



September 20-21, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Commissioner Rubio presided.

Officers in attendance: Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-4 roll call.

Council recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:34 a.m.

Communications

780

[Request of Jeanne Connett to address Council regarding housing](#) (Communication)

Document number: 780-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Kara Hamilton to address Council regarding transportation justice and traffic safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 781-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Chris Kleronomos to address Council regarding safety and cleanliness](#) (Communication)

Document number: 782-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Todd Zarnitz to address Council regarding Northwest District Association concerns about the lack of a Slabtown Park agreement](#) (Communication)

Document number: 783-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Don Baack to address Council regarding SW Capitol Highway Rose Lane Project](#) (Communication)

Document number: 784-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

785

[Appoint Jason Margolis as Creative Laureate for term to expire June 30, 2025 and extend term of Joaquin Lopez to June 30, 2024](#) (Report)

Document number: 785-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Consent Agenda

786

[Authorize contract with Jacobs Associates, Inc., dba Delve Underground, for design services and provide payment for the Sheridan Trunk Work Zone 1-5 Realignment Project E11006 for \\$1,458,892 \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191458

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

787

[Amend Designation of Streets, Avenues, Boulevards, and Drives Code to assign Court and affirm Place as a street name suffix \(amend Code Section 17.92.030\)\(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191452

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 770.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

788

[Rename SW Westpoint Ct to SW West Point Ct on Multnomah County Assessor map to match existing addresses and to match an existing street name sign \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191453

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 771.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

789

[Rename SE 110th Dr to SE 111th Dr to align the street name with the SE 111th Ave and Foster Rd intersection](#)
(Ordinance)

Document number: 191454

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 772.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

790

[Approve Council Minutes for April 5, 2023 - August 31, 2023](#) (Report)

Document number: 790-2023

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Auditor's Office; Council Clerk

Disposition: Approved

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Regular Agenda

791

[Authorize contract with Jackson Group Peterbilt, Inc. not to exceed \\$1,496,240 for the purchase of two paint striper vehicles](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191459

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

792

[Authorize Price Agreement with Peterson Machinery Company for Caterpillar parts and service not to exceed \\$6,500,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191460

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

793

[Initiate foreclosure action on certain properties for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the properties](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division; Treasury

Second reading agenda item 776.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the removal of Property 1, 1225 NE 109th Ave., from the list of properties in the ordinance, to update Exhibit A to reflect this change, and to remove Exhibit B-1: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)

794

[Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the NE 33rd Drive Pump Station Upgrade Project E10910 through negotiation or exercise of the City's eminent domain authority](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191462

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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[*Authorize grant application to U.S. Department of Transportation to improve safety, access, and community connections for the N/NE Broadway Main Street and Supporting Connections and 82nd Avenue Corridor Safety and Access for Cully and Sumner Neighborhoods projects for a total up to \\$80 million \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191455

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

796

[Amend the local improvement district boundary and create a new assessment zone for the NE 46th Ave and Bryant St Local Improvement District to construct stormwater improvements on NE 42nd Ave and on NE Columbia Blvd \(C-10065\) \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191456

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation; Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 763.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Council convened at 2:20 p.m.

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Gonzalez left at 4:10 p.m.

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

Council recessed at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

Council recessed at 5:03 p.m.

Time Certain

797

[Amend Council Organization and Procedures Code to align with the amended City Charter approved by voters in Portland Measure 26-228 \(replace Code Chapter 3.02\).](#)(Ordinance)

Document number: 191461

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

798

[Adopt the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund Climate Investment Plan in effect through October 31, 2028](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191463

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 2 hours

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 21, 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.

Commissioner Gonzalez left at 2:30 p.m. and returned at 3:33 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Mike Porter, Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:18 p.m.

Council adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Time Certain

799

[Accept final report of the Police Accountability Commission](#) (Report)

Document number: 799-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 2 hours

Disposition: Accepted As Amended

Motion to replace the Police Accountability Commission report: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to include the Police Accountability Commission final City Code recommendations: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to accept the report as amended: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Gonzalez.

Votes: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
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**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
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Charlie Michelle-Westley	799
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Monica Arce	799
Tiana Tozer	799
James Ofsink	799
Matt LaVine	799
Susan Griffin	799
Carol Landsman	799
Kristin Olson	799
Brian Owendoff	799
Carol Cushman	799
Richard Perkins	799
Mr Barnett	799
Candace Avalos	799
John Jackson	799
Mary Costantino	799
Angie Tomlinson	799

Levi A.	799
Trish Garner	799
Juan Chavez	799
Philip Chachka	799
Marc Poris	799
Amy Wood	799
Seemab Hussaini	799
Pastor Robin Wisner	799
Loretta Guzman	799
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Patrick Patterson	799
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Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

September 20, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Okay we're good morning everyone. In today is September 20, 2023. And this is the morning session of the Portland City Council meeting. And you may start recording. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, gonzales here, maps here. Rubio here. Ryan here. Wheeler okay, now we will hear from the city attorney.

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [ww dot Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://ww.gov) information on engaging with City Council can be found at the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. 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. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, counsel may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary to disclose if you are a

lobbyist and if you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Great. Thank you for that. First up is communication. So Keelan, could you please call the first item item 780 request of Jeannie Connett to address council regarding housing.

Speaker: Jeannie Connett okay. I don't think they've arrived to the next one. Item 781 request of Carol Hamilton to address council regarding transportation, justice and traffic safety care is joining us online.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning. Councilors my name is Carol Hamilton. I'm a resident of southeast Portland. I've been primarily commuting by bike and bus since 2022 when my car was totaled by a drunk driver while parked on southeast Milwaukee Avenue. But I'm here today for Jeannie Diaz, who, as you know, was killed by a drunk driver while waiting on the sidewalk for a bus at the corner of southeast Taylor and Cesar Chavez. I'm here because I don't want this to happen to anyone ever again. I'm also here because my partner was Jeannie's friend and colleague at Belmont Library. Imagine for a moment what it's like to not only lose your friend, but then to have to see the place she died every single day you go to work. My partner also commutes by bike for weeks after Jeannie was killed, he avoided Taylor on his daily commute so that he didn't have to cross that intersection. However there are very few places on Chavez that are safe for cyclists to cross, so he had to choose between putting himself in an unsafe situation or being even more traumatized every time he went to work. Cesar Chavez is not safe. I personally have been honked at while walking on the sidewalks because they're so narrow. There's almost no separation from traffic. I'm asking you to direct PBOT to implement changes to actually make streets safe for everyone. On specific changes

I'd like to see to Chavez include wider sidewalks and reduced speeds, particularly adjacent to the library. So many children and vulnerable people use libraries. We should treat them the same way we would a school. However, as much as I want to see these changes to Chavez in particular, I know that many neighborhoods in Portland still lack sidewalks and bike networks, which is why we need to lead with equity so that people who have been pushed out of the urban core also have access to alternate modes. This is also why I want to uplift the asks from Oregon walks and bike loud for a regional inter-agency fatal crash task force and for hardened pedestrian and bike infrastructure throughout Portland, which I know you plan to respond to. Councilor Mapps. I imagine you are under immense pressure from constituents who want you to reduce trip times for cars the way to do that is to not remove protected bike lanes, but to continue to invest in complete hardened pedestrian transit and bike infrastructure so that alternate modes feel safe and accessible for people who currently depend on cars. And so we can ultimately get more cars off the road. Enforcement and paint are not enough. Just this August I was almost hit while in the bike lane crossing Grand from Southeast Madison. The car that almost hit me was a police cruiser. These changes are not only a necessity to protect prevent traffic deaths, but to address the climate crisis. Although the city has acknowledged the crisis and committed to cutting emissions, we are nowhere close to our goal of cutting emissions in half by 2035. Streets are one of our biggest public assets and they belong to everyone. It is our responsibility to act now for all the people just trying to get to where they need to go and for the children and future generations to come who deserve a safe future. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Cara. Next up, item.

Speaker: Item seven eight to request of Chris Klironomos to address council regarding safety and cleanliness. Okay. Yes please.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you all. My name is chris klironomos.

Speaker: Would you mind having a seat and pulling the microphone up to you?
Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you for having me. My name is chris klironomos. My wife and I just moved in and purchased a home in the northwest district about six months ago, investing a lot of money in rehabbing that house. And now we spend the majority of our time either terrified or my wife sobbing that we're going to lose all our money. Okay this the burden that has been placed on each individual is real and that's what I want to bring your attention to, the micro impact that it has on people, not the big macro policy changes. Real people. I don't know about you guys. I can't afford to lose all my money. This was supposed to be our retirement urban living and empty nest. Right? And it's not. It's a daily struggle. I have become the garbage man, the policeman, the social worker. Three days ago, I had to physically remove two guys breaking into my house. Okay I really appreciate all the city workers. Pbot a whole bunch of people really trying to help us in our neighborhood. But ultimately, you know, no offense. The responsibility is on you guys. And by almost every metric, it's been a failure. Okay and I would like to see a shift in attitude. And I recognize that all of these are complex issues. We all do. Right but there has to be a shift in attitude. We've allowed 3 to 5000 people over take a city of almost a million, and that's all I hear about in the news in council meetings, in problem solver meetings that I attend. What are we doing about our unhoused neighbors? What are we doing about mentally ill? What are we doing about addiction? I have not heard once somebody say, what are we doing to help bob, chris, joe, not one thing, right. And that has to change. It can't be my burden. I'm happy to participate. But this is this is a social contract, right? I pay my taxes in exchange for services. I agree to give up freedoms. Right. To follow the rules. But

why am I the only one that has to follow them? I now have less rights than the people causing the problems. Somebody who dies on my property. I'm getting sued and I have to physically remove somebody. I'm getting sued. I, you know, don't want people shooting up or my dog inhaling fentanyl. You know, I'm getting criticized for being anti whatever. Okay. I'm a very liberal progressive guy. I don't want to be the bad guy. You guys are making me the bad guy. And that's not okay, right? We need to be attracting businesses. We need to be attracting investors. We need to have clean, safe environments. You guys know all this, right? So my ask is a shift in attitude to emphasize the people who are paying and participating in this and to do, you know, really pay attention to the policies that are impacting people for real because this can't continue. Right. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And I think we have commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Yeah. Mr. Am I pronouncing that right? Chironomus yes, close enough. Thank you. Thank you so much for your testimony. You know, I was sharing with my colleagues, I participated in a town hall yesterday on the measure 110 and the fentanyl crisis. And I listened for nearly an hour of what was right for the user from a variety of perspective issues. And as policy makers, it is our responsibility to certainly consider the needs of those that are struggling with substance use disorder, that are suffering from behavioral health crisis, but they're not the only constituents here. And so I very much appreciate your testimony. Please continue to speak up. I wish that you didn't have to, but right now we need you to speak up and this body recently approved by a unanimous vote ban, an outdoor drug, use. Unfortunately, we have to wait for the state legislature to allow us to enforce it. It's ridiculous. It's absurd. Right. But that's where we are in Oregon right now. We've also placed limitations on the time, place and manner of camping. We know we're going to get sued over it. So we have to jump through a bunch of hoops before we

actually enforce it. I wish it was being enforced right now. I understand from the mayor's team it's going to be a couple more weeks, but we know we're going to get sued. That is our reality as a city of Portland. I wish it weren't that way. We're pushing as hard as we can, but I just want to thank you for testifying.

Speaker: I appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Ryan yeah, thank you.

Speaker: Council president Rubio. And thank you, commissioner Gonzalez. Chris, I wanted to look at you. There you are. We all hear what you're saying. And if the temperature check up here is in full agreement with everything you said, I also am a person that lives in a block that's had two grim incidents in the past week. And it happens at least once a month where a neighbor, including myself, has had such incident. So we hear what you're saying. I just want to ask you a question or maybe a request. We have to align the arrows with the other local local entities and their policies, and that would be locally with the county who has half of public safety and also with the state. So I hope that you take this message also to your county commissioners and also to your state legislature chairs and senators, because sometimes the City Council is in our own little island. And if we're not rowing in the same direction with the other entities that we work with, it's really hard to have impact. So I just I think I really wish all Portlanders would would know that. But it's not your fault. We have a big brand, so people come here and we need to always hear it and keep us focused. But I just wanted to ask you if you've been able to reach out to those constituents, those elected officials that represent you as well? Yeah, I have not.

Speaker: Right this second, we've been working with pbot a lot. Dakota Jackson from the mayor's office, Jackson Powell from your office, who's they've all been just down at the garbage. They've all been fantastic. Elizabeth they've really been doing

a great job. And I hear the same thing from them right. But even the district police have been really trying to participate with us. I mean, these things shouldn't be mutually exclusive. I'm happy to reach out and testify and bring the message elsewhere. We have a community group put together now. Yeah. If somebody could just help the right direction.

Speaker: Elected bodies hear the same thing. And I just want to share the communication, if you will, with our colleagues, because we tend to be the entity that's sometimes leading the way on, I would say knowing that those who are investing in Portland are constituents that are having a rough time because their invoices go up and their services go down and the city hears that loud and clear all the time. And it just helps when you are able to share that message with our entities as well. And that helps us all like listen to one another. And then again row in the same direction. Yeah that's great.

Speaker: I'm happy to do that.

Speaker: Thank you so much for being here.

Speaker: Yeah, thank you. Thank you, chris.

Speaker: Item 783 request of todd zarnitz to address council regarding north west district association concerns about the lack of a slabtown park agreement. Okay. Those better.

Speaker: Hi guys.

Speaker: Thank you so much for your time. So much appreciate it. My name is todd and I am the president of the northwest district association. The northwest district was promised to park in slabtown as a key part of the development of that area under the conway master plan. The master plan gave the landowners and developers the rights to build massive apartment complexes, which they did do and are currently doing with the understanding that a one acre parcel would become an

urban park. And though the Conway master plan offers that acre of land to the city to create a park, it doesn't require the city to take it, and the city has not taken it. But at the end of the year, the Conway master plan will sunset and when the plan sunsets, so does the obligation for the park. The land reverts back to the base, zoning and the park disappears, as if the city, for whatever reason, cannot fulfill its obligations under a plan that it itself helped develop and approved. It's unclear how any future city land development agreement can be taken seriously by anybody. The land in question is currently owned by Guardian Real Estate. Guardian has stated publicly that it wants to hand over the land to the city for the low, low price of \$0. So why hasn't the city taken the land? Well, apparently Parks wants Guardian to remediate the land before offering it to the city, even though Guardian is not legally required to hand over the land in the first place, let alone for \$0. And Guardian, along with many other developers and landowners of Slabtown, have already paid Parks millions of dollars in system development charges known as SDCHs and zero of these millions of dollars in SDCHs collected have been reinvested in the Slabtown district, which is the purpose of the fees in the first place. If this land is not turned over to the city by the end of the year, anything can happen. Some possibilities include Guardian could do nothing with the land and it's just going to be an empty lot for a long time. Guardian could sell the land to a third party who would then have full legal rights to develop the land under the base zoning which could mean they could put up apartments or office space there where it should be a park or Guardian could develop the land themselves. As for sure, Guardian can be made to look like the bad guy here, as they're not taking money out of their own account to fully remediate the land before handing it over to the city. However, we have to remember that they have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders, which does not include spending money on public works projects. In fact, the

directors could be sued by their own shareholders if that were to happen and that the city is refusing to take an acre of land in a dense urban neighborhood for free because the topsoil is in pristine is, in our view, ridiculous. And if the city doesn't take the land for \$0 by the end of the year, the opportunity for the park as promised by its own master plan, can be lost forever. Please do not let our future park slabtown park disappear where the money has been collected via sdcs. If the land is being offered for \$0 and the clock expires at the end of the day on this December 31st. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: First of all, todd, thanks for being here. When you come and bring such things to my attention as a commissioner, that oversees a bureau that was handed to me, it always helps to hear such details. I have looked into it and I'm really happy that brett, you're there. Would you raise your hand? I'd love it if you to talk after this. But what I know is that the property is transferred ownership several times in recent years. You probably know this, too, right, todd? Yes. And guardian real estate services is the current owner, as you explained so eloquently. And the parks and rec continues to negotiate with them in good faith. We as I hear from the leadership at parks and rec, are still very optimistic that they'll get to a favorable resolution. And it really helps when there's advocates like you to keep us on our toes. So you and brett, please talk and let's figure this out.

Speaker: Yeah, I think our concern is the deadline is approaching and anything can happen.

Speaker: You were you did the right thing at the right time. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Item 784 request of don bok to address council regarding southwest capital highway rose lane project. Don's joining us online. I don't ram.

Speaker: I don you're muted.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Hi. This is don bok. I'm the president of 51 year resident of hillsdale commissioners. I'm here to talk about some minor things because the report from pbot on the rose lane was not available to comment on, which I was anticipating. So I'd like to talk about issues on terwilliger and drinking fountains is relatively minor compared to some of the things before you. But on the other hand, there important. I signed up to talk well, if that's okay, I think I have to ask permission if that's okay to proceed.

Speaker: Yes. Yeah, that's fine.

Speaker: Thank you anyway.

Speaker: Terwilliger is one of our city's premier places to drive bike, walk and walk. It was developed as a showplace to our city. It's also the only safe bicycle and pedestrian connection to downtown. For 60,000 southwest residents other than along the waterfront. We simply do not have sidewalks for people to walk for greater southwest to ohsu, va or downtown. You can see on the photo here is a example of a street light and you'll notice that this cone is bolted to the ground. Now that suggests to me that the pbot isn't in great, great need of or in very actively trying to replace this. This has been there I think, for several years at least one and next photo, please. The key thing here is this is the only place people can walk down town. Lighting is extremely important on for safety of people and for their idea of, you know, is it safe to get downtown even during you know and walking home along terwilliger so, you know, the issue here is it needs to be a higher priority photo to please. I've received I'm sorry, back one up. I've received comments from pbot basically that they're fixing to do it, fixing to do it by ordering budgets, ordering materials. And so on. I suspect that the priority needs to be up a bit, folks, you know, this is probably the most important walking foot place we have in southwest Portland and lighting is extremely important. That's the issue I'm

trying to raise. Next photo. The third one is, is parks. I believe this guardrail has been missing for, again, years and the yellow tape doesn't do much for safety. It's an eyesore. Little things like this really affect people's attitude towards the city in terms of is this parks department incompetent? Are they basically don't care about our pristine terwilliger. It just needs to be addressed and fixed. Finally, I want to talk about drinking fountains. Next slide. First of all, I want to thank the parks department for getting the drinking fountain at wells high school of reinstated. It was after five years of not being able to use it. It's now usable. Thank you. This drinking fountain is inoperable. It was inoperable since last fall. What happened? The parks allowed campers to camp in the park. The campers used the drinking fountain and when the parks turned it off and they did turn it off, it got basically. If I may finish real quickly, the it hasn't been repaired for a year. And we this is a very key thing. This is the crossing trail three and six. Thank you very much. Madam president.

Speaker: Can I jump in here? Yes, please. Uh, great. Thank you, don. Thank you so much for taking time to testify before us today. I know you were eager to talk about the capital highway and the rose lanes. Um, and I appreciate your being cognizant of the fact that we're still gathering data on this. Let me give you a quick update. I think I've met with your group certainly probably last spring we even went out, did a tour to see some of your concerns about that infrastructure here. I've asked pbob to study the impact some of the recent infrastructure changes we've made in that space have had on how people move through this neighborhood. And I am still waiting for the final report to come out or at least reach my desk. But here's what I will do. It's not here yet, but here's what I will do. Um, I think we have some preliminary results. I'll ask my office to reach out and connect with you by. By the end of next week. Just to give you a sense of what our preliminary results say, I will

also also have my office connect with you about some of the transportation issues that you raised today. Um, and frankly, this will be a good education opportunity. We have some transition in my office. I'll have a new person working on transportation starting on Monday, so I'll have Cynthia, who will be the new transportation person on my team, connect with you to on her first week in office, both to give you a sense of what our preliminary data shows on the Rose Lane projects and it'll also give you an opportunity to open up a dialog with Cynthia around some of your other transportation concerns. Thank you. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: Well, thank you all for your testimony. So if that concludes our communication items and if there are no other comments from my colleague, we'll move on to the time certain. Okay.

Speaker: Item 785, a point. Jason Margolis, as creative laureate for term to expire June 30th, 2025 and extend term of Joaquin Lopez to June 30th, 2024. This one. Good morning.

Speaker: So Commissioner Ryan yes thank you.

Speaker: Council President Rubio and said you're really connected to this next item as well colleagues today is with great pleasure and excitement that I have the honor of introducing two exceptional individuals who have made a significant contribution to our city's vibrant arts and cultural scene as arts and culture commissioner, it's my privilege to present to you the creative laureates who will continue to champion the artistic spirit of our beloved city. Firstly, I'd like to introduce the new creative laureate, Jason Margolis. There he is, waving his hand, our new creative laureate, Jason brings with him a deep passion for music and wealth of experience as an instrumental music teacher at Roosevelt High School, my alma mater. His journey from a young music enthusiast in Seattle to his

instrumental music teaching career in Portland, showcased his his dedication to the art form and for our community. Jason's mission as creative laureate is to amplify our city's commitment to the arts and music, recognizing their profound role in healing and rejuvenating our beloved Portland. And I believe that Jason's tenure will usher in a new era of enhanced artistic engagement and appreciation for our residents, which really does start at the school level and in the neighborhoods and in communities. I believe I will just want to say a couple of things, not on the script.

Darian. Sorry, I'll just add a few things. I met you because I go to Roosevelt sportsball events, because I do that even before I now it's harder to go because I've had this gig. But I sure loved watching the evolution. I remember the first time I saw you must have been 20 some years ago now. Yeah, you got a few people to play instruments, but you didn't have a middle school program. And you told me then that your goal was to see the investment agents obviously go down into the middle school years. I think all of us were in school once. That's why everyone's an expert on public education and it's that you had I love saying that, that you have a chance to really build that that pipeline, as I say, because it's kids don't readily pick up an instrument in high school. We all know the brain thinks differently then. But if you can get them like at the end of elementary school, blowing on things, beating on things, just expressing themselves, it's like it begins a whole journey that allows them to really stay engaged in life and in school and as a person that relied on arts and sports to stay focused. And I'm a real enthusiast for that. So when I was thinking when I have this role, you get to pick an arts laureate. It was just so important for me to find someone like you. So you're a great story. It's a story that needs to be amplified, and when you all won some awards over the last two years, to think that Roosevelt high school went from barely having a band program to now getting the top honors at the state amongst all those competitors from

those salem and medford schools, which used to dominate, is such a great story. So thank you for being here. And we'll hear a little bit more from you now I'm pivoting to the veteran and you're the veteran now. Joaquim's and we're extending our appreciation to the current art laureate, which is joaquin lopez and my colleague, commissioner Rubio was really smart to appoint you a couple of years ago. And you've done nothing but been amazing in your role. And I think this also sets up a system that would be great to have someone that's been engaged for a couple of years in this role and then the new person coming in. A little bit of pressure on you, jason, to consider doing this for more than two years. And then we could kind of see a rotation like that. So it's great to have you back and there's all this other things I was supposed to say, but I need to stop and just turn it over to jeff so that the two of you and jeff can give us a report. Thanks for being here. Excited.

Speaker: Thank you. Dan, thank you, commissioner Ryan, and good morning. City Council. For the record, my name is jeff hawthorne. I'm the city arts program manager. Just a quick background on this program, the creative laureate program was first established in 2012 when City Council appointed photographer julie keefe as the city's first creative laureate of Portland, sebastiani, guinness and forbes was our second creative laureate from 2018 to 2021, and in 2021, under commissioner Rubio's leadership, the city appointed two creative laureates joaquin lopez and lila hale, as the agenda item reads and commissioner Ryan noted, we are presenting joaquin today for an extended term of one year and asking you to appoint jason margolis for a two year term so we can set up staggered terms. So that one creative laureate can hopefully always be there to mentor a new incoming creative laureate. This is an honorary role designed to be the city's ambassador to our vibrant, creative community. The creative laureate also advocates for Portland's diverse arts and culture ecosystem and to and advocates for the broader creative economy as

part of their ambassadorial duties, Jason and Joaquin will receive quarterly briefings from the city arts program and from Commissioner Ryan's office on the city's arts and culture priorities, and will ask for their help communicating those priorities and those projects to the creative community and to the public at large. For example, one of our priorities, priorities right now, as you know, is our cultural planning process. And Joaquin actually sits on the board of our cultural planning steering committee. Another priority is the arts education and access fund. We want to make sure that everyone understands the impact of the arts tax, and we will be asking for their help communicating that. Jason is obviously well positioned to do that. As an arts educator himself. And another priority is the Portland monuments project. We will be asking our creative laureates to help promote the city's engagement activities this fall and winter and to invite the community's participation in this important conversation. So we will also ask our creative laureates to be conversant in the city's core values. Our form of government, our charter transition plan, and how community members can access city services. And we will ask our creative laureates to share their perspectives with you from time to time beyond that, we just invite each creative laureate to make the two c's the platform and make it their own and the city arts program provides each creative laureate with an annual honorarium of \$10,000. So with that, it is my honor to and privilege to introduce you to Jason Margolis and to reintroduce you to Joaquin Lopez. Jason, we'll start with you. Okay, thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. I think Dan did a great job of giving some background, but I'm from Seattle, Washington, and I was a band student and been a musician my whole life. Although when I went to University of Oregon, when I, I was not a music major, I was actually a music minor. I did not think I would end up being a band teacher and I got a master's in gen ed k through five special ed k through 12. And so

I ended up at Roosevelt 99 2000 as a special educator, predominantly working with students with learning disabilities, supporting their academics. That was the very last year we had an inkling of a band program and after that year it just fell apart. There was nothing at the middle school and I would start teaching kids guitar after school and making beats on a little drum machine and the principal at the time asked me if I wanted to teach a guitar class as an elective the next year. And I was like, yeah, sure, why not? That'd be great. I love it. And so I continued to do that for five, six years while also carrying on my duties as special educator for and it was all for fun. There were no festivals, no competitions. We'd have real informal concerts, very nontraditional at and. In 2007, when there was a couple of things that happened that year that really planted the seed for me. And that was, first of all, Roosevelt made the state basketball tournament, our men's basketball team, and we went down to Eugene and played in Mac Court, and we were just going through teams. I mean, we made it all the way to the state championship game. It was amazing. And I'm looking at all these other schools that just had these robust pep bands and cheer squads and I'm like, oh my god, we had nothing. We had a great community going down there, checking out the team and that just really laid a foundation for me. I was like, wow, this is crazy. You know, we have nothing supporting our team. And also that year, our principal at the time, she was like, I love what you do with music and our kids. It's so awesome. You should be the music teacher here. And I'm like, well, that's great. But I didn't major in music. I just minored in music. I mean, I'm a lifelong musician. I've been in tons of different bands and stuff. So she was like, that's cool. She was in HR at Portland Public and she said, I'll get you what they call a conditional music license for three years. And I was like, okay, sure. Great. So the condition of the license was that in three years I had to become endorsed as a music educator. So I had to go back to school while

teaching full time, while raising my family. We live in north Portland, very close to roosevelt, actually, and that was a lot. But I loved it because I loved the students at roosevelt and I was just doing it for the kids and I started. To do band stuff. And dan remembers coming out there and we had no middle school feeder program, basically. So that made things really a challenge. And I just continued to do that for, you know, many years. But I liked jazz band because you could flush out a jazz band with about 15 to 20 kids, you know, saxophone, trombones, trumpets, rhythm section, that really spoke to me. I loved jazz music, and we started to go to some competitions. We went to the europe jazz festival a lot down the street and the first year we went, we were like the worst band, their lowest scores, whatever. We had a blast and we'd go back every year and get a little better each year. And then about 2016, when we won our first award there, which was amazing anyway, and then about that time, kristen brayson in, she had a plan for north Portland, which was that we would have middle school band programs in north and northeast Portland in particular in roosevelt cluster feeding into roosevelt and that plan started to take place and it was amazing. I would meet middle school band teachers and they're like, they're coming to roosevelt. I'm like, yay. And then they kind of trickle in year by year. In 2019, we had a robust incoming group of freshmen. It was it was almost overwhelming. You know, I was like, I had like 50 plus kids in my advanced concert band class. I'm like, wow, this is amazing. We're out playing the games. We're out, you know, going to some jazz competitions and we all know what happened in the spring of 2020, right? We all went home and I'm like, why now? Why after all this development is this happen and during that time, you know, it was really a goal of mine to keep my kids together. We were all struggling and kids were struggling with academics. I wasn't going to traumatize him. I was just we had fun online and we came back in 21, 22, and we went to four jazz festivals. We had two jazz bands in a

combo and we won like nine awards trophies, all these different festivals. It was amazing. The kids were so invested, just great kids, super talented that had middle school band experience, most of them, and then last year we went up a division because roosevelt has gotten so big, we went up to the six eight, the biggest division in the state, and I was like, well, it's going to be a lot tougher this year. You guys. And we didn't know how we'd do. But our first festival we qualified for state and that was super cool. And then as the year went on, some festivals we placed at some we didn't. And we made it to the jazz festival competition. The state won for the sixth day, the biggest division in the state, and we would have been happy getting last place. Honestly, we were just so happy to be there and we played our hearts out. The kids did great and we ended up winning the whole thing. It was just it was amazing, you know? And there's amazing bands we're going against and, you know, music isn't all about getting awards. It's about playing with soul and integrity and I guess at the end of the day, well, last year plus we sent like ten kids to music universities, which is amazing. That's a high for us that are starting this fall and at the end of the day, I think last year was a symbol of when our students in north and northeast Portland are given an equitable playing field to play on with other schools. We can compete and be as good or better as any school in the state. And so as creative laureate out of the city of Portland and my goal is, is to maintain and protect and increase music programs at the elementary middle school and high school level. So these things aren't taken away from us. Again like they happened in the 90s. I don't know how that all happened. Grant kept their music programs at the middle school cleveland kept other music, you know, so, you know, I just want to make sure that all those things stay intact so we can continue to do great things. And now there's a full time band teacher at jefferson, which is awesome. I'd like to see that at benson as well. And that's pretty much it. Sorry if I talk too much, but I

was okay. Okay, great. Okay. I think I said everything I wanted to say. Yeah thank you.

Speaker: Oh, I got a frog on my throat. Uh, dear members of Portland City Council. My name is joaquin lopez. I'm an artist and mental health counselor. I'm here today to report about my experience and joy in serving the city of Portland as an arts and culture ambassador in the year 2021. Actually, can I get the I think there's a slide in the year 2021. I was one of two creative laureates appointed by commissioner carmen Rubio alongside lila hale as creative laureates. We each curated our own experience serving our cultural and creative communities. However, we also came together to present an event at peninsula park called arts for all in collaboration with Portland parks and recreation summer free for all. This event featured live traditional latin American folkloric music, aztec dancers, d.o.j. Music, vogue dance, free food boxes and food vendors, a resource fair and creative activities. And we had a great time slide to please. One of the biggest privileges in this role was presenting the storytelling event called pentimento community stories memoir music and poetry, featuring the life of latina leader and elder linda jaramillo. On September 10th and 11th, in 2022, in partnership with Multnomah arts center, we had full crowds and it was so positive, positively received. And I believe linda is here in our council chamber today. Lynn to shared her formative experiences from childhood and adulthood that led her to what she calls today her encore years. We learned about linda's trials and tribulations and what she endured that helped forge and contribute to social justice and common good and transforming her community. We during the presentation, I said a painting stations for people to paint in response to her stories. This slide features the artwork created by community members that day. Highlights of my work in the last two years include speaking to organized stations and colleges, inspiring people to harness the power

of creativity and supporting artists committed to community engagement by setting time aside to listen, mentor and think tank their projects, ideas and experiences. And this is especially important to me since I would not be here without the mentorship of leaders who supported me. One of those leaders. I am grateful to is david martinez. Slide three, please. On may 20th and 21st of this year, I presented voz alta the story of david martinez in partnership with Multnomah arts center director michael cavazos and I interviewed david and from this interview to I wrote a poetic narrative mythology using his life, interpreted interpreted on stage by artists and musicians. For me, it was a full circle moment, giving gratitude to his leadership and the achievements in his life that I and so many others have benefited from. I'm born and raised in eastern Oregon to farmworker parents and a family rooted in mexican values. He founded latino gay pride in 2006 and has been a champion of supporting students to enter higher education. Through his work with prominent universities throughout Oregon region, he served as deputy director at latino network, and today is assistant county administrator for Washington county, working with city arts manager jeff hawthorne and city arts policy advisor and council liaison. Stephen herrera has been a pleasure. As a team we develop the granting process for resiliency, support for cultural organizations using funds from the American rescue plan act of 2021. Jeff and stephen have been instrumental to my growth as creative laureate and ever supportive and responsive of. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve one more year in this role with jason margolis. Under the guidance of commissioner dan Ryan, our new commissioner of culture and livability, we already see I have enjoyed meeting and collaborating with darian jones senior policy director of arts, culture and equity. My goal is to teach jason everything I know and support him as he ventures to create his own path and to further develop the creative lawyer role as arts and culture ambassadors. The

creative laureate program is the highlight of my creative career, and I am grateful to commissioner Carmen Rubio for believing. Carmen Rubio for believing in me and to all the staff and volunteers that have made everything possible. The city of Portland is a city that works at and there's so much more work to be done. Thank you so much. I think I just ran a marathon.

