

From: [joan.hoffman*](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Additions to the budget.....
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 12:46:04 PM

Please start a gun buy back program, before more tragedies happen. Also add more dollars for mental health for mental health professionals to work along side the police.

Thank you..... Joan Hoffman*

Sent from my iPad

From: [Joseph Kling](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: A Budget With Ears - Thank You for Sharing Your Voice
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 1:17:30 PM

As you well know, we are at the beginning of our city's recovery. Much much more is required to continue making progress. The recent proposed budget does not go far enough to sustain and increase that progress. **I urge you to sharply increase funding for helping unhoused community members off the streets, cleaning our alarmingly trashed city and aggressively increasing both our police officer hiring and police oversight.**

We need to provide usable shelters to all of our unhoused neighbors. These can take many forms and sizes in locations throughout the metro area, including group shelters, motels, vacant rentals and designated camping areas. The common elements of each should be safety, sanitation, protection from the elements and reliable access to services. We also need to concurrently develop massive amounts of affordable housing. This is a critical long term solution that should not impede or delay providing temporary shelter to those in need now.

We need a veritable army of employees and volunteers to comprehensively clean-up illegal camps sites, abandoned vehicles and other sources of great refuse across the area.

We need to dramatically increase the number of law enforcement officers. As demonstrated by the recent, steep increases in gun violence, murders, car thefts and property crimes, our community is trending towards lawlessness. This hiring push must be met by increased police oversight, a renewed emphasis on community policing and a sustained commitment to DEI in PPB's ranks.

The budget amounts proposed below are far from adequate to meet these lofty and essential goals for our larger community. You're now on the right track. I urge you to dig deeper. Please provide even more resources and staff time to tackle the greatest challenges our city has experienced in the last century.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kling (Josh)
(503)260-8974

From: Mayor Ted Wheeler <mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov>

Date: June 3, 2022 at 11:08:19 AM PDT
To: Josh Kling <jkling@westernrivers.org>
Subject: A Budget With Ears - Thank You for Sharing Your Voice
Reply-To: Mayor Ted Wheeler <mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov>

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Dear Portlander,

Over the past few weeks, I held 7 virtual meetings to get community feedback on the critical issues facing our city and my proposed investments aimed at helping address them through our Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

The annual budget is the single most important decision any most important decision any city government makes each year. Budgeting is more than a yearly decision regarding how to spend public money, it's a city government's funded plan-of-action.

