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Subject: Fwd: BREAKING: \$38M for houseless crisis
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People are leaving Multnomah county or are looking to leave based on all the increases in taxes or slow police response times

We should be focused on homelessness of course, but also trying to reduce taxes to entice businesses and individuals to stay in the county to help with resources

OR

the state should move to decrease income taxes and put in place a 3% sales tax on non essential items like Bill Connerly and the many economists have calculated would benefit the state greatly.

Why not receive sales taxes from tourists? Why not receive sales taxes from Washington residents? It's beyond a waste to not have our state benefit from all the resources spent and that needs to finally be addressed What are we all missing that makes it seem like a great idea to have the highest income taxes in the country but no taxation on our neighbors in Washington or tourists!?

Thank you

Mike Carrano

Sent from my iPhone

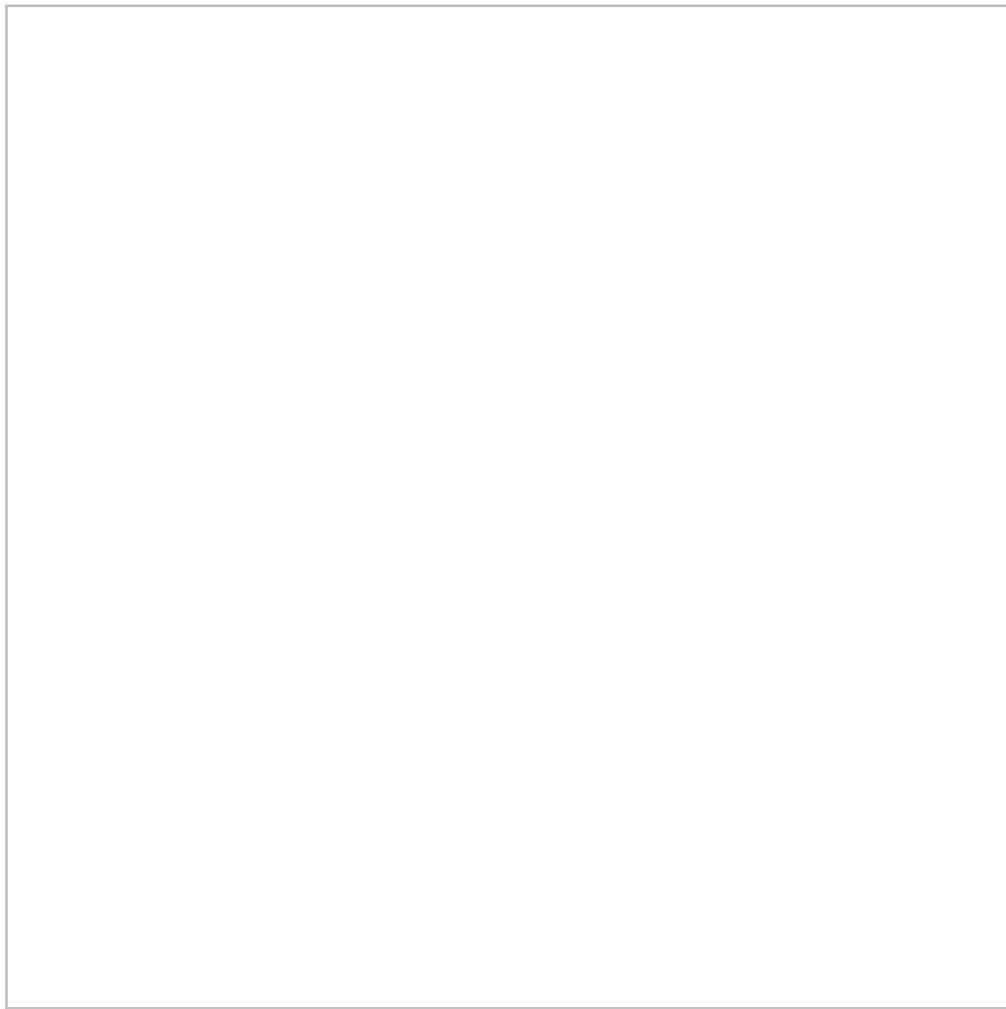
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Dear Michael,

We are proud to announce a partnership between the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Together, we aim to pool fiscal resources to address the houselessness crisis.