Speaker: That concludes the report. I mean, who wants to talk?

Speaker: I know it's hard to follow that presentation. Is there any public testimony for this? No one signed up?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Okay. Any council comments?

Speaker: I mean, why do we vote?

Speaker: Huh?

Speaker: Do we vote on this? Yeah.

Speaker: Yeah, we're going to. Yeah. Do following. Yeah. Oh okay. So if there's no further discussion, we'll accept a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Okay. Second. Okay. Moved and seconded. Keelan, can you please call the roll?

Speaker: Gonzalez?

Speaker: I just want to thank you both for bringing so much light and joy today and for what you do every day. Inspiring children in this city through a really tough period of time and continue to support them, continue to give them connection, inspiration, just so, so appreciative of what you do and you truly bring some light in. Today. I vote. I and accepting the report. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah

Speaker: I want to echo some of the things my friend and colleague, commissioner Gonzalez mentioned.

Speaker: I'll tell you, I'm heading into my third year, third year on this council and I one of the things I tried to never do is speak for my colleagues who sit on this body, but I'm pretty sure I'm safe in saying this when the creative laureates come and spend some time with us in the chamber, it is really consistently one of the best days in the year. And that is particularly true today. Thank you so much for your presentations. Thank you for the contributions you make to our community. And thank you, Jason, and thank you, Joaquin, for agreeing to step into this. Most important role for the city of Portland as we all know, the city of roses has gone through some trauma in recent years, and we have some healing to do. We heard that in the context of what's happening with our school kids. I'm I got kids in middle school and high school and I can see some of the impact covid and other events have had on them and the arts is certainly part of how this community will heal, which is why I am so glad to join my colleagues in voting. I thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: First of all, those are great stories. So inspiring. You know, we should spend more time focused on the arts. That's always helpful to our city's self-esteem, our city's needs. It. We need that joy just activates everything positive. And the two of you collectively cover a lot of ground. I really like what I can see here. In terms of your own relationship. And I know Jason was really focused on wanting to have an educator be part of this system and we look forward to figuring out how to work with you so that your students could perform here at council chamber. We need to get music back in the chambers.

Speaker: They would love it.

Speaker: Okay then. That's a deal, especially because they get the day off.

Speaker: But it's just put so much joy that I join all of us today in honoring and appointing the two of you.

Speaker: You're both very distinguished, but both Jason and Joaquin. And you're also, you can tell you're wired for this appointment. Not every artist would be. So it's just really awesome. And our city thrives not just because of its natural beauty, its rich history, our vibrant and diverse community that we call home. It's with an unwavering support that the council and the collective efforts of our community. We really aren't a cusp of a renaissance and a renaissance for Portland's streets, neighborhoods and public spaces resonate with melodies, with art, with performance that truly reflect our spirit or diversity. And that's how we become unified. Art is not just an expression, it's a bridge. It's such a great bridge that connects. I would say it's arts and food that really does the language that unites us all and both of you, I want to extend so much gratitude for your support, your dedication and your belief in this noble endeavor that you chose to pursue. You. You're you're unique. Not everyone has the courage to know that their life is about being an artist. And when I talk to my friends who do it for a living, they're like, it was like life or death. It's like, this just makes me feel like I'm alive. And then you just hope that enough money will follow you, that you can pay your bills and so just thank you for saying yes. It was a great story that you told Jason about how you became the maestro out in North Portland. And truly, it's been such an honor for all of us and the alumni network to notice that growth. And I remember for those games at McArthur Court, that was the old McArthur Court, and I brought the superintendent at the time, Vicki Phillips, to those games. And actually in my role as a board chair, I was like, see, look at South Medford. Look at that band and look at Lake Oswego's band, look at Pathetic US. We don't have that. So just know that it was really a moment when we were down at that tournament in the arts and the fact that you built on that is just it was really affirming to hear that story from where you sat and then what I experienced in my role as well. Anyway, those moments

where you could just take a pause and go, life is good. We're doing something right. It may seem minor to a lot of you out there. It's not. This is exactly the healing that will move our city forward. So with that excitement and that joy, colleagues, I vote i.

Speaker: Rubio I want to thank commissioner Ryan for bringing this item forward to council and for the work that you're doing to create an inspiring art scene. It's really exciting to see what's happening. And as as everybody stated and the creative laureate serves a really important role for the city in the Portland arts community. And it's a time that we really, as you as my colleagues, have stated, that we really need art right now. We really need the inspiration. We need the creativity. We more than ever. So I'm really thrilled that not only do we have artists who are advocates for what is important, but that through this this we're prioritizing as a city. Your role and our role as you know, recognizing art as a key expression of who we are as a city. And I think that's really important in a time when we're needing to lift up our values right now more than ever, I also want to just take a moment to thank joaquin for the work that he's done over the past few years in this role and helping us to further shape the role and that you're willing to continue now, you've been incredibly phenomenal, bright light when we've needed it sometimes on this council and in the city. And often you've moved us to tears and everything that you do is with your heart and soul. And that's just something that is truly special about you. You truly are an artist for the people, and we're really a better city for it. So thank you. And jason, your your story was so compelling and inspiring to me. I'm really excited to see what you do and what you bring to this new to this role for you. And I'm loving that you both are overlapping in this year and really, really just wanting to support your direction and what you're doing to inspire the next generation of Portlanders to have that value of love for art in our city as well. So thank you for that. And I also want to just briefly acknowledge the community

leader, linda jaramillo, who's also here, who received a lifetime achievement award last night from ecumenical ministries of Oregon. So I just want to acknowledge that. Congratulations, linda, for your lifetime of service for our city.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: So, jason and joaquin, I'm very excited to see how you both collaborate and to bring us new projects together and all your work in support of our community. So I'm very, very excited to vote. I am. And with that, the report is accepted. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Council president Rubio, can we do a quick picture? Sure laureates, maybe linda can join in for two minutes to take a quick photo. Move on.

Speaker: So Keelan, have there been any items pulled from consent?

Speaker: No items have been okay.

Speaker: So can you. Okay, let's see. Can you call the roll for consent?

Speaker: Gonzalez consent?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Hi, Mapps.

Speaker: Hi, Ryan. Hi Rubio. Hi. So consent passes.

Speaker: So let's move on to our agenda. For item 791.

Speaker: Authorize control act with jackson group. Peter built inc. Not to exceed. \$1,496,240 for the purchase of two paint striper vehicles.

Speaker: Okay, so the Portland bureau of transportation owns existing paint striper vehicles are at the end of their useful life and are due for replacement. This ordinance authorizes the purchase of two paint striper vehicles. Fleet business operations supervisor alan bates is here to present this item.

Speaker: Good morning, council commissioners. Thank you. Yeah. So this is us. This is replacing two aging paint strippers. Paint strippers are a critical piece of equipment. Pbot uses. And obviously we have to have markings on the streets. So this is this authorizes basically the replacement of that which are included in the replacement fund, that fund all of our vehicles. So this is a fairly standard replacement schedule for us. So this is just the execution of that per an Oregon state contract. Great

Speaker: Thank you. So Keelan, is there any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: I'm sorry. We have one person signed up, david stein.

Speaker: Okay, three minutes. Name for the record, please.

Speaker: David is joining us online.

Speaker: Hello. I'm sorry about that. They just advanced me to panelists. Oh, hi, david. Hello. Hello so good morning, commissioners. Um I support the purchase of these paint striper vehicles. This isn't about that. They're a vital part of our bicycle infrastructure for most of our bike infrastructure depends on paint as a sole form of protection for motor vehicles in southwest Portland, where a couple of you enjoyed Sunday parkways just a week and a half ago, conventional bike lanes comprise 48% of all bike lanes in that part of town across the city that number is 34% for a total of 148.1 miles. If we include buffered bike lanes, that's another 10% or 44.3 miles where paint is the only separating thing is the only thing separating bicycling from motor vehicles. However, I'm the lorax. I don't speak for the bike lanes or the trees. At best, my participation is a member of Portland's bicycle advisory committee and pbot bureau and budget advisory committee. I'm speaking on my behalf, not theirs, just me. And I'm slightly more informed. And I'm here because paint isn't enough. People are still dying on our roads. Yesterday a person riding a bike was killed in north Portland, the 48th traffic fatality. This year we have

good policies and plans. I've stated this many times in the 2035 comprehensive plan policy. 9.6 codifies the transportation strategy for people movement, placing bicycling second on the list behind only walking. Part of that policy is even meant to protect possible backsliding by stating when implementing this prioritization, ensure that the needs and safety of each group of users are considered and changes do not make existing conditions worse for the most vulnerable users. Higher on this ordered list. Yet there is now proposal on the table that could do just that on Broadway, albeit it's one of three options, while little is publicly known at this point, I can say that hotel valet zones on Broadway were absolutely horrible to bike through prior to improvements. The past three years. Door zone bike lanes striped with just a couple lines of paint, deserve a spot in Dante's Inferno with the new protected lanes, I no longer actively avoid the area. It's by no means perfect. That is a drawback to starting with paint and sometimes adding plastic wands. But if a facility isn't working, let's make it better. Removing a bike facility to benefit driving goes against so many of our plans. I don't have time to list them off. In addition, there are whispers of Roseland on Northeast Couch and Southwest Capital Highway being removed. This is about paint striping thermoplastic and a few signs. These lanes are not ideal for bicycling. However, they do lower stress and especially in the case of Capital Highway, increased safety in an area where conventional bike lanes either have very poor pavement quality or have had blackberries and other foliage routinely blocking most or all of the lane. Again, these treatments could be better. But in a world where funds are finite, this makes me more likely to visit Hillsdale via bus or bike rather than either driving or just avoiding the commercial center entirely. Paint is important and it is crucial. Hopefully our bike infrastructure for in the future isn't so dependent upon its presence to create safer conditions for people to reach their destinations around Portland by these paint

striper vehicles. And don't stop there. Thank you so much. Thank you. Anything else?

Speaker: Keelan. Was that it?

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, is there any discussion on this item? No okay. With that, can you go ahead and call the roll?

Speaker: Madam president, I think this is a first reading.

Speaker: Thank you. You're right. This is a first reading of a non-emergent ordinance. It is passes. It passes to second reading. Thank you, colleagues. Okay, next item.

Speaker: Item 792. Authorize price agreement with peterson machinery company for caterpillar parts and service not to exceed \$6,500,000.

Speaker: The city owns 50 caterpillar branded assets that require regular parts and services. This ordinance authorizes a price agreement with the authorized distributor in the Portland area to ensure we are able to repair and replace the equipment in a timely manner. Fleet business operations supervisor alan bates is here again to present this item. Allen good morning again.

Speaker: Yes, so this agreement simply solidifies our relationship with peterson machinery company, which is the authorized dealer for caterpillar parts and service. And this this really simply just locks us into a five year agreement for services and parts that we are required to that we provide on these assets. So this this just simply solidifies it and gets us into a longer term or five year agreement. So fairly, I would say standard in terms of the type of work that we do, great.

Speaker: Keelan is there any public testimony on this?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. So, colleagues, any discussion on this item? Okay. Seeing no discussion then. This is a first reading of a emergency ordinance. It moves on to second reading. Next item.

Speaker: Item 793, initiate foreclosure action on certain properties for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the properties.

Speaker: Colleagues last week we heard an ordinance that began foreclosure proceedings on some properties with delinquent city liens that are eligible for foreclosure in accordance with city code 5.30. As a reminder, these liens were placed against the properties by the bureau of development services for code enforcement violations. Various nuisances nuisance abatement and or chronic offender violation liens. Though we had initially planned to vote on this item today, the mayor has shared that we need to make an amendment on the item. A property owner originally listed within this item has worked out a plan with city staff to pay back their lien. Therefore before I move to amend the ordinance to reflect the removal of property, one at 1225 northeast 109th avenue from the list of properties in the ordinance to update exhibit a to reflect this change and to remove exhibit b one. Do I have a second? Second. Thank you. Thank you, colleagues. Now we'll hear public testimony before discussion and voting on the amendments.

Speaker: There's no testimony.

Speaker: There's no testimony on the amendment. Colleagues, do we have any further discussion or questions that can be answered by staff?

Speaker: I have one. Sure

Speaker: The property that was removed, can we clarify which one that was?

Speaker: That was the property where there was testimony from the attorney.

Speaker: Okay, great. Fantastic.

Speaker: And the one where you all talked right afterwards? Yes. Wonderful

Speaker: Can you give a highlight on what's the payment plan that you're working on? Just high level? What's the what's the resolution there?

Speaker: The resolution is that there's a three year payment plan. He came in with the signed contracts and the first payment today, and he has engaged aged a realtor in the property. He should be sold within the next month or two.

Speaker: Fantastic. Thank you for your work on that very much. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Okay. So if there's no further discussion. I will lost my vote on the amendment. Yes, please call the roll on the amendment.

Speaker: Gonzales hi, maps.

Speaker: Hi, Ryan.

Speaker: Hi, Rubio hi.

Speaker: So now, after many attempts by bts to work on the property, work with the property owners to take responsibility for their properties, we are at the point where council needs to take action to secure these properties and find owners who will be responsible and clean them up. Foreclosure is a heavy and important tool that we don't use lightly, but in these instances it's necessary to use to ensure the public safety. I'd like to thank our staff at bts and our staff here today for all of their diligent work in these challenging situations. So this item moves into second reading as amended. Thank you. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: Council president, I just have one clarifying question. I want to ask the staff. So with those that will be voting on what's the plan of action like? So my friends that have been asking me about that property on northeast killingsworth for some time, for example, how much how long will it take for them to see something different like this puts action in motion? Yes tell us about the implementation of that action, please.

Speaker: So what happens is it'll go to second reading.

Speaker: I know that part next week.

Speaker: Okay. And then after that, it'll take 30 days before the city treasurer is authorized to conduct the sale.

Speaker: I can't hear you because I just want to make sure I could. Yeah, so what happens after 30 days?

Speaker: The city treasurer is authorized to conduct a foreclosure sale and at that time the price will be set and people will be able to come in and bid at auction on the property.

Speaker: Is there any cleanup for that or it's just all in the marketplace? Yes, we're releasing it to the marketplace and it'll take about two months to release it to the marketplace. Yes, from today would have the city treasurer answer that question. Okay. It's just I got some questions and I want to make sure I could answer them. Yeah

Speaker: Um, commissioner, this is bridget o'callahan, the city treasurer. Happy. Hello there. Um as was just outlined, and there is a process once the property is sold and that roughly, you know, there's a 60 day notice period that needs to be accorded to the current property owners, right? So if you look at this, it generally takes roughly around three months to get all of the notices and the sale conducted. So we're probably, you know, looking at a 90 day window, if you will, just to make sure everything gets completed. But after that, once the property is sold, there is a one year redemption or reclamation period that the previous owner has the right to. So once it's sold, then the new owner, you know, certainly takes possession of it. But there is that rescission period of one year. So oftentimes we don't see a whole lot of activity that will happen in that, you know, that year time frame. However, the new owner is responsible and so they will work with the city in terms of making sure that code violations are addressed, etcetera.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you so much for the reality check. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Any more questions?

Speaker: Yeah. Madam president, I have a question which I will direct towards the city attorney just for some clarity. It'll be fine, I think. Um do we have the power to make this an emergency ordinance? If I were to make that motion today, let me double check.

Speaker: I don't know that there is a problem with.

Speaker: Okay, uh, colleagues, while the city attorney looks into that, let me give you a little bit of my thinking on why I'd like to make this an emergency ordinance. First, I really appreciate staff and the mayor's office for making sure that we were able to reconcile all, um, some of the concerns we had about that one property that we discussed to some extent last week, um, in the interest of just moving forward with the disposition of these troubled properties as quickly as possible, I would if, if this council is so empowered, I would move that we could make this an emergency ordinance and move forward. Uh, if there's any discussion or any pushback, I will not make that motion.

Speaker: No, no pushback. I mean, it'll go from what could take up to a couple of years. It'll shorten it by a week. So I mean, that's good. That's what we're doing here. Okay so is it an emergency on the amendment?

Speaker: Because I think you're talking about emergency, like adding another amendment to an emergency. Oh, I see. Okay. Yep okay.

Speaker: Okay. Was that a motion then?

Speaker: That was a question just to see if this is something we could do. I wasn't sure with the being down one person if that was going to complicate things here. And I don't want to slow us down today. This is we're just checking to see since it's related to properties.

Speaker: Okay. And how why don't instead of delaying us even further today, because this will be a long day, I will not make that motion today.

Speaker: Maybe if at some point I can get an answer to that. So for future reference, I can know how to proceed in this situation. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. All right, Keelan.

Speaker: Next item. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks so much.

Speaker: Well, have we so it comes back next week.

Speaker: So hands second reading essentially. Okay.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Okay next item, 794, authorize the bureau of environmental services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the northeast 33rd drive pump station upgrade project 10910 through negotiation or exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you very much, colleagues. This item comes to us from the bureau of environmental services. This ordinance authorizes environmental services to acquire the necessary property rights so the bureau can upgrade and maintain on the city's 33rd drive pump station. In here to tell us more about this ordinance, we have bhargavi ambekar, who is a manager for treatment and pump systems. We also have philip mccormick, a project manager, and we have ashley mcclay, who serves as a pbot rights of way agent. Welcome I'm thank you.

Speaker: Thank Keelan think there's a presentation you guys would pull up. All right, great. Good morning, members of council. My name is philip mccormick. I work with bureau of environmental services in the project management office and I'm the project manager for the northeast 33rd drive pump station upgrade project. We are here today to request council approval of an ordinance to authorize bids to

acquire permanent and temporary property rights necessary for the construction of the pump station. Through negotiation or the exercise of the city's eminent domain authority. Next slide. The existing northeast 33rd drive pump station is located approximately a quarter mile north of northeast columbia boulevard on northeast 33rd drive, the pump station property is very small. Is bounded to the north by the columbia slough and the south. And east by private property. The area is zoned general industrial primary goal of the project was is to improve the pump stations performance and reliability to ensure future future influent flows are conveyed to the columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant for treatment. Next slide. The pump station was constructed in 1973 and has had no significant upgrade since then. This facility is at the end of its service life and upgrades are needed to prevent the pump station failure. The planned upgrades include all new mechanical and electrical equipment, standby generator and seismic upgrades at the site to make the pump station more resilient within the system. Design will result in a pump station that is relatively easy to operate and maintain, and one that complies with regulatory requirements. Next slide. So this graphic shows the proposed development with a three property rights that are described in the ordinance highlighted for clarity the neighboring property is owned by blue bell enterprises and their tenant pacific power currently operates on the property. The existing pump station property can be seen in the lower left corner of the graphic, the area with no highlight. The area that I've highlighted in pink is the exchange parcel for the property line adjustment. So this is the property to be acquired by. So the pump station upgrades can be constructed as design on the area highlighted in green is a permanent access easement. This easement gives the maintenance staff a secondary access point to the pump station for future maintenance activities. And lastly, the area highlighted in orange is a temporary construction easement. So this

is the area needed during construction to provide the room to construct the pump station upgrades and to reconfigure blue bell enterprises driveway and parking lot that are impacted by the property line adjustment. Next slide. Here you can see the square footage of each of the property rights to be acquired, blue bell enterprises and pacific power have been providing feedback on the design since design began and are aware of the need for property rights. Pbot right of way is leading the acquisition effort and will hire an independent company to perform the appraisals to determine the fair market value for the acquisition. The plan is to have possession of these property rights by may 2024, with construction notice to proceed to be issued in March of 2025. Next slide. And that's all I had. There are any questions?

Speaker: Are there any questions? Colleagues commissioner, do you have anything you'd like to add ?

Speaker: I just want to thank staff for the presentation and their work on this important project. Great.

Speaker: Since this is a first reading, the item will move on to a second reading, so.

Speaker: Yeah. And no one signed up for testimony. I just want to make sure that's part of the record.

Speaker: Thank you. And no one signed up. Keelan next item, please.

Speaker: Item 795 authorized grant application to us department of transportation to improve safety access and community connections for the north, northeast roadway, main street and supporting connections and 82nd avenue corridor safety and access for cully and sumner neighborhoods projects for a total of up to \$80 million.

Speaker: Great. Thank colleagues. This item comes to us from pbot. This ordinance authorizes pbot to apply for two grants from the us department of

transportation. If pbot receives these grants, funds will be used to build and plan for transportation infrastructure that will improve safety, improve access and improve community connection options along 82nd avenue and in the lower albina district. These us department of transportation grants are unique because they do not require a local match. Now that lack of a local match makes these grants a great opportunity for pbot to meet our city's transport needs without further burdening pbot already beleaguered budget. Now if pbot receives these grants, funds will be used to fulfill long standing promises this council has made to the people of Portland the first promise. This grant will help us keep is for the city of Portland to improve the safety and transportation access along 82nd avenue, the second promise these grants will help this council keep is for the city of Portland to reconnect the neighborhoods of the lower albina district eight, which were split asunder by transportation projects built in the distant past. Now, let me take a minute now to provide some background on both of these projects. Let's start with 82nd colleagues. As you will remember, in 2021, the city of Portland took possession of 82nd avenue from the state of Oregon on the terms of that transfer were committed, the city of Portland, to make \$35 million in transportation infrastructure improvements along 82nd, the grant application pbot proposes to submit to the us department of transportation would pay for that \$35 million investment without making additional demands on the city of Portland's budget. Now let's take a look at a the second pbot grant proposal pbot a grant proposal for the lower albina project seeks funds to reimagine broadway and weidler from northeast seventh to the broadway bridge. The goal of this planning project is to develop a new vision for the transportation infrastructure in those neighborhoods. Now, this would be a vision which would reconnect at the albina waterfront area to jobs services and neighborhoods to the north and east. Of course, this planning

effort complements the works done by our friends over at the albina vision project. Those folks seek to improve life for people who live, work and play in Portland's historic lower albina district. Here to tell us more about these projects, we have kristen hull, planner division manager with pbot. We have caitlin reff major projects division manager, also with pbot, and of course we have an old and good friend who is back with us today. Um where are we? Who do we have here? Um, brendan. Brendan hey, welcome back, brendan. I apologize. It's been a long couple of years. Welcome. I'll turn it over to our presentation.

Speaker: Thank you. Um, thank you for having us. I am kristen hall, the pbot planning division manager. And before I start, I'd like to recognize two of our staff who are here with us, but not speaking today. Mike serratella and zeph wagner. There are two planners on our team who have been the driving force behind these grant applications. And for any of you who have prepared grants, you know that that is a big a big lift. And I want to acknowledge their hard work and also acknowledge that they'll answer any hard questions. Today we are here to talk about the neighborhood access and equity and reconnecting communities grant program. These programs are focused think they're focused on restoring connections and repairing harms caused by transportation facilities. This program will distribute more than \$3 million this year in a one time funding allocation from the us department of transportation and a specifically makes funding available without match for communities that meet federal equity criteria. The grants are due September 28th. We are not the only folks looking at this grant. There will be fierce competition throughout the country, but even within the city of Portland, we are putting forward two applications. We'll hear from the Oregon department of transportation a bit about their application on i-5. Rose quarter highway covers. Metro is putting together an application under a different program within this

application area to look at funding for bus rapid transit, project development and community capacity building, equitable development in those areas, which we're supportive of. And then omsi is putting forward an application to realign the southeast water avenue. Another project for which pbot is not the applicant, but would be the delivery agency. So as commissioner mapp said, we have these two applications. I'm not going to belabor this because he covered all of the important points and i'll just jump right in to talk about 82nd. Um so. 82nd avenue. Oh cully sumner and parkrose are high equity areas in the city of Portland that are divided by 82nd avenue and I 205 the facility 82nd avenue in this area has a significant crash history. And this area specifically was one of the places where the crash where so many crashes had happened. That really triggered the transfer from odot to pbot, hoping that we could really help with the safety, the safety problems being faced by people trying to cross the street. 82nd avenue was widened in the early 1900s and really transformed into a state highway. And it's since divided these communities. And our project work is working to restore those connections. And this grant would be an opportunity to make a bigger investment and a faster investment in that transformation. When I think it's important to note that when the \$150 million coming to us from the state that we're already starting to invest in, 82nd avenue is not enough. The \$185 million, that includes the city's unprogramed contribution is not enough in and we think there's more than more like \$350 million of needs on 82nd. So while this grant would help us get closer, I want to just continue to remind us that we don't have enough funding to do all the things community would like us to do in this corridor. So specifically, this grant would improve 82nd from webster in the north to sandy boulevard. And we've scoped things like widening sidewalks, planting street trees, reducing speeds and conflicts, adding pedestrian crossings, improving safety at traffic signals, upgrading curb

ramps and doing some repaving. We started by focusing on 82nd itself, but quickly realized that reconnecting this area to parks, to schools, to transit centers, particularly in this primarily residential segment of 82nd requires better east west connections. And so we're looking at a complete street improvement on prescott and greenway enhancements on the identified albina neighborhood greenway. We expect costs to come in between 35 and \$40 million. Um these projects do establish a community vision established through multiple past projects over plans over the last 15 years, as well as the community engagement that pbot is currently conducting as part of the building a better 82nd project that we'd also improve transit access to the line 72, both today and preparing for a possible future bus, rapid transit or corridor on 82nd avenue. And this grant funding as commissioner Mapps referenced, would be a key part of our overall funding plan for the corridor, allowing us to both meet needs in this area and have more resources for remaining parts of the corridor. So it it helps us to just have a little more flexibility in how we meet our overall needs. I'm going to hand it to caitlin.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, kristen. Good morning. Council. I'm caitlin reff with pbot major projects and partnerships and yeah, I'm here today to share a bit more about two two additional grant opportunities that we've been developing in partnership with community stakeholders, including the historic albina advisory board, the albina vision trust, and the Oregon department of transportation. So one of these would be submitted by pbot. And the other that we will mention as informational is going to be submitted by odot. These grants are seeking federal dollars to improve access and connectivity and foster equitable development and restoration in the heart of the city's historic black neighborhood. Lower albina. The original construction of interstate five, or i-5, in the 1950s and 60s divided the albina neighborhood and was part of a series of public and private developments

that led to disinvestment in albina and forced displacement of many of its residents, businesses and community institutions. Over 800 black owned homes were razed, destroying billions in generational wealth and upending a thriving local economy. Despite this history, most of Portland's black historic churches, social justice organizations and social service agencies are still anchored in the albina area and surrounding neighborhoods and the area remains a cultural and emotional hub for many black Portlanders who live there or return to visit the area. So this grant opportunity seeks federal funds or to award federal funds to projects that retrofit or mitigate highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including mobility, access or economic development. And that really is exactly what these projects seek to do. So through this area, the i-5, the grade separation that really creates kind of a canyon like barrier through the neighborhood. It's the white line kind of running north south on this map. And it also creates a complex interchange with the Broadway Weidler interchange area that's really difficult to navigate for all users. So this contributes to modal conflicts and safety issues. The inner Broadway corridor has been identified as among Portland's most dangerous streets and the Broadway Weidler couplet serves tens of thousands of users per day, but the streets have unprotected bike facilities. Accessibility deficiencies narrow sidewalks and long distances between pedestrian crossings at 96ft wide and several seven travel lanes curb to curb north Broadway presents a significant barrier to community. And it is the widest street in the central city and one of the widest in Portland. So commissioner Mapps already spoke about the Albina Vision Trust and who they are as an organization. They have been working with community to identify key catalyst sites in the 94 acre area of lower Albina, and we have partnered with the Albina Vision Trust to conceptualize this ask. Broadway and Weidler serves as the primary multimodal connection over I-5.

connecting albina vision catalytic sites to neighborhoods and community institutions to the north and the project will also improve connection patterns within the district to important destinations, including the willamette river. The rose quarter transit center and both existing and planned parks and open spaces. This project also complements and extends the planned investments by odot with the i-5 rose corridor, highway cover and local street improvement efforts to reconnect neighborhoods on either sides of the highway. So this graphic is provided by odot is really just for illustrative purposes, but it begins to provide a picture of what the future could hold, and that's one that covers the freeway through this part of the central city and provides the reconnected infrastructure necessary to begin to reimagine a restored neighborhood. The city is a participant eating agency on odot's, i-5 rose quarter project and with direction from the Portland City Council, we as staff are directed to engage on the project with a commitment to project value centered on restorative justice as defined within or by the neighborhood framework principles and supported by the historic albina advisory board that means a highway cover that will maximize high quality development parcels on and around the area for community use and control. That means restoring city streets to across the highway cover to create active frontages for development and prioritized safe pedestrian oriented routes. And that means minimizing exposure to highway noise and pollution. So again, this slide is mostly informational. It provides a breakdown of what odot's total grant request for the highway cover and supportive elements will be, and those funds are requested by odot. It's not part of what council is approving for the pbot request today, but we wanted to include this as it's very much in coordination and these two proposals from pbot and odot do combine in for a total ask of federal funds near \$100 million. But we know that this investment and really more is needed for the full success of the district. So we have

invited partners to council today. Brendan finn with odot urban mobility office director, is here to help answer any questions from council. And I would also like to invite jt flowers from the albina vision trust to provide some remarks. Really let's see.

Speaker: Hey, good morning, council and thank you, caitlin. As caitlin said, my name is jt flowers. I am a lifelong resident of albina, born and raised, and I have the honor of working for the albina vision trust. I'm sure that all of you at this point are familiar with the projects we are restorative redevelopment entity that is geared around not just a small scale development, right? We are trying to rebuild 94 acres of interconnected, interwoven and communal space in the heart of the historic black community here in Portland, not just for black Portlanders, but for all Portlanders. And that goal is, I think, essentially wrapped up in this project that pbob is presenting here today. We have an opportunity to not only improve transit connections, make this a safer space for families, for children, but also to compliment existing projects that we've been working on over the course of our tenure as an organization. Those projects include, as caitlin again mentioned, the i-5 rose quarter redevelopment that includes the highway covers which are essential to healing the scar caused by that trench, which we call i-5, which was dug through the middle of our community. We also have an opportunity to compliment the potential of a long term waterfront park that makes use of prime center city real estate, which in any other major city would be one of the most bustling and lively, abundant areas of the city. And lastly, we have the opportunity to compliment work that we are trying to do to acquire the Portland public schools headquarters site. As you are all no doubt aware, we have right of first offer and right of first refusal on that site. It's a priority of ours and over the course of the next five, ten, 15, 20 years, our goal will be to expand our development efforts across the district. So this grant

excuse me, is absolutely essential to kickstarting that process and building on the momentum that we've already raised. And if you have any questions about our efforts, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, colleagues, any questions?

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: That's the conclusion of our presentation. Okay great. Thank testimony on this.

Speaker: We do have public testimony. Um, first up, we have david beneke. Freaking me out.

Speaker: Dad. You're welcome. Good morning, commissioners. My name is david binnig. I'm a board member of bike cloud pdx, and I support these grant applications which would support funding for much needed transportation improvements on east 82nd and on north and northeast Broadway. I also want to speak to the future of the Broadway corridor that this is a part of as you've all heard, pbOT staff have been directed to prepare a proposal to remove the parking protected bike lanes on Broadway between Northwest Hoyt and Southwest Salmon, returning those 14 blocks to their 2018 configuration with bike lanes in the car door zone on protected from downtown traffic in 2005, a young woman named Christine Hawkins was killed in the bike lane on Southwest Broadway. She was crushed under the wheels of a semi truck between Southwest Washington and Southwest Alder. She was 25, in 2009, pbOT began work on protected bike lanes for that Broadway corridor. And in 2022 last year, it completed that project, creating a protected bike route through downtown commissioner Mapps you called a press conference last month to talk about what you rightly called the epidemic of traffic fatalities. Our city is facing. On Monday night, we had our first bicycle fatality of the year and late last

month we saw the danger of insufficiently protected bike lanes when a driver swerved into a bike lane and drove head on to a woman on northeast 21st. She fortunately, she survived. The very least we can do given pbot dire budget situation is not to actively undo the progress that we've made in building safer streets. A few years ago when now pbot director millicent williams was then capital projects manager. I know there were people who had misgivings about the bike lanes being implemented then on southeast foster and she said something. Director williams said something about those changes that I appreciate it at the time and wrote down. She said a road reconfiguration is not what's causing a furniture store to lose business. Wayfair.com is what's causing a furniture store to lose business. I don't yet know the reasons for director williams recent directive to remove protected bike lanes on broadway, but I would say that what she said about foster then is also true of other businesses today. This has been a challenging time, I know, for businesses in downtown Portland. I know you're all all very well aware of that, but safe bike lanes are not what's keeping visitors away from our city. Another community member this morning spoke of the death of jean diaz in front of the belmont library earlier this summer. I've been told by commissioner Mapps office that we don't have the resources for safer infrastructure on chavez right now. If that's true, we certainly can't justify using the limited resources that we do have to remove the safer infrastructure that we've just built on broadway. I hope any changes to the broadway bike lane maintain the safety improvements that the city has already made. And I hope that in using those limited resources, the city prioritizes changes that make our streets safer for all users rather than taking away the protection we have. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have sarah ayanna online. Welcome. Sarah.

Speaker: We can't hear you if you're talking now, you're muted. There you go.

