

From: [connie kletzer](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Admendment to Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Friday, December 4, 2020 4:27:49 PM

Hi,

We do need affordable housing in N. and NE Portland. The current plan is working well. We already pay enough in Property Taxes. Please find another way to fund this amendment, like raising the tobacco prices.

Thanks for your consideration,
Connie K.

From: [Jennifer Fellman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:24:15 PM

This is extremely ill-timed considering the loss of jobs and homes from Covid's impact. Additionally, the City has let the mentally ill and addicts, who make up the majority of homeless, spread unchecked throughout the City's core and specifically downtown and around the 405 freeway. On top of these two serious situations, the riots and property destruction following the wake of George Floyd's death in May 2020 has left downtown Portland seriously untenable for all business and tourism. It will be many years before business will feel safe to relocate downtown, if they open for business at all. This assumes the City of Portland does something positive and aggressive in getting the tents and their accompanying toxicity off the public sidewalks.

The many bond measures, etc. that have recently been voted in for more property taxes to be allocated to affordable housing has pushed homeownership to be cost-prohibitive. Many people are moving out of Portland for this reason. Do you think those people moving in will just blindly keep paying this increasing load? Or will these homes just stay on the market with on-going price reductions until they finally sell? And then their property values (taxes) will also reduce.

Finally, will "affordable housing" really help the majority of the homeless living in tents throughout the City? Of course not. They could not hold a job, or will they even want to work, to pay the rent that is still required to live in affordable housing. There is such a small percentage of homeless who take advantage of City programs to get them on their feet. "Affordable Housing" is a folly, and there have been two recently-passed bonds that address it.

Now is not the time to put more financial burden on the citizens of this city who have lost work due to Covid, and have trouble staying in their homes.

Jennifer Fellman

From: [Mike Jones](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:41:54 PM

You want more money and want to lump the cost on to property owners, again. I might be a simple person but even I can see that this city government is completely outside their lane with the management of this city. Yes, you say a great portion of this money is to help in affordable housing all while putting us that own houses and living barely above the poverty level in additional dire situations. Your cure is also your cancer. Please take a step back and quit bending the people over while patting yourselves on the back for all the good you do. Because just about everything you touch you over spend, unjustly punish others and make situations worse. Please just stop. Take a look at all the programs you've instituted over the last 10 years and name one that has had a huge improvement. You can't because you continue to screw over the people and the small businesses and then claim without any real proof that you've done good. You can't even produce a decent educational system, it's a complete failure and even there you continue to tell the people just need a little more money and we'll have a great program. You're wrong on so many levels. Please just stop. You've put a fair amount of us out of work already, please stay home, shut your electronics off and and don't talk to anyone.

Disgusted with the mismanagement of this city.

From: [Mark Triolo](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Debt Increases
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:24:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern-

My partner and I moved into our house in June of last year and were so excited to finally live in SE Portland. We bought what we thought was our dream home in the Foster-Powell area of Portland. The first year of living here was a sobering experience for us as we grappled with the pandemic, high numbers of homeless camps and trash nearby on our local streets, frequent brushes with petty thieves and drug users, and annually increasing (and bloated) property taxes.

We just had a baby in October and I cannot fathom the thought of raising my daughter in this once proud city anymore. The high and ever increasing property taxes, effete city councilship and mayorship, and dirty streets lined with trash and boarded up (and unprotected) businesses have eroded my trust and love of the city's quirky, independent nature. Now we are being told the Interstate Corridor Housing project is attempting to (and will likely) raise its debt ceiling from \$60-some million to over \$400 million? Where exactly will this money be coming from? The already overtaxed (and grossly underrepresented) working class citizens of Portland?

There is a difference between altruism and fiscal irresponsibility and recklessness, and I can't help but feel as if Portland is inching closer and closer to the latter.

Mark Triolo
SE Portland resident

From: [Mark Triolo](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Debt
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 12:40:53 AM

To Whom it May Concern-

Increasing the Interstate Corridor Project debt ceiling by \$67 million to over \$400 million makes me wonder where this new money is going to be coming from? The already overtaxed, over ballot-measured property owners who are unfortunate enough to reside in Multnomah county, I assume?

More clarity is absolutely needed on where the money will be coming from to address this new debt and what the property tax increases for working class families will look like. Otherwise the city of Portland will continue its never ending pattern of taking advantage of property owning citizens in an effort to clean up the giant mess the city councilship and mayorship have contributed so mightily towards.

From: [Mike Janniro](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: comments for portland housing bureau open hearing
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 3:58:32 PM

instead of raising our property taxes again to house the poor, train people to work.

I have already given rent increases for the latest bonds being past, so will have to give another rent increase for this. Why do you keep taking money from people who are just making it to those who do nothing to improve their income. Well I guess they put their hand out, that should be enough.

How about training people to be police, plumbers, electricians, HVAC ...
There are many professions which need more qualified people and they could make a very good living in these fields.

Have you ever tried to get a police person - file a report
have you tried to get a (plumber, electrician, HVAC) - it will be at least a week.

why not try something different, train people to support themselves, or is this beneath their dignity.

i guess its easier to raise property taxes and support someone until they die.
so keep beating your head against a stone wall and question why does this problem just keep getting bigger?

if your asking, I have a couple of cousins who will do anything to avoid work, they have avoided doing work for over 40 years just by sticking their hand out. Government keeps giving it to them.

please, only help people who are willing to work and improve their financial standings.

needless to say, i am ready to sell my rental properties, i am very tired of supporting this wrong approach.
It has never worked and will never work. Can't you see this?

Mike Janniro
citizen of portland whos ready to throw the towel in and and put my hand out for some help.

From: [Christopher Cunningham](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Public hearing 2020
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:39:21 AM

Understanding the need to make improvements and all of that does beg the question if you have the understanding. When will you still using NE Portland as your personal piggy bank. You have consistently raised taxes on our property and made zero recognizable changes.

For instance the “big ditch” failure and tax payers are still paying for it. There is a laundry list of stupid at the hands of our elected officials that Multnomah county continues to pick up the bill for.

So you really think I’m the middle of this pandemic where people can’t work because of lock downs. People are struggling to to pay regular bills, put food on the table, and it is a holiday season. You want to give money out to community projects that do nothing and help no one so you can take more money from our pockets? Figure it out.

The homeless community is growing day by day because Oregon and Portland especially is becoming more and more Las Angles California every single day. Our housing prices are the same as theirs, our rent prices are the same as theirs, our taxes are higher (way to go over achievers), our crime rate is rapidly surpassing theirs. I could go on by why bother, you will continue to give yourselves raises, tax the people no caring people can barely afford to live here, the jobs will continue to leave because they can’t afford the taxes, then your dream of Oregon becoming Southern California with trees will be complete.

Except people with money, influence, and buisness’s will leave.... oh wait just like California.

Way to go champs.

Christopher Cunningham
Rework welder
Precision Castparts

From: [Debby Greene](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: N. Ptl Interstate Corridor multi-unit housing
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 5:09:13 PM

PLEASE, PLEASE stop building all of the multi-unit housing on neighborhood streets with NO off street parking. I realize we are trying to encourage alternative means of travel, but there is NO place for all of these tenants to park! N. Greenwich, especially, is a narrower street to start with. In the blocks just south of Lombard it has become a one lane space to travel with parking so solid on both sides that there is no room to get out of the way! You drive down the block and a car approaches- one of you has to drive IN REVERSE to the last intersection to get out of the way.

There are already so many cars parked along these streets from people who park and ride MAX. Those without driveways are doomed.

Here's a suggestion: build a parking structure for condo/apartment renters and Max riders to use. Make funding for it part of the fee developers must pay to accommodate the car drivers in their buildings. And/or charge by the month to park there in a reserved parking space.

Putting up a 20 unit building on a single family house plot with no plan for off street parking is just irresponsible. Add to that that there are 3 or more of these units now on many of these blocks and It impacts the livability of the surrounding streets.

Also, on streets like N. Greenwich, how about marking parking spots on the pavement and NO PARK spaces so space is used efficiently and drivers can give right of way to oncoming traffic.

The Arbor Lodge/Ladd's addition neighborhood has changed so much -especially the past 5 years or so as developers buy up more and more single family homes to tear down and put up 3 story buildings that take up the entire plot!

Thank you for the opportunity to give input.

Debby Greene, 28 year resident of the Arbor Lodge/Ladd's Edition neighborhood.

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Debby

From: [Cameron South](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:15:34 AM

Dear Council,

Please consider this email my opposition to the proposed increase to the maximum indebtedness of the Interstate Plan. Since the inception of this urban renewal district, the affected neighborhoods have become increasingly gentrified, and are now filled with gargantuan apartment/condo towers that are anything but affordable to the average Portlander. To claim that the additional funding will provide more affordable housing is an absolute lie. Affordable to whom? What a subjective term "affordable housing" is.

Furthermore, the property tax revenue that you siphon from the general fund using tax increment financing robs the rest of the city of much needed revenue, so that Prosper Portland can be a real estate developer with money that belongs to the citizens. In reality, you give developers handouts and push out the working class residents of a once affordable neighborhood.

Lastly, you fail to be open and honest about the TIF method of funding that you use to accomplish your perverted goals. Not one spot on the postcard that you mailed out did you mention how this is all going to be paid for. If the urban renewal districts that Prosper Portland constructs were put to a ballot measure vote, they would be turned down by citizens without a doubt. Instead, you are able to push them through with a bit of testimony and a rubber stamp from the crooks that call themselves urban planners.

Sincerely,

Cameron South

From: [Sam T.](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate renewal plan.
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 10:42:33 AM

The interstate renewal plan is continuing Portland down the path of gentrification. Ripping away homes of families who have lived in the area before the corrupt politicians ever did. These type of gentrification projects have been leading Portland to its downfall. The City council and Landlords view people as a mere statistic and how much money they can get out of it. Make people live in smaller and smaller spaces, have them pay more, then question why mental health is so bad in our society. Stop the Renewal (gentrification) plan.

From: [csmacfergus](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony regarding the Interstate Plan
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:09:58 PM

Dear City Council,

I am writing to you today to submit written testimony regarding the hearing scheduled for December 16th, and the agenda item regarding the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan Amendment.

I want to declare my support for the ordinance that maximizes the indebtedness of the Interstate Plan. I have read that the N/NE Portland Community Development Initiative Action Plan is intended to "foster economic prosperity among communities and individuals who have not fully participated in or benefited from economic opportunities in the Interstate Corridor URA." I also understand "the Plan and the remaining investments" are dedicated to "long-term and former members of the community who have not benefited from the impact of public and private investments to date."

To realize this goal, I strongly encourage City Council to consider collective ownership strategies, which would include employee ownership, cooperatives, co-housing, and credit unions. Now, I do not want to come off sounding like collective ownership is easier said than done. I am a recent graduate of Saint Mary's University (SMU) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where I earned their graduate diploma in Cooperative and Credit Union Management. In 2018, The SMU program sent my cohorts and me to Bologna, Italy to study several of the cooperatives in the Emilia-Romagna region. The Emilia-Romagna region has more co-ops and credit unions than any other region in the world. Interestingly, the City of Portland has a sister city relationship with Bologna, Italy. Thus, I strongly recommend that Council reach out to the City of Bologna for information and strategies regarding collective ownership, and how those strategies could inspire the economic support of disadvantaged persons of color in Portland, Oregon. Our studies in Bologna included classes at the University of Bologna taught by Vera Negri Zamagni, Stefano Zamagni, and former Mayor of Bologna, Flavio Delbono. All three could help you design strategies for creating greater equity in the Interstate Corridor URA.