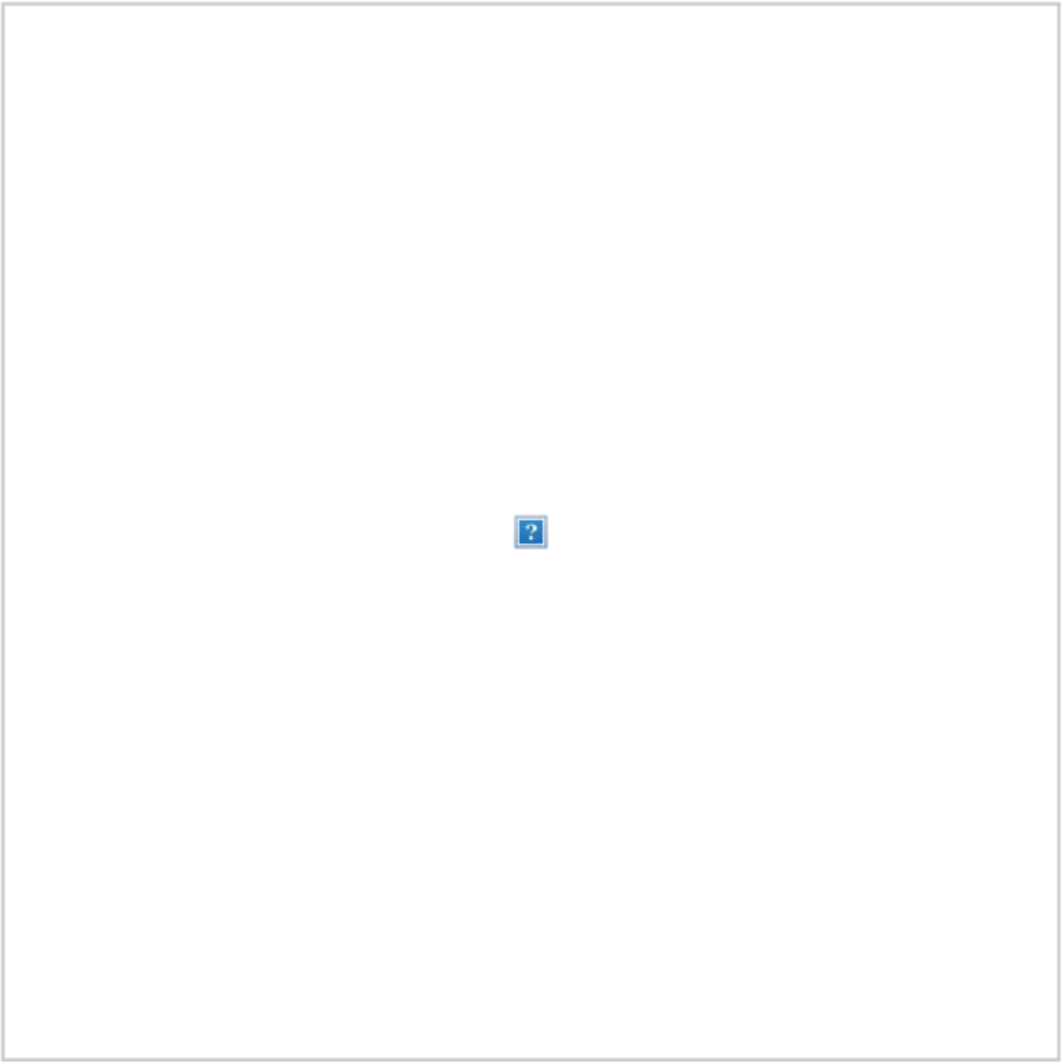


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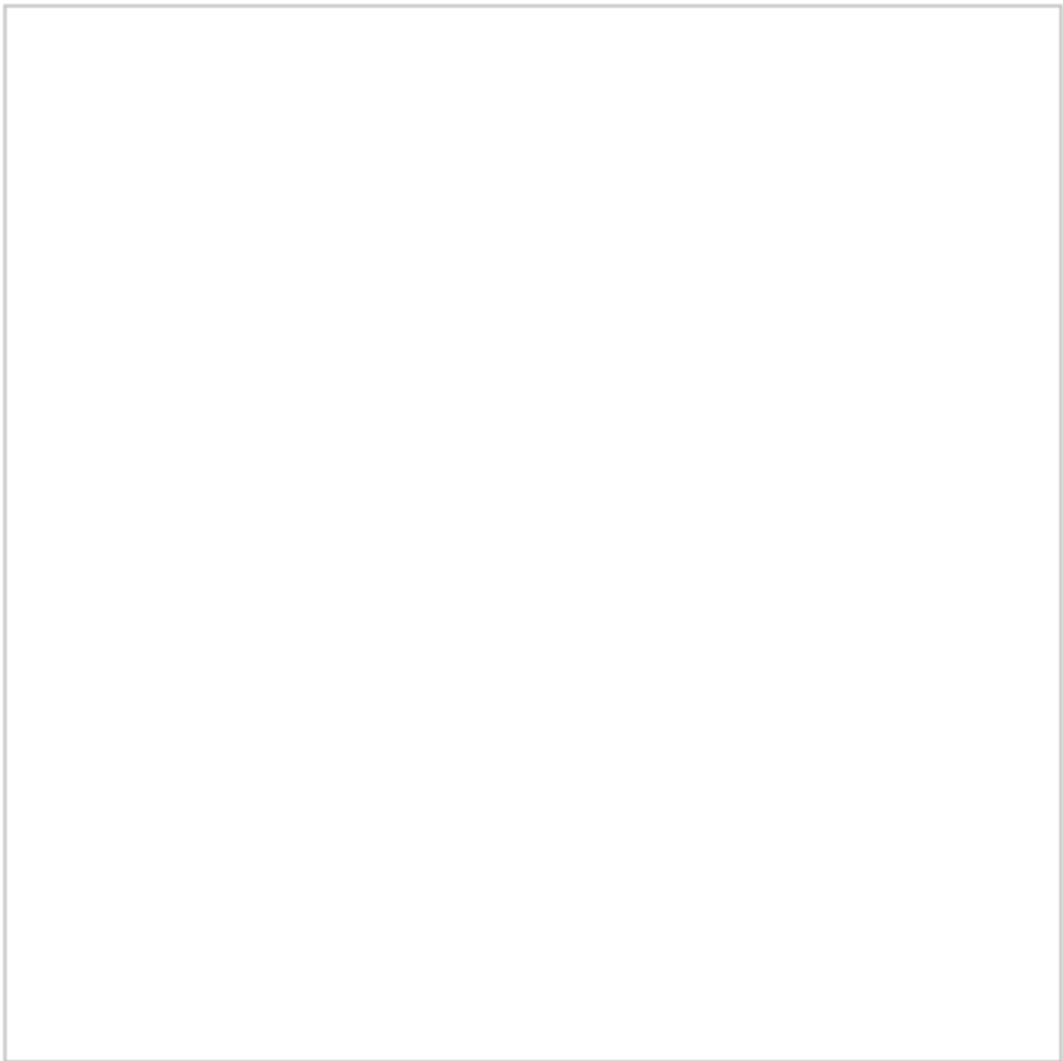
The budget we discussed is what I refer to as a ‘budget with ears’—one that helps answer Portlanders’ consistent call for meaningful and immediate action to our most urgent problems and shared council priorities: [homelessness](#), [community safety](#), [livability](#), and [economic recovery](#).

