

From: [Sharon Bettis](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Agenda item 864
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:02:09 AM

Hello,

I'd like my voice to be heard regarding the federal deputizing of Portland police and express my strong opinion that we pass a resolution that places restrictions on them, removing or limiting their federal powers back to the Portland jurisdiction for which they serve.

Thank you,
Sharon Bettis
97215

From: [Sarah Felix](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Portland Police Bureau Budget & Resolution re Federal Deputizing
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:27:26 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members -

The proposed budget for the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) does not address crucial community needs, and ignores the call from the public for reallocation of police resources. This summer I and many others wrote to the mayor and council expressing our concern that the police were brutally violating the First Amendment rights of protesters, and were not being held accountable for their unconstitutional actions. We asked that at least a portion of budget resources currently allocated to the police be redistributed to community groups, to address empowerment of communities of color.

I agree with Commissioner Hardesty that the proposed police budget fails to respond to the massive community call to decrease the ever-expanding scope of police work and instead invest in a safety net that prevents crime, as well as police alternatives like the Portland Street Response. I support Commissioner Hardesty's proposal that the City reinvest \$18 million from the PPB into community safety alternatives and investing in our communities' most basic needs, such as addressing rent stability and food security for those hit hardest by the current economic crises. I also agree with Commissioner Hardesty that some of the PPB proposed budget be set aside to potentially prevent cuts in other vital city services.

I also support Commissioner Hardesty's proposed resolution restricting the scope of the 45 PPB officers who were illegally "federally deputized" in our city. These officers have acted outrageously toward peaceful protesters, and must be restrained, especially in light of the upcoming election.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Sincerely,

Sarah Felix

From: [Jeff Ramsey](#)
To: [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#);
[Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#)
Subject: In support of item 864 on Wednesday agenda
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:42:16 PM

Hi there,

Writing in to urge Council to support Commissioner Hardesty's item, #864, to put limits on federally deputized officers in PPB. Politics aside, no one on this Council wants state or federal forces taking control of our local police as a way to do an end run around the limited accountability and other measures in place to control police actions against peaceful protestors. It was a galling move to deputize them in the first place, and if we cannot rescind that, they should be put on desk duty for the foreseeable future.

Thanks,

Jeff Ramsey
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From: [Ashlin Aronin](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); commissionerryan@portlandoregon.gov; [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#)
Subject: 10/28 Budget Meeting testimony
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:07:11 PM

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I would like to share virtual testimony on the following issues to be discussed in the upcoming budget meeting on 10/28/20:

Agenda Item 864

I support Commissioner Hardesty's resolution to place strict restrictions on the 56 federally deputized Portland police officers. With a critical election coming up, it is crucial to ensure that these officers aren't used as a political pawn by interests outside our city to circumvent local authority.

Agenda Item 865

I support Commissioner Hardesty's proposal to re-allocate \$18 million from the PPB into community safety alternatives. 100+ days of protests, hours and hours of testimony at past budget meetings, and Mayor Wheeler has the audacity to propose a budget that flies in the face of these constituent demands. We need to use this funding to support rent stability and food security for our houseless and marginalized communities.

Thank you for your time.

Ashlin Aronin
SE Portland resident (97202)

From: [Sara Simon-Behrnes she-her](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Public Testimony - Wednesday Morning item 864
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:24:32 AM

Hello Commissioners and Mayor

The current situation with the Deputized officers on the street undermining Portlanders' election of Mike Schmidt has got to end. Get the deputized officers off the street and on a desk job until the deputization expires and protect Portlander's right to free speech - even when that free speech is directed toward LE. Especially when that free speech is against LE!

