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I just received the Proposal by Commissioner Mapps from his Communications Director and Policy Advisor Adam Lyons outlining proposal to increase the Police Force by 300 officers over the next three years. I support it, but ask that 200 additional officers be in place by the end of 2022.

However, The next proposal to lower homicides by 20% by end of 2022 is an insult to any citizen of Portland, especially our communities of color getting hit hard by the recent spike in violence. Asking to drop from (probably) 80 Homicides year-end 2021 to 64 at year-end 2022 still places the death rate at near all time record highs. More immediate action needs to take place with a surge in the Gang & Gun Violence Task Force.

The other Proposals to reduce people sleeping in tents by 1,000 and significant trash and graffiti cleanup are good goals that i fully support, as well as the Budget Proposals for Retire/Rehire Polcie Officers, cutting 9-1-1 call response, and the utility assistance for the very hard-pressed facing utility cut offs.

Sincerely Yours:
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