From: <u>Courtney Cohn</u>

To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: City Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:00 p.m

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Hi there,

I'm writing in support of Mingus Mapps's proposals. I agree that we need more police and fewer homeless on our streets. I have never been pro-policing, but I've seen the rapid deterioration of Portland over the last couple of years. I've known people who have gotten cars stolen and others (including me) who have been accosted by homeless drug addicts or mentally unstable people. Portland has always had a bit of a homeless problem, but what exists now is something far worse and far more dangerous than it's ever been. I'm guessing all of you are aware of the "new meth" that's making people psychotic. Here's a recent OPB segment: https://www.opb.org/article/2021/11/01/the-formulation-of-meth-has-changed-it-may-be-contributing-to-this-countrys-mental-health-crisis/.

Anyway, thank you for taking the time to read this and please vote to support adding police officers, reducing the number of homeless and cleaning up the city permanently.

Best Regards, Courtney Cohn