I am a Portland resident and homeowner
I demand that these officers be removed from street duty until their deputization expires

Sara Simon-Behrnes
Roseway Neighborhood Association Board Member

From: [A Shapiro](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: limiting the power of deputized Portland Police Officers
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:24:22 AM

Testimony in Support of Commissioner Hardesty’s proposal limit the power of the federally deputized Portland Police officers

(for morning session of City Council Meeting, October 28, 2020)
 Submitted by Alice Shapiro and 13 co-signers

- I support the proposal of Commissioner Hardesty, which she will introduce to the City Council on the morning of October 28th, to restrict the actions of the 56 Rapid Response Team officers who were deputized by the federal Department of Justice.
- This attempt by the federal government to take control of our local police force and obstruct DA Schmidt’s wise and reasoned protest arrest policy threatens our first amendment rights for freedom of speech and assembly.
- Our country is at a crossroad in efforts to protect our fragile democracy. Let’s move in the direction of democracy, human and civil rights, and equity for all.

Sincerely,

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From: [Paul Souders](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#)
Subject: Written testimony in support of Agenda Item 864
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:27:15 AM

Mayor and City Commissioners,

Please accept the following written testimony in favor of Agenda Item 864, October 28 2020, regarding PPB officers deputized as federal agents.

I want full assurance that PPB officers are not acting as federal agents with the power to press federal charges.

Any deputized officer should not be on the streets, should do desk duty, and should not work with federal agents.

This deputization is unconstitutional. Trump's federal agents have no place in our city.

Thank you

Paul Souders
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From: [Ben Birdsall](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#)
Subject: Written testimony on agenda item 864 of the October 28th City Council meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:29:36 AM

Hello,

As a Portland resident, I am deeply concerned about the ongoing issue of PPB officers deputized as federal agents without the approval of any local authorities or any oversight. I want full assurance that local officers are not acting as federal agents with power to press federal charges under Trump's Department of Justice. If we cannot trust Portland police officers to abide by the constraints we have locally decided on them having as our agents, they should not be on the streets. Barr's DOJ has made it very clear that they are more than willing to trample on the rights of protestors, and eager to use PPB as a tool to erode our rights if they are able. Any federally deputized officer should not be on the streets, should be assigned to desk duty until they are no longer deputized, and should not work with feds in any capacity. Anything else is an abdication of our local rights to a Federal agency that has proven to have nothing but contempt for Portland, its people, and our right to self-determination and local democracy. PPB and its officers should work for us locally, and any officer who is deputized federally should be taken off of any active duty until they are no longer deputized.

Thank you,
Ben Birdsall

From: [Rose Lewis](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Agenda item 864
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:51:47 AM

Respected members of City Council,

Federally deputized police officers must be removed from street duty immediately. This deputization should not have been authorized in the first place and it is a dangerous embarrassment that our current Police Commissioner did not thoroughly consider its implications. His failure to remove deputized officers from street duty prior to now enables federal overreach, especially shocking given the life-threatening brutality federal troops enacted on Portlanders earlier this year.

I wholeheartedly urge all members of City Council to support Commissioner Hardesty's thorough, thoughtful, and well-researched proposal to reallocate \$18 million in funding from the Portland Police Bureau. We are approaching a season of lack where many people will struggle to meet their most basic needs for food and shelter. Policing is not an effective response to these crises of hunger and housing. The police bureau wastes millions of dollars annually on arrests of our most vulnerable neighbors that do nothing to address the root causes of crime and make it more difficult for people to access badly-needed resources. This funding must be diverted towards life-affirming support for our community. To vote otherwise is not only immoral and cruel but frankly impractical and financially unwise.

Portlanders have been asking for these changes for months. City Council's failure to act is shameful. I am very grateful for the leadership of Commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly and hold out hope that Commissioner Ryan may stand with them in providing compassionate, intelligent support for our community.

Thank you for your time.
Rosalind Lewis
97214 resident

From: [Josh Hetrick](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Subject: agenda item 864 - federal deputization
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:27:05 PM

I approve of the restrictions proposed for local police officers in light of federal deputization, but it's unclear to me what happens if PPB is put under state control. It should be explicitly stated that doing so isn't a backdoor to federal control. Better still, pull the deputized officers from the street until their federal deputy status has been fully revoked to ensure their full accountability to our city.

