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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: RE: Testify on March 17 at 9:30 am **Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:06:33 PM

Names of the speakers are May and Lisa. Thanks again!

Sent with **ProtonMail** Secure Email. ----- Original Message -----On Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:35 PM, Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov> wrote: Hello, Thank you for your email and phone call. I can register you and your friend to speak at the Portland City Council meeting on March 17th at 9:30 am. Would that work for you? If so, Please provide me with the names of the speakers. Once we have you confirmed, we will follow-up with all the additional details for connecting. Thank you! Have a great day. Tristan Sakamoto

From: pdxOR1 <pdxOR1@protonmail.com>
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Dear City Officials:

I prefer to be anonymous as I am afraid of retaliation to me and my family for voicing my opinion. I am a minority, female small business owner with young children and a Pearl district resident.

We all have witnessed the horrific, devastating and awful vandalization of our used to be beautiful Portland.

I know the City leadership and many non-profit organizations are trying to clean our streets, but we must do better to control the protests, stop destructive vandalism/crime and remove graffiti. My family and business have volunteered countless times with SOLVE to help pick up garbage but there is nothing we can do to assist with graffiti removal. Without improved efforts to clean up our City, there will be a continued flight of people away from the Central City and will have a devastating effect on the livelihood of Portland's core.

We all support freedom of speech which is one that I cherish most about America coming from a country where this was not allowed. Recent protests, however, have become increasingly violent and the sense is that there is no respect for property and safety. As an

example, on Saturday, February 27th, about 75+ protestors gathered at Fields Park and people dressed in black militant garb with weapons blocked our city streets and vandalized our homes, buildings, and broke windows of businesses. My children were scared and witnessed people spray painting buildings, bikes being thrown and electric scooters being used as weapons. In one instance, a young family with children was cleaning graffiti and protestor threatened to return to graffiti more. I walked around the Pearl district and nearly every building had been vandalized with broken glass or graffiti. It is very similar to the protests that we have witnessed countless times since last year, but we are exhausted and depressed by this never-ending saga.

If the Police are lacking staff, then we hope that the National Guard be deployed to stop wanton destruction and criminal behavior. The protestors are conducting themselves in an entitled manner with little threat of repercussions. If the protest is anticipated to be violent, such as the one on February 27th, then no permit should be given and they should not be allowed.

Please help us clean up our City and bring safety back to our homes and businesses.

Request of May to address Council regarding vandalism in the Pearl District (Communication)

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