WATCH: *KOIN 6 “City, county announce \$38M package to address homelessness”*

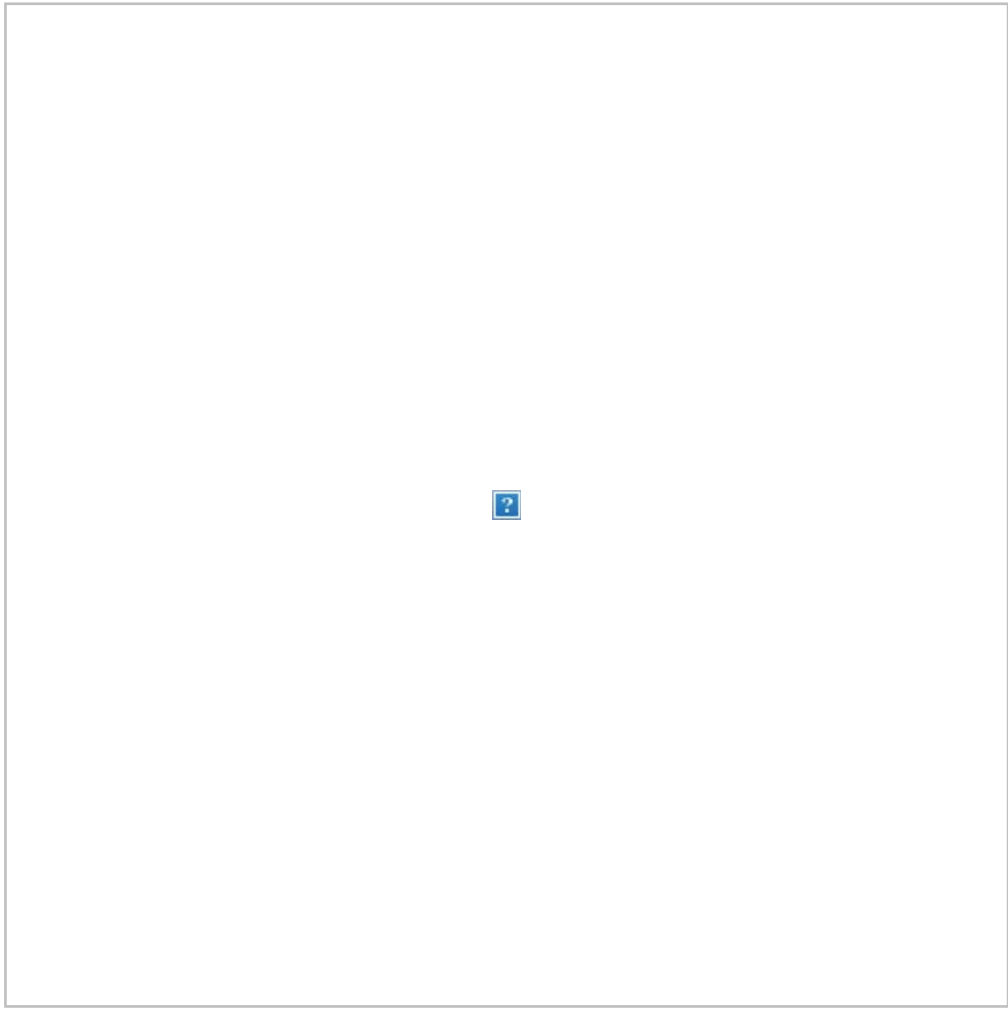
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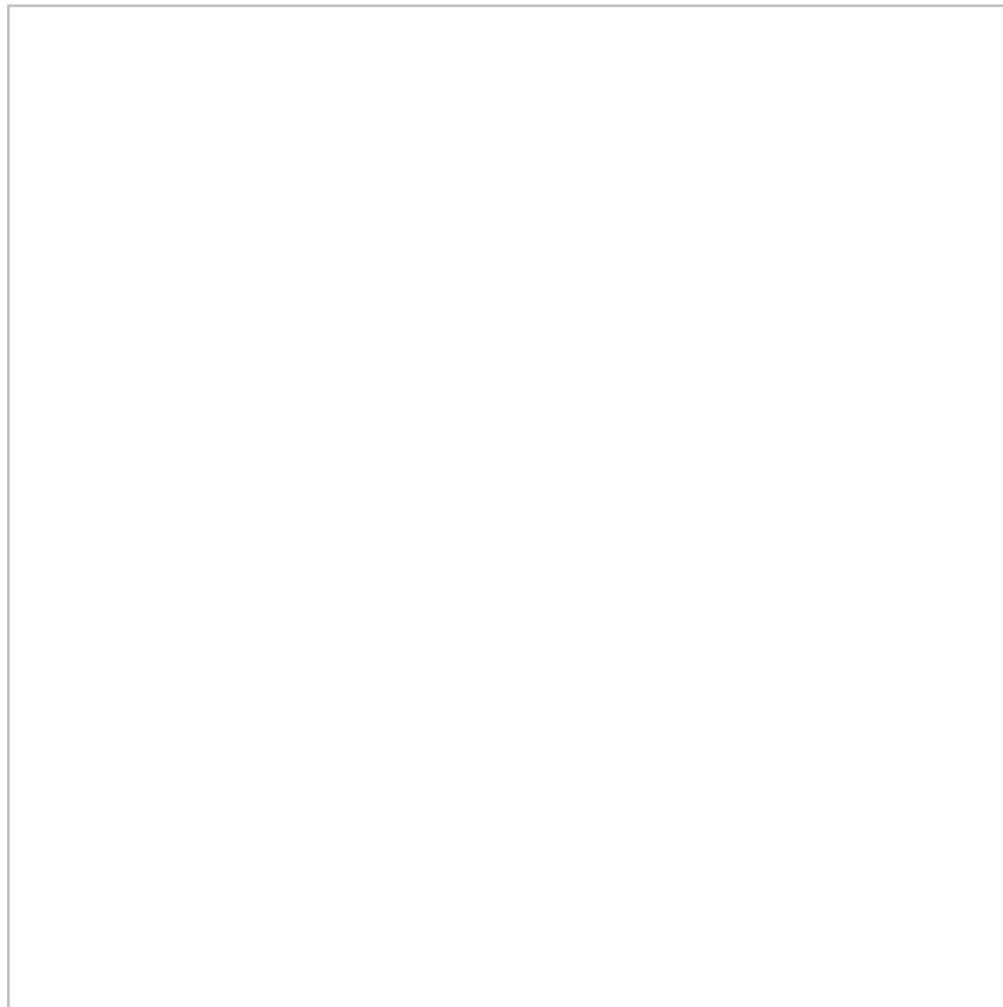
Yesterday, I joined Commissioner Ryan and Chair Kafoury to share our proposed partnership which will combine City and County fiscal resources to address the houseless crisis. As leaders in our community, we recognize the severity of this problem. Residents have lacked safe and affordable housing for years, only worsened by the effects of COVID-19. As the houseless crisis has accelerated, we have seen an increase in violence, mental health issues, and a decline in livability standards.