Speaker: Good morning. It takes a second. There um, also, my dog is barking, so let me see if I can keep us on track. Thanks, everybody, for taking my testimony this morning. Good morning, Portland City Council. My name is sarah iannarone and I'm here on behalf of the street trust and I am a registered lobbyist with the city. As you know, pbot is facing significant revenue challenges and thus should be competing aggressively for substantial federal grant funding opportunities. While the short windows of bill and ira are open and we applaud staff for their hard work on this front, you may not be aware, but the street trust is regularly asked by agency staff to submit letters of support for grant applications like this. Already this year, we've supported and funding requests for the montgomery streetcar extension gateway transit center and even interstate bridge replacement project, among many others. And we've been engaged in both the rose quarter and 82nd avenue stakeholder processes and wholeheartedly support the grant applications under consideration today is especially given their potential to benefit historically marginalized communities. However, we are here to share our concerns that pbot leadership is currently jeopardizing our competitiveness and undermining our prospects for winning these two grants, as there is, as you know, circulating in the media directive from leadership to staff calling for an unprecedented removal of a crucial section of our protected bicycle network from southwest salmon to northwest highway along broadway, a vital connection not only for rail workers, but psu staff and students. Folks heading to ohsu and many other major employers in the city. I understand that some businesses along this corridor have expressed concerns about their customers comfort with the bike lane and we hope that pbot will work with them to find a solution. I'm not here to pit the hospitality industry against City Council's approved complete streets policies. Our concern extends far beyond the stretch of

curb to issues of governance and fiscal responsibility within the bureau as related to the grant applications under discussion today, you're being asked to approve applications to us for projects focused on improving safety for people walking, bicycling and accessing transit along 82nd avenue and in lower albina, as you heard, including for construction of additional protected bike facilities on east broadway. So the total funding request is approximately 80 million, which as you also heard today, does not require a local match. This is special money. The current proposal to remove the protected bike lane along west broadway, which directly connects to the bike lanes for which we are applying for federal funding along east broadway, raises a significant question why would the federal government fund infrastructure installation that pbob might later just decide to remove estimated costs for removing the west side lane range from 50% to a staggering 300% of the original installation cost? So it's difficult to imagine why us dot would entrust pbob with their money when there appear to be issues locally with project planning and implementing action as well as fiscal responsible city. Prior to the bike lane installation on west broadway that stretch was host to one in every 42 crashes in the city. It is an empirically proven successful vision. Zero invest moment. This is particularly critical in light of what you're going to hear this afternoon around the climate investment plan, which proposes tens of millions of dollars that could put 6000 new e-bikes on the streets of Portland. This is no time to be taking out protected infrastructure. We need to be doing everything possible to make sure that all forces are aligned, including our fellow federal delegation, to champion these two grant applications. And a lot of the other grant applications that we need to submit are aimed at improving safety. So please, I do want you to think about these small curbside decisions in the context of larger issues and think about the overall system completeness. And we look forward to writing a letter of support for

both of these grants once we get this situation cleared up. Thank you very much for your time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have clint culpepper.

Speaker: Thank you all. Uh, thank you. City Council and pbot staff for your time today.

Speaker: My name is clint culpepper. I'm currently a safe routes to school educator here in the city of Portland, but I operate statewide and previously I was the transportation options manager for Portland state university and I was happy to say that we played a very large role in bringing the first segment of the protected bike lane in the city to southwest Broadway along our campus. Um I wrote that section every single day that I worked at Portland state university. I worked there for over 12 years. Both of my children went to preschool downtown and I rode them downtown on a bicycle every day that they went to daycare. Uh, when i, i, when I rode this by myself, I rode this segment of southwest Broadway, uh, and it was stressful. It was the most direct route, though. So that's what I chose. Um, when I hear about projects like the northeast and north Broadway segment and the opportunity to add protected facilities within the city on routes that we know are traveled heavily by by folks on bicycles. Um, I can't be more supportive of those things. So it's great to hear pbot staff working on continued projects like that and connecting what we have already built here in this city. We know that a network is an absolutely important part of how we build infrastructure. And so when we're talking about about how do we connect north and northeast Broadway to the existing infrastructure that we have in northwest and southwest Broadway, it's important that that network stay intact, that, as we just heard from pbot staff, the importance of the project. On the other side of the river is really, uh, that we're

bringing safety and reconnecting the community. And so it's very disheartening to hear that, that we are hearing that pbot is directing staff to explore the removal of this infrastructure. Sarah and david talked eloquently about this already, so I don't want to belabor that point, but I do want to say that when my kids were born and I started writing them downtown, we skipped this segment of broadway. We cut over to the park blocks and even though it took longer and it was, um, you know, less direct, uh, we took it because it was the only safe way through. I felt comfortable on my own. There was no way I was going to put my kids in harm's way, harm's way in this unprotected bike lane that you want to reinstall in this segment. So, um, I just want you to think hard and long about how this impacts all users, not just visitors to our city. And I don't think we're going to have folks, you know, staying away from the city simply because we have protected bicycle infrastructure. So thank you for your time. Apologize for going over.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Have a comment?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: I just want to acknowledge clinton. David, sarah's comments briefly. I do want to emphasize that we're talking about the east side of this and a appreciate the network effect and thinking holistically about it. But i, I think there's likely a future public space for discussion about what is proposed on the west side. I to clint and to david, you know, I was actually hit by a car on a bike on southwest broadway 21 years ago. I'm familiar with the challenges cycling there before and after the, um, I'm not sure the protective steps we've taken on broadway since then would have prevented that accident. It was a left turn. They weren't paying attention. And I and to be more technical, I think I ran into them because they didn't see me. And they cut right in front of me. But it was painful. It wasn't fun. It could

have been more serious. Uh, and so I'm familiar with the concerns you're raising. I just want to acknowledge that this we're addressing some other important transportation pieces here. And I do hope there's some space for the discussion about what might occur on southwest. Of course. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And that completes the testimony.

Speaker: Testimony. Okay. Any further, uh, discussion from my colleagues? I oh, thank you.

Speaker: Council president Rubio. Commissioner Mapps. This is exciting. I think the fruits of your labor when you went to Washington earlier in the year and aligning with the federal delegation, my hunch is that was all connected to what we're hearing today.

Speaker: Absolutely. Although I have to credit a broad range of folks at pbot and our regional partners. And it was great to see the state at the table, too.

Speaker: So I think two things are in my head that I want to be transparent about. One is, as we all know, or maybe I should just speak for myself, it's been a couple hours out in southeast division. Yeah, we've heard consistent complaints about all the upgrades there. I've experienced it myself. They didn't make up any stories. Do any turn out there doesn't work like you run into the curb, the new curb and it's kind of terrifying when you have to put your car in reverse. The other cars are coming down fast. So that's a little terrifying. That doesn't help with safety. I'm sure there's been accidents out in that area because of this. We spent a lot of money on that. And so I'm just going to make sure that we don't repeat those mistakes because that could have been avoided. Correct. So what are we doing, I guess, on the 82nd work to make sure that we don't repeat any mistakes that we've made on southeast division? This does nothing to discredit the good work for pedestrians and for the busses. It just seems like that design needs some improvement.

Speaker: Sure. Well, commissioner Ryan, I very much appreciate your question and your observations on this space. Um, I think some background and context really matter. On 82nd in particular here. So this used to be a state highway. We took it over because of the very concerning safety record that we have out there. The state, frankly, I think failed the people of Portland in terms of doing basic maintenance in that space as part of that transfer deal, we are obliged to put in about \$35 million in and various street improvements. And there is a really robust, uh, community process to figure out what those are looking like. We've been out there doing community meetings. It's actually, I think, a real model for what democracy in Portland looks like. This is very much a community led model by bureau slash inter governmental planning process. So I would say we are still developing our our final plans here. But the plans that we're developing were developing in close conversation and partnership with both our partners over at trimet local community leaders, especially if I recall correctly, upon is very much at the table. We've had 4 or 5 community meetings at this point in terms of this and one of the things I can definitely do is get you a briefing on where those community engagement and planning processes stand at this moment.

Speaker: And I appreciate hearing all that. I know that there was a I would probably have heard back if I would watch a City Council meeting prior to the work on southeast division that maybe something similar was said. When you talk to the small business owners along there, which I'm sure you have as well, they would say that there wasn't very good robust communication and many of them were caught off guard by the actual construction and then the safety concerns they're experiencing and the loss of revenue they've experienced because of the danger for a lot of their clients who want to still drive. So I just wanted to hear a little bit

more about how we're learning and life is about admitting mistakes and everyone makes them and learning from them as we move forward.

Speaker: Sure. Well, commissioner Ryan, I very much appreciate the question. And I think some of the some of the testimony we've heard today, I think both in comms and on this item in particular, I think illustrate the challenge of building multimodal infrastructure. You know, but me as the commissioner in charge of the bureau of transportation, my fundamental mission is to help people get to where they want to go, whether that means you want to get there on a bike or get there on a foot or get there in a car or get there in in a bus, you know, and it's hard to please everybody. I think one of the pushback that we're hearing today is ill use iterative. The fact that just with transportation, just as I do with water and just as I do with sewer anytime I install something, I evaluate it. And if it's not working, we go back in and try to fine tune it. I would much rather get the get the final design as perfect as possible. Before we break ground. And one of the ways we do that is by having close conversations with our colleagues in the community and our engineers, both at pbot and the private sector and often at the state and regional sectors too. So we're having a robust conversation. I know we don't get it right. We actually wind up with a lot of frustrations. I'm sure each one of your offices have heard frustrations from local residents. Bike riders, car drivers who all feel like we haven't gotten the balance right here. I've learned from that, partly because those calls come to me first. Also because I fully recognize that this is a life critical system that I'm building here. I'm at this point, we have had dozens and dozens and dozens of car deaths in the metro Portland metro area. One of my top priorities is to make sure that is not what the future of Portland looks like. Um and I'm deeply committed to being both responsive to public needs while also prioritizing public safety.

Speaker: Okay, I think that means that you'll be doing a lot of robust outreach with the small business along there and not repeat mistakes that we've made on southeast division.

Speaker: Absolutely. And i'll tell you, speaking of small business, I think particularly with the low lower albina project, that this is really exciting. We're taking a neighborhood which was once vital and now has been become a little bit of a desert because of our transportation infrastructure. I think we can revitalize that, create some opportunities for economic development and really, I think this is going to be one of Portland's next great neighbor hoods. It's going to be a great place to live. It's going to be a great place to start a business. It really represents Portland of the future, and it's very much rooted in Portland of the past. It's one of the things that really makes me excited about that.

Speaker: I'm talking about 82nd. Sure. Then what I heard today was two presentations. There's two grants and what the focus. Although when you looked at the map, it looked more than just 82nd and the albina district. Is that true, commissioner Ryan, maybe I can help you here.

Speaker: So peabody is putting together. Yeah of course.

Speaker: This might help. So what I want to get to is that these are going to be competitive and of course, we want to win. We don't want to leave money on the table. It looks like there's a lot of alignment with the delegation. Do we prioritize? Is one a priority over the other? Does that happen in this world? I mean, I've written a lot of grants in my life and I know those are tough decisions. I'm just thinking out loud with all of you.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan is the commissioner.

Speaker: Let me finish my question.

Speaker: Sure. Absolutely. I appreciate that question. We got representatives from the state here, and I think we have a number of different jurisdictions that put together various transportation proposals. I think it would be transformative for Portland if the federal government funded all of them. But if they had to choose, they should really choose the pbot projects. They're going to make 82nd safer. They're going to connect lower albina, the stuff that we'd like to do in the rose corridor is very important too, and I'm committed to getting that done. But as the commissioner in charge of pbot, if we had to choose, I would say let's choose the pbot projects.

Speaker: Okay? That's what I was asking. There's two of them, right? Yeah okay. And so you're prioritizing, which is a wonderful thing to say. Both of them.

Speaker: So there's no answer. Yes well, in the overall proposal, there were, I think in the map that you might be referring to, there were we highlighted both the and then there were others on the map. The other the other ones.

Speaker: So those were discussed.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: You want me to say anything? Yeah, go ahead.

Speaker: Help us out. So I think one of the reasons we feel comfortable proposing two grants, which is an unusual decision, is because of the unprecedented amount of money we expected.

Speaker: This money, the \$3 billion to roll out over a five year transportation bill authorization process.

Speaker: So as part of the infrastructure act.

Speaker: Yes. Okay. And both infrastructure act and the bill. So two different acts that have been combined into one offering, \$3 billion is actually in the in the bill. So in the climate bill that passed and we expected it to come out over five years and

we thought we'd apply for one this year and one next year and one the year after. And just keep the keep it rolling. But with the usdot decision to push all of this money out in one cycle, we think the circumstances are a bit unusual. And there decision making could allow us to actually be successful at two grant applications. Okay.

Speaker: All right. Sounds good. Thanks. That's exciting.

Speaker: Two minor questions. I'm not sure if this is to commissioner Mapps or to the pbot team and I am sensitive to this is going to be a long day, so maybe we don't need to go deep on this right now. But if simple high level, what I'm looking at the 82nd, what's laid out, um, it sort of begs the question, what is our current philosophy on greenways? And particularly going across these main arteries? You know, I've been living on the east side since 2002 and I think the I always loved our greenways, but then it sort of seemed to have gone out of vogue for a little while in terms of transportation. You know, philosophy and I'm just if you were to sort of summarize, where are we right now in thinking about greenways going forward?

Speaker: I'm going to kick that one over to staff.

Speaker: I'm happy to talk about our greenway philosophy and I think it would be wonderful to have a briefing with you separately on our greenway plan. So pbot does have volume targets of which we want to keep our greenways under our and we are actively working with community, with commissioner maps to reinforce those greenways with either temporary measures. The barrels and signs or more permanent diverters or other speed bumps, other mitigation measures. And that's what we'd be talking about on alberta is using some of the signage, some of the speed bumps, some of the speed control and volume management measures we can do to make those greenways more welcoming and how does that carry over to sort of so we on the map, we saw a lot about walking thing get across 82nd.

Speaker: Um but how does that carry over to crossing 82nd on a bicycle so you know so with that greenway is coming up but I was just trying to I'm trying to visualize what that's going to look where there is a greenway crossing.

Speaker: We try to have a five lane arterial. We try to have a signalized crossing. So whether that's a full traffic signal, a rapid flash beacon, but a safe way to cross that street. Okay, so that's a focus of the greenway program, a focus is on the greenway experience itself and how people walking and biking are in our interfacing with vehicle traffic. And then particularly on how we reinforce the crossings of arterials for the greenways because as if we want people to use greenways as a way to get to destinations, they need to be able to cross those arterials. And so we would be looking at a rapid flash beacon or a half or full signal at that location, depending on the engineering decisions.

Speaker: Got it. So last question on any second. Um I mean, one of our challenges is on the east side as you go east right, is how you go north south sometimes. And that's just the where you're talking public transit or bicycle. It just depends on where you are in the city. But that that north south can be a challenge. So what right now is the thinking with respect to the area immediately around 82nd for north south bicycle transit for example, walking is a little different. Public transit is a little different in this question, but at least for cycling.

Speaker: Yeah, we've been looking at that very question on 82nd is a very constrained, uh, corridor. So we are looking at the parallel greenway network in the 70s, 80s and 90s as ways to provide a solid north-south connection that allows that north south route. You're exactly right. The north south connections for cycling are difficult in our our grid pattern. So reinforce that that greenway network is one of the ways we can try to provide good routes.

Speaker: If you could send my office some stuff on that, I would kind of would like to rekindle that. And then um, on albena, just real basic question, I was curious if we've thought about, about any truly pedestrian driven streets I mean, is that even a possibility? I recognize the need to reconnect streets that were disrupted by. But, but I was just it's an brand new opportunity in a way with respect to cap space. And I you know, just sort of curious what you've batted around at this point.

Speaker: Keelan talk about that.

Speaker: Sure. That's a great question. And I do think that there's more planning and project development work that will be done in advance of construction. We have funding right now for that was awarded last year for reconnecting communities planning grant, which were partnered with albina vision trust on really looking at opportunities through the area with a street framework plan. So we'll very much be looking at all the streets and putting together project proposals for what improvements could take place to make those key connections.

Speaker: I swear this is the last question. So right now, does pbot at this time even have a concept of what, like a pedestrian only street would look like? I mean, is that is that even in a is that even a tool in the toolbox right now?

Speaker: I'm trying to think if we I'm not sure if we have a design standard for pedestrian only street design standards for units which are like curbsless streets that that are shared spaces. I'm looking back at my smarter colleagues behind me. Do we have a design standard for a pedestrian only street rather than a festival street?

Speaker: We have a number of examples. Yeah. So just be happy to follow up with you.

Speaker: And again, and our space activation program, which is part of the division that I manage, we're looking at ways to do that in a more temporary basis as well,

and activating those kinds of spaces through plazas. I think a pedestrian only street versus a plaza space, which we certainly are working on and we'll be coming to council with some final recommendations for what those design standards should look like in a more permanent sense. Later this fall.

Speaker: Yeah, and I certainly defer to the people that will be driving that and the community. It's just it's a unique opportunity when we're capping to think, you know, a little bit differently about what we could be doing and, you know, some pedestrian areas might be really cool in the city. So anyways, i'll leave it at that. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Um, thanks for bringing up bringing greenways. And while you're here, I just wanted to let you know when I listened to the small business owners, it was one of the more fascinating to our field trips I've had since I've been on council. And they did walk me to the one block away from division where they said could be like the perfect greenway, which seems like if I was a bicyclist bicyclist in that area, that would be safer and even more enjoyable, less exhaustion coming up. And I know like in my neighborhood, I haven't used the road that's designated as a greenway in my car for a long time. You go around it to the next block over. So I think I'm not alone in Portlanders respecting greenways for bicycle focus. And I think we have a different antenna for safety as opposed to when we're going really fast on one of the expressways that moves goods and services. So my point is, are we looking at greenways even out in next to division as maybe a way to modify that someday our our greenway plan includes a citywide network and there is a robust greenway network that we are working to invest in in east Portland and have made a number of investment in recent years. I think what we've always struggled with in Portland is co-mingling everything on one street and it's not safe. And so I really hope that

we continue to look for safer routes for everyone, for pedestrians and for bicyclists, especially, and sometimes putting them right next to big cars and trucks moving fast just doesn't work. And so how can we keep thinking out of the box to create those those sacred spaces? So anyway, thanks.

Speaker: Uh commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: I just wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for the rich conversation that we have had this afternoon about, uh, the challenges that come with building a transportation network that helps people get to where they want to go.

Speaker: It's particularly important to have this conversation because, as you know, pbot has a \$4 billion maintenance backlog. And frankly, colleagues in the coming days, I will be meeting with your chiefs of staff to talk about the \$34 million I need to cut from the pbot budget and the coming fiscal year, which is also why this particular ordinance before us today is so important. I frankly, this is a little this grant is perhaps unique in my two and a half years on council and that it does not require a local match. Most of the things that we build require us to reach into our own budgets to fund transportation improvements. This is frankly and to be blunt, free money which the city of Portland desperately needs. And we are already committed, frankly, to making improvements on 80s. So this is really a way to frankly begin to balance our budget. If we get the 82nd grant, that will frankly be transformative for the bureau. And if we get the grant for the lower binder project, that will be transformative for the city. All without burdening pbot already beleaguered budget, which is one of the reasons why I am so proud of staff and our partners at the state for working with us to bring this ordinance before you today. So I thank everyone who made this moment possible all and I have my should we choose to move forward with these grant proposals, I have my fingers crossed that

the federal government and the secretary of transportation and the Biden administration look favorably upon the people of Portland. Thank you. Great

Speaker: Okay. To move forward now, any more discussion? Great can we call the roll?

Speaker: Yes. Gonzalez hi, Mapps hi, Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Staff that was great presentation. I'd like that. You brought partners in. The testimony was really helpful. I thought the dialog was really important that we looked at the big picture. All of us want really stick safety infrastructure. So that more and more people feel safe to get out of their cars and use our whatever our area we can put together so it's actually safe for pedestrians and for bicycles. So let's hope we get both of these grants. Let's not leave money on the table. I vote I for me, I want to thank commissioner Mapps for bringing this forward as well as the great work of pbot staff for bringing these applications to council.

Speaker: I also want to appreciate the testimony today which raised really important points around our investments and their longevity and safety. And I look forward to learning more in the upcoming discussions on these are really important projects and they're important to the community, and I hope that we're successful in receiving the funding moving forward. So I vote i. And with that, the ordinance is adopted and so thanks everybody. And next item, item 7.96, amend the local improvement district boundary and create a new assessment zone for the northeast 46th avenue and bRyant street.

Speaker: Local improvement district to construct stormwater improvements on northeast 42nd avenue and on northeast Columbia boulevard.

Speaker: Since this is a second reading, if there is no further discussion, we can please call the roll. Gonzalez Mapps I want to thank daniel jenkins of bhs for his work on this project.

Speaker: I also want to recognize emily volpert at bhs for her outreach to stakeholders in this area. And of course, I want to thank andrew abbey, our local improvement district administrator for pbot, for his tireless effort to improve the city's infrastructure for these reasons and more, I vote i.

Speaker: Ryan yes, there's andrew. Hello, andrew. Good presentation last week. I vote I Rubio thank you, andrew and daniel for your work on this and to commissioner maps for bringing this amendment forward.

Speaker: It's a great model for us to replicate moving forward. I vote I and with that, the ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned. Thanks, everyone.

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Speaker: First, I just want to say this. Sean is the true and I'm embarrassing. He actually didn't want public recognition for this. He didn't want the media. But I felt his selfless act, which was truly courageous, was was a critical statement at a critical time in our city's history, where we've seen this uptick in hate crimes towards asian American individuals in our community, including the consul general of japan in and many, many others, sean intervened and as I told him earlier today, I'm not necessarily recommending that people intervene in these types of situations. I can't in good conscience. But but I'm glad he did it. And I think in the process, he not only saved the individuals who were being harassed and attacked by the individual in question, but I believe he may have also helped this individual now get back on to the path of recovery. And so I felt it was important for our asian and pacific islander American community here in Portland to know that there are people in this city who will stand up for them even during the most difficult circumstances. And that's why I felt it was important and my staff felt it was important. And frankly, members of the community felt that it was important that we recognize buys you here today. And, sean, I'd like to ask you to just make a few comments. Whatever you feel comfortable saying, we'd love to have the opportunity to hear from you. Yeah, I appreciate it.

Speaker: Mayor. It was a very unfortunate situation on labor day, something that I necessarily wouldn't like to be in the position of, but I'm happy that I was there. I, I think it's just very important that people who respect the city that grew up in the city continue to treat each other how they'd want to be treated. The golden rule to help put the city in a good light. So thank you for the certificate. It's much appreciated.

Speaker: Thank you. And I'd also just like to say a thank you to the members of the council who could be with us here today. Christine and Neil, thank you. I don't know if you would like to make a couple of comments as well. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler. Mapps Rubio, Gonzales and Ryan for having us here. The Portland police bureau advisory council was created two years ago due to all the anti-Asian hate and as you know, every year it keeps doubling or tripling even with the last couple of years of legislation and media attention. And it's still increasing. And I can't figure out why you would think people are more aware. So there's a lot that's happening with anti-Asian hate. And in general, any hate or racism. And we want to thank Sean for stepping up. I'm happy he was safe and nothing happened to him. And he was very brave and courageous in helping out the Asian community. So we also want to thank him and thank you for having us here.

Speaker: Thanks, Christine. Neil did you want to add something? Sure

Speaker: So my name is Neil Lee. I am a director under the Asian Pacific Islander advisory council for the police bureau, but I'm also president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and Portland's Lee Association here in town. And, you know, the thing about Asian crime, it is on the rise. In fact, I'm dealing with another group in Seattle, which is dealing with the same issues. And I just want to thank Sean here and appreciate that what he did. You know, we need people that stand up because the Chinese community has always been quiet and we need

support. But of course, we are speaking up these days, which is good. But again, thank you very much, sean.

Speaker: Thank you. Natasha. Did you want to add anything? Great. So let me just make a couple of comments here. Thank you, sean. First of all, for your words and thank you for your willingness to be here today. And I want to thank, of course, the members of the aapi council who are here, as you just heard, the uptick in anti asian hate crimes over the past few years has happened all across the nation. Of course, but it's happening here in Portland and it's extremely distressing to our community and as the mayor of Portland, I want to be crystal clear that I condemn all hate crimes, include king anti-asian hate crimes, including the events that happened on September 4th, where sean so bravely intervened. Portland is a great city, and we're lucky to have people like sean. It's I can clearly say now now more than ever, that I'm pleased to stand with our asian American community and people like sean who will stand up and defend the asian American community in our city. This is a community which, as everybody in this chamber knows, has given so much to Portland, whether it's culture, civic or economic contribute asians, Portland's asian American community is an immense part of what makes Portland Portland. And I hope that as a community we can continue to reflect on what more we can all do to keep anti-asian bias crimes from becoming normalized again. Thank you, everyone. I'll open this up to my colleagues. I see. Commissioner Mapps has his hand up first. Commissioner Mapps. Thank you.

Speaker: Well, thank you very much, mr. Mayor. And i'll join the mayor. And I'm sure all of my colleagues in thanking sean for your courage, for leaning in in situations like this. I also want to take a moment to join the mayor. And I think all Portlanders in denouncing anti-asian violence. I have been truly horrified and kind of mystified by to see the recent or relatively recent reemergence of violence

against asian American port islanders. We here, we barely go a week without hearing about some incidents like this. I've seen them in old town. I was just out meeting with folks in the at the asian family center a couple of weeks ago, and they've had bullets through their windows in recent years. I have many friends who are close to me who come who are members of the asian American community. And I know this causes real fear and pain in their lives. I want everyone who feels that fear to know that this council and their neighbors stand with you. This is intolerable, evil, and we will not allow this to be part of Portland's culture moving forward. Sean is a great example of the way Portlanders can come together to make sure that we keep each other safe. And there are ways you can do this large and small. So I want to encourage every Portlander to look out for your friends and your neighbors regardless of the color of their skin or the country that their parents or grandparents came from. But we, the way we maintain a safe community is by looking out for each other. Sean you really embody that and you're a role model for all of us. And thank you for being here today. I can tell it's a little bit painful for you, for you. But your courage and your humbleness is an inspiration to us all.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez well, sean, I again, want to echo my colleagues comments and stepping up doing what we were all raised to do, and that's be decent in the face of bad things. And unfortunately in our city, we're seeing too much of this, particularly what our asian communities, which are incredibly diverse, what they're facing in our city right now, it's something of sadness. It's a and anger and but it is unfortunately truly shared across our communities. As diverse as they are, we're all we're all dealing with a more violent city and a more hateful city at the moment. And there's has to be a law enforcement component of that. That has to be neighbors is stepping up and intervening, as you have. And then we have to

rebuild the social fabric in our city day by day and step by step. It's all of the above. And it sounds like there was a behavioral health component of this, which is a longer, more complicated story right now in our state and in our region. But again, I appreciate you stepping up and doing what's decent and very, very sorry to your community that you're having to face this again. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan. Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Thanks for having a pre gavel moment on this topic. Actually, what I want to say is I like the fact that the four of you are sitting together. Sean, you did the heroic act, but the bigger picture I look to the leader here from the police bureau and I'm just curious on what the dialog is like in the police bureau about this spike and I go back to being a leader in Seattle's queer community, way back when. And there were a real spike in violence against gays and lesbians and the capitol hill area, if you will. And it really took working with the police bureau. I did so many ride alongs during that period of time. So just wanting to hear about any concrete steps that is helping from a very diverse community that has probably some cultural barriers that you could speak to. But I'm just curious on what we're doing with this current moment.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor and respective commissioners to commissioner Ryan's point, I on behalf of the chief's office and our police members, very honored and delighted that for the last three years we had the honor and privilege and trust of a very robust and rich and diverse aapi community that comes to meet with us. Or we go into their spaces to meet with them, to engage in a civil discourse, in a hard conversations about unpacking and deconstructing such a complex societal problems in addition to criminal justice issues. And this morning we had about an hour and a half of our regular meeting with community partners and the chiefs office to tackle those really hard issues about from how to empower and support

and elevate our patrol officers who are the frontline responders to persons in crisis to empower them with tools, knowledge and resources so that we can walk away feeling somewhat accomplished and provided comfort in community members. Safety and well-being and restore that trust. But we also tackling issues organizationally and structurally how our policies, our training, our procedures can support that, support what community wants and needs and expects of us. So I'm really honored that for the last three years we had those honest conversations, honest input into this really beautiful city that that thrives on activism and ownership of the power process, reforms not just waiting to be told how to be governed. So I'm very proud and honored to be part of this conversation where we can police with our communities and shape what that means, whether it's a hate crime or any other livability issues and concerns throughout safety. So I know that we have tangible with christina nils help that are very business centric in action, tangible goals oriented. We do have a roadmap how to address and better support our patrol infrastructure, but also our detective division and overall, how to return trust with communities impacted by hate crime.

Speaker: Thank you so much. I just wanted to say something.

Speaker: Oh, yes, we have asked the chiefs to be involved in the community and they have stepped up. We've had community events. When there is serious is violence in the community and the aapi community, they've stepped in and helped out and addressed the community. So we are happy with when we need them. They're there because that is what's going to close the gap with the community and the community will show a lot more. How do you say openness is with the Portland police bureau? Because I think it's. We need more community action between the opb and the communities. Thank you.

Speaker: Oh, thank you so much. And I just will end with this, that we've had two incidents on our block and at first time, we it seemed random. Second time it did seem targeted. And I doubt if this person's filled out a report. So, you know, there's so much underreporting about this issue as well. And your heads are nodding anyway, just to hear that there's ongoing dialog and that you're fully engaged. And now back to you, sean. Thank you. Thanks for having great instincts and being brave. I appreciate you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Rubio, I just want to jump in also and just say thank you for sean for your acts of courage and for really just doing what's right in your heart and I think what's really important for me in this example is that we are communities need to be watching out for each other and recognizing the humanity and the dignity in one another and not say, regardless of background.

Speaker: I don't like when people say that, but really because of our differences and our differences are just as okay and valid as our neighbor right next to us. And so I appreciate that you're seeing that. I appreciate the work that you're all doing to recognize that differences, what makes us stronger and better and we should fully acknowledge it and embrace it and so thank you. Thank you for what you did.

Speaker: Thank you. And natasha from the police bureau. I also just want to call you out. Your name comes up frequently as police commissioner. I hear good things about the work you're doing in the community and you'll continue to do that work. And as chief lovell moves into his new community leadership position, I know he's looking forward to working with you on this. So I don't want you to get to leave here without also being embarrassed by your good work on behalf of all of us. You make us look good. You have accomplished that embarrassment element. Oh, good. Well I'm not done embarrassing sean quite yet. One more matter, and that is,

I want to read the public commendation because it's worth reading into the record and having. Whereas on September 4th, 2023, sean milligan directly intervened when two young women of asian descent were violently targeted in an anti-asian hate crime outside of a restaurant in northwest Portland. And. Whereas, the perpetrator had been loudly shouting anti-asian rhetoric at passersby. And when he became physically violent, sean and a restaurant employee forced the man to the ground and held him there until the Portland police bureau officers arrived. And. Whereas, sean milligan's courage and bravery in intervening on behalf of others in a dangerous situation is commended by the Portland City Council as his actions are a shining example of the best of Portland's values. And. Whereas. September 4th attack is part of a worrying nationwide growth in anti-asian hate crimes and the latest in a series of anti-asian bias crimes in the Portland region. And. Whereas, reports of hate crimes and incidents to the Oregon department of justice's bias response hotline have almost tripled in the last three years, with reports of anti-asian incidents increasing. 190% between 2020 and 2021. And. Whereas in 2020, the Portland City Council adopted anti racism and equity as two of the city's core values. And. Whereas, the city of Portland has continued to honor the significant contributions of the asian American community and stressed the importance of responding to anti-asian bias through participation in the asian American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month. The asian American and pacific islander day against bullying and hate, and the Oregon rises above hate coalition celebration opens now. Therefore i. Ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon. The city of roses do hereby celebrate sean milligan's courage. Thank you from all of us. Appreciate you. Thank you. Thank you for letting us embarrass you a bit, too. But you earned it. Thank you all. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, christine. Thanks neil. Thanks, natasha. Thank you. All right. Good afternoon, everyone. This is the Wednesday, September 20th afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan. Good afternoon. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Gonzalez Mapps here.

Speaker: Rubio here. Ryan here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: Now we're going to hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [www dot Portland.gov](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) backslash council backslash agenda information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. Is the presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberation deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given on further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Any one who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, counsel may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testify lying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, then please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much. First up today, first time certain 797. It's a non emergency ordinance amend council organization and procedure code to align with the amended city charter approved by voters in Portland.

Speaker: Measure 20 6-228 colleagues.

