



February 15, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler arrived at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Ryan presided in his absence.

Commissioner Gonzalez left at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Rubio left at 12:09 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Maja Haium, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-5 roll call.

Council recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

Council recessed at 12:19 p.m.

Communications

126

Request of Lorie McFarlane to address Council regarding Water Bureau lead level in drinking water
(Communication)

Document number: 126-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water presented to Council for item 126.

127

Request of Allison Rockwell to address Council regarding the importance and impact of honest and informed health care workers (Communication)

Document number: 127-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Douglas Richards to address Council regarding livability issues in the Cultural District
(Communication)

Document number: 128-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Diane Meisenhelter to address Council regarding City climate plan (Communication)

Document number: 129-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Avrel Nudelman to address Council regarding police resources and criminals in Portland
(Communication)

Document number: 130-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

131

Amend the Planning and Zoning Code to clarify the rules for shelters to facilitate more shelter options for Portlanders in need (amend Code Title 33) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191171

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Second reading agenda item 125.

Oral and written record closed on February 8, 2023.

Information found at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/s2hc>.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

132

Accept Downtown Clean and Safe Enhanced Services District Annual Report (Report)

Document number: 132-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:00 am

Time requested: 25 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

133

*Authorize one-time reductions of past-due balances to coincide with revisions to the sewer-only special tax assessment process (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191172

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time certain: 10:25 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

134

*Pay property damage claim of Theodore Davidson for \$16,577 involving the Bureau of Environmental Services (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191169

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

135

*Pay property damage claim of Mandi Ruscher for \$5,402 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Bureau of Development Services.(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191170

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

136

Assess property for system development charge contracts, private plumbing loan contracts, and safety net loan deferral contracts (Z0850, K0192, T0209, W0078, Z1212, K0193, T0210, Z0851, W0079, P0171, P0172) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191175

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading February 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

137

Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to negotiate and execute one or more lease agreements for laboratory space for Cryptosporidium genotyping to support the Water Bureau Bilateral Compliance Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority (Ordinance)

Document number: 191176

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading February 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Agenda

138

Appoint Scott Latta and Derek Thompson and reappoint Celeste Carey to the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (Report)

Document number: 138-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division; Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed As Amended

Motion to amend the report to remove Lila Riedel from the appointment and to add biographies and statements of interest for Scott Latta and Derek Thompson: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-3)

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

139

*Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Tryon Creek Fish Passage Improvement for an estimated cost of \$1,247,000 (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191173

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to February 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

140

*Amend contract with Raimore Construction to increase amount for the Outer Division Multi-Modal Safety Project for a total of \$10,282,592 (amend Contract 30007700) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191174

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to February 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Time Certain

141

Refer renewal of Portland Children's Levy to City voters as a local option levy for five years commencing in FY 2024-25 (Resolution)

Document number: 37610

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Children's Levy

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 2 hours

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

142

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Document number: 191173

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 5 minutes

Previous agenda item 139.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

143

*Amend contract with Raimore Construction to increase amount for the Outer Division Multi-Modal Safety Project for a total of \$10,282,592 (amend Contract 30007700) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191174

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Previous agenda item 140.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Thursday, February 16, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Good morning, everyone. It's Wednesday. It is February 15, and it is the morning session. The Mayor is running a little bit late, so bear with me as we get this meeting started. It's Wednesday. A lot of people come downtown on Wednesday this new thing called traffic again. So it's a good problem. We'll take it, anyway. Go ahead and call the roll.

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Good morning.

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Ryan. Here, Gonzalez. Here, maps Here, Wheeler.

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Okay. Now we will go ahead and move to legal counsel, who will read the decorum, for when people come to testify

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good morning, welcome to the Portland City Council City Council is holding hybrid public meetings with in person attendance, in addition to electronic attendance.

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If you wish to testify before council in person, or virtually, you must sign up in advance by visiting the Council agenda on the Council Clerk's web page@www.portland, Gov. Backslash Council Backslash Agenda.

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You may sign up for communications to briefly speak about any subject.

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You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports, or the first readings of ordinances.

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Written testimony may be submitted at CC. Testimony at Portland, Oregon. Gov.

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Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time when testifying. Please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary.

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Please disclose. If you are a lobbyist.

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If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers joining virtually, please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name.

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The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during city council meetings, so everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected, and safe.

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The presiding officer determines the length of testimony.

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Individuals generally have 3 min to testify, unless otherwise stated.

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a timer will indicate when your time is done.

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disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others. Testimony or council, deliberations will not be allowed.

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If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected, a person who fails to leave. The meeting is subject to a rest for trespass.

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Additionally, Council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Thank you.

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Thank you. Good morning. Everyone First item is communications. Item number 1 2 6.

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Request of Lori Mcfarlane to address Council regarding Water Bureau. Lead level in drinking.

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Welcome.

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D. I assume your swap out. Is that correct? And okay, great. If you can just state your name for the record. Thank you.

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Good morning. My name is D. White, with Portland advocates for lead-free drinking water. There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Lead is cumulative, in the body, meaning it builds up.

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The public deserves to know this and more essential information facts based in data, Science and health. Nevertheless, it's this essential information that you won't find on the Water bureau's, abundant web pages.

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the Portland Water Director and department managers. All are all reluctant to admit their ongoing height, lead in water data, and their failure to significantly reduce lead with their year old, 20 million dollars corrosion control facility.

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Our decades old silent Public health crisis, continues

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a Virginia tech professor who is credited alongside his colleague with calling the world's attention to the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Anne, who specializes in water treatment, was blunt during his interview with Oregon public broadcasting last year, he said, this is worse than flint and quote.

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Lead is one of the most potent neurotoxins. It affects the youngest children's developing brains, cognition, their behavior, their entire life course trajectory

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only after 5 years of strongly advocating, and only after another Federal level led accedence, and only after negative press in 2,022. The Portland Water Director finally launched a Free City water filters program. However.

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this so-called program is a fundamentally flawed program, and there is no public information outlined details about free filters.

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You don't wait for children in your city to become poisoned and wait to be sanctioned by the EPA before you change course

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instead of 1 One unreliable free water test. Free filters need to be first and foremost, because prevention is key. The sorry Look at the Bar, Chart.

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Portland, and other Water Bureau are in the Middle Mayor and commissioners. We need to be looking at the water levels

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bottom line. The city is not prioritizing pregnant women and disadvantaged communities like people of color, low income, or adults with kidney disease at about \$50 a filter plus replacement cartridges that's pennies for the Water Bureau

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until Portland water minimizes lead at users, taps their ethical and regulatory obligation.

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Can you, Commissioner? Maps explain why the city isn't distributing free water, tap water filters for first and foremost to the most vulnerable.

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Thank you. Be Commissioner maps. Sure, de. I want to thank you for coming in today, and I do appreciate your advocacy on behalf of clean water. I share those values, too, and today I have some good news. I'd like to share with members of council, you might remember. Last year we brought on a new water treatment plant which is designed to adjust the chemistry in our water. We've done our first round of testing to see the impact that this new plant would have on

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led in water. And here I want to make clear, unlike cities like flint that have lead pipes in some of their public infrastructure. Portland Doesn't have that problem at all. However, what we do have are a relative handful of homes that were built in the late twentieth century, and some of those homes have

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pipes in them, or welding pieces that contain some lead. So we do see some leaching in those houses, and we have had a long program to help them. One of the other things that we did is we brought on this new treatment plant in April of 2,022, to help adjust the chemistry of our water to help those particular homes with leaching issues.

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We just got our recent report on how that's impacted the amount of lead that we see in some of these older homes that we've been talking about, and we see a 40% reduction in the amount of bleaching for that particular community. And we're hopeful that as time goes on in the chemistry and the system.

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the public that we are paying close attention to this to this issue, and we'll work to make progress. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Next individual, please. Item number 1 3 1 2 7.

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Request of Allison Rockwell to address Council regarding the importance and impact of honest and informed health care workers welcome.

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Allison was going to join us in person. Ms. Allison, Here

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Is she online? No, She's not here. Okay, we'll skip her for the time being. Item 1 28 next individual. Please

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request of Douglas Richards to address Council regarding livability issues in the cultural district.

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They let us know they are cancelling their request. All right. 1 29

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request of Diane Meisenhelter to address Council regarding the City climate plan.

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Believe Diane is joining us online. Good morning, Diane.

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Maybe. Diane, you're muted.

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Diane. Are you able to unmute

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You hear me?

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Yes, now we do.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: Since many of us testified at the city's listening session on renewable fuels, we assumed that would be shared with counsel. But city claims are disconcerting

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: the approved zenith. Lux arguments are problematic. Given the facts on renewable fuels, while the city's intent and developing the fuels, mixed policy is understandable. Choosing an emissions reduction strategy based on renewables is likely to prolong the transition to cleaner sources.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: and there has been no phase out timeline adopted for the transition clearly needed to address climate.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: Renewables will likely become a roadblock for those very phase out efforts. Unless city administrative rules provide preventative action. Increasing availability of Diesel in various forms could lead to lower prices and increased overall Diesel Use Shunting grain towards fuel production can raise food prices plus. There's no guarantee that renewable Diesel production will actually decrease petroleum Diesel production unless there is an overall cap on the

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total Diesel allowed to be stored and sold for local use.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: Renewable Diesel is a very similar chemical combination to petroleum Diesel, and all the dangers are still there in terms of spills, fires, seismic concerns, and pollution effects, particularly of nitrous oxide and carbon monoxide zenith claims renewable fuels. We reduce emissions by 80%.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: But there is not evidence or proof of this from the scientific expertise provided by Dr. Rich, Clewin and others is clear that the modeling around carbon intensity is problematic. The various models all have major shortcomings, and often produce contradictory results.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: and given this, the choice of model ultimately determines the supposed c. I values. The Oregon Fuels program that city is using was put in place before the intricacies of by 150,

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: or feel modeling were understood, and national standards developed plus. There was industry lobbying which we can do even more than the problematic Ca standards it was based on. Without controlling. What feed stops can be utilized, and the fuels used in the hydrogen nation process, as well as adequately accounting for land use, change.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: renewable fuels could actually add to emissions, or barely reduce them. The Oregon Clean Fuels program at best claims to only lower the average carbon intensity of fuels used by 10%.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: More importantly, the carbon intensity. Numbers promoted in the city's renewable standards only apply to fuel sold for local use, and have little to do with the fuels continuing to be dangerously transported and stored by a senate.

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: either the fuels continuing over the next 5 years, the fossil fuels continue over the next 5 years of the renewable fuels they hope to export

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129. Diane Meisenhelter: along with the out overall phase out plan. We should be banning exports of renewable and fossil fuels, both when burned, Add to the climate crisis. The city must stop falling for industry, green washing, choose cleaner paths and electrification

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perfect timing. Thank you very much for your testimony.

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Next individual, please. 1 3 0

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request of Avril Noodleman to address Council regarding police resources and criminals in Portland. Welcome.

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Oh.

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here you are! Welcome! Good morning, Good morning.

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I'm.

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Good morning. I'm Aaron Commissioners. My name is Avril Moodleman.

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and I'm. A part owner of a commercial property in St. John's North Portland.

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in the past 2 and a half years. My tenants convenient store has experienced 2 armed robberies by the same person.

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and several attempted break-ins, resulting in door damage.

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Many broken windows and continuous graffiti tagging.

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Hmm.

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In the early morning of January, the tenth of this year, a stolen car backed up into the entrance of the Convenience store. The entire entrance was destroyed, and merchandise was stolen.

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This incident is on camera.

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I called the police and inquired about pursuing the perpetrator, and I was told. They do not have the resources to pursue this type of crime. This has been the same story for the last 2 and a half years.

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because there are not enough resources to follow up on these crimes, and no consequences to those committing them.

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The perpetrators are free to repeat them

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over and over, and this they do.

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Numbers from the Portland Police Bureau show that burglars have skyrocketed in Portland in the last 2 years. The Portland Police Bureau has only 2 detectives in the property crime unit. These detectives are responsible for investigating, not just burglaries, but also white-collar crimes and fraud.

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Portland has the second highest local State

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in local and state income tax in the United States as a lifelong Portlander of 66 years. I have seen that as taxes increase the quality of life here goes down. Last year we had a record. 101 homicides in our city, where Seattle, a larger city, had only 52

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in 2,022. Portland had 1,315 shootings, 3 times the 412 and 2,019.

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Portland has one of the highest crime rates in America.

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The chance of becoming a victim of either a violent or property. Crime is one in 15, and I find that shocking and frightening my tenant cannot keep employees who are traumatized by armed robbery. Neither myself nor my tenant can continue to file insurance claims for damage from criminals.

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I fear someone is going to be seriously injured, or God forbid! Killed at my property. You know very well that I am not alone in being the victim of unrelenting property, crime against small businesses in the city. I am imploring you. Our leaders

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act. Now speed up the police, hiring and training process. A lot more funds for police training

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provide more spots for Portland police officers in classes for training attract a higher public defenders. We lack

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make people account, make criminals accountable, make resources available, provide more financial assistance to businesses who suffer loss due to unchecked crime in the city, stop property, crime from being the norm in Portland.

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Your job is to ensure that law-abiding Portlanders can go about their business can work operate their businesses, make a living and provide for their families, if that's not possible. What real future is there here?

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Thank you, Mr. Noodleman. Thank you. And I a couple. I'm sorry.

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Noodleman noodleman. Thank you. I appreciate your being here. First of all.

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Thank you for coming to City Council. I agree with you across the board.

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I want you to know that first and foremost, and as long as I'm there I will continue to work to do my very best to ensure that public safety is improved in the city of Portland I absolutely agree that people need to feel safe and secure in the community that was probably the foremost responsibility

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of government, and all of us, frankly, as a community to ensure people's public safety. First of all, I want you to know.

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I've committed to 300 new police personnel over a 3 year period, and we're on track to do that.

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I want to report to you that we actually do not have a recruiting problem in the Portland police barrow. We had 1,500 applicants last year.

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We hired 71 personnel last year. The tie up now is actually, and you correctly identified it.

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It's the training to become a police officer here in the city of Portland.

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You not only have to go through an extensive hiring, vetting process, a mental health evaluation, but then you have to get your state certification through the Dpsst, and then you come back to the city of Portland, and you train more.

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Then you're a provisional officer. So it's about an 18 month process to get somebody from hired to the street as a full-fledged police officer right now we have a bottleneck at the Dpsst.

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And this council has advocated strongly for the Legislature to increase the number of training slots available in Salem, or potentially even working with some of our law enforcement agencies in the region.

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We could do a regional training here that's still certified by Dpss.

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I met with the Governor's staff as recently as yesterday to discuss this strategy, and I've personally met with the Governor to push this as a potential way to get more officers on the street more quickly.

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There are repair grants available through process Portland, and I hope somebody has made an attempt to connect you to that.

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If not, who on my staff is here today? Usually Bobby is here.

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Chris, can you make sure that you connect and that we get the appropriate contact number we'd like to connect you with the appropriate person you correctly identify that the criminal justice system is not well set up at this particular juncture for what are and I'm using heavier

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quotes lower-level criminal activity, not murders, homicides, but it it's still it's adding up.

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And I agree with you that when someone is repeatedly hit by the same individual over and over again, that is a signal that the system is not functioning the way it's supposed to be functioning.

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So I've had conversations with the district attorney and others about repeat offense as being a higher level threshold than somebody who does something.

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For the first time. I'll stop there, except to say that I want to do right by you, and I'll keep working as hard as I can as the mayor to do that. You're not alone.

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Obviously, I'm sure. And it just so happens there are some business people sitting in the audience shaking their head in agreement with you as you speak.

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You speak for many, but I want you to know that my colleagues and I take this very, very seriously.

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Commissioner, Maps, I'm sure. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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I just want to thank Mr. Newman for coming in and sharing his story today.

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I apologize that you and your tenants have gone through what you have gone through.

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I want you to reassure you that I think every member of this Council understands the problem is working really hard to make progress in this space.

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I also do want to pause and praise the mayor for his leadership in staffing up the police bureau.

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I've seen a revolution in and in terms of staffing.

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They're really proud of that and they also want to take a moment to recognize Commissioner Rene G.

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Gonzalez, who is our new Commissioner in charge of Public safety.

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Renee has done. I think, some really innovative work around starting a conversation about how we hold people accountable for property crimes.

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Early days, of course I think Renee, you've only been on the job for about 6 weeks at this point, but I think you've already injected some important ideas into the discussion I recognize that we need to make progress here, and I see that from each and every member of this Council too.

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And we will work with you and members of the public to make sure that we can keep our residents and our people safe.

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Yeah, Commissioner, Gonzales just want to thank you again, Mr.

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We need ordinary Portlanders throughout the city to continue to speak up to continuing engage in the political process, and I know at times it feels like people aren't listening, but they are it's just we got a lot of hard work together to get out of where we're where the city is at this point in time so thank you

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for showing up. Please continue to do so. One last piece, in terms of your tenants, employees.

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I think the part that gets lost in the discussion about crime is how much it impacts our working class.

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Our most marginalized communities, and we got it. It affects everybody.

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Rich, middle class or poor, but certainly the our working class is most impacted by those types of crimes.

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So again. Thank you for speaking up today, and please continue to be engaged in the process.

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Better. Days ahead. Okay, thank you, sir. Thank you for listening. Appreciate your being here.

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Did that complete communications? Did we get everybody we could check to see if Allison Rockwell. Yeah, let's see, Allison, are you out there?

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Yeah, that complaints. Yeah, I just don't see her. All right.

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All right, please call the roll, bye, bye, alright, consent. Chen is an opt for certain item.

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Item number 1, 31. This is a second reading amend the planning and zoning code to clarify the rules for shelters, to facilitate more shelter options for Portlanders in need colleagues.

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This is a second reading. We've obviously heard a presentation.

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There's been public discourse. I'll turn this over to Commissioner Rubio for comment.

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Did you have a comment? Oh, good! All right, good! With that.

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And please call the roll I want to thank Patricia Dfandorfer, Sandra Wood and Jp.

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Mcneil for all their diligent work on these talent amendments, these amendments are a clear example of responsiveness by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to reduce barriers for Permanent Shelters that do not rely on temporary rules

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or a designated emergency, also very glad to see collaboration among safe rust villages.

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The joint office of homeless services and Bps. To identify all these necessary changes in order to move these shelter projects forward, I vote I, Ryan, thank you, Commissioner Rubio, and the team at Pps for bringing this forward building.

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The cypress villages, which was unanimously approved by the Council.

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We uncovered barriers in the permitting system, and we're taking steps to remove them by making these technical fixes, such as clarifying industrial sounds.

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Streamlining requirements and simplifying fence. Material rules.

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For example, we are making it easier for outdoor shelters to be cited in the city by removing the 20 five-foot setback and increasing flexibility in the permitting process.

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Good news is that these updates are welcoming to our partners also outside of government as well, because we can't do this alone.

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Wonderful organizations like Beacon Village, we shine Barbie's village and agape village other grassroots initiatives will now have an easier time navigating the permit system to develop micro shelters after under 20 units.

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I'm proud of the leadership and dedication of our Safe Rest village team, specifically houses, strategies, Manager Charity Montes, who has been beside this day one, in spite of the many barriers moving this project forward through the work of the safe rest village initiative we

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are moving people from chronic homelessness to service on ramps that leads to housing, stability.

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For example, one case manager helped a villager get an id and that person went on to get a full-time job at a nearby gas station.

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That villager is now going to work daily, stabilizing and looking at various housing options.

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One villager was houseless for over 10 years, she's an artist, and with the support of the shelter provider she's now in housing, looking to go back to school and wants to focus on making teaching and selling her art another person experiencing homelessness, after leaving prison after getting support and stability

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in an outdoor village shelter community they got into housing, and they now work for a shelter provider as an overnight shelter.

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Staffer, helping others who are experiencing homelessness. Let's face it.

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There's nothing like lived experience to help others move towards stability.

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The sign before us today may seem small, but it's an example of responsive, even nimble government.

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Admitting the theory of the legislation has now been tested, and we need to edit it.

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And so now we've made those edits so we can get the results that we need these tiny edits are a big step towards addressing housing stability in Portland.

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Thanks, Alice, I want to first thank Bps for the thoughtful common sense changes that were suggested here.

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I also want to thank Commissioner Rubio and her team, as well as Commissioner Ryan and his team.

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In driving this forward, I think I am hopeful that this will help us build momentum in really evaluating multiple parts of our code and what we can do to both build, support, shelter as well as multifamily, in frankly just make the city a little bit easier to to build it so again, i'm

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prettyate your work on this. I think it was common sense.

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I vote. I I'd like to thank Commissioner Rubio and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for bringing forward these comments, reforms.

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This is good work, and this is an example of, I think, government pivoting very quickly.

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We have over the course of the last several years shifted from infrastructure and public safety towards taking on an increasing role around human services and the establishment of the camps under Commissioner Ryan's leadership was a significant departure from the Core mission of the city historically and we

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had to innovate and be creative and learn as we went and what we were relying on at that time was Executive directives and other stopgap measures.

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It was a little sloppy, admittedly, because we were trying to respond to a rapidly growing community need.

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And we were building the infrastructure from scratch along the way we learned that we're not going to solve homelessness in a year or 2 or 3 years, but that this is going to be an ongoing pressure on the city of Portland and on future city Councils Commissioner Rubio and

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Bps did a fantastic job of listening and responding and doing so really quickly and so I just wanted to underscore.

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I agree with my colleagues. This is common sense, but I also just want to acknowledge this is a significant pivot, and it happened quickly, and we put a lot of pressure on our city employees to make it happen quickly and I want to acknowledge that as well but last

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but not least. Commission. Rubio, you have just done an example job.

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I think I'm taking really complex issues, moving them through, helping all of us to understand what needs to be done when it needs to be done, and how it needs to be done.

