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To: [Davis, Meghaan](#)
Subject: Re: Request for communication
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:25:37 PM

August 19th is perfect! Thank you!

Susan

Susan Cotter
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Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2020, at 9:45 AM, Davis, Meghaan <Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Susan,

We have received your request for a communication spot, right now the earliest spot available is August 19, 2020. After that I have some dates open in September.

Thank you –

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My name is Susan Cotter from North Portland, and would like to provide a comment during the communications section in the August 5th Portland City Council meeting regarding PPB violence. Please advise how to get added to the agenda and access the meeting.

Respectfully,
Susan

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Request of Susan Cotter to address Council regarding the Portland Police Bureau violence (Communication)

August 19, 2020

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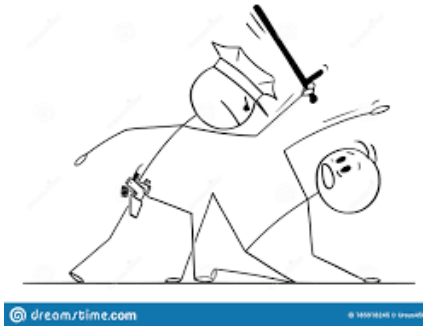
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1. Fritz		
2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		

1. ~~$180 \div 9 = 20$~~ NO!
2. ~~$7 \times (2 + 6) = 63$~~ show
3. ~~$54 \div 3 = 18$~~ your
4. ~~$(7 + 3) \div 2 + 2 = 7$~~ work!

Thank you Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, and Hardesty for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is Susan Cotter, I use she/her pronouns, and I live in north Portland.

Show your work. It's a phrase I heard from math teachers all the time as a kid and valued the concept as a math tutor many years ago. It is through "showing your work", that your grasp of the material can truly be evaluated.

How are You Protecting Portland Community Members?



I'm here to ask the City of Portland to show it's work. I need to see that you "grasp the material". Routine public statements reflect PPB's disagreement with being characterized as misbehaving, highlighting the expanse we have yet to traverse. I want an explanation on how the City of Portland is protecting Portlanders from the City's police.

Show Your Work!

PCCEP

Office of the Ombudsman
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Independent Police Review
The City Auditor's Independent Police Review is a police oversight agency, and is independent and autonomous from the Portland Police Bureau.

Portland Police Bureau Behavioral Health Unit (BHU)

COCL
The Portland Compliance Officer/Community Liaison is charged with independently assessing the Portland Police Bureau's compliance with the U.S. Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.