Speaker: Today we're considering changes to the city code. Chapter 3.02, which governs City Council, organization and procedure. This proposal aligns the city's code with charter amendments passed by voters last November and provides the basic framework for the operations of the next City Council. The transition team is with us today to discuss the proposed changes and a phased approach for alignment. I want to thank the team in particular, Tate White, who's with us here to present today as well as, of course, our city attorney's office, the auditor's office and the council clerk, and indeed members of my own staff who've worked hard to think this through. Before I turn it over to Tate, I want to address a question I've heard about this topic and one that we may hear about in public testimony, which is why make these changes now and why not let the next council set up their own procedures? It's a fair question. I want the next mayor and the City Council to have a turnkey structure that enables them to hit the ground running when the new council takes office. These changes will provide the basic framework needed for them to hold their first meeting and elect a council president and a vice president. These changes also allow folks who are considering running for council next year to have a better understanding of how council would function, how frequently they would meet, and how items get to council in the first place. These changes would not go into effect until January first, 2025, and the next council. And this is important. They are free to change these rules as they see fit. These changes act as a starting point for council to conduct business from day one. With that, I'll turn this over to Tate for this afternoon's presentation. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor, and good afternoon, commissioners. Just give me a moment to share my screen on my presentation. There we go. All right. Thank you for your patience so today, as as the mayor just explained, we are here to present a first reading of an ordinance to amend city code chapter 3.02 on council organized action and procedure. I will present for about 20 minutes in the interest of transparency. And so I ask if you don't mind, please hold any questions until I'm done presenting adoption of this ordinance will set the foundation for the 12 person council to operate successfully. Staff starting in January 2025. Many people, internal and external to the city, have contributed to these code amendments, including linly reese and maya heim from the city attorney's office, auditor's office council, lisa hawley and council clerk Keelan mcclymont. Shoshana oppenheim and diana shiplett from the transition team and others that I regret not to be able to name individually, including various gtac members. Thank you all for your contributions as, as you know, last November, Portlanders voted to change city government in three significant ways first, allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference using ranked choice voting. So second, creating four new geographic districts with three members elected to represent each district, expanding the City Council to 12 members and third, replacing the commission form of government with a mayor, council form the City Council will focus on setting policy and a mayor elected citywide will run day to day operations with the help of a professional city administrator. For our understand is that voters approve these charter amendments to make Portland's government more accountable, transparent, parent responsive and represent of every area of the city clear roles and responsibilities at the leadership level will help promote these outcomes. Our team is currently working to plan for and provide the structural policy and process changes as required to align with these new roles and set the 2025 leadership up

for success, but also set you up for success through this transition. The code chapter updates we are speaking about today are a foundational piece of this work. So for those who have been less involved in this process, I will be referencing the city charter. The city charter and city code throughout my presentation mission. And so to help onboard us, I'm going to define the differences between these terms. The city's charter functions as the city's constitution mission and the city's code sets rules for the city of Portland and the public. Today Portland has 34 chapters of city code that need to be updated as we look forward to 2025, let's also revisit why code revisions are needed now. Code chapter 3.02 revisions are needed to give the 12 member district based council the structure and guidelines to operate effectively beginning January 1st, 2025. Clarity about the roles and responsibilities of council all and the mayor as well as the city administrator are needed now to help city staff, the public and interested candidate prepare for the mayor. Council form of government that will start in 2025. These code revisions also provide clarity to what interested candidates are signing up for, as well as a foundation for other transition plan decisions. Additional recommendations will continue to be discussed and informed by the community and can be deliberated upon by the 2025 City Council. So in support of providing more clarity on these shifting roles, let's talk about what will be different under the new mayor council form of government City Councilors will no longer directly oversee city bureaus and will focus on setting policies to achieve desired community outcomes. Council will be elected by district and not citywide. The mayor will no longer sit on council and unlike councilors, will be elected citywide and future mayors will appoint and council will confirm a professional city administrator, the mayor and city administrator will work together to implement the laws and policies developed by council and will manage all city bureaus. Here is a side by side comparison of how

the roles of council and the mayor will be different. Council will set policy, while the mayor will manage city services. Councilors will develop standards that establish the parameters for running Portland's government. But this work will include making appropriations, raising revenues and approving or adjusting the city's budget. The mayor and city administrator will oversee bureaus, employees, facilities and resources, ensuring funds are being used effectively and in accordance with the budget code. Council will hold public meetings, gather input, debate, evaluate policy choices and adopt laws to reflect their choices. The mayor will have the same authority as other councilors to introduce matters before council. The mayor will vote in the case of a tie. Finally, council will have quasi judicial power to apply laws and policies as we have approached this particular code chapter work in two phases. As the years update is represented by phase one and focused on matching code. Chapter 3.02 with the amended city charter and ensuring the 2025 City Council can hold its first meeting. Elect its first council president and start operating in 2025, the second phase of this work is to identify research and provide recommendations for additional council process. Improved its procedures or organizational structures for the 2025 City Council to consider the especially when it comes to council committees. Further engagement on additional code chapter revisions and phase two recommendations will happen in 2024. This slide shows our 2023 timeline. As you can see, an overview of meetings we have had with internal subject matter experts, commissioner offices and the government transition advisory committee to inform policy choices for this code. Update on August 8th, we held a community listening session to present our work to date. Answer questions and take feedback. A public comment period preceded this listening session. We followed up with the government transition advisory committee to discuss what we heard and have incorporated this feedback where

possible, into the proposed revised code. You see today this feedback will also inform phase two the proposed amended code you see today is not a red line version of the current code 3.02 because it has been reorganized to eliminate redundancy and promote clarity and accessibility. Despite right this intentional reorganization in the amended code does not differ drastically from the city code that Portland councils have been using for decades. Robert's rules of order is still proposed to continue to be used to resolve procedural questions that are not covered by this code. The primary amendment to the code are in response to the charter amendments that expand City Council to 12 members established district based councilors and shift the focus of City Council to being a legislative and quasi judicial body. We previously engaged you on key policy choices related to these changes, which I will revisit. Now. These policy choices relate to the role of council president at the council meeting schedule clarifying vote requirements that are not defined in the charter for the 12 member council and council meeting management. The new city charter requires that a council president be elected at the first meeting of the year and that they preside over council meetings. However, the charter doesn't outline any other duties for the council president as is common in more in other cities with mayor, council forms of government by charter, the city auditor is required to produce an agenda for all council meetings. Our recommendation is that the council president work with the city auditor to finalize the meeting agenda, including reviewing all items and recommending whether the item should be considered immediately by the full council or referred to a committee. This ensures that the city auditor has one point of contact for City Council agenda issues rather than 12. This duty is outlined in the code and an additional clause was added to balance this power across the council. The addition includes a reference to standing first agenda item at council meetings with approval

of the agenda and its order with a vote of the full council. Any new agenda items can be added to the following meetings. Agenda for the council president. It would also assign seats at the dais and sign items approved by council. When necessary. Have the president take on these responsibilities. This ensures that there is accountability and a clear decision maker for core operational needs. The presidents propose rule as a primary point of contact between the mayor and the City Council was codified in the public review draft of the code, but it has since been removed due to express concerns about this potentially limiting communications between other councilors and the mayor. We still recommend communications from the executive to the entirety of council be funneled through the council president, but this is something that can be explored further without being codified at this time. We recommend that the full council make decisions around committees as such as what committees should be created and who should be appointed to them. Having council make these decisions both helps councilors to develop working relationships across districts and ensures that a majority of councilors are involved in determining policy priorities. After an item has been referred to a committee, seven councilors can vote to withdraw the item and return it to the full council for consideration. We felt this balance of power was particularly important given the council president will be elected from a district and not citywide. And considering council's new legislative role and the anticipated addition of frequent committee meetings. As we explored, if the regular council meeting schedule needs to be altered currently the City Council meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. And as necessary, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The 2025 council will be largely new and need to meet in full to develop good working relationships and a shared understanding of their roles as councilors. As in the first six months of their term, the 2025 councilors will need to work together to complete the first

budget process in the new form of government. They will also need to work together to establish policy priorities and the smaller committees that will focus on those areas. Therefore, we are proposing establishing a minimum number of meetings per month for council with the understanding that they can meet more frequently if necessary. We are recommending at least one of these meetings be required to be at night since evening meetings increase accessibility and equity of access to council for community members that work during the day. It will be important for the schedule of council meetings to allow for the timely flow of legislation between council and committees and increase public engagement. So we recommend the future council track the effectiveness of the cadence of their full and committee meetings, and consider making any necessary adjustments to the schedule. The third major policy choice relates to voting requirements for council decisions. The charter explicitly outlines many council voting requirements, which can be seen on the slide. We cannot change these requirements without a charter amendment approved by Portland voters. However there are a few vote requirements tied to council actions which are not set by charter, but we recommend be clearly identified so council can do its business effectively. This slide shows the council actions and vote thresholds. We are recommending in the amended code. Chapter 3.02. So council staff and community members understand what votes are required for common council actions and for any actions not defined in chapter 3.02, the council would use Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, which is standard practice for most cities across the country. We receive public comments questioning the reasoning for giving the mayor with the support of six councilors, the ability to call a special meeting with some expressing concern about maintaining separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches. This ability was originally

written and decode and response to internal feedback about the need for the mayor and city administrator to have the ability to bring time sensitive items to council's attention in response to public feedback. Bc the language has been edited to emphasize the need for written consent of six councilors for the mayor to be able to call a special meeting several public comments recommended adding a defined process to remove the council president and vice president during their terms. So wording has been added to allow for the removal of the president or vice president by the affirmative vote of a supermajority of nine members. The final major policy choices made for the draft chapter relate to how council meetings are managed as we have discussed, many new councilors will begin office for the first time ever and under a new form of government. Have some basic structure and rules of procedure in place will support council's success particularly in the first few meetings as councilors learn about their meeting processes and requirements on the slide, you can see three fundamental council actions we identified as helpful to define and code and provide a framework under which council can operate. Although once elected, the council president will preside over council. It is not clear who will preside in advance of that crucial vote. At the first meeting. We are proposing that the council clerk, with assistance of legal counsel will act as presiding officer until the council president and vice president are elected. Current early voting order goes by commissioner number the rotated quarterly with the mayor always voting last since we will have 12 councilors elected from four districts voting order gets a little more complicated and we are recommending that votes be called by district in numerical order and by alphabetical order of last names of councilors in those districts. Each quarter. The beginning district is rotated to the end and the presiding officer typically the council president or vice president will vote last. Finally, as touched on previously to balance the council president's role

and helping to finalize the agenda with the city auditor, we are recommending that a majority present approve of the agenda. At the start of the meeting and the majority may agree to reorder the agenda or add an item to the next meeting's agenda. And finally, here are a few of the topics we see as potential priorities for additional research and community input over 2024. To inform these phase two recommendations, committee meeting rules and procedures will be a huge focus for additional recommendations to the 2025 City Council through this process, we will also explore potential updates to rules around public testimony and the full council meeting cycle and how the addition of committee meetings may change these considerations. Committees provide the opportunity for increased public engagement with City Council, but no final votes will be taken at committee meetings. Public hearings will continue to happen at full council meetings. We will be thinking more about how work sessions may best be used through the transition and into the future, where we've already been thinking about how the mayor will be interfacing with City Council in the new form of government, but will continue to do so with the objective of promoting collaboration between the executive and the legislative branches, which has been expressed as a community priority. So this concludes my formal presentation. Thank you so much for your attention on our next step is that the council set vote next week and we ask for your support to adopt these changes to city code. Chapter 3.02 to help set the 2025 City Council up for success and enable us to continue implementing action of the charter amendments. As you learned about the topics we want to dig into deeper through phase two on the previous slide, which we will continue to align with other related work, including planning for onboarding of the City Councilors and mayor that will be elected in November of 2024. I'm I'm joined by senior deputy city

attorney maya heim. And we are happy to answer any questions you have. Thank you again.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, do you have questions you want to ask now before we get to public testimony? We can do public testimony first. Whatever people prefer. Keelan how many folks do we have signed up?

Speaker: We have one person signed up.

Speaker: All right. Well, that's an easy one. Let's let's go ahead and take our one brave soul. Three minutes, please. Name for the record, terry harris is joining us online.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Hi, terry. Terry, you're good to go. You're muted.

Speaker: Thanks. Just got here. Um good afternoon. I'm terry harris. I'm an alternate member to gtac, but I'm testifying here today in my personal capacity. Um, I understand that the transition to a new government under the voter approved charter amendments is an extremely difficult task in an extremely short period of time. Nevertheless I'm testifying essentially to ask the council whether this particular ordinance is necessary or ready to adopt at this particular moment. As everyone knows here, the fundamental nature of the City Council changes in January 25th, the idea behind the charter amendments and the intent of voters was to create an expanded legislative council dealing and policymaking, not policy, executing its obvious that the code governing the council needs to adapt to this new purpose. My concern is that the code you're adopting here is not that code. These are retrofit edits to the current code that are probably minimally sufficient for alignment with the charter. But are going to fall far short of what's actually going to be necessary. This is not the basic structure of the new council will need as the intent of this ordinance is supposed to be. As I wrote in comments to staff, six of

the seven sections of this draft are going to have to be rewritten to accommodate more robust committee procedures. Many procedure that will be necessary on day one or an expand legislative council. All of Portland's peer cities have committees, a much bigger council is going to need committees, and our code needs to handle committees now. Sure, there are further refined cuts to operations and procedures beyond committees, which might be less left. Best left to phase two for the new council to adopt. What a council agenda looks like and how a council meeting is organized in 2025 is almost certainly not going to be the same as today's. But the basic common legislative infrastructure. The council will need should be in place. Adopting the basics like committees incrementally is going to require this council and the next council to do extra work. So my suggestion to this council would be to set this draft aside and direct staff to provide you with a more mature draft before you consider adoption. In particular, a draft that provides for how standing and special committee outstanding and special committees are organized and operated, how committee work flows from and through the council and clear contours for the roles and responsibilities of the council. President and council committee chairs in a new committee system. It's not rocket science. There are decades of experience in legislatures across the country. These fundamentals of legislative procedures are well understood and there are many familiar examples to work from. Oregon legislature has one model that many people will immediately understand, except for maybe the senate's quorum. But I just think to wrap up my three minutes, um, after a 20 minute discussion, I just think that doing the detailed code work more holistically will be important for council candidates to understand the environment in which new legislative and oversight responsibilities will function and for voters to develop fundamentally new expectations for their elected leadership. Thank you. And I can answer any questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Terry commissioner Mapps um, I want to thank staff for that presentation.

Speaker: I just have a couple of quick questions. Is about, uh, aspects of the proposed code, which I don't quite understand. For example, in the draft code there's a section about motion for reconsidering motion. I'm not can someone explain to me how that works.

Speaker: Yeah. So if there was a vote and then somebody could one of the councilors could immediately ask for a motion to reconsider the vote. It's very rarely used.

Speaker: Let me let me give a concrete example, because we've had I've been here seven years and I think I have voted for probably four reconsider motions. It's fairly rare the context in which we currently use it most often is, is if we bring something to a vote and it's an emergency ordinance, if somebody votes no, then the ordinance is dead. Unless and it's usually me as the last vote. But whoever is the last vote in this case, the presiding officer, I would vote out with the majority. The majority would be the one person who voted no. So even though if I support the ordinance, let's say I support it and commissioner Rubio votes no, right. Um, I would then vote no. Even though I like the ordinance for the purpose of reconsideration and we just won. Even though we're not the majority of the council, but we're the majority from the perspective of the rules, meaning we won the vote by killing it now because I voted with the majority, I have the right to ask for reconsider portion of the vote. And so then I would move at that point. I don't know if we've done it with with this council recently, but I'd vote for a reconsideration. I'd move and then I'd get a second. And usually as a courtesy, a second is extended and then a majority can bring it back for a vote. And usually what happens at that point is I would request a removal of the emergency clause. And usually everybody

agrees to that. It moves to second reading with the one commissioner having registered their public objection.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. That's helpful. I think we have done this once or twice since we've been here and frankly, I've never quite tracked the details. So could anyone on council under our current rules, can anyone on council do that maneuver or is it reserved for the mayor?

Speaker: Anyone can do it, although it is easier for the person who votes last because then they've got the tally of the votes. But anyone can do it.

Speaker: Okay, that's helpful. I'll have to go study harder. Okay. Um another just quick question on something which I just authentically wasn't quite clear on. Um, can we pull up slide 12 ?

Speaker: One moment. I have to share it again. Oh, sure.

Speaker: Okay. Uh, we're all familiar here. I'm looking at the, uh, row dealing with emergency ordinances. I'm trying to develop an intuitive understanding of includes ordinances for franchises. What's the sort of intuitive might have to turn it to my again?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: In our current charter, we have a very what I would describe, I think, accurately as a tortuous process for franchise ordinances. Those requirements will be on the ballot in November of 2024. They were advanced by the charter commission for a simple majority, rather than a supermajority. So if that ballot measure passes, then it would not be that that need to have a very specific vote count for franchises would no longer exist. But that's why you see it there. Now. It's simply a quirk of the existing charter.

Speaker: I appreciate the explanation. I won't belabor the point. I still don't quite understand. But i'll i'll get i'll get briefed. Um at a later date. Um I think this is an

easy question. Um, what's the sort of organic term for the council president? Is that or how long is the term for council president?

Speaker: Sorry, how long is the term? It's a year. A year. So that's in charter that the vote for the council president. The first meeting every new year.

Speaker: Um great. And i'll wrap up and all likelihood by a comment which builds off of some of the thoughts shared by my public testimony which deals with this whole committee space s, which I think is interesting. And there I would imagine we could build a stack of r's or whatever you would be the appropriate rules there. There are three inches thick. Um well, i'll just express my interest in learning more about how committees work. I'll tell you the other thing, especially as we begin to talk about committees, I do wonder if there's going to be staff which are committee specific. And here I'm kind of thinking about legislature like in congress and state legislatures. I think we see that fairly often. We haven't heard a lot about that. This also, I think, gestures towards this broader project that we're working on. I think all of the offices are working really hard to come up with our best thoughts on the proper organizational chart for the council moving forward. As in which service areas there are what goes into what. Um, one of the things that so far has been largely absent from that conversation is the implied staffing pattern that will exist within that. And I think that, I think we've talked about that at the sort of bureau level and service area level. But I think the committee, I think what's probably going to happen is council will the future councils will find that they want to have staff that are unique to specific bureaus, but I'm not quite sure. I just look forward to hearing more about about what staffs recommendations are for that space.

Speaker: Thank you for that. As you know, there was a budget note in the mayor's proposed, you know, asking the transition team to work on staffing, planning to support the new elected officials. So we have been doing that work. We've been

mapping out the different services required to support council all today, but then also anticipated new services in the new form of government, which largely does involve supporting committee work and legislative work. So we have been doing that work. We are working on delivering a cost neutral option and we will have alternatives as well.

Speaker: Okay, great. And just to really put my cards on the table, at least my understanding of where we are and the charter reform process is we're trying to figure out an org chart. We need that org chart fairly soon because we're going to be budgeting into this org chart. But one of the things that is currently absent from the org charts discussion that we've had so far is what staffing patterns are implied by that. Now, if this is going to be budget neutral, um, I think that's I think that's going to be challenging. I don't know, for example, if we have staff for committees, we, I think we have to stop, we have to repurpose some bodies in the system. But i'll, i'll pause there and let my colleagues pose some questions.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner gonzales.

Speaker: I think one of the questions I'm wrestling with hearing from cities that have recently expanded their council on the question of communication between council members and the mayor that is actually a really challenging thing and sometimes vexing problem. That's not that intuitive to us because the mayor can literally meet with each of us in a given week. Sometimes it's hard to schedule that, but it's not impossible. But given 12, you know, I've heard from folks, even when they have eight, that's it's not easy to have a regular cadence. And so um, I appreciate the public comment on that comment on that area. I'm just sharing from folks who've gone through this recently see that this is the this is not an easy problem to solve. I mean, maybe you could do, you know, cover two districts per week or you know, you can think of ways to try and streamline that because one

advantage of the new council will have you're not you're not triggering public meeting laws by meeting with more than one folk, more than one council member at a time. So they're going to have some more flexibility than we do in that respect to have multiple folks in the same meeting. But I think this is going to be a challenge, and I'm just hearing this from folks who've recently gone through it. So I don't know if you lean on the council president to be that more, you know, to have that role more explicitly as you originally proposed. But I think we need to take that into account. Again, that's for the new council and the mayor to figure out. But it's hearing from folks. It's not that easy on council formation. Could you go back to the slide where you show council formation?

Speaker: Sorry, council.

Speaker: Well, you had the line items articulating what the council president's responsibility would be. It's this one. Yeah. So the you're proposing thing, when I'm looking down at the creation line, I'm sorry, I'm having a hard time reading on my screen. So the how will committees be generated based on this? Is it going to be from the entire council? Will approve and potentially eliminate council member committees? Yes

Speaker: Currently we're leaving it to the full council to decide upon committees. It actually is in our draft code how that process will happen. They will decide upon the committee topic and the membership as as a council. I think it's a vote of seven and I'm getting confirmation from the deputy city attorney and ad we want to leave more space to discuss that. And so we're adopting kind of core or core decisions within this this code chapter. But leaving some flexibility to continue to have those conversations in phase two about committees.

Speaker: And is there any explicit delegation to committees in the existing code or is it I mean, or is it essentially advisory? I mean, what's how would you describe the

committee's authority out of the gate, which is also outlined in the in the proposed code, the are considered advisory to council.

Speaker: And so that's why we talked about the full council makes final decisions. Public hearings happen at council as we see in other cities, often committees make recommendations to the full council.

Speaker: Well I mean I'm just envisioning committees would become more functional experts on their area and I I'm perfectly fine pointing to the new council to figure that out. But they they will likely become subject matter experts, experts hopefully in those areas. And so I think intuitively, I'd be supportive of some level of delegation to those committees. But again, I'm okay with keeping that. Let the next council figure that out. I think the public comment was getting at that a little bit. Um one last approve or amend the agenda. Now that's kind of a standard. Robert's rule of order type provision I think, is that what is that why it's included? Because I mean, I don't know. I've only been here for eight months, but that's not really seen us amend the agenda at the beginning. We sometimes do it on the fly, but could you just is that just for we're trying to map to robert's rules of order there or what problem are we trying to solve there?

Speaker: I will say briefly, it is partially to balance the power and not give too much power to a council president that is elected by a district. But my, my, I can add.

Speaker: Yeah, I think that's correct. We wanted an efficient process, but we also were recognizing that the new council president will come from one district, an and wanted the full council to be able to weigh in if they really wanted to hear an item immediately, we then that would be certainly an option that they could override. The council president's decision to delay or move it to committee.

Speaker: But moving to committee in this case, as of right now is not an explicit delegation of any authority. Right. So that's a well, currently there are no council

committees. Right. I'm just I mean, the prospect of referring something to committee is sort of a what does it really mean if you're not delegating any authority to it? I mean, it other than delaying.

Speaker: Well, if the full council wanted to hear an item rather than send it to committee, they would have the option to vote. And if a majority voted to for the full council to hear that item immediately, they would be able to do that and override the council's the council president's decision to move it to committee. Okay.

Speaker: Okay. I mean, certainly I think that this new council is going to want to figure this stuff out. So we're trying to give them a framework to start with. I guess the last point on on committees is that I think once we do iron out our recommendations for the organization of the administrative side, that that might be a reasonable starting point for committee organization on the legislative side, I can already envision where you wouldn't map 100, but that it's kind of a reasonable starting point. So I don't know if we should leave 2024 with some recommendations on committee organization. I don't think we need to put it in the code. I think but I do want to circle back to that, that we give them a framework to start with. And again, they have full ability to throw it out. If they don't like it, but it just to give some structure. I'll stop with that. Thank you. All right. Thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio. Hi

Speaker: Hi, kate. I just have some quick questions about public engagement and just a few things. A few detail questions about access to policy development through the committee and first, I just want to say thanks so much for our meetings with your office have been great and you've been really great at listening to us and incorporating ideas and talking through ideas. So thank you for that. My pleasure.

So first is the consent is that going to stay the same the way that we do consent now? What's different in the new policy or the council meeting?

Speaker: The consent agendas you're referring to? I believe it's rather similar.

Speaker: Yeah. It'll be almost identical. The we can't anyone will be able to remove that. And that's a charter requirement. It and the one thing that I suspect will be different is you'll see much less contracts. Okay that will move to become an executive function. So council will hopefully be really focused on policy and legislation.

Speaker: Thank you. That that was my question about still being able to pull things from consent and then council communication. Will that stay the same or will that be expanded for more of the public to access and be able to sign up for?

Speaker: That's a great comment. Currently we have kept it the same, but that's something we really want to leave. That's something we really want to talk to the community more through phase two. We see committees which will be public meetings. Those committee meetings as an opportunity for more interface with the public, with council. And so that's we're going to explore more with with the government transition advisory committee and other community members. What are the different options for that and what are the desires for that before we make any decisions on changes on at full council meetings? Okay.

Speaker: And that was my follow up question to that was about testimony in committee and because I just heard you say that that you're still planning to have hearings like full hearings at council. So are you taking tests, any testimony at committee level? And I'm hearing you say there's an interplay then for public testimony, sign up at the regular with the committee testimony. So can you just give me your ideas about what you're thinking?

Speaker: Well, honestly, that's exactly what we want to work out. Okay but we're we're we're not taking away anything that we have currently. We if anything, it will be additive as we figure that out through our expanded conversations with the community and different subject matter experts. Great

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And they're going to want committee.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Good to see you. Tate. Great work. Commissioner. Rubio asked about consent. So thank you. Great questions. So these are like our bylaws that we're putting together. That's what it feels like. And there's a lot here. So we start to ask. There's some big picture questions. One is, you know, we're reminded that the council, City Council will be all about policy. My through line to implementation because when you look at the state, county, metro, every form of government we're not we're good at doing policy work. We pass we pass a lot of policy. We don't implement a lot of it. So where's the council's responsible ability to be accountable to implementation of policy? How does that connect? Is it all going to be on the mayor and the city manager? Okay

Speaker: Oh, no, I'm sorry. Are you ready for me to answer?

Speaker: Oh, totally.

Speaker: Yeah. Stop me.

Speaker: I'm just listening. I think that's exactly what we're thinking about. You heard me mention. We're thinking about how do we maintain the desired separation between the executive and legislative, but also promote collaboration and promote that feedback loop that really gets to the responsive and accountable governance that Portlanders are looking for. And so we've been thinking about in our staffing, planning and everything. What are the communication channels that

promote this culture of collaboration? And I think, you know, in the charter there are established times for the mayor and the city administrator to provide updates to council in public meetings. And I think we can build from there. And so that's our continued conversation on over the next year. I think.

Speaker: And then that icon that you have under council president to serve as a primary contact between mayor and council, why don't I know what that means?

Speaker: Well, I could have a better one. It's just it's a little icon to stimulate conversation.

Speaker: And we're all thinking about that.

Speaker: It used to be a check mark when we had it codified, but when we were responding to public feedback that like, oh, we're worried, that means the rest of council won't talk to the mayor. We're like, okay, we get that. Let's we'll pull that back now and continue to have conversation about what that means.

Speaker: Thank you for explaining that nuance I might have made up a different story and it wouldn't have been helpful. I do believe the dialog we're having right now, though, is a big one because my experience again is that governments have a hard time implementing policy. And so how we really make sure that we operationalize that function will be important. We start talking about staffing just a little bit. And if, as we've heard, I think more rumors than we've seen facts written down about staffing models, but is the council president, is our conversations about the council president with all these responsibilities is having more staff than the rest of the council members?

Speaker: You know, the salary commission, you know, questioned that a little bit and thinking if the council president should have a higher salary and through our research of other cities, it was not common for the council president to have a higher salary. But it was common for them to have more staff support. That is

something we are thinking about through that services catalog that I talked about and making sure the appropriate levels of services are met for each. Okay

Speaker: Just a couple of questions. Thanks

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Very good colleagues, anything else before we move this to second?

Tate? Thank you. I want to thank you for your hard work on this. And I know maya put a lot of work into this linly reese, who could not be here today, put many hours into drafting these changes and I'd be very remiss if I didn't acknowledge her terrific work and our legal team's work on this colleagues, obviously, there'll be more code changes coming our way in the months ahead as we prepare for this new form of government. But I thought this was a great conversation today and I appreciate everybody's input. This is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading next item, 798, please. Non non emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Adopt the Portland clean energy community benefits fund. Climate investment plan in effect through October 31st, 2028 colleagues.

Speaker: Our next item is to consider the Portland clean energy community benefits fund, a five year climate investment plan sometimes called the sip. I'm now going to pass it to commissioner in charge of planning and sustainable ability. That is, of course, commissioner Rubio, who will introduce the item. Commissioner

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Colleagues I'm excited to present an ambitious climate investment plan that represents 750 million in community led clean energy projects and climate investments over the next five years. This plan represents thousands of hours of engagement by numerous stakeholders and sectors and prioritizes programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthens the community's that are hit first and hardest by extreme climate events. The climate investment plan, or cip, was recommended by the Portland clean energy

community benefit fund committee and as mentioned, shaped by extensive input and engagement from community nonprofits and public and private partners, which got its start from the community passed with overwhelming support. It's the first environmental initiative led by communities of color in Oregon and the first program of its kind in the United States. This fund is designed to reduce and remove the systemic barriers that have accompanied our dependence on fossil fuels, while centering frontline and BIPOC communities as decision makers. As we hear this presentation today, after a summer with intense heat waves, we are reminded of the significant science and the potential of this program and the highly impactful and consequential investments that we can deliver to our communities as we face unprecedented climate disasters. The need to address the climate crisis cannot be any clearer. You just need to look at our news on any given day. Over the past several years, Portlanders have increasingly experienced record shattering heat choking smoke from increasing wildfires, floods and other extreme climate events. Scientists also recently published a warning that the next five summers will be the hottest on record. And in fact, earth is likely to pass 1.5°C of warming over pre-industrial levels, a key climate threshold by 2027. The importance is urgency. Human caused climate change is making our weather more erratic and unpredictable, and at times extremely hot or snowy or windy and lives are increasingly at stake. And these have real life safety impacts on Portlanders. This is why we have urgency in building a sustainable and climate resilient city for future generations, especially those impacted first and disproportionately since the first referendum in April of 2019, we have gained valuable insights and accordingly the program has evolved. This process led council action led to a council action in October 2020 to make adjustments that allow for a more responsive program that retains the commitment of the original ballot measure,

but allows for more agile and aggressive investments in our climate action efforts. And today I'm proud to introduce the climate investment plan that outlines strategies and outcomes for a 750 million investment from 2023 through 2028. The cip reflects real and transformed opportunities ahead. So now I'd like to pass it to director dani olivera to kick off today's presentation on the climate investment plan, along with director sam barrasso.

Speaker: But before they jump in, commissioner, could I also just as a point of order, could could we do the staff presentation, the invited testimony, subsequent to that? And then I know we have a lot of people signed up for public testimony. Could we take our ten minute break prior to the public testimony? Because we'll be about two hours into the council session and I want to make sure we give our folks upstairs is a little bit of a break. Is that acceptable to everybody? Good so we'll we'll hear your presentation, an invited testimony. Then we'll just take a ten minute recess and then we'll come back to hear everybody else. Sounds great. Thank you. Sorry for the interruption.

Speaker: No problem.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, commissioner Rubio, counsel for the record. My name is don oliveira. I'm the director for the bureau of planning and sustainability. So it's a real privilege and honor to be up here to present to you the first ever climate investment plan for the city of Portland that will serve as the foundation for \$750 million into climate benefits for our community over the next five years. Next slide, please. So here's the agenda. We'll just I'm going to walk through this briefly and then dive right in. So we're going to provide a high level overview of the program from its connection to our climate climate goals for the city, some information about our decision making process, but we're also going to walk through some of the details of the fund itself and the program allocations and

really walk through the nuts and bolts of how we're going to be moving forward. I want to offer that at any point you have questions, please ask what we do each after each section have time to answer questions. So either hold for those or ask for clarification along the way. Next slide, please. So let's start with the programmatic. Lance I think is just important to set the foundation of how we got here and how the \$750 million is going to advance our climate work. Next slide, please. So you've seen this before? Council, but I want to just walk through because it's important to kind of frame how pizza fits into the larger climate goals, but how it really is centering the next five years of our work. Let's talk about again, the city of Portland was one of the first cities in the country to develop a climate action plan. That's the 1993. And all along the way we've been continuing to develop plans that are both data driven but informed by the experiences of our communities. What's really been the game changer for us is when community led a ballot initiative in 2018 to put resources behind those goals and those plans and those visions. And what's important to think about as well is we are now in the climate crisis. When you look back to 1993 and in 2001, we were talking about a future climate impacted scenario. Well, now we are in those scenarios. So now as we look at our mitigation targets and our mitigation strategies, we're also ensuring that we're doing things that are going to provide resilient frameworks and investments for our communities as well, especially those that have been historically harmed by climate, but also those who have experience that a lack of seat at the table in terms of decision making and the lack of opportunity to invest and be a part of the wealth generating opportunities of our fine city. Next slide, please. One of the most consistent questions we get about pcf is how it ties into our climate emergency work plan. So two summers ago, this council adopted a climate emergency and we came back with a work plan that outlined several objectives that our city bureaus

and partners are engaged in to reduce our climate emissions to net zero with the climate emergency work plan lays out is some distinct buckets of reduction scenarios and strategies, including resilience. And with the climate investment plan does it really aligns us with those goals. But it was never intended to be the funding source for every single objective in the climate emergency work plan. So to be clear, the climate investment plan is has direct nexus with the work plan, but it is not the sole investment strategy for all those objectives in the city's overall climate emergency work plan. And what's important about that is to say we have a lot of work to do within pcef and the fund itself, but there is so much more we have to do working with within our bureaus, within our private sector partners to reach our goals. The other thing I want to acknowledge is \$750 is a substantial amount of resources to invest in climate. It's a very big deal, but it is still relatively a drop in the bucket for the full investment necessary to truly meet our climate goals and to maintain a resilient framework for our communities. If you think about it on scale, next slide, please. We'd be looking at a minimum of about \$50 million of investments necessary to actually meet all the climate resilience and mitigation goals that we've set forth, and that's those aren't nice to haves. We're talking about infrastructure investments. We're talking about mode shift, we're talking about the grid transformation that we spoke with you all about earlier this month when it comes to increasing our transmission and distribution infrastructure. As we shift to electrification, we need to ensure that we have resilience in our grid. So all those investments are upwards of \$50 billion, 750 million is still a lot. Can't I don't want to underscore how significant that is, but I do want to acknowledge that it's still a portion of the way we have to go as a city. The last thing I want to acknowledge here is that the \$750 million of projects that are in the plan are based on community benefits. The ability for those to reduce emissions, the really important

goals. And yet we still have a lot more to do, both from a city leadership, city bureaus and from our partners in the community. Next slide, please. All right. So another piece of feedback we heard was we want to make sure there's clarity about the sequence of events and the role that council will play in terms of the next steps of this fund. First and foremost, this is a major step in the fund's history. This is a chance for you all to give us the authority to start investing more substantially in our communities for climate action. But this is not the only time we'll be coming back to this council for your action. So we will be releasing a long overdue rfp number three this fall. So this will be the next chance for us to reach out to communities and ask for projects to fund accounts will be here to authorize that allocation soon. And then we will start to produce agreements with external partners such as school districts, with other private investment partners will look to come to council to authorize those contracts. So you might see, for example, a climate friendly schools program, energy agency agreement sometime in early 2024. As an example, we'll come back again in the fall or excuse me, the spring of 2024 with another rfp to award those grants and again, we'll be continuing coming to you all with contracts exceeding \$1 million to authorize us into partnership, these are all going to be moments we'll be able to give you updates on the status of the fund, but also give you a chance to get behind the curtain on the work that's being done by bureaus and our external partners. Next slide, please.

