting these services in the community. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Is there anything else we need to do, director Kinard?

**Kinard:** No. That is all for today.

**Wheeler:** Karla, anything else from your perspective?

**Moore-Love:** I think we are good, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Robert, anything from the legal perspective?

**Taylor:** We are good.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, thank you. We are adjourned.

**At 5:21 p.m., Council adjourned.**