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And then having your teams and the bureaus work collaboratively to get it done.

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Very happy to support this. I've invited you where this is adopted.

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Thanks for your really good work on this next item, 1 32.

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Please, Mayor, we are 2 min early for this one. Let's take a 2 min. Break.

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Okay, Reese, we're in recess.

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Alright. We're back in session, please. Item 132.

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This is time certain. This is a report, except downtown, clean and safe, enhanced services.

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District Annual report calling. This item is to accept the annual report of the downtown, clean and safe Enhance Service district, covering the period of October the first 2,020 to September thirtieth, 2,022 which is the first full

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year under which clean and safe's current Esd. Contract with the city has been undertaken.

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This report is one way in which city council and the community can ensure transparency and accountability for the management of the enhanced service districts light, clean, and safe, as you all know, this report is required by a clean and safe contract with the city it includes financial information descriptions of programs

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and Esd activities and updates on stakeholder outreach and firms and organizations contracted by the Esd.

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I also want to acknowledge that my office is continuing to work with the office of management and finance, to address the currently vacant Esd.

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Coordinator, position which is needed to provide overall oversight and recommended formal audit response.

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That is due in September of this year. This current item, clean and safe's annual report does not address the audit response, or Esd reforms to be subsequently in separately consistent by the city Council the activities highlighted in this report are staggering over

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35,000 graffiti tax removed over 75,000 bags of trash disposed of, and over 176,000 needles collected by clean and safe.

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During this one year period. I appreciate the partnership, the clean and safe house with Central City concern, the professionalism of their public safety program and their economic revitalization efforts like the recent holiday pop-up retail and holiday lighting programs in response to city council direction clean and safe has also

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developed a new programs centered on addressing our homeless and mental health crisis to better connect people living on the streets to the services they so desperately need.

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I want to thank Executive Director Mark Wells board chair, Terence Pasco, the leadership and staff of the clean and safe organization for what they've contributed in the last year to improve the cleanliness, safety, and livability of our central City mark and terrence of course are here with Us.

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This morning to present this report in greater detail.

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Welcome. Thank you, Mayor, and good morning, Portland City Council.

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It is an absolute pleasure to be here today. We have a robust and data filled report to share with you, and as you mentioned, this is a contract requirement to provide an annual report.

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But I look at this as so much more than a contract requirement.

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This is a absolute partnership, and I think one of the best examples that we have of a government and private sector putting our heads together to solve the many challenges that we have.

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I will go through the report in a rapid clip, and so the we have time for any of your questions and comments, and we do have individuals that are signed up to testify.

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So I want to make sure everyone has plenty of time to comment.

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But before I do that I want to thank my board of directors, who volunteered their time we are a nonprofit of 501 c. 3, and I could not do my job without the support of my board, so I'd like to hand it over briefly to our board, chair.

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Terence for a few comments. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners.

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I'm Terrence Pascal. I'm the current board chair of directors of downtown, clean and safe.

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I'm also the senior director of real estate for the standard.

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Just across the street. It's my pleasure to present with Mark this morning and share with the public our accomplishments during this past contract year.

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I'm happy and proud to report the current board of clean and safe is working harder than ever, and more closely than ever with our dedicated staff and partners to continue providing enhanced services and to support the city's efforts downtown on behalf of our board thank

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you for continued support and diligent efforts, and we look forward to many continued years of service to our downtown community.

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Through this excellent partnership we'll hand it back to Mark for the detailed review of the contract.

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Thanks thank you. Chair and Sydney. Excuse me, and for the record again.

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My name is Marco Walz. I'm the executive director of downtown Portland, clean and safe, so we'll go through our slide deck, going through both the contract reporting requirements and elements in our contract, but also adding extra information and extra programming that we are doing.

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So I will begin. As you know, we are the oldest of our 3 enhanced service districts in the city of Portland.

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3 nonprofits. Again, our map that you'll see here is our district 213 blocks, providing enhanced cleaning, safety and economic development.

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And as you mentioned the holiday lighting program, which was a fantastic success this year.

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So first starting with financials, we're happy to share our audited financials from last fiscal year just as a note, we have a couple different dates that we work on.

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We are contract dates, are from October to September, and then we also report different metrics in different times.

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So this is for our fiscal year 2,122.

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Breaking down. Looking at our cost shares for both public safety and genitorial are 2 core programs, and we will also note that we are operating expenses of around 8%.

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We average about 6%. Last year we had higher than anticipated legal costs with the contract renewal, but our number one job is to use our rate payer fees to put as much service as possible on the street attached to the formal report that I submitted to you earlier is our

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Full Audited financial report. We do that every year. I always have, and we provide all those details for you to review and for the general public, and our repairs as well.

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A note too, at the bottom, is that in our 2,022 budget we will be phasing out our funding support of the Portland police bike unit at the in July of 2,024 and I cannot express enough that partnership and the very diligent and hard work

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of those 4 officers and our sergeant. We work hand in hand on both crime, prevention, crime, response, and being the extra eyes and ears for the police, but also ensuring that our repayers and our business community have access to police services looking at our business community impact our business support and events this is

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chaired up by our director of retail programming.

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Sydney Mead a lot of programs. I'll be brief on these.

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But looking at our visit downtown Portland program, our social media, 74,000 followers, 120,000 on Facebook, working hand in hand with the downtime marking initiative, our pop-up shops have been vital.

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This gives smaller retailers, smaller business owners. The opportunity to try a brick and mortar in the downtown area.

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This year we had over 7 shops featuring and representing over 80 small businesses.

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Priority given to minority, and women owned business with again the goal to give them a chance at a brick and mortar and sign leases which every year we will usually have a handful of these pop-up shops actually committing to downtown and signing long-term

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leases our sidewalk capacitor program and mobile kiosks provide tourism, information and general information.

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We have 2 full-time ambassadors and then we staff up in the and our partnership with travel, Portland, and also work systems and new avenues for youth, for job opportunities for individuals transitioning into the workplace and our downtown retail advocate working hand in hand with

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brokers and retailers. Looking at first retention, our number one goal of business and residential retention, and then recruitment, bringing businesses back to downtown Portland.

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This is support and development. We provide an annual downtown business survey, and that will be released sometime next week, giving a good census and a good pulse of the community.

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Both for general feelings and general sentiment, for downtown, and also for the services and satisfaction of downtown Portland, clean and safe, our semiannual pedestrian count, which was just released, and we'll have another slide here again a good pulse check of what we're

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seeing as foot traffic down town, which is critical after the pandemic and the loss of foot traffic that we saw in 2,020 retail vacancy reports.

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Again a key metric. Looking at our vacancy rate and staying on top of those and then our downtown reef Telic Council, a wonderful group of our downtown retailers working as a network to support each business individually and then to use networking and sharing information

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to support our downtown retailers, and especially our street front.

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Small, sole proprietor retailers again looking at our pedestrian counts, we have shift gears to using placer id, which uses cell phone technology.

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We feel it's a much more accurate count of traffic.

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And again good statistics, almost a 26% increase in overall traffic from 2,021, a 2 points looking at June, a lot of people coming downtown, and again, a 60% traffic recovery from pre-pandemic levels.

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We still, as you know, are still struggling with our daytime workers in the downtown, as you all know.

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If you come down on a Friday night or on the weekends downtown is busy, and it's wonderful.

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But during the daytime we meet our workers back and we're working diligently to encourage and get those workers back.

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And lastly, for this segment, our project illumination, a fantastic partnership with the city.

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Thank you so much with Pge, Trimet, Portland Mall management, and the Parts Bureau adding funding and additional lighting downtown.

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Over 800 trees eliminated 270 stars, and destination.

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Light installations, and I know that in concert with the holiday light festival I personally had text from many friends that had not been downtown for a while, and they're like Wow!

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You're not kidding. It is really pretty darn good downtown, and it is so.

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That was the fun. So thank you for that partnership.

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A lot of these lights will stay up for a little bit longer, and we are looking at enhanced lighting throughout the district, both for business vitality, livability, but also for crime, prevention and crime.

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Next transitioning to our janitorial and public safety program the theme of the slide promises made promises kept, as you all know, with a contract renewal.

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We were tasked and challenged by you and by the community to increase our transparency and to follow the city's sustainable procurement policy.

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And those all were done to tea. Starting with our enhanced safety program, as you can tell, we have a new vendor.

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We have are now contracting with Carter World Security services, and which is keyed in the contract, and both listening to the public, is that downtown Portland, clean and safe, is public safety services, and the public right away.

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We are not the police. We do not want to be the police, and since I've taken over this organization 2 years ago, this is something as a former police officer I'm very passionate about.

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We have excellent, very diverse public safety coordinators that are clearly identified.

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As you can see from the picture. We want everyone to know whether you're a worker downtown or a visitor downtown, that our public safety coordinators are not the police, but they are highly trained, and professionals, public safety coordinators that provide a wide range of services

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to everyone in the downtown area. Again, as I mentioned, compliance with the city sustainable procurement, policy, and labor piece following through with those commitments, we now have a new proprietary dispatch number 3 88 3 888 that is the clean and safe dispatch number that

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is available 24 h a day, 7 days a week. Again the uniforms clear identity, and a reframed approach.

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Everything that we do it down at the bottom. This is from my director of operation, Steve Wickerly.

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Safety, first Customer service and problem solving, that is the mantra.

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And that is how we do everything at that Portland, clean and safe.

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And lastly, here to increase collaboration with the city and community services.

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I cannot speak highly enough, and with enough kudos to organizations like the Streets Service Coordination center, the impact reduction program, Portland Street response.

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We are in constant dialogue with all of these organizations.

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All these agencies, and putting our heads together and constantly looking to problem, solve and deliver services to those in most need, and to address our livability issues.

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Service districts, our season our hand safety services on average of 1,100 service calls per month, with peak times from 7 to 10 A. M.

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And 2 to 6 P. M. Again, a big change. When we switched our security vendors we went to a 20 four-hour model.

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That was a request primarily from our street front. Smaller businesses that are asking for more eyes and ears on their business, being able to identify a business that might have been compromised or burglarised, and giving our street front retailers some peace of mind that we're out and about

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3 ships a day, 6 to 1030 Pm. Our day in swing shift, and then the graveyard that is our new shift from 1030 p.

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Essential precinct, and with the many, many security vendors that are downtown, making sure that we're sharing information and working as efficiently as possible, and leading this contract is our account manager.

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Our site supervisor, or to fantastic individuals that are extremely committed to our mission, and have delivered excellent results since this contract change.

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Lastly, looking at the types of calls that we handle, asking people to move along, always treating people with respect, always asking and offering services, realizing that we have no authority, our public safety coordinators are dislike Terence and I so we treat everybody as an individual we always ask for and deliver or

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offer services, but getting people's compliance, getting them into a better place, and also looking for business, supporting businesses and continuity drug use in doorways.

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Welfare checks. That is a lot of our job making sure that individuals are Ok, aggressive behavior, business, assist citizen, assist.

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That's everything, from wayfinding to helping potentially an intoxicated party goer in Old Town, getting an Uber ride home.

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And of course, medical assistance. We've had multiple 911 calls medical emergencies where our public safety coordinators are the first on the scene, triaging and getting the right services to that end of it.

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Again, public safety highlights for our contract year. We're very proud.

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The over 17 business outreaches every day our public safety coordinators are tasked with doing proactive engagement with our businesses.

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Again, looking at all those stats. A tremendous amount of work that we're very proud of switching gears now to our janitorial program again, as you know, we contract with Central City concern in my 2 years I have gotten to know our full-time staff very well, and our continual training. Program.

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Through our six-month clean start program. An absolute highlight of my job, getting to know them. Their individual stories.

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It is an absolute, fantastic example of people in recovery, getting back and doing amazing.

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This is a picture under the Hawthorne Bridge, just to give you an example, as you all know, before and after.

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It's very powerful. We're very proud to be able to offer this service.

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And again supporting the impact reduction program supporting the street Service Coordination Center to work on these, the mayor alluded to our stats earlier.

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I won't repeat them, but a tremendous increase all the way around this slide, so much more than a hand services.

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Again. We are an enhanced service district, one of 3.

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We are funded and we are organized to provide enhanced services, and we absolutely go.

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The extra mile the picture on the left is a volunteer project.

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We did with Salvation Army, and this was actually a request of our Garter World staff, asking if they could have volunteer opportunities this was a team effort with our vendors and local businesses collecting over 4 tons of trash around the Salvation Army at first and Burnside in about a three-hour

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period, the middle picture a tent on fire. This was, this is a common occurrence, and again, especially in our graveyard shift, when we don't have a lot of eyes out on the street.

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Oftentimes our public safety coordinators are the first on scene, putting out the fire and then making sure that individual is safe, has a place to go, and offering them

services which has included literally driving these individuals to a shelter, getting them clothed and getting them back on their feet, and the picture

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to the right. This is during the pandemic. This was actually my second week on the job when I was at with our cleaners, doing my cleaning shift.

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And this is what we did, with the conditions, as you know, during the pandemic and the conditions have increased much better than the picture on the right.

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But it shows the work that we've been doing. Our vendors.

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I'll start at the top, and this is a fun and a very proud moment for us to share that we have just signed a contract with Bibi Lakes Hope Center, and we will be starting later this month.

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Our community health outreach worker program. This is 2 full-time community health outreach workers working through our vendor with bibie Lakes and Allen Evans and Mike Davis and their amazing team.

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They will be working in full concert with our current vendors and with our existing social service providers think of Portland Street response Project.

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Central City concerns, own outreach efforts, and to provide that next step, for when we encounter individuals that are asking and are receptive to services again, local companies, central city concern, Aponic, which is our data digital collection system providing our metrics, a local portland company a newer

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vendor or new avenues for youth and work systems, problem, business alliance.

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And then truss our amazing lighting company that lights up all of our recent business sentiment.

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Alluded to this. This is our business census survey.

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This is the first slide that I look at when I get the returns. How am I doing?

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How is our team doing? As you can see here? We had, I believe, over 300.

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We had almost 100 more respondents this year than last year.

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68% with an overall very much are somewhat satisfied with our services.

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Again, over 60%. With our cleaning 75% with our public safety and almost 90% with our holiday lighting.

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And again that report will be released to the public, I believe, next week.

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Looking ahead again, I mentioned our new child program again, our community health outreach worker program.

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I am very excited about this and that. I'm out in the district as much as I can, walking.

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I encounter individuals. I have seen firsthand individuals that are ready to go to a shelter, and it will take myself, my staff business owners sometimes 2, 3, 4 days to get that individual into a safe place.

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The idea is that either during the day when they're on duty or making quick referrals, and being at a promised place in time, the next day will be able to help individuals get into that next location, either Vibe lakes, which is you know, as a thirty-day emergency shelter a lower

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barrier, and then if they qualify a higher barrier, shelter into bibbe Lakes, we anticipate that a lot of individuals will not be able to get into bibi lakes.

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But the job of our community health outreach workers is to get to know our current system and understand what options that we have and literally drive them escort them, sit with them, help them through intake, and to get into a better place again, 20 four-hour public safety.

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Services. We have multiple locations, multiple retailers that cease night operations, shipping delivery staff working later because of safety concerns and now they're able to reopen.

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They're able to do a graveyard shipping and deliveries, and if they have an issue they can call our dispatch number, and we can be there to support them.

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New electric bikes and electric assists for our carts.

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If you've seen our barrel pushers, and that is the term that they use very proudly.

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They are extremely heavy. We are looking to electrify those as well as we just ordered a fleet of electric tribes so that we can respond at any call for service within

30 min or less, continued and improved safety programming and services my team and I provide a wealth of public safety services crime prevention services

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training resources, connecting them to our existing city services through the Community Safety Division.

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We've had a wonderful partnership with 311, making sure that our community is aware of that, and utilizing that service which is working very, very well.

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I have to tell you, and then additional marketing and promotion, as well as business recruitment.

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We are now going to stop on business, retention, residential retention, and then bringing folks back downtown, and with that I just wanna let you know that I personally am as committed and have the same belief in downtown that I did 2 years ago as most of you know I did work for

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the city for about 11 years, and I took this job because I love this city.

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The challenges in front of us are enormous, as you know, it will take us a lot of time and a lot of hard work to get out of it.

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But this partnership, again, is a perfect example, and I'm able to tell business leaders who reach out to me when they're making return to work decisions and doing their due diligence and saying, Mark, is it clean and safe?

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I'm able to highlight and articulate these partnerships with key agencies, Street Service Coordination Center key individuals within those where we put our heads together and we solve problems.

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And it's for everyone, especially our most vulnerable individuals down on the street.

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And I see that only expanding, and I look forward to coming back next year with metrics and data on the child program, and how we've evolved and integrated that program into our current services.

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So with that, thank you so much for the opportunity, and I look forward to many years working in partnership with the city.

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Thank you. Great report. We do have a number of people signed up for public testimony. But if there's any comments or questions at this point, while we have these gentlemen in front of us, certainly entertain that.

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Perfect. Don't go far. How many folks do we have signed up?

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Okay, 9 people, 9 people, 3 min each. Please name for the record as you come up.

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And Keelin will call the names in order. First up.

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We have Steve. Welcome, Steve!

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Thank you for being here.

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So my name is Steve Witchley, Mr. Mayor.

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Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today for transparency.

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I am the director of Operations for downtown Portland, clean and safe.

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I'm also a downtown employee. So I work downtown.

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So I test my testimonies through both of those lenses.

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My background is in disaster. Response, and humanitarian aid work with 15 years managing complex programs in multiple countries.

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In my role, we clean and safe. I manage our safety and street services, work.

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One of the criticisms of our public safety work and street services.

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Prior was that it only benefits the wealthy. But the majority of our calls are for services to businesses, small businesses, storefronts, coffee shops, trying to stay open in business and open their doors to customers and for support for vulnerable communities.

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If you'd seen the report you would have seen that at the 2,023 lunar New Year parade we worked with the Portland Chinatown Museum and our public Safety coordinators, at their request, LED that parade.

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To provide a presence of public safety. I share a few abbreviated reports about the causal service we go to, just to give you a peek into the daily activities.

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Number one, called to a tent on the sidewalk.

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We contacted the business representative on site, who told us he was wanting to power wash the sidewalk.

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We asked the individual if he would move. He said no, we spoke with the business representative and explained the proper city process for reporting, so he can clean the number 2.

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We were dispatched to a call for people sleeping in the doorway of a business.

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We approached the camp, as kindly stating safety concerns.

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They were asked that, apart from the doorway, they agreed.

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The male individuals missing issues and socks. We asked if we could get himself.

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He said, yes, we went to Salvation Army and got him some new shoes and socks, call to 3 individuals sleeping against the event of a hotel.

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This is a safety issue. We asked if they would leave one was non-responsive. We did not see breathing.

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We called 9 minus 1, one emergency and a supervisor.

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We continued to wake the individual up. No response. Medical showed up.

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Subject was, you're right. And coordinates to provide information.

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It was removed clean nervous is the clean human waste dispatchable pretense, blocking access to the same access issues.

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Individual said, yes, the non-responsive call for Ppb.

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Assistants. So arrived. We've looked inside and found an unchanged administual administered 9. The individuals in and out of consciousness.

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Additional Ppb. Arrived along with medical and took control of the team.

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Last one dispatched to a person sleeping in the dog at a location, and a group using drugs in the storeway individual to move. You agreed if we gave him 10 min we spoke the group in Uz drugs in the doorway.

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They agreed to move one of vigils began telling us that he was newly homeless.

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We offered to Cessa or other services. He asked us if it was Mom, so we did, and she said that she'd been looking for him.

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And could come immediately to pick him up. We told them we would wait till his mom arrived.

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His mom arrived an hour later. They're together, girls. Give a peek into our service.

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We are dedicated, serving off 50 first customer service, and then problem solving the situations we find, we look forward to improving the work to meet the goals that are set for. Thank you so much for your time.

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Next up we have Sydney Mead. Welcome, Sydney!

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Thank you for being here today.

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Hi! My name is Sydney Meade, and I am the senior director of downtown programs.

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4 downtown Portland, clean and safe. My work includes research and reports that help shape our advocacy and marketing for the downtown business area.

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Our annual business survey, which mark and has alluded to, is coming out and I wanted to highlight 3 key findings from this report, 87% of the retail businesses responding to this survey indicated that they have lost customers due to the reputation of

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downtown, 77% of the businesses have repaired windows, doors, and other parts of their building because of vandalism, 85% of the respondents felt.

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Their businesses have been negatively impacted by individuals who are homeless are living on the sidewalks of downtown Portland, and in Old Town.

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For the most part, despite these numbers, my job is to find positive activations and reasons for bringing people down to visit downtown Portland.

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But it is important to have a clear understanding of the conditions downtown businesses are operating in on the positive side.

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Property owners in the district traditionally fund the holiday lighting in the downtown area.

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This year because of the amazing partnership with the city of Portland.

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The mayor's office, parks, and, in fact, the entire city staff, we were able to expand this program we were hearing anecdotal stories from businesses.

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Our call center and the Parks department that these light installations are reducing the calls for service and helping to create a more positive, safe and activated downtown.

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I want to thank the mayor's office and the city staffers who worked so hard on this program and make sure that you're aware we're definitely interested in expanding this program.

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And finally the visit downtown program runs a robust marketing and promotional campaigns for the downtown.

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And old town area, while travel Portland markets out of 2 out of towners interested in Portland, we focus on our local and regional audiences.

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Working hard to get locals to come downtown with roughly 24,000 Instagram followers and 125,000 Facebook followers are visited downtown Portland sites are the second largest social media sites promoting the downtown area second

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only behind travel, Portland.

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Again. I want to thank the city for the continued collaboration and support of downtown through activations and marketing.

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I'm looking forward to working with everyone to make downtown safer.