Speaker: Donnie, real quick, on the last one. Yeah. When you mentioned the public schools, that's in conjunction with our school districts. Yes, correct. Because they have much of that in their bond campaign, or at least does.

Speaker: I think I don't know that that's part of the bond element, commissioner, but this is distinct within the framework of pcef. So we have some and sam, can walk through some of the examples that those funds could go towards. But this is

particularly a chance for us to work with our school districts, especially those that are in severe need of core infrastructure, hvac investments to help ensure that our schools are able to.

Speaker: That's been a strong message. When passes the bond. But we all know the other school districts, east of us don't have the same privilege. So that's correct.

Speaker: It's also, while we're here, actually, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that the amount of work that goes into some of these intergovernmental agreements is really substantial. We are gracious partner in parks, worked with us for an urban forestry program, um, that we worked with community partners, park staff, pcef staff to come up with an agreement that this was authorized by council in the fall to have one of the first strategic initiatives greenlit and the amount of work that we're going to be doing with the school districts and other government partners to help support the investment of these funds is going to be substantial, and we look forward to working with all of our bureau partners to do that. Not only that, but we continue to ensure that all the programs are community centered and that the benefits are designed to ensure that the people who we're looking to, to support are centered in the decision making and in the implementation of these strategic initiatives that sam is going to walk through. I say that to acknowledge that there's an incredible amount of work that's gone into this moment, but an incredible amount of work still necessary to realize the programs and the initiatives that are outlined in the plan. So if there's questions about what it looks like, the answer is generally going to be we have a lot of work still to do to deliver on those promises as any other questions on what I just shared. Okay with that, I'm going to hand it over to sam to walk through the nuts and bolts of the fund. Okay. Next slide.

Speaker: Thank you. Um, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commission it's good to be here. This is a lot of work that has gone into this, and so I'm going to walk you all through that here shortly. And you're going to hear a lot of words from me. So please, we certainly have a moment for questions at the end. But but I encourage you all to ask questions as we go along. All right. Next slide. So I want to just start with just providing a visual diagram of some of the engagement work that happened here. And a big kudos goes to June reyes, who I think is in the audience today but is now with the government transition team for architecting and engineering this. So as we went through our nine month process that got kicked off after council made the code changes back in October of 2022, we had a series of engagement that was designed to really tap into our community's expertise at various different levels. We convened topic area roundtables about 25 topic area roundtables over a series of meetings that took us through snowstorms and other pieces, but and brought together bureau partners, subject matter experts, its grantees that have worked on our projects, and many others. We also engaged through that time period with bureau partners on individual one, on one meetings, just to tee up those, those, those, those roundtables, as well as get other information and context as we built out the plan through that, we did broader community engagement through virtual zoom events, online surveys and in-person workshops hosted throughout the city and then we hosted and gave updates regularly twice a month through both public peace committee meetings so folks could track the progress, provide input with the committee. And so we could really right size, tweak, make adjustments as we went along and through all that, we were able to really bring folks along through an early kickoff, a visioning stage where folks really guided and shared what's the kind of climate resilient Portland they wanted to see in five years. We took that, shaped that through those processes into

a preliminary draft that we put out for public comment, received comments on that preliminary draft, made adjustments, tweak that based on the comments, our engagement with our committee and then released a full draft for public comment in may of this year. Afterwards we did one more. We took that round, worked with our committee as well, worked with subject matter experts to do one more refinement before getting to the plan. That's before you all today. And as an important note, we went to council. We said we'd bring this back in nine months and the committee made the recommendation in exactly nine months after you all authorized us to go on this journey of developing this plan. Next slide here. I just want to capture some of the layers of comments that we got as part of the visioning stage. So this was at that higher level. Again, this was where we invited folks to tell us what's a climate resilient Portland you want to see in the future. We don't want you to we don't need you to be an expert. But shares. What are the things you want to see and received. Over 400 comments in that stage brought it into the preliminary draft phase where we really we surfaced up. What came out of our roundtables, our expert convenings, our research and got 500 comments on the preliminary draft and then did some more tweaking and adjustments based on those that draft and release the full draft where we got another 130 plus comments. So across this we got about 1000 comments informing the plan before you all. Next slide. So in the next few slides which you're going to see is defined ways of orienting how the funding, the 750 million is being organized. And so in this slide in front of you, all here, what you see is our seven funding categories. Now, these come directly from our code. And so what you'll see is these are and largely they align with the original ballot measure in most part about 63% of our funding in the in the plan goes towards renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. Folks, this is the stuff we've been doing since the carter administration. It's the stuff

we have the most confidence in technologies have adjusted and changed, but it's the bread and butter of the work that we do. This is getting into homes, building, retrofitting our commercial buildings, our schools and many other places to make sure they're more comfortable environments and reducing our energy consumption. There our next funding category is transportation, decarbonization. This was a new funding category that was authorized as part of the code updates. So we did not do this before, but now we do this. And so that's going to be really focused on helping folks move around this community in ways that are more efficient and healthier and consume less emissions. Next we've got green infrastructure. Think trees, planting things in soils, sequestering, capturing carbon in the biomass. You know, the roots and the trunks and so forth. And we've got 5% for our climate jobs, workforce and contractor development. This is about making sure that we've got the workforce there and the contracting workforce to be able to work on these projects and that we're diversifying that workforce less than 3% for regenerative ag, 2% for capacity building in this other catch all. Okay. And so just to before I leave this slide, what i'll say is this largely orients with the original ballot measure. The main changes as part of the code changes is we decrease the funding that went towards our workforce and contractor development and we substantial increased when we created the transportation decarbonization authorization. We increased our funding there. Next slide. This is another way of looking at the 750 million originally our focus was on community responsive grants. These are grants for nonprofits to implement projects that are in service to pcf's mission, reducing emissions and creating that community benefit at the same time. Now, with the code changes, we are enabled to do strategic programs. These are programs that are more directed by the city in service to the community. So it's still fundamentally about emissions reductions and community benefit. But this is based on where it

takes a little bit more effort. So these are designed and you'll see that us walk through those programs here shortly and then we've got a 5 million set aside for our tree canopy maintenance reserve, and that's distinctly set aside because our code called that out explicitly as a as an area. Next slide. This is the last slide breaking down the various ways that we're carving out the funds and so we'll get into the detailed allocations here in a minute. But what this shows here is that across the 750 million, when we think about the city as an implementing partner, there's about 21% of the funds that are set aside directly for city bureaus and entities to administer. And to run. Then we've got about an additional 16% where we're going to continue to work with city entities. And they will either be eligible to administer those programs or directly receive programs. And we'll talk about what those are here shortly. We've got 20% set aside for community responsive grants, and then we've got 43% set aside for all of those entities that will be largely administered through procure rfps. And so these would be open for businesses, private businesses to administer nonprofit entities and government entities as well. Okay next slide.

Speaker: So here we're going to start walking through the actual funding areas.

Speaker: And i'll just give a little a little example of what each of these are doing. But our first one is 30 million. This is for climate, jobs, workforce and contractor development. This is really broken down into a focus of \$4 million focus on youth climate, career exposure. So think really exposing youth high school youth into these climate careers so they understand the paths, the career options that are available ahead of them. This isn't direct job training. The larger source of funds in this allocation, 26 million is set aside for job training and contractor support. So here we're talking about supporting folks moving into pre-apprenticeship programs and then apprenticeship programs. So that they are able to work in these various

climate careers. It's also about supporting contractor support initiatives. So this would be investing in organizations that support contractors. An example would be taking a painting business and supporting them, pivoting into doing some insulation work. Okay. Next slide. Now this is our larger funding category. This is renewable energy and energy efficiency. It's that 63% I shared earlier. Our first piece I'll speak to here is our community responsive grants. That is for proposals that are originated from the community. That's what we've done. That's what we'll continue to do. Examples of this are going to be community solar. It'll be retrofits on a community, on a community building. Other projects like that. And then we've got our five strategic programs, strategic program, one is a program that was fast tracked as directed by council back in October of 2022. We've been at this directly with the Portland housing bureau, and this is focused on clean energy improvements in regulated multifamily, affordable housing. So as we're making the substantial investments in affordable housing as a result of the Portland housing bond and the metro housing bond and others, we're adding to those projects. And to date, we've already awarded 15 million out of this strategic program through the interagency agreement that we have with housing bureau. This is one of two fast track programs in the in the cip, the rest is here before you for approval. Next, we've got sp two strategic program to this is clean energy in unregular multifamily housing some times otherwise known as natural occurring affordable housing. So this is our private market rate, affordable housing that is out there that has tremendous amounts of deferred maintenance and need as well. So here we've got 50 million allocated to make energy efficiency, renewable energy improvements, as well as addressing some deferred maintenance. That is going to be key to making those improvements. Next up is sp three clean energy improvements in single family homes to the tune of 140 million. Here we plan to retrofit it on the scale of

600 homes a year or 3000 homes over five years. We expect to do deep energy retrofits for households earning up to 80. Area median income. Um, and then lighter, more moderate retrofits for households between 80. Median family income and 150% area median income. Um next up is clean energy in small commercial buildings. The tune of 25 million. This allocation is largely intended to target our smaller commercial buildings that consume quite a bit of energy. So think about your convenience stores that had a lot of refrigeration equipment, restaurant business is with otherwise hoods and other equipment that's operating that consumes a lot of energy. It's directly focused on support, making these improvements and addressing and supporting reducing their operating costs as a part of providing them more efficient equipment. And this program, we expect to administer in close collaboration are in discussion with working with prosper Portland and their storefront improvement program. Um, so this is one where we see a lot of alignment opportunities with some of their offerings within the city. And then the last step in this funding category is strategic program five. This was originally called community resilience hubs. It still is that in our minds, but that created a lot of confusion. And so this is building upgrades for communities. Severe weather response. That is what we are doing. Folks saw more in community resilience hubs. That's important, but but not necessarily what we are doing. So here, this is going to be focused and we expect the city to be a prime entity that will be working with here. This is building upgrades where we're going to be investing in efficient hvac systems, ems battery backup systems, solar, other things that are going to be critical when the grid goes down or when we have wildfire smoke. Other things so that folks can have places of refuge that are 80 accessible sites, be resilient, but also are able to operate efficiently and operate under when the grid

does go down. So we expect this to be a majority of these certainly to be supporting city facilities, but also community facilities as well. Okay. Next slide.

Speaker: So now pivoting into this next category and this is a new funding area for the program is transportation decarbonization.

Speaker: We certainly funded some transportation decarbonization in the past, but this is at a substantially larger scale.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez yeah. Do you mind going back to the last slide just momentarily? I just want to call out with strategic priority number five. This is an area of extreme concern that you've heard from me. I when we look at holistically the risks that the Portland residents are exposed to over the next 20 years, the next generations, not only are core climate change, extreme weather, heat and cold, but floods and seismic and 30 million is a drop in the bucket. Truly over five years. When I look at the number of activation events we had for cooling warming centers in our community, uh, to address the unsheltered this year, I think we're on we're approaching six this year. We have a substantial gap here and our underinvestment in seismic as a community is substantial. Well, we are certainly being exposed to scrutiny for our willingness to protect wetlands and exposure to floods in our community. So I would just call out want to reiterate, I'm concerned about the size of this bucket. It's 30 million is not a meaningful number in terms of the needed investments there. I fully recognize that there are other ways to potentially get the dollars to bridge the gap in our community, but this is the one that kind of keeps me up at night thinking about maybe it's my exposure to emergency management, but I look at the variety of really nasty scenarios that our community could face at any given time. And this is an area where we may be able to hedge some of that risk. But thank you.

Speaker: If I may respond. Thank you, commissioner. Mayor Wheeler. Ron, I think that's a it's a it's something that we've certainly thought quite a bit about. And I think that there's it's going to be with regards to the entire plan, there have been a lot of competing, competing demands and competing wants within the plan. But I think what I would offer is that and it maybe is worth a point that I should have clarified earlier across strategic programs. One two, to three, four and five. We expect to be investing significantly in deferred deferred maintenance. I think that's a point that I need to make. And as part of that deferred maintenance, we absolutely see seismic retrofits as part of that life health, safety suite of things that are going to be eligible in that deferred maintenance. It's a it's a core part of why we were created, a recognition that when we make energy efficiency investments, that it takes more oftentimes you need to address the roof. You need to address the gutters, you need to address other things in order to go in and do the efficiency improvements, because without doing so, they're they're they're moot. They don't work. And so, so our front door is the efficiency. That's the door we come in. That's what we're designed to do. But as part of that, I'd say staff took painstaking efforts to really tease out how we can bring in other funding into our projects and get after that deferred maintenance. And so I think this will give us a good opportunity at this scale to really tease out how do we get at seismic across our single family homes or commercial buildings and absolutely our community. Severe weather response. Okay, fair enough.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Moving into transportation, decarbonization on what what i'll acknowledge here is there's a tremendous amount of interest and excitement here. And I think this was a this was certainly a really great I'd say a good collaboration with stakeholders as pbot and others as we brought together our roundtable and

tease this out. What we have here is our community responsive grants first, that's to the tune of \$35.5 million over five years, and that's intended to support organizations in transitioning their fleets and bringing on electric vehicle car sharers. Immobiliere other things to help folks get around more efficiently in ways that are healthier, reduce our emissions. And then we've got two strategic programs that were designed out of that where we saw a substantial need, and that's strategic program six focused on a comprehensive electric bike access and support program. Um, this program was modeled off of denver's program as we looked at other jurisdictions, other cities, whether san diego, Seattle, other places. And this took the form of denver's program will be tapping into our local bike shop network and leveraging them as part of distribute ing and moving these vehicles through a voucher program. Next outside of this, we have our equitable, clean transportation access program, and this is the expansion of an existing program that the bureau of transportation pbot administers. This is the transport nation wallet access for all program, and it would be expanding that so that folks have flexible means to tapping into trimet and other bike town on lift other means of moving around so that they can rely less on single family vehicles and move around in ways that are healthier for but but keep folks, you know, help folks get around in ways that doesn't strictly where they don't strictly have to have a car. Okay next slide. Next up is our green infrastructure investments. First, is our community responsive grant allocation for 5 million. This will be targeted investments in green infrastructure that our community will be investing in. And then we've got more structured programing. First up is our tree canopy maintenance reserve. This is intended to go after existing and it's important to make this distinction exist. Putting trees in the public right of way that have substantial needs. And so this is about doing the maintenance for and making sure that we're preserving our

existing large form trees that are creating shade species, habitat, you know, water and stormwater mitigation. And most importantly, the carbon sequestration and so this is supporting income qualified households up to 100% area median income in addressing pruning, other pest management, other things that would support maintaining existing trees. The next program here is about separate from that, it's our equitable tree canopy program and that program before was in collaboration with Portland parks and recreation's urban forestry division. The next program is equitable tree canopy also in collaboration with the Portland parks and recreation urban forestry division. This program is it's a \$40 million program over five years to plant up to 25,000 trees. It's about planting new trees and establishing new trees and maintaining those new trees. So, you know, we worked a lot with stakeholders in our in Portland parks to tease out that three years, the appropriate time frame to water and maintain trees and get them off to the right start in this program, we're doing five years of established. And so that's five years of watering in the summer, 20 watering visits in the summer, and then early pruning to make sure that the tree is established and has the right structure to grow. So these are investments in green infrastructure. Next regenerative ag. This is our small but mighty, and it's a pool of resources that are really focused on that local urban agriculture, urban food production, backyard gardening that brings so many folks out to connect with each other, get their hands in the dirt and produce that local healthy food. This is continuing our community, responsive grants with an allocation for 14 million for regenerative ag and then expanding and creating more opportunities for urban farming with the strategic program number nine for 6 million next promise. Just a couple more slides. Organizational capacity building. Now this funding category was also carved out in direct response to our early audit in 2022, wanting to be more explicit about how we shore up this ecosystem collectively as we do this work.

Recognizing the massive influx of funding that is coming in not only because of pcef, but certainly the federal government and the state as well. Our community responsive grants. Here are our mini grant program. It's what we have historically done. This is providing small seed grants up to \$5,000 for projects such as getting farmers market stand up solar and battery power to operate or to operate their stand. So this is about really seeding those small projects. So small, small funding to see bigger ideas. And then our capacity building program to the tune of 10 million is to support our broader infrastructure and make sure that we're implementing our projects well across across our programs. Next slide. And this is the last but catch all of our multiple funding categories is that are otherwise as you know span multiple that span across our funding categories. We've got our community responsive grants here for 2 million for other greenhouse gas reducing projects or sequestration. And this is the catch all. So it's where it's probably where we're going to see our waste minimized and other projects that don't neatly fall into the other categories. But otherwise reduce emissions. We've got strategic program 11. This is in close collaboration with prosper Portland, where as part of that realignment of 82nd avenue will be working with prosper as the front door of supporting the businesses and stabilizing and keeping them there will be coming in on the back door to offer them efficiency, energy efficiency improvements so that we can help stabilize and reduce their operating costs as part of these improvements, we've got sp 12, which is focused on street tree expansion. This is in close collaboration with port and bureau of transportation and urban forestry, and this is about planting large form trees along 82nd avenue as part of the realignment of that corridor and the investment that's coming in. We've got sb 13 targeted electric vehicle financing tools for 35 million. Now, this is about acknowledging that we have people that as a function of their jobs, the things that they have to do, they have to move around,

they have to move around the city. They have to drive around. Whether it's Lyft drivers or businesses that are moving goods around the city. And so this is supporting them moving out from fossil fuel consuming vehicles into electric vehicles in ways that are going to be more financially advantageous for them. So that we can support them. And reducing their operating costs and reducing emissions. Sp 14 is access to fair and flexible capital. This is where we'll be carving out our consumer financing and business financing process products with, with, with a range of entities, community development, financial institutions, prosper, Portland, others. And this is really intended to support businesses and tapping into the once in a lifetime opportunity made by the inflation reduction act. So this is really that leverage and providing them financing so they can bring in that those federal resources. Then we've got sp 15 federal climate and equity grant opportunities and this was directly informed by feedback we received from your offices and this is an opportunity to our local match, again, trying to tap into the inflation reduction act and other federal and state funding opportunities. But this is about creating a local match fund so that as we go after those federal funds, we've got our 25 to 50% local match. That's going to be provided with this pool through a rapid responsive workgroup structure. In the last but not least, is our climate friendly public schools. You know, it's just a recognition that schools play a prominent feature across our city, across our geography, and certainly in all of our kids lives. And that our schools are public schools. Parkrose David Douglas Centennial and many others are are short on on a lot of things they need to do to keep our kids cool and healthy in those buildings. And so this is largely going to be targeted and we expect to be used for a lot of HVAC improvements in those buildings. But also there's a set aside here for some student led programming as well.

So next slide, commissioner Gonzalez on strategic priorities 16 on the last one you just covered.

Speaker: I just want to be clear, Portland public schools is not excluded from those dollars, correct?

Speaker: They are not excluded. There's an allocation formula that we used and vetted with the school districts and others. So eps is not excluded. There they're getting a smaller portion certainly than relative to the others. It's a it's an equation we use based on the percentage of students that receive free and reduced lunch. So relatively speaking, yes. The other school districts relative to their size are getting more, but is not excluded.

Speaker: And so you're essentially applying an equity lens or a socioeconomic lens to allocate those dollars, correct? Correct.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, commissioner. Okay and so you've turn it to well, are there other questions before we invite our I had one other one on.

Speaker: Commissioner, could you go back to the funding category, slide? It's in the aggregate for each keep keep going back about it.

Speaker: Keep going back. And i'll tell you when to stop. Back, back, back, back, back, back, back. Yep. There one more for it. That was. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Um, you know, I very appreciate of the transportation decarbonization is relatively new in this program's consideration. I would say just acknowledging what we've sort of seen over the last couple of months as council members. We have an impending funding crisis for pbot. We have been exposed to pretty substantial data on declining participate in in public transit, declining bike utilization in our community that were both kind of cornerstones of our city's identity. And so I would certainly be open to exploring with with colleagues whether we have put sufficient resources towards transportation decarbonization here.

Again, that's not to disrupt the very rigorous public process you've gone through. It's really to supplement that with what we're hearing is council member was and really an impending you know, crisis for both our public transit and our transportation body in particular as it impacts biking and walking. So I just want to put that out there.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, commissioner. Two things to acknowledge about that. The transportation sector is a substantial contributor to our emissions and there's lifestyle and livability concerns about not having safe and reliable transit it and that's certainly a thing that we consider on the broader climate lens. But also introduced it. And as you acknowledge, it's the first time we've included a transportation tranche in the fund. The other piece I want to acknowledge to a point you made earlier is you're absolutely right. Every single one of these buckets is woefully underfunded. But that just speaks to the demand that all of them have. And at some point, we picked \$750 million worth of projects that are fabulous and fantastic. We probably could have picked 750 million other projects in a different portfolio. And that's just to say the demand is very real and we're trying to be responsive both to the community benefits and the things that we know we can roll out, not literally tomorrow, but very quickly because we're in a crisis. And this is an urgent response to the point about the funding gap that we're experiencing across the city in terms of our infrastructure, other bureaus. We're listening, we're hearing that, and we continue to be partners at the table with them to see how we can actually find a delta. There but at the same time, we're also, to your point, I'm hearing quite a bit from community what they think the priorities are for this next five years.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Okay. That's let's move us back forward.

Speaker: If you don't mind, to slide number 22. And so I think you've heard quite a bit and I know we will come back up here. But what I want to do is turn things over to a range of folks that have been closely engaged with us through this process. And this is just a sample. Many others in their back of the climate investment plan that are many others that beyond that that are not captured here. But what I want to start with is inviting up the first three folks. Ramfis villatoro nick, our committee co-chair, invite up also and just have folks. Nick blosser from Portland, general electric, to come up. And then we'll have robin wang, also from the committee join us as well. And i'll move to the side and then after those three come up and share a little bit of remarks around the climate community impact from their vantage point, we'll have yashar from friends of trees join, as well as andy namkung from verde.

Speaker: For clarification. We mentioned that nick's coming up from pge, but the other two are co-chairs committee members. But what's their identity beyond that?

Speaker: Ramfis joined by ramfis, is the peace of committee co-chair. And then robin wang is the a piece of committee member.

Speaker: But do they are they connected to industry in any way or nonprofit?

Speaker: I think i'll let them share their affiliations when they come up. It just wasn't parallel. I would do I would do and not do a great job. So let me do that.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks for being here. I'd like to know who's up here.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and members of the commission for the record, my name is ramfis villatoro and I am the co-chair for the Portland clean energy fund, alongside with megan horst, who unfortunately is not here today.

Speaker: Um, and for the record, I'm not with industry, but I do hold the east of 82nd street within the Portland clean energy fund and professionally lead the Oregon chapter of the blue green alliance, a coalition of labor and environmental organizations aimed to address our environmental challenges while creating good

quality jobs. I just want to thank members of the committee just taking the time to connect with Megan and myself these past couple months. I'm not going to take too much time. Uh, given our past conversation. Jones I'll give it more time to folks here to testify because we have a rock star testimony list. But what I'll say here is to tremendous. Thank you to the staff. I don't think I thank them enough. I'm a very critical voice at times. But if you'd have told me nine months ago that they would pass, we would pass the code updates and go through community engagement process and come before council with a climate improvement plan and start getting dollars out. I would have said, why you are all nuts and then to hear the level of community engagement and the dedicated time so huge. Thank you for all those community members who took the time, their own personal time, attending evening meetings, day meetings, countless meetings to get before you, a robust climate improvement plan. I still would have thought that would be crazy. Yet here we are. Here we are. Is the plan perfect? No it's not perfect. But for the level of engagement and the process undertaken within the span of nine months, it is a great plan and will be important. Leg to the stool to how the city will address its commitment for climate action for the next five years. But we'll be important leg of the stool for the city of Portland's regeneration plan and building its climate resilience. I do believe that. Additionally, I've been struck by the engagement from City Council. I just want to say from on behalf of myself as co-chair and the committee, just the level of importance and interest to continue building that relationship. Each and every one of you have provided some great thoughts and questions, not just answers or requests, but questions that show that the value of we want a program that works, that works for the city, but is transforming the lives of Portlanders. I believe we do have that plan here. So I just want to support and uplift that. But I understand the importance of continuing to improve the plan

before us. And so this plan doesn't just doesn't end here. The next stage of the process about reporting and accountability as committee members will want to continue to engage with council moving forward. So I'm confident the Portland climate improvement plan as presented and again will be important to meet the city of Portland's climate action plan. Its resilience and again the regeneration for this city. I will again not rehash all the talking points that sam has already done about process and the different buckets of money. I'll reserve time for the rest of our panelists. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: And randy, I just want to thank you again for meeting with me and meeting with my team on several occasions. I felt highly respect in terms of having my questions answered, getting the thinking of the committee really appreciate it. Thanks for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: I think I'm up next. For the record, nick blosser, Portland. General electric vice president of public affairs. Good afternoon. And great to see you all. Thanks for having me here today. Earlier this year, pge filed our very first clean energy plan, which is our roadmap for delivering reliable, affordable power while achieving our state's 2030 target of reducing carbon emissions by 80. There are three important components of the plan before you today that I want to highlight because pcef plays a critical role in achieving them. First, the implementation of energy efficiency measures to help customers conserve power and save money on their energy costs. Second, smart systems, including thermostats, water heaters, electric car chargers and other appliances that support the needs of customers while adding flexibility to the grid and third, smaller scale community based renewable energy projects, particularly solar with associated storage to be located in diverse neighborhoods throughout the city. All three of these components of our clean energy plan will require involvement from the community and cannot be achieved

without broad participation from residents and businesses in the city of Portland. I just want to close my brief comments with this. Maintaining reliable power for all while we decarbonize the entire system and manage costs are critical for our collective future. And that was no more clear than this past month with the extreme weather event that we saw. And I do want to acknowledge, commissioner gonzales, your comment about resiliency. And I do think a lot of the there's a lot of overlap in the programs in terms of support for energy efficiency, support for managed charging, for transportation, electrification that also helps with with resiliency. We're finding that in our system, this this effort is a significant challenge and decarbonization is a significant challenge that will require action from all of us working together. The state has set ambitious targets for decarbonization. As mentioned earlier, the federal government has made once in a generation investments in support of the clean energy transition and the city of Portland through pcef can make equally historic strategic investments that are a crucial component of our collective path forward. We as the utility in Portland, simply cannot achieve these goals without all of us working together and this plan is a powerful tool in that effort. We look forward to working together with everyone at the city and the residents of businesses to ensure the clean energy future is beneficial and accessible to all. Thanks for having me. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners, for the record, my name is robin wang and it was almost exactly four years ago today in this very chamber that I was appointed by this body to serve on the committee and I'm excited to be here today to comment. My area of expertise is in finance, and I'm here to kind of talk a little bit about some of the financial aspects and elements of the climate and climate investment plan. The first thing I would like to highlight is that this plan will bring significant additional capital beyond the 750 million from

federal, state and even private capital to Portland. And as you may be aware, the bipartisan infrastructure law and the inflation reduction act. Two federal programs known affectionately as bill and ira, brings tremendous funding to address climate change. While this funding is vast, it is it's going to be highly competitive and many other cities and regions around the nation will be competing for these funds. And as you know, strategic program 15 and this plan gives Portland a humongous, tremendous advantage, competitive advantage to secure those funds by providing \$20 million in matching funds, a requirement that many federal grants will require. So while other jurisdictions, you know, maybe struggle to come up with those matching funds and the applications that your agencies and bureaus will be submitting, they can state with confidence that those matching funds have been secured. Additionally, the biden administration has the justice40 initiative, which calls for 40% of bill and iras funding to be allocated to historically marginalized communities by their very nature are all justice40 eligible or compatible. And so since many of applicants, recipients will likely pursue bill and ira funding, pcef has and will give them the opportunities to develop and flex their climate justice muscles so that they're more competitive to receive those fundings. In addition, there'll be more eligible to receive many of the justice based tax, tax, credit and incentives that are part of bill and ira funding. And then finally, strategic programs 13 and 14 allocates \$80 million to finance various climate initiatives. These funds will serve as a seed capital that will allow community lenders to make fair and affordable loans the way these loan programs often work is that this seed capital will attract other lending capital up to a 4 to 1 basis from banks, foundations, institutions, federal, state\$ and by this measure alone, this plan could attract an additional \$320 million to address climate change here in Portland from from private sources. I'd like to kind of shift gears now and talk a little bit about

whether this plan is balanced and fair. A question that I had as a committee member throughout this entire process and donny said earlier that, you know, the \$750 million in this plan is just the tip of the iceberg to address Portland's climate goals. And so by that definition alone, each strategic program in this plan is underfunded and advocates for specific programs will undoubtedly lobby for more funding. And as as tempting as it may be to kind of shift the money around, I strongly encourage you not to do so. Sam and others earlier spoke about how this plan was developed through countless hours of transparent input, feedback, engagement with voters, experts, agency staff and even youth who are not allowed to vote, but will be bearing the brunt of climate change. They were involved in this process. And so what you have in front of you represents kind of the collective priority and will of the community and I'd urge you to adopt the plan as is. So thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today. And yeah, i'll just add.

Speaker: Thank you. I'm surprised it was that long ago you were appointed. That's actually shocking to me. Thank you for your more gray hairs.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks for reminding us. We're all growing old by the second. Thank you. All appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: I'm going to go ahead and invite up yasha varza from friends of trees in indian name. Come from verde.

Speaker: Great. And then just a reminder, we'll take a ten minute break after after you to. Good afternoon. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners.