Josh Hetrick
Brooklyn, Portland, Oregon

From: [Todd Aschoff](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: 864 Establish rules and limitations on Portland Police Bureau
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:49:25 PM

Hello, resolution is missing # <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/767730>

Please submit testimony:

“ I believe Portland City Council and the Portland Police Bureau should not fear any deputization of local law enforcement because of the City’s fear that protesters will be prosecuted for lawless behavior. Additionally, if the deputization is indeed unconstitutional, then there indeed is no need for a resolution “

I WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service refused to recognize the City's withdrawal of consent to the Deputation."NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the continuing Deputation of PPB members is unlawful and unconstitutional.

Todd Aschoff
Portland Or

From: [Portland Copwatch](#)
To: [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Cc: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Portland Copwatch](#)
Subject: Portland Copwatch testimony on Item 864, federal deputization limits resolution
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:09:13 PM

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty, and Ryan

While we are generally supportive of the goal of the Resolution around deputization, which is to create the most intense restrictions possible on Portland Police cooperating with-- or being agents of-- federal law enforcement for crowd control purposes, we want to be clear that Portland Copwatch does not support heavy handed crowd control tactics, whether they are performed by local or federal police. We emphasize here that the control over those police comes from the elected civilian leadership, who should not hide behind those violent state-sponsored tactics to perpetuate the inequalities in our society while wondering where community members might have gotten the notion that property damage, like slicing tires, or violence, like the use of batons, chemical agents and firearm-launched projectiles are ways to resolve conflict.

Regarding the language of the resolution, in the "Be it further resolved" paragraph listing six items Portland Officers have to follow even if under federal command, one more item should be included:

ORS 181A.250, which prohibits collection or maintenance of people's social, political or religious affiliation without suspicion of criminal conduct.

Like the other six items listed, which cite specific state laws, City resolutions and a PPB Directive, the addition of ORS 181A.250 will further clarify the framework in which PPB members may legally interact with federal law enforcement agencies.

Without reminding officers of this, they could be asked by federal officers/agents to identify individuals in the crowd and what they know about their affiliations merely for intelligence gathering, rather than criminal investigation, purposes. Consider this hypothetical example: an FBI agent might say "Hey, Officer Jones, what do you know about that guy there?" Then PPB Officer Jones might reply, "he's a Muslim who participates in the Multnomah Interfaith Action Group." There is no discussion of suspicion of criminal activity in this hypothetical situation, therefore the Portland officer would be in violation of state law for relaying that information-- and federal law enforcement agencies will have inappropriately gathered information on Portlanders.

Portland needs to guarantee not just the physical safety but also the civil rights of its community members.

We urge you to add this clarification into the Resolution.

Thank you
dan handelman
portland copwatch

From: [Trudy Ann](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Item 864--Resolution placing limits on federal deputization of Portland Police Officers
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:17:18 PM

Dear City Council,

I am very supportive of the purpose of this draft Resolution to restrict the powers of state and federal law enforcement to deputize Portland Police Officers for "crowd control." We the people are guaranteed the right to peaceful protest and we should be protected in that right, not attacked by militarized officers. Experience has shown all of us who have exercised this right to protest that officers at *all* levels of law enforcement appear to find it very difficult much of the time to perceive that a peaceful protest is in fact "peaceful." Especially when federal officers were active in the streets of Portland, we saw the worst of the nightly gratuitous over-reaction of officers--demonstrators, journalists and medics were thrown to the ground, punched, pepper sprayed and tear gassed, often at close range to the face. Not only do we not need deputization of local police as federal officers, we also don't need state and federal level law enforcement in our town. We've had plenty enough problems with local police over-reaction and heavy-handed tactics without also giving Portland Police the power to cooperate with or become agents of federal law enforcement.