Crisis Response Team

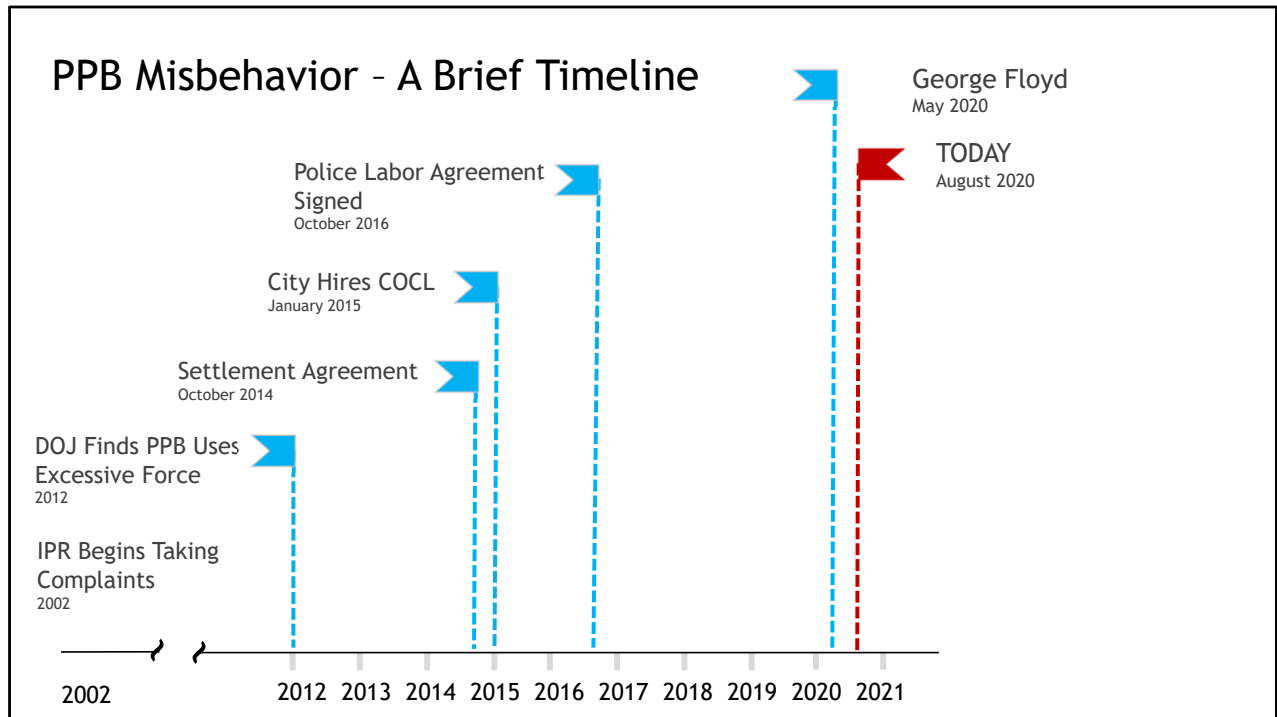
BHU Advisory Committee - NOT PUBLIC

Police Bureau Advisory Groups and Committees

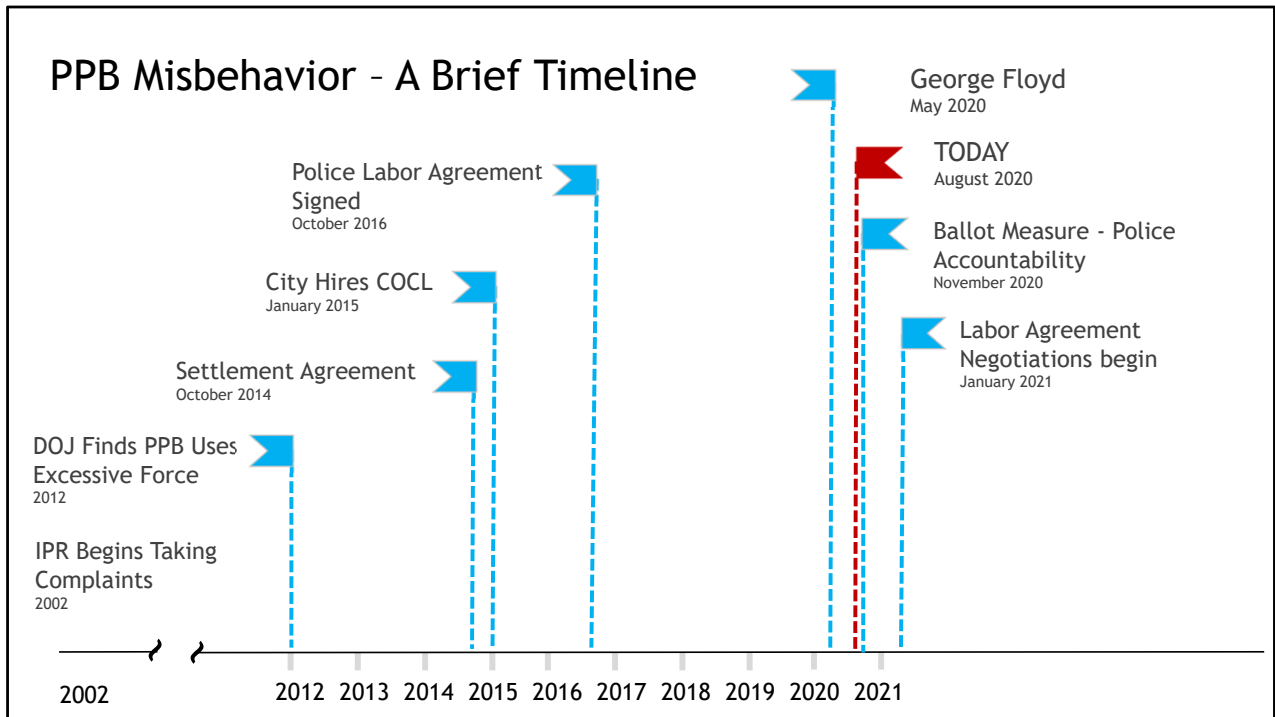
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- ▶ [Muslim Advisory Council](#)
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- ▶ [Slavic Advisory Council](#)
- ▶ [Training Advisory Council](#)

I've spent weeks researching, attending committee, council, and community engagement meetings, reading the DOJ Settlement Agreement with the City, visiting Community Based Organization (CBO) websites, and poured over pages and pages of the City of Portland website to understand the history and current efforts that have brought us to this horrible place where we still have Police violence against its community members.

