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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: Requesting Portland City Council testimony time
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:34:45 PM

Thanks, Carla! 9/23 is great!

Susan

Susan Cotter (she/her)
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 28, 2020, at 10:24 AM, Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

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> Hello Susan,

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> The next available spot is September 23rd. Let me know if this date will work for you.

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> Thank you,

> Karla

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> Karla Moore-Love

> Acting Council Clerk | Operations Management

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> From: S2 Yahoo <s2dotcom_2000@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:37 AM

> To: Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov>

> Subject: Requesting Portland City Council testimony time

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> Hi!

> When is the next available communication slot for Portland City Council? I'm interested in commenting on PPB Use of Force guidelines.

> Thanks so much!

> Susan

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> Susan Cotter (she/her)

> Black Lives Matter

> No justice, no peace

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> Sent from my iPad

Request of Susan Cotter to address Council regarding Portland Police Bureau Use of
Force guidelines (Communication)

September 23, 2020

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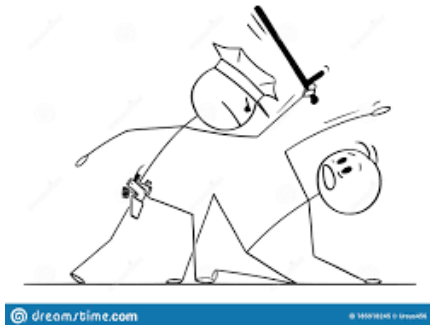
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COMMISSIONERS VOTED
AS FOLLOWS:

	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz		
2. Ryan		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		

How Are You Protecting Portland Community Members?



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

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

I last spoke to City Council about the difficulty I had in trying to assess the state of police oversight and asking you to “Show your work”.

The Result:

PPB is **Rogue**: willfully unwilling to participate in any modicum of oversight.



After further investigation I've concluded that PPB is rogue. Of course, that's no surprise to you; all those in the know are publicly raising their alarm. We are clear, more than ever before, why you placed Police Oversight Board Charter Amendment on the November 3rd ballot.

Portland Police Bureau Use of Force
(Excludes Crowd Control)
Q2 2020

1. Nearly 70% of use of force incidents DO NOT involve a weapon. (Q2 2019 – 74%)
2. 63% of use of force were resisting handcuffing (29%) and control against resistance (35%). (Q2 2019 – 36%/29%)

This time, I'd like to highlight some police use of force data.

1. For perspective, it is important to note that nearly 70% of use of force incidents DO NOT involve a weapon.
2. And 63% were resisting handcuffing and control against resistance.

**Portland Police Bureau Use of Force
(Excludes Crowd Control)
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1. Nearly 70% of use of force incidents DO NOT involve a weapon. (Q2 2019 – 74%)
2. 63% of use of force were resisting handcuffing (29%) and control against resistance (35%). (Q2 2019 – 36%/29%)
3. Resisting handcuffing and control against resistance is prevalent in vulnerable populations:

57% use of force incidents are drug and/or alcohol related (Q2 2019 – 62%)

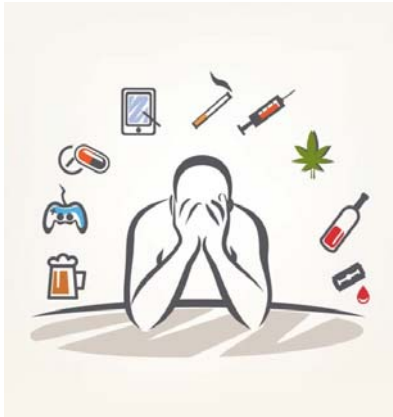
78% use of force incidents are in mental crisis (Q2 2019 – 74%)