The other area of concern is that of civil rights protections. I urge you also to add to the Resolution the requirement of ORS 181A.250, which restricts Portland Police Officers from sharing any information they may have on any person's religious, political, or social affiliations or actions. Apart from suspicion of criminal activity, sharing this kind of information with federal agents is in violation of state law. Portland Police Officers who may not be aware of this need to be reminded via this resolution of this restriction as well as those you have listed.

This resolution against deputization is important because it helps prevent local police (as well as public officials responsible for them) from hiding behind wider / higher authority to justify using militarized and extreme tactics and violations of civil rights. The nightly conflation of property damage with "violence" has been the justification for *actual bodily damage* by institutional authority. Those of us who were part of some of the protests experienced tear gas and pepper spray deployed simply for "not dispersing," when in fact nothing was being damaged. How does Portland define "peaceful?" This is a question we need to ask ourselves locally and that that we need to act on locally, without having the practice of state and local authorities defining it for us.

I urge you to ensure not only that Portland Police are technically not deputized to act out these tactics, but also that the language of the resolution is actually enforced internally. Resolutions need to go beyond just expressing a sentiment or an opinion in order to quell community criticisms of police over-reaction. This Resolution can have real life and death consequences. It needs to be more than purely symbolic (as many Resolutions are, as they are legally distinct from "ordinances."). We in the community should be able to expect that the values and opinions of the council, while important to express, will translate into action and accountability.

Please pass this resolution and enforce the restrictions within it to ensure that the protest, privacy, and civil rights of Portland residents are protected.

Thank you for considering my ideas.

Sincerely,

Trudy Cooper

From: [Adrian March](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Public Safety
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:28:41 PM

The problem of police brutality was simmering back in 2016, when I proposed a step in the right direction: a teen intern program at the Centennial Mills horse barn to bond PPB with our community, teach officers greater self-control, and funnel quality applicants to PPB. But City Hall dismissed the idea and ignored the scientific studies showing horses calm people <http://bit.ly/1UDIZQ>. Today, those teens are protesting.

The mayor's proposed budget shows he is still following PPB orders instead of helping them to best serve our community.

I support taking \$18 million from the Portland Police Bureau and using that money to fund non-police safety alternatives & community needs.

I support the resolution that places strict restrictions on the Portland police officers who were federally deputized.

Adrian March

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From: [Kathleen Boylan](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Limit power of federally deputized Portland police officers
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:36:24 PM

I support the proposal of Commissioner Hardesty to restrict the actions of the 56 Rapid Response Team officers who were deputized by the federal DOJ. With the current administration doing everything in its power to undermine the results of the November third election and a potential threat of massive civil unrest these officers should be sidelined. Our democracy is at stake.

Thank you

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From: [Diana Richardson](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony referencing agenda item #864
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:59:45 AM

My name is Diana Richardson. I am 75 years of age and I live in Portland. I have witnessed first hand, how the Portland Police respond to our rights to protest injustice in this city.

As we approach this extremely sensitive and volatile moment in our lives, the time leading up to, including and following this election, even the soberest of people are anticipating increased violence on the part of many who support an illegal occupation of our nation's capitol and against the heroic, self-sacrificing citizens who protest that our rights have been and are being trampled. We in Portland must unhesitatingly OPPOSE this with our voices and non-violent actions, as we have been doing for more than 100 days. This includes, most emphatically, our City elected Commissioners, as well as County and State government. In light of this:

I fully support Commissioner Hardesty's proposal which adds teeth to the Mayor's attempt to nullify the effects of the deputation of the 56 Portland Police officers which must remain under local control.

I am concerned, however, about what I understand is an exception which gives the Chief of Police or the Police Commissioner the right to leap over this resolution by authorizing cooperation with federally deputized entities in responding to protests for the purposes of crowd control. If this is accurate, it is immoral and anti-democratic. I must protest this exception and ask that Commissioners revisit this ruling for the safety and well-being of all of us.