Speaker: My name is yashar vasif. I'm the executive director of friends of trees. I use he him pronouns on behalf of friends of trees. I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak with you about tree canopy and the cip in 2021, the

Washington dc based American forest ranked Portland as the second most inequitable urban canopy in the nation. The lower your income and the more diverse your neighborhood, the less likely you are to experience the physical and psychological benefits of trees. This dynamic introduces stark consequences such as the association found by dr. Vivek shandas of psu between low canopy neighborhoods in east county and tragic deaths during extreme heatwaves such as the 2021 heat dome event. Additionally, recent peer reviewed science published by researcher jeffrey donovan at the us forest service, assessed tree planting data through our previous contract with the bureau of environmental services to unearth the life saving benefit of trees. Donovan found that on average, 11.7 new trees planted in each neighborhood were associated with 15.6 fewer non accidental deaths and five fewer cardiovascular deaths per year. In particular, he found mature trees are workhorses for public benefit and we must maintain and protect them. Trees with this research in mind, the introduction of pcf's \$40 million equitable tree canopy program at the itc could not have been timelier last year you approved the itc in an showing of responsiveness to this growing and emerging threat. And I want to thank you for that responsiveness. Today's yet another opportunity to be responsive. It's my word of the day. The cip is the product of robust community engagement by the pcef team. Specific to my experience, I want to share that the tree canopy stakeholder process was one of the most meaningful engagement opportunities that I have had with the city of Portland. No friends of trees are not always get what we desired through the itc. However, pcef staff expertly navigated challenging conversations toward compromise. The itc stakeholder process has landed with deep alignment between friends of trees, the beer of environmental services and Portland urban forest. Urban forestry. Some might argue that's no small feat. A truly pcef cip has emerged as a leading model

for shifting funding toward city bureau and community co-led projects. If my experience is representative of the outreach around the rest of the cip, council should not hesitate to move forward with the cip as is. I'm excited by the cip programs to meet the needs and urgency of the community has highlighted. On a personal level, I want to thank sam and the team at psa for strengthening my faith in collaborative outcomes between local government and community. Thank you. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Hi. Hi. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to comment today. For the record, my name is andy namkung. I'm the transportation justice coordinator for verde. Our mission is to serve communities by building environmental wealth through social enterprise, outreach and advocacy. Communities like ours in the cully neighborhood, where we've been based for 18 years now, it's why we joined the effort to create in the first place with the original 2018 ballot measure. And it's why I'm joining you today as we approach another milestone to urge you to pass the climate investment plan you have before you today. And begin a new chapter for this program. I'm here specifically to talk about sf's first ever investments in transportation decarbonization. When we make clean transportation, affordable, it is an anti-poverty strategy as much as it is a climate strategy. Transportation is the second largest expense for most households in Portland, just behind housing itself. If the climate investment plans transportation programs will put hundreds and in many cases thousands of dollars directly back in the pockets of low income people and people of color. In our city every year. And that money can be life changing. I know personally it was for me when my rent increased substantially last year, it was good transit access and an e-bike that made it feasible for me to sell my car. I saved hundreds of dollars a month

on payments and insurance and I was able to hang on to my apartment and stay in my neighborhood. When everybody who wants those options has them. We all win on climate, on air quality, on safety, and on quality of life and this plan will build more of those clean and affordable, abundant choices for communities who have been harmed more often than they've been helped by the transportation investments of the past. The e-bike access program in this plan would be the largest municipal program of its kind in the United States, reaching at least 6000 people over the next five years. It's going beyond distribution. It's providing education on funding for safety and equipment and training for 50 new e-bike mechanics. This is how we can make our public dollars stretch. We're reducing emissions, supporting small businesses. We're building a diverse workforce, and we're ensuring that everybody in our communities can get where they're going all at the same time. We're also building on the successes of the transport station wallet program that's been growing at the city since 2017. Participants already say that they're saving money. They're stressing less about their monthly budget and their ability to get where they need to go. This is what access means in real life, and we're going to be able to extend it to 12 to 15,000 more people in the next five years with this funding, I would invite PBT staff to correct my math, but I believe this would at least double the program's reach to date. That's thousands of additional transit riders, micromobility users returning to our streets or heading there for the very first time. So it's meaningful beyond words to also be directly investing in new ideas through the community. Responsive grants in this category, at the heart of our community, members know what they need: safety on their neighborhood streets, affordable options to connect them, to work, to school. Other basic needs. They've been asking for this for years and year after year. So many of these projects get delayed, downsized or deprioritized. This CIP offers a new

way forward for them. I've had the honor of working closely with many sf grantees supporters and staff for over three years now. In that time I've seen the program grow beyond expectation, actions and even through growing pains, come to deliver so many responsive and creative projects that simply would not have happened otherwise. In that time. I've also spoken to people across the country who look to pcef, who look to Portland as a blueprint for what's possible in their communities. So commissioners, I urge you to be first again and vote yes on this cip. And for those who are watching, prove that something better is possible. Thank you. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you all so, colleagues, at this point, we will take a ten minute recess. This is it's now about ten after we will reconvene at 420. For those of you who have signed up for public testimony and there's quite a few plan on 2.5 minutes for your public testimony. I want to make sure that we get through everybody's public testimony today. So plan on 2.5 minutes if you can, for that public testimony. We're in recess. And. All right. We're back in session. We are now in the public testimony, phase 2.5 minutes each, please name for the record, the mics should be about six inches away. Keelan will call your names. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: First up, we have ted labby followed by damon montz sorry, and candice avalos.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor. Councilors my name is ted latte and I live in the kerns neighborhood. I am co-director of pave, which reclaims pavement as green space at schools, churches and other community hubs across the Portland metro region. This community led initiative alleviates flooding from stormwater and cools the city in the face of worsening heat waves. The pave is an active collaborator with pcef. I'm here to support adoption of the climate investment plan and believe that

the cip will make Portland's clean energy fund investments more strategic and aligned. Where the greatest drawdowns in carbon emissions are needed and help elevate the critical role that green infrastructure like trees, stormwater planters and parks play in carbon sequestration. I also maintain that all this spending will not be enough. Other actions by the city are urgently needed and I want to talk about two with my remaining time. First, floodplains. The city cannot continue to slow walk its proposed weak floodplain protection regulations under the city's current proposal, flood prone areas are given allowances for new development and there are loopholes that delay or render regulation ineffective, putting many Portlanders at risk. The city should adopt interim measures under the biological opinion immediately until permanent protections can be developed. Second, cumbersome zoning regulations like the arcane and outdated conditional use review. Oh, don't worry, I'm not going to make your eyes glaze over with with zoning regulations. But I want you to know that many, many in the city know that the city is a leader in parking reform and has rolled back parking requirements. This is a good thing for housing affordability, climate resilience and other goals. Fewer appreciate that hundreds of sites across the city like churches, schools and other community hubs, remain encumbered by conditional use overlays. These are the places that are community resilience hubs that commissioner charles mentioned earlier that are going to be so important for the next heat wave or natural disaster. But building retrofits are hamstrung by zoning regulations. If a proposed change of use at one of these sites alters the parking by just one space, one space, then the bureau of development of services hits it with a conditional use review, which costs money, costs time and puts off delays, defers needed retrofits from a climate resiliency or natural disaster provision. This is a little known provision, and I have a first row seat in front of this in 2018 at saint stephen's church in southeast Portland. The threat of

a conditional use review forced the displacement of a child's work learning preschool and the loss of a nature playground that had previously built at the african American morning star church in cully bts. The bureau of development services is currently requiring a conditional use review to reclaim surplus parking for trees and a soft surface play area for kids. The kids currently play on the pavement never mind that over 60 parking spaces will remain for a congregation that numbers about 25. Please go forward with adoption of the cip, but please don't stop there. Consider what reforms are needed to bolster our community in the face of a rapidly changing climate adoption of strong floodplain regulations and rolling back outdated conditional use reviews over parking are two at the top of my list. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, ted. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Speaker: For the record, my name is damon story and I am the director of the Oregon chapter of the sierra club, the 130 year old grassroots environmental organization that is the largest of its kind in the nation since 1978. Oregon's sierra club members and supporters have supported protecting working public lands and building the environmental movement. I was recently tapped to lead the Oregon chapter and support its 73,000 statewide members and supporters in fulfilling our mission to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. The sierra club endorsed the Portland clean energy fund five years ago, and I'm here today to express our continued support for the fund. And in particular, this climate investment plan as written. I myself have watched closely as the Portland clean energy fund has gotten off the ground and have been particularly impressed by the program's staff's hard work. The committee and the leadership of commissioner Rubio, they rose to the

occasion with this plan through their dedication, holding an intentional, thoughtful and inclusive process that involved frontline committees, subject matter experts, governments, contractors, labor, young people, environmental organizations and more. The result is a thorough plan with strong vetting across key sectors. It has good substance and metrics and was developed with good process. It addresses the carbon intensive sectors of transportation and buildings, invest heavily in training workers for clean energy jobs and grows regenerative agriculture and tree canopy. It allows us to think big and plan for the long haul, which is essential because the clean energy transition is a long haul issue with the passage of this plan, we can be a national role model for what it looks like to be smart and proactive in supporting people's resilience to extreme climate events. While reducing greenhouse gas emissions. That is what 65% of the Portland voters said. Yes to in 2018. And this multi year framework represents our most comprehensive installment to date in making good on that contract with the electorate. We're already seeing how more vulnerable members of our community, communities of color, low income Portlanders, elderly residents are harmed the most by extreme weather such as the deadly 2021 heat dome. Clarity around how we make big investments to address these issues will benefit all of us, but especially those who are the most under-resourced among us. Mayor and commissioners, I urge all of you to please support this climate investment plan as written. You can count on seeing the sierra club again as we support the implementation of the climate investment plan and help the city of Portland in succeeding meeting its climate goals, we must make sure that the trees we plant today are still healthy and growing in five, ten and 15 years. Thank you for your time. Please support the climate investment plan as written.

Speaker: Thank you. Perfectly timed as well, candice.

Speaker: Good afternoon. All right, well, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to comment today in strong support of the vision set out in the climate investment plan, I'm Candice Avalos. She her pronouns and the executive director of Verde, an environmental justice nonprofit. At the heart of our work is in the Cully neighborhood of northeast Portland, where we do our grassroots community organizing and leadership development policy advocacy and turn theory into action with our social enterprise by building environmental wealth for low income and people of color. Communities I feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded in this room and on this list of testifiers by critical allies who have been on this journey from the early vision of to the ballot measure, the campaign to implementation, and now to a huge milestone of creating a five year vision for how to invest these dollars strategically back into environmental justice communities across our city. If you take anything away from my testimony and those of my colleagues, I want you to understand the deep community support behind PCF's vision and our desire for our city to honor the hard work that has brought us to this day. Honoring this vision means full throated support for the climate investment plan. With your voice and your vote. As our city's excuse me, elected leadership. My colleagues will be highlighting important areas of this plan that speak to the work we're doing on the ground. But I want to spend a moment to lift up a particular section of the plan that needs further investment in the future, which is building capacity for community based organizations, or CBOs. Verde is turning 18 years old in a few weeks and we have spent almost two decades growing our capacity to bridge the green divide in our community. But if we truly want to fulfill our vision to invest in environmental infrastructure future, we must equally invest in the frontline organizations and leaders who are nurturing potential projects and developing the next generation of leaders and can help the city

strategically place\$ back into the community. We have no more time to waste on taking bold climate action and this climate investment plan is a critical step toward securing a stronger, more resilient future for Portland. I urge you to show your commitment to that future with your vote. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have, uh, hannah cruz followed by bob salinger and jim labby. Good

Speaker: Good afternoon. Good afternoon. Would you like to go ahead and start? Sure

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Portland clean energy fund's climate investment plan. For the record, my name is hannah cruz and I'm working with energy trust of Oregon pursuant to our grant agreement with the Oregon public utility commission, energy trust does not advocate in support of or in opposition to policy initiatives like this proposal. Before you today. I'm here to offer our perspective as a clean energy program administered order and an organization with a long history of working with the city of Portland. Energy trust is an independent nonprofit delivering cost effective energy efficiency and small scale renewable energy programs to utility customers throughout Oregon. And this includes Portland's residents and businesses who are customers of Portland, general electric pacific power and northwest natural. We work with our utility partners, local and state governments, a robust trade network with 1600 businesses. A growing list of community partners, and now grantees to provide customers with information, technical services and incentives to help make their clean energy projects a reality. While we are broadening how we serve and deliver benefits to all customers, including those we've underserved and people of color. People with low and moderate incomes, rural businesses and rural customers, small businesses. There

are so many more that we can serve and help. Many of these same Portlanders are at the heart of and through which the climate investment plan commits greater service to in the next five years. At energy trust, we're rolling out strategies community partnerships and approaches to reach all Portlanders. And still the need is substantial. All the climate investment plan positions the city to help fill the need and make vital energy, climate and equity investments in homes, apartments, nonprofits, small businesses and community spaces. We've been on five of the subject matter expert roundtables that started earlier this year, and we've shared in those forums our experience and understanding of the gaps in service to customers, many of which are now part of the strategies of the climate investment plan. This includes identifying ways to overcome the long standing owner, renter, split incentive and residential and commercial settings, preserve serving energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in multifamily construction and major retrofits. So these long term investments aren't value engineered out of projects and knowing that energy efficiency projects need to be fully funded for Portlanders to participate, with many requiring home and building repairs to enable the efficiency work, energy trust repair and can only cover some parts of these projects and pcef can help fill the remaining need together. Energy trusts, the Portland community and our partners can make energy efficiency renewable energy and climate justice a reality for more Portlanders should the council pass this plan? Energy trust stands ready to work closely with staff and stakeholders to strengthen our connected programs and maximize the impact of our collective funding.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks, hannah. Thank you, bob.

Speaker: Uh, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and members of City Council. For the record, my name is bob salinger. I'm the urban conservation director for

willamette riverkeeper. I was involved in the drafting of the ballot measure and worked on the campaign. And I'm strongly supportive of willamette.

Speaker: Riverkeeper is strongly supportive of this measure, and we greatly appreciate the work that has been done to date. I'm here today to suggest some places that I think there could be improvements, but I want to be clear. I'm not asking you to make any changes today out of respect for the process that has occurred. I'm urging you to move it forward. That being said, though, I do think there are some areas that as we move into implementation and also outside of this process where we can address some of the things that I think could be improved upon. The first is green infrastructure, green infrastructure was always a relatively small part of this measure. It and regenerative agriculture are only 15, which I always felt was too small. But that was what it was and what we passed. It's been lowered to 12% here, so it's even smaller. And I think the city needs to do a much, much better job when it comes to climate change of thinking about natural solutions that provide multiple benefits and make our environment healthier too often it's on the development side of the equation. I think we're continuing that. I think in the implementation phase there are opportunities because there's some very flexible places where we can actually step that up a good deal. And I would urge I'd urge you to do that as we move forward. The second is a more specific one. It's mitigation banks. We'd hoped that those would be included in this measure. They're not explicitly included. But I think there's also ways to think about those in community projects down the road as being eligible for funding. I do think we need to move forward on mitigation banks is something we've been talking about for 20 years and that's a way to mitigate as we develop and also get those climate benefits. So I hope we'll continue to think about that. The third is that we really need to be thinking about carbon sequestration and keeping that front and center.

This is a complex measure. It was designed to be that way. That's very intentional. So that we really do do better on the environment and achieve equity goals and inclusion goals. But at the same time, we need to make sure the projects that we forward do actually achieve real significant benefits in terms of climate. So I would urge you to think about that. The last thing is that as we move forward, the voters have spoken very, very strongly about their desire to see us invest in climate strategy, and we're going to invest \$750 million in that in these voluntary strategies. It would be a huge mistake to make this kind of investment at the same time that we're rolling back regulatory protections for our environment. And that is happening now. The floodplain plan, as you've already heard, has been weakened. You're going to get a proposal in a couple of weeks to roll back green roof protections. And we cannot be moving forward on these voluntary strategies and simultaneously taking with the other hand on the regulatory strategies that are also critically important. We need to do both. So thank you. Thank you. Thank thanks, sam.

Speaker: Jim, libby.

Speaker: Jim, are you with us?

Speaker: We'll move on to ariana falcon gonzales online.

Speaker: Hello. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners, thank you for having me. My name is ariadna and I use she her pronouns. Um, the getting there together coalition manager is a multicultural, multi-generational coalition that centers and uplifts the voices and needs of people most impacted by transportation inequities through education and advocacy, access and leadership. I'm here to voice strong support for the climate investment plan. I, on behalf of, had the privilege of participating in the transportation decarbonization roundtable, and I can attest to the thorough and inclusive process that has gone into crafting this plan by city staff

and members of the community. The cip is a crucial step towards addressing climate change while promoting equity and community leadership endorses the focus on advancing transportation programs and projects that support transportation needs and address the barriers of underserved communities, in particular, I want to highlight the importance of providing equitable access to e-bikes e-bikes can be a game changer for many individuals. Offered an eco friendly mode of transportation that is accessible to a wide range of people. However to ensure that everyone can benefit from this technology, we must address the barriers to access. The cip aims to do this not only by providing more e-bikes, but also ensuring access to safety equipment, lightning waterproof gear, charging infrastructure, secure storage areas and locks. Additionally supports the expansion of the transportation wallet program in the cip. The cip is a well-crafted strategy that aligns with the goals of reducing emissions and enhancing community well-being. I urge the city to the I urge the city to pass the plan as it is recognizing the digital work that has gone into its development and the positive impact it can have on our city and its residents. Lastly, I want to know that in the vast landscape of transportation under funding is prevalent in all corners and the issue transcends the scope of the cip, although powerful, is one of many solutions that address this challenge, the city endorses the and urges council to pass it without delay.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks adriana. Legal counsel. I've had a request that could you restate the council rules with regard to registered lobbyists? Yes, please. Could you reread that? Just so that everybody knows what their obligation is.

Speaker: Disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have micah meskell. Welcome. Mayor and City Council members.

Speaker: My name is micah meskell and I'm the assistant conservation director for Portland audubon who am representing today. And I am here today to strongly support the climate investment plan as is. It's taken us five years to get to this historic moment on the precipice of approving three quarters of \$1 billion in funding towards building climate resilience in our communities that need it most and am so excited. Portland audubon has been really proud to stand in support of our bipoc led partner organizations that have led this five plus year effort that makes the ambitious plan possible today. Over the time over that time, Portland, audubon and myself has closely followed the build out of this innovative program. We've lended our expertise and insight to inform its evolution and supported pcef staff's smart and necessary changes to the program as it has matured into weighted and adjusted to new conditions. That's why we are really excited to support the cip as written today as it truly encapsulates the community vision. It's a product of deliberate and extensive community outreach and involvement and the plan could bring Portland to the forefront of addressing the climate crisis that centers on building climate resilience for the community in a holistic fashion. Portland audubon is especially excited about the programs that integrate natural climate solutions in the proposed cip. And as sam and other staff know, we will hope to shift more funding in this direction over time as the program continues to evolve. We are especially excited about the equitable tree canopy program that yashar highlighted earlier. The tree canopy maintenance fund, the 82nd avenue street tree expansion and green infrastructure, community responsive grants program in addition to sequestering carbon, the projects funded from these buckets have a significant opportunity to provide the community with countless other health resiliency and economic benefits, both to nearby residents and the broader ecosystem. Especially when they are scaled at the level that that this this

cip brings forward. We hope to help inform future programs to expand in these spaces and i'll close with again asking you to pass the cap as is and move Portland along the path of climate justice. Thank you. Next up, we have jackie traeger online.

Speaker: Welcome. Um thank you, mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. I'm jackie traeger, campaign manager for climate and transportation at the Oregon environmental council. Speaking today on behalf of janet gastelum oaks, executive director. We strongly support and the climate investment program and encourage you to support it as written. The Oregon environmental council is a nonprofit non partizan membership based organization that advances innovative, collaborate and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges. For today and future generations. We've been working to make Oregon a leader in addressing urgent environmental and community issues since 1968. Since our founding, we have advocated for meaningful public policy to address problems upstream and create benefits for communities throughout our state. The climate crisis is personal to those of us in Portland. Six years ago, jana's child first day of kindergarten was canceled because of extreme heat and smoke. Two years ago, 100 people died from extreme heat, including many in our region. We must meet this moment to reduce the impacts of climate change. We need to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest in community benefits. We need solutions at all levels federal, state, local and community based, which is board voted to endorse and support at the ballot. Is a critical piece of the puzzle. We appreciate its design to cut climate pollution, create economic opportunity and attend to workforce needs. In particular, we support the intention to repair historic harms and injustices and ensure the resiliency of all of Portland's communities, beginning with the most vulnerable, all black and indigenous communities, people experiencing low income

and community members who are most at risk to the impacts of extreme climate events, including the elderly, young children, pregnant people and those who are ill or have chronic conditions. To reach those in need requires community engagement and we appreciate the evolution of partnerships outlined in the cip. This was developed through a deliberate and inclusive process that involved frontline communities and environmental organizations. Subject matter experts, governments control actors, labor and more. We should respect the work of the many different stakeholders that went into creating the cip, if any adjustments are needed, it should be brought back to the process for adjustments to community leadership and investment at the heart of is reflected in the cip, as is the urgent need for action on climate change. Thank you for your consideration. We hope you vote yes as written. Thanks jackie.

Speaker: Next up, we have nikita daRyanani followed by sherry spock and amandeep sohi. Welcome.

Speaker: Would you like to go ahead and start, please?

Speaker: Sure. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in full support of the Portland clean energy community benefit fund's climate investment plan. My name is nikita daRyanani and I am the climate and energy policy manager at the coalition of communities of color and a registered lobbyist as early advocates for pcf, we see the climate investment plan as an unparalleled opportunity to take bold action on climate and to do so at a scale that will actually have a meaningful impact on Portlanders whose lives and well-being are at stake. Over the past few years, community members have experienced the impacts of climate change through historic heatwaves, ice storms, wildfires and more. Through surveys, workshops

and meetings we've held with community members, they've made it clear that Portlanders need upgrades to their homes to make them more energy efficient and resilient to climate extremes, extremes and more green spaces. Those in their neighborhoods, frontline communities want to see the benefits of a clean energy future through more job opportunities and lower utility bills without furthering displacement. And the advances, the goals outlined in the climate emergency declaration action that direct the city to invest in projects that provide these benefits. The cip represents the hard work of staff and dozens of leaders who came together to shape and refine the plan. This is the type of policymaking that we should all aspire to where government builds genuine community partnerships and engages those who will be most impacted. And alongside subject matter experts, pcf has made Portland a leader for climate justice and the climate investment plan will continue. Our city on that trajectory. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and we urge this council to be leaders in climate action and pass the climate investment plan. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Commissioners and mayor Wheeler. My name is sherry spock and I'm here representing 350 pdx, which is a Portland based climate justice nonprofit with thousands of members in the metro area, along with many other organizations and individuals. Nils volunteers at 350 pdx advocated for and put a lot of organizing power into to the formation of pcef, gathering thousands of signatures and knocking on thousands of doors to get this on the ballot and passed an so we've been excited and cheering along as as pcef has progressed in the last several years and many exciting programs have been implemented providing funding for excellent initiatives led by environmental justice and community based organizations. Now we enthusiastically support the new climate investment plan and the process of seeking and incorporating community engagement to create

this plan has been great and we appreciate that it has been developed with input from those on the front lines of climate impacts and environmental harm. The cip reflects well the guiding principles of pcef being justice driven and community powered. The cip focuses on measurably reducing greenhouse gas emissions while materially improving community experiences with a focus on equitable outcomes and affordability. All while emphasizing critical issues that have historically lacked funding such as equitable tree canopy and affordable access to public transit. It so we're there are a lot of things to be excited about in this program, such as additions of biking and e-bikes retrofits for renters and we're also glad to see the plan creating pathways for youth programs such as green workforce exposure and trainings for youth and climate friendly public school projects, which involves participatory budgeting. So there are a lot of great things about this plan that we're excited to support. We do hope that the combination of city level support and guidance for this program will help community based organizations and businesses to be more effective, and that this can continue to be a program that focuses on value added to what the city already does and ensuring that environmental justice remains at the center of this program. So we are hopeful that you will vote and approve this climate investment plan as written.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners. It's my pleasure to be with you today as you all consider adopting the climate investment plan the pcef has brought forward. My name is amandeep sohi. I use he and they pronouns and as verdi's community engagement coordinator, I come to you today as representative of the 82nd avenue coalition led by Oregon walks, where verdi is joined by a piano and unite Oregon. I would first like to start by acknowledging that the team has been hard at work for months on the enormous task of redesigning

the program. It was an immense lift, and I commend them for all their work speaking from my personal experience, they were everywhere. They hosted multiple one on one conversations with folks from the 82nd avenue coalition on they held multiple topic specific roundtables. There. Were virtual hybrid and in-person public events, surveys, polls, and the list goes on. I say all this to convey that I applaud the level of public outreach and engagement and hope we can honor that work and diligence by confirming the plan that they brought to you today. As a coalition, we are thrilled with the 82nd avenue has specific funding. We believe this is a reflection that 82nd avenue, one of the most diverse places in all of Portland, but also one of the hottest and highly paved, is in particular need of climate resilience and mitigation intervention. There are many needs for green space and repaving along the corridor that this funding can make a reality. After improved safety for pedestrians, especially for kids trying to get to and from school tree canopy and green space is the topic our coalition hears about the most. As is noted in the climate investment plan, the 82nd avenue coalition worked with an incredible group of psu graduate students to outline part of a tree canopy plan along 82nd avenue, with many recommendations on how to increase tree canopy. I'd also like to thank thank you to commissioner Rubio for joining us for that presentation of the work. One last thing I'd like to note is that 82nd avenue is a highly car centric roadway and with a potential for tolling on i-205, it may get even more diverted vehicles. While we support electric vehicle charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, reduce air pollution, particulate matter and noise, we see a future for 82nd that isn't so car centric and has more housing and more walkability. As you implement the cip, we encourage your team and the team to consider how much is invested in car charging infrastructure that would only further cement the auto centric nature of the corridor. Instead we hope that those electrification dollars will

be spent on electric micromobility that gets people out of cars and on the streets supporting the amazing businesses up and down the corridor. Thank you so much for your time today and the opportunity to speak in favor of the climate investment plan brought to you by the Portland clean energy fund. I hope that you will vote to adopt the plan and help create a greener Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks for being here. All three of you.

Speaker: Next up, we have nelson rodriguez, followed by camilla marquez and jane como.

Speaker: Thank you so dear mayor Wheeler and commissioner, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the adoption of the Portland clean energy community benefits fund, climate investment plan. My name is madison rodriguez. She her and I'm a unite Oregon climate environmental justice policy coordinator. I hear you made Oregon. Our commitment is to strategize and adopt climate strategies and solutions that mitigate the effects of climate change on vulnerable Oregonians. The time is now to address urgent community needs and prepare our communities for climate change effects for example, this past live session organization built a coalition on for the passage of the hb 20 409 climate package for community resilience hubs. These hubs will support the day to day life and activate during disruptions and recovery efforts before, during and after climate related emergencies and other natural disasters. Persons organized by community needs and that's one of the many solutions our communities are working on to support our most vulnerable populations. Because environmental justice is about intersectionality of people in climate. And this is what this climate investment plan aims to do to create more green jobs, more funding for renewable energy buildings and generative agriculture and more examples. It also already includes leadership of communities of color, trust and relationship buildings, which

often times are left out of these conversations. And it seems that it has a diverse coalition of supporters. This plan is designed to provide frontline communities through culture, through light response, really up to their needs and very personalized. And this is only an opportunity that we need and we must do in order to build power within communities and protect our constituents. As the world is changing, climate change is changing. And we also need to be changing with those changes as well. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Uh, next up, Camilla Marquez. All right, let's move on in progress. Okay, let's move on to Jane Como online.

Speaker: Jane, can you unmute.

Speaker: Jane, you're muted. Okay we can come back to Jane next we have Brett.

Speaker: She just unmuted. Jane, are you there? Jane. Jane, we'll come back to you. We can't hear you for some reason. Go ahead, Jane.

Speaker: We see you. Oh hi.

Speaker: Sorry, I didn't hear my name called, but I'm assuming the last speaker didn't show, so I'm on.

Speaker: You're you're on, Jane, go for it.

Speaker: I'm not hearing your volume.

Speaker: Can you hear us?

Speaker: Go ahead.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Jane Como. I'm chair of the Portland Public Schools Climate Crisis Response Committee. But I'm here unofficially as an individual in support of Portland Clean Energy Fund's climate investment plan. I urge Portland City Council to vote yes today. Acknowledge the climate crisis. Portland voters said yes to in 2018 and the climate justice and climate action it

promised. This plan represents input gathered from a broad and inclusive process to determine how to derive the most benefit from the fund and the community is ready to see it implemented. I support the plan in its entirety, but one area I want to highlight and applaud is the inclusion of funding for climate friendly public schools. Portland public schools is the largest single property owner in Portland, with 49,000 students and 81 schools. And that's just one district among several in the city. The school board showed leadership on climate change when they adopted an ambitious climate crisis, climate justice and sustainable practices policy last year. And the district is moving forward on its goal to reach net zero by 2040 and to engage and ensure wellness and climate resilience among its school community. But funding for climate action and climate justice is scarce for public schools. I heard a question earlier about us bond measures which have provided funds to improve its building stock, but it's largely allocated for high school modernization, with a sprinkling for other deferred maintenance. It's nowhere near what's required to bring efficiency and resilience to its building stock. As we face the climate crisis, there's a massive opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resiliency via improvements to public school grounds and buildings. Public schools, access to seed capital will help augment other sources of funding for climate friendly improvements and will have concrete benefits to priority communities. Lastly, I want to applaud the funding earmarked for student led initiatives. We know that today's youth feel anxiety about the climate crisis, and we also know that one of the most effective ways to boost mental health is by taking concrete action and feeling part of a larger community of people. Taking action. So thank you to the climate investment plan for recognizing these needs and opportunities to make an impact for our youth. Thanks for listening and please vote yes on the climate investment plan.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, Jane. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have Brett Morgan.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler, members of the Portland City Council. For the record, my name is Brett Morgan. I work for 1000 Friends of Oregon, and I'm a registered lobbyist with the city of Portland. I'm here today to speak in strong support of the climate action plan, as currently proposed for staff and would like to offer a few points of consideration. One I'd like to speak just high praises of in general, as a fiscal sponsor for the Getting There Together coalition in an earlier grant cycle. I can't speak enough high praises the dedication and specificity that staff have brought in, addressing questions and working with community to bring forward grants and bring projects into the real world. Also in my second point to say we speak in strong support for the carbon transportation decarbonization category, as you all are well aware, within Oregon, 40% of greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector, something that's mirrored very closely within Multnomah County. And so strategies in which we can rapidly employ decarbonization within our community is essential for us to meet our state, local and federal climate goals. And as there is a conversation around specific safety projects and the ability to invest preset funds in those, we'd like to speak in strong support of continuing conversation on how we can utilize PCEF and funding to fill needed transportation needs within our community. So I'll stop there and keep it brief, but just wanted to speak in strong support of the climate action plan as currently proposed.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have Greer, Ryan. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is Greer Ryan and I'm the clean buildings policy manager for climate solutions. Also, I believe

a registered lobbyist. Climate solutions is a regional nonprofit focused on accelerating clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. We mostly work on state policy and regulatory issues related to climate and energy justice and our energy buildings and transportation sectors. I'm here today in full support of the Portland clean energy community benefits fund and the climate investment plan as written, it represents our city's commitment to climate and environmental justice, specifically as it provides Portland residents who need it most with access to life saving, climate resilient solutions, including weatherize asian and heat pumps, which are crucial for staying cool during the scorching heat waves that have become all too common. Although others have already said it, it's important to acknowledge again that the overwhelming majority of Portland voters supported pcef and its clear mission to reduce climate pollution and tailored solutions to meet the unique needs of our community members who are disproportionately harmed by this crisis.

Speaker: At climate solutions, we work regularly with groups across the country who do work on local, state, federal clean energy policy. I can't tell you how many times pcef has been brought up as a true model for climate action and ensuring robust community benefits from clean energy solutions. Passing the climate investment plan as written without diverting funds to other uses is critical to demonstrating on a national level just how successful a policy developed by and for environmental justice communities can be if given the opportunity. Now is the time to accelerate our efforts, not redirect them in June 2020, this council declared a climate emergency, recognizing the growing urgency and severity of the climate crisis, the latest intergovernmental panel on climate change report underscores the need to peak greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 and reduce them by 43% by 2030. This requires building in progress. This requires an all hands on deck approach and

every city, including ours, has a responsibility to address emissions and bolster resilience. We must seize the opportunity presented by this program to hasten clean energy investments, decarbonize our homes, buildings and transportation sectors, provide job training, and generally improve the resilience of our communities. Our city is a thriving community of nonprofits and growing network of businesses eager to work to deliver these benefits directly to Portlanders. Thank you so much for your time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Thank you. Everybody who testified in Keelan, I think there must have been was there a glitch in the system? We got it sorted.

Speaker: Yeah, a little one. It's all sorted out.

Speaker: Okay, great. Thanks

Speaker: No, no problem. Thanks for. For troubleshooting it. Good. So that completes public testimony. Colleagues do we have any more questions before we move this to second? Very good. This is a first reading. Thank you, everybody who testified, it was great testimony. This is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading and we are adjourned.

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Speaker: This is the Thursday, September 21st, 2023 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Rebecca, it's good to have you here. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Gonzalez here. Mapps here. Rubio here. Ryan here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: Now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Afternoon, mayor.

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [ww dot Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://ww.portland.gov/council/agenda) info on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. 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. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State

your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: All right. We have one item today, item 799, except final report of the police accountability commission. Thank you. And just I'll say this right up front to give everybody plenty of fair warning. Rebecca, how many folks do we currently have signed up?

Speaker: 46 for public testimony.

Speaker: Okay. So we have, you know, close to 50 people signed up for public testimony. We want to make sure we hear from everybody. So plan on two minutes so that we can get through. Everybody who wants to be heard today. So just start thinking about your you're talking points with a two minute constraint. Colleagues as you know, in 2020, voters passed an amendment to the city's charter to set in motion the development of a revised system of police accountability. The police accountable city commission comprised of all volunteers, was created to develop a proposal for that revised system. These volunteers have worked incredibly hard over the better part of two years on this proposal, and I'm pleased to learn more about their recommendations for council's consideration today. Before we begin the presentation version, I do need to make a couple of brief motions to amend this item with regard to two attachments. These are basically technical amendments. Is the this item is the first is the pacs related to the pacs final report? The second is to its proposed code language as I understand it, the original report included a draft of the final report rather than the actual final version of the report. As such, I move to amend item 799 to replace the police accountability commission final report. Can

I get a second? Second? We have a second from commissioner Mapps. Thank you. In addition, the original report is submitted. Did not include the police accountability commissioner final city code recommendations. Therefore before I move to amend item 799 to include the police accountability commission final city code recommendations. Can I get a second? Second. Thank you. And we'll vote on those at the end of public testimony. But I believe those both to be very friendly technical amendments. Turning now to the report itself, I'm pleased to introduce our presenters, mike myers. Elizabeth perez and samir canal, all from the community safety division. Welcome and mike, why don't you start and if there's other people you need to introduce, if you could do that, I'd appreciate it.