51% use of force incidents are Houseless (Q2 2019 – 54%)\\

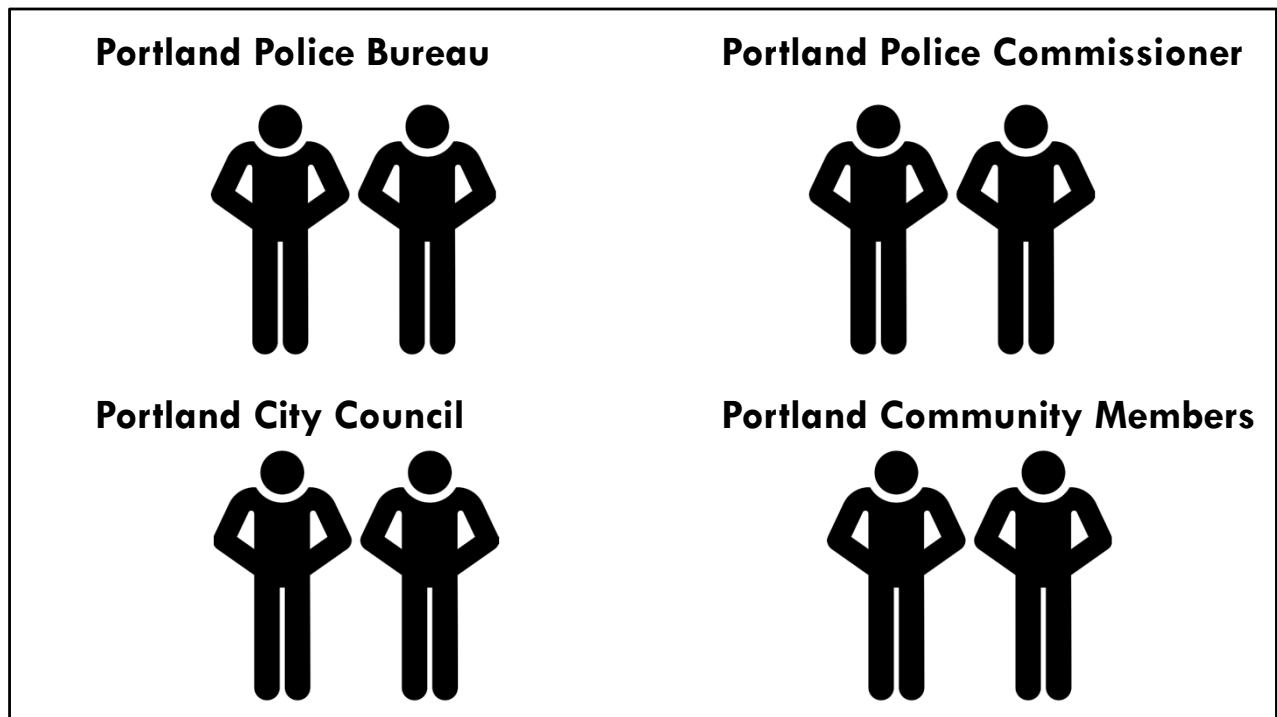
3. But what is most stunning, is the prevalence of this type of force on vulnerable populations. I don't believe people outside these populations would tolerate such frequent restraint but it is doubly offensive when focused on vulnerable populations.

Use of Force is about

Power Over the Powerless



This data clearly shows Use of Force isn't about safety, for PPB or for community members. This is about power over the powerless and brings shame on our entire community.



- Shame on PPB for acting like playground bullies out to stir up trouble but not confident enough to pick on someone their own size.
- Shame on Police Commissioner Wheeler. Allowing law enforcement to brutalize our community members is irresponsible but to not protect them when you can't is shameful.
- Shame on the Council for not providing adequate leadership and resources to support and protect these communities. Health services are tricky but imperative and houseless safety seems conceivable.
- Shame on me and all Portlanders for not being able to effectuate a change before now, despite Herculean effort by so many great public and community servants.



We all must vow to find a way to protect them, and now Black Lives Matter protestors, from PPB's force.

We can't wait for next year's budget, Street Response, charter reformation, or a new union contract to protect our community members from the damage inflicted NOW. Use the fall Bump to find money. Be creative! Spend the \$5M the Street Response can't spend in 2020. Hire legal observers for all police activity, fund community based organization to provide support after PPB encounters, be creative, do something meaningful NOW to protect our community members from our shameful police force.

Thank you for your consideration,

There is no peace without justice
Black Lives Matter