Important links:

[The Italian Region Where Co-ops Produce a Third of Its GDP - Yes! Magazine](#)
[The Bologna Institute for Policy Research | Scholar Profile | Vera Negri Zamagni \(bipr.eu\)](#)
[Stefano Zamagni — University of Bologna — Curriculum vitae \(unibo.it\)](#)
[Flavio Delbono — University of Bologna — Curriculum vitae \(unibo.it\)](#)

Sincerely,
 Collin S. Ferguson
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 Portland, OR 97233
 503-765-2988

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

From: [Miriam Jagle](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Restitutions for Portlanders Displaced By Legacy Emanuel
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:32:48 PM

I am an employee of Legacy, and currently work as a midwife at Legacy Emanuel. I am writing to ask you to vote “no” on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area unless/until there is a plan to provide restitution to the families who were displaced by the original land clearing which was undertaken to build the Legacy Emanuel campus. To declare this area “blighted” (after Legacy let the land be unused for decades), and therefore eligible for renewal funding, and then deprive the families who were displaced the fair restitution for the value their land, is theft and is unethical. I am honored to serve my community, and am ashamed that my own employer has played such a harmful role in the community we are supposed to serve. It’s time to do better, and honor our commitments to the Black community who were displaced.

Thank you,
Miriam Rosenberg , CNM

From: [Derek P.](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: proposal to increase indebtedness of interstate plan
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020 9:07:13 AM

Do not do it. That is an insane amount of money being flushed down the toilet. Be responsible.

-Derek

From: [April Hutchens](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020 11:28:28 AM

Hello, if this is an opportunity to vote, I vote no on the amendment to increase the maximum indebtedness of the Interstate Plan by \$67 million to a total of \$402 million.

Thank you.

From: [Alana Buckallew](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan amendment increasing \$335,000,000
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 10:09:04 AM

How is this legal? Voters agreed to \$67 million to spend on "projects" and the City will raise the amount to \$402 million into a slush fund to spend anyway they see fit without accountability where the money is going BEFORE voters agree? Outrageous!!!

If the City wants to spend money it doesn't have then they need to find some other way to get the revenue other than raising property taxes. If this keeps up my taxes will be more than what my property is worth.

I have lived here 60 years and currently living on social security (very limited income). These tax increases could MAKE me have to move from this area.

I definitely vote NO!!!!

Alana Buckallew
503-775-2473
7028 SE Martins St. 97206

From: [Kathy Kniep](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: NO URBAN RENEWAL UNTIL RESTITUTION FOR DISPLACED BLACK FAMILIES
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 12:01:12 PM

Dear City Council:

Our city has treated Black folx in our community inhumanely in so many ways for so many years. The fact that we have not provided restitution to the hundreds of people displaced by the **Emanuel Hospital** expansion — all these years later — is unconscionable.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING and follow the lead of people displaced and their descendants. We are morally obligated to listen to our friends and neighbors from Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2.

Follow through on the **original agreement made to replace homes and businesses on a 1:1 basis**; give them their land back; invest in their community. Anything else falls short of basic justice and humane treatment. Once these actions have been taken, then we can get back to talking about urban renewal districts — provided they are planned and implemented with full community participation.

Thank you!

Kathy Kniep
Portland Resident

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"Nobody's free until everybody's free." — Fannie Lou Hamer

From: [Mary Shivell](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written Testimony of Support Relevant to Item #985
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:28:19 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Black families and businesses displaced by Emanuel Hospital — with backing from the City of Portland — have yet to receive compensation for the hundreds of homes and businesses they lost 50 years ago. I am writing this letter in support of

the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and the work they are doing to enforce a Federal Restitution Agreement concerning demolished homes in the predominantly Black community of what was Central Albina during the 1960's and 70's. I am appalled to discover the City of Portland, Prosper Portland and Emanuel Hospital utilized the Emanuel Hospital expansion under federal urban renewal law to target and intentionally rid Central Albina of a majority Black population. Portland has a longstanding history of uprooting Black communities on a political whim. I am convinced this practice needs to stop and leaders have publicly made known this history and the role racist city policies play in the forced removal of this community in what was central Albina. There is currently an effort under way to continue and add to the grave injustice already done.

Nationally, the City of Portland is known to be progressive. Locally, Mayor Wheeler and Prosper Portland's Executive Director Kimberly Branam make public vows to address historic damage, adopt equity policies and implement diversity, equity and inclusion in all city operations. Yet, the impacted families of the Emanuel Hospital expansion are not intentionally included in recent efforts to address the harm that was inflicted upon them. In a local documentary titled Root Shocked, Mayor Wheeler recognizes the financial destruction caused by racist policies "What happened decades ago has an impact on the generational wealth of African Americans today." He further states "The institutional racism...Black families in particular have experienced in this community-- and **we need to address the wrongs that we've created...we need to reach out to and overtly and intentionally support people...to demonstrate we're committed to a better future.**"

Mayor Wheeler can demonstrate his proclaimed commitment by listening to members of EDPA2 and using his position as Mayor to actively enforce the City of Portland adopted Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement to adequately and directly address the ongoing economic, social, cultural and psychological damage caused by "what happened decades ago." **Chiefly, there must be replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.** *By writing this letter, I support the demands and efforts of EDPA2 and join in the growing community call toward fulfillment of the Replacement Housing Agreement.*
 Sincerely,

Mary Shivel
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mvshivel@gmail.com

From: [Colin Cortes](#)
To: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Cc: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Dist. max. indebtedness increase agenda item 985 opposition
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:02:56 PM

Dear Mayor & Members of the Council:

Regarding the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal District, I oppose the proposal to increase the maximum indebtedness by \$67 million to a total of \$402 million. The City Council on December 16, 2020 should act on agenda item 985 by voting against the draft amendment ordinance.

Three main reasons are:

Scope creep

Interstate Plan projects should be funded with the funds that the tax increment financing (TIF) already generates for the district, and if funds couldn't cover the already specified projects -- as well as programs and administration -- then the City should shorten the project list, reduce program scope, and lower admin costs.

Citywide needs

The proposal through 2024 would divert an additional \$7.4 million of property tax from City general revenue and \$6.8 million from Multnomah County per the proposal Exhibit B "Report on the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021", Tables 19 & 20 (p. 27). There are more pressing problems needing money citywide, particularly homelessness, mental health, and walking and cycling safety. An example of that last item is the need to pave unpaved streets, found particularly in East and Southwest Portland, and provide more sidewalks and walking paths. I remind the Council of its stated commitment to Vision Zero.

Public school needs

About schools: The proposal through 2024 would also divert an additional \$7.5 million of property tax from Portland Public Schools (PPS) per Exhibit B Tables 22 & 23 (p. 28). Public schools need every dollar they can get. PPS having sought and obtained a bond measure approval in November 2020 is not a justification that proponents should seize on for increasing maximum indebtedness, but rather one of recent signs of how much PPS needs. Particularly during the coronavirus pandemic, when PPS unexpectedly had to spend money to change how it schools children, the school district needs the operations leeway that general revenue can provide and that bond money can't.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Colin Cortes
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 Portland, OR 97221-2968

From: [Holly Whitney](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan amendment
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:05:28 AM

Hello City Council,

The time for low income housing was approx. 15 years ago, when Portland citizens were told (falsely) that such housing would be built. Instead, the City allowed greedy developers to raze the moderate houses and build monstrosities for rich people. I live in Overlook, close to Arbor Lodge.

I oppose the amendment to the Interstate Plan, based on these existing problems in my neighborhood:

- > battles for parking spots
- > large trees destroyed
- > increased air pollution (which large trees could help mitigate)
- > increased particulate pollution from construction sites
- > increased traffic jams
- > difficulty with social distancing (due to huge apt. blocks on N. Interstate Ave.) for pedestrians

I don't want to live in another L.A. Why do citizens have to accept every densification plan the City foists upon us? Please vote NO.

Thank you,

Holly Whitney
2235 N. Alberta St.
Portland, OR 97217

Sent from my iPad

From: [Taj Hanson](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony - 985 Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:42:10 AM

Hello,

My name is Taj Hanson. I am writing to request that the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan provides reparations for the damage caused by previous urban renewal efforts in the area that intentionally targeted Black communities for displacement. As I understand, the current plan provides no funding for the people originally displaced; nor have they been sufficiently involved in the planning process. Also, this plan further inhibits the City's ability to follow through on its previous commitment: "The Agreement demands all parties to work together to replace every home that was demolished, a 1:1 replacement for the families forced to relocate. For close to 50 years various organizations and individuals have tried to encourage Emanuel Hospital to enforce the Agreement. To this day, the Agreement remains incomplete."

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Thank you,

Taj Hanson
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503 960 8662

From: [Rachel Ishofsky](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony re Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:39:54 AM

Recently, I was made aware of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and the work they are doing to enforce a Federal Restitution Agreement concerning demolished homes in the predominantly Black community of what was Central Albina during the 1960's and 70's. I am appalled to discover the City of Portland, Prosper Portland and Emanuel Hospital utilized the Emanuel Hospital expansion under federal urban renewal law to target and intentionally rid Central Albina of a majority Black population.

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Many thanks for your time and consideration,

-Rachel Ishofsky, resident of St. Johns , zip code 97203

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From: [TYLER KIM SATTERTHWAITE](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Tyler Satterthwaite](#)
Subject: Testimony for the Portland City Council Regarding the Dec. 16th Public Hearing
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:11:10 AM

Dear Council Clerk,

I wanted to share some thoughts for the City Council hearing on the current ordinance for the adoption of a large amendment to the Interstate Plan. My perspective is unique since I'm a housewife and mother of four who has lived in outer SE Portland for the last 43 years. My husband and I have Masters degrees in education and are invested in our community where we both taught high school, until I decided to stay home to raise our children. We love the families living and working in our area- the beauty and diversity is encouraging!

As you all can imagine, living with one income is possible only with calculated sacrifices, but it's been worth it to live simply and wisely, to provide a solid foundation of loving, authoritative leadership in our family. We grateful that we had the choice to live this way. This means that every penny of our finances are accounted for and stretched to meet our needs, pay bills, and even assist others in difficult spaces. We would expect the City Council to function with our tax dollars in the same, calculated way. When we received the notice of a public hearing regarding the increase in spending for the Interstate Plan, and therefore an increase in the public's taxes, we were dismayed that this was even on the table for adoption, given the precarious nature of our economy due to the pandemic.

On paper, it would be great for the N/NE Neighborhood Housing Strategy, Prosper Portland Programs, and Community Development Initiative Action Plan to successfully complete all projects. These are valuable and impactful efforts! The difficulty comes when groups of people meet and make decisions seemingly without counting the cost toward average Portland citizens like my husband and me. We represent the regular person, living and volunteering and investing in the city. For the average tax-paying citizen to be bearing the brunt of these projects with increased taxes at a time of widespread financial uncertainty doesn't make *logical* sense.

It would seem that there are ways to continue to progress using the previously allocated funds. In our household budget, we have to figure out what to do with what we have because it's prudent, and we don't want to go into debt. This mindset causes creative strategies and the use of other resources. It is our hope that the City Council could offer this mindset and press for creative strategies that would not allow for a tax increase. For example, it would be amazing to move forward and somehow finish under budget. When budgets go up into the hundreds of millions of dollars, it's difficult to wrap any accountability around those numbers, but I am pretty sure there's a way to either cut excess out of projects or find new partners to fund the projects' extra costs, instead of adding to the taxation burden acutely felt by the

people of the city.