Speaker: I'll do that.

Speaker: Mayor. Thank you. Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm sorry.

Speaker: I see elizabeth is not here. Could you state your name for the record?

Speaker: Yes. My name is jamie ridgeway.

Speaker: Jamie, thank you. I appreciate it. Mike go ahead.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you and good afternoon, mayor. Council for the record, my name is mike myers. I am the community safety transition director for the city of Portland. As you know, I served as your fire chief and then your emergency management director prior to being assigned to my current role on April first of 2021. By June of 2021, looking to find a home for the police accountability accountability work, which originated from the charter amendment in November of 2020, it was decided that decided the best home would be within the community safety division. Early steps involved the City Council appointing a new 20 member police accountability commission to develop the proposals. Proposals. I am proud to state that you will hear in this presentation today, some two years and three months after the original assignment was made, the community safety division was

made of one person in June of 2021. That was myself, my very first hire was the project manager for this very important commission. In while the council was working hard to appointing volunteers to the commission in late July of 2021, I was working to hire a project manager. I looked far and wide held several demanding interviews and was very excited to choose samir canal, who will be giving most of today's presentation as the lead project manager. Samir started in September of 2021 after the members were appointed and took on the incredible challenging role of working in this new space. It was a large workload around very complex issue and on an extremely tight timeline. There were times, admittedly when I thought, how is the commission ever going to get this work done on time? But they have and they have done so with grace diligence and with the civil commitment our city government. So very much depends on. I want to congratulate the whole staff. A tremendous team, a diverse individuals for the work they put in to this project, to this point. Samir, colonel austin foster, jamie ridgeway. Emily mande and jillian massenburg. I also want to congratulate and thank the numerous volunteers for their tireless commitment to the city of Portland. I've been consistently impressed with the dedication and hard work of the volunteers on this commission. They have put in countless hours on evenings and weekends to meet its deadlines and to be in a position to present a proposal today for council to consider the team has hit milestone after milestone before finally sending the report to the City Council unanimously. Again, thank you so much for the efforts. Mayor. Council accountability and public safety is virtually is vital to ensuring the trust of community members in the city. I think it's great that the community safety division has been able to support such important work and be a small part of implementing the voters approved charter text. We look forward to seeing how council proceeds with the pac's recommendations and are available to offer continued to support

this process. Thank you. And with that, I'd like to pass it over to the reverend dr. Leroy haynes, chair of the albina ministerial alliance coalition for justice and police reform. I believe dr. Haynes is virtual today. Dr. If you are here. You might need to be promoted.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you so very much for this opportunity to once again share. I am the reverend dr. Leroy haynes jr. The president of the ministerial alliance, the oldest ministerial alliance in the city of Portland for 75 years. Years of service to this city. And also the chairman of the coalition for justice and police reform. I want to first say to our eminent mayor, ted Wheeler, and to this distinct members of the Portland City Council and members of the police accountability commission as well as the various staffs, I want to commend the great work that has been done by this oversight commission, glisan and their hard work that research, their commitment and their dedication glisan and the present city charter initiative for an in-depth citizen police oversight board emerged out of a mass civil rights nonviolent movement for justice and police reform, and to thousand and three, with the killing of an unarmed black woman by the name of kendrick james, by a Portland police officer, it was out of this outrage of citizens in Portland, including blacks, white latinos, various faith traditions as different gender as variety of political perspectives covering all parts and neighborhoods of the citizens of Portland. This movement led to the creation of the abana ministerial alliance coalition for justice and police reform that include all sectors of the city of Portland races, faith traditions and genders, major organizations like the naacp, the urban league, the league of women voters, the aclu, the latino network, jobs for justice, mental health association, asian emo and bishops of various denominations as basic rights are and cop watch and other grassroots organizing ization. This movement grew in the

city of Portland as each unarmed shooting by Portland police officer happened. They include such death as Jihad Perez, Aaron Campbell, James Chassis, Mija Poot and many others. The Coalition for Justice and Police Reform. Second goal was to create an independent citizen police oversight board with the power to compel testimony. Hence the vision of an independent police oversight board came well before the death of George Floyd. The mass marches that followed. Another goal of the Coalition for Justice and Police Reform was to call for an audit of the Portland Police Bureau that subsequently led to the ACLU founding a suit with others in the federal court with the Department of Justice office, and this led to the settlement agreement that this indigenous movement of all races, classes, genders and young and old, all sections of the city of Portland eventually led to the charter ballot measure. 26 to 71, which where 82% of the voters in the city of Portland passed the measure for a new independent police oversight board. One of the largest percentage of voting ballot measures in the city of Portland today, we stand at a crossroads road and present forward in addressing the crucial issues of police and community relations in particularly in the black community and other communities of color and citizen at large. The passage of this final report of the police oversight board by the city commissioner is equipped excellent to the join Louis police legislation that is stuck in congress on the federal level. This charter proposal is the product of more than two decades. Is not only including academia, but also people like Ron Herron and the Black Coalition and even the first commissioner choice, George Allen, who initiated reform. Um efforts as the first black commissioner on the City Council here in Portland. Uh, the, his commitment and dedication of black brown and white citizens of Portland to reform the Portland police bureau and create a true community policing program that will create a new path ownership between the

police and community that have been victims. Both of police violence and criminal violence. A partnership that will be based on fair, just and equal treatment and application of the constitution and laws of the city and state partnership that will help break down the barrier and polarization and create reconciliation in our city, a partnership that will enhance public safety and fight crime together and help build what dr. Martin luther king envisioned as the beloved community, a partnership that were birthed, a new beginning of raising our beloved city from the dark days of the past to the bright future of tomorrow. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you, sir. Amen thank you.

Speaker: Reverend haynes, it's a privilege to have you with us on a very hard act to follow my name is samir canal. For the record, I am the advisory boards and commissions manager for the community safety division and was the project manager for the police accountability commission. I can get the slides pulled up here. Today's presentation. Sorry, today's presentation has focused is on the final report of the police accountability commission and it has for those following along. Those documents are posted online. Um, for members of the public, you can find those at [tinyurl.com slash Portland park recommendations](https://tinyurl.com/slash-Portland-park-recommendations) and include the commission's final proposals for city code as well as their final report. Although much of this presentation is being given by the staff, these are the proposals of the police accountability commission, a group of 20 community volunteers appointed by City Council to do this work. These proposals are theirs and they approved them unanimously. On August 31st. During this presentation, seven speakers will explain the process that the pac used to develop its recommendations and the system that they are recommending, recommending presenters will walk through what the system will do, how it will be set up and how it'll be implemented in a way that is legitimate, fair and effective of, as noted, this work is grounded in charter section

210 approved by voters in 2020. The pac worked from their first meeting in December 2021 to their last meeting on August 31st, 2023 to develop their recommendations. These three slides are a high level overview of the proposal. More explanation on all of this is coming up later in the presentation with with detail. And there's much more detail in the body of the report. The police accountability commission was tasked with creating a code change package outlining a new police oversight mission system. Their internal goals included developing a system that will be equitable, representative of the public, fair and impartial, and one that will earn the community's trust over time in the police accountability commission's proposal, the oversight board named the community board for police accountability, will oversee the office of community based police accountability that office will be led by a director who will hire and manage the staff needed to do the work of the oversight system. Um the new system will have several powers, including staff, that conduct the investigations of potential misconduct affecting community members. Panels of the board independently determining findings and if needed, corrective action within approved discipline guides. The new system can issue policy recommendations to the police chief and, if needed, City Council. The system balances transparency in reporting and access generally with the confidentiality required under law, including for personal identifying information and has meetings open to the public as well as hearings on specific cases of potential misconduct. And those are open to the public when in compliance with state law and to talk about the process, i'll pass it over to jamie ridgeway.

Speaker: Hi again. My name is jamie ridgeway. I'm the research and policy coordinator for the police accountability commission. So before getting into what the commission's recommendations are, we wanted to touch on the process they

used to reach their conclusion as the police accountability commission was tasked with developing a framework for police oversight that fits within the parameters of charter and other legal requirements. The pac also had to answer questions raised in the charter text and its code proposals. For example, those things that the charter said will be defined in code. These tasks were given to the police accountability commission by City Council resolutions three seven, 527 and 37548. The police accountability commission was asked to outline the organizational details and powers of the new system as well as to develop a transition plan to seamlessly implement that new system. For members of the public to understand the charter was approved by voters and is like the constitution of the city. The code that the police accountability commission is recommending is like the law of the city fitting within that charter framework. The commission did not discuss potential changes to charter text because that was outside of its scope of work. The charter is a mandate that the police accountability commission was tasked to work within. This presentation has specific charter sections highlighted for each content section as it comes up. The police accountability commission held 128 public meetings and hearings and 23 community engagement events, and between public comment, written submissions and events, they heard from over 1500 Portlanders. The police accountability commission heard from law enforcement, community organizations, city commissioner, business groups, representatives from the current system, and other officials. A full list of these meetings, events and briefers can be found in the report. The police accountability commission was mandated to identify current barriers that have stymied the work of Portland police oversight systems and to go into those barriers, I will pass it on to commissioner sophia. For the record, my name is sophia glenn.

Speaker: I was a member of the commission and I co-chaired the first phase of the work for the full commission and the subcommittee on research. And in the second phase, I was appointed to the pac as a representative of community justice organizations between April and October 2022, we worked to identify these barriers. So afterwards we could start to what we call make suggestions on how to overcome these barriers because we aim to solve these problems in our overall work. This document is the problem statement of the commission's work. We also identified best practices to maintain or replicate. The pac found that civilian parts of the current system, the independent and police review and the citizens review committee were transparent and had strong reporting as well as as well as language accessibility. The investigators in all parts of the current system are highly qualified civilians. And pursue investigations and reviews in with rigor for the pac. Identify the option of mediation as a way to quickly resolve some cases and allowing closure for both the officers and the community. And finally, a connection between these processes and policy evaluation and the options of findings beyond discipline or corrective action have been positive. They'll use inconsistently. The pac also conducted a thorough research into the oversight systems around and county, country and sorry, around the country and recommended structures from experts which informed the pac on the practices as they wish to avoid and those they wish to include in the building upon. And the recommendation to City Council. Thank you.

Speaker: The police accountability commission was required to define independent judgment, which is a term that exists in the charter during their work, and they agreed on this definition quote, a demonstrable absence of real or perceived influence from law enforcement, political actors and other special interests looking to affect the operations of the civilian oversight agency. Although

the board will have that independent judgment, it is subject to all the normal city rules and procedures, including the laws, collective bargaining obligations and administrative rules that apply to every part of the city. Next is discussing what the proposed new system will do and the authorities that it will have to carry out its duties. Access to information refers to the ability of the oversight system to obtain the information that it needs to do the work of handling specific cases of potential misconduct and conducting overall review that might lead to policy recommendations. Most of the framework on this topic was outlined in the charter, including compelling testimony subpoenaing and compelling documents and accessing police records. The pac's proposal also includes a requirement for the board to work collaboratively with the Portland police bureau, including through requesting interviews prior to the use of any of these specific empowerments under the charter, much of the structure is also already in city code for the current system, such as the independent police reviews ability to subpoena documents and access records.

Speaker: The commission's recommendations are generally to retain existing code on access to information with some slight adjustments. Administrative investigators will also have access to body worn camera footage, which is in compliance with the agreement between City Council and the Portland police association, approved in April of 2023. The commission also added a section in on data protection, confidentiality and stewardship if the oversight board assesses police data, they need to uphold Portland police bureau's information security standards. Similarly medical data will only be requested where strictly relevant this all ensures that the oversight board is able to make fully informed decisions as thank you.

Speaker: Next up is the investigation process for members of the public listening. The proposed system does not relate in any way to either civil lawsuits related to

policing or to potential criminal charges. The oversight board's authority relates to employment focused investigations and corrective action. So this section is called administrative investigations. The other definition that will be mentioned today is there were many that were required of the pac, but the other one is accountability. The commission's working definition of accountable city is on the slide here, and it reads, accountability is a comprehensive system of checks and balances aimed at ensuring that when law enforcement fails to carry out their duties properly, including when their actions are damaging to other individual goals or the community at large, they are held responsible through a fair and transparent process. That's the first thing mentioned in the charter. The as a mission for the oversight board is to independently investigate, promptly, fairly and impartially, and to determine the appropriate discipline to impose the charter specifies a minimum list of things to investigate, and the pac was tasked with determining what else should be investigated by the board when there are findings of misconduct. The charter provides the oversight board with authority to determine discipline within the city's discipline guide. The council tasked the pac with developing a workflow of investigations and processes associated with cases of potential misconduct. The pac proposal includes a single structure of five steps, which will be followed for all cases that are within the oversight board's jurisdiction. An and this slide is a shortened version of it. The cylindrical paper in front of you. And on the briefing book, as well as on, I think, page 148 of the report has the full flowchart with all the details. The pacs proposal says that cases involving alleged misconduct affecting a community member would go to the oversight board. And the new system on these slides, whereas internal or human resources type complaints would not go to the oversight board and would be handled through the police's internal processes. It's actually page 414 of the report sorry, the five steps are intake investigation findings,

corrective action and discipline and appeals. The system also allows for additional options of mediation or informal complaints for less severe allegations. And there's some slides explaining each of these in a little more detail. The commission's proposal includes automatic intake for those things that are specified in the charter. That includes things like uses of deadly force violations of constitutional rights, things like that. Additionally, any person who experiences or witnesses alleged misconduct can file a complaint at intake. The complainant will be assigned a complaint navigator, which I think the mayor described as a customer service type position, which will keep them informed throughout the process and be a point of contact. The complaint will also be categorized as would this be an allegation of discourtesy, dishonesty, neglect of duty, for example, all. And also the system will assign cases to full investigations and dismiss cases as needed and determine whether the case is eligible for mediation or an informal complaint. The second step is investigation in which are conducted by the staff and will be required to be ethical, independent, thorough, timely, fair and impartial. This includes interviews, collecting evidence and could also include those empowerments mentioned in the access to information section. Investigation updates are shared regularly with officers and complainants so they know the progress through the system. And once the investigation is complete and reviewed, considered to be complete enough to proceed, the process moves to the third step, which is finding the completed investigations will be presented to a panel, which is a small group of board members, five members in most cases with the ability to be slightly larger and high profile are complex cases. At a hearing, and the panel will come to a decision on applying a finding using the preponderance of the evidence standard. There are four options for findings and the panel must choose one for each case. They can be in policy. The officer acted within the policy of the Portland police bureau. Out of

policy, the officer violated police policy, unfounded, which is that evidence shows that the alleged events did not occur or insufficient evidence, which is not enough information to attach any of the other three. The board also has options for findings that aren't just about what the officer did, but about how the system can improve. There are five additional findings that the panel can choose to apply any all or none of these. And when the board applies these findings, they'll notify the police bureau so that the problem can be addressed and can also make recommendations about how to improve if there is a finding of out of policy. That means misconduct occurred and the panel would here indicate what discipline options are likely to be considered. And in the next step, which is discipline and corrective action. The fourth step is that the board has the authority to issue disciplinary action up to and including termination, consistent with discipline guides, but also consistent with due process and just cause considerations to ensure that officer's rights are upheld. Not all of the response is are discipline. Some are more training or command counseling to help promote better performance from the individual in the future. This is something that the pac added in based on both public feedback and feedback from commissioner Mapps in the briefing and the last step is appeals, both complainants and officers have the right to appeal to the board, which is also in the current system. Officers also have two additional options that only officers have to appeal, including the city's civil service board, or filing a grievance which can lead to arbitration. And all of that's maintained from the current system. And finally, there are processes designed for lower level cases to take the burden off of the investigative system. When a full investigation is not required, and to help achieve closure faster for officers and community members alike. If a complainant would prefer resolving an issue informally with the officer involved through mediation, they can or they can pursue

discussing the matter with the officer's supervisor. And if those processes are successful, that resolves the complaint or if any party thinks it was unsuccessful and the complaint goes to a full investigate option, i'll now pass it over to commission member dan handelman, who is on zoom.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners. Mayor Wheeler. For the record, my name is dan handelman. I was a member of the commission. I co-chaired the subcommittee on officer accountability. I was appointed to the commission as a representative of a community justice organization. This process creates a level playing field in several ways, both officers and complainants are allowed up to three support persons with them throughout the process, including at hearings and investigations by the oversight system and decisions by community members serving on the board, not police, will increase fairness for all, including for officers. Additionally, there are equal updates throughout the process for officers and complainants of the process, the progress of their cases. There are four key differences between the complaint process and the current system and the new process being proposed. There will be a complaint navigator provided to the complainant from the initiation of the complaint. This person will be available to act as a single point of contact for the complainant. One entity reviews each case the new oversight board complaints will no longer bounce among different systems, allowing the process to be more straightforward and less complex than the current process. The board will investigate uses of deadly force and there will be an ability to appeal these cases as community members make the decisions regarding findings and disciplinary or corrective action. Subject to the corrective action guide. While the commission agreed that there are aspects of the current oversight system that needs to be streamline and simplified, members also identified some practices that will remain the same. There are three key similarities between the

current system and the system being proposed the use of the city and the Portland police association bargained and state discipline guides when determining appropriate disciplinary action or corrective action. The use of panels of five board members to determine findings with larger panels allowed for more complex cases, which is similar to what the police review board currently does. And there will be no change to officers due process just cause or fifth amendment rights. Thank you.

Speaker: That was the longest section of the presentation here on the system. Next up is discussing how the board will present policy recommendations to the Portland police bureau and City Council. The charter specifies that the mission includes making recommendations regarding police practices, policies and directives. Structural oversight refers to the actions of the oversight board that are about the larger system, including fair standards that police officers can follow. Mayor Wheeler, during his briefing with the pack, talked about ensuring a high standard of conduct for officers, and the pack referenced that when proposing a structure that allows for community led process to establish those standards through recommending policies and directives, that officers would be held accountable to the pax policy recommendation process includes multiple methods for initiating recommendations, including input from community members policy review from individual cases or high profile incidents, and also taking part in the Portland police's directive review process, which is a very comprehensive process for evaluating their own process directives. The structure ensures that the staff reviews patterns of previous cases, large scale events and individual misconduct. And the pcc also looked at other models around the country, including peer cities such as Seattle, to develop recommendations related to community, voice and collective bargaining and gathering public input for the Portland police bureau to help them as they develop their annual budget. Finally, the pack also proposed

ways to hold the accountability system itself accountable. This included a requirement for assessing, including by outside researchers and an internal process with an internal inspector general or monitor. To and next up in the presentation is the structure that ensures the system can perform all the duties discussed in the previous section. The charter provides clear parameters for board membership and also provides questions that that the I'm sorry that the council asked the pack to answer the first part. It's important to note that under the charter council approves all board members, appoints them. The board must include those from diverse communities with diverse lived experiences, particularly those who have experienced systemic racism and those who have experienced mental illness, addiction or alcoholism. The charter also mandates the removal of barriers and prohibits current and former law enforcement employees, as well as the immediate family of current employees from serving as members of the board. Although they can still be a part of various other board processes. The council asked the commission to determine the size of the oversight board, so election method, term length quorum method to ensure representation and compensation levels. Okay yeah. So the pack proposed an all volunteer community police oversight board in order to avoid creating a system where service on the board could be someone's primary source of income to achieve that volunteer board and meet the diversity and representation goals as well as ensuring low turnover and institutional cohesion. The pack proposed a 33 member oversight board as well as at least five alternates. Now most of the work will be done in small groups, not the full board. And the next slide explains that being able to work in small groups allows for the removal of barriers to service for members that have other time commitments and will also allow for valuable, diverse experiences to be represented. The pack proposed three year staggered renewable terms. Citizen of the city similar to the

citizen review committee structure. Staggering terms creates institutional memory and the pack also proposed a peer training system in addition to staff facilitated training for new members. Members will need to live, work, play, attend school or worship in Portland. As with any other city, volunteer commitment and the pack also added to the represents mission goals in terms of age, race and ethnicity, gender, housing status, geography, neighborhoods and more. I'll pass it over to jamie for the next slide here. I think that commissioner sophia oh, sorry.

Speaker: As previous mentioned, many matters will be handled by a subset of the board rather than by the entire board. The council asked the pack to determine if the full board or subset would hear individual cases aligning, alleging misconduct. The pack proposed subsets called panels generally with five members who would decide individual cases and the membership of the panels would rotate between the board members. The board may form a subcommittee which can develop proposals for full board consideration. As a result, the 33 members are really a pool of community members from which the subcommittee and panels can be formed, and it's not going to be 33 people hearing a case involving potential officer misconduct in the current structure. There are already 26 seats for this type of work and in the city and in this city. And so 33 is a small increase. In developing the size and the composition of the board. The pack looked at its own experiences and experiences from other groups and the city, including the citizens review committee members have experiences within the context of their volunteer service, including internal cohesion issues sometimes related to leader or membership changes with high levels of workload and low levels of institutional support. That lack of clarity and staff support the emotional and mental health burden of the work itself. The pack noted that volunteers often have other things going on in their lives which make volunteering service more difficult and increased chances of volunteer

burnout and turnover. This can be avoided or mitigated by rotating the workload and having enough colleagues to collaborate with the pack itself. Had developed changes, had employment changes, family losses, caregiving issues, responsibilities and newborn babies being a larger board with a modest number compensation, a modest member compensation sorry will keep the membership full. Representative of inequitable and reduce turnover by ensuring that the volunteer members are supported. The police accountability commission wrote the oversight board will be a unique type of volunteer service, different from most volunteer boards and committees and commissions. The board shall create systems supporting and protecting individual members. This includes a compensation structure for the board members that recognizes their volunteer status while maximizing the accessibility of service service on the board and promoting equity. It also includes being supportive of members mental health due to the potentially traumatic nature of the work the pack proposed that members of the oversight board be eligible for modest compensation.

Speaker: It's important to note this compensation proposal is not a proposal in the city code. Instead, the pack included in its report that it recommends to the future board and its staff that they establish the levels of compensation and their administrative roles. The pack's proposed compensation structure is indexed to the number of hours put in by individual volunteers. The estimated midpoint is \$5,400 per year, not enough to act as a primary source of income, but it may alleviate the costs associated with volunteering. This will total less than 1.5% of the overall oversight budget and several other jurisdictions in America provide compensation, including several at 5000 or more dollars per year. And there's a full list of that of those jurisdictions in the report as well.

Speaker: So that was the volunteer section. And now we'll move on to the staff, the charter authorizes a director with all other staff reporting to them that staff is required to include administrative staff as well as investigators as the director makes operational and administrative decisions and reports to the board who hires and manages the director. The full board will vote to hire a director from a pool of applicants. Narrowed down by a small review group of the board. There is a potential criteria for the board can use in evaluating the director. The director qualifications are modeled off the qualifications for the independent police review director currently in city code, effectively that they need to understand how investigations work and need to have the ability to manage other staff and now I will pass it on to commissioner aj hello.

Speaker: For the record, my name is aj, also known as j. I was a member of the commission. I co-chaired the full commission during the powers and duties phase of work and also co-chaired the oversight staff subcommittee. I was appointed to the pack as representative of organization surveying over police communities like r and as the charter says, the director is a bureau director. The new oversight board will be a bureau within the city. The oversight board will have a defined budget and go through the budget process each year as but with a charter mandated floor or proportional to 5% of the pb budget. And it will have an independent office to ensure both officers and community members are comfortable in the oversight board space. Being part of the city structure, it will report to a city administrator or deputy city administrator staff will have responsibilities, including policy mediation, an investigation, support for members, community engagement, auditing, data analysis, equity and inclusion and administration in the oversight board is in charge of facilitating a participatory public process for police oversight. The process will be

community driven and employ qualified staff to help community members on the board do their jobs.

Speaker: Reporting and transparency includes a list of questions asked of the commission by City Council, including transparency of the process. What is open to the public when information is shared with council and what data is available publicly. The charter requires that the board shall make provisions for regular and open meetings, public transparency and reporting on the board's activities and now I will pass it on to commissioner debbie on zoom.

Speaker: Hi, I'm debbie iona. I was a member of the commission co-chair during the transition plan and broader system phase and also subcommittee co-chair on structural oversight and for reporting and transparency. I was appointed to the commission as a representative of a community justice organizer nation first, the commission separated between meetings and hearings. Meetings will include community focused town halls, briefing rooms and more. The envisions that the board will meet with its staff director regularly and also host the mayor, Chief of police and other public safety officials regularly. These meetings will be open to the public and open to public comment. Hearings are where panels receive and evaluate information on whether or not officers committed misconduct and address corrective action decisions and consider appeals as they would be closed to the public except in two specific situations. One situation would be if the officer requests an open hearing, the other would be if the board determines the case is of a high profile and high enough profile that the public interest requires it. Both of these are defined under state law. The police accountability commission proposed a comprehensive annual report with some required contents presented to City Council. The proposal includes that the board can also do smaller, regular, regular reports such as quarterly reports. Finally, it will have a complaint, have complaint

data presented in a variety of ways. This includes information about investigations, fines, things, discipline imposed and timeliness. To the extent allowable by law. The oversight board will publish raw data for download and for display on dashboards with personal identifiable information. Redacted the commission envisions a system where confidentiality is respected while promoting transparency.

Transparency includes accessing ability culturally specific and translated materials as well as meetings to walk through the reports for community members with an interest in learning more. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, debbie.

Speaker: Thank you. The new system also exists within a broader system of government needs to communicate with other levels of government. But as previously noted, it is an independent city bureau with independent judgment and therefore will work within city structures. The new oversight system may need to work with external law enforcement entities, including district attorneys, to get information related to specific cases or to transmit information regarding policies. The pac agreed that their proposed system should, quote, strive to maintain working relationships that are cordial and not adversarial, including with law enforcement. And here, i'll pass it over to commission member cameron.

Speaker: For the record, my name is cameron brown.

Speaker: I was a member of the commission as a representative of small businesses. Finally, the pac believes that Portland and this oversight board should be a model for other jurisdictions as the police accountability commission learned from other cities and counties experiences and anticipates that our own work will be referenced in other cities as well when they next revisit their own systems. As a result, while most of the police accountability commissions recommend nations maintain or adjust existing code or source ideas from other jurisdiction regions,

there are ways in which the police accountability, accountability commission proposals are designed to help make Portland a leader in police accountability. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. So all of that those sections explain how the system will work when it is fully implemented. This next part discusses how the proposed initially setting up the oversight system, the settlement agreement between the us and the us department of justice and the city outlines many of the next steps in this process. It requires the city to send proposed code changes within 60 days of receiving the pacs proposal to the us court and department of justice. Alongside these proposed changes, the city has to send proposed amendments to the settlement agreement that would allow for oversight board implementation after the doj and court review. The City Council has 21 days under the settlement agreement to formally adopt the city code and that begins a one year transition period at the end of which the new board has to be able to begin accepting complaints. The pac was required by the City Council to create a transition plan, and that needed to include maintaining operations of independent police review and the citizen review committee until the new system is fully implemented. A plan for how to get initial members appointed and staff hired and answering specific questions such as about whether or not staff would have preference to apply for staff positions within the new system. I'll pass it over to commission members. Catherine and faith. For the record, my name is faith aiken.

Speaker: I was a member of the commission and co-chaired subcommittees on the community engagement framework, structural oversight, and on the transition plan. I was a full co-chair of the commission during the fact finding phase of work. I was appointed by council as a representative of a community justice organization. The pac has three main proposals in this section that would require council action.

The first two relate to transferring cases to the new system from the old. If any cases cannot be resolved within six months. The pac proposal is that they be moved from the old system to the new one. This will minimize the length of time the two systems overlap and give clarity to the city community and both officers and complainants. This finally, during the one year period that the new system ramps up after the code is approved, but before it's required to be able to take in complaints for tasks have to happen in order. The city has to get applications for and appoint board members. The board members need to get applications for interview and hire a director. The director needs to hire staff in particular, particular intake and investigative staff. Finally, those staff need to be trained so they can begin taking in complaint at the end of the year. That's a heavy lift. Within one year's time. As a result, the pac asked for a transition team to be designated within the city to begin work during the d.o.j. Court review of this proposal on community outreach and education so that the one so that when the code is approved, the new system can hit the ground running and ensure the city remains in compliance. This. For the record.

Speaker: My name is catherine mcdowell. She her pronouns I was the co-chair of the fourth phase of work. The structure and details phase and co-chair of the transition plan subcommittee along with commissioner aiken. At this point, we'd like to share our views on the legitimacy of the new system, which is something we know matters a great deal to the council and also to members of this commission. It is vital that this system be one that is able to earn the trust of all involved, including city stakeholders, law enforcement, stakeholders and community stakeholders. This is a key component of the police accountability commission's approach. The police accountability commission supports the charter for section 210 framework and built our proposals within this framework to promote the

values of legitimacy, fairness and effectiveness. The commission was not tasked with evaluating the framework of the charter that established it or proposing the changes, proposing changes to the charter. Our role was to uphold the voter approved text, as you asked us to do, and that was what we did in terms of the police accountability commission's process, yes, we approached it impartially. We the commission was not required to identify best practices. The charge was to identify barriers. However, the commission did identify by good practices in the current system so that they could be maintained and or replicated and built upon examples of this include the retention of the mediation program and the appeals process. Advisor used at the citizen review committee being expanded into our complaint navigator proposal. The commission also sought out input from law enforcement, including the police. Portland police association and Portland police bureau leadership. And we incorporated it. For example, all police experts proposed, including that some investigators in the new oversight system be certified as civilian homicide investigators for use of deadly force investigations. And the commission included that proposal. Other recommendations include that law enforcement experts could be involved as consultants in training the new board members as well as any contracted work such as evaluating investigations, and that Portland police bureau's training division be consulted by hearings, panels, the police accountability commission, as approached the process from the perspective that the charter requires was that law enforcement not be decision makers here, but that the system will be most effective and legitimate if there is a relationship that is independent but non adversarial between law enforcement and the oversight system.

Speaker: Thank you, catherine. Hi. My name is charlie, michelle wesley. I was chosen for my community justice organizer action. My excessive lived experience in

overpoliced communities. I was the subcommittee co-chair on the officer accountability and a few other subcommittees. I have lost track of. But I was the overall chair of the full committee for phase four and phase six. We believe that the recommendations we've outlined in this report will transform police accountability in Portland and provide a fair and equitable system for both community members and police officers in preparing these, we continue to center our core values. And goals of equity and inclusion. Anti racism, harm reduction, trans agency trustworthiness, community centered and effectiveness. While we have attempted to reflect the community sorry, this is a page two to reflect community input and views to the degree allowable by law. We expect that our recommendations may not go far enough for some and may be perceived as large change by others. We also know that the police accountability commissions recommendations cannot solve every problem. This is just one aspect related to transforming the culture of policing in it is difficult to create accountability within a system that is rooted in historic racist, just injustice and current legal constraints. As the paradox of working within a flawed system to develop a functional alternative is one that the police accountability commission consistently struggled with. However, we also know that it is. It was council's commitment to the city's core values of equity and anti-racism, um that inform both the decision to send measure 26 to 17 to the ballot at and the council's continued support of the police accountability commission work by approving this plan, not only will you uphold these same core values, but you have an opportunity to contribute to much needed healing in the community. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: As today is the presentation of the final report of the pack and to avoid reading all 500 plus pages of the report live, the presentation opened with part of the intro and it will conclude with the last couple of sentences from the pack's

report before I pass it to commissioner. You may for that a quick logistical note that after q&a there are a couple final invited comments from a couple of the members of the commission. So and you may have questions after that, too. It's just a few minutes. There um, so i'll pass it over to commissioner. Um, to close it out.

Speaker: Thank you, samir. For the record, my name is yumi delgado. I was a member of the commission and council appointed me this past June as a member of the police community. I am also bringing my experience as a member of the current system of work. As vice chair of the citizen review committee, which is part of the current system, the police accountability commission's final report ends with these thoughts. Our proposals, if implemented, are part of meeting the community need for police accountability. We look forward to continuing to collaborate as community members with City Council, all to ensure that our proposals are evaluated, discussed and able to be implemented in a way that meets the needs of community and fulfills the mandate given to the city by the voters that serves us. Thank you for the opportunity to work together towards a more accountable police oversight system. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for your time. And we'll turn it over to questions at this point.

Speaker: All right. Very good colleagues, questions at this time or do we want to hear public testimony and then get to questions?

Speaker: Why don't we do that? Because I have a number of questions I'd like to ask. But I think I know there's people who have child care and picking kids up at school and everything else. So why don't why don't we get into public testimony? Two minutes each name for the record, and then we can we'll probably take a break at the end of public testimony so that our tv folks have a chance to take a break. And i'll probably need one, too. So two minutes each name for the record.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, can I ask for a clarification? I so is there invited testimony? I wasn't quite there.

Speaker: There are three members of the commission who we wanted to give a couple of minutes to speak in their personal capacities that aren't.

Speaker: Are they are they part of the public testimony or are they separate? They're not.

Speaker: They're invited speakers. We've heard from.

