

From: [Terry Parker](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Ryan, Dan](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [City Auditor, Mary Hull Caballero](#)
Subject: Testimony on City Council agenda item 121, Community Healing Through Art Report, February 23, 2022
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 1:28:24 PM

To Members of the Portland City Council,

Along with the beloved David P. Thompson Elk finding it's way back to SW Main Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues, community healing can only start to occur when the statues of Teddy Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and all the other public art statues that were illegally toppled as part of the George Floyd/law enforcement insurrection rioting in Portland are restored and returned to public viewing places of honor. This must be done before any more new public art is added. Portland is not the Wild West and Oregon is still part of the United States where in our nation's capitol, the monuments of former U.S Presidents are revered. In the meantime, the arts tax must be considered only voluntary and without sanctions.

Respectively submitted,

Terry Parker
Northeast Portland