If we really want to thrive, to allow all voices to be heard, to function in a way that is best for all citizens in Portland, then there must be a better way outside of raising taxes to accomplish these city plans. The increase of cost with this amendment is out of place for the current time.

Thank you for reading and taking these thoughts -which represent thousands of other Portlanders- into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Satterthwaite
503-412-0322

From: [Sarah Clark](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: 985
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:30:54 AM

I am a Portland resident, writing to testify against the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan. It is highly problematic for the following reasons:

While this plan would bring in \$67 million and provide some benefits to the community, such as affordable housing, not a dime would go to people originally displaced; nor have they been sufficiently involved in the planning process. Also, this plan further inhibits the City's ability to follow through on its previous commitment: "The Agreement demands all parties to work together to replace every home that was demolished, a 1:1 replacement for the families forced to relocate. For close to 50 years various organizations and individuals have tried to encourage Emanuel Hospital to enforce the Agreement. To this day, the Agreement remains incomplete."

Please do not pass this plan but revise it accordingly to fully restore justice and resources to the families of those originally displaced.

Sincerely,
Sarah Clark
503.473.9810

From: [Kristen Sartor](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written Testimony re Interstate Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:24:21 AM

Hello,

I am very concerned to hear that Portland and Emanuel Hospital has continued to deny persons from our historic Albina Neighborhood the restitution that they are entitled to.

The many Black families and businesses that were displaced by Emanuel Hospital, with backing from Portland officials, have continued to wait (for 50 years) for compensation for the hundreds of homes and businesses lost.

I have been made aware that the council will consider adopting a substantial amendment to the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan.

It is absolutely imperative that the persons originally displaced be invited to be more involved in the planning process regarding this plan. It is also absolutely essential that the persons originally displaced (or their descendants if they are no longer living) be provided compensation that they have a right to.

We must keep our word and honor the agreement that every home demolished is replaced.

Thank you for all you do,
Kristen Sartor
97217

From: shangage@yahoo.com
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Adoption of interstate plan
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 12:12:17 PM

Dear city council I am and opposition of the amendment to the inter state corridor renewal plan. I think adding \$335 million dollars to transportation program for housing is ludicrous. My property taxes are high enough as it is right now! And now you expect me as a Southeast Portland citizen to pay for North northeast housing strategies? I am disgusted that this is not something that should be voted on and just decided by Portland housing bureau who has a bias interest in the decision. My request is that this go before a vote in front of the people who actually pay the taxes.

Sincerely,

Shannon Gage

My neighborhood is SE/LENTS

Feel free to call me for clarification

503-752-1755

From: [Lindsey Sheehan](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:29:14 PM

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Thank you,
Lindsey

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Lindsey Sheehan
(she/her)

From: [Debi Stromberg](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for EDPA2 call for replacement for homes demolished by Emanuel Hospital
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:21:05 PM

Agenda Item # [985](#)

Dear City Council and Mayor Ted Wheeler,

When I was 8 years old, my family moved to SE Portland. That was in 1969. Shortly after moving, my father started working as a Lutheran chaplain at Emanuel Hospital, and he continued in that role for several years through the 1970's.

It feels quite embarrassing to learn later on in life about the displacement of the thriving black community that was forced out for the Lutheran Hospital to be expanded in those same years. Now I feel another wave of shame to learn that a 1971 agreement for one-to-one replacement of demolished homes for the once-thriving black community was never fulfilled.

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Sincerely,
Debi Stromberg
Former Portland Resident
Current Portland Metropolitan area resident
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97222

From: [Gary Schulstad](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for EDPA2 call for replacement for homes demolished by Emanuel Hospital Inbox GRS Debi Stromberg
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:38:33 PM

Agenda Item # [985](#)

Dear City Council and Mayor Ted Wheeler,

I am a Lutheran church going member and have recently found out about what Emanuel Hospital, which houses the ELCA Oregon Synod office did not complete an agreement in 1971 for a one-to-one replacement of demolished homes.

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Yours Truly,
Gary Schulstad
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503-558-1695

From: [Ethel Gullette](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written testimony, Agenda item # 985, Meeting on December 16, 2020
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:35:34 PM

To: Portland City Council

Re: Agenda Item #985, 12-16-20, the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021

I am writing to testify in the matter of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan. In brief, I urge the City Council to vote “NO” on agenda item [#985](#), the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness, **unless and until such time as the families forcibly displaced by the Emanuel Hospital Expansion, represented by EDPA2, get restitution, at long last.**

The mayor and his representatives have indicated a commitment to redressing the great harm done to the historically black communities of Portland, due to discriminatory and racist policies in Portland’s administration of planning, zoning and development. Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2 is made up of Descendants and Survivors of a particularly egregious example of eminent domain removal of mostly black residents, a fundamentally discriminatory and racist demolition of a thriving black community, under the guise of the beneficial removal of so-called substandard housing. The Descendants and Survivors had their beloved homes and neighborhoods ripped from under them, demolished with no recourse. The City of Portland has not enforced Resolution 1330 of the Federal Restitution Agreement of 1971. To those who were robbed of homes and community, the restitution promised in the Agreement has never been made. The generational wealth represented by those demolished homes has been lost. This remains a fact, no matter how much so-called urban renewal projects have benefitted some in Portland. The simple requirement, clearly stated and signed to in the 1971 Agreement, that there be 1:1 replacement of housing, or monetary remuneration for each family whose house was demolished, has never been fully satisfied. According to the Agreement of 1971, approximately 135 occupied housing units were destroyed under the Emanuel Hospital Project Urban Renewal Plan, most of which were inhabited by black families. Until such specific restitution is verified or made in a satisfactory manner to the Descendants and Survivors of those who were displaced, represented by EDPA2, there is simply no justice here. There may be developments that have benefitted others, but no justice for those who lost the most.

The property being added to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan pursuant to the proposal in question here was part of the land stolen from the black community in the 60s and 70s. The City and Prosper Portland stand to benefit from adding property and projects to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan and increasing the indebtedness by approximately \$67 million. If that land is to benefit anyone, it should benefit those Descendants and Survivors represented by EDPA2. Mayor Wheeler, City Commissioners and agency leaders claim to want to end repetitive racism in this city, but the passage of this proposal without a compensatory carve-out for these particular victims of racist policies is actually adding insult to injury. In short, the organizations responsible for inflicting this lingering harm get paid AGAIN and the families get nothing. In an era proclaiming at long last that black lives matter, this is a scandal and an outrage.

I urge a NO vote on agenda item #985.

Ethel Gullette

Resident of Beaverton, OR 97008

effieg47@gmail.com

From: [Zopa Herron](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: contactedpa2@yahoo.com; jakeithaelliott@gmail.com
Subject: Letter in support of Emanuel Displaced Persons Association Demands Justice
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 7:52:31 PM

December 14, 2020

Dear City of Portland Leaders:

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Kathleen Herron JD, Portland Oregon

From: [Stuart Warren](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: bdavis@sussmanshank.com
Subject: Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, Restitution to the Black Community
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:44:03 AM

To The City of Portland Leaders:

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Thank You for Your Attention to this important matter of justice and compassion,
 Kathleen Herron
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From: [KN Carlisle](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: written testimony
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:42:50 AM

Agenda Item # [985](#)

Dear City Council and Mayor Ted Wheeler,

I have served Lutheran congregations for many years as a church musician and worked closely with synod staff who proudly housed their offices at the Emanuel campus.

It feels quite embarrassing to learn later on about the displacement of the thriving black community that was forced out for the Lutheran Hospital to be expanded in those same years. Now I feel another wave of shame to learn that a 1971 agreement for one-to-one replacement of demolished homes for the once-thriving black community was never fulfilled.

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Sincerely,
Kelly Carlisle
Former Portland Metropolitan area resident
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From: [Dana Buhl](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for Item 985: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:22:42 AM

I urge the city council to vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 unless and until the survivors and descendants of the Emanuel Hospital expansion are paid fair market value for their homes that were demolished.

In order to face the racist history of our city and our state, we must make good on the promises that were made to the majority Black families who were removed from their homes to make room for the Emanuel Hospital expansion. Despite being a prosperous and thriving community, the PDC marked their homes as blight, the homes were taken and then destroyed. That land sits empty today and has been included in the ICURA on which you are voting next week. The PDC 1971 Resolution 1330 stated that those removed would be given one-to-one replacement. This resolution became part of the Federal Restitution Agreement and to this day has not been fulfilled.

Commissioners should vote NO on the approval of the ICURA **unless** the distribution of monies that the city and Prosper Portland prioritizes the completion of this restitution. The survivors and descendants of the Emanuel Hospital expansion, represented by the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2 (EDPA2) MUST be included in this agreement and process. Until there is a specific provision to make sure the families are paid today's fair market value for their homes, Prosper Portland should not receive monies for other projects.

There is no getting back the homes and community that were destroyed by the Emanuel expansion project. There is no fixing the generational harm done to individuals, families and community by this egregious land grab that targeted the heart of the Black community. There is, however, a way to restore *some* of the financial loss to those who were forced out of their homes by fulfilling the Restitution Agreement. Let the city stand by its commitment to ending racist practices by restoring the financial loss to the survivors and descendants of this forced displacement. Vote NO on the ICURA until and unless survivors and descendants of the Emanuel Hospital displacement are paid today's fair market value for their homes.

Thank you.

Dana Buhl
 (she/her)
 Director of Social Justice
 First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon
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From: [Megan Horst](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:22:03 AM

Dear Portland City Council members,

I am writing to offer testimony on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan. The City has made strong commitments to racial justice, and this current moment presents an opportunity to make some amends for past harms.

I am a professor of urban studies and planning at Portland State University. This fall term, one of my graduate classes worked closely with members of the Emanuel Displaced Peoples Association 2. We learned more about the history of the Albina neighborhood, including the legacy of racial discrimination and decades of displacement of Black residents and business owners. We spoke with ten families who were displaced by the construction of Legacy Emanuel Hospital, and never properly compensated.

While I believe that the funding of affordable housing and community-based economic development, with oversight by community- advisory committees, are important and valuable goals of this vote, I am concerned that the decision does not center the voices of those who have been most deeply impacted by past harmful planning practices.

I urge you to consider EDPA2's points below:

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During the 1960's and 70's, the City of Portland, Prosper Portland, Emanuel Hospital and Home Forward, declared our neighborhood blighted and received federal/state urban renewal dollars. Emanuel Hospital has intentionally and willfully left some of the property vacant, including the block on Williams and Russell, for close to 50 years. Prosper Portland has now declared this area blighted AGAIN to the tune of 67 million dollars. **How can they now, almost 50 years later, declare the same area as blight and get paid Again? And, the families get nothing?**

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On March 15, 1971, Prosper Portland (known at the time as PDC) passed and signed Resolution 1330 a significant component to a Cooperative Agreement and resultant Federal Restitution Agreement for a one to one replacement for every home that was demolished. The City of Portland has not enforced Resolution 1330 or the Federal Restitution Agreement. It's important to note this is separate from the Federal Uniform Relocation Housing Act. Many people confuse the two. EDPA2 hopes to explain this to you in a deeper discussion ahead of the December 16, 2020 vote.

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We were misled for more than two years to believe the only property included in the proposed expansion is the approx. 1.7 acres at Russell and Williams. This is impossible. The land at Russell and Williams is divided into two tax lots,

one extends beyond Knott. Emanuel Hospital owns this property. When asked, Prosper Portland Director Kimberly Branam stated the property that extends beyond Knott will not receive any TIF funding although it's included in the proposed Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area?