This community feedback, whether received by email, call, letter, meeting or via council testimony has laid the foundation for the city’s budget. Below are highlights within each of the City Council’s shared priority areas in the approved budget:

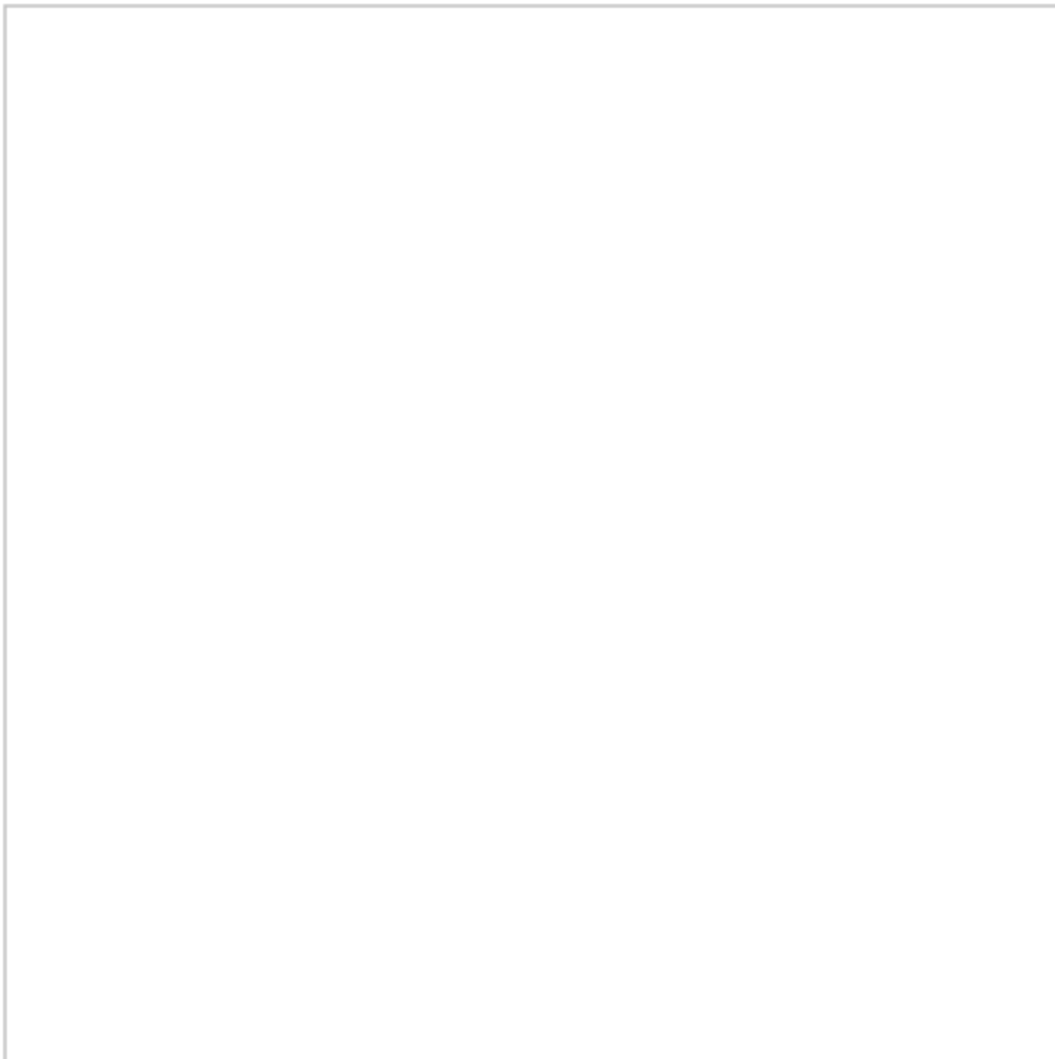
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Approved Homelessness Investments Overview:



Approved Economic Recovery Investments Overview:

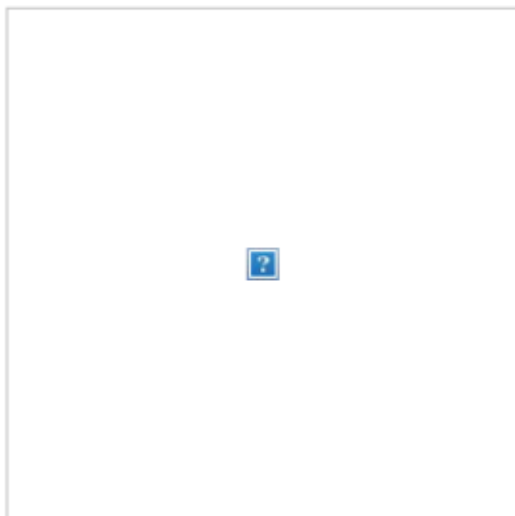


Council is able to make amendments to this budget prior final adoption on June 15th, though every change comes with a tradeoff. These meetings were valuable opportunities to check in with the community and get feedback directly to myself and my team on what we got right and what we are missing.

