

**From:** [Alexandra Clarke](#)  
**To:** [Clerk General](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:00 p.m.  
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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Council:

My family came to Oregon between the years of 1843 – 1873.

I respectfully request that you consider the following:

1. Clean up the trash including dangerous needles on our streets, parks, open and natural areas.
2. Respect property owner easements in front of their homes and rentals. No homeless campers, cars with their contents spilled all over the green strip and sidewalks – No tents and camping. Property owners are legally responsible to clean up the mess and repair damages within their easement area. Sidewalk damages are very expensive to repair. This is an unfair burden especially when they are being taxed for the homeless clean-up and services by Portland and METRO.
3. Get the Portland Street Response team in full operation mode – everywhere legally possible.
4. Keep the mentally ill out of PPB run jails! Do not allow them to be hosed down with cold water and placed in solitary confinement.
5. Stop the practice of hauling the mentally ill and chronically addicted into the courthouse in handcuffs and ankle chains for hearings. They need their own private court hearing facility. HIPPA rules must apply.
6. NO more DEFUND the police.

I am attaching two links that I hope you will take the time at some point before the end of the year to watch and/or read. One is an article published recently in The Atlantic:

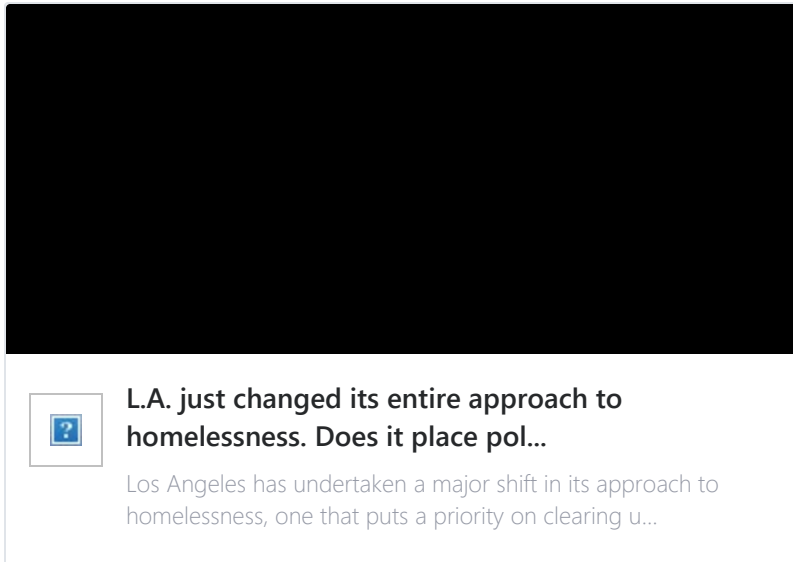
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/11/the-new-meth/620174/>

The second is an 11/3/21 OPB News Hour interview with a panel discussing the Republican win in Virginia's governor's race. Democrat political strategist, James Carville's, comments are well worth noting.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/why-the-dem-strategy-in-virginia-failed-and-how-youngkin-flipped-the-state>

P.S.

LA bans homeless encampments in numerous locations claiming the camps are “unsafe, unsanitary, and inhumane reflecting a societal failure.” [L.A. just changed its entire approach to homelessness. Does it place politics above need?](#)



Emphasis on "**inhumane.**"

Respectfully,

*Alexandra P. Clarke, MAFM*