Thank you for your time on this subject. When I hear **Housing crisis** as we have globally, what does that mean for me as someone who is a PSU alumna and grad student as well hopes to live and work in the city and serve it. My partner is a direct resident and is a person of color. I am not a resident due to income to cost of housing mismatch as it is too expensive and is only at the moment on a trajectory to get worse.

How should the term housing crisis be translated and is it signaling for funds or just a reality? Are private contractors truly being held accountable on bonds and grants given towards the crisis and for the victims of this crisis?

Housing due to the economy is going into a giant bubble and I would like to see the city prepare and get social safety nets for the most vulnerable people following the example of Brown Hope using Universal Basic Income.

Also it is important to stabilize affordable housing units and have them be affordable not just in a monetary way but also adding affordable housing to be expanded to healthy units and works to mitigate climate change units.

I'm not an expert.

I have looked at Dr. Bates' proposals and articles but my partner and I both feel it has become a burden on citizens who are not paid nor even volunteering to obtain a public servant job with the city. You are giving this burden to find a fix to those exploited by the labor sector and forcing children to become adults at the age of 5.

While it is good that it is a community effort there really isn't a community space and the bootstrap mentality, racism, and classism stand in the way of housing as a human right. Housing, food, and public transit are needs and access must be given to all that dwell in Portland.

NIMBYism should not have a place in the decision making. Portland has too many resources in one area and almost none in East Portland and in the Cully neighborhood. The Linnton neighborhood needs attention. The affluent are the most served and is that working? I would like the record to show the answer as no. It has already been proven the most diversified cities globally are the safest and it should make sense to all council members. I realize that funding comes mostly from taxes and yes, taxing the wealthiest and moving that wealth is going to need to happen. The way to pitch this is that it will help the affluent NW area complaining about the real spillover in safety issues.

It also comes from diversifying the neighborhoods in having mixed housing in all neighborhoods. I would like to see council members speak to how this would be a win around racism and classism and still serve affluent people better than they are today.

There are buildings for businesses that can be rezoned if the way in which the city gets funded can change. Please attempt this. It is a known fact that white collar workers are working from home. There are empty buildings right smack in the face of affected people while the city says there is a shortage. There needs to be a use what we have approach. That would be fresh thiinking. I realize this means work and reaching out and I hope city officials and bureaus will do this leg work.

I am including some documents that may help on the housing crisis which still needs a defintion and action plan and not just words striking fear into us with no end in siight.

Bouncing forward from every problem that the pandemic and extreme weather extreme

weather has magnified or brought about and George Floyd protesting not resilience must be the goal of these plans concerning the houseless.

Thank you for serving the public and for your time.

Best,

Mel S.

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"It's not for you to call me resilient. It is for you to make sure that I don't have to continue to be resilient under inhumane circumstances."