It's not too late to make your voice heard. Here are two ways to get involved:

1. The first is by written form – you can email the Council clerk: cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov at any time, preferably before June 15th so Council offices hear your voice prior to budget adoption.
2. The second is to provide testimony in-person at the Adopted

Budget Hearing on June 8th between 2:00PM and 5:00PM. [Sign up on the city's council agenda website.](#)



Ted Wheeler



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From: [James Gifford](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Proposed budget
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 3:27:32 PM

I appreciate your efforts to focus on the crime, violence, homelessness and livability crisis that Portlanders are facing. I talk with neighbors, friends and customers of all ages and ethnicities daily. People are just fed up. They don't feel safe in their city. They don't feel safe on mass transit. The best description I've heard recently is that Portland is an open air psychiatrist ward! The people who work hard and play by the rules are being ignored. Thanks, Jim Gifford. Life long SE Portland resident and small business owner in Downtown

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110,
Portland, OR 97204

June 2, 2022

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Williams Vancouver Business Association supports the full funding of \$1.788 million for Venture Portland to increase their support for Portland's diverse neighborhood business districts. These commercial corridors are vital to Portland's economy and expanding Venture Portland's Grants Program and continuing the work of the Catalytic Investment Initiative and Events Hub will positively impact business districts during these difficult times.

In the last year, Venture Portland's programs have helped Williams Vancouver Business Association do community mixers, neighborhood banners, and holiday tree lighting.

As you know, our district has historically been underserved by the City of Portland. Now more than ever, Venture Portland's support is crucial. And, just as in other neighborhood business districts across the city, many businesses in our district are struggling to become financially stable. Not only do we, as local business owners, rely more and more on Venture Portland's resources to carry out the goals of our association, but we are in dire need of increased grant funding and event planning support to effectively market and promote our district.

We are excited to hear about this opportunity for additional resources for struggling business districts. This type of creative thinking is exactly what is needed to help us endure the ongoing struggles created by the pandemic and the current state of our city. I urge you to adopt the proposed funding for Venture Portland so we can maintain the vitality of our neighborhood business district.

With businesses closing at an alarming rate and many others fighting for survival, **expanding Venture Portland's aid for the neighborhood businesses and business districts that fund the City and provide 300,000 jobs makes fiscal sense.** Please ensure that Portland supports its small businesses and fully fund Venture Portland's expanded Grants Program, Catalytic Investment Initiative, and Events Hub.

Sincerely,



Amanda Triskele
Treasurer, Williams Business District



June 7, 2022

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110,
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

The Central Eastside Industrial Council strongly supports the total funding of \$1.788 million for Venture Portland to increase its support for Portland's diverse neighborhood business districts. These commercial corridors are vital to Portland's economy, and expanding Venture Portland's Grants Program and continuing the work of the Catalytic Investment Initiative and Events Hub will positively impact business districts during these difficult times.

In the last year, Venture Portland's programs have helped the CEIC in so many ways. CEIC's participation on the Venture Portland board keeps us informed and participating in the essential programs for our district and its businesses. Additionally, our business association directly benefits from the grants program, which helped us create a Street Plaza at Escuela Viva School, the district's only daycare provider. Recently the grant program funded an innovative new map of the district's architecture, which will be produced by the nonprofit The Architectural Heritage Center and distributed to visitors at the convention center. Additionally, our members and staff frequently attend Venture Portland's workshops and webinars and often call on Jacob and Joy for best practice tools and references.

Now more than ever, Venture Portland's support is crucial. Just as in other neighborhood business districts across the city, many businesses in our district are struggling to become financially stable. Not only do we, as local business owners, rely more and more on Venture Portland's resources to carry out the goals of our association, but we are in dire need of increased grant funding and event planning support to effectively market and promote our district.

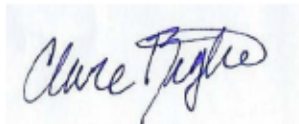
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Please ensure that Portland supports its small businesses and fully fund Venture Portland's expanded Grants Program, Catalytic Investment Initiative, and Events Hub.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Clare Briglio", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Clare Briglio
CEIC Executive Director

From: [Jacob Falkinburg](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Joy Church](#)
Subject: Written Testimony for Agenda Item #509
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:30:42 PM
Attachments: [Raleigh Hills Letter to Council.pdf](#)
[Williams Letter to Council.pdf](#)
[82nd Ave Letter to Council.pdf](#)
[CEIC Letter to Council.pdf](#)
[Lents Letter To Council.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please accept the attached written testimony from our member business districts related to the June 8th City Council Meeting, Agenda Item #509.

Thank you!

