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Request of Grady Preston II to address Council regarding police oversight

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Hello, my name is Grady Preston the 2nd and these words are my own personal opinion about the **egregious - negligence** of the self-appointed Police Commissioner, Ted Wheeler.

During Mr. Wheeler's tenure as police commissioner, he has allowed the highest increase in police brutality incidents across the nation. On August 31st, 2020, we were forced to watch in horror as one of his officers repeatedly punched a terrified OHSU nurse in the face with illegal SAP gloves, nearly killing him. Then not two weeks ago, Commissioner Wheeler and his Strategic Director Sam Adams permitted the "Proud Boys" to run free in Parkrose, allowing them to terrorize and nearly kill our BIPOC neighbors. The next day Wheeler chalked it up as a success for his office in a macabre string of Tweets. He claims all violence is unacceptable; yet, he continues to work with his DA to disproportionately punish BLM protesters with 5+ year prison sentences for juvenile crimes, while handing a fascist "Proud Boy" gunman - who fired multiple live rounds at a crowd downtown - probation. Those are the responses of a White Supremacist, or someone who is grossly out of touch with the realities of our society.

The Police Commissioner's actions continue to demonstrate that he does **not** care about this city or its community members - unless they donated tens of thousands of dollars to his campaign. The message he sends to the public is that this office is just a means to climb the political ladder. Thousands of our neighbors now walk the street with very real and resonant pain from the brutality of four years of this man's PPB oversight. Under his timid leadership we have seen our community members' kneecaps, skulls, and faces shattered by police batons, arms and legs fractured by incorrectly fired Teargas

canisters, and seizures purposely induced via weaponized strobing flashlights. Dozens of our community members now have extremely painful and irregular menstrual cycles, and even more have new cases of asthma from his unforgivable bombardment of chemical weapons. This physical and emotional trauma is the only real contribution he has managed to provide during his term. I encourage anyone listening to reach out to TotalRecallPDX to join in recalling the self- appointed Police Commissioner Tevis Wheeler for his repeated indefensible failures to hold his officers accountable, and commit to his campaign promises. Or better yet, just resign now! Free Raven and all political prisoners! Gerric Fernbaugh was allegedly seen throwing IEDs in Laurelhurst park, he was found to have a bomb manufacturing workbench, charge him!

Fifteen community members killed by PPB while Edward Tevis “TearGas Ted” Wheeler has been the self-appointed Portland Police Commissioner:

2021

Alexander Tadros, 30, male, 08/27/21

Michael Ray Townsend, 40, male, 06/24/21

Robert Douglas Delgado, 46, male, 4/16/21

2019

Koben S. Henriksen, 51, male, 12/8/19

Lane Christopher Martin, 31, male, 7/30/19

David Wayne Downs, 38, male, 6/9/19

Jeb Colin Brock, 42, male, 4/29/19

Andre Gladen, 36, male, 1/6/19

2018

Richard Barry, 52, male, 11/22/18 Murder in custody

Samuel Rice, 30, male, 10/10/18

Patrick Kimmons, 27, male, 9/30/18

John Andrew Elifritz, 48, male, 4/7/18

2017

Terrell Kyreem Johnson, 24, male, 5/10/17

Quanice Derrick Hayes, 17, male, 2/9/17

2016

Steven Wayne Liffel, 52, male, 12/5/16

GIF SOURCE: Screenshots from a clip of footage filmed by Sergio Olmos