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Writer and more viable. Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

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Thanks for your good work. Next up we have Anita Davidson.

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Good morning!

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Thank you, honourable mayor and commissioners, for this opportunity to speak, and for your service to our city.

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My name is Anita Davidson, and I live downtown.

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I'm a homeowner and a rate payer of clean and safe.

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I want to thank Mark Wells that we just heard from Steve Witterly as well, and all of the vendors to clean and safe, who really give 110% to support our downtown community.

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We really do appreciate that, it's clear that clean and safe still provides a lot of basic services.

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And we wish the city did that instead, because, as taxpayers and rate payers, we feel like we're hit twice for those services.

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But that's not the reason I'm here. I'm here today to highlight 2 ways in which the downtown, clean and safe annual report is incomplete.

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First on financial information regarding its 1 million dollars in personnel expense, and second, on his participation in the city's process to evaluate the enhanced service district districts as recommended by the city audit of 2,020 and Mr. Mayor you've already mentioned that that still

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is in process. But in reading this report it seems like it's totally absent, and therefore wanted to be sure and highlight that those have the following impacts.

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Rate, peers may be unclear. What their money funds, stakeholders are not told.

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Shared costs are told to shared costs is an efficient management technique when, in fact, it is not always shared costs from clean and safe fees, subsidized operations of the Portland business alliance which, as we know, is a lobbying organization, this compels rate payers, especially home

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homeowners to fund operations of the Pba, which is a violation of first amendment rights, a freedom of speech and association, failure to improve governance of the Esds means the city clean and safe, and the Pba are not fully accountable to rate payers for the authority direction control

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and management of this program. My request to you today is to reaffirm Council's resolution from September of 2,021 for the review and improvement of the Enhance Service districts specifically related to governance formation and inclusion of residential properties as

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fee payers, if necessary, extend the deadline for action, but make it further.

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Now I have a few brief details. The report says that a 1 million dollars or 15% of the clean and safe budget is for personnel expense without giving any detail.

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When all shared costs are considered clean and safe, becomes the opposite of a vision opposite of a efficient.

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It spends 38 cents to produce one dollars worth of programs most nonprofits do far better without the luxury of a guaranteed public income.

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The clean and safe contract requires rate peers to fund 30% to 50% of multiple additional Pba employees.

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Without this subsidy the Pba might not sustain its current staff or operations from Member Dos alone.

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Finally, this report does not mention how clean and safe for its manager the Pba participants with the city to address the Esd audit.

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We've already talked about that a bit, but it's important that this still be done, because without it, multiple issues like this, like the fact that they who pays and how much governance happens while cleaners does not happen while clean and safe says that for example the city code handles the fees and the rate

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schedule. You speak to city staff, and they say that's a clean and safe problem, because it's their program.

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So until we get some governance that really explains this to all the parties involved, these issues will continue on and on.

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Thank you very much. I need. If I could just comment briefly.

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First of all, thank you again for your thorough testimony.

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I really appreciate it when you testify and you testify in a way that's very easy for me to follow the good news is all the people who control this program as well as the Pba are sitting right behind you.

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I see, and I agree with you. I think these are legitimate questions that you have raised, and in the interest of transparency, I think would be terrific to have that spelled out.

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So I just want to say that for the record in the record and appreciate your testimony.

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Thank you. Thank you. Next individual, please. Next up we have Caitlin Day online.

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Hi! Can you hear me?

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Wonderful. So, yeah, Hi, my name is Caitlin, and I guess I just wanted to say that I wanna direct this testimony to the staff clean and safe, more so than counsel, because I know Council has heard for me many times.

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So I work with Western Regional advocacy, project or rap, and I know you're familiar with our organization because there was a letter sent to city council and articles in the Portland Tribune claiming that we were dark money lobbyists you conspired with the auditors office

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to write the audit, and I guess I just wanted to get into some of the specifics of why the audit actually happened in the first place, and where a lot of our concerns actually stemmed from, which was one.

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Yes, we did have critiques of how the program was managed in particular, the impacts it has on our on House community members.

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But in particular we were just trying to get information about what's happening with these districts.

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How are they managed? What kind of oversight there is?

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So naturally we did a bunch of public records request and getting those records was nearly impossible.

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Almost all of our requests were either denied, or we were told that when they went to go find the records they couldn't find any of them and that's why we ultimately went to the auditors office because we were like, okay, we've like been going to different beeros throughout

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the city to try and get information. Maybe you have information as auditor's office, and the staffers.

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We talked at the auto office didn't even know what Isds were, and so that kind of spark their attention.

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They're like, Wait, there's a city program that's collecting fees from property owners and funding services and public space.

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And we don't really know anything about that, nor can we find any documents about that.

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So that's why we were called in as stakeholders, for that audit was because our simple search for information produced so many roadblocks.

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So yeah, that's I kinda just wanted to set that record straight a little bit, cause I feel like that's a pretty bad interpretation of how this audit came to be.

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And certainly the auditors office wasn't trying to push our agenda.

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The only reason the audit findings really like agreed with a lot of what we found is because a lot of it's simply true that a lot of that record keeping didn't happen.

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And we're still not seeing a lot of transparency with how this audit process is happening, and I know part of that's the city's fault.

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But also clean and safe. You sent a letter to city council saying that you weren't going to participate in the audit until there was this investigation into the Auditors office, and it was on behalf of the work that we did in wrap to try to get information and what prompted this

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audit. In the first place, and I just think, if this all boils down to transparency, you would definitely be ecstatic to be part of this process, especially because it's

technically part of your contract it's part of your scope of work and following through with your scope

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of work is part of your contract. So yeah, I'm out of time.

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But I would definitely wanna continue these conversations later.

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Alright. Thank you, Caitlin. Appreciate it. Next up we have Lauren Armini. Good morning.

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Lauren, good morning.

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Dear commissioners and mayor. My name is Lauren Arminy, and I'm the Systemic Change Program director at Sisters of the Road.

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Thank you to Anita. And Katelyn for a testifying with your perspective and unique experience, it allows me to focus more on the public process of the downtown, clean and safe.

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Esd, although you all are saying that this annual report is not related to the audit response process, it clearly lays out the programs priorities, and those do not include holistic public outreach and responding to the audit response which you all promised in September the twentieth 20

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After answering the arduous survey, going to all the public engagement Zoom Meetings, and meeting directly with the program manager, those of us able to utilize the public process, which just largely did not include our unhoused residents in downtown left was nothing shawn campbell vanished

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from his role with a faint promise from the office of management and finance that they will move forward with the legally required audit response process.

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The program coordinator role has been vacant since August, and we have not seen any attempt to fill it.

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Talking about their current programming feels like a distribution from the fact that there has been no transparency in the continued review process.

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In fact, all the materials from the initial review process were taken down, and many of us were forced to go through a public records, request to access them thankfully.

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Some of them have been reposted. The enhanced services district as Caitlin described have been allowed to slander organizations and verbalize that they will boycott the process unless an investigation has taken place.

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They've been able to say this with no consequence.

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How do we know that the programs that they are putting forward and advocating for are actually serving the communities they claim to?

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There. I took the survey that they showed in their presentation, and it was not nearly as holistic as the survey presented by Sean Campbell, which took me roughly an hour and a half to complete, and, for example, the Crow batement program which was universally despised in the public listening session is

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now heralded as a benefit to the community. So this independent auditing process is exactly what prompted the city audit to review the program.

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In the first place, it illuminated the city's severe lack of oversight in the supposed public-private partnership.

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This 2,021, 2,022 annual report feels like a slap in the face to those of us calling for a public review process.

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It also illustrates exactly what the city auditor recently emailed us about, that the terms of the Esd audit review process are not being met, and the clock is ticking.

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Accepting the review, now, without recognizing that there's an intentional avoidance of the audit review process will serve to erode the remaining trust.

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Residents of this city have for their local government. Thank you for your time.

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Thank you. Next up we have Dan Handleman, Portland cop watch.

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Good morning, Dan.

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Hello, Mayor! Commissioners, can you hear me? Okay?

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Great. Thank you. So I'm Dan Handleman. I use him pronouns.

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I'm with a group Portland cop watch, and we appreciate that clean and safe is required to present an annual report in an effort to increase transparency.

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So you've heard several times you recall there's a plan in place to phase out the Portland business alliances business improvement district funding of the salaries of 4 port and the police officers who respond primarily to their private security guards in march 2022 the phase

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out plan was supposed to be completed in the following 2 years, meaning, there's just one year left to figure it out.

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Is, that plan is incorporated to or mentioned in the report.

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It's not clear. I heard the mayor say. These will be considered separately by counsel, but this is a report of what happened in the past year.

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And should include any discussions that took place. On these I heard Mr.

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But that is not, so far as I can see, anywhere in the report.

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It is interesting, however, the cleanest safety are responding to calls that don't rise to the level of crimes quite often, but with 5,335 calls about unwanted persons, but only 48 about trespassing and 342 about

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sidewalk, obstructions. It's not clear what the 17,792 business outreach calls are.

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I think he mentioned that, but it's doesn't seem like those are calls for service in the same sense.

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The cost of the 4 offers, we think, is listed at \$518,000 per year.

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We've always said that those with money should not be able to pay for more police response than those without.

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Certainly putting a cop, watching most of the people who are subjected to law enforcement action don't have half a 1 million dollars a year to seek special police protection.

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We also understood there will be a system set up to hold the clean and safe security accountable.

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If there are community complaints about their behavior, the advantage to state employed security, such as police is that there are accountability mechanisms which report back on the outcomes of the complaints that feedback loop doesn't exist for private entities it's telling that half of their port is a financial

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audit with scant attention paid to the underlying concerns that were raised when the cleanest year contract came due.

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In September of 2021. This report comes out an interesting time, as one of the wealthiest companies in Oregon.

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Nike is asking for off-duty police as to act as their security guards.

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The Ppp's policy say that any such overtime has to benefit the whole community.

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Why should it benefit the wealthy? We hope there's a discussion today about the progress of ending the merchandise program for clean and safe, and urge the city not to allow officers who are complaining about being stretched too thin to be used as security guards and finally, I just want to

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add, that the in induction of Bibu lakes into the clean and safe process makes it sound like a street to prison.

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Pipeline, you remote that pipe vibe lakes is in former prison that's being used as a shelter for houses, people, and it's very far from downtown.

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So basically it's nice to hear that people are being given rides.

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But it's kind of feels like those people who are given one way bus tickets out of town.

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They're being put in a literal former prison, instead of being able to make decisions for themselves. So thank you for your time.

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Next up we have Karen liken, Karen. Welcome.

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Thanks for waiting. Hmm! My name is Karen Egan.

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I'm the director of real estate services for Unico properties in Portland.

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We have 5 properties in the clean and safe bid, and I came here to publicly express my gratitude and appreciate for the services that clean and safe provides and the partnership we've built.

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Clean and safe, does more than clean the streets and provide an impression of safety in the bid.

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As we continue to try and encourage workers of all types to come back downtown clean, and safe, has offered public safety trainings and connected our tenants with broader safety resources, clean and save is actively engaged in community building introducing neighbors and retailers to each other, fostering

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a sense of neighborhood and a sentiment that we're all in this together.

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Their partnership with Central City concern, and others provide a path to work for people with substance, abuse, history.

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The work that clean and safe is doing is vital to restoring the vibrancy of downtown.

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Thank you. Shorten to the point. Thank you. Appreciate it.

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Thanks for being here. Next up we have Mark Schlesinger, Mark.

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Welcome thanks for coming in today.

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Morning Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today.

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My name is Mark Schlesinger. I'm a partner with Schlesinger companies.

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A fourth generation, Portland, Bb. Family business. I've been on the board of Downtown, Portland, clean and safe for over 10 years, including chairing the organization, multiple times, local visionaries of our city, such as William Naido Pete, Marc Doug, Goodman, and our Father Ralph Schlesinger, were

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passionate about our community, and saw that need to work with our city leaders.

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Decades ago, and thus formed and funded the initial enhanced Service district now known as Downtown.

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Portland clean and safe. The organization is an excellent example of how the public and private sectors can work together in partnership for the greater good of the entire community, working with great partners, such as central city concerns clean start program.

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We continue to work diligently to keep our downtown course.

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Sidewalks and storefronts clean while empowering individuals.

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The prior addiction issues who want to change their lives. The opportunity to do so.

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I must add that throughout the pandemic and volatile, political and social unrest, our city experienced this group of hardworking individuals never stopped working doing their utmost during challenging times, the likes of none of us which ever seen or experienced before.

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Gardner world, as well as a partner who acts with compassion when interacting with individuals.

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Downtown programs such as this show the success of how the private sector, through an enhanced service district can support the city with additional services, make no mistake, in my opinion the city still must maintain basic services, including fire life safety public transportation cleaning and law.

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Enforcement. Our city and community still has many challenges and obstacles to overcome.

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In this post-pandemic environment. We need to show our citizens that we are compassionate and that we care.

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Do not let the flame of what was once a vibrant downtown flicker out.

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Portland was once the envy of many metropolitan communities throughout our country, and I believe it can be again.

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The city must do its part by encouraging business to bring their employees back into the central court.

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You can do this by leading by example. Bring your workers back to their offices, make our daytown a safe place to visit and work incentivize developers and investors.

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We believe are in ourselves and our community, and show it through action and results that I believe others will as well.

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Positive change needs to be encouraged and celebrated. Those that are bent on vandalism and illegal activity need to know.

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This is not acceptable here in the city of Portland, and there must be consequences for their actions.

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I hope all of you as the leaders of our city, will continue to support this amazing partnership known as downtown, clean and safe, and will take strong, bold action to return our city to a stature at once held, thank you.

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Thank you, and Mr. Slasner. I agree with you.

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I have optimism. That's the city will come back.

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And I actually think it's going to come back differently. And I think it's going to come back better.

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And I. You. Know the media is a little slow to catch up to where I am.

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But I'm actually seeing the green shoots of recovery and part of it is some of the programming that we talked about earlier. Yeah, I was.

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I don't know how many people here saw the winner.

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Lights festival gone to that yet. It's about two-thirds of the people in this room.

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I think I was joined by probably 30,000 of my fellow Portlanders.

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When we went last Friday night with a number of members from my staff, highly encourage it, and the commentary that I heard repeatedly was, Wow, it's a lot better than I thought.

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It was going to be, because people just hear this negative barrage about the circumstances and condition of this city.

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And while things are definitely challenged I'm not going to say they aren't.

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They are, all things are definitely challenged. I believe we're we're doing the things that we need to do, developing the partnerships.

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We need to develop working with people in the community, believe in the future of this community.

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And we're making progress one final point, and I'll shut up and let us move on.

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We have brought our city employees back. We have LED by example is, Andrew will know.

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I've now put the challenge back out there to the private sector.

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Join us. We took that step our employees have made that commitment join us, and so if there's businesses out there that are sitting on empty real estate, we've brought our folks back and frankly I think all of us here, agree it's much more positive to work with other people than it is to

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sit there in your slippers, in your living room, fighting the dog.

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Bring him back. Thank you. City needs it. Thank you for your testimony to and I appreciate all of your leadership in the community.

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Thank you. Next up we have Tessa Peterson. Hi, Tessa, how are you today?

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Hi, great! Thank you so much, and I will introduce myself first. I'm Tessa Peterson.

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I'm the managing director for both the Woodlark Hotel and the Ace Hotel, as well as all of the restaurants that sit in those buildings.

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I'm also a member of the Board of clean and safe.

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First I want to thank you for the announcement of bringing folks back into offices.

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My team is very much looking forward to serving you coffee, food, and drinks in our restaurants, coffee shops, and bars.

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So thank you. I also would like to echo what Anita said earlier.

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You know, in an ideal situation, our enhanced cleaning districts would truly be enhancing kind of a base level of service provided by the city.

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And that's just not where we're currently at.

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And so we need to embrace the work that, clean and safe doesn't help support them in what they're doing.

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I don't want to tell a bunch of stories that we've all heard about what's happening downtown.

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We all work in live down here, and we see it what I do want to do is acknowledge the work that Mark and Steve have done since coming on board at clean and safe.

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I started on the board when I was working in Old Town.

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I've since moved closer to Pioneer Place, but I have seen in the last year an increased level of accountability, a quality of service, and a increase in a level of compassion in the way that we're treating our houseless neighbors downtown we at wood lark have seen

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an increase in activity on Park Avenue, due to the addition of some new services, and with that an increase in drug use unwanted persons, which you know is borderline trespassing.

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I guess that photo of the burning tent actually was right outside our front doors and called in by our overnight manager.

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My front desk agents called clean and safe. Probably about a week ago, and voiced concerns of the increase activity, and within 10 min we had a supervisor at the front desk talking to one of our managers.

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They committed to making additional rounds in our neighborhood.

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They did so in a compassionate way, having very real conversations with the folks that were using outside of our entrances and helping them find places to go that we're not right outside of our doors.

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And so, you know, I don't think any of our solutions currently are perfect, but I think there is an increase effort from Mark.

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Steve and team to be helping out those of us that live in work downtown, and I just wanted to make sure that that was known to those of you on council.

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Thank you, and I just want to put in a plug for your customer service staff.

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I recently had 2 associates visit me from London, and they stayed in the Wood lark, and they reported that it was just outstanding in terms of the customer service and the support and the help they got for for their various needs.

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So I just want to extend that, thanks to you and and to your entire team at the Wood Lark. Well done!

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Awesome. I'll share that with them. Thank you so much.

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And that completes testimony. All right, good. Well, that completes testimony.

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Colleagues any further questions or comments, and if not, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

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Commissioner Ryan, did you have some questions? Great?

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It'd be great if Mark, you could come back up.

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Questions, right? Okay, maybe I, Hi, Hello, how are you? I'm well, thank you.

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It's great to have you here. Thank you. I wanted to.

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I thought I'd have a little bit of time to look at questions that came from listening to you in your order, and also the testimony.

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Could you start by helping with some definitions? Thought it was fair to call the language around trespassing?

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And then it was a term unwanted so yeah, if you could help with those of that absolutely by the city during the contract renewal to try to align our public safety metrics as much as possible with police.

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That was a request coming from Oh MF. During the renewal one of the goals is to be able to compare apples to apples, so that we can both have a accurate reflection of calls for service both from clean and safe and Portland police and to also show the needs for the 2

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1,008 hundreds. The bike unit. And so we were asked specifically to make sure that we use that terminology that mirrors Portland police and stand law enforcement messaging I have to share with you unwanted nobody is unwanted that is a terminology.

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That's used in police reporting, and we were asked to mirror that same with trespass.

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Disorderly conduct all of those. Okay? So those are the boxes you were asked to. Yes, that is so.

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They can mirror our reporting with standard Portland police and law enforcement reporting.

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I should have started by saying it was a very thorough and good report, and I appreciate the work that you do.

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My, thank you. When I've gone on Tours with all of you.

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It's always refreshing, and I believe you and Steve, when you talk about the fact that what I witness is that you are part of the service network, and that you are part of the outreach team.

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And on that note I have a question, what's the system?

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I think the systems have all been improving. At least I know the ones that we have at the city with Ccss.

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That didn't exist 2 years ago. Oh, yeah. And also this, just in during the year 2,020, there were like 2,000 clean up, something really low or no, no, no, it was a it was it was 3 digits. It was under a 1,000.

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Like 300. So we kind of stopped doing any questions that's not a sweep as much as tents are abandoned.

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Trash, is there? No one was picking that up for a long time?

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So we put ourselves in quite a deficit, and so I know that you've been a part of helping the whole system, and being a part of that network.

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Who do you connect with in the teens navigation system, or from the joint office that are paid to help?

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Have the dialogue and build relationships on the ground with people who are homeless.

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How is that system working to be perfectly honest? And, as you know, a tie roll.

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I'm a man of candor and transparency. We're trying to navigate a pretty fractured system.

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I would say that the the creation of the Street Service Coordination Center, with Natezokar as the incident commander has been our lifeline, for when we have built trusts and reports with someone is doing a direct handoff, we also, work with the fire bureau's community

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team I believe that's what they're called worked with an individual for about a month and a half, or square, and I didn't even know the team existed to my deficit, and I met 2 firefighter paramedics in a fire, ambulance, and we all put our heads together.

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I learned that they were working on a medical restraining order to get this person the help that they needed.

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But they didn't have the agency to make those decisions they shared with me.

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Their frustrations and their concern for this individual's medical concern.

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So we are on the phone with whether it's that unit from the fire bureau.

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The community team. Portland Street. Response. One of the things I did with our contract renewal when we were asked to start up our child program was a immediate contact with Robert Burke, the program manager at Psr.

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And with Barb snow, with with the behavioral health transition project.

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All of the entities, both government and private, have a hand in social services.

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In my district, because the last thing I wanted to do was create another silo, and to not.

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Create. And just as our publicity coordinators and our editorial staff service, the eyes and ears reporting everything from sidewalk curb cuts that are too high to significant issues, I see again the child program being that conduit to being able to facilitate that so right now

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it's it's a mishmash of going through Sscc with nature car and his team where we can really make the phone call and say, Can you get somebody out here within the

next hour because we have that dialogue as you know, it's hard to build that rapport it's hard to get

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someone to trust you, and that's another part where we're very excited with the child program, both from a trauma, 100% trauma-informed approach that will have individuals.

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We've hired the 2 community health outreach workers.

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They both come with extensive life experience, and for me, personally, I'm out in the district all the time meeting with individuals.

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I'm working with an individual right now. By the name of Allen.

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I cannot wait to set up the referral in about a week, to have our child workers go out and talk to Helen and take it to the next step.

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So what I heard yes, is that the systems of the city, the first responder systems, have there's an improved communication between you and those first responder systems absolutely.

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But I didn't hear. That's why I'm and maybe I missed it.

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So the county has a navigation system in the joint office.