Jacob Falkinburg
Communications and Member Services Director
Jacob@ventureportland.org

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**Raleigh Hills
Business Association**

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110,
Portland, OR 97204

June 2, 2022

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Raleigh Hills Business Association supports the full funding of \$1.788 million for Venture Portland to increase their support for Portland's diverse neighborhood business districts. These commercial corridors are vital to Portland's economy and expanding Venture Portland's Grants Program and continuing the work of the Catalytic Investment Initiative and Events Hub will positively impact business districts during these difficult times.

In the last year, Venture Portland's programs have helped Raleigh Hills Business Association with training webinars, technical assistance and marketing to promote a more vibrant business community.

As you know, our district has historically been underserved by the City of Portland. Now more than ever, Venture Portland's support is crucial. And, just as in other neighborhood business districts across the city, many businesses in our district are struggling to become financially stable. Not only do we, as local business owners, rely more and more on Venture Portland's resources to carry out the goals of our association, but we are in dire need of increased grant funding and event planning support to effectively market and promote our district.

We are excited to hear about this opportunity for additional resources for struggling business districts. This type of creative thinking is exactly what is needed to help us endure the ongoing struggles created by the pandemic and the current state of our city. I urge you to adopt the proposed funding for Venture Portland so we can maintain the vitality of our neighborhood business district.

With businesses closing at an alarming rate and many others fighting for survival, **expanding Venture Portland's aid for the neighborhood businesses and business districts that fund the City and provide 300,000 jobs makes fiscal sense.** Please ensure that Portland supports its small businesses and fully fund Venture Portland's expanded Grants Program, Catalytic Investment Initiative, and Events Hub.

Sincerely,

Michael Chase

Michael Chase
Communication Co-Chair, Raleigh Hills Business District

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110,
Portland, OR 97204

June 2, 2022

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

82nd Avenue Business Association supports the full funding of \$1.788 million for Venture Portland to increase its support for Portland's diverse neighborhood business districts. These commercial corridors are vital to Portland's economy and expanding Venture Portland's Grant Program will be a huge help. Additionally, continuing the work of the Catalytic Investment Initiative and Events Hub will positively impact business districts during these difficult times, especially as people begin to venture out during 2022.

In the last year, Venture Portland's programs have helped our Business Association to have the necessities for monthly cleanups on 82nd Avenue and to assist several other non-profits with their clean-ups. We are also looking forward to their assistance with the 2022 **82 Dishes** Event in October and November.

As you know, our district has historically been underserved by the City of Portland. Now more than ever, Venture Portland's support is crucial. And, just as in other neighborhood business districts across the city, many businesses in our district are struggling to become financially stable. Not only do we, as local business owners, rely on Venture Portland's resources to carry out the goals of the many large and small business districts and Associations in Portland, but we also appreciate the potential for grant funding and event planning support which will effectively market and promote our districts.

This opportunity for additional resources for struggling business districts **makes good sense**. This type of creative thinking is exactly what is needed to help us endure the ongoing struggles created by the pandemic and the current state of our city. We urge you to adopt the proposed funding for Venture Portland so we can maintain the vitality of these commercial corridors which are vital to Portland's economy.

With many businesses fighting for survival, expanding Venture Portland's aid for the neighborhood businesses which provide 300,000 jobs and fund the City with their Business Income Taxes **makes fiscal sense**. **Please ensure that Portland supports its small businesses and fully fund Venture Portland's expanded Grants Program, Catalytic Investment Initiative, and Events Hub.**

Sincerely,

Nancy Chapin

Nancy Chapin
President, 82nd Avenue Business District
(Celebrating our 44th year supporting the 82nd Avenue District and its businesses.)



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Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110,
Portland, OR 97204

June 3, 2022

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

The Lents Grown Business Association supports the full funding of \$1.788 million for Venture Portland to increase their support for Portland's diverse neighborhood business districts. These commercial corridors are vital to Portland's economy and expanding Venture Portland's Grants Program and continuing the work of the Catalytic Investment Initiative and Events Hub will positively impact business districts during these difficult times.

In the last year, Venture Portland's programs have helped Lents Grown Business Association resurrect a defunct business association by gaining 15 new members since January and hosting a well attended business mixer that brought many of the local business owners together for the first time in 2 years, hosted several events that have brought the community out and engaged them with local businesses — such as a week long Lucky in Lents St. Patrick's day promotion and free Mother's Day Portraits, And strengthened relationships with community partners such as PDX Saints Love and Green Lents to strengthen participation and make a stronger community. Also, Venture Portland worked to increase business association communication through social media, videos, newsletters and boots on the ground.

As you know, our district has historically been underserved by the City of Portland. Now more than ever, Venture Portland's support is crucial. And, just as in other neighborhood business districts across the city, many businesses in our district are struggling to become financially stable. Not only do we, as local business owners, rely more and more on Venture Portland's resources to carry out the goals of our association, but we are in dire need of increased grant funding and event planning support to effectively market and promote our district.