- **The passage of this proposal without a compensatory carve out for victims extends repetitive racism Mayor Wheeler, City Commissioners and agency leaders claim to want to end.** In short, the organizations responsible for inflicting this lingering harm get paid AGAIN and the families get nothing. This is another example of white oppression benefitting from Black suppression. In the time of Black Lives Matter, this proposal falls flat.
- No to the City and Prosper Portland. Yes, to displaced families of the Emanuel Hospital expansion

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Megan Horst

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From: [Hannah Newman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written Testimony for City Council
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:26:58 AM

To Portland's City Council,

Recently, I was made aware of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and the work they are doing to enforce a Federal Restitution Agreement concerning demolished homes in the predominantly Black community of what was Central Albina during the 1960's and 70's. I am appalled to discover the City of Portland, Prosper Portland and Emanuel Hospital utilized the Emanuel Hospital expansion under federal urban renewal law to target and intentionally rid Central Albina of a majority Black population.

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Best,
Hannah Newman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeri](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for the Interstate Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:00:07 AM

Our housing crisis requires we take every action possible to build transit-oriented and multi-family housing. I encourage the City Council to approve this amendment.

Jeri Stroupe
503-954-7502

From: [chazzz86](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: PHB relocation assistance
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:29:03 AM

My question to PHB is in regards to the relocation assistance ordinance. Why was there no provision added to this bill to prevent tenants from being evicted for cause? Why was there not an exemption for landlords that only owned one home and we're moving back into the home that was being rented? This was said to be the case when allowing PHB to create this ordinance.

From: [ellen simmons](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:43:43 AM

To members of the City Council,

I am urging Mayor Wheeler to listen to members of EDPA2 and use his position as Mayor to actively enforce the City of Portland adopted Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement to adequately and directly address the ongoing economic, social, cultural and psychological damage caused by “what happened decades ago.” Chiefly, there must be replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.

The ‘urban renewal’ that destroyed and displaced the vital Black commercial and residential community 50 years ago is a suppurating wound on our civic body. Healing can begin by enforcing the Federal Restitution Agreement.

Sincerely,

Ellen Simmons
730 SE 72nd Ave
Portland, OR 97215

From: [Tony Williamson](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:01:57 AM

Greetings:

Thank you for the notice regarding the upcoming City Council meeting. I would like to have had more time so I could have properly addressed my concerns.

I am opposed to any increase in indebtedness associated with the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan and the proposed referendum asking for increased property taxes.

PP is the neo-liberal arm of the city, taxing the common person to build wealth for the wealthy. Through various methods Portland Prosper raises money to develop areas of the city. The development of upscale business and housing has led to gentrification *causing* the tremendous affordable housing dilemma and subsequent homelessness problem. These problems are often dealt with by asking citizens to once again raise property taxes.

I have always supported schools, parks, housing, and most infrastructure measures but simply cannot afford to have property taxes raised any more. Over the past few years the tax jurisdictions of the metropolitan area have raised taxes on the following:

- 2 affordable housing measures
- Preschool for low income families
- Enormous school bond measures
- Parks levy

Portland Prosper already gets substantial funding from property taxes and various other means. The agency is already overextended in the Green Loop project.

The absolute priority of Portland should be housing the homeless.

Property taxes add to the high cost of housing as they are almost always passed on to tenants.

We are in the midst of a pandemic and have little idea what resources will be need to get Portland back on its feet.

At the very least, no decision should be made on the project until after the new Council is inaugurated. I am frankly suspicious of the timing of this recent notice.

Please know that I appreciate all of the dedication you have all made during these very troubling times.

Anthony Williamson
 20 NE 68th
 Portland, Oregon 97213

503-254-3286

From: [Kim Bowen](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: With regard to agenda item 985 - Interstate Corridor Renewal Plan 2021
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:41:13 AM

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Sincerely,
Kim Bowen
Portland Resident, 97211 zip code

From: [Pamela Consear](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2 written testimony
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:34:15 PM

Dear City Council Members,

My dad was a chaplain at Emanuel Hospital in the '70s, so it's a familiar name and landmark to me. But at the same time, I was oblivious to what was happening in the Albina neighborhood, since we were out in SE Portland and as I little white kid, I wasn't paying attention to City matters.

I was horrified to learn recently on a tour of Black Panther landmarks — now that I'm in my 50's — about how the City and hospital displaced much of that vibrant Black community for an addition that was never built. I think about that now every time I ride my bike past that empty block. Imagine how the residents of that neighborhood feel every time they see that eyesore.

It's a shameful part of Portland's past that needs to be revisited and reconciled. Portland can be an example for the nation of how to begin to make reparations and build back trust in communities of color that were neglected and abused and robbed by the government. Please do the right thing and compensate families for what they had taken away from them.

Respectfully yours,
Pam Consear (resident of NE Portland)

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From: [DAVID MAXWELL](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:46:30 PM

Dear City Council, In a time when fewer and fewer Oregonians are working due to the mandated shut-downs, you should not be asking for more of our money! How long will it be before all levels of government are talking of pending bankruptcy's. It may make you feel good to spend other peoples money, but you need to stop it, now!

Sincerely, Dave Maxwell

From: [John Mock](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: cutting back on old Portland for Progress agenda
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:07:20 PM

Very much a opposed to the City's continued pursuit of its City of Dreams that promotes more development at expense of home owners and renters alike, so many steps forward always on more taxes for those who do not directly benefit. Not a good retirement city. Not a city that listens to those outside its preset dream machine. Not one that works for most who unfortunately live here.

John Mock
Charles Dibert
2309 SW 1st Ave
97201

From: [Diane Mattox](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 985
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:11:53 PM

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Diane Mattox
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May peace prevail on Earth

From: [melissa nickerson](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: RESTITUTION in FULL--Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:17:55 PM

Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members:

I support Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and believe that restitution, full restitution, which is simply abiding by the federal requirements that Emanuel Hospital is bound to be enforced. Every home taken needs to be replaced. EVERY home in the Central Albina neighborhood. That this could even happen is a supreme example of racist policies that must not be allowed to continue. Emanuel Hospital must be held accountable. The City of Portland must be held accountable. We must all be held accountable. No entity has the right to take someone's home, to destroy a neighborhood, and a community. In this case, there is a very clear path to follow toward restitution, and it must be taken because decency, the merest form of simple decency, requires it. And I think it should be taken wholeheartedly, grieving for the wrongs that are still ongoing. May we each and all work diligently to stop racist policies wherever we find them. No skin color is superior to another, no person and no family better than another. We are One Family. Mustn't we live knowing the full truth of this so that not a single racist policy has the chance to exist. Let us act in such a way that we can be creating the world we want to actually be living in and the world we wish for our children.

Sincerely,
Melissa Nickerson
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804.252.1770

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."
~an old Irish saying

From: [Anne Trudeau](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:32:52 PM

To the City Council,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan. The following talking points from Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2 explain best why this plan should not go through. I urge you to read the history below and then take a stand against racism in Portland by voting NO on this plan.

Thank you,
 Anne Trudeau
 4207 NE 40th Ave
 Portland OR 97211

- During the 1960's and 70's, the City of Portland, Prosper Portland, Emanuel Hospital and Home Forward, declared our neighborhood blighted and received federal/state urban renewal dollars. Emanuel Hospital has intentionally and willfully left some of the property vacant, including the block on Williams and Russell, for close to 50 years. Prosper Portland has now declared this area blighted AGAIN to the tune of 67 million dollars. **How can they now, almost 50 years later, declare the same area as blight and get paid Again? And, the families get nothing?**
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From: [AureliaBorealis](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Urban Renewal Plan written testimony
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:57:21 PM

Black families and businesses displaced by Emanuel Hospital — with backing from the City of Portland — have yet to receive compensation for the hundreds of homes and businesses they lost 50 years ago. This Wednesday, City Council will consider adopting a substantial amendment to the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan. While this plan would bring in \$67 million and provide some benefits to the community, such as affordable housing, not a dime would go to people originally displaced; nor have they been sufficiently involved in the planning process. Also, this plan further inhibits the City's ability to follow through on its previous commitment: "The Agreement demands all parties to work together to replace every home that was demolished, a 1:1 replacement for the families forced to relocate. For close to 50 years various organizations and individuals have tried to encourage Emanuel Hospital to enforce the Agreement. To this day, the Agreement remains incomplete.

From: [Kristin Irwin](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:58:44 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Recently, I was made aware of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and the work they are doing to enforce a Federal Restitution Agreement concerning demolished homes in the predominantly Black community of what was Central Albina during the 1960's and 70's. I am appalled to discover the City of Portland, Prosper Portland and Emanuel Hospital utilized the Emanuel Hospital expansion under federal urban renewal law to target and intentionally rid Central Albina of a majority Black population.

In a local documentary titled Root Shocked, Mayor Wheeler recognizes the financial destruction caused by racist policies "What happened decades ago has an impact on the generational wealth of African Americans today." He further states "The institutional racism...Black families in particular have experienced in this community -- and we need to address the wrongs that we've created...we need to reach out to and overtly and intentionally support people...to demonstrate we're committed to a better future."

Mayor Wheeler can demonstrate his proclaimed commitment by listening to members of EDPA2 and using his position as Mayor to actively enforce the City of Portland adopted Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement to adequately and directly address the ongoing economic, social, cultural and psychological damage caused by "what happened decades ago." Chiefly, there must be replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.

Sincerely,

Kristin Irwin

From: [Leah B Eads](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Public Testimony on item 985 - Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:02:55 PM

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Be a city that keeps your word. MAKE THIS RIGHT for our Black community FIRST before any other expansion. Yes it will be costly. But look at the price they paid when the land was seized.

Thank you for your time and hard work.

Name: Leah Eads
Agenda Item Number: 985
zip: 97266
phone: 503-329-9981
email: idea_leah@yahoo.com

From: [Janice Buschman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:13:01 PM

Please do not adopt the amendment to the Corridor Urban Renewal Plan. The City of Portland does not need to add \$67 million in dept.

Our city already has incurred added debt from Covid 19, repairs from protester's damages and additional work required by City staff to deal with the above issues.

Do not add additional tax burden to the City of Portland residents during this extremely difficult economic time.

Janice Buschman

From: [Shirley](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Reparations - Emanuel Hospital
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:28:55 PM

Lutherans in Oregon are demanding that Emanuel Displaced Persons Association (EDPA2) be heard, and that the earlier promise of restoration to displaced homeowners must be acted upon.

Thank you.

Shirley Peterson, Member
Creator Lutheran Church
Clackamas, Oregon 97015

From: [Tommee Carlisle](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Mayor must demand replacement of every house demolished
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:30:50 PM

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am horrified to read that so many years ago legal orders and agreements were issued that the parties involved, including the City of Portland, build a house for every Black-owned house that was demolished by the consortium led by Legacy Hospital. I am horrified that this has never happened.

This is the use of pure, naked power wielded by the white power structure in this city with no regards to justice. Shame on you, and those who came before you that did not honor this commitment.

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Housing Agreement.

Karen Tommee Carlisle
3262 SE 153rd Ave
Portland, OR 97236

From: [Joel Schipper](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Bob Brown](#); [Steve Rudman](#); [Laine Barbanell Schipper](#)
Subject: Public testimony regarding public hearing Dec 16 re Portland Housing Bureau and Prosper Portland
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:35:23 PM

Dear Council Clerk,

Here is my testimony regarding the proposal to increase the maximum indebtedness of the Interstate Plan by \$67 million.