Finally,

The deputized police MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESPOND TO PROTESTS. AT ALL.

From: [Emory Mort](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: 864, Deputation
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:02:10 AM

Hello Council,

My name is Emory Mort, resident of North Portland, thank you for the opportunity to speak today!

I want to speak today in favor of Council putting the strongest constraints possible on this maneuver of deputizing local PPB officers as federal agents. I believe it is necessary to put any deputized PPB officers on desk duty.

I've studied this process carefully and I'll speak into the public record what seems to have happened.

PPB Deputy Chief Davis was on a PCCEP call last night and said this deputization order came from now-retired OSP Superintendent Travis Hampton.

This is a big problem. Hampton, the Governor who delivered the order from Hampton, and DOJ have refused elected officials' strong demands to undo the order.

Hampton appears to have made this decision after OSP became very upset with elected city officials, and elected DA Mike Schmidt, during OSP's deployment in late July, a deployment made to halt Fed attacks on the streets of downtown. You may recall that upon leaving town, OSP made the highly unusual and unprofessional move of openly slamming DA Schmidt in the press.

In other words, Travis Hampton was retaliating. This doesn't have to do with public safety for officers or the public, it's retaliation for elected politicians' decisions. It's childishly centering "blue lives" over everyone else, including the thousands of people who were attacked and terrorized by the Feds over that period.

Furthermore, Hampton used the September 26 stress on the city, the armed rightwing gang presence, as a leverage point to make this decision. The Portland Police had, multiple times in September, stood back and allowed armed rightwingers to do serious attacks in Portland. Now, on September 26, suddenly police convinced locals that police are the answer to these rightwing attacks. In fact, the police leaders USED the attacks as a pretext to deputize officers.

This is a major problem and very bad precedent for other jurisdictions

The deputation order we're discussing today was approved by Chief Lovell, with no public input. It was then announced the deputation would sustain thru the rest of the calendar year. Dep Chief Davis says normally deputations last a full 12 months, and he's confused why this one only lasted a few months. This indicates police and DOJ prosecutors may attempt to keep this deputation alive through September of 2021.

The decision, according to what Davis heard from Hampton, was about supposedly "protecting officers". This is not logical and not backed up by anything.

And according to Davis it allows officers to make federal arrests when "in the nexus" of a federal building or federal issue.

Needless to say, this is an order that is "in the nexus" of being broad and chilling due to its vagueness, and needs to be opposed as strongly as possible

The case this week, reported in OPB, shows exactly why.

An 18y/o from SW was arrested and prosecuted by federal agents with assault in a federal officer.

He had been in a group on Oct 7, hit that night by CS gas outside the ICE facility.

His alleged "assault" that will land him in federal court was a "jab" with an umbrella tip on a PPB officer in riot gear. AS the officer attempted to arrest him for IPO or DC.

He was unarmed, and over 1 city block from any fed facility at the time, and an officer was physically confronting him.

This is EXACTLY what the mayor said wouldn't happen.

A young person may face years in federal prison because he protested outside ICE. Local police did not protect the public from Feds' CS gas. The person punished is an 18 year old with an umbrella to defend against munitions and mace.

Should people be protesting ICE? Yes. Just this week the Senate held a hearing and lawyers presented filed from over 50 women forcibly sterilized in an ICE

facility.

This deputization order from state trooper leadership never had a viable rationale.

It was executed in a retaliatory and bad faith way.

It has highly dangerous implications in the coming months as police feel angry, and free to “use force” anonymously and without repercussions.

Please pass 864 AND I urge to you to rapidly pass a further resolution to put the 56 PPB RRT officers on desk duty until deputation is rescinded. Let other law enforcement in the state know that if PPB officers are deputized they go straight to desk duty.

Thank you, and all the best to you and yours in these times.

City Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:30 a.m. - Item 864

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