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Sincerely,
Saundra Rose
Secretary, Lents Grown Business Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Rose", is written over a horizontal line.

From: [j.pearl.waldorf](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Oral Testimony June 8th To be included in the record
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 8:35:37 PM

Dear Council Clerk,

I have put my name in to attend the meeting tomorrow but due to being a working professional, may not be able to arrange my schedule to attend. I will write a formal complaint with suggestions regarding a meeting structure that makes public testimony more accessible another day. Suffice it to say that if I am not at the meeting to share my testimony live, it is because the system does not support working people to participate.

My testimony regarding the budget, which I hope to read at the meeting is as follows:

My name is Pearl Waldorf. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. As a mental health professional and group psychotherapist, I am confronted daily by the unequal emotional toll this pandemic and the epidemic of racism continue to have on bipoc communities. I was compelled to attend today following events I encountered at a recent Prosper Portland sponsored Bipoc Wellness Fair that concerned me regarding my city's commitment to equity.

I wanted to learn how the rest of the budget was manifesting Portland's stated racial equity commitment. What I found was deeply disheartening. Mayor Wheeler and council, your four priority areas at first glance seem hard, as a financially privileged white taxpayer, to argue with but in digging into the allocation of funds, language referencing support to Bipoc communities, is vague or utterly nonexistent and the budget lacks the data and the integrated implementation across programs needed to measure the city's proposed "Racial Equity Goals and Strategies." As you state in the document,

It is essential to use a racial equity lens when changing policies, programs, and practices that perpetuate inequities.

It is also essential when funding them. If there is no explicit connection to the racial equity lens in the budget descriptions, how can Portlanders be confident that lens will be applied. If it isn't in the budget language, how can Portlanders be sure funding is allocated towards these proposed outcomes? I am not an expert in city planning but offer a few examples as a lay citizen.

Under Economic Prosperity, Of the 5.1 Million earmarked for the Healthy Business Program, how will funds be allocated to Bipoc owned businesses? How will neighborhoods impacted by gentrification be additionally supported?

Under Community Safety, of the 10.2 Million allocated to the Office of Violence Prevention, with much research, which I have the privilege of time to engage in, I found direct reference

to \$600,000 in grants to “community organizations.” Racially ambiguous language does not support accountability on equity outcomes. Additionally, it’s hard to tell what the other 89% is allocated to. Of the 1.8 Million allocated to Expansion of the park ranger program, how much will go to the outreach and recruitment of Bipoc employees?

In the area of Houselessness, of the 36.2 million allocated to safe rest villages, how much will go to assuring the safety and unique needs of Black, Indigenous, trans, gender non-conforming and other houseless community members of color. Are there funds allocated to educating and engaging housed members of our community about how they can support our fellow community members' well-being?

Racial Equity Goals and Strategies are mere platitudes if they are not seeded in the budget. A transparent, data-driven funding plan, which integrates your stated commitment to equity across all domains, would enable accountability and demonstrate Portland's progressive values. And I believe it is doable.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: j pearl waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Re: Oral Testimony June 8th

To: Ashley, Kandel <Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov>

2-5 pm is along to be away from work...

Can you tell me what the info below is telling me? Is the reference to 4 of 5 meant to be helpful in planning my time? like is it a reference to the timing of this discussion item. I am unable to attend the meeting for the entire 3 hours do to be ing a working portlander. Thanks for any help you can provide.

509

[Adopt the annual budget of the City and establish appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by Mayor Ted Wheeler Bureau City Budget Time certain 2:00 pm

Time requested 3 hours (4 of 5)

This item is available to register for public testimony.

On Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 10:47 AM Ashley, Kandel <Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov>

wrote:

I was told that the link that I sent previously will be able to help you sign up and give information on time slots.

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From: j pearl waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 8:42:47 PM

To: Ashley, Kandel <Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Re: Oral Testimony June 8th

HI Ashley. Hoping to get some clear info from you so I can attend the meeting Wednesday... learned anything?

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 1:48 PM Pearl Waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com> wrote:
The budget.

On Jun 6, 2022, at 12:54 PM, Ashley, Kandel
<Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

What item did you want to give testimony on?

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From: Ashley, Kandel <Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 6:55:31 PM

To: j pearl waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Oral Testimony June 8th

I will find out and let you know.

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From: j pearl waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:24:50 PM

To: Ashley, Kandel <Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Re: Oral Testimony June 8th

Just checking back on this... I work during the day and want to know if there is further information regarding the schedule. During what hour will the public testimony occur?

On Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 3:50 PM Pearl Waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com> wrote:

Helpful. And if I am interested in speaking on June 8th, must I attend the entire meeting? Will I be given a time window I should plan to be in

attendance?

