

**From:** [Andie Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for communication with the Portland City Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:47:55 PM

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Dear Tristan,

Thank you for reaching out today. I confirm acceptance of the slot on the 9th.

Warmly,  
Andie

On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 2:40 PM Council Clerk – Testimony  
<[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hi Andie,

First of all, congratulations!!

I had a cancellation on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Would that work better for you?

If not, I'm sure the Mayor would allow a stand-in, given your situation.

Please let me know what works best for you.

Thank you! Have a great day.

Tristan Sakamoto

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**From:** Andie Thompson <[andie.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:andie.thompson@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for communication with the Portland City Council

Dear Tristan,

Thank you for the quick response! Yes, I would like to reserve a spot for the June 16th, 9:30

session. There is one caveat however, I am 8 months pregnant and due around June 15th (although statically it will be a week or so later). If am not able to attend on the 16th, may I have a neighbor stand in my place and read a statement?

Thank you,

Andie

On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:48 AM Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hi Andie,

The next available date to provide Communications is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

If you would like to reserve a spot for this date, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you! Have a great day!

Tristan Sakamoto

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**From:** Andie Thompson <[andie.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:andie.thompson@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 10:32 PM

**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for communication with the Portland City Council

Dear Portland City Council Ombudsman,

I would like to appear before the city council to ask for support in changing a public policy that allows county political organizations to hire "volunteer private security forces" for their events.

This request comes after an incident in the Montavilla neighborhood that occurred on Thursday, May 6th, 2021 between the hours of 5pm and midnight. The Portland Blessings Church located at [450 NE 78th Ave](#) had rented their

church space to the Multnomah County Republican Party, unknowingly to them at the time as their bylaws say the church cannot be used for political events and the person who made the reservation did not disclose the nature of their meeting. The MCRP was holding an unpublished election to recall their current chairman and "hired" the Oath Keppers and the Proud Boys- a Southern Poverty Law identified "hate group" that explicitly claim misogynistic, islamophobic, homophobic, and white supremacist ideologies- as security for their event.

I am a resident of 78th ave and live on the block where the Portland Blessings Church is located. The presence and activities of the hired far-right militia groups meant that our neighborhood street was over-run with about 30 white men from organizations. These men stationed themselves on the corners of our block and patrolled the sidewalks in front of our homes for the duration of the MCRP meeting. When asked, they would not reveal their business there. One neighbor who inquired what they were doing was threatened and out of fear left the area for the night. Men were observed taking photographs of people's homes who had Black Lives Matter signage visible. Given the fires recently set in the Piedmont neighborhood to homes with BLM or "In this house, we believe..." signs, the activities of these men had our whole street on edge and in fear. Throughout the night some of the men become visibly intoxicated. One neighbor was spit at while watching the men from her front stoop. Another neighbor was cursed at, "Fuck you and fuck BLM". A group of five households stayed out front for the entire ordeal in an effort to witness the activities of these militiamen- some who were open carrying and none of whom were wearing masks. The men were emboldened and once one of them finally explained to us who had hired them and what their purpose was, refused to restrict their activities to the church's property. They continued patrolling until the last attendees, most of whom appeared to be elderly white people who had exited stated they were hired to do a job and had to finish their work. The police were on the scene intermittently but could not intervene unless they observed illegal activity. They did not.

That the County's official Republican Party was able to bring these men into our neighborhood is a political humiliation for the party and wildly unacceptable to the citizens impacted. I understand from reading up on this practice that it has been going on since 2017 when the MCRP passed a resolution stating, "may utilize volunteers from the Oregon Three Percenters, Oath Keepers, and other security groups. To provide security where such volunteers are certified to provide private security service by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training." The argument as I understand it is that Portland is not "safe for conservatives" and since Trump's presidency feel they need protection to operate meetings in the city. However, the utilization of known hate groups as security made our community unsafe for many who reside here. These men came believing they were going to confront an "ANTIFA" boogeyman that never materialized leaving only Portland residents to encounter these men, some of

whom were aggressive, armed, and looking for confrontation.

I would like to ask the council for their support in making a resolution that would limit the MCRP from repeating this act and hiring far-right militia and known hate groups as security for their events. Had they hired a professional organization vetted and approved by the city, the neighborhood would have been spared an evening we will never forget.

Please let me know how to move forward with this request.

Thank you,

Andie Thompson

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[343 NE 78th Ave, Portland OR 97213](https://www.google.com/maps/place/343+NE+78th+Ave,+Portland,+OR+97213)

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Sent from a very small and often broken screen.

Request of Andie Thompson to address Council regarding policy change  
for political organizations hiring of private security (Communication)

**June 9, 2021**  
**Placed on file**

Filed 6/1/2021

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
**Auditor of the City of Portland**

By Tristan R Sakamoto Digitally signed by Tristan R Sakamoto  
Date: 2021.06.01 14:17:06 -0700  
Deputy

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

- Rubio -
- Ryan -
- Hardesty -
- Mapps -
- Wheeler -