The City of Portland and Multnomah County have already allocated funding to address houselessness through our own annual budget processes; **however, business taxes collected by the City and County exceeded expectations leaving us both with a surplus of funding.**

We know that our impact will be greater when we work together. After much discussion, we have agreed to pool our resources, totaling \$38 million to collectively invest in initiatives that will address the houselessness issue.



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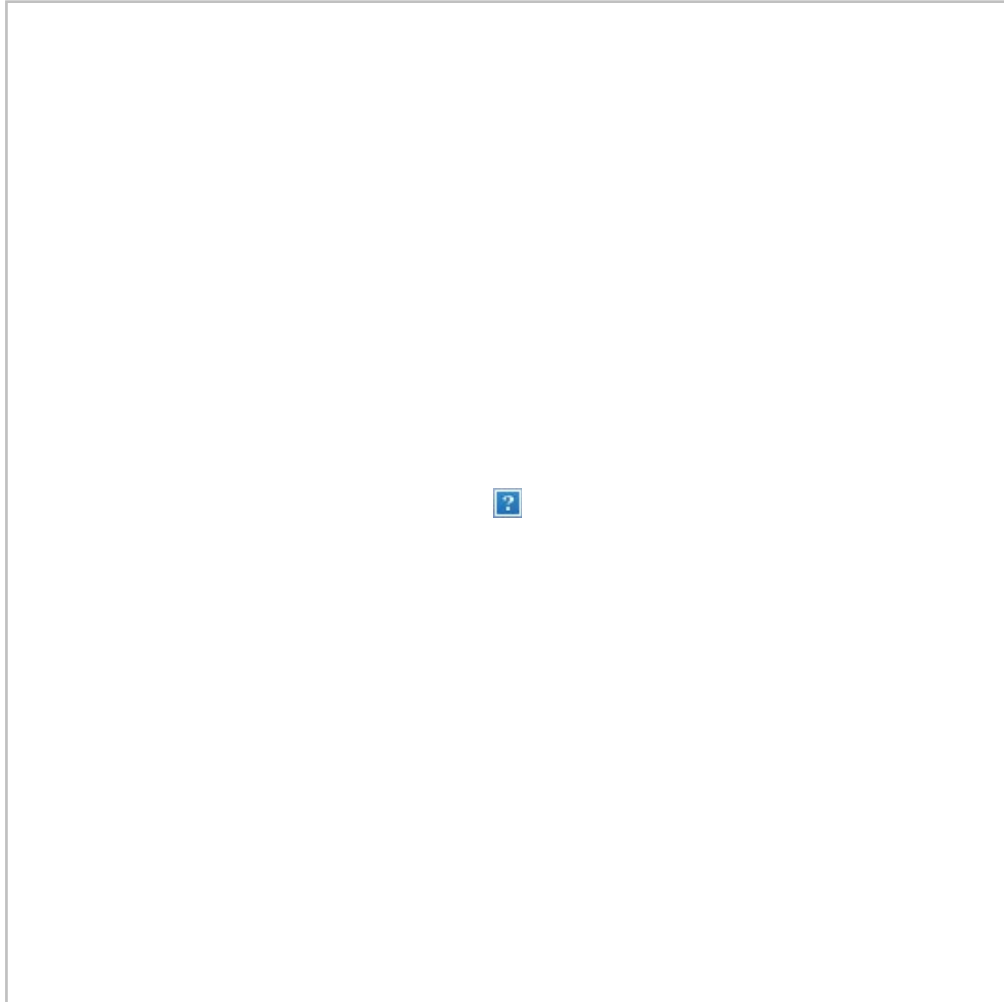
I want to hear from you:

On November 10th at 2pm, Portland City Council will convene for the Fall Supplemental Budget Hearing to discuss how the City will direct the full \$62M surplus budget.

We invite you to provide testimony in any of the following ways:

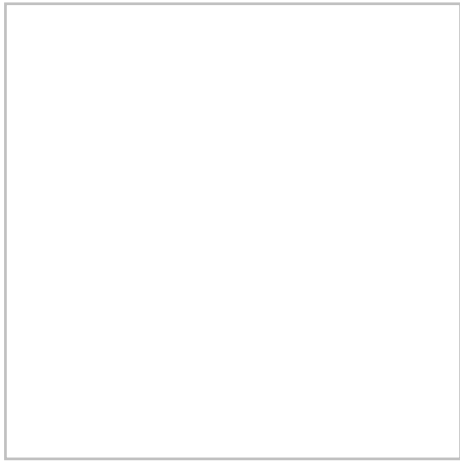
1. Provide oral testimony to council on Nov. 10 by signing up at the Council Agenda website between Nov. 5 and 9am through Nov. 9 at 4pm. **Link: [Council Agenda website](#)**
2. Submit written testimony by emailing the Council clerk: **cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov** at any time, preferably before November 10th so Council offices hear your voice prior to meeting

You can watch the full video of yesterday's press conference here:



I look forward to seeing the City of Portland and Multnomah County work together to address this urgent and important issue. Houselessness has been a top priority for my administration from day one. This proposed partnership will bring results and have a great positive impact on all Portlanders.

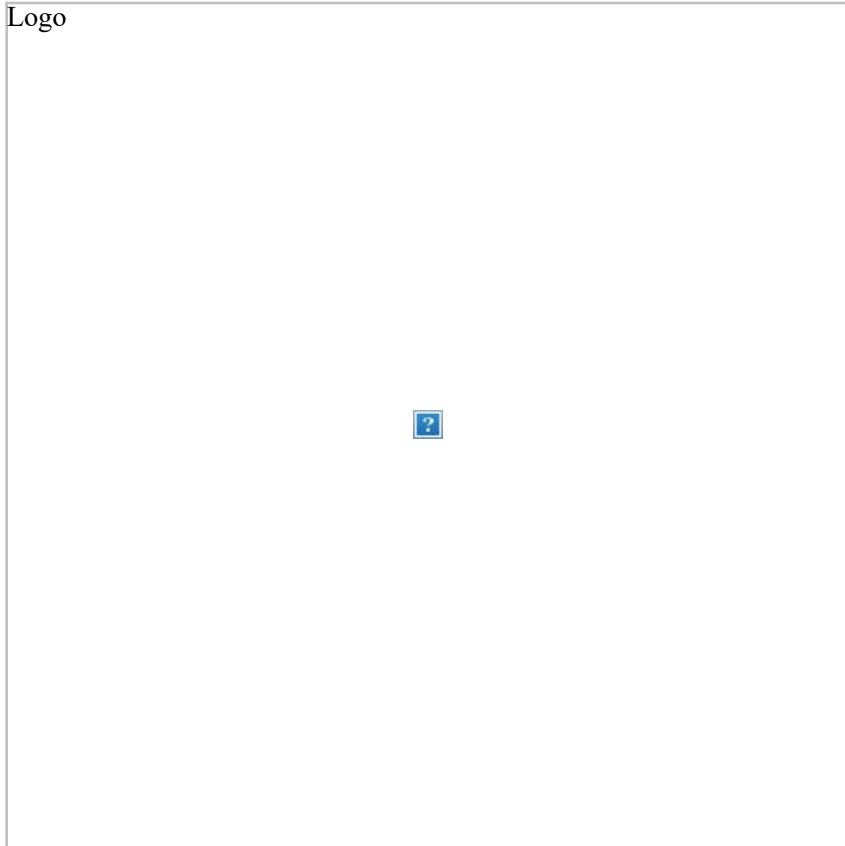
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