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What is that communication like? Is it through the Portland's responder system?

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No, for by the taxpayers that lives in the county, so I will absolutely ask Steve, Operations Director to follow up if he knows more than I do.

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Specifically my answer to Guy. Right there, Steve, yeah, come up.

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Let's do this. You come up. Let's do this.

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Yeah. Come to the mic and reintroduce yourself, please, every week on the joint office of houses, services Corps, which is a Friday morning call with all the service providers all over the the function I've had at that point up to this date, has been to connect to learn to

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listen, to prepare the way, for when we bring our new child workers into the system and into the so right now, because of that knowledge where we found individuals within Portland of our public safety coordinators connected so far when we can we haven't had the designated staff with this specific scope of work that is coming

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into play this next month they will be introduced to that core and begin those dialogues start learning the landscape, and seeing where the services we can provide, which are very limited.

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And it's really about connecting people with agency who have some kind of cognitive awareness need for something different.

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Who's so with mental health, disorders are substance use disorders that allow that right now, probably those are ones we were trying to just serve through the existing networks.

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Those that are ready to access something like helping hands, reentry, outreach centers, they're Bobby Lakes.

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One or other services. We will try and navigate those with the new team we have in place.

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Hopefully that answered the question. Kind of, I mean, it gave a lot of information and I hear that you're on the call.

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The's designed to improve the system. I didn't really hear there was an activation between the navigation team and your average workers, and when I look at the Peak times, you're out there, it looks like during those peak times in the morning as I am just from writing Max sometimes in the

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morning. It's really apparent that there's a big need for which, early in the morning, because those have become our shelters all the time.

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So that's a good question. I just have to. I will Link do one more, and then I see other people have decided to ask questions as well, which is great.

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Do you actually get on the Max and and build relationships that way as well?

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Our public safety officers do write the Max within that.

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So we've talked a lot with track we've been at, just to provide that a presence of public but the majority of our workers is not on the Max, because China has their own system.

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However, when we have to get from A to B, we do use the system, and if there was an incident occurred, our I'm just glad that you're out of bed at 6 0 Am. I wanted to.

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Then it's a good pivot, because I think the reason why many of our employers I standards in the house.

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We've had dialogue with the standard of activating this and other private businesses downtown.

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I wasn't getting data on one of those employers going to activate and be back on our streets.

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City Hall, the most employees on Wednesdays, but that's the concern is activation of downtown.

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Sure it's great, when we spend a lot of money to do a winter like festival.

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But what about on the day and getting those numbers pretty dismal?

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And they haven't really risen that much. What's the communication like with the same factor that's complaining, but still isn't taking this still isn't activating their employees to come out of town. Thank you. Commissioner. It's a great question I would say, probably a month.

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Or 2 when I started 2 years ago, I was immediately in contact with Ceos and business leaders of our businesses downtown.

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Mark. But is it really clean and safe? We want to bring employees back.

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Steve and I spend a lot of time on a weekly mobilize a month meeting with our employers from our largest employers to some of our smallest, you know, 2 three-person employee coffee shop, and I really appreciate business leaders, and you'll see an Hr director doing their due

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diligence, Mark. We want to come back downtown 2 to 3 days a week at a minimum, but our staff are telling us a host of barriers, usually public safety, and it is an opportunity for us to first make a connection direct connection with that employer and explain all of the new services and programm that Steve and I

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and my team have brought on to clean and safe, and it's a can be a very formal presentation with 20 senior business leaders for a large organization going through our programming very similar to this report.

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And then a very robust and honest Q. And a and I've had businesses, say our lease is up in 2,030 mark will be very transparent.

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We're on the fence. So what was going on here? And I'm able to articulate, I mean, are usually done in full partnership with the city with key staff from from your offices.

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Smart park, with other private security vendors that we work in full concert with, and we were able to explain, having a business in the downtown district.

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Of poor and safe. You have access to all of these services.

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Free security assessments, personal safety, de-escalation, training, a two-hour deep dive from the behavioral health unit escort.

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If your employee works late, you can call us 30 min before your car, we will escort you to your vehicle again.

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Reopening the night economy for our businesses, and we don't sugar code anything.

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We are 100% honest challenges. I would argue that if you want to have a business in the city of Portland, having it in the downtown area, you have access to services, many of which are free.

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Again, we are a referral partner to many of our city services, the Community Safety Division behavior, health, all these services, 311, another big one.

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We were doing a lot of outreach for 311, a lot of people saying I didn't even know that existed. I called.

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It was fantastic, and so that is part of our daily, weekly, monthly job duty now is doing those engagements telling our story.

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What we do and making tough questions, but I would say almost all of those have always been very well received.

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Times people say I didn't know you did all that.

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We didn't do all this a couple years ago, and this is the evolution of clinics.

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With this partnership, and I have many employers that are continuing in dialogue with myself as they make those reentry decisions, so that is absolutely part of our job.

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I'm happy to do it. I've got 2 tomorrow with 2 large employers, and we're gonna continue doing that.

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We're really happy, as I tell people very generally. A year ago I couldn't get on the phone and reach out to a key manager within one of these city organizations that you have started like Scc and Ipr on all these different groups and say, let me get this not to the top of the list.

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But let me make sure that this is on their radar, and make sure I can get you either connected and get that direct information from the appropriate city person, or make sure I can get that information to you, because the lack of information is the absolute worst thing that we're seeing so we are the really serving as

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that information, liaison in that system. Does that make sense?

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Yeah, it does. Thank you for taking more time with that, I think breaking down the data in terms of activation by public sector.

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Maybe P issues its own world and the private sector would be really helpful I just when I listened to the smaller family businesses, the hospitality, industry, begging people to activate again, I really think that we owe it to giving that type of feedback and in terms of data I think it's activation.

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I'm sure that you clean up a really messy alleyway.

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If that area was actually activated, that space would stay cleaner longer.

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But it's the net results that I'm missing. So I applaud you on how much cleanup you've done it's worth overwhelming, but how much more comes back and so it's that net gain that I think we're not seeing we're not we're

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not we haven't been seen in the homeless state, either.

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When we say we've housed X amount of people.

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How many people are now housed. So it's net gains have actually showed you the results that you need to track improvement.

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I really appreciate. It. I think that's something we should absolutely put in our metrics, especially when we really work on a geographic area of organizing and working for improvements is bring that success or lack thereof.

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And in my last comment I'll avoid Crow abatement, that I'm fascinated that 1% for the crows.

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I will actually pivot to say thank you for meeting with Dina Long.

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The Director Works bureau, and with Vicente Harrison about the Park Rangers, Park winders are part of our community safety system, and I think I just got the pleasure because I heard you to introduce we're gonna slide you all finally, met and now you have another part. Of the community safety.

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System that you're networked with 100% or behind the Park Rangers.

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Thank you so much thank you, Mr. Rubio. Thank you, and thanks so much for the report.

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It was thorough, and it was really good to read and hear about this examples.

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The Business survey you surveyed 75% who are satisfied with the services.

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I just have a quick question about the jobographics of the businesses that were surveyed.

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And where these? How was this conducted in other languages?

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I don't have that that in front of you.

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I will actually follow back as far as the full report will be going out, and with the demographics.

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So you want to know who actually submitted the report yeah, I just want to make sure that all businesses are included, especially because we have a number of diverse and multilingual businesses downtown that are very small, so just want to make sure that they're also included in that information

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gathering, just have a couple more questions. The other is about sustainability.

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So your report stated that you collected about 75,000 bags of trash and garbage, including 176,000 needles, and because you, I'm sure you know we're wanting to ensure sustainable practices throughout the city can you talk to me a little bit about what

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your practices are. With that, Stephen. Jump in here if he knows more than I, which he often does, I will say that about a year ago Central City concern our janitor contract has a direct process with Metro in the St.

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John's Landfill because of the quantity. As Commissioner Ryan alluded to during the pandemic was picking up a lot of trash, and we were very cautious.

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Following the city's protocol to ensure that it was trash and not personal belongings, we used to take all the garbage every day, take it over to Central City concerns office across 405 stage.

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It there and then have it now it is directly going out to when our trucks and trailers are full, on a daily basis, about a ton of day, going directly to the Metro landfill.

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Now that, and in partnership with that, we've had to be very careful sorting out our sharps and our bio hazards following Metro.

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So we follow metro, sustainable practices as a agency vendor to Metro.

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So that's sorting all that out. We've actually, I mean, we had a couple of incidences where community members had put bags down.

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We had collected those. Those weren't sorted through our protocol, and needles were found and so we're very cautious. That's why you'll see.

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Our stage bags are green, a lime green. We always want to make sure one that we're capturing that data for needles.

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But also ensuring that we're following metros, guidelines.

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So so, essentially, we're bringing everything to Metro. Whether it's batteries propane tanks, all of that.

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And then, following Metro's protocols as a customer, there right, and the Sharps also go to Metro, or where are those?

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I believe they do. I'm not sure that's a good question.

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I'm happily follow back. Great! Yes, I know with the county, because again 4 of the county Safe Deposit boxes we support those and fill those and empty those. So I would assume it would be part of that county collection process.

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But I can certainly would love to know. Just yeah, just to know a lot of needles where they go.

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Yeah. At the right place. Absolutely so in your report you also stated that you're hoping to better coordinate with other entities, and you needing prol and street response and project respond, etc.

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Can you give us just a sense of and you're gonna give us updates on this.

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Can you give us a sense of where you are in these relationships and relationship-building?

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Speaker, one absolutely again, when our contract was renewed a year and a half ago, and basically we renewed the contract.

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I was very excited about it, and then I said, Okay, I've got to start a child program, and we've got to do it right.

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And just with working for the city for many years, and working with a lot of the different entities, and knowing how fractured our mental health services is from the city of the county in different systems, I was very passionate about first asking industry experts.

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I'm not a mental health clinician. I've worked with and around many people in mental health crisis, but I wanted to get the information right off the bat so initially.

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I set up meetings, with all of the agency city, and county agencies that have a hand in mental health services and asking them for their advice, and I got great advice like, it's going to be really really hard to find a licensed mental health clinician that wants to do fieldwork.

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Because we can't find any. And that's project.

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Respond with the county? Who's tasked with a primary role in mental health services.

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And it was making those connections. And I've had those connections ongoing as we've built this process up taking time. And then.

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Now as Steve starts to onboard, our 2 chat workers, it's having those connections that I've built at a higher level with program managers at agencies and with our nonprofit social service providers.

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I had a wonderful dialogue with the head outreach coordinator for Central City concern, making sure that we are in absolute sync, and then so their onboarding will be slow and methodical.

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But it will be understanding who's doing what? What's working, what's not working how can we augment your existing services and then how can we increase those services?

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Because a lot of it as you know, is case management can take months, if not years, to get someone to say I'm ready.

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Let's go and that's our big goal is when someone saying, I'm ready.

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I want to go now or tomorrow morning, and you better be here at 80'clock, because no one shown up like they said they would.

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We need to be there at 7, 55, and ready to go.

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So I think we have a good structure, of good partnerships.

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And now it's actually putting the rubber to the road and getting services to these individuals. Right? I'm really happy to hear.

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That you're making progress on that, and would love to hear an update in the future.

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How that's going. Yes, my last question, as I understand it, security guards have to go now through the Dpsst training. Is that?

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Yes, all of our officers are certified through Dpsst absolutely before day, one before they ever are even on the contract. Okay?

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And so if if security guards that you contract with are not acting appropriately or engaging in behaviors that are of concern to community, so what's the process?

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Absolutely. It's a great question, part of our contract renewal.

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And again going above and beyond. If you go to our website right at the top, you'll see accolades or complaints.

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That was a contract requirement, and that is something that I'm very passionate about.

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And Steve even more so if we're falling short whether it's customer service or to your point, someone is doing something inappropriate in the public Safety realm.

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We want to be the first or second to know about it right away.

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So on our on our website, anyone can file a complaint that goes directly to me.

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It also has language and information. People can file a complaint with the State again, Dpsst is the agency that regulates and monitors private security in the entire State.

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With that, we've actually with our new security vendor.

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We have not received any complaints. Those are all public record.

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I submit a monthly report from our account manager every month to both.

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Carl, while at the City, and with Stephanie Howard at the mayor's office, and that is our annual, or our monthly report on any complaints or accolades as well, and so that report goes in there if there is any report or any qualifying use of force that is

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detailed in that report as well, and those reports are subject to review at the discretion of this.

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Thank you. Commissioner Gonzalez. Thank you, Commissioner Gonzalez.

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Let's see a quick thank you. Observation and a question.

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Thank you for promoting 311, and for Portlanders listening at home this is a essential component on reducing our emergency.

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Wait times, and so please keep preaching. To use 311 whenever we can.

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On on non-emergency events. I just want to echo some of Commissioner Ryan's observations on the intersection between public transit and a thriving downtown you know I'm on the train 5 to 10 times per week.

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Right now a varying degree of good trips and bads.

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Witness young loan pull a knife on a homeless man last week because she felt threatened, had been assaulted.

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I continue to observe, that those that are most impacted by a feeling of unsafety and truly lacking and safety on our public transit, and are disproportionately women, are disproportionately seniors are disproportionately youth and I just there's there's

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a direct intersection between reutilizing down town, getting going down here and having a feeling in a reality of a public safety or public safety system, working in that conversation at all with Beacon.

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Yeah, I am not good. Personally. Oh, I don't know if my team is just curious.

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Yeah, thank you. And just very quickly, we're on constant dialogue with Andrew Wilson, the executive director.

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We're actually looking to enter into an mou, so that everything is clearly written when we're on Trimet, what our role is, what our scope to make sure that we're in complete alignment with our scope with the city.

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I couldn't agree with you more. I've had employers say my staff want to come back down, but they don't feel safe on Trimet. And again that's where I'm talking about.

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We have text to 911. You can text to 911 if something is going on all those different parts, so that we're absolutely part of that discussion of ensuring that there's increase in public safety on climate. Thank you.

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Great thank you any other questions. If not, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

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Commissioner Ryan there was testimony that I thought could was misleading the fact that you have a relationship with a provider that happens to be located where there used to be a gel helping hands is a good thing, and the fact that they have treatment centers and recovery centers as a part

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of their system is a good thing. And so it actually is there to be a solution to stop recidivism.

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So it's actually the opposite of going back to prison.

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It's actually to stop that trend by offering direct services so I thought it was important to get in the public record some truth, as I have actually spent much time asking these questions over the last few years. So thank you.

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And please explain the 1% for this crows. I just need to know that's the total budget cost of the Crow baby program because of their like. Well, I won't say that right now, but because they're a nuisance.

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Why do we have crow baymen? Yeah, yes, that because of the waste.

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In my own yard. Aerial bombs from the crows coming down on the floor.

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We used to have the poop, Master 2,000, I believe it was called would you just say Poop, Master master? 2,000.

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Yes, I did on public record. That's a title.

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It was the name of the machine it's a machine, not an innovative.

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No, it was a good trick, I think the effort is to move the crows away from the highly trafficked commercial districts downtown, so there's less crow waste on the ground. Got it?

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Thanks, yeah, very good. I move acceptance to the report. Can I get a second second?

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I have a second from Commissioner Maps. Any further discussion, seeing none.

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Please call the roll, reveal. I want to say mark and Steve, for your presentation today on this report, and for your presentation today, on this report and for your care and commitment to our downtown.

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It's very evidence. And, as you know, there's a lot of public interest in this partnership.

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So thank you for answering all of our questions today. I'm really glad to hear that you're a establishing and strengthening relationships.

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With providers and other Keystoke stakeholders, and I hope that circle continues to grow.

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I think I look forward to learning more about how we ensure that there are more accessible opportunities also to keep the public informed about what you're doing I'm also I also appreciate the increased commitment to accountability and compassion and safety of vulnerable communities that you engage

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with, and also commitment to, our Labor City labor agreements.

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That was particularly important to me in your work with subcontractors contracted frontline workers.

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And I just want to also say to Mark, I really appreciate your continued accessibility and responsiveness to my questions and my offices, questions and inquiries when they do arise the problem-solving examples were really helpful as well as the walking tours.

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And they helped us understand what things look like on the ground, and the service improvements that have been shaped and continue and hopefully continue to be shaped by community input that said, I also look forward to the audit report that's forthcoming.

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And I want to acknowledge the questions raised in testimony by Ms.

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Davidson and other rate payers about the need for transparency and clarity around governance and finance issues.

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And as a suggestion for a future report. As I mentioned, it would just be great to include what we talked about in terms of how your organization is what they're doing to comply with our sustainability standards.

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I just think that's good practice to do. But overall, I just want to thank you again for your deep care and your great work for our downtown.

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And Iva Brian. Thank you so much, Mark and Steve, for being here, and all those who testified earlier.

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I kind of left it all out there with the Q. And a part that's really, I think, the most important way that we connect when we do reports, I will just make a couple more comments.

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I actually love that you come, Steve, from disaster, relief.

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I think your lit experience in that profession has been really helpful, and I like the way that you all show up.

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I'm not surprised to hear that you've enhanced the service delivery and then you're part of the system.

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We can't all do it alone, and we have to keep shaking up the system and improve it.

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Obviously the drop offs between the city and the county are notorious, and you're actually helpful for us to see that we need the provider network from the county to be linked in with some of the things that you're talking to so that was why, I was going down that trail of

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crust. I agree that the auto report will be refreshing.

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The city has to play its part. To make sure that we don't drop the balls on that, and we do need.

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I appreciate the concerns that were brought from those who live downtown as residents that feel, because it's real that they are double build, if you will, and so we have to keep looking at under the hood of that as well, great to have you here.

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I look forward to next year's report. More importantly, I look to doing another tour, and if you think I'll be helpful, please include me in some of these meetings with the private sector as we all come together to help activate downtown, I vote I approve the report I would thanks

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thank you for your comprehensive report. For all of the testimony I'm gonna keep it brief as reminder of the clerk.

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I am attending a memorial service for Firefighter Norbury ingestion.

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I'd like to thank Mark, Terence and Steve for today's presentation, and I would also like to thank all the members of the public who testified today.

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And I would like to thank CI. And safe for the work they do today.

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We learned that clean and safe's janitorial program collected more than 75 bags of trash, removed more than 24,000 biohazards, and picked up more than 176,000 hyperdermic needles in addition, last fiscal year clean and safe public safety

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Es community members and connected 81 people to mental health assistance. Furthermore, as we learned today, a survey of downtown businesses shows that 59% of businesses were somewhat or very much satisfied with clean and safe janitorial service program and 75% of businesses were somewhat very satisfied with clean and

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safe public safety programme these are impressive results, and I want to thank everyone who made them possible.

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Still. There is room for improvement, awkwardly for this council the improvements that are most urgently needed are largely on the city side of this public-private partnership.

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For example, I am disappointed that more progress has not been made on the auditor's recommendations for improving the management of the city's enhanced service districts.

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Now I recognize that the city has had some difficulty. Staffing this work, and I know the mayor has a plan for getting that work done still, I would like to take a moment to request that by July the 1 2,023 the Mayor's office send counsel a written update on the progress

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that has been made on the auditor's recommendations.

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If the mayor's office is agreeable to that proposal, I am happy to accept this report and move forward with the work of keeping downtown the Central East Side and the Lloyd-dis district clean and safe for these reasons and more I vote Aye.

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So I'll respond to that. I was trying to avoid that in this particular conversation, but as a reminder to counsel that the Esd Coordinator position was funded on a one time only basis, and we need to have the conversation in the context of our ongoing budget discussions

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about that being a full-time, ongoing fee, which is my personal preference but that's not a decision we can make outside of that budgetary process.

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We have until September to respond to the audit, we will respond thoroughly to the audit.

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In that time frame. And so my office is obviously moving forward with all of you.

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There will be some disagreements between the Esd.

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In this city. I think we all acknowledge, during the testimony more people could see it than probably the few 100 that were watching, because it perfectly encapsulates for me.

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The conflicts in our community around the challenges. We're currently facing, we are facing a homeless crisis.

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We are facing a public safety crisis. We are experiencing stresses as we tried to come out of the economic issues created by Covid, and there is no one roadmap.

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There is no monopoly on the truth. There is no one best way to accomplish those things, and the Sd.

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Is caught in the middle of all of these things, and so I think for my part, you've done a very, very good job of navigating some of the the conflicts that community members feel around various aspects of this, I agree with my colleague Commissioner maps and others who've said

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that transparency can only help us here. This is the time where we want to put it all out.

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There on the clothes line for the entire world to see, because there is no perfect solution here, and as as we disclose information and provide access to key opting metrics as Anita and others had requested there'll be some criticism, and that's fine I mean let's just put it

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all out there. Let's have the conversation. Let's weigh the pros.

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The cons, and then make our decision. We move forward. But what is unmovable for me at this point is the inherent value of Esd.

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And this is, of course, not our only Asd. I've been appreciative of the fact that our Esds have pivoted and been responsive to community concerns.

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This report is very different than the report I received a number of years ago from this Esd.

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And it is far broader in terms of its subtlety in terms of its understanding of the need for compassion for those who are on the streets in terms of the demands for results from the people who are paying for all of this and the concerns about transparency but

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you know. So again I think you're doing an outstanding job of navigating difficult times.

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And as proof of that, I would simply say, this council spends a lot of time navigating those very same challenges.

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Your approval rating is currently 5 times greater than ours.

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So I'll just let that be the metric to hang out there.

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At the end of this I vote either report is accepted.

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Thank you all for your work on. Thank you very, very much.

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Break here, and we will take a 10 min recess for closed captioning.

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We are in recess. Thank you.

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All right. We are back in session. After a brief break.

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Item number 1, 3, 3, please. This is an emergency order.

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Authorized one time reductions of past due balances to coincide with revisions to the sewer.

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Only special tax assessment Process Commissioner Maps, Colleagues.

