From: Rob Rodgers

To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: Nov 10 Council Meeting - Surplus Budget **Date:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:44:36 AM

To the Portland City Council,

I am absolutely appalled by the consideration to use \$62 million in surplus funds to support our abysmal police force, especially when no significant changes have been made to the training, accountability structures, or regulations for said department.

I am equally appalled that in a city with a massive houseless population you would even consider adding money to pushing these people around instead of helping them.

I only support using the surplus money for food, shelter, and mental health support for our houseless population. These are real people with real needs. To have this money and not use it to support them in positive ways, is to knowingly contribute to the growing problem. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Sincerely, Robert Rodgers