In short, I recommend a “yes” vote only if the amended plans include the fulfillment of the moral obligation and agreement signed on March 25, 1971, for "replacing all existing housing units demolished as a result of the Emanuel Hospital Urban Renewal with not less than an equal number of newly-constructed standard housing units. . ." This obligation has never been begun or finished after 180 homes were demolished to allow for the Emanuel Hospital expansion. The Portland Development Commission and other city agencies committed to replacing those housing units in a federal agreement. Since March 1971, not one of those housing units have been replaced.

Therefore, the City Council should only adopt the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan if that Plan is amended to explicitly require that the 180 units which were demolished be replaced by homes offered to the owners and descendants of the owners of the 180 units. I believe that is consistent with what the organization EDPA2 is demanding.

I understand there are many complications in how this would be funded. Yet, it is time to take this first step in resolving the larger issue in N/NE Portland of the involuntary displacement of many African-American families by both public and private actions over the past 50 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joel and Laine Schipper
Homeowners and voters,
4207 NE 24th Ave
Portland, Oregon 97211
members: Congregation Havurah Shalom
joelpdx26@gmail.com
415-215-9644

This email is in regards to the Portland City Council meeting #985 Time Certain: 10:00 AM set for December 16, 2020 about Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021, etc.:

I am Gloria Campbell-Cash and I would like to register for the meeting by means of technology by phone or internet. Please contact me and advise how to register my written testimony or my oral testimony. My computer skills are limited, and I need the way to participate either way.

My email address: tulip_777@g.com

Phone: 503-289-0232

Written Testimony: My name is Gloria Mae Campbell-Cash. I lived at 523 N. Knott Street as a child with my parents Ivy and Lillian Campbell and two brothers, Izeal and Isaac. Ivy and Lillian Campbell bought a house one block south of North Graham Street and Commercial Avenue. Emanuel Hospital was very small then, and the entrance was only about one block away from our house. I declare that my parents land and home was where, and is now approximately where the Ronald McDonald House is located, which is directly south of the Emanuel Hospital, and behind the backside of the parking lot on the North Graham Street entrance of Emanuel Hospital. Their land and home was within the Emanuel Hospital Expansion Plan.

We demand that no one gets paid until the families that lost their homes get paid. Ivy and Lillian Campbell with children were not compensated from our home being taken by the Emanuel Hospital Expansion Plan. The property was taken unjustly, and we all suffered.

From: [GLORIA M CASH Owner](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Gloria Cash to Register to Council Clerk for meeting 12-16-2020
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:50:18 PM
Attachments: [Letter 1 12-15-2020 City Council.docx](#)

To City Commissioners Vote "NO" on the Interstate Corridor

From: Gloria Campbell-Cash

Please see attached file

Thank you very much,

Gloria Campbell-Cash
email address: tulip_777@q.com
Phone Number: 503-289-0232

From: [Georgia Wier](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: NO on Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:20:24 PM

Dear Portland City Council Members:

I want to state my OPPOSITION to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan.

In the 1960s and 1970s, much of the built environment of Portland's thriving black community—homes and businesses—was demolished to make way for Emmanual Hospital expansion. In 1971, Resolution 1330 required that owners of these buildings receive one-to-one replacement for every home that was demolished. Survivors and descendants of these property owners have still not received payment for their losses. These people should all receive payment before there is any further discussion of another so-called "Urban Renewal" of the area.

Sincerely yours,

Georgia Wier
2533 SE 38th Ave
Portland 97202

From: [Pati Bingham](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:04:58 PM

cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov

Vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan.

I am OPPOSED to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan.

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Sincerely,
Patience Bingham
2533 SE 38th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
To: [Rojas, Jessica](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Fritz, Amanda](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Subject: RE: Request: agenda item 985
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:11:38 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Thank you Jessica for your feedback.

Tomorrow's proposal is to increase the maximum indebtedness by 20% in the Interstate Corridor. The action came forward as a unanimous recommendation from the N/NE Housing Oversight Committee and would make \$67M available for investment in additional affordable and community projects in line with the N/NE Housing Strategy and N/NE Community Development Initiative.

The vote on this proposal will be in January and there is more time for community members to review the proposal and to comment to the bureaus and Council in January. We community members to watch tomorrow's presentation to learn more about the proposal. We appreciate your input, as you've already given thoughtful comments about priorities, concerns and values. Thank you.

Link to council sessions -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcPIUh7CWwtBXisMPHWG65g/videos>

Kindly,

Yesenia L. Carrillo

Constituent Relations, Policy and Communications Advisor



Office of Commissioner Dan Ryan

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Portland, OR 97204

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From: Jessica Rojas <jessica@necoalition.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:52 PM

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

Cc: Commissioner Eudaly <chloe@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Hardesty <joann@portlandoregon.gov>; Fritz, Amanda <Amanda.Fritz@portlandoregon.gov>; Wheeler, Mayor <MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Ryan Office <CommissionerRyanOffice@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Request: agenda item 985

Dear City Council-

I am requesting that the deadline for comments for agenda item 985 be extended and a proper comment period (with notices to the city/ community partners/ district coalitions and neighborhood associations) be provided to allow adequate time for engagement on the topic of renewing the IURA- so we can better understand its amended nature and the maximum indebtedness.

This is a very sensitive topic that has huge impacts on our community longer than I have been alive. We need sufficient time to notify the public, help them understand URAs and their impact on our community and be allowed that time to testify.

Please extend the comment period to reflect the needs of our community at this time.

Thankyou,
Jessica Rojas

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Jessica Rojas (she/her/jess)
Executive Director (interim)
[Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods \(NECN\)](#)

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From: [Diana Larsen](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:52:23 PM

Hello Portland City Councilpersons,

I am writing to express my concern about the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan. Historically these plans have displaced BIPOC disproportionately without following through on the restitution promises to residents. As a citizen of Portland, I feel this despicable behavior reflects on me and all citizens, since our city government is purportedly acting in our names.

Please do not pass this plan unless you include adequate and sufficient restitution for the folks who will be affected...as well as for those who are still waiting for restitution from the Emmanuel Hospital expansion. Follow through on the promises you make in our names.

Sincerely,
Diana Larsen
resident and citizen

6307 NE 8th Avenue
Portland 97211

From: [Derek Shaw](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for the adoption of an ordinance to the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:03:32 PM
Attachments: [Testimony for Interstate URA ordinance.docx](#)

Commision,

Please include the attached testimony for the pulbic hearing Dec. 16, 2020 regarding the adoption of an ordinance to the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan.

Thanks,

Derek Shaw

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [David Fikstad](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony Regarding Item Number 985
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:47:30 PM

David Fikstad
Item #985
Zip code: 97211
Phone: 503-841-0284

I am speaking as a home owner in the Sabin neighborhood and a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church on 9th NE and Alberta. The travesty of the displacement of the majority Black population of Central Albina by the City of Portland and Emanuel Hospital in the 1960's and 1970's is very much in the institutional memory of my neighborhood and my church.

Mayor Wheeler has acknowledged the long term harm of this action including the theft of generational wealth from the Black community. He should demonstrate his commitment to addressing this wrong by listening to the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2 and actively enforce the Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement. In particular, there must be replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.

Thank You,
David Fikstad
4224 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR 97211

From: [Lara Phillips](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:12:30 PM

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From: [Andrew Oliver](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony Regarding ICURA - Item 985 - Dec. 16
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:27:30 PM

To the Mayor and City Council:

I am writing to encourage the Council to consider the former residents and homeowners of the Williams and Russell block as they consider increasing the maximum indebtedness of the ICURA today. Although the plans for the development of that parcel have included community involvement, they do not conform to the PDC's former pledge to provide 1:1 housing replacement in the area for those who were originally displaced for the hospital expansion. The city should consider that promise made by PDC in Resolution 1330 in 1971 when moving forward with the development of this parcel, specifically in regards to potential return of the land to displaced former residents who have watched it sit vacant for all these years as they have been priced out of the area.

Thank you for your time,

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Andrew Oliver
Masters in Urban and Regional Planning Student, PSU

From: [Jonathan Lari](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Plan Written Testimony
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:36:25 PM

Dear Council,

As a worker in Portland's homeless services, I fully support the proposed amendment to increase the indebtedness of the Interstate Plan by \$67 million to fund PHB affordable housing and Prosper Portland's programming in the N/NE Portland area. Now more than ever, we need to provide more opportunities for people to find housing they can afford to curb the explosion of homelessness in our city. I work with people who sleep on the street or would be if not for access to a shelter, a friend, or a housing program, and I live near Laurelhurst; I find it unconscionable that our city has the kind of wealth that lives in the luxurious houses near my neighborhood, yet so many people where I work sleep in wet tents in the rain, struggling to find shelter of any kind (and as a quick drive through the city will tell any conscious person, the number of people in that situation has only increased since the pandemic). Historically, many more people have been displaced from the N/NE neighborhoods they called home in the name of so-called "urban renewal" that fundamentally did not include them and ended up pricing them out East and beyond. We have an opportunity to do something about both of those injustices here. I ask you to please vote yes on the proposed amendment to increase the Interstate Plan budget for PBH affordable housing and Prosper Portland community/economic development.

Thank you,
Jon Lari, MSW
2504 NE Hoyt St., Apt. 24
Portland, OR 97232

From: [Meredith Crowley LMT](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: No increases in Property Taxes!!!
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:41:40 PM

To ALL whom it may concern,

My name is Meredith Crowley and I have lived in the same modest home in East County for over 32 years. I have to tell you that even pre-pandemic I am at my limit on my property taxes. I am a single woman with no children and I am already paying more than my fair share. When I bought my home in 1989 my property taxes were \$1,250. Now they are over \$4,300! I am on a fixed income of less than \$10,000 a year. I beg of you, please no additional property taxes, I have already paid more than my fair share to this community.

Sincerely,
Meredith Crowley

From: [Chris LeDoux](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written testimony for Item 985
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 12:11:56 AM

Below is my written testimony for Agenda item 985. I am a resident of Portland. Thank you, Chris LeDoux

I urge you to vote NO on agenda item 985. No more urban renewal until the families and descendants displaced by the planned Emmanuel expansion are paid. Please vote NO.

If what we have right now is an increased awareness of historical wrongs, then what is required is to revisit decisions and approach them through a different lens. With the last 6+ months of Black Lives Matter protests, it seems obvious to me that Urban Renewal programs must be revisited and looked at through more perspectives than those that were and have been at the decision-making table.

Having watched how challenging it has been for Commissioner Hardesty to receive support from other council members and the mayor for her proposals, how hard she has had to work and how much risk to personal safety has occurred for her to make even a fraction of the platform she ran on a reality in this city, while seeing other politicians, especially the Mayor, pat themselves on the back for tepid support and baby steps, it is clear to me that while Commissioner Hardesty can advocate for those who are not at the table, to repeatedly ask over and over again for more support for the Black community, for less police brutality, more police accountability, more support for the houseless community and for those with disabilities and those with a need for trauma-informed care, that the majority of those at the decision-making table, at City Council, do not understand what these protests are asking for and do not understand what the Black and indigenous communities have been asking for, for years.

The Original Plan and its subsequent amendments, together with businesses, have created a massive displacement of Black families from this area to all over the metro area, sometimes into communities in which Black families are threatened and distrusted by racist neighbors, away from increasingly and excessively gentrified neighborhoods that were once predominantly Black communities. My Dad was raised in this area and I knew it before the gentrification. I am sad for what has happened, with the history of exclusion and redlining in our city, that we can't start now to begin to right wrongs. To think in terms of reparations.