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This item comes to us from the Bureau of Environmental Services.

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This ordinance authorizes environmental services, to wave up to 1 million dollars in uncollected fees for service, for sewer only customers.

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This ordinance is a straightforward, good government reform which will help our customers, who are behind on their utility bills.

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Customers. Several things make these customers unique. First, this ordinance addresses utility customers who buy their sewer services from Bes, but do not buy their water from the Portland Water Bureau now, of course, most Portlanders buy their water ancestor services.

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From the city of Portland. However, along the edges of the city there are a handful of residences and businesses that tap into Portland sewer system, but buy their water from some hyper local water district like the Rockwood water people's utility.

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District there's another thing that makes this population Udiq. This ordinance deals with rental units.

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Specifically, we're trying to address this situation. Now, imagine you are a landlord in East County, and your tenants are behind on their sewer bill.

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And those Shannon's choose not to work with Bes to set up a payment plan for catching up on their bill in this scenario the landlord is ultimately stuck, paying the sewer bill as of December the first 2,022 there were 200

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and 72 tenant occupied properties with past 2 sewer and stormwater charges that fall into this category.

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This ordinance is designed to help those people will do that by waving up to 1 million dollars of service fees associated with delinquent sewer accounts.

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This proposal is a win-win-win for the city tenants and landlords.

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Here's why this ordinance will help East County tenants and landlords who are behind on their sewerbills, and this ordinance will make it easier for Bes to resolve outstanding bills here to tell us more about this proposal we have sherri

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peterson revenue programs manager with environmental services, welcome.

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Thank you, Commissioner Maps, and thank you, city Councillors, for having me here today.

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I am Sheri Peterson, the revenue programs manager for the Bureau of Environmental Services. And I'm here today to request council authorization of one-time service fee waivers for a relatively small group of customers are sewer only tenants with past due balances.

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So we have 6,000 sewer-only customers that receive Stewart and Stormwater from Portland, and get their water service from another provider, namely, the Rockwood Water district.

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Therefore, if these sewer-only customers don't pay for service, Portland cannot shut off their water.

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We have about a 1,000 sewer only customers that are renters with an account in their name, and so they receive the bill in all account Notices.

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Ask. Commissioner Matt stated as December 2022, we have about 300 sewer only customers that are tenants, mostly residential, that have very old and large unpaid balances from years of customers, not paying their bills, and the city not taking collection action.

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We are asking council to wave up to 1 million and uncollected sewer and stormwater charges to reduce past 2 balances because we allow these balances to accrue for years.

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We need to lower these balances to make payment possible which will lessen the immediate financial impact on the customers and the.

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Des needs to collect fees for sewer and storm water service, to comply with State law and to maintain a favorable bond right.

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We currently are limited to waiving \$500 per account for the proper conduct of business.

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We're asking council to approve the use of larger waivers for a past 2 tenant sewer-only customers, because it's necessary to resolve these significantly aged balances.

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Until now we have only notified tenants of their past 2 balance because they are the account holders, and we are cautious about sharing tenant information.

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However, beginning march first, we plan to notify property owners that their tennis are delinquent, because sewer and stormwater service benefits their property and the fee for service is ultimately their responsibility.

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There are about 300 delinquent accounts, most with balances between \$325,000.

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Half of these customers owe less than \$5,000, and a third of them are more than \$10,000.

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Most tenants, who are only accounts, are in East County, because that is where the Rockwood Water district is.

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The water provider looking at the neighborhood characteristics.

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We know many community members are lower incomes are people of color, and who speak English less than well.

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You've done an extensive amount of outreach to tenants, and have had nominal success, increasing payment arrangements, and financial assistance, participation.

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Anyone. Tenants are overers are eligible for interest-free payment plans, income, qualified occupants with the bill in their name are eligible for a tier, one or tier, 2 discount plus an annual crisis spouse additionally more than 30 of our sewer-only customers

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have received some State debt relief to date.

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We anticipate waivers will incentivize 1.1 million in repayment of 2.1 million in uncollected revenue for all tenants who are only customers with pass 2 balances.

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We plans to apply waivers in an amount relative to how long your balance has been passed, due.

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So the older their balance is, the bigger their waiver, and for those that are passed to by more than \$5,000 we plan to apply an additional waiver in an amount relative to how quickly they can repair the balance.

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So the porter excuse me, and so the shorter the payment term, the bigger the waiver waivers.

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Allow us to set manageable bimonthly payments which decreases the likelihood of customer default, and increases the Bureau's collection.

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Probability, waivers also allow us to maintain reasonable payment.

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Terms, customers more likely to default on a payment arrangement if the payment term is too short, or if it's too long, it's too long.

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It also delays. Our collection of revenue increases our administrative burden, and lowers our probability of collection.

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This example, which represents about half of our customers eligible for these proposed waivers, we illustrate how we propose to set payment arrangements and apply waivers.

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A financial benefit to the customer is a one-time service fee waiver, based on the age of their balance.

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So this five-year age balance of \$5,300 gets about a \$2,000 reduction, and the payment term waiver is more for a shorter term.

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A three-year payment term would get an 800 and some dollar reduction compared to a \$530 reduction for a 6 year payment term so in total, this customer's past 2 balance could be reduced from 5,350 to c 2,600

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and \$92. Most importantly, the buy-only payment amount for this payment arrangement is manageable with the application of the waivers on the left side you can see what the bait the b-monthly payment amount would be whereas on the right side it lowers

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their bimonthly payment, making it far more feasible for the customer to make payment.

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If authorized pes would begin outreach with both tenants and property owners.

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About the one-time waiver incentives we've prepared language, accessible notices for potential assessment payment plan options and waiver eligibility.

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We've also identified those customers that we will call directly many customers that owe more than \$20,000.

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We have been working very closely with water customer service and their assessment team to develop tools and training in advance of noticing customers, which we will do upon authorizing one time service fee waivers.

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The one time waivers are part of our long-term strategy to prompt repayment, minimize impacts to owners and tenants and to get and keep balances in check, moving forward.

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Waivers are needed this first year of tenant occupied special tax assessments to address the significantly aged balances beginning this year, we will notify property, others, other tenants past 2 balances in advance of assessing owners, each June, for unresolved past 2 balances and

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I will note that if you're on a payment arrangement and in our good standing you can stop the assessment process.

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So why now in 2019, the past 2 balances for this group of customers grew to a point where they caught our attention over the last few years we explored new ways to reach these customers, including working with the rosewood initiative to collect payment and extend help when needed unfortunately, we weren't

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able to reach many of our sewer. Only planets.

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So over the last year. We looked at our existing options for resolving on payment, including plugging sewer lines confirmed our authority to assess owners that benefit from our services and looks to our sister agency.

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The city of Gresham for best practices, and so, beginning this year, we will include Teda occupied zero-only properties in our assessments.

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We've been assessing owner occupied sewer ownonly properties since 2,004, with a brief pause in response to the pandemic, including tenant occupied, who were only properties provides parity in our assessment process.

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So in summary we find that these proposed one time waivers are a necessary tool to help students stay in their homes and to help owners keep their homes.

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We want this relatively small group of customers to contact us, to set up payment arrangements and avoid special tax assessment.

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We need council authorization to reduce these old and large balances, so that payment arrangements are more likely to work.

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And that is the end of my presentation, and I'm happy to accept questions.

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Great. I got a couple first of all. Thank you. This seems like an innovative approach to sort of a thorny question.

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There's probably no great way to resolve this, and so I don't appreciate the creativity behind it.

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Can you remind me? Water bills are, of course, issued based on the volume of water how are sewer bills calculated?

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Just, speaking very generally. Generally, we use the water consumption as a proxy for your sewer consumption and building based on your consumption.

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Oh, that's interesting! And is there an appeal for that?

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We do not accept appeals that debate your consumption of sewer.

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No, I was just curious. Next question, how long does it take to run up a \$25,000 delinquent sewer Bill?

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That was an excellent question. Years of nonpayment, like how many years we have some customers that have such a high balance because of 1012 years?

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And is it your belief that they aren't paying because they don't know that they need to pay, or they can't pay?

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Or what sort of you're working theory on that? It's another good question.

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We increased our outreach to the tenants over the last few years.

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We even worked with rosewood initiative to call folks to email folks.

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And unfortunately, 30% of the tenants were still unresponsive.

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We could make guesses as to why they're unresponsive, but we exhausted our outreach efforts.

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So I'm confident that we made every best effort to reach the account holder.

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The tenant, and still just the response you're hoping for.

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I appreciate that it sounds like you've made that effort.

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Is there any concern on your part or your colleagues part, that by creating what is effectively.

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An amnesty program. If I could use that term, that others who have been paying their bills will look at that and use that as incentive not to pay going forward.

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What is the statement that you're making to prevent that kind of thing from happening?

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Thank you. Moving forward, we will be processing special tax assessments for any of our Ser.

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Only customers that have not paid. This is an annual process and this is part of our strategy.

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Just to keep those balances in check. The reason that we're asking for these waivers, and one time waivers of that is to just address these old and very large balances.

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Since we had years of nonpayment in years of not taking a more robust collection action. Yeah.

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And and I don't have a great answer either.

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So I'm not. I want to be clear. I'm not trying to put you on the spot, but I can just see a scenario whereby somebody says, Wait a minute.

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I really struggled to pay this bill over all these years.

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And it creates that kind of disparity that we all hate to see in our tax structure.

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Right, and so you have weighed that concern, and you've come to the conclusion that eliminating this bad data, if I can use that term, you see that as being more stabilizing influence and creating at least some additional revenues than 0 is that the way.

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you're looking at this it's a balance.

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It's a win-win. As Commissioner Mapp stated that the Bureau hopes to collect some of refused for service, and at the same time reduce balances to the point where payment arrangement is feasible for the customers so we're okay, and again, I really appreciate the

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creativity around this thanks, Commissioner Maps, did you have a come on?

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We could get further in the weeds on this one, but probably I don't think it was hell I don't think it was hell.

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I don't think I don't think good should we ask if there's a testimony on that?

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No one signed up any further questions, comments, thoughts. Thank you for the presentation.

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Thank you for the presentation, and thank you, Commissioner Maps, for your leadership on this and for bringing this item forward.

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I also appreciate that you've found a creative way to provide financially burdened households in our communities to financial tools, to get back on track, because sometimes you just need that opportunity to get background tracks.

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So I vote I yes, I thank you, Commissioner Maps.

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I enjoyed our conversation yesterday. I didn't realize that the Rockwood section of Portland had this unique relationship with sewer and water, so that alone was fascinating.

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I think that what you propose today is very thoughtful, and also as Kirchner Rubio said, it's creative and adaptable.

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And so I think you're on the right track. I hope I naps sherry.

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I want to thank you for that. This presentation. I spent a lot of time thinking about how to make this proposal accessible to folks.

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Who don't track this on a daily basis. You did an amazing job.

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Bes also did, I think an amazing job of coming up with a creative and equitable way to help renters and and landlords stay in their homes.

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This is also, I think, an equity move for East County, really great work all around.

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I'm happy to vote on. Yeah, there's I don't see any pathway to to solve this problem.

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So I think you've come up with as creative and thoughtful a solution as anybody possibly could, and I applaud you for it.

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I vote I in the ordinance is adopted. Thank you to the regular agenda.

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Item 138, please. A report, a point. Lyla, Rudel Scott, Latta and Derek Thompson and Rio Point, Celeste, Carrie to the Portland Committee on Community engage policing colleagues before I turn this over to our presenters I do have a

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motion to amend as follows, first, understand that Miss Rydell's appointment has been postponed for now I also understand that additional information is needed for Mr.

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Latta and Mr. Thompson, therefore I move to amend the report to remove Miss Bridel from the appointment, and to add biographies and statements of interest for Mr.

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Latta and Mr. Thompson. Can I get a second very good, and we'll keep the amendment open?

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Thank you, colleagues. Now we'll move into the presentation.

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Welcome Samir Canal and Dori Gravinsky, the Community Safety Division introduced this item.

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Thank you all for being here today. We appreciate it. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. Counsel the Portland Committee on Community engaged policing, also known as Psep, was moved into the Community Safety Division in May 2,022.

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I'm a project manager who I'll introduce in a moment, started work in July the twentieth, 22, and at the time there were 5 Pset members appointed out of 13 spots and terms started and ended at different times, which made training nearly impossible Mayor's office over the

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last years, filled the vacancies that existed at the time, and brought Psa back to full membership.

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We also did most of the adjustment of the timeline over that period.

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If advisory boards and commissions manager for community safety division. Yeah.

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So the mayor's office filled the vacancies that exist at the time, and the membership became full over the fall there are one term ended, and another member stepped away.

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So there are 2 at large member vacancies that exist at this time, and this this appointment report would fill those 2 applications on file or reviewed to ensure that the mayor would have a pool of options who are eligible for peace-up 2 candidates were selected to fill the vacancies

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for at-large members, as well as to complete the process of standardizing term, start and end dates, and then separately, the Community Safety Division is working to support the mayor's office as they filled the 2 youth vacancies which in the coming weeks I'll now pass it over to

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Dori Grabinski from the Community Safety Division.

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Who's the project manager for peace-up? Good morning, I'm Dorie Grabinsky, piece of project Manager.

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Thank you for having us. I have the pleasure of introducing the candidates for peace-up appointment.

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First we have a prospective at large member named Derrick Lada.

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Derek asks us to share his regrets that he cannot attend this morning, so I will read the bio and statement of intent he has prepared Scott, Lauda is a resident of the Powellhurst Gilbert neighborhood and works by Day, as editorial director of

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a global relief. Ngo, based in Washington, DC. A.

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Portland resident since 2,015. He hopes to join Peace-up in order to take action on local issues that impact his neighbors and community.

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After years spent working in international relief. He lives in Portland with his wife and 6 year old daughter as a piece up member.

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Scott hopes to hold Ppb. Accountable to its obligations.

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Understand more deeply how police interact with our most marginalized citizens, and to give voice to those citizens, so that Ppb.

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Will act more fairly or responsibly and justly towards all.

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Next up. We have Derek Thompson, who is here with us today.

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Mayor commissioners. Thank you, and good morning. Let me just quickly say, sitting here through the previous conversations and whatnot, it's so much I'm interested in all that, but I'm so I wanna try to keep my head straight onto what I'm supposed to be talking about take

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a little bit about myself, and again my name is Derek Thompson.

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I was raised, I, in my family, as a matter of fact, was raised in Portland, Oregon.

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I attended Hydro and Benson School matter of fact, my grandmother was one of the first women to work in the shipyards years and years and years ago.

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Here in Poland. So we're quite in Scotland's, in the community.

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My experience that I bring to this organization is up until 2020 21 July 21.

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I was the CEO and the boy chairman of a local nonprofit organizations.

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But we served. We served 4 different counties. As a matter of fact, in Oregon, southwest of Washington.

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In that time our main core group that we worked with were the was the homeless community, and in that we gain valuable experience.

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And I'm confident to say that what I bring here, as far as that part of it goes, is, I'm confident that there aren't many that know more about the homeless community than myself and my colleagues who were in this organization it was called hands of favor as a matter of fact.

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because in we worked every day except Sunday for almost 8 years with that community, and in that time we served more than 24,000 homeless people, with 20 different partnerships in Portland and Southwest Washington, including social service organizations, churches, schools, all pretty much every kind of organization, that

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you can think of. So I think I bring real real valuable insight into that community.

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And currently we are. I have found that another organization. And we're taking that one of 501 c. 3.

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And it's called voice for community unity, and that's where my experience will come in is to bring a different perspective and be a voice for that voices community.

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And having worked with law enforcement previously in our other organizations on several unquote a few occasions, and and with all the other types of organizations that I was speaking about, we can bring valuable out of the box experience in order to help make a difference and the

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relationships and the trust factor that is lacking in our communities these days in help do all those things that I hear you talking about up there and make Portland and Southwest Washington become better, more desirable communities for all of us to live in my intent is to do those things just that I just

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said is to be that voice, and to to bring just like we did.

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Now that exists to bring people and organizations together, to have serious, honest, open, and even unwanted conversation that will lead to action, and not just lead to more conversation.

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And that's in a nutshell. That's what I'm here for.

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We appreciate your being here. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

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Thank you for having me colleagues, well, do we have any testimony on this item?

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First, before. Oh, I'm sorry. Is there more to your presentation?

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We are also requesting to extend the term of Celeste, carry to align with the newly standardized term data.

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So let's currently serves as one of our piece of co-chairs, and has been an invaluable member for the last year and a half.

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She has extensive experience in policy, work, neighborhood organizing and public safety.

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She is devoted to elevating the voice of the community, and is instrumental in guiding peace-up work, particularly as it relates to the intersections of racial equity and mental health.

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Perfect. Thank you, and we do have one person signed up.

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Good afternoon. Mayor and Council members. Stan Hamilton reportingly. Cop watch, using.

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Yup! Loud and clear.

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Wonderful, alright! So, as usual, Portland Crop watch has no concerns about the specific people being nominated to the Portland Committee on Community engage Policing.

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It is troubling, though, that one person's biography was included in the attended item.

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2 were included as attachments, and one wasn't included at all.

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But I gathered that person's nomination has been pulled off the the agenda for today.

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This administrative issue is in stark contrast, to very helpful tables, which list both the dates of appointment and dates of the terms being ended for the previous members.

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The new members info, and a full list of Pccp.

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Members, even with well, 2 people now being appointed today.

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Pccp. Still will be 2 people shy of their full 13 person, member.

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We continue to urge council to adjust the Pcep plan to address what happens when Pcc.

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These memberships get so low they can't form a quorum.

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We've been asking Council to take action to allow advisory bodies, including the Pccp. To set their quorums to majority of seated and active members.

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Pccp's quorum should be based on the number of seeded active members, not on the 13 theoretical people when recruitment or counsel in action leaves them shy of that total along those lines.

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It's notable that 3 of the people left Tccp.

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Won the committee, for just between 1.5 and 5 months, underscoring the huge amount of turnover on this and other city advisory boards.

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Perhaps the auditor should examine the reasons for volunteer turnover and suggest ways.

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The city can improve its retention rate. Thank you for your time.

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Thanks, Dan. Appreciate it. That completes testimony.

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Very good colleagues. This is a report. Any further discussion I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

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Oh, sorry. Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you for reminding me to the amendment.

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Any further discussion, seeing none, please call the roll.

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Hi. Amendments adopted to the main motion as amended. Please call the roll.

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Thank you. Samira and Dori. Great presentation, and mostly I want to acknowledge you, Mr.

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Thompson. Thanks for being here today. Your lived experience is so important and I'm really grateful that you told some stories about that.

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And I appreciate hearing about that as well. Anyway. Congratulations!

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I have to say I was talking to Commissioner Maps.

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I have to get a matrix of the different please accountability commissions.

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I get confused, and if I'm confused I can only imagine what the public thinks, so I'm sure you have some visual and it doesn't have to be perfect.

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But I want to get something that I can help track myself with.

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So I thought I'd just tell you that in the record.

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Anyway, I'm pleased to say that I approve of these new people joining.

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I want to thank our volunteers for agreeing to serve on this important committee and I want to thank you, Mr.

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Thompson in particular, for taking time out of his day.

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To come and speak with us in person. It's good to see you, and I look forward to our ongoing discussions about this important work.

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I vote. Aye, this is one of the toughest citizen committee assignments, I think.

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Personally, and Mr. Thompson, you probably didn't know that before they wrote you into serving so congratulations.

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It's too late to take it back. But, hey! The good pay makes up for it right?

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But anyway, seriously, I appreciate you, and I appreciate your family's history.

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Here, and I really enjoyed hearing about that, and I think it's entirely relevant because it shows a commitment and a deep attachment and a passion for our community.

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And so I'm always grateful when people are willing to step forward and serve on a committee where you're going to have a lot of debates.

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I mean, obviously, anything that has anything to do with police accountability in today's environment.

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There. There's gonna be a lot of back and forth, probably even some heated discussions and heated input from the community.

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And I hope you take it all in stride as just a statement about where we find ourselves as a society.

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The importance of public safety. Virtually every item we've discussed in the last several hours in this Chamber has been focused on the community's demands for public safety.

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On one hand, how we provide it on the other, and I've always said to people the mirror of police accountability is what we ask.

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The police to do community. We ask them to do an awful lot right now.

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And so, having sort of a separate group of individuals overseeing that process and giving us just, candid, honest, best effort, advice, and feedback is super helpful.

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And so I want to applaud you. Applied obviously our leadership here.

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They're fantastic, and they work really hard on this and I want to thank you both for that as well.

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With that I vote either. The reports accepted, the appointments are approved, and all of the exhibits are now added.

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As Dan correctly points out, they should be. So it's all good, all signaled and delivered.

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Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. Next, item 1, 39 is an emergency ordinance, and I count 3 of us.

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Let me skip that for a minute. Shoot. So is 1 40. Are we gonna get Commissioner Rubio back soon?

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I'm texted, Gillian, to see if she'll be back.

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Let's take a 5 min recess.

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In session, colleagues, as we, just as we just discussed offline in order to do items 139 and 140, we need 4 members of the Council present.

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We don't have that, so I would propose we move items 139 and 140 to the B beginning of our afternoon session today, which is at 2 0 p.

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M any objection to that. I should just say for the record I will have to work with.

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I'll have to check in with my bureau's staff to make sure that they're available.

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Some of the folks who were tested by her very busy people.

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No doubt, that we'll do our level best. That seems like the best solution.

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Given the alternatives, and then with that we are adjourned.

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Good afternoon, everyone. This is the Wednesday, February the fifteenth, 2,020.

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3 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan.

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Good afternoon. Please call the roll. Good afternoon, Rubio. Here, Ryan Gonzalez, here, here, now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

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Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council. City council is holding hybrid public meetings with in-person attendance.