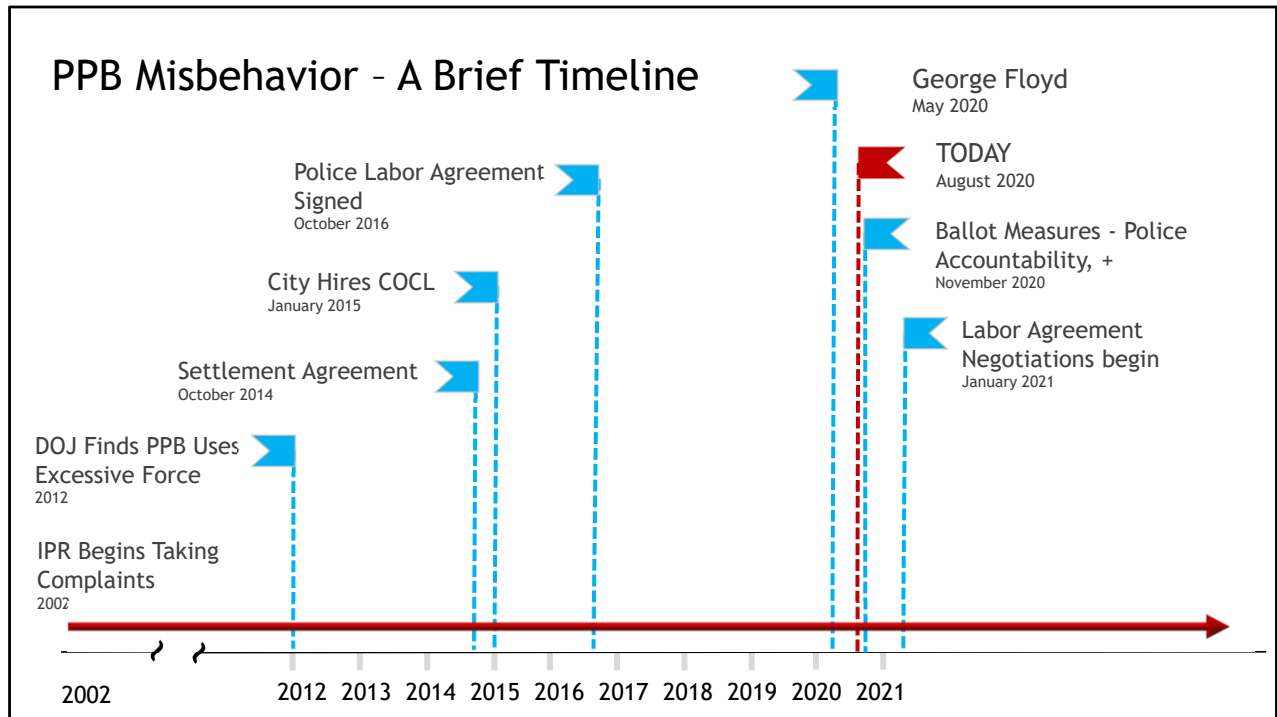
My conclusion: There are various efforts, some with questionable expertise, documented to various degrees, and coordinated by seemingly no one.