When you invest in a community to reduce "blight" and invest nothing to support the people living there to continue living there, then it's really about treating the land with more compassion than how human beings are treated. That may not be the intention, but it is the impact.

Investing in the land is what businesses and government do. Investing in people is what we need governments to do. I don't think government should invest in land at the expense of people.

And that is what urban renewal projects historically do. Enough is enough. No more. We must put people before property.

I support the statement of EDAP2/Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2
(<https://cdn.jotfor.ms/sjag.firstupdx/signEDPA2?fbclid=IwAR3KcdgMz2TRtC1jONptAoulcl1Oj9ITbluudDSr-8cCSyNBZ1YPGuWsh7s>).

I implore each of you to vote NO on this ordinance.

Thank you.

From: [Elianne Lieberman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for 12-16 agenda 985
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:09:05 AM
Attachments: [agenda 985 testimony.pdf](#)

Attached, as a pdf, is my testimony for agenda item 985 on 12-16-2020: Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness

I have also put it in the body of the email, because I don't know which format is best for your office.

Thanks for your attention,
 Elianne Lieberman

elianne97202@yahoo.com
 97202
 503-422-6402

It's way passed time to stop doing business as usual in Portland. In this particular case it's how we do urban renewal, and how we cheat the Black community. Let's both stop continuing to perpetuate a racist system, and address a past wrong. We have the opportunity to do both with the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area, but not unless it is amended.

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Another reason to vote no is because we should listen to the voices in the Black community who say the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area needs to go beyond affordable housing units to focus on what the Black community needs now, and rather than designating the same property as blighted for a second time to capture dollars for Prosper Portland and the City, a more open process to consider other options should happen.

12/16/2020 testimony for item 985: Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness.

Submitted by Elianne Lieberman

elianne97202@yahoo.com

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From: [Lamarra Semede Haynes](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 985 COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 16
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:25:29 AM

Dear City Council,

My name is Lamarra Haynes any my pronouns are she/her/hers.

I'm writing to demand that the City Council votes NO to expand the Urban Renewal area to include the property that was demolished to expand Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in the 70s.

This expansion was motivated by anti-Black racism. At the time, Portland Development Commission's (PDC now Prosper Portland) director, Ira Keller, concerned with the "high concentration of Negroes in Central Albina," used eminent domain under Federal Urban Renewal Law, to justify the demolition of predominantly Black of homes and businesses in Central Albina.

The property is still vacant. The City has attempted to a community engagement process on rebuilding the site, however Black descendants impacted by the demolition have not been authentically engaged, and at times shut out of the process. The federal restitution agreements have yet to be honored.

Vote NO on council item 985 and begin to publicly acknowledge the anti-Black displacement and pay the descendants restitution for the harm caused by the City of Portland's racism.

From: [Amy Iannone](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:19:19 AM

I would like it recorded that I, Amy Iannone, residing in Portland, OR, strongly urges that the council vote NO on this plan.

Thank you,

Amy Iannone

From: [Katharine Salzmann](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:20:27 AM

You must vote NO on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan. Nothing should be done there UNTIL the city has taken full accountability and made *restitution for the previous evisceration* of that neighborhood. Please show that the city of Portland actually believes that Black Lives Matter.

Portland Black Lives Matter.
Katharine Salzmann
Portland, Eastside

City Council is going to have a hearing at 10am Wednesday. Tell them to vote. Email them at: Learn more:
Ghetto Rise Media- Reclaiming Black Stolen Lands in "Whitest City", Portland, Oregon.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=007v06iWpTs>

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sarah Pearlman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: ICURA Plan Hearing Testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:36:39 AM

To Portland City Council,

I am writing today as a graduate student of urban planning and as a resident of North Portland. I am asking that Portland City Council vote "NO" on the ordinance for the amendment of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) until the families formerly displaced by the original urban renewal projects of the 1950s-1960s receive restitution. As a city, we claim to care about Black lives and social justice. To live up to that stance, it's extraordinarily important that we recognize the past harms that our Black neighbors and community members have endured and work toward healing and compensation. It's not enough to say that we will do it, we have to walk the walk.

Historically, urban renewal and designations of "blight" have caused a great deal of harm to Portland's Black residents. Continuing this tradition, in a neighborhood burdened by displacement in the past feels tone deaf at best. To be a truly remarkable, equitable, and just city (that I know we all want to be), we must take a step back and ask the question of who will be helped and who will be burdened by this amendment. To me, it seems that the displaced families and their descendants will continue to bear the burdens of our past mistakes. Again, I'm asking that City Council vote "NO" until Resolution 1330 and the Federal Restitution Agreement are honored and the families receive restitution for their pain and burden.

Affordable housing is critical to the livelihood of our city. The work done by the N/NE Community Development Initiative team is essential to organizing community voices for future projects and economic development in the Corridor. However, restitution for displaced families must come first. Let's do the right thing, the equitable thing, as a city. and put Portland's Black residents first.

Thank you so much for your time,
Sarah Pearlman
Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Candidate
Portland State University
sarah.pearl96@gmail.com

December 16, 2020

RE: Increasing Maximum Indebtedness and Expanding the ICURA TIF District

My name is Quinton Blanton and I am a 30-year-old Northeast Portland native, who currently serves as one of the co-chairs for the North/Northeast Community Development Initiative (CDI) Oversight Committee, an advisory body charged with overseeing projects and proposals within the ICURA TIF District. As a disclaimer, the views I'm about to express here are solely personal to the authors and do not represent the views of the CDI board at-large. When I initially joined the committee in late 2019, I was optimistic. That optimism however, turned to pessimism when I came to the realization that this process lacks transparency and accountability. Some of the issues I have with increasing maximum indebtedness, and including the property on Russell and Williams are as follows:

- Prosper and Portland Housing Bureau have not supported expanding the ICURA to include more Black Homeowners and business owners. For years, members of the North/Northeast CDI Oversight Committee, and community members have inquired about the possibility of expanding the ICURA TIF District so that more African American homeowners and business owners could benefit. Prosper and the Portland Housing Bureau ignored board members and led them down a path to endless meetings and circular conversations. Meanwhile, Prosper went out of their way to expand the ICURA TIF district for Legacy Emmanuel Hospital, a majority-owned corporation that has not explicitly stated how their inclusion into the ICURA TIF District will benefit the Black community. This is an example of institutional and systemic racism.
- At our meeting last month, the N/NE CDI committee was told by Prosper staff that the Williams-Russell Project Working Group (PWG), an advisory body supposedly charged with helping to drive a community-centered visioning and development for the property on Russell-Williams may be turned into a non-profit. I question the ethics of this move and find it problematic because Prosper is looking at a resolution to give \$20 million dollars to the not- yet-formed non-profit, after The North/Northeast CDI approved the increase in maximum indebtedness, contingent upon oversight and accountability of that \$20 million being the responsibility of the North/Northeast CDI Oversight Committee. Essentially, the non-profit could be used to circumvent the North/Northeast CDI Oversight Committee.
- Lastly, in attempting to correct past racial harms inflicted on the Black families in Central Albina that were displaced by the expansion of Legacy Emmanuel Hospital, Prosper and the City of Portland's actions are misguided. Directing so much time, energy, and money to such a small site will have minimal impact. ICURA resources should be directed toward more impactful initiatives such as: 1.) Increasing the capacity and control of

community driven groups such as EDPA2 in acquiring and redeveloping the Russell-Williams site. 2.) Expanding the boundary of the ICURA to include long-term N/NE residents and businesses that are outside of the boundaries, but could benefit from and utilize the resources. 3.) Continuing the implementation of the N/NE CDI, and 4.) Developing a cultural business hub for the African American community that promotes wealth creation opportunities.

America is in the midst of a racial reckoning that requires us to do things differently. We can no longer continue doing business as usual by passing measures, policies, and laws that ensure African Americans in this city remain a permanent underclass. I fear that is exactly what we're doing by adding the property on Russell and Williams into the ICURA TIF District, and increasing the maximum indebtedness without any quantifiable measures of accountability and transparency. To vote 'yes' is to be comfortable and complicit with historic and ongoing residential racism. For all of the reasons listed above, I urge you to vote 'no' when you are faced with the decision to include the property on Russell and Williams into the ICURA TIF District and increase the maximum indebtedness of the ICURA.

I welcome the opportunity for further discussion about my positions. It is easiest to reach me at (503) 933-2275. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Quinton Blanton (N/NE CDI Co-Chair)

Kimberly Moreland (Former N/NE CDI Project Manager)

From: [Q Blanton](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 985 ON 16 DECEMBER, 2020
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:06:47 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Testimony regarding Max indebt. and Russell and Williams.docx](#)

Hi,

My name is Quinton Blanton and I've attached a copy of my testimony for agenda item 985 on the 16th of December, 2020.

Thank you,
Quinton

From: [Jenny Boyce](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:59:10 AM

Ok you all. It's time to do what's just for our community. The Mayor and City Council need to actively enforce the City of Portland adopted Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement to adequately and directly address the ongoing economic, social, cultural and psychological damage caused by the displacement of Black families in the Albina neighborhood. **There must be a replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.**

Local resident and small business owner,
Jenny Boyce

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Jenny Boyce, LPC, LAT
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From: [laurel priest](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Written Testimony : item 985
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:23:16 AM

I am writing to convey support of EDPA2 and their longtime work to be recognized by Prosper Portland, and the mayor's office for appropriate compensation for their displacement by Emanuel Hospital and Portland development commission in the 1960s and 70s.

I am concerned about the use of the same economic tools to repair past harms, as were used to harm the Black community in the 1960's and 70's. In the research I've done on URAs and Tax Increment Financing - is that they have mixed results, even when they are used with the best of intentions.

The Williams and Russell Blocks south of Dawson park are valued at nearly 10 million dollars. Some of the home and business owners who lived and worked there were only paid \$2000, if at all. That was one tenth of the average home sale price in 1971-1973.

Many of these community members were never provided with appropriate replacement housing or relocation services.

What kind of evaluation tools will be deployed by PDC?

Where is the oversight?

How will displacement be measured and prevented

How does this inclusion of the area and expanded funding redress past wrongs?

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Laurel Priest

pronouns : she, her, hers

From: [Lisa G Wright](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: Reminder: City Council Meeting - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:30 a.m. starts in 1 hour
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:11:33 AM

Hello,

I am unable to stay to deliver testimony since the call has lasted so long. Here is my testimony on item #985:

Good morning. My name is Lisa Wright. I'm here today with a simple message: This plan to increase the debt of the Interstate Urban Renewal Area in order to give more money to Prosper Portland and to create a new non-profit, is a bad one and I urge you to reject it by voting NO when this issue comes up for its final vote.

Direct, one-to-one restitution to the families displaced by the Emanuel Hospital expansion is needed, as defined in the 1971 agreement. I urge you to come up with a different approach to addressing these historic harms with more than just words and acknowledgements. You cannot keep using the same tools that did the harm to solve them. Real change will come when you as decision-makers cease using performative words and instead decide to act differently.

----- Forwarded message -----

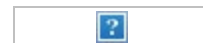
From: **Council Clerk** <no-reply@zoom.us>

Date: Wed, Dec 16, 2020 at 8:27 AM

Subject: Reminder: City Council Meeting - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:30 a.m. starts in 1 hour

To: <writingweb@gmail.com>

Hi Lisa Wright,



This is a reminder that "City Council Meeting - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:30 a.m." will begin in 1 hour on:
 Date Time: Dec 16, 2020 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

See below for important hearing tips

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From: holisticcooke@aol.com
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: Agenda item 985 Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:22:42 AM

Please withdraw my earlier emailed testimony. After listening to the presentations, it is clear I did not understand this request.