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Additionally, Council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually very good.

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Thank you, and I apologize for those waiting for the children's levy.

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We have a few quick items that we did not take care of on this morning's agenda, so if you'll give us a little bit of forbearance, we'll take care of those right now, then, we'll jump right into the children's levy could you please call item

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139, please authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Tri-on Creek Fish Passage improvement for an estimated cost.

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Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this I come to us from the Bureau of Environmental Services.

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This ordinance authorizes environmental services, this ordinance authorizes environmental services to solicit competitive bids from contractors to build fish passage improvements in Tri-run Creek at southwest boonsfry road here's the back story on this project in 2

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1,021, the Southwest boons ferry Road culvert was replaced with a bridge, and the creek bed was restored.

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Unfortunately, portions of the screen bed failed to to design and construction errors, which is why this project does not meet the organ department of Fish and Wildlife Fish passage Requirements.

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In fact, the organ department of State Lands has issued a legally binding consent.

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Order, that requires the city to repair the fiscal passage by the end of the summer of 2,023, which is why we are hearing this item today.

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This project will cost approximately 1.2 million dollars here to tell us more about this ordinance.

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We have Carrie Rubin, interim plant manager for environmental services, Aunt Ellie, Young, capital projects manager with bees, welcome team.

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Thank you so much. Commissioner Maps. Thank you. And good afternoon.

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My name is Carrie Rubin, with the Bureau of Environmental Services, and I am here to introduce our project manager, Ally Young, who will provide you with an overview of this project.

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Thank you.

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Thanks, Carrie, and thank you, commissioners. So. Yes, I'm the project manager for this project.

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And again we're requesting the authorization to advertise the construction contract for the project, and is, oh, sorry, is it?

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Okay, there we go. Great thanks. So much for that.

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I'll have you advance the slide, and to give you we're gonna do a quick presentation here.

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Just some background project goals, I'll speak a bit about our outreach, and then our estimate and schedule.

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The projects located on Triang Creek at the Boonsferry Road, crossing Try and Creek, flows from the southwest in Portland to the southeast.

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Where it hits the Lamamet River in the city of Lake Oswego there's an additional tributary Arnold Creek that enters.

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Try on at the upstream end of the the new Boonsbury Bridge, and just downstream of the project, is trying to create State Park. I can go ahead to the next slide, please.

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Commissioner Maps gave you some of the background, and so you can see in the upper left hand corner.

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This is what the under size culvert looked like prior to the the removal of that.

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It was impossible to fish that that was replaced with the bridge.

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You could see in the lower right hand side, and you know, while the creek is not flowing freely, the fish passage elements haven't held up to severe flows, and, as was mentioned, the creek now fails to meet department of fish and wildlife's fish passage requirements and

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violates our permit with Department of State Lands, and the city is now under legally by me.

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Consent, order with Dsl. To resolve these permit violations.

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By September the twentieth, 23.

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Another issue that came up as a result of the the severe flows was the re-exposure of a 18 inch sewer pipe upstream of the bridge, creating a public health risk and a partial fish passage barrier so that will be

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addressed through this project. You can go ahead to the next slide, please.

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So our goals providing the fish passage per the consent order and odw approval Barry, the exposed Seward, and stabilizing the channel to improve the natural processes that would allow this kind of erosive energy to dissipate so that we won't

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see this happen in the future, and then augment fish and wildlife habitat as well as in-hand. Our native plant communities.

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Our community outreach and engagement. We have a project website which is updated.

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We've sent out update mailers and provided email updates provided a number of social media posts.

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And focus outreach to adjacent property owners.

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We're working with Portland public schools transference to coordinate any school bus impacts boots, ferry. And we made a number of public presentations to the friends of Try and Creek and the try and create watershed council and then answered individual correspondence

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responded individually, correspondence from the community.

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Any input or concerns the next slide. Please.

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Our engineers estimate coming in with a high confidence level is 1,247,000.

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We're looking to advertise the project by the end of this month, and to begin construction this June to last 5 months.

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It's important to know that construction can only take place during a specified in water work window, which is regulated by organ department, official wildlife or migratory fish protection so we need to align construction with that window and again, the consent order.

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Deadline is. September 2023, and that's all I have.

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If you have any questions we can answer them.

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So I have an obvious question, which is, the timeline doesn't match up.

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How do we complete this by September of 2023, if it takes 5 months, and it starts in June.

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Closes, and we've completed the feature. Repair.

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There's gonna be follow on work. Where you know where we're pulling out of the construction area, closing up our construction entrance, making any repairs.

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To Arnold Road. We're gonna have to close down a portion of Arnold Road, so there'll be follow up work outside of the in water work window.

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So this works with Dsl, there's not a problem here.

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The timeline.

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Right? Yeah. Well, we'll have all of the in water work completed by September 2023.

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Great one other question. So did you say this was faulty construction?

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In other words, who's paying for this? And why?

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Our capital improvement budget through bees and there's a separate case that our city attorney's office has.

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I believe they're working with outside counsel to go after to try to get some money out of the contractor and the consulting agency.

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That happens parallel and separate from this. Then, okay, cool.

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Yes, parallel and separate from this.

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That's that's a very good answer. I appreciate any other questions.

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Colleagues, Renee, Commissioner Gonzalez, just building off the mayor's question. Are you aware?

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Are there cure right or remedy rights for the contractor and the design professional on the prior work.

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I just want to make sure that whatever we're doing now interfere with our ability to recover. There.

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This work has been vetted with the city attorney's office. They're they're aware of it as far as the there's their work that they're doing to remedy the other situation.

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Got it. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Maps. Sure, I just want to clarify for colleagues and folks watching at home.

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I'm a little bit disappointed about how the first phase of this project is has gone.

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I've been working with the bureau in the city attorney's office to.

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Remedy the situation cool. Thank you. Any public testimony on this item.

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No one's any further discussion is an emergency ordinance.

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Please call the roll. Hi, Ryan. I can certainly see what this is. An emergency.

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I would I I I want to thank Staff for today's presentation and for their patients.

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I know we had to bump you from the morning session our vote I the ordinance, is adopted.

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Last item from the morning agenda. Hopefully, a fairly quick one. I item 1, 4, 0.

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Please. An emergency ordinance a man contract with Raymark construction to increase amount for the outer division.

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Multimodal safety project for a total of 10,000,282.5 and \$92.

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Commissioner Maps. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this item comes to us from Pbot this is a straightforward contract amendment with rain, more construction for paving and sewer work on southeast division between southeast 80 s and 90 s here is the background on

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this ordinance Bebot is currently out doing some work on division while we've been out in the field one of the things we've heard from kindergarten community members is this, as long as Pbot is out here doing work on this section of division why don't you guys fix some of the

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pot holes and deal with some of the other basic maintenance problems that plagued the street in answer to this question Peabody and I got together and we realized that yes, we can do something about this street in addition, as Commissioner in charge of bees.

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I also, know this in the near future we're going to have to rip up the vision again in order to install better.

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Stormwater infrastructure, and finally, as your public works, Commissioner, I know that it is ultimately cheaper and less disruptive to fill these potholes and install this improved stormwater infrastructure in one fell swoop and that is basically the origin story behind this particular

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ordinance. I'm excited about this ordinance because this item is an example of how breaking down the silos between city bureaus can save taxpayers money and provide better service to the community.

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This work will be jointly funded by Pbot and Bees.

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Total costs of this project is a little more than 2.7 million dollars.

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I want to offer one last observation. I know that some community members are skeptical of recent infrastructure's changes.

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Pbot has made on division. I hear those concerns and I take them seriously, and while I'm Commissioner of Pbot, the Bureau will evaluate how well every Pbot asset is working in the real world and if a piece of pbot infrastructure is not working properly we

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will work to fix it at the same time the ordinance before us today is about a different issue.

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The ordinance before us today is about filling potholes, fixing pavement and building essential stormwater infrastructure in order to save taxpayers, money and minimize inconvenience to commuters and residents and with that I will turn the floor over to

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some staff from Pbot, including Elizabeth Tilstrom, capital project manager with Peabody, and she will have a partner here with us today, too.

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Thank you. Take it away. Thank you, Commissioner Maps, for that introduction, and good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners.

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For the record. My name is Elizabeth Telstrom.

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I serve as a capital project manager for the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and as the project manager for the outer division, Multimodal Safety Project, and I'm joined today by Steve Sigathy, the capital delivery division manager, the Ordinance

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before you today will amend the contract with rainmark construction Pbots, prime concertor on the outer division, multimodal safety Project.

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Briefly the outer division, multimodal safety Project is a pbot vision, 0 project, aimed at reducing fatal and serious injury, crashes on Southeast Division Street between Southeast AI and southeast, a 170 fourth hour Southeast

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Division Street is a designated high crash corridor, with a long history of fatal and serious injury.

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Crashes, involving people walking, biking, and driving Feebot's work on the corridor began in 2,017, following an emergency declaration by city council.

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Early work included, lowering the speed limit to 30 miles per hour and installing, lighting fixed speed, cameras and speed.

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Reader. Boards. In the fall of 2,022, Pbot reached substantial completion on the permanent safety improvements that comprised enhanced pedestrian crossings, including 10 new signalized crossings additional streetlighting protected Bike lanes, and raised center Medians.

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Regarding this amendment during construction, the community raised concerns about the condition of the pavement on southeast division between Southeast 80, s and 90 s, and the related safety issues in response the project team to work with Pbot leadership to secure additional funds to Repave

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this section of division. We also coordinated with our partners at the Bureau of Environmental Services to accelerate their planned system upgrades within the paving area to reduce their future project costs and extend the overall life of the pavement by avoiding new

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Utility Cuts incorporating the needed pavement and storm.

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Water improvements into the safety project's construction contract also reduced impacts that future construction could have on the community, including impacts to small businesses and people traveling along the corridor.

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Finally, this contract amendment also includes costs for minor design modifications that were done during construction that were intended to enhance the safety

design along the corridor or support the needs of adjacent business and property owners.

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Construction on the outer division multimodal safety project began in August the twentieth, 21, and Raymoore construction was substantially complete.

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In October, of 2,022. The contractor is still working along the corridor, completing some of the added scope related to this contract amendment, as well as Punch list items.

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We hope to have all construction completed by summer of this year.

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Thank you. That concludes my brief presentation, and I welcome any questions from council at this time.

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Very good colleagues. Any questions, any public testimony on this item?

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No, I think this is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll I want to thank Commissioner Maps and Pbop for their leadership on this project and bringing this forward I vote I, Brian.

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Yes, thank you, Commissioner Maps. Thank you, Elizabeth.

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Thank you, Steve. This is like meat and potatoes of the transportation world.

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Potholes. You remember that Commissioner Salzman, a lot of pothole investments, anyway?

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Certainly thinking across the bureaus, and how to efficiently do these projects.

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It's good stewardship for the city's dollars.

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Also appreciate keeping the ears open to feedback from the community, who may have different perspectives on transportation than those of us living inside 80 s.

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With that I vote on maps. I just want to thank Staff for their presentation today.

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And I want to congratulate Pbot and Bees for their collaborative work.

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Here. This is good government and a good value for the taxpayer, which is why I vote.

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I I want to especially acknowledge Commissioner Maps comments right at the beginning.

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I really like the idea that you and Pbot have to go back and evaluate some of the completed projects and make sure that they actually uphold the original goal statements for those projects.

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I think that's terrific, and shows really good leadership on all your parts.

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So thank you for that good presentation. It's easy to support this when I vote I in the project is approved, the ordinance is approved.

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Thank you for your leadership, and also thanks for coming back we're sorry that we had to do that to you.

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No worries. Thank you. Thank you. Alright. Now for the main show.

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This is a resolution. Refer. Renewal of Portland.

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Children's levy to city voters as a local option.

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I want to thank all of.

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Now we're gonna get right into Commissioner Ryan.

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Commissioner Ryan. Go? Well, thank you, thank you all for your patience, and letting us finish some of that Commissioner Ryan.

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I'll have more marks at the end. Absolutely. Colleagues.

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It's my pleasure to bring to the Council today the Portland Children's levy renewal over the last 2 years.

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It's been my honor to continue the great work started under the legacy leadership of Commissioner Dan Salzman.

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Then it was passed on to you, Mayor Wheeler, and now with me and all of you to support this proud legacy.

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The Portland children's Levy is a crucial investment in Portland's children, youth and families it's one piece of the puzzle on how we keep our kids.

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Youth, safe, head thriving, succeeding in and out of school.

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Let me elaborate a bit about the out-of-school part.

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Our teachers, our counselors, our staff, and our school. They do amazing work, actual bell schedule of that time is about 18% of the time in any given year.

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There is this term. It's called summer melt. That's when with those with resources are pretty good.

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They're in the summer. They're engaging with programs.

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And within Richmond, but those without resources not so much unless they can access affordable programs offered by our partners as such research reveals is during the summer, when achievement gap widens sadly as we come out of almost please, turn off your cell Phones.

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Okay, sadly, as we come out of almost 2 years of Covid shutdown and remote learning, the expanded summer melt has gone on for too long and sadly. Achievement.

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Now, more than ever, it need to renew this investment, to make up ground of the impacts of Covid in particular, Portland children's levy is something we can trust that return on investment.

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Since 2,002 has been outstanding the Portland children's life, has been doing the work to fill in the gaps, provide wraparound services to youth and their families, and I must say this assignment was a natural extension of the work that I was doing at all hands raised and

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so I'm beyond. Impressed and satisfied with the work of the Portland children's levy has done, is doing, and will continue to do over the next 5 years and beyond it's now my pleasure to introduce Lisa Pellegrino the Executive director of the

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levy to share more about this important program. Welcome to the Dyess.

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Welcome to the table, Lisa, it's all yours.

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Thank you, Commissioner Ryan. Thank you, Mayor. Good afternoon, counselors.

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Nice to see you all I'm Lisa Pellegrino I'm the director of the Children's Levy, and I'm going to just tell you a little bit about the children's levy.

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Give you some information, and we're going to invite some speakers up to talk so it's going to be kind of a mixed presentation.

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If you can go ahead and give me the first slide.

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Actually, probably even the second slide. Yeah, let's go to the second slide for the overview.

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So the Portland's children's levy, as Dan alluded is a local option problem.

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Tax measure that grew out of the need to increase opportunity for all Portland's children in youth the levy was first passed in 2,002, and it's been renewed 3 times since in the 2,018 renewal 83% of the voters passed the levy the tax rate

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is a little over 4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for real property, and the levy is currently generating 23 million annually.

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That's invested in 91 programs for children and youth across the city, as you can see, highlighted in yellow.

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There, administrative costs are limited by the ballot measure to 5% and Pcl is audited annually for compliance with that, all of our compliance audits are up on our website for anybody to review go to the next slide the mission of the levy and Commissioner ryan alluded to

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is to change the trajectory of disparities and outcomes for children and youth, particularly for children.

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Youth of color, and those experiencing poverty by supporting community-based programs that help prepare children for school, support them to be successful in and out of school, and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in children's outcomes.

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So the levy is overseen by a 5 Member Allocation Committee that sets policies and oversees implementation of the levy on that committee.

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There is required to be a city elected official, which is Commissioner Ryan, a county commissioner, to citizens with knowledge and experience related to children's services, related to children's services, and a representative of the business Community City Council, has to review and approve all of the allocation

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Committee recommendations for funding and all of the grants are made through a competitive process.

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The grants are monitored them by staff to ensure that programs reach their intended populations.

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And are responsive to the communities that they're serving and achieve positive outcomes for children.

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And the parents. If you go to the next slide just briefly review who's currently sitting on the committee.

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As I mentioned, the city elected officials, Commissioner Dan Ryan, the county elected official, is Jessica Vega Peterson, who is now the chair of Montana County.

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The 2 citizen representatives are Tracy, Rossi and Felicia Trip.

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Yeah, I'm going to pause with that overview and invite Dan Saltzmann, who has been greeted by everybody to come up and provide a little bit more history and context on the levy since he is the person who started it at the city when he was a Commissioner and also

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Duncan Campbell, who is the founder of friends of the children, a nonprofit, long-term mentoring program that's existed in this community for more than 30 years, and it's a long advocate of children.

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So if you all want to come up to the table.

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Yeah, yeah, it's always.

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Pleasure. We're back.

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I'll turn it over to Dan Saltman first.

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Thank you. Leeisa. Good to see you, Mr. Mayor, and and the Newbie is on the city council.

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Congratulations. Thank you, Mr. Ryan. I wanted to start by just disclosing that I serve on the Board National Board of Friends of the Children.

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Duncan's organization, and also the Board of Bridge Meadows, both of which are recipients of of money from the Portland children's levy although I'm not here on their behalf.

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So I want to thank Mr. Ryan for bringing this bringing this item forward today.

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As Lisa mentioned, the children's levy was first approved, and in 2,002, and it has since been renewed by voters 3 times most recently, in 2,018, and it was really created on the notion that an important way to make a higher priority or to make children a higher

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priority is to ask voters to invest taxpayer dollars to expand the number of children served by nonprofit programs that are proven to make children more safe and more successful.

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The need to invest in evidence-based programs was a growing recognition in the early 2,000.

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The benefits of being rigorous about investing in outcomes and improving programs, as perhaps the Levy's hallmark accomplishment.

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It's other hallmarks are the 5% limit on its administrative expenses, and a five-person allocation committee, which, as Lisa said, a city and county elected to residents of the city and the county and a member of the business community the successful cooperative role with

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Monomo County in particular, is one reason why the children's levy has worked well for 20 years, and also say that voters love the 5% administrative cap on expenses.

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I mean, who does that these days subsequent voter approved ballot measures have been before voters, and they've all emulated the Allocation Committee notion of power sharing, but none of really contained an explicit cap on administrative expenses.

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They kind of dance around that they don't say it explicitly.

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So I think it's important for the Council to once again refer to the children's levy to voters for another five-year extension, because the challenge is children.

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Face are still there, and they need all the help we can muster to ensure.

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They have access to school, they arrive at school ready to learn.

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They have access to after school activities and to mentors.

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They are protected from child abuse, and are free from hunger.

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And foster children also continue to deserve to deserve special focus for the daunting challenges.

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Each must overcome. To be successful.

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Another important element of the children's levy is the flexibility of its allocation committee model.

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In an environment where there is endless need. The committee, the committee can directly and direct money where the need is greatest and the resources are most scarce.

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The 2,018 renewal, past with 80 to 30% of voters approving it.

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So it resulted in an investment in children of over 260 million dollars.

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Since the inception of the levy in 2,002.

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City councils, past and present, have adhered to its singular focus on children in the ballot language before you today, as much the same as it was in 2,002.

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Finally, all of us know that it's good staff work that makes us look good.

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What makes the levy succeed is the hard work of staff director Lisa Pellegrino, at Mccelroy have been with the levy practically since its inception, and our dedicated, hardworking subject matter experts.

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John Kelly, among other things, that the levy meets its 5% administrative cap and I know those other members of the Levy.

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But I haven't met them.

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But at the end of the day the thing that matters that makes the Portland children's living strong is the rare thing, a true partnership.

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Between voters and their government was a clear mission. Real accountability, delivering on a vital priority the future of our children.

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For 20 years that partnership has been something you can all be proud of, and I urge you to continue it.

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Hi I'm Duncan Campbell, and I've been a child advocate.

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I know you're not gonna believe this for over 50 years.

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I know I look a lot younger than that, and and I'm just passionate about the youth that you fund and the number of us in the community serve, and but the greatest achievement of the children's levy.

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And the reason I strongly supported it in the very beginning over the years, and today recommend, come here to support.

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It is. You've transformed the system of serving children.

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The historical model has been incarceration. And by the way, I worked for 10 years at the Donnelly, long home in detention, and that's where I came up with the idea of later on doing friends with the children by the way, because that system is too little too late and that was the essence of the

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system other than a few minor children serving programs.

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But what you've done by creating the children's levy and providing the funding.

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For innovative programs that start younger, which is imperative.

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Catch these youth before they end up in the juvenile justice system level on the adult incarceration, and with early learning, early learning centers and the other programs that have been funded over the years or leading edge.

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And it's it's created something in our community that really doesn't exist in many communities around the country.

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And you should be proud of what the children's levies accomplished, and what will continue to accomplish in the future, because, like damn, I'm all about outcomes when I create, when I serve or create something, if it didn't work, I'd call it a day, and move on

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that the programs you're fund that you've been funding are going to fund are innovative programs that create real change for the children in need.

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The most vulnerable children in the early years, and then build on it, so they are not going to be incarcerated.

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They are not going to become a team parent, and they're not going to drop out of school, and you should be proud of that work and the city should be proud of the work.

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But the creation of the children's levy, and enabling them to go forward.

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I just strongly, strongly recommend.

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Thank you.

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Okay, appreciate you very much from coming giving your time today.

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Yes, thank you for a very long time, and I just I really appreciate yourself.

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Thank you both for being here. It's great to have the ogs of the children's levy here to sank us off it reminded me of when I was much younger, and had much less gray hair.

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Okay, you can go to the next slide. I'm gonna do a few more trying to intersperse numbers and statistics with people, so that it's easier to understand all the impacts of the levy.

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So I'll tell you a little bit about the programs and grantees that the levy is supporting.

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Just to give you a sense for that before we have some more guests.

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So, as we mentioned before, Pcl. Is currently supporting 91 programs for children, age, birth through 24 in 6 program areas.

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And those include, as Duncan mentioned, early childhood, child abuse, prevention, intervention, foster youth after school mentoring and hunger, relief.

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These programs provide a range of services based on the top priority needs that are identified through community engagement that we do before we let the grants on the list that you see on the slide is the type.

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Some examples of the types of services funded. It's not exhaustive if you want to see all the types of services funded, I recommend you go to the website.

