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Hi- I'm fed up with the mess Portland has become.

We'll never get back to the beautiful and vibrant city we once were without solving our safety and houseless issues.

I don't want Portland to turn into Detroit.

We need more police, please.

We need 911 to answer immediately

We need to get the homeless off the streets- and I frankly don't care if it's into nice housing. Their tents are terrible. Anything is nicer than that. Get mental health help. Require them to stay in shelters, with lockers for their personal belongings, so they have some security.

I agree with Mapps

I strongly support his first 4 points and respect the 5th as a short term bridge to help people through a tough time.

- Adding 300 police officers over the next three years
- Reducing homicides by 20% by the end of 2022
- Reducing the number of people sleeping in tents by 1,000 by the end of 2022- **I'd actually reduce it to NONE-**
- Significantly clean up trash and graffiti in the city by July 1, 2022
- Provide direct and immediate relief to our neighbors who are still digging out from the Covid Recession- I'm OK with this

Joint City/County budget to address houselessness

We're especially supportive of the \$6.5 million to the City's Impact Reduction Program for trash and unsanctioned camp clean-up. This program is the only major City resource addressing this problem, and expanding it is the most immediate way to impact our trash problem.

Expansion of the Behavioral Health Unit or "BHU"

This proposal will increase the City's capacity to address violent, higher-acuity incidents resulting from known or suspected mental illness and/or drug and alcohol addiction. BHU can work with clients that even a Citywide Portland Street Response is not currently equipped to address. The proposal will immediately restore the Behavioral Health Unit to five units to get potential clients off the street and into treatment.

Investments to increase the number of police officers and reduce 9-1-1 call answering times

The Mayor's Retire/Rehire proposal is a reasonable down payment toward the goal of adding 300 officers over the next three years. Given the current backlog to train recruits, this approach enables this City to bring on officers ready for duty. These officers will provide critical backfill for the Focused Intervention Team as it launches in December.

The targeted additions to accelerate recruitment and hiring police officers and Public Safety Support Specialists ("PS3s") will likely have the most significant impact on ensuring that Portland has a fully staffed police force.

There are several packages for the Bureau of Emergency Communications to address 9-1-1 wait times. New technology will enable the filing of non-emergency reports online or over the phone and additional staff to support the training of new emergency center call operators.

Utility assistance for low-income Portlanders and local small businesses

Commissioner Mapps will be introducing an amendment for \$1.5 million to help relieve thousands of low-income residents and small businesses who are significantly behind on their Water and Sewer bills. This is an opportunity to provide immediate relief, as utility bills are increasingly contributing towards economic instability for the most vulnerable members of our community.

While Commissioner Mapps sees support for these budget items as vital to achieving the goals we have set for Portland over the coming year, the rest of City Council is not unanimous. Hearing written and verbal testimony from you, their constituents, will be vital in showing the rest of council that Portlanders support these objectives.