I am fully in support of this project and amendment, while continuing to work toward restitution those who have economic victims in the past.

Thank you to all the commissioners and the advisory committee for all of your dedication to this process.

Harriet Cooke
503-975-4571

-----Original Message-----

From: holisticcooke@aol.com
To: cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov <cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov>
Sent: Wed, Dec 16, 2020 9:58 am
Subject: Agenda item 985 Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal

Dear Mayor and commissioners,

I am writing to support a NO vote regarding the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal area until restitution is made to those survivors and descendants, primarily Black Portlanders, of forced displacement by Emanuel Hospital expansion. The community that is being labeled blighted should get compensation from their land, before other's get paid for that land. Past and present.

Thank you,

Harriet Cooke
503-975-4571
3126 SW Carson St
Portland OR 97219

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6	Destiny	Houston	97206
7	Kelly	Caldwell	97215
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9	Diane	Linn	97217
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25	Ben	Carr	97206
26	Georgia	Wier	97202
27	Miss	Byrd	97212
28	Ellen	Mickle	97218

From: [Kristen Jessie Uyanik](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Vote No until a plan for restitution
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:30:02 PM

Vote **No** until a plan for restitution for the survivors and decedents of the Emanuel expansion is in place.

Restitution Now!

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik
Portland, OR

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Kristen

From: [Jamie Newell](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Restitution for Emanuel expansion
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:23:42 PM

Vote No until a plan for restitution for the survivors and decedents of the Emanuel expansion is in place. Restitution Now!

Thank you,
Jamie Newell

From: [Miranda Shapiro](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Restitution for the Albina neighborhood
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:18:07 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, I was made aware of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, EDPA2 and the work they are doing to enforce a Federal Restitution Agreement concerning demolished homes in the predominantly Black community of what was Central Albina during the 1960's and 70's. I am appalled to discover the City of Portland, Prosper Portland and Emanuel Hospital utilized the Emanuel Hospital expansion under federal urban renewal law to target and intentionally rid Central Albina of a majority Black population.

In a local documentary titled Root Shocked, Mayor Wheeler recognizes the financial destruction caused by racist policies "What happened decades ago has an impact on the generational wealth of African Americans today." He further states "The institutional racism...Black families in particular have experienced in this community -- and we need to address the wrongs that we've created...we need to reach out to and overtly and intentionally support people...to demonstrate we're committed to a better future."

Mayor Wheeler can demonstrate his proclaimed commitment by listening to members of EDPA2 and using his position as Mayor to actively enforce the City of Portland adopted Relocation Housing Policy and Cooperative Replacement Housing Agreement to adequately and directly address the ongoing economic, social, cultural and psychological damage caused by "what happened decades ago." Chiefly, there must be replacement of every house that was demolished, with no exception.

Sincerely,

Miranda Shapiro
Multnomah County Resident

From: [Jesse Cannelos](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:21:42 AM

Dear Portland City Council:

I write that you each respectfully as a citizen of this community, a father, veteran, a previous teacher, community volunteer, and someone who last fall was teaching Kurdish children in Northern Iraq. I say this not to pat myself on the back, but to express that I take my role of a positive citizen in this world seriously and wish to spread equality to all. Some of our history is embarrassing and shameful, we have the opportunity to help correct some of these tragedies.

With this in mind, the fact that each of you serve your communities as well, I would also, although a word I don't usually like to use, assume, each of you have desires to create positive changes in our community, especially to our citizens who have been disenfranchised and taken advantage of because of race, religion, birth place, education, economical status, etc.

I plead that we all work together to ensure a proper plan of restitution is put in place for the survivors and descendants of the Emanuel expansion is in place. Until that happens, and the promises of the past that have been committed to are put in place, please vote no.

Thank you,
---Jesse Cannelos

From: [Bonnie Roseman](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:29:04 AM

I'm writing in support of EDPA2. Vote No until a plan for restitution for the survivors and descendants of the Emanuel expansion is in place. Restitution Now!

Bonnie Roseman

From: [Jennifer Lundstrom](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 3:30:50 PM

Hi,

I'm writing in support of EDPA2. Vote No until a plan for restitution for the survivors and descendants of the Emanuel expansion is in place. Having grown up in Portland and with many friends and extended family living in the Albina neighborhood, I can tell you that those families who were negatively impacted and/or displaced NEED and DESERVE compensation for the decades of lost generational wealth. The new changes will help move things in the right direction, but the restitution piece really needs to come back to dollars in the pockets of those families who were impacted.

Thanks!

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Jen Lundstrom
www.jenlundstrom.com
Principal Real Estate Broker
Licensed in the State of Oregon
Meadows Group Inc., Realtors
503-449-5537

From: [Chele Schmidt](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Supporting EDPA2
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 4:55:56 PM

I'm writing in support of EDPA2. Vote No until a plan for restitution for the survivors and decedents of the Emanuel expansion is in place. Restitution Now!

Thank you,
Chele Schmidt
Milwaukie, Oregon

From: [Hilary Bourassa](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: EDPA2
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020 9:32:06 PM
Attachments: [PGTMarkOnly4c.png](#)

I'm writing in support of **EDPA2**.

Vote **No** until a plan for restitution for the survivors and descendants of the Emanuel expansion is in place.

Restitution Now!



Hilary Bourassa (she, hers)
Principal Broker - Licensed in Oregon
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From: [Natalie Tracy](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Eudaly](#); [Commissioner Fritz](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Subject: Vote NO on urban renewal until restitution is paid to all
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 3:42:25 PM

Hello City Council,

Thank you for your time working through these tough issues. While this latest expansion of the urban renewal plan is admirable in many ways, it cannot move forward with any sense of justice until every single survivor/descendant of the displacement receives the restitution and/or replacement home they are due.

You cannot generate \$67 million in revenue without first ensuring these families and individuals receive what they are owed, without perpetuating the harm caused nearly 50 years ago. Offering these folks priority applicant status for an affordable housing rental is not restitution, it's a slap in the face.

Please be brave, be bold, and say no. Not until every single survivor/descendant is paid.

Best wishes,
Natalie Tracy

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Natalie Tracy (she/her)
Broker Licensed in OR & WA
503-841-4686



From: [Alicia](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Postpone the vote on the Interstate Corridor urban renewal
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 8:11:05 PM

Dear City Commissioners,

I have learned about the displaced families associated with the Emanuel hospital expansion plans.

I believe that before the Interstate Corridor receives approval that the city should include restitution for these families. They have been denied multi-generational wealth through owning their own homes and businesses.

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Many thanks for your kind attention,

Alicia DeValliere

From: [Ashley Schofield](#)
To: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); bdavis@sussmanshank.com; lakeithaelliott@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Do not allow the Prosper Portland vote to extend the IURA!
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:41:00 PM

On Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:34 PM Ashley Schofield <aschofieldinca@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council members,

Me again. I am writing this time to demand you postpone the January 6 vote for Prosper Portland to push through their IURA expansion. We all know Urban Renewal stands for gentrification in this city. As a reminder, these practices are no longer going to work.

The land at Russel and Williams needs reparations, not more land theft. This city destroyed a once thriving mix of Black owned homes and businesses. Now you are going to allow a second theft to happen while paying no attention to reparations for the affected Black community. Speak up for our underserved and historically marginalized community.

Mayor Wheeler lied when he said he was sorry for the racist policies responsible for the demolition and ultimate destruction of this once thriving Black community, because he continues to push for a deal that once again shoves a knife in that community's back.

No more! Postpone this expansion and allow the public to have more say. Land back!

Sincerely,

Ashley Schofield

Mother, community volunteer, homeowner, taxpayer and activist.

4821 SW Seymour Court

From: [TERESA MCGRATH](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#)
Subject: postpone the Wed January 6 vote to "Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021"
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:30:10 AM

hi,

please postpone tomorrow's vote on this plan....

the decent thing to do would be to postpone this to a later date, if real change is to occur...

we have followed this, and believe that good things can occur if done logically....

personally, before retirement, i used to work at legacy emanuel for years, and was saddened to read of the demolitions of neighborhoods surrounding the expansion...

so many folks have been displaced due to practices such as these, and continue to do so...

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/779776?fbclid=IwAR1ixG5-ZUWMUV3otKV9cizc9F0yZ9ufauYBquVzXvnUr3UH76O27fZGBh8>

thx

sincerely,

teresa mcgrath and nat kim

3344 ne 15th ave portland or. 97212 and 442 ne sumner...

From: [Kelly Angelica](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); bdavis@sussmanshank.com; [Alexander, Cupid](#); [Grant, Nicole](#); Nan.Stark@portlandoregon.gov
Subject: Prioritize housing justice and priorities in urban renewal projects.
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:22:01 AM

Hello,

At the time of Portland City Council’s proposed vote to increase the debt capacity for the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 this Wednesday morning, we demand that as a community we meet the debts due to families that have been displaced and continue to suffer the negative impacts of the development schemes in play. we call for support, solidarity and remuneration for the families displaced by these efforts toward so-called progress. We can not leave those who have been subject to “Urban Removal” in the name of “Renewal” behind as plans are being made to move forward

Restitution for local families displaced by the Emanuel Hospital expansion MUST be included in the budget as a condition of the debt approval for the Interstate Urban Renewal Plan 2021

The displaced families have compensation due to them and we demand this be detailed & included in any approved plans to approve more debt, spend additional funds and that restitution be required as a part of moving these projects towards redevelopment. See Resolution 1330 for documentation. This document also makes the commitment for replacement units to be built and that must also be detailed in the plans for the Williams - Russell project area and the Interstate Urban Renewal plans overall. We need to prioritize construction of a significant increase in accessible and affordable units. This should be a top priority for spending, for the long term livability of our city and to ensure we have diversity across income, race and other socio-economic factors. One tool to be used more in creating affordable homes and spaces for small business is the land trust model. We need to prioritize community goals over a few investors making money, which seems to be the overall trend unfortunately.

By writing this letter, I support the demands and efforts of EDPA2 and join in the growing community call toward fulfillment of the Replacement Housing Agreement.

Please do the right thing and prioritize economic and racial and social justice, thank you in advance!

Kelly Caldwell

4615 SE Sherman St.

Portland OR 97215

From: [bhk](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Restitution for Displaced Families of the Emanuel Hospital Expansion!
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 1:55:16 PM

Dear council members,
Portland is poised to be a national model for justice. What happened to the Black community in Albina in the name of urban renewal is the real blight on our city. We have an opportunity to make amends and offer restitution. It will not fix the past, but it's a step in the right direction.

Do the right thing! Be a model for the rest of the country. Show them how it's done! I believe in us!

Come on, Portland! We are good people! Let's be good people!
Beth Haworth-Kaufka

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BETH HAWORTH-KAUFKA (she/her)

"In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist. We must be anti-racist." - Angela Davis

From: [Eli Haworth-Kaufka](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Restitution for Displaced Families
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:49:32 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to express support for restitution for families displaced by Emmanuel Hospital and Albina urban renewal. The families effected by this tragic abuse of power deserve restitution for the racist policies of the Portland City government.

Thank you.