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So services include things like home visiting for young children and their parents.

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Therapeutic classrooms and respo care for stressed families after school and tutoring and enrichment, caring adult mentors such as are provided through friends of the children, college and career transition support for foster youth and daily access to nutritious food you go to the next slide.

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So those 91 programs are offered by 45 community based agencies that they're both large and small.

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I've included a list of some of those on the slide.

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That's 9 of the 45 organizations. Again.

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By no means an exhaustive list, so includes organizations like the Ethiopian Eritrean cultural resource center elevate Oregon.

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The immigrant and refugee community organization, latino network life works northwest Metropolitan Family Service.

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The native American youth and Family center and self Enhancement.

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Inc. And I would imagine many of you are familiar with those agencies in the community.

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The pcl funded programs at those agencies support 750 jobs and many of the agencies provide.

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First, Employment Experiences for parents and youth that were once participants in the programs.

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So you see a lot that comes full circle next slide, please.

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So I know this is a little small, a little hard to read, but that's a pie chart.

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That shows how the funds are invested by program area.

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So there's both dollars and percentage of total revenues.

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And this is for 2,223. So this is the current fiscal year, and the levy has historically invested heavily in early childhood programs, as you can see from that pie chart, both because we know that investing early is important and yields really the best

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outcomes, and also because early childhood programs are often more expensive to deliver, because ratios are smaller for younger children.

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So that just gives you a sense for why, that piece of the pie is larger, all right.

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I'm gonna pause there. I know we've been hearing the lovely sounds of a small child in the background, and I'm going to invite the team from life work.

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It's Northwest Children's Relief Nursery to come up and speak and ask for you to welcome Leslie Brown.

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Who is the program director at the children's Leave nursery, and I'm going to get up out of my chair after I introduce them.

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Diana Camacho Cortez, who is the teacher on home visitor with the nursery and Magali Leon and her child Mia, who are a participant.

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So I'll get out of the chairs, and you all can take a seat. Leslie.

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You introduced folks.

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Hi! Everyone! I'm Leslie Brown. I'm the program director of the children's Relief Nursery, and we're a program of life works northwest and I'm going to just tell you a little bit about our program.

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And then Deanna will talk, and then we'll talk so we've been really looking forward to this opportunity.

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You know our program serves the youngest of the young in North Portland, in St.

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Johns, and we serve about 92 children a year.

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At 72 families, and we are a child. Abuse and neglect prevention program for families and children.

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Really birth through 4 so very young. We even take some moms into the program who are in their third trimester of pregnancy.

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So. And we, we provide therapeutic classrooms, respite, care, home visitings.

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They're required part of our program in frequent home visiting for infants were home visiting weekly, and for the rest of the families twice a month and on home visits we do a lot of parent- education about early childhood, development, but also helping families reduce stressors so to qualify for

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our program. Families have to have at least 5 stressors most have in anywhere between 5 to over 20.

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We call them risk factors or family stressors. And we're really working to reduce those we are showing pretty good outcomes.

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So I think last year we had 81% of our families show a reduction in stress and risk.

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And we had about that. Many also show improvements just in resilience and in in some of those prevention factors that we try to build in.

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And so there are about 33 relief nurseries in Oregon, and we're just one of them so we're within a whole network.

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And we're really fairly proud. We've been about for our staff because our staff have, than through the Oregon Association of Relief nurseries becoming endorsed in a special niche called Infant Toddler Mental Health Endorsement and so all of our staff are called early

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childhood, specialists, and they're endorsed in this niche of specialty and expertise that they have and so I'd like to introduce one of our wonderful staff.

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Her name's Deanna Kamondo, and she has added a lot to our program in his, and is a fantastic member of our team.

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So Deanna, why don't you just talk about what you do?

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Thank you. Leslie. Good afternoon. My name is Dana Camota Cortez, and I am here on behalf of the children.

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Ch relief, nursery for the past 2 and a half years I have worked at Crn as the wobbly toddler, teacher, and provide classroom services to these children, ranging in H from 15 months at the earliest to 3 years as leslie mentioned I am one of the early

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childhood education specialists there, and provide home visiting services as well as classroom services, and with my co-teacher provide parenting classes at Project Network, and today I'm here to introduce one of the families that attends our Crn classroom services and I home visit with by weekly

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Magali Lone and Nia Hi I'm I'm Magali, and this is my daughter, Mia!

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I would say that mia obviously is, attends the children's relief nursery, and honestly the growth that I've seen from her is like unexplainable.

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I you know she was a really shy kid when she first started going, and now she's like everywhere she loves to have her friends there and yeah, she said, she does my weekly and one of the things that they are always telling me is like you know, if you need any kind of help.

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You just come to us and everything loves my job. And so I always think about like asking you guys for diapers and that kind of stuff.

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So I don't have a lot of support with her, and so like being able to take her there, know that she's going to be there safely, and she she gets to eat with them and eat as much logs.

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She's a big eater. That's you guys can tell.

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It's honestly, really, so much str to be able to have my own time.

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Give myself. Throughout that time I don't know if any of you guys have children, but you guys know it's hard to get your own time.

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So honestly, so great. Yeah. Sorry you did a wonderful job.

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And we really appreciate you braving the parking and trying to figure out how to pay for and getting here.

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It was a lot and you just woke up from a nap, and it was twisted.

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But you did it because because you wanted to give back. And I tell you, we I want to thank you. Feel a lot of gratitude from the bottom of our heart very much.

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So so one of the I didn't know about this program at all.

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So her little cousin, who actually moved across the country to Georgia, her and her brother went there, and so when you hear something from people that you know, and they're like, Oh, you know, they're getting speech therapy.

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And because he's having trouble, and I was like speech therapy.

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I was like how much are you paying for this? Because you're dropping your gits off?

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And you guys in day care is expensive, and I was like, how much we paint this.

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It's completely free. And so that's how we got into the program from family. We're not gonna touch that.

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Okay, it has to talk my turn. She's very curious.

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You wanna say, Hi, want to say something. Maybe.

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So that's how we found out about this program. So my own family has also been through this, and they've, you know, felt safe dropping off the kids and being there for a couple hours.

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Couple of days of the week. And yeah, they honestly I me like, I said when you first start going there.

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She was really shy. She didn't get dropped off anywhere else, really other than at her odds, which she knows.

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And the first day when I she just complete with my arms and was like, All right, you know I'm leaving.

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And so she comes back, and she'll tell me, and I'm like, what did you do today? Oh, snack! Snack!

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Well, you ate a snack, and she played with friends, and she'll play with blocks so she can put little sentences together, and I think that is, thanks to you guys that she can talk, and she is active, thanks to them.

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I would say that her development is definitely obviously a hand. Her mom.

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We spend the most time with her. But I have to give you guys credit for all of those kids that you guys have.

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And the patience and the love that they show not only the kids, but the families as well.

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Like coming home by weekly. And you know, talking about their growth and saying like, Oh, you know, I can point out that she's ready to do this.

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And so you know what, we'll start practicing at home so mia was at home, not really interested in the party, and so she sees other kids that go there, and they go to the party.

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And so she's like, Oh, you know, I want to go party and social embarrassing me sometimes at the storage like mommy body. And I'm like, Yeah, that is what you used to go body.

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My, yes, that is. And that is a big thank you to you guys.

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And all of that is because of you. They just have so much patience with her and with me as well.

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Whenever I have any questions. This is my first child. I am only 21 years old.

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And yeah, he takes a village and they are definitely my village.

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Thank you. Nice job. Thank you, Steve. Alright. Do you have any questions for us?

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Or, okay, I just wanna thank you for testifying today.

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My my wife was a bilingual specialist at the children.

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I just have relief nursery earlier in her career, and I so appreciate what for young families and for children at these milestones that were developed.

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So I think your work is beautiful, and thank you so much for that. You're welcome. You can tell that me is thriving, and we love it, that that the teacher and the home is that are the same person.

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It's a relationship based program. And we build strong relationships.

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And we adore our families thank you. Amia is definitely ready for the mic.

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Yeah, she is ready for the spot. Location is right next to James John, elementary
yeah, I think that's really splendid, too, that you have that on ramp into the
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Yeah, it's it's a good location. You should come by and take a tour.

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I'll give you dinner a couple of times. Yeah, it's been awesome. Okay?

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Cool. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Thanks. Thank you. Miaoyi. She needs a mic.

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She is no longer shy I think you can see why we all do this work, and why I've been
with it for so long.

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Slide, and I'll tell you a little bit more about the populations that are served at the children's lowy programs.

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So you got to hear from one. But this is looking across all the programs.

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So we're serving an average of 10,000 children and youth at per year.

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In the early childhood. Child abuse, foster care after school and mentoring programs. So that's basically the not hunger relief program.

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And you can see there of those those 10 approximately 10,000 children per year that are served 75 to 80% identify as black indigenous, or a child or youth of color, 35% to 40% liver go to school in East Portland and 40 to 45% come from

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homes where the primary language is not English. So that data is based on the ranges are based on data coming from 2,018 through 2,022.

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So about a 4 year period. That's why there's some variance there very easy to year, somewhat.

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And then last, hunger, relief services are serving 12 to 17,000 children per year.

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There's a big range there, partly due to the pandemic, because we're looking at a four-year period, and the pandemic really sent food insecurity through the roof and programs served many more children and families than they have typically served I would say in most

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years. It's 12, that is, but the pandemic really increased that. So if you want to go to the next slide.

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Gives you a stable little bit more detail. So this data is from 2,122.

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And it just shows you the race ethnicity, identifications of that approximately 10,000 children who were served in that year.

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As you can see, it's very diverse. That's where we get this Stat, 75 to 80% of the folks are.

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The children served are identify as black, indigenous, or a person of color.

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So this is another pie chart, showing you the languages of the people, the children that were served, and you can all the languages that are listed there, but small.

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Those are the languages that the city office of equity and human rights asks that we collect data on report to you, and also you can see there's quite a big pie for other languages that almost 10% piece of the pie represents 50 more than 50 additional languages.

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That people report speaking in their home so it's an incredibly diverse group of children, and significantly immigrant and refugees, communities, communities that are served and with that I'll pause again for a second.

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And I'm gonna invite a team from the immigrant refugee community organization to come to the table and speak about Erco and inspire program, which is an after school program.

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And I will let them tell you about what that program does that we have?

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I know PA. Tong, the program Coordinator for Inspire, and Susan Lam, the youth and family advocate, Molly Armand Trout, the program assistant and Grace New N.

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Who is a student participating in the program. There's 3 chairs.

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I'm not sure if everybody can fit up here, but whoever can, I will scoot out of the chair.

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Good afternoon, Mayor. I'm Mister Mayor City Commissioner and staff for the record.

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My name is Barkan Tung, and I came to United States about 10 years ago as a refugee.

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I'm working right now at Arco as an inspire coordinator.

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I've been working in Arco about 3 years. I'm 2 years.

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So you have, and nearly one year now, as our Coordinator, I come here as a refugee, and I belong to this country from Myanmar, and I belong to the Zomie community, and here today I have our program assistant Moly Amandra and here are one of our

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wonderful students from our program. I'm Grace Newen and I will let them introduce introduce for the rugger.

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My name is Molly Arminiro. Hello, nice to meet you all I am the program assistant, and I come from the Asian American community for the record.

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My name is Grace Nguyen, a student from Roseway Heights, Middle School.

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I'm in seventh grade and a fun fact about me is that I love cooking and my Fravourite dish to make is homemade.

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La lobster, sushi rolls. Yes, our team, the inspired team, represent a lot of.

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And this group group to be exerted in our staff, our stuff come from Latinx.

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So Mali Vietnam Vietnamese, Slavic, Karen, greater Middle Eastern Bhutanese, and Tongan communities, and we are we are all very passionate about serving our students, so that they are successful not only in the America education system, but also the greater American society as well.

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and currently, we are serving second to 8 graders figure to 8 girls and about 150 students to enroll in our program.

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And they are coming from a lot of diverse community as well.

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The Pali, Bhutanese, Somali, and the Slavic community, and we also have Middle Eastern communities and Pacific Islander communities, as well.

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Currently we are providing our services in David Douglas school and school district, and the Portland Public School district.

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The main supports that inspire provides are culturally specific, academic, advising for students, family engagement and client assistance, so that our families receive holistic support for their children's education and well-being students and parents receive support in navigating the American school system the focus on supporting early

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education in elementary and middle school is foundational for student growth and success.

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Later in high school and postgraduate. Our hope is that the inspired program provides students with culturally specific academic advocacy, so they can thrive socially and academically.

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There are many challenges for immigrant and refugee students when it comes to navigating their identity in America, oftentimes it feels like they are being pulled in different directions with various expectations and responsibilities.

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We hope that our staff, who hold lots of lived experience as well as hybrid identities, can be compositive role models for the youth that we serve.

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And now all. Let Grace give her testimony, and talk a little bit more about the inspired program.

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I am grateful to have the opportunity to present my testimony on behalf of all the students a part of the inspired program to all of you today.

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First it would be a lie if I was looking forward to joining this program initially, since my mom made me sign up along with the heavy school homework schedule and a sports extra curricula like basketball.

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I wasn't convinced that this program would not be any more stressful to add unexpectedly, though this program has made me feel so much more connected to my Vietnamese heritage, and I believe that my peers feel the same way.

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As I do see, I feel so much more involved in a community that I can relate to as a second generation.

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Vietnamese. American as this community accepts diversity in different ways.

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Now being surrounded by other Vietnamese students in the classroom validates my experience as well as everyone's elses. Experience.

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Living in an Asian household in this space we are encouraged to engage in cultural specific experiences.

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Additionally, the after school period was inspired, has allowed me to have a designated time to relax or be productive, despite my busy and unpredictable schedule, allows a specific time to get homework done with the help of instructors, or my friends around on days where I do not have

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Homework. There are activities available to help me wind down after a long, busy day at school, as I am speaking on behalf of my fellow students at this program, I recognize that some of us come from difficult or complicated situations.

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This program is a safe haven for all of us, largely because of the staff that runs it.

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As a result we have the opportunity to cultivate brighter and healthier minds.

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Now coming up next is a personal short story, anyways, during the after school period was inspired.

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Last 3 has made me really evaluate. How it affects me at the overall at the end of my day.

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See when I walked to my car I was always waiting for me.

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My mom was there, and she usually had always asked me how my day was, and this time I actually got to think about it instead of what the immediate response like was, Ok, mom, and I know that it was a simple fact that no matter how my day, started at school I would always come home.

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At ease, and I would always start preparing to start.

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Finishing my favorite show, with no worries at all. And now, after witnessing the dedication, kindness, and passion that the staff and the students have shown, I am proud to say that this program has helped me become a better student, a better friend and a better person overall again thank you for giving me your time

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and attention. For this testimony. Thank you. Thank you. Everyone on for giving us a time, and to provide our testimony, and to change the what we do, we and you know our families and our youth are really grateful for the Paul and Kenneth levy to continue supporters years.

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After years, and to support our essential programs for our immigrants and refugee youth and family. So thank you.

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Oh, we all know we're generally tonight. Right there you go.

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Sounds good. I'm hungry.

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Yes, I have to give a shout out to Linton, who was one of the first coordinators for that program, and a still at Urko today it's been a programme that the Levies funded for a long while and has continued to really support immigrant refugee

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youth as those communities have changed over time.

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All right back to a few more stats. Can you give me the next slide, please, on outcomes?

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Actually, you can go ahead to the next one. So, as former Commissioner Dan Saltzman stressed, we definitely track participant outcomes at the levy based on the services that are provided.

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And here we'll show some data on programs that are tracking the same or similar outcomes in a program area.

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So they're divided up by programmers. You can see as listed on the slide.

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So in early childhood we had 87% of the children meeting expected developmental milestones and 91% of the children who were not on track getting referred for additional help.

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97% of parents and caregivers meeting parenting goals, parenting goals are a big part, as you heard this morning of early childhood, and child abuse prevention programs and child abuse prevention intervention.

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We had 86% of parents meeting parenting practice goals and reporting increased safety and stability, which is key for stressed families.

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Next slide, and in the remaining program areas Foster care.

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We had 96% of youth, many academic goals and 100% of youth being positive youth, development goals.

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And after school, 95% of youth meaning development development outcomes and mentoring 97% meeting school engagement outcomes and in small grants which have focused on after school mentoring services, 92% meaning academic goals.

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So the facts and the data on outcomes provide information on program impact for sure but it's also important to remember what's behind the numbers.

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And as you've heard some today, you're getting to a little piece a little view into what's behind some of the outcomes.

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I wanted to welcome the team from elevate Oregon, which I believe is planning to appear virtually so.

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This is Donnell Morgan is the executive director of Elevate Oregon, and he's got 3 high school students with him.

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Let's see, can we see them? They're waiting. They're waiting.

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Okay, they're waiting so I can't see them.

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I guess it's just where I am and what I can see where you go.

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You can see them, so I will turn the podium over to them. I'm sorry.

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Go ahead. Thanks for the complimentary Ryan. I just want to acknowledge the small grants at 92%.

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Youth met academics, and that took place during Covid.

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And if you look at the data, during Covid, that's definitely beating the odds.

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Yes, and just to be clear, this was last year. This is from 2,122 can you measure Daniel? Wait?

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I think that's what I mean. But they have Park.

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Alright! That's right. Good afternoon. Thank you for having us.

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This is a great opportunity I've met with the Mayor before in the past, and we talked a little bit about gang, violence, and things of that nature.

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So this is a great opportunity for me to again to to really express the importance of this work.

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These 3 young men that are sitting next to me. I've been knowing these guys since the sixth grade.

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Hey? We're we're youth mentor organization in the Park Road school system in the district and I have an mou with Park Road School district, and we actually have a classroom which makes this very unique.

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These young men have been in the the educational system in Park Road since birth grade, and when you arrive in sixth grade they came into this special classroom called Elevate Oregon, and I'll let them talk a little bit about what goes on in that classroom.

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But just to see where they've come from, where they've gone and where they're going through positive mentorship, having positive people in your life.

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And we're really making a push to really get rid of all that violence.

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Put these young men and women of color on a trajectory and change their lives, and not only their lives, but their siblings, their families, and the students in part rooms that's gonna follow them and I'm just very proud of their success.

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And when I was given this opportunity today there was, these are the 3 young men that I thought about bigly, who needs to be in front of you all and talk about what elevate Oregon has done for them.

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And yeah, just let them speak a little bit about their experience.

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And they're a little nervous, so that they've done this several times, and I know they're gonna do a great job.

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So whoever wants to jump in so my name is Kavari Davis.

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I'm a senior at Park Gross high school, been elevated since.

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Sixth grade, year, fifth grade year came over to my elementary school and talked to us little bit about it, and what was going on.

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I would say I'm lying if I would say I was like, oh, they already wanna join.

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But he really talked about field trips, and which really got me so young, kid, not really so good in school, but I was like filtered.

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So I joined in sixth grade year, and getting to the classroom don't really talk about what you usually talk about in school.

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Really, it's really like a family bill in that classroom.

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People that look like me, you know, was a good thing, especially in Portland.

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You know. So that was fun. Let me just really like help me like with opportunities like I couldn't imagine as a young kid like I'm doing right now, talking to you all that I would never thought ever me in my life.

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So, yeah, just just the opportunities on Lvi has really just been a blessing to be another way, for oh, my name is Demetriz. I go by. Dj, I'm also a senior.

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I'll just say they help you go for your career path and it's just like for me.

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I wanna be a veterinarian, and that's something I've always wanted to be since I was little.

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And just recently I was able to get into the program over the summer things to elevate so.

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And then they taught me I was stayed at Osu for a week, and they taught me everything.

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I need to know and what I'm gonna have to prepare for myself and all that.

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So I was really appreciative of that, because that's just one step closer to me, reaching my goal.

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And then recently, I also got accepted to Osu.

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So I'm going to go there, and order to pursue my goal and try to get into their that program as I go.

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And then I just like is this, they're really there for you and ways you can't really imagine the site they do all the little things throughout the day, and just you're really connected to everyone that's there.

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And it's really family that you could just like talk to.

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And this is like for us, our client is at the end of the day, so it's just like, it's a relaxing.

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It's like it's relaxing and we get to chill.

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But we also get to learn. But it's stuff that we want to learn in order to like for us to understand what how it's gonna be as when we get adults and what we're going to need to know.

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And all the things that that are better us. Hello, everyone!

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My name is Dolly Crawford, and similar to what my peers were saying. I started out elevating sixth grade, and we are now seniors and.

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Similar to what they said, elevators, like a family, they push you to achieve your personal goals and elevate.

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Just is there to expand your options, and they give you so many opportunities and.

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I'm really grateful for elevate, because without elevate, I don't think I would be as engaged in school.

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It's it really just seems like it's a second family.

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Honestly all the mentors and all the staff members within elevate, and even my classmates.

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We are really connected. And yeah, I, just, yeah, I really like elevate.

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I was sitting, closing, supporting this this, this the levy, has been instrumental.

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We took a group of middle school kids, 8 seventh graders last year.

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Their eighth graders this year. So there's about 15 of them, and they spent a week at Oregon State University with an with a partnership that I have there, and they stood in the dorms.

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They got to live a college like they get to see what it's like, and I think for African-american kids and kids of color, we don't get those opportunities unless it's through athletics or when you're a senior when you're trying to figure out what

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you're trying to do so by funding us and giving us this opportunity, we're able to expand these young men as options and young women's options.

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Earlier, put them on the trajectory earlier. They can see it, they can touch it, they can dream it.

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And all. Ultimately they can achieve it. So thank you for your time and again, we're very appreciative of being funded and getting this opportunity to share a little bit about who we are and what we do.

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Awesome. Thank you. Yeah, thank you. So much. Dial. Really appreciate you all giving up your time and being present for today was really impactful.