> On Jun 1, 2022, at 3:02 PM, Ashley, Kandel
<Kandel.Ashley@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

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> Afternoon Pearl,

> Thank you for reaching out. Here is the link to sign up for testimony
<https://www.portland.gov/council-clerk/engage-council#toc-sign-up-for-a-communication>

> Typical time frame for in-person testimony are 2 minutes long. But if its
written it can be as long as you want it to be. Let me know if I didn't
answer your questions or if you have more.

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> -Kandel

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Pearl Waldorf <pearloptimist@gmail.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:04 PM

> To: Wheeler, Mayor <MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov>

> Subject: Oral Testimony June 8th

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> Hello, I am new to the process of giving testimony at a meeting of this
nature and wondered if a time frame window is provided in service to
working citizens being able to schedule their work day to participate. I'll
forward to hearing from you.

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> Pearl Waldorf

From: [Vanessa Mariscal](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Adopted Budget hearing
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:42:48 AM

Not sure if the budget and where the money is going is the problem. Maybe it's the people not using the money correctly. Either way we need to get CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS! This city is EXTREMELY UNSAFE. Daily people write in at NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR APP. Cars broken into and stolen, homes broken into in broad day light, people being followed. WHY ARE OUR TAX PAYING HARD WORKING CITIZENS NOT BEING PROTECTED? Money should go to RECALL THE DA AND TO FUND THE POLICE!

Please keep us safe!

Tax paying hard working non white female who lives in Portland.

"Respect your body, respect yourself"

From: [Debby](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Input
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:52:51 AM

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> Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Council,

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> My name is Debby Hochhalter, and I am the Chair of the Richmond Neighborhood Association, however I am responding as a private citizen to your request for input on the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

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> I have two suggestions related to livability benefitting all Portland residents:

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> First, I would like the city to resurrect the Community Collection Events (CCE) or create a new funding source for organizations to put on clean-up events. In my opinion, this would help with the trash problem that was exacerbated by the pandemic, yet won't disappear once the pandemic has receded. Many neighbors can't get to the dump easily, and this provides a local option for getting rid of unwanted items that can't go in the curbside trash or recycling.

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> Second, renew the contract with Friends of Trees. So many of us are disheartened by the loss of our tree canopy, and this organization provides a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to plant trees all over the city. I would like to see the city encourage tree planting in underserved areas, and areas that are susceptible to heat islands.

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> Thank you for reaching out to the people of Portland for input on the upcoming budget.

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> Sincerely,

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> Debby Hochhalter (she/her)

> 2133 SE 32nd Avenue

> Portland, Oregon 97214

> debraclaire5@gmail.com

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> Sent from my iPad

From: [Lloyd Martindale](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 12:07:22 PM

Fund the police, im tired of being in your daily social experiment

Best Regards

From: [Jennifer Parrish Taylor](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Comments on the City Budget from the Urban League of Portland
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 3:35:11 PM
Attachments: [City of Portland Budget Remarks from the Urban League of Portland.pdf](#)

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jennifer Parrish Taylor, and I am the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy and I need you to fund real solutions to improve the quality of life for Portland residents in the 2022-2023 budget. In some areas, like housing, neighborhood livability, and policing, the City's budget priorities are not reflective of our values of equity and inclusion.

Portland's struggle to house people has left thousands suffering. Houseless community members face criminalization and violence, and many have their belongings confiscated and discarded during sweeps. Others are not able to receive the services they need. The only real solution is to use some of the strategies outlined by the #3000 Challenge, a policy proposal developed by advocates and activists with firsthand experience ending homelessness for thousands of our neighbors.

Using shelters as a solution to the housing crisis, whether indoors or outdoors, are deeply inadequate. In addition to not being a cost-effective solution, for many, these environments can be traumatizing. On average, Permanent Supportive Housing (which includes wrap-around services) costs \$2,167 per month, while sleeping pod/village sites cost \$2,334 a month. The current budget proposes allocating more than \$43 million dollars in federal ARPA funds for sheltering; our community would see greater long-term effects if these funds were applied instead to permanent housing.

Housing-first models are widely understood to provide better outcomes for behavior health and the housing stability that shelters, by design, do not. While I appreciate the over \$9 million dollars specifically carved out for land banking, I believe that more money, specifically ARPA funds that we know are limited funding, should be redirected towards longer term solutions that get at the root causes of the affordable housing shortage such as the increase acquisition of motels, multifamily housing, and adding more land to the public stock.

An essential component for a permanent supportive housing model is wraparound services, which stabilizes people during the transition process. Human Service Workers are woefully underpaid but provide vitally important wraparound services that our communities need and benefit from. Human Service Workers (often BIPOC, front-line workers with lived experience) are routinely tasked with meeting human needs by focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems and much like law enforcement, are committed to improving the overall quality of life for the public good. As such, I urge you to set aside wages for human services workers that are commensurate with the wages of law enforcement. The city's investment in human services workers in the nonprofit sector should set a prevailing wage that reflects that this work is what makes the city better for all.

