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Subject: Written Testimony for Nov 10th BMP Budget Hearing
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Please accept my written testimony for the Nov 10th BMP Budget Hearing. Many working Portlanders (tax payers) cannot take time off from work to testify in person so please give written testimony the same weight as the loud vocal minority that attend city meetings.

Also, please listen to the majority of Portlanders based on various polls. If you don't believe the polls (I do) conduct your own professional poll. Portlanders are mad.

Here is my testimony:

Allocate more funds to public safety. This includes hiring more police officers (up to 300), rehiring retired police officers, allowing police officer overtime, and hiring 100 non-police street response. I live in a "safe" neighborhood and my building has been robbed several times in the last year, car windows are routinely smashed, and the streets are becoming increasingly unsafe.

I also believe the Portland Police Bureau (once it's right sized) could use some cultural sensitivity training. So I'd support allocating funds to police reform.

Allocate funds to get unhoused people off the streets. The methods could include immediately available affordable housing, shelters, tiny houses, sanctioned camps, sanctioned RV/car parking, etc. I DO NOT want to spend money on enabling people to live on the streets (tents, sleeping bags, hygiene facilities, food, etc.). It is not fair/kind to the houseless to allow them to live in squalor nor is it fair/kind to businesses and housed Portlanders.

Allocate funds to support houseless people in the supported situations listed above. The support includes hygiene facilities, food, addiction support, mental health support, job search assistance, etc. It will be better and more efficient to have this support provided in a safe and supported environment.

Allocate funds to cleaning up the trash in Portland, including graffiti. This includes unsanctioned camps.

Allocate funds to the Behavioral Health Emergency Coordination Network with a goal of getting the mentally ill permanently off the streets. Helping them in a crisis and then releasing them to repeat the crisis every day is not effective. I have a mentally ill person living near me and the Multnomah County Mental Health Crisis folks repeatedly "visit" her but her mental health crises continue (very loudly and in the middle of the night). That's not helping her (or the neighborhood).

Thanks,
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