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And I really appreciate hearing how much you focus on opportunity, because that is absolutely the goal.

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Thank you. Thank you.

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This one tell a little tiny story. So this came from a program in Colorado.

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It was anyways, and they were trying to.

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Colorado, uplift right? And they were coming to me to birth it here in Portland, and I reached out to Superintendent Karen Gray at Park Rose, because Park Rose had nothing in terms of programs like this.

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So it's just personally, really gratifying to see how it's grown under your leadership.

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Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you all so much. Alright. Yeah.

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Okay, we had one more invited Guest to speak. Mark Jackson.

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See there. Okay. Then I'm gonna hand up. So Mark Jackson is executive director at reap, reap focuses on leadership development and civic engagement and academic support for youth and the programs that we're funding there are mostly in East Portland so i'll let mark talk further

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Thank you. Lisa, and thank you, Commissioner Ryan also Mayor and I'll be able to commissioners.

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So we excited about the opportunity to share about just the impact of the levy funding.

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And I've been privileged to be a part of this process since.

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It's genesis. So a lot of actual history and context, not just as a grantee, but just as an actual child advocate for services, especially on the east side of town, utilize these funds to support programming both in Davis and also cantino school district and we know the

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disparities that have impacting East Poland residents.

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So I'm so thankful for the funding we're hoping to have some students on, because the actual age level we serve there. They're unavailable.

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But I will call out some hypothesis behind this work.

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We know that with Covid-nineteen in the school settings, we are supporting a whole new type of student.

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Okay. It's not just content instruction, delivery, but also providing those essential supports around social, emotional learning.

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And really around Birmingham students to just to celebrate their resilience.

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And I think one thing we can kind of share with our programming is, students feel supported.

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The parents feel supported, repetitively done a great job just navigating just the rain.

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That change during the Covid time, and we just appreciate a director like we know his leadership doing Covid to work with grantees to be fluid in our direct services, so shout out to her.

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But I'm proud to say that one of our examples is Alice, a middle school, where we had our students form structure around just government.

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So we actually have a number model that mirrors our United States of America, be an executive branch legislative branch, additional branch to really elevate student voice both in the school environments, but also in the the community.

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We have district family nights within these districts to really allow students to facilitate parent engagement opportunities in the even time with our staff and our school partners to really elevate what rig does on a consistent basis and it's always a joy to see our

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students engage with their parents, and also with the educators, to kind of highlight.

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What reap is doing for them as students. If you follow, reap on social media, you'll see some real exciting reels of parenting being.

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Our students doing interactive activities, really celebrating resilience.

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You know, I think that there's so much going on it's important to pause and just appreciate each other, and you will see that type of sentiment in the actual video reels on social media.

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I'm also called out that Reap has been working with students to elevate them.

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Not Johnson. Engagement and parent engagement, but we also really, I believe, developing future civic leaders reap is been hosting what we call the organiz summit for several years now, and most recently over the winter break convening students from across the State and these include students that

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we serve with the Levy funds to introduce legislation.

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Senate, Bill 421. That will actually create into law a statewide.

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You collaborative that will inform ode, and the governor on what students needs are specifically students of color, and I think with the funding of a levy, allows us not just provide day-to-day direct service social mobile supports leadership competition.

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But given students of voice in the legislative space to really kind of inform and shape policy that implies allies for them in generations to come.

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And Senator Michael Dimrow was championing this legislation, we'll believe, will be passing in this session, and these are just multiplying.

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I think stories, how the levy funds are really attracting additional dollars to bring, not just community change in Portland, but just stay wide, change Reba also worked with our district partners around student voice internal addressing gun violence.

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Working with African community members around East Portland, and just the myths around the reality of gun violence in the African community.

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So we've worked in partnership with Portland Parks on each board and community center, hosting events and convenience to address the issue of gun violence to allow students to hear from mental health clinicians, community members to affirm their safety and give them access to resources food boxes, gift

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cards, a whole range of things, doing those challenging times of the holidays.

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So these are things that we do as an organization. So it's multiply multi-tier.

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I think, services that supports the students, engages the community, also influencing policy.

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So students feel heard, validated, and also appreciated. So when you talk about a city council vote, you know, this is a call.

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A similar moment, if you will. I think that the taxpayers have seen the historic value and impact of levy dollars. A city council vote.

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You know this is a call, a seminal moment, if you will. We need this to continue to to be in a position as a city, as community partners, to ensure we love on our young people.

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To ensure that they're safe, they're affirmed, and they have opportunity and access to thrive.

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Thanks so much, Mark. You've been an unfailing voice for youth voice. In the 20 years that I've known you I appreciate that you highlighted that.

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Okay. I have a few more slides and then over. Wrap up go to the next slide on community engagement.

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You can skip one more down. Thank you. So before the 1,920 competitive grant process, we worked with Empress rules equity consulting to engage community members that were most affected by disparities and outcomes and their recommendations really focused on equity that we fund culturally

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relevant and responsive programs provided by Staff, who reflect the culture and speak the languages of those who they serve and who include families and youth and program planning and evaluation Emperor's rule also recommended that we create a small grants fund so smaller smaller organizations would have easier access to

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Levy Fund, and that we all create a community Advisory Board to provide ongoing community input on Pcl policy and funding.

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So in response to that fee, we have done those things and created a small grants fund and elevate who just presented to you all.

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And their program was one of the small grants, recipients, and we also created a 12 Member Community Council to advise on broader community engagement, practice and policy and funding.

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And that group has just started had their first meeting last. The 12 volunteers that are on that community council represent a range of both work, experience, personal experience, lived experience experience, experience, lived, experience in communities that experienced disparities, including black indigenous and communities of color lgbtqia, communities children on youth with

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disabilities, houseless families and families, experiencing poverty and food, insecurity.

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So a little bit on finance as we wrap up.

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You can go to the next slide. So this slide shows a brief history for the last 4 fiscal years on Pcl.

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Revenues that are generated by the tech. So that's in the column under revenue.

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The amounts that are granted out in those years. The total number of grants and the percentage of administrative expenses for those fiscal years that are that the auditors find those are in the auto reports.

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Okay next slide. And I'll explain a little bit about some of the numbers here.

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Yes. Sorry. I'll well, this is the words, and we can always toggle back to the numbers as you saw in that previous slide.

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Revenues, expenses vary annually, and the amounts granted in an annual period.

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Don't always match the revenues for that same period.

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And that's a result of the basically the grant funding process so before a competitive funding round where they were going to give grants that are multi-year

grant so they could ask for at least 3 years, we use the city economists' projections of what the likely revenues are to decide how

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much you can grant out in that funding round. So sometimes revenues exceed projections.

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So we based the grants that we gave, based on the revenues we thought we would have.

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But sometimes luck is better and more revenues are collected.

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So when that happens, we get fund balance that accrues.

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There's also a fund balance that can accrue when grant contracts are not fully spent out, and that sometimes all grant contracts are paid on a reimbursement basis based on actual expenses incurred so at sometimes if there are staff vacancies which is sort a problem during the

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pandemic. You will get grants that don't spend out in an annual period, so that all creates fun balance before the 2,019 funding round the committee made the decision to take all of the fund balance that had accrued at that point which was at that point mostly

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due to revenues exceeding projected amounts, and allocate those, in addition to the future revenues in that funding round.

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So they were spread out. That fund balance was spread out over time to be allocated.

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In that grant period we try to spread the funds equally over periods of years based on feedback that we've received for many years from both agencies, service providing agencies and grant and community members to try to keep funding levels relatively consistent so we stabilize

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agencies, so they can continue to provide services, and that we don't abruptly stop services because money is gone.

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So people lose the services they're receiving. So we're doing our best to try to level that out and make sure that folks have access to consistent funding.

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So over the we've had basically been spending down that fund balance that you can see we want to go back to the previous slide.

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That might make it easier to see when we made the grants in 2,019, you can see that the amounts allocated go up for the 2021 and 2,122, which is from that funding round so the number of grants increase and the amounts allocated go up

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as we're allocating out both the existing revenues plus the fund balance.

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In those 2 years the the pandemic did impact the rate at which fund balance is getting spent down a little bit, just because staffing has been a big challenge which I'm sure many of you are aware of in this hiring environment so the balance is declined a little bit more slowly than

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anticipated, but it is declining. Okay, and go to the next slide.

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The long-term outlook. Oh, sorry 2 slides, because we are going backwards.

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The long-term outlook on the 5 year outlook is generally, so far as we're hearing from the city economist thus far is positive.

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We expect to have sufficient revenues to maintain a consistent level of funding to meet our current grant commitments plus renewals over the next 2 years, and also to be able to continue investing a similar level of money in the community.

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If this levy is renewed by the voters, if you choose to refurbish.

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Okay. Last, slide. And I'll wrap up by just saying that, as you've heard from the folks, and specifically mark most recently, the effects of the pandemic have fallen very heavily on children and families and youth in our community and disproportionately on people in marginalized communities

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children in youth have really struggled to maintain academic achievement when school was locked down and school attendance, social skills, social connection, even, and mental health have all been really big challenges, increased houselessness and community violence, as you've heard from folks have added further stress.

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To children and families, so as we continue to work on solving problems that the pandemic has given us.

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Now, more than ever, we need to invest in children and youth and help them recover from this.

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So I really urge you to vote to refer this to voters at the May election.

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Thank you. Very good. Thank you. Colleagues. At this point.

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Are there any questions? Do we have public testimony? We don't do we don't thank you.

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Very good colleagues any questions at this particular juncture.

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Please go for it. Thank you for the comprehensive presentation.

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Looking at the history of the children's levy that predated universal pre-k in Multinoma County.

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And as you look at it to the future, for how the levy might be positioned, going forward, do you see a mix potentially changing in terms of the allocation of dollars between, you know, just on the age spectrum giving some funding sources now for you know, universal pre-k that didn't exist

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when Levy was adopted, and in your really your last slide we have some real challenges.

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Post-pandemic, a lot of children lacking such like, you know, social emotional development during the pandemic in someural education gaps.

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I'm just sort of curious what you envision going forward relative to the past is, this is how you might allocate dollars absolutely.

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I mean I can't imagine that that won't affect it, because we do fund preschool slots currently.

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And I imagine that with the county moving into that area in I mean, they've been gradually ramping up.

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They're preschool slots, and it does depend they have.

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They depend on workforce and also sites to deliver services.

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I expect that likely we will not be funding preschool in the future.

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That's my projection and the county will continue funding that since they're at a bit.

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Since I've been in fluid dialogue with Chair Vega Peterson about this question, and she's working with the partners in that space, and we are looking at how we can thoughtfully reallocate more up to the vent four years and the youth year but it's nothing it's a

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ramp up process, and she's an active dialogue.

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People in that space. So Chair Vega Peterson is all over that question, too.

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Thanks for asking, and, as you know, there are services that are not preschool, that young children get.

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So there's a lot of home visiting services. We fund for children 0 to 3.

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Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First I want to thank everyone for their presentations today.

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This was, this is an impressive program, really glad to refer to the voters.

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I have a couple of very technical questions which I suspect we might not be able to answer today.

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But on the off chance we have someone in the room who you could brief us on this this I'll throw them out there.

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Do you know how we expect compression to impact this next chapter of the levy?

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I mean the revenue forecast that the economist gives me takes into account compression.

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So the the numbers that we've looked at we look like to be able to susustain investment over time.

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The current level of investment includes compression. So we do get some.

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A small amount of revenue from the parks levy, because that added additional compression for us.

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So they reimburse us for the effects of that additional compression.

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It's maybe \$350,000 a year.

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So something like that a great. I'm glad you mentioned that my second question was, and this is probably something we should punt our budget discussions which are looming in about a month.

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I'd love to get a briefing about the interaction between the children's levy and the parks.

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Levy. I think you referenced how they support each other I'm not sure if I completely understand all the mechanics around that so I'd love it would be great if we could learn more about that.

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I think that's more of a budget question as opposed to a word for real question.

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Ok, great. And let's know, that's also an impact question.

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Because really, budgets are about having impact. So the great news and Chris Rubio knows this very well is the parks are the staging ground for much of children's levy activities.

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They really enhance one another, and so we'll give you some specific examples of that.

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But I've always been impressed on Allocation Committee meetings, where we often have that overlap between the services of the parks and the children's levy, and how they leverage and actually get greater impact okay, thank you.

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Great great any further comments, questions.

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Thank you all for the great presentations. Thank you. The resolution.

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Please call the roll, r Ribio. So wanna thank Director Pellegrino for her presentation, as well as Dan and Duncan for being here today.

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And all of our guests, who did an excellent job of sharing their experiences as a former director of a nonprofit.

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That's also been a recipient of levy funds.

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I feel like I can talk a little bit about this I've witnessed the real life impacts that these investments do make.

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And I'm a huge supporter of the children's levy and but for the levy, I know that our nonprofit wouldn't have had the ability to scale our culturally-specific learning early learning programs, and then eventually after school programs to serve more children in need across the

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city. And I also want can say, and personally attest to the fact, that the Levy staff are very rigorous in assessing organizational capacity and outcomes data.

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So voters can really be assured that these investments are thoughtfully made in trusted proven organizations.

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With strong outcomes. I also want to lift up how responsive the levy was during the pandemic they were able to support 45 organization on the front lines, and thereby assuring that parents and caregivers and youth had the necessary resources, and especially hunger relief which was a big issue in

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the community during this time. And finally, I wanna appreciate all of the funded nonprofits and their workers who are doing all this work I want you all to know that we see you and appreciate the dedication and their adocacy and putting their hearts into the community every day so

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lastly, and thanks to former Commissioner Salzman for all those years ago, recognizing the need for the levy and taking action on it, it's really made truly a difference in the community, and what a how wonderful to see the legacy that you've left this community!

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So thank you. So I'm happy to vote. I, Ryan.

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Yeah, first, on my sincere gratitude to all the children.

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Mia was the star of the show. Obviously was, it was ready for a microphone.

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Grace from Roseway Heights, and the youth at Park Rose elevate program, and the adults, the mentors who took time out their busy schedules today to share their stories and experiences, and for the students I really want to acknowledge your civics duty that you play today that

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is life curriculum and if I can be of any help to get you any credit, it's school.

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Let me know. Dr. Pellegrino, executive Director Pellegrino, the staff at the Levy.

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You're so dogged about the oversight you are rigorous.

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I remember being a recipient myself, and a lot of questions are asked.

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A lot of details must be provided to make sure that you're able to get a renewal of those funds and that accountability was something that Commissioner Salzman made sure was a part of this system, and we're grateful for that I also want to just acknowledge

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your entire team that are, that have been part of this to my fellow members of Allocation Committee.

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Chair. Vega Peterson, Tracy, Rossi, Felicia Trip, Folsom and Mitch Horniker.

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It's just awesome serving with all of you.

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We have really great meetings. We are all, I think, precursor people, so they probably go over a little bit longer than the staff intends, and it's because we've actually had a chance to really have engagement.

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And that was especially noted which Commissioner Rubio noted during the pandemic, and just how many were suffering from isolation, and how important it was to have these extra investments that the data is grim in many ways right now, but imagine what it would have been without the children's

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levy during that time of shutdown and some isolation, and I also want to acknowledge 2 members of my staff who have been very instrumental the past couple years.

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Darien, Jones, and Jill Suede, who's in the audience right now. Thank you.

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You're the best and it's really great to have a team focused on this project.

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As you heard today from our founders. I'm going to call you the Founders Commissioner.

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Dan Salzman and one of my mentors. All although he's younger than me.

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Duncan Campbell for for being here today.

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It really means a lot we're on your shoulders.

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And this levy is valuable and ongoing, and, as Commissioner Levy said, it's one heck of a legacy to have.

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So with this track record of operating in line with the city's diversity and values, this powerful work was made possible by the levy is something that all Portlanders, Portland voters have told us time and time again it's worth the investment so thank you.

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Voters and taxpayers. I urge you to vote.

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Yes, on the lever. Renewal. Vote to renew is a vote for Portland's children, youth and families, and it's definitely a vote for our future.

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The importance of the renewal of the Portlands children levy cannot be overstated, it supports children as we heard experiencing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, and other serious challenges without the levy.

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Many of our children and youth would be left without the support and resources they need to thrive.

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The programs and services that the levy funds are not just field-good initiatives.

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They are investments in our children's future. Children who receive support and resources early in life are more likely to grow healthy, educated, and productive members of society.

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I think the story from the young man at Park rose hopefully.

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He's going on to Oregon State to become a veterinarian.

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The fact that he's been in a program since sixth grade, and they all said it was like a family.

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I think that testimony said that all this truly is our long-term economic plan.

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These are the upstream investments we need when we target investments in children, youth and families whom we have often failed and past generations.

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We're putting actual teeth into equity from birth to career.

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Our goal is by age 25. A person raised in our community is actually economically mobile.

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They are said to be the first in their family to graduate from high school college, the trades, the first in their family to own a business, own a home.

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This is an investment to actually build generational wealth. Our children and youth are our future, and we must do everything we can, especially this critical time as we come out of Covid, shut down in isolation to ignite such necessary investments and ensure that our children and youth have the support and resources they need today

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would be my mother's 90 seventh birthday. She passed away at age 68, and like anyone who's lost their parents, they grow deeper in your heart than the longer you're round.

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Why do I mention her today? Well, because she was a foster child from birth to age, 13.

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She lived in a dozen homes until she finally landed at her father's home.

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At age 13, she's a miracle fact that she was able to marry and raise 8 children and have a good life, says something, but it was through happenstance.

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We didn't have programs like this back then. So this is very personal for me.

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And so today, I'm just really grateful that Commissioner Salzman started this targeted focused on the Foster system as well.

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Thank you. So with my mother in my heart I encourage all of the all of my colleagues to vote.

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Yes, support the voter. Referral of this ballot. Renewal of Portland children's levy to support the future of our city's children.

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Gonzales I just wanna thank the presenters today.

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Commissioner Salzman for the foresight so many years ago.

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It was great to hear children's voices in this building.

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We need to see more of that. Hear more of that. It's felt in recent years that families and children have often been in the back burners unintentionally for some tough policy decisions.

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We've had to make as we face the pandemic and other challenges, and it's just love to hear their voices in these halls and looking forward to as we drive forward in the city, centering it on families and children.

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And I think the children's levy is a big part of it.

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So I go. Hi, thank you. I'd like to thank Commissioner Ryan for bringing this item forward, and I'd also like to thank our invited guests for their testimony, and I'll take a moment to thank the children's levy staff and volunteers for the important work they do on behalf

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of our city's children. I'm glad to vote.

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I, and refer this item to my voters, Wheeler, I want to thank all of our presenters today.

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All of our speakers, especially those from Portland's children, Levy Urco, elevate, as well as friends of the children for joining us today and sharing what I thought was a really engaging and positive presentation.

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Thank you for that. I also want to thank Commissioner Dan Salzman for his continued service to the community of Portland.

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Thank you. Duncan Campbell. Thank you for continuing your important legacy in this community, and never leaving a stone unturned for the youth in our community.

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And indeed around the nation. Thank you. And Lisa, what can I say?

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What a great foot soldier you have been! What dedication you've shown over a period of many, many years to make this program successful, and I can speak with some personal understanding of how rigorous you are, and how accountable you are to the public that voted to support this

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overwhelmingly on prior occasions. It continues to be successful, and Dan Ryan, thank you for your leadership as chair of the Allocation Committee.

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There's no question that the city has benefited tremendously from your educational background.

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The many years of work that you did with children as well as the insight that you've provided on how the city can better support youth in our community.

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So I want to thank you personally for that leadership.

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I hope that people heard today was over the past 2 decades the children's levy has provided invaluable support and enrichment and opportunities for children and youth within our community to really achieve the potential that they have the ability to achieve this is a levy that better underscores

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the importance of giving kids a strong start to life through early childhood programming and resources for their guardians as well as they support the development of their youth, and I think that's really one of the most brilliant things about this levies.

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It's not just the kids, it's holistically.

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How do you support the infrastructure that supports kids, including the families?

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And we heard some really important testimony on that front today.

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It also provides focused mentorship as well as after school programming, so that children can connect with adult role models in the community with the knowledge about what kind of skills and what kind of steps they need to take in order to be successful and they can often do it through lived experience and direct connections with

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the circumstances that the youth in our community find themselves in and increasingly, that is a complex set of factors for young people in our community to navigate on their own.

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And this is a statement that they're not on their own.

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This is a statement that we, as a community, support the youth in our community, and will do what we can to support them.

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It quite literally fuels youth and families experiencing food insecurity through various hunger relief programs.

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And we all know that this is a situation that's getting more dire month to month.

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All of this is to say that the children's levy funds, incredible, meaningful, and impactful work all across the community it's my expectation that Portland voters will continue to deliver overwhelming support for this levy renewal as it goes back to the ballot in

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mail may, as they have over the last 3 cycles we're not really going to delve on it today.

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But the political team behind this is top-notch. I know that they understand that the voters of this city, and indeed, I think voters everywhere are really scrutinizing any tax asks at this point, and thankfully, the children's levy, as was indicated right up front has been extremely accountable

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and extremely effective with the dollars that have been entrusted by the taxpayers of this community.

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I believe this is one of the most accountable tax measures anyone anywhere will ever see on a ballot, and for a worthy cause.

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So I joined my colleagues here in strongly encouraging the people of this community to continue to support our youth you did it overwhelmingly previously, if the need was strong 20 years ago.

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Think about how important this is to youth today, in this environment where they are being challenged on every front, we need to support our kids.

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This is the cost-effective, efficient way for us to be able to do it in a way that we have proven works so let's all get behind it.

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Let's all support it. As this Council overwhelmingly has.

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I vote I. The resolution is adopted. Good luck will be there with you.

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Shoulder to shoulder, and we're adjourned.

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Thank you. Everybody.