Eli Haworth-Kaufka

From: [Ashley Schofield](#)
To: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); bdavis@sussmanshank.com; lakeithaelliott@gmail.com; [Ashley Schofield](#)
Subject: Re: Do not allow the Prosper Portland vote to extend the IURA!
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 3:26:39 PM

Hello,

Sending you all a friendly reminder that we are watching your vote on the IURA expansion tomorrow. If you are all truly committed to transformative justice in this city then you will motion to postpone the vote until further discussion about how the city will implement the Relocation Housing policy and uncompleted Federal Restitution Agreement, Resolution 1330 which was passed on March 15, 1971. Dang, 1971? How have reparations not been made by now? How are you all not asking that same question?

We know that by voting to approve the expansion that it will generate \$67 million dollars for the City of Portland through The Portland Housing Bureau and Prosper Portland. But impacted families get nothing. Why do you think we would not have a problem with that outcome?

You all know the history of racist housing practices that have led us to this current fight, so by now you should also know that demands for reparations and real transformative justice will no longer go unheard.

[This is the real Portland](#). We are awake and fighting for the Portland we know we can be. Do not get in our way.

All the best,
 Ashley Schofield
 Mother, community volunteer, homeowner, taxpayer, activist. Current member of the "Fuck Ted Wheeler" Club
 4821 SW Seymour Court

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From: [blue res](#)
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Cc: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: POSTPONE THE IURA EXPANSION VOTE
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To whom it definitely concerns,

I am a Portland resident on unceded Chinook lands and I have been a part of this community my whole life. It is only in the last few years that I have been made aware of the racist land theft by Portland "leaders" in North Portland from Black communities. Having listened to testimonies in person from numerous neighbors as well as history online, as a community member who believes that Black lives matter, and Black people deserve to be paid reparations for the racial oppression and intentional displacement and murder of Black people in the Portland community, I am urging you to POSTPONE THE VOTE ON THE IURA EXPANSION until there are clear and set plans with the Black community for reparations for the harm caused by the city time and time again.

Affordable housing is a right.
Reparations are mandatory.

We need housing, for all people of Portland. And we have the structures and the land and the money to do it (there is roughly 250 million dollars in the police budget for instance). You cannot look away and hide behind press releases of lies about how city council cares about the Black folks that live here. Portland has consistently voted in favor of racist housing policies. Its time to act.

New year, New Approach.
Postpone the vote, consult with the community, and make reparations.

Blue Resnick
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Subject: Testimony regarding ICURA
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Good evening city council members,

It seems to me that the only real way to right a wrong is by centering the victims and that doesn't seem to be happening regarding this \$67 million dollars the city wants in federal funding to once again develop land they stole from people years ago. This feels like a pretty landmark decision to me and I am begging you all in city council to consider the magnitude of real actual harm that has been caused by past decisions like this. Will we continue to do harm, or will we finally do something different? Please do not make this decision hastily. Push this vote back until we can include some real form of restitution for these people. Something that actually helps to replace what was taken. In a real tangible way. I don't presume to know entirely what that looks like, but what we're looking at now I know is not that. We are all in so much pain right now. All across this country. We need bold courageous thinking to see us through to whatever reimagined world waits for us around the corner, ideas that we've never seen before, plans that only a few years ago seemed too radical to realize. We need Portland to lead the way in this atonement and reckoning and rebuilding while centering those historically harmed. Mayor Wheeler wants to talk about the brand of the city and personally I find that nauseating. He wants to talk about protest property destruction. He wants to talk about violence. And now he wants to talk about a truth and reconciliation committee. We don't need a truth and reconciliation committee until we stop doing the harm that these truth and reconciliation committees are supposed to address. Moving forward with this project without centering the victims is continued violence against them and a continuation of the property destruction that happened to an entire thriving Black neighborhood years ago. That's the real property destruction and violence we should be addressing. I think sometimes that it's hard for people to see how things are interconnected. These protests that are happening seem to be coming from such a deep place of pain and anger and from a community that has been let down time and time again and taken advantage of and exploited over and over and the only thing that is going to bring it to an end is doing real actual hard work like the kind of thing I am begging this Council to figure out how to do now. We have a historic opportunity to do something new here and I pray that we do not squander the opportunity because we all need to heal and this is what that looks like.

Roberta Jantz
Arbor Lodge Neighborhood
Local 290 union welder
Former educator

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New Year, New Approach-- Portland City Commissioners Should Postpone the Jan 6 Vote on the Amended Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan

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Portland, Ore- On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 Portland City Commissioners are scheduled to vote on an ordinance to 'Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness'. The 378 page amendment is at this link.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/779776>. Portland City Commissioners vote [Wednesday Jan 6, 2021 at 9:30am](#).

Members of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association 2, (EDPA2) want Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioners to postpone this vote for the following reasons:

- The Passage of this Amendment Continues **Repetitive Racism** and **Economic Strangulation of Black Residents in Portland, Oregon. The Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area, ICURA is the intended tool used for the ethnic cleansing of Black folks out of N/NE Portland. A majority of Black residents now reside in the poorest areas of Multnomah County.** The City of Portland under the leadership of Ted Wheeler continues to oppress Black residents while he himself whether directly or indirectly benefit from the Emanuel Hospital expansion. **Portland, Oregon has a well established practice of using Black suffering for white gain.** City leaders acknowledge racist zoning and housing policies and claim to "give back" to the Black community but there's no efforts to compensate impacted families. As it stands, impacted families won't get a damn thing!
- **Both Emanuel Hospital and Prosper Portland Face Financial Challenges.** According to the Lund Report, mandatory financial reporting to the Oregon Health Authority shows that [Profits at Legacy Health Plummet](#). In 2018, Emanuel Hospital's operating costs exceeded the amount of money they took in from net patient revenue by more than \$100 million. [A 2017 audit of Prosper Portland highlights financial](#)

[struggle with no clear plan for equity](#). Prosper Portland has [financial problems for the next 10 years](#). The concern with the expansion of the ICURA is that TIF funds allocated for "Bricks and sticks" will be used as a budgetary stop gap to ease Prosper Portland's financial troubles. This would be a clear violation of TIF funding.

- **If the Jan 6 Vote Passes, The Property at Williams and Russell Generates 67 Million Dollars for The City of Portland through The Portland Housing Bureau and Prosper Portland. At the same time, Impacted families get nothing, despite a city Relocation Housing policy and an uncompleted Federal Restitution Agreement.**
- **Commissioners Carmen Rubio and Mingus Mapps will have 5 days in office before they vote on this pressing and relevant issue.** This is not enough time for newly elected commissioners to inform themselves on this issue that can literally change the lives of impacted families
- **Prosper Portland publicly claims they are researching every impacted family to prove they received restitution. What is the response from Prosper Portland when they discover impacted families did not receive restitution?** The vote should be postponed until Prosper Portland completes this work so it can inform an action for restitution. Note: EDPA2 has already conducted this research and know with certainty families were not compensated
- **Citizens of the City of Portland Were Misled for More Than Two Years to Believe the Only Property Included in the proposed expansion is the approx. 1.7 acres at Russell and Williams. This is impossible. On [March 11, 2020](#) Prosper Portland Board of Directors approved the inclusion of more than 3 acres into the ICURA!** The land at Russell and Williams is divided into two tax lots, one extends beyond Knott. Emanuel Hospital owns this property. When asked, Prosper Portland Director Kimberly Branam stated the property that extends beyond Knott will not receive any TIF funding although it's included in the proposed Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area?
- During the 1960's and 70's, the City of Portland, Prosper Portland, Emanuel Hospital and Home Forward, Declared Our beloved neighborhood Central Albina blighted and

received federal/state urban renewal dollars. Our homes and businesses were crushed to splinters! Emanuel Hospital has intentionally and willfully left some of the property vacant, including the block at Williams and Russell, for close to 50 years.

Prosper Portland has now declared this area "blight" AGAIN to the tune of 67 million dollars. How can they now, almost 50 years later, declare the SAME AREA as blight and get paid AGAIN? And, the families get nothing?

Background

During the 1960's and 70's Emanuel Hospital, the City of Portland, Home Forward and Portland Development Commission (now known as Prosper Portland) partnered to declare a prosperous Black neighborhood in Central Albina as blighted and destroyed it, displacing hundreds of families, most of whom were black. The corner at Williams and Russell was demolished.

On March 15, 1971, Portland Development Commission) passed and signed Resolution 1330m, a significant component to a Cooperative Agreement and resultant Federal Restitution Agreement, for a one to one replacement for every home that was demolished. Forty years later, families whose homes and businesses were demolished want the agreement enforced and monetary restitution in place before any further development goes forward.

Emanuel Hospital intentionally and willfully left property vacant for close to 50 years, including the block on Williams and Russell. Now, city leaders want to include the property N. Williams and Russell into an urban renewal area, again. EDPA2 questions the legitimacy of this act. The property does not qualify under the legal definition of "Blight" as it's located in a now gentrified and urban renewed area.

EDPA2 and supporters want the January 6, 2021 vote on the Amended Interstate Urban Renewal Area postponed. The City of Portland and citizens of Portland must demand that the City keep its contract with Black former landowners whose land was literally stolen by prior Portland elected and unelected officials. Otherwise, Portland, despite all its claims otherwise, continues the racist patterns that got us here.

*****EDPA2 is an ad hoc, community based organization made up of survivors and descendants whose homes and businesses were intentionally demolished to accommodate the Emanuel Hospital expansion.*****

From: [Lisa G Wright](#)
To: [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Jan 6 2021 Item # 13: Make Displaced Emanuel families whole
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:07:51 AM

Dear City Council,

The Williams-Russell project presents a rare opportunity for the City of Portland to right a wrong, but the proposal by Prosper Portland currently on the table fails to directly address the deep generational and financial damage that was done to Black Portlanders in the 1970s. I urge you to postpone your vote and tell Prosper Portland to go back to the table with the clear mission to fix this injustice before anything else is done.

It is unconscionable that Prosper Portland spent more than two years on the Hill Block Project, now renamed the Williams-Russell Project, only to come up with a plan that does not first address the harm done to the Black families displaced by the original blight declaration in the 1970s.

Raising \$67 million in property tax revenue to fund a non-profit instead of compensating the displaced families is unethical, and I am not OK with this use of my tax dollars. It is not OK that Prosper Portland and those who stand to profit off the new "non-profit" are pushing this solution.

Postpone the vote, be humble, take a different path. We will never make any real progress toward true racial justice if we keep employing the same oppressive tools. You must do better.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wright
Portland Resident

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Cc: [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#)
Subject: For Agenda item 13
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:19:41 AM

Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Hardesty, Commissioner Mapps, Commissioner Rubio, and Commissioner Ryan,

I demand that you delay the vote today on Agenda Item 13, an ordinance to ‘Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness’. There are three reasons to delay.

1. The 378 page amendment needs careful attention and two commissioners have only had 5 days in office, 2 business days.
2. Prosper Portland publicly claims they are researching every impacted family to prove they received restitution. EDPA2 has already conducted this research and know with certainty families were not compensated. The vote should be postponed until Prosper Portland completes this work so it can inform an action for restitution.
3. Finally, it is imperative that the City keep its contract with Black former landowners whose land was literally stolen by prior Portland elected and unelected officials. Otherwise, Portland, despite all its claims otherwise, continues the racist patterns that got us here. This gaping wound needs to be attended to and healed before any further action can be taken in good faith. Note that Resolution 1330m guarantees a one to one replacement for every home that was demolished for the Emanuel Hospital project in the 70s. Fifty years later, families whose homes and businesses were demolished want the agreement enforced and monetary restitution in place before any further development goes forward. Due to the racist historical patterns, you must listen to the Black families that were directly affected by this action and make good on former written agreements and promises.

Please delay the vote on Item 13.

Best regards,

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