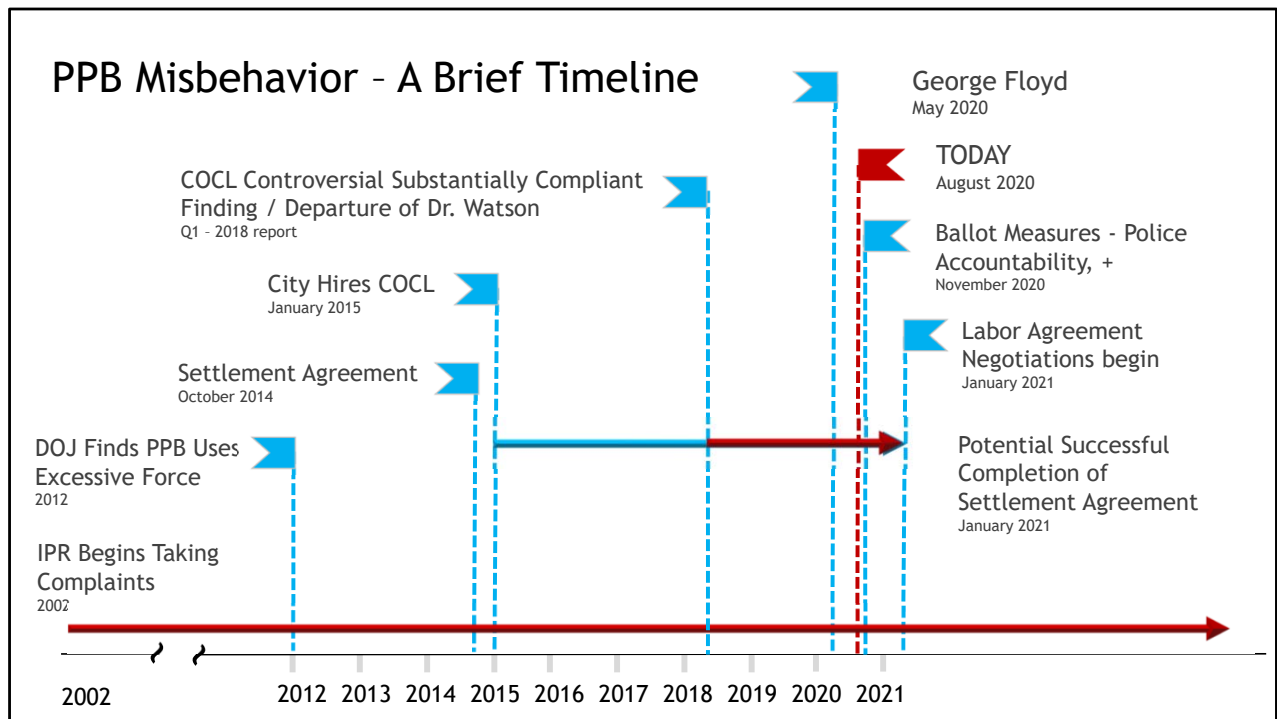
When we see this timeline of PPB misbehavior, we see this is nothing new, and didn't start with George Floyd's death or the Black Lives Matter protests in Portland. You've had some time to work this issue.



The buck stops with you, the City Council. You owe us an explanation of what you've doing in the short-term to protect Portland from PPB, beyond discussing future police labor agreements and accountability ballot measures.



And don't tell me the Independent Police Review (IPR) will guide us to justice - the Director was clear on OPR that they are not independent. Has anything been done to correct the roadblocks to IPR independence?



Don't tell me the Compliance Officer / Community Liaison (COCL), a costly, ineffective watchdog for the Settlement Agreement is there to help. Rosenbaum and Associates, LLP, hired January 2015 to "synthesize data related to PPB's use of force and gather public input on PPB compliance", no longer has the expertise on which the city relied when making its hiring decision and is now acting more as an old-school policing, PPB stenographer than providing professional, cutting-edge policing reform assistance to the City. Who in the City is managing this contract and holding our Compliance Officer / Community Liaison (COCL) to account?



PPB Budget



"...it's important for activists and policymakers seeking change to understand what their community's governments (all of them) spend money on, how they spend that money, and why. It's a challenging but important endeavor."

What Police Spending Data Can (and Cannot) Explain amid Calls to Defund the Police <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/what-police-spending-data-can-and-cannot-explain-amid-calls-defund-police>

Don't tell me further police budget cuts aren't warranted; despite their misbehavior Portland spends a higher percentage of its general funds on policing than many large cities. I've been told that making overall police funding contingent on the PPB's cooperation and participation in community accountability efforts would be considered an Unfair Labor Practice, of all things. Who in the city is working to propose a PPB budget that achieves policing value?

You Owe Portland an Explanation

- What's your plan (Policing Reform Plan)?
- Who is managing this plan?
- How do we track the City's progress?
- How do we contribute to its evaluation and evolution?

Because with no justice, there is no peace.
Black Lives Matter

Over and over you have received testimony that your work is insufficient. Come on! You owe Portland an explanation. Frankly you owe us an explanation on your response and progress to racial and social inequity issues but let's start with policing. Everyone in Portland should know the policing reform plan, follow its progress, and know when and how to contribute to its evolution and evaluation. Right now, it's scattered, uncoordinated, and ineffectively managed. Portland City Council needs to hold itself accountable to us and show us your work!

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Thank you for your time.