Lastly, we are concerned that there are minimal investments in inclusive and diverse civic engagement programs. The mission of the Office of Community & Civic Life, "... is to promote a culture of civic engagement by connecting and supporting all Portlanders working together and with government to build inclusive, safe, and livable neighborhoods and communities." But currently, the city has allocated more money for ongoing graffiti removal than for programming, activities, and culture. This is an example of avoiding upstream investment in favor of covering up the problem. This is not reflective of the value the city says it places in the importance of civic engagement but a superficial strategy to addressing a long-standing symptom of lack of investment in civic engagement programs focused on youth to young adults and a larger divestment of community programs writ large.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to see adjustments to the 2022-2023 budgets.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Parrish Taylor
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June 8, 2022

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My name is Jennifer Parrish Taylor and I am the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy and I need you to fund [real solutions](#) to improve the quality of life for Portland residents in the 2022-2023 budget. In some areas, like housing, neighborhood livability, and policing, the City's budget priorities are not reflective of our values of equity and inclusion.

Portland's struggle to house people has left thousands suffering. Houseless community members face criminalization and violence, and many have their belongings confiscated and discarded during sweeps. Others are not able to receive the services they need. The only real solution is to use some of the strategies outlined by the #3000 Challenge, a policy proposal developed by advocates and activists with firsthand experience ending houselessness for thousands of our neighbors.

Using shelters as a solution to the housing crisis, whether indoors or outdoors, are deeply inadequate. In addition to not being a cost-effective solution, for many, these environments can be traumatizing. On average, Permanent Supportive Housing (which includes wrap-around services) costs \$2,167 per month, while sleeping pod/village sites cost \$2,334 a month. The current budget proposes allocating more than \$43 million dollars in federal ARPA funds for sheltering; our community would see greater long-term effects if these funds were applied instead to permanent housing.

Housing-first models are widely understood to provide better outcomes for behavior health and the housing stability that shelters, by design, do not. While I appreciate the over \$9 million dollars specifically carved out for land banking, I believe that more money, specifically ARPA funds that we know are limited funding, should be redirected towards longer term solutions that get at the root causes of the affordable housing shortage such as the increase acquisition of motels, multifamily housing, and adding more land to the public stock.

An essential component for a permanent supportive housing model is wraparound services, which stabilizes people during the transition process. Human Service Workers are woefully underpaid but provide vitally important wraparound services that our communities need and benefit from. Human Service Workers (often BIPOC, front-line workers with lived experience) are routinely tasked with meeting human needs by focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems and much like law enforcement, are committed to improving the overall quality of life for the public good. As such, I urge you to set aside wages for human services workers that are commensurate with the wages of law enforcement. The city's investment in human services workers in the nonprofit sector should set a prevailing wage that reflects that this work is what makes the city better for all.

Lastly, we are concerned that there are minimal investments in inclusive and diverse civic engagement programs. The mission of the Office of Community & Civic Life, "... is to promote a



culture of civic engagement by connecting and supporting all Portlanders working together and with government to build inclusive, safe, and livable neighborhoods and communities.” But currently, the city has allocated more money for ongoing graffiti removal than for programming, activities, and culture. This is an example of avoiding upstream investment in favor of covering up the problem. This is not reflective of the value the city says it places in the importance of civic engagement but a superficial strategy to addressing a long-standing symptom of lack of investment in civic engagement programs focused on youth to young adults and a larger divestment of community programs writ large.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to see adjustments to the 2022-2023 budgets.

Respectfully,

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Subject: Budget - UPNA Comments on Civic Life and Request for a Whole City response for the Peninsula Crossing Trail (PCT)
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Mayor and Commissioners:

The University Park Neighborhood Association Board is concerned that the Civic Life budget short-changes North Portland residents. Specifically, the City funds all of the other district coalitions with 2.0 or more positions - but only 1.6 positions for North Portland Neighborhood Services.

This also impacts the small grant programs and reduces the funds available to North Portland community groups. This is in part because the formulae used by Civic Life are out of date and systemically discriminates against North Portland. The total cost of these would be to reallocate @ \$75-100,000 within the Civic Life budget.

The UPNA Board also requests that the City use a - Whole City Government approach to the Peninsula Crossing Trail. This should protect the City's assets including a Heritage Tree and the PCT which is located on PBOT right of way. This includes: 1) removing over 15 abandoned vehicles that are on the PCT, and 2) Parks and PBOT restricting access to the PCT via gates, boulders, or other barriers

3) inspecting the Heritage Tree (Urban Forester - Parks) and having the Fire Bureau and Parks fence off the Heritage Tree from camping and to do so for trees near the Belmont Goats and the proposed Safe Rest Village.

4) Parks, PBOT and Housing to restore the PCT to a recreational use for bicyclists and pedestrians

5) Police and Parks to provide additional enforcement and patrols

6) Housing and Joint Office of Houseless Services to provide additional trash removal, clean up and graffiti removal (particularly gang signs) from RAC funded artwork, the paved trail, and other structures and signs.

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