Speaker: Thank you. I did not know that. So let's do the you introduce make them part of your presentation. And when you're done with the presentation, turn it back to me and we'll go to public testimony.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Mayor Wheeler. Thank you for clarifying. So we'll start with commissioner charlie and then it goes to commissioner dan and finally, commissioner umay. Those are the three. So i'll pass it to commissioner charlie.

Speaker: Hello again. So once again, I'm charlie mitchell. Wesley and I'm a tribal member. The confederated tribes of grand ronde and I'm a descendant of multiple tribes from the northwest on this indigenous land that we refer to as turtle island that is now known as American and as an indigenous woman, I have had I have endured a life time of traumatic racism, systemic racism and extensive lived experience as a witness to a target of a victim of a survivor of overpolicing, excessive force, including being shot at. I'm going to share some hard truths for reflection because some years ago I was granted custody of my black indigenous grandson. And despite it all, I was determined to do what I could to keep him safe. Living in a neighborhood that we lived in that was over policed. But when he became a teen, I had to have the talk that we caretaker have to have with our bipoc teens the how to stay alive when pulled over by police talk. It's heartbreaking and no child should have to be subjected to that discussion. But it is absolutely

necessary when you are a person of color, you don't have to commit a crime to experience being targeted by police. Excessive force. You don't have to resist it or verbally object. You merely have to be black, brown, indigenous and or live where you live, work where you work, or be in a neighborhood. You are perceived as not belonging in or driving, shopping, jogging, sleeping, knocking on the wrong door in crisis, or a black child playing with a toy gun to be a victim of deadly force. Their lives matter. And so did the voices of survivors who bring an invaluable perspective that is lacking when creating systems that can help instead of harm them. Our voices are a gift. The truth of it is that white supremacy determines who lives and dies during these calls. It is the foundation of all the institutions. Yet we aren't supposed to talk about it or admit that barriers to accountability are rooted in it. But we have to adhere to its laws and policing, and we suffer from it. My hope is that this new police accountability system will ultimately be approved and used as your opportunity to build upon so when my grandson has children in, that may be just maybe that how to stay alive conversation won't be necessary for our bipoc children and that that protect and serve actually pertains to them as well. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner charlie. Next again, these three commission members speaking in their personal capacity.

Speaker: I'll pass it over to commission member dan handelman on zoom.

Speaker: Good afternoon again. I'm still dan handelman and today I'm speaking my personal capacity as a former commissioner. I was elected by my peers to be one of the three co-chairs in the final phase of our work. I did a lot of research for this project and I found that both here and in the city of Portland and in other jurisdictions, it was difficult to figure out how the police oversight systems really work. For example, as I was proofreading the annotated city code, there was no

reference to how ipr staff currently can go to the scene of deadly force incidents. I set about to find out where that authority comes from. It was added in 2010 after the death of aaron campbell. I had ms. Aiona look for it to as she studied the ipr since it was created, she was only able to find one reference in one ipr annual report. I eventually found the authorizing language in the bureau directive on deadly force incidents. There are other items which I know are part of current practice, but it takes looking at protocols, city code directives, contracts and other documents to find them. Even asking people deeply engaged in the process. I could not find a reference to cover sheets which are attached to investigations where policy and other issues can be flagged by police supervisors in the same way, the new board will make systemic findings. I understand there's concern in that the proposed code by the commission includes items that might be better put into protocol. However, it will be up to the board and its director to establish those protocols. Some three and a half years after the vote to create the new board. The pac designed a system to work as a whole and having these guidelines and code will provide clarity and save time in setting up the new system. The system is designed to self-correct, so council can make changes moving forward. Ipr was supposed to be reviewed within one year of its creation, but the first review wasn't conducted until seven years into its existence. Either way, council should modernize its code to include links allowing the public to access detailed information for bodies like the ipr and the new board. The other main point I'd like to address is a dual question from folks about the size of the board and its budget. The current system handles about 400 cases a year and the police review board holds maybe 50 hearings a year with a rotating set of members. Other cases are decided by officer supervisor hours, the citizen review committee is busiest. Recent years saw their 11 person body hold eight appeal hearings. We're predicting the new board

will need to make decisions in as many as 280 cases, meaning with 33 people they will have a workload of about 45 cases per person per year, nearly one per week on average. As for staff, the commission envisions that staff includes investigators, advocates, data analysts, community outreach persons and support staff for the board's meetings and hearings. When I crunched numbers based on the salaries of ipr and internal affairs as guidance, the \$12 million budget that's being criticized disappears very quickly. Some people think this board should not be a high priority. Many of those people have likely never been pushed up against a wall by a police force exposed to chemical weaponry, been racially profiled and or lost a loved one to police bullet. I'm sad to say to fellow community members that even trying to level the playing field, the law is still favor the police. But at least this system will create a sense that the officers who violate policy will be held accountable and lead to a more just and equitable Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner member dan and finally, commissioner yumei.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Mayor Wheeler, esteemed commissioners, it's good to see you again. Three months ago, you appointed me to the police accountability commission in at the start of their final phase of work. And it's been a great honor to serve in this capacity. But I'm going to be honest, it has been the longest summer of my life. This has truly been a heavy lift. But the real credit goes to my fellow commissioners who have done this work tirelessly for nearly two years. It is with fortitude, grace and compromise is that they came together to accomplish this nearly impossible task, and they did so unanimously. So when I come to you today, I wish to speak to the issue of legitimacy and the issue of bias. I want to be clear the proposal before you is not, as some would say, an extremist proposal. It has been responsive to feedback from stakeholders, all of whom have spoken about the need for a better system, including this council. The ppa and members of the

current system, such as myself. And we have tried to reconcile that input soberly and deliberately into a truly just system that is fair to both community and police. When people criticize these proposals, I find it disheartening that some seem to think that only an unaccountable system of policing can provide public safety. I reject that conclusion. For too long we have stacked the deck against ourselves and then chafed against the outcomes. And I know that I've heard members of council express that that view. This must stop at some level. This proposal is also a referendum on the value of public service. This work is one of the biggest responsibilities 80s that we entrust to non elected officials and I think we underestimate how much people rise to the occasion. When asked, I think we underestimated how much the police accountability commission would rise to the occasion. When asked, like you, as a member of the citizen review committee, I swore to uphold the constitution and the city charter. I'm sure you remember how you felt on the day that you swore that oath. I remember how I felt and I felt that weighed heavy on my shoulders for the past two and a half years as I cannot imagine that you or I would ever dream of exercising that responsibility in a biased or unfair manner while wise, I think it would be cynical and defeatist to assume that the people that you this council will choose to serve on this board will wield that authority any differently than you or I would. Thank you. Thank

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: And now I will turn it over to you, mayor Wheeler. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: Good. Thank you.

Speaker: And it is good to hear applause and support for things people are saying. But in order to keep public testimony going, if people could not not emote and that also means no negative emoting. If you hear something, you don't like, this is a democratic space, so you're likely to hear some things that that you don't support.

And we just ask that everybody, when they get to the microphone, have the opportunity to speak freely and see this as a safe place. Two minutes each, please name for the record. And about six ish inches from the microphone works really well and we'll just turn it over to the council clerk. Rebecca, go ahead.

Speaker: Start with monica and tiana tozer. And you guys don't have to sit there if you don't want, so.

Speaker: Space yeah.

Speaker: Rebecca maybe we could call three at a time, and that way we can get people teed up and ready to go after. Tiana.

Speaker: We have james of cinque.

Speaker: Welcome. Hi. Thank you. My name is monica and I served as commissioner representing organized asians serving over police communities, as well as being a proud latina and member of the Vancouver police community. I'm a peruvian American immigrant and I moved to Portland 29 years ago with a group of friends after college, I trained at ohsu and became a midwife and my friends became an extended family with at least 21 children attending schools in Portland. I work at a community health center serving migrant communities to welcome babies into the world that are served with my with my bicultural and bilingual skills. I organized the light for liberty protest in Portland for migrant children, put in cages and killed at the border. I Marched for black and brown lives. I faced teargas wearing a 95. My kids bike helmet and ski goggles while running away from people that were supposed to protect me. Portland voted for police accountability, and soon after I applied to be part of the commission. I didn't know that over the next two years I would be attending more than 130 meetings each of over two plus hours and get homework and research to do at home. I didn't give up midway because I love the city and I love what we did and Portlanders voted for a ballot

measure. And you gave us a job of turning it into the city code, a transition plan and a detailed design faithful to the voters and to the city charter. I was one of the least qualified. And on police accountability matters, I served with people that have dedicated their life to this, who served selflessly and produced this package. I am confident that your police accountability commission did its job above and beyond any expectations. It is time for you. Our City Council, to do your part in this process and be part of this tide for hope for communities like mine. Do not let yourself be swayed by a small and vocal minority that doesn't trust community to oversee Portland police. The large majority of Portland votes when it needs to, but does not show to testify in front of you. I urge you to trust that Portland voted wisely and that you pick the right commission for this. Portland votes for parks and schools. We vote for Portland street response and we voted for police accountability, fully funded and led by community because this is who we are and this is beautiful. Well, it is the glimmer of hope that my community really needs right now. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Afternoon, mayor.

Speaker: Commissioners. I am tiana tozer. I'm here today as a private citizen, a victim of violent crime, and as a member of an overpoliced minority as identified by the police. Accountability commission. I'm here to testify against the police punishment commission, which would be a better name for what the final report outlines creating a biased accountability commission that has no oversight or accountability, particularly with \$13 million budget is an interesting concern. But what could possibly go wrong? On page 16 of the pack final report, it states the pack was also bound by federal and state law, including protections for officers that may be subjects of administrative investigation, as these protections include due process. I'm not an attorney, but it is my understanding that impartiality is one of

the main tenets of due process. As on page 44, the report states the pack made several key decisions in developing its areas of agreement on board membership, including the third bullet point selection criteria for the board, which include the charter requirements as well as a preference for those affected by overpolicing. I can't even begin to understand how that is impartial. On page 136, the board may investigate other complaints or incidents of misconduct as they see fit or mandated by city code translation on whatever they want. After reading this 365 page final report, my conclusion is that this is nothing more than a naked power grab. Similar to what I saw in Iraq and Sudan that will compromise the safety and the welfare of the people of Portland, that this commission was appointed to serve. It is the next thinly veiled step in defunding the police. It is anti-democratic for a commission to not follow their guidelines and then venerate their work product as a sacred cow and to tell you, our elected officials, that to change anything is to thwart the will of the voters. If implemented, we are looking at failure on the scale of Measure 110. But the bottom line is Portlanders are fed up and fleeing the city because of violence, drugs and property damage. How will this help? I urge you not just to vote no, but to throw out this farce of unaccountability and start over. That would be the democratic thing to do. You cannot fight injustice with injustice. Thank you for your time. Thank you. For James of saying James is online.

Speaker: Hello. My name is James Sync Him. Pronouns and today I'm representing the League of Women Voters of Portland.

Speaker: We would like to start off by expressing our gratitude to the Police Accountability Commission for its diligent work developing the voter-enacted charter amendment into a detailed plan for Portland's new oversight system. Based on our years of involvement in this issue, we believe that the proposal addresses many of the long-standing community concerns, and we'd like to

highlight a few of those today as required by the city charter. The community board for police accountability and the civilian office of police accountability will together form the new oversight system. The new civilian office will conduct investigations into misconduct cases and the trained and impartial community board will have the authority to make findings and issue discipline. Police internal affairs will no longer investigate police misconduct, but clearing up one long standing community concern over police bureau policies are also sometimes a barrier to accountability. Through its work considering and deciding on cases. Shortcomings in these policies will become evident to the board. One of the strengths of the new system is that the policy recommendation the board issues to address systemic accountability problems will require a response from the chief. And if they're not accepted, City Council will weigh in to make a final decision. Deadly force incidents are also of great public concern in in contrast to the current system, the new civilian staff will independently conduct those investigations and the board will decide on disciplines, on discipline and findings. We want to again thank the pack for carefully following the charter amendments, provisions and City Council direction, incorporating effective and promising practices from other jurisdictions and consulting reports from outside experts. The pack sought and received input from a wide array of interested community members with a diversity of opinions. The league was impressed with the deep community engagement the commission conducted and our members attended at least some of the 146 public events and meetings through which the commission arrived at the proposal before you today. We support this research and thoughtful step forward in accountability and urge you to do the same. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, we have matt levine, carol landsman and susan griffin. I'm matt levine.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard.

Speaker: Something not usually afforded to victims of the police in Portland, but especially not afforded to black indigenous poc victims of police brutality. I'm here today to demand the City Council accept and approve the final report and recommendations of the pack as is perhaps the best way to justify that demand is by making it clear, as commissioner michelle wesley did, that we need to go much farther than the pack's recommendations as this needs to be. Step one of literally thousands of steps taken to disrupt and dismantle the white supremacist foundations of this city. Portland was founded as part of a genocidal campaign against indigenous peoples of the lower columbia river and willamette river that involved Oregon's trail of tears. Mass executions as colonial and exploitative land grabs of white supremacists like william overton, asa lovejoy and francis pettygrove, as well as biological warfare in the form of malaria, smallpox and measles. The Portland police bureau itself was also founded in white supremacist fashion, best illustrated by the fact that shortly after the Portland chapter of the kkk was formed, it boasted a membership of 150 Portland police and under the leadership of Portland mayor george baker, a 100 person police vigil chanty squad was formed. The majority of them being klansmen. Unfortunately, Portland's mayors and police have followed in these footsteps to this very day. Tiana tozer just ask the family and friends of keaton otis, a kind loving 25 year old black man, a son, grandson, father and good friend murdered by Portland police. Just ask the family and friends of patrick kimmons, a kind father of three loving son and 27 year old black man murdered by Portland police. Just ask the family and friends of June nightly who was murdered at a justice for patrick kimmons rally demanding police accountability. Not long after, ted Wheeler told Portland that racial justice protests

need to hurt a little bit. We need racial justice in this city and we need police accountable city for that. Thank you. Thank you, Reno.

Speaker: Okay, you're up.

Speaker: My name is Susan Griffin for the record. And I just wanted to let you guys know that I lived downtown for ten years. And in the last three years, I've been assaulted six times within three blocks of where I live. The first time I was stomped, kicked and robbed, walking home from Safeway. The second time. Let's see if I can remember them all the second time. Some guy came, some crazy guy came up behind me on one of them scooters and slapped my ass as hard as he could. And then he stopped about 30ft ahead of me and turned around and told me he was going to get some of that later in February of this year, I was accosted by a man who was off because I didn't recognize him to be the son of God, and he literally tried to lift me out of my chair and I'm convinced he would have body slammed me to the ground had he got me out. I was robbed last December in front of Target. They took my phone and cash is that it? I might be missing 1 or 2. I believe in police accountability. I believe in accountability for everyone. I've been in positions like these assaults where I've called for police help and couldn't get it. And I deserved it. I've called to try to get people help through PSR and PSR has. I called twice the first time they didn't even roll up on the scene. 40 minutes later, another call was made to 911. An ambulance was sent. I came to find out a few weeks later when I talked to the man that I called for because he's my neighbor, that he was in fact having seizures and dying. So all I want to say is if you're going to hold the police accountable, I want everyone held accountable. I want PSR held accountable. I think that those allegations deserve to be looked into because if PSR can't do the job that they do and they say that one bad apple spoils the whole bushel, do we say screw

psr? No we tweak it and we try to make it better and that's it. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Carol landsman is online. Yes yes.

Speaker: Hello. I'm carol landsman and I'm still moved by what, commissioner charlie said.

Speaker: That was very powerful. And I take it to heart. Thank you. Um, I also want to give kudos to the pack and to their staff for writing what I consider to be such an excellent report. Thought community involvement, which is always so important, was very, very well done. I believe the other thing that seems to be forgotten more and more is a best practices and that was included and I was very happy to see that. I want to touch briefly on the change from the police review board to the new. You don't even know what it's called to the new board. Um, I think that's such an excellent idea. I've been disturbed for a while that a close police board evaluates deadly force and it got better when 1 or 2 non-police were added to the committee. But it was still so heavily slanted and. It was still the families couldn't come to the hearings, which I thought the family of the injured or dead person an couldn't come and I think that this plan doesn't an excellent job of involving those people in the process. Thank you. Thank you, carol.

Speaker: Next, we have kristin olsen, brian orndorf and eddie rogoway.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler and City Councilors. Thank you for hearing our testimony today. My name is kristin olsen. I'm a multi-gen Portlander and I own a law firm downtown town. I'm asking you today to please do not simply rubber stamp this proposal for the following reasons. First, it will destroy the confidence and trust of the Portland police bureau. Portland cannot afford to lose

more police officers in 2020. Portland sent a clear signal to the police that we did not value them. I want to commend mayor Wheeler for quickly reversing course and committing to public safety. We're now on track to be a city that values public safety and crime victims. Please incorporate a balance of public safety and provide amendments that incorporate the views of crime victims and law enforcement in regard to public safety. In regard to police accountability, which, of course the majority of Portlanders also want because they voted for this measure. We want accountable city and we want to support police. S with the election of rene Gonzalez, the majority of Portlanders sent a clear signal to the City Council that they want police. They do not want police defund added. They want to support police, but they want good police. How do we amend what is presented and create a fair and balanced proposal that sends a signal to crime victims and police officers that we value them and we want to incorporate them in regard to our city. But we also want good police and we want police accountability. We broke our homicide record twice after defunding the police. And I know we do not want to continue our downward trajectory in that regard. Thank you, mayor Wheeler, for working to rebuild trust with your police officers. That's your bureau. And I know that many of them have feel that they have trust in you. I think you can further signal that trust by amending this proposal to incorporate some of their suggestions. Thank you. Thank you. Hello my name is brian orndorf.

Speaker: I've lived and worked in the city of Portland for 15 years and raised my family here over the past four years I've watched Portland going from one of the most sought after communities in to work and live to one of the least desirable. All this reduction in livability caused by the pandemic. 179 nights of riots in downtown Portland. Unintended consequences of measure 110 and the continued exodus of police officers. Portland has one of the lowest number of officers per capita of any

us city where second last only to san jose and bakersfield. After watching the pax online meetings and reading the recommendations. In my opinion, in the pack did not stick to their working orders and purview. They overstepped their mission and boundaries and interfering with the oversight of the ppb budget, demanding to be present at negotiations with the bargaining unit and wanting to influence state legislature using Portland as a guinea pig for a county police accountability. This ordinance will only be appropriate if there are changes made in the composition of the oversight committee to ensure a broader representation from the ppb. The union business groups and neighborhood associations and protocol to ensure that taxpayer money is being efficiently deployed to benefit Portlanders. Both housed and unhoused. The best way to assure adequate representation on the oversight board is to have a selection process through a committee that would represent the city fairly, including pbem representatives, as the final appointments would be made by the City Council. Three things I would recommend would be the following representation of the entire community that relies on the police for safety, not just those with a biased against police. The appointments of the budget should be made at least subject to approval of the City Council. The 5% \$13 million budget under the current plan is excessive given the poor staffing ratio of ppb. This needs to be rethought and sent back to the voters. There also needs to be an independent budget oversight committee made up of people with experience in financial accountability and administration, subject to the city's audit and review. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Any iroquois.

Speaker: Carol cushman, richard perkins. Mr. Barnett. And carol is online.

Speaker: Am I next?

Speaker: Yeah. Go ahead, carol.

Speaker: I'm carol cushman, a resident of north Portland, speaking in support of the report from the police accountability commission. I want to thank the volunteers who have spent hours of their personal time developing a plan for the new community board for police accountability. These members have done extensive research looking at programs in place elsewhere, consulted experts in the field, and included parties occupation by the larger community. I support the concept of one system led by community members to handle all investigations into possible police misconduct, with the board involved in the disciplinary decisions I have followed this citizen review committee meetings and have heard both committee members and appellants are frustrated by the process that currently exists. This new program gives one point of contact for a complaint joint investigation, decision and appeal and will include support for the person who makes the complaint throughout the process. It accidents involving deadly force will now be included as evidence events for which the community member can file a complaint. It is important that our system for police accountability be truly independent and community based. In addition to handling specific incidents, the board will have the opportunity to make recommendations about police policy directives and training these recommendations will be addressed if rejected by the police chief, the City Council will have the final say on whether to adopt or reject the changes as the larger board hearing causes. The larger board cases. Excuse me messed up my sense there. Um, the fact that there should be different groups here, both the appeals and the evidentiary hearing is reason that they need a larger number. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, City Councilors and pack supporters. I'm dick perkins, former heroin addict, ex-con, felon for life resident of downtown Portland and retired bank executive. I voted for the initiative which led us to today. I still support

the concept, but I have several concerns about how the current recommendations evolve and how the composition and about the composition of the final commission, which, by the way, I've applied for. I believe the process has resulted in a bias where many who have created the proposal, ordinance and selection process, yes, want to defund the police? Yes. As an activist for more behavioral health resource, his I understand the need for an empathetic police force is deeply engaged in a positive way with the community, especially the marginalized communities. This commission needs to help break down the barriers that have caused the dehumanization of the police, as evidenced by death, the cops and all cops are bastards. Tags we see around the city. This commission should actively recruit those of color and people with lived experience who do believe that the police are essential. I know the level of distrust as best I can. I think I understand why it exists among marginalized communities, but stereotyping cops like people of color feel stereotyped. Typed is not the way to create it. The pcb should be represented on this commission and so should marginalized groups who value the police. And let's not create an oversight commission with no oversight over itself. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: Mr. Barnett was to be online. Hello

Speaker: Hello. We hear you. Yep, we hear you loud and clear.

Speaker: Can you hear me? Yep

Speaker: You sound great.

Speaker: Thank you. Uh, my name is mr. Mister barnett. 86 year old african American man living for 50 years in northeast Portland. In those years, I have seen and many times participated cobid as a citizen activist, and both for all and informal initial moves to improve the safety of black and other ethnic minorities in our area. Residents. Um. Uh, to, to, to improve their safety. Um, by urging and demanding

that the Portland police manage point and line officers live up to their own motto of protecting and serving all Portlanders. And to those is and to see excessive use of force, which is very often illegal. I have participated in the us justice requirements of the Portland settlement agreement and am aware and fully endorse the Portland police accountable city commission's report and urge the council entirely to entirely adopt it, uh for the benefit of the people who suffer the abuse as well as for all Portland hours. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, sir. Candice avalos, john jackson, and mary constantino.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Hi again. It's our third meeting in a row. I know.

Speaker: Are you sick of me yet? Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to comment today in strong support of the police accountability commission's efforts to bring the police oversight, that 82% of Portland voters supported in 2020 to life. I'm candice avalos. She her pronouns and I've been a member of the citizen review committee for six years and have served as its chair for the last three years. I'm speaking to you in this capacity, but also as a community member who stood alongside thousands of Portlanders across the city demanding true change to our systems of police accountability. After many years serving on the city's old version of police oversight, I'm proud and impressed with the outcome of the pac's work in the last 18 months. Engaging a vast group of stakeholders, community members and experts to identify key changes in the new oversight system um, in particular the things that I believe will have the biggest impact that include an oversight board that is directly empowered to impose discipline or propose policy remedies. A one stop shop that eliminates the duplication of services across several bureaus and city advisory boards and a much more effective preponderance of the evidence standard of review. I'm here to

remind you that our city is not asleep. We are watching diligently to ensure the will of the voters and democratic processes we proclaim to cherish our honored transforming our city's oversight of police is no small task, and I am not suggesting that it doesn't merit a critical eye and thoughtful discussion on how to move this new model forward. Together for. But what I am saying is that we can have these discussions about adjustments, oops, about adjustments without disrupting the spirit and intent from the voters who gave our city a mandate to implement a robust, community focused response to the calls for greater oversight of Portland police. I urge you to engage in a good faith discussion with the pac and city staff to approve and implement this new code. Thanks again. Thank you.

Speaker: Hello, mayor. Commissioner my name is John Jackson. I'm a small business owner here in Portland. I recently got up to speed on what PAC has come up with and I was really shocked to see some of their recommendations and procedures along with being a small business owner. I'm a military veteran and served in many public and private boards and public in Portland. So when I think about reform, I think about it from that perspective. Live in the military, it's important to keep in mind that we're serving to the public. And we swore an oath to the constitution. We serve civilians and we know that we're held to a higher standard than the general public. When it comes to accountability. The systems really work well in the military because of checks and balances. Every soldier is accountable to superior to their peers, to subordinates. And collectively, we have to answer to the public and business is much the same. So it worries me quite a bit when I think about the proposal and unlimited checks and balances in place that I know from experience require for a functional system, community engaged policy, community engaged. Policing is great and may be the best model for public safety. But how can you have that if the system of police oversight was designed with no

insight from regular police officers by but by a small vocal group of the community? Every board I've served on had experts in the field having experience in law and enforcement and professionals on the board. Seems like it's a logical and fair choice. I don't feel any safer knowing that officers I see working hard every day and doing a great job are going to be limited and have their jobs on the line with with a with the pack and the pack themselves really aren't answerable to anyone other than themselves. So that's kind of where I'm at on that.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, mary is online.

Speaker: I'm mary costantino.

Speaker: I'm a physician in Portland. I've been here for 20 plus years. I have two children. And I'm also a business owner with a surgery center in Portland as well as in eugene. So I am on here today to talk about an event that was about a month ago when I was in goose hollow and had a attack by a person walking just around the mac gym and was knocked unconscious. I ended up just going home. I did call 911 when I came to. I've worked in trauma centers for many years, so I just kind of put my medical trauma brain on and called 911, mostly because I wanted the location services for my cell phone to go back to the 911 call center. I was not calling to for help because I've actually just have lived here long enough where I don't presume that there's enough of a police force to come to my aid. So I was mostly calling to have a recording of what was happening and also to have somebody find me if I was unable to drag myself out of what I was in. Um, I did go home. I didn't go to the e.r. And a side note is our ears are overfilled and we have no doctors anymore in this town because of the livability issues. Um, so I do also have a black son. I wasn't getting on here to mention that, but I have a black 18 year old who goes to lincoln. I support a heavy police force with even with a black son. And these kids are running around. He's seen guns probably 8 or 9 times, and none

of them from the police. I do get very concerned from about my black son and my white son walking around downtown. So you know, I'm taking notes here. When I'm listening and I'm thinking about where's the public accountability commission? You know, who do I call after this? I didn't even file a police report because the system was too complicated. So I still have concussions. I've showed up to work the next day. But, um, anyway, thank you for everything. And I think we need more police officers.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Angie tomlinson. Levi, a and reverend nathan jimenez, national congressional scholar.

Speaker: Good afternoon. I'm thank you mayor Wheeler and commissioners for hearing me. I am angie tomlinson. My daughter is this is my daughter. Slade tomlinson is here with me for support. I've lived in Portland for almost 30 years, raised two children in public school with many years in pta and community sports. And I am an environmental scientist and engineer. I've even spent some of my time as a scientist serving the city and working for the city of Portland. I'm not an activist. I'm a scientist. I was almost three years old and unaware of the world really. When one moment changed everything for me, that moment threw my future world office trajectory and into a future without one of my biological parents. One of my biological parents is I'm sorry. My mother was only 21 years old when she had to identify my biological father's body, a body that had been bruised and scrapes all over it, a body that had been killed by police using a chokehold. He was a mexican American and he was 24 years old. Sorry. All it took was one moment's decision to change my life without me even being aware. My mother struggled with mental health issues for the rest of her short life, and I grew up in abject poverty for the last two years, I have gave hundreds of hours of my time, my family's time,

volunteering for the Portland police accountability commission, made up of community members creating a groundbreaking system of community oversight of Portland police. I believe that all citizens deserve to feel safe and protected by police, but we must also ensure public enforcement officials are held. I'm sorry. I believe that all citizens deserve to feel safe and protected also by police. But we must also ensure public enforcement officials are held accountable when they step out of line with your support. The creation of this police oversight system is a change in the right direction to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens, as I once was, are protected. Thank you. Thank you, miss.

Speaker: Hi. I am Levi. I'm here to help represent minimum wage workers and teenagers in our community. Although the Portland accounting accountability commission is an ostensibly unbiased group, the reality is that there is an anti-police agenda being pushed for personal profit and gain, which needs to be addressed and seized as soon as possible. The committee does not accurately portray the needs of our Portland community at large and an anti-police ideology diminishes the voices of the minority groups who tend to be the people who need them the most. And accountability should not be defunding. With that being said, I have worked overnight shifts in a food service job located close to old town over the months, I have witnessed people suffering from extreme poverty, crippling addictions, drug induced mental illness and violence. At every corner I've seen people die and I have seen people living fates worse than such. You would not believe the effect illicit drugs have on people using it until you have seen it. Most of these people are part of marginalized community. Many are people of color, disabled, poor, et cetera. Each time I have watched someone overdose or have an episode, there is pain and sympathy in my heart, but there is very little I myself as a minor and feminine, presenting person, can do situations often arise where it is too

dangerous for me or my coworkers to deal with it in almost any case of violence or illicit drug use, we need to call the police and ask for help. I can only speak for myself of each experience I have had with the police has been positive and I've had countless numbers of them each time they help with overdoses, I've seen them treat the person overdosing with sympathy and grace. Officers offer each person that overdoses resources and once they are cognitive and ask them if they want medical attention and my story is just one example of how they help in our community and what they do. It's important not to forget that these people who suffer from addiction are brothers and sisters and sons and daughters and the people that are best at helping them and treating them are the police. They're the ones that help them. They're the ones that I've seen help me countless of times. I find it incredibly offensive that people who came from a place of privilege, ridge, think that they have the right to impose on the foundations of civilized society. See, through this, we have seen the dead. We have seen it with the decline in numbers of police, has done to our city. I'm here in an effort to help, you know, represent our children who depend on the police to keep us safe. The values you claim to have already align with much of the performance of our officers. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you all for your this.

Speaker: Trish garner one on chavez and philip chachka. Hello

Speaker: I assume you can hear me. Yep my name is great. Thanks so much. My name is trish garner. She her pronouns. I was recently appointed to the city's focused intervention team.

Speaker: Community oversight group. But but I speak here today as an individual citizen of Portland. And I also speak as a former federal prosecutor and state criminal defense attorney. In my experience, I have heard many police officers say that we, the public, just don't understand. We don't understand what they see on a

daily basis is there is truth to that, but not the whole truth. The truth is shaped by all our experiences and perspectives. The proposal to establish a cpa and the civilian office of police accountability represents an effort to recognize these perspectives, not to reject police input, but to amplify it with information gathered from the community and other relevant evidence. Is fielding a single structure which has the power and authority to promptly and impartially make decisions is crucial. Law enforcement, too, will benefit from having one system which can fully investigate, adjudicate, impose discipline as necessary, and importantly, make policy recommendations. This clarity is only fair for both the community and police officers, as everyone will know, and be subject to the same rules. The proposal was achieved only after many hours of work. I sincerely appreciate this dedication. I have also heard police officers say that one of their primary goals is to establish trust in the communities in which they serve. This proposal provides a genuine opportunity to reach establish this sorely needed trust. I support the proposal. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is Juan Chavez. I'm an attorney at the Oregon justice resource center and counsel to two you and member of the mental health alliance and amicus curiae in the federal lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the city of Portland.

Speaker: Today, though, I am here in my capacity as a city attorney and as a citizen of the city, adoption of the recommendations is a priority for the community and for anybody who has ever sought justice from our city government. I can tell you that as a civil rights practitioner in our current system is nonfunctional and indeed does hold IPR and its members in high esteem. Their investigators are highly skilled and have a deep knowledge base about operations within the police bureau, but that doesn't mean anything if their work and findings are undermined by the police

bureau's intransigence and ability to put their fists on the scale. This city has paid out millions of dollars in cases that ipr, the police review board, internal affairs and ultimately the police chief and police commissioner have exonerated or not sustained findings of misconduct by Portland police officers as what we have now. Now is not a system that people trust, let alone find justice in. And when you don't have justice in our city, you will have to hear from people in the courts and in the streets. We need a police accountability process with true independence. That's what 82% of Portlanders voted for, and that's what pax recommendations could bring. Arguments against adoption of this report are frankly nonsensical. We can't hold police officers accountable because crime is bad or because people Marched in defense of black lives. If you do care about crime, you should also care about crime committed by Portland police officers. And as adults as public servants. I hope and expect that they have the humility to accept that kind of criticism. You have our written statement. It's in the record. It was drafted by our excellent attorney, amanda lamb, who has experience from working in ipr in various auditing groups. We have our recommendations in there. They're very simple and sure, independence provide an adequate budget, give the group meaningful tools such as subpoena power and provide a route to mediation for people harmed. I guarantee you if you give people an opportunity to be heard at the earliest stage possible, you would be sued less. Please adopt this report. Thank you. Thank you. Philip is online.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and commissioners. My name is philip. I use he him pronouns and I'm a member of Portland copwatch, former commissioner dan handelman is also part of Portland copwatch. Our group appreciates the opportunity to testify in this report. I myself am a victim of brutality when an officer rushed up behind me without warning or probable cause and hit me in the back

and in the neck with a baton, we've already heard from many of the former members today, and I want to echo their collective request to accept this report and pass it without modifying to the d.o.j. It's worth mentioning that City Council unanimously appointed each of the 30 community members that served on the during the 20 month run. Also unanimous was the commission's approval of the report and city code changes. I hope council feels a sense of pride for having set the parameters for commissions, membership, allowing the commission to do its work, appearing before the commission and get to give your personal perspectives and for supplying committed staff to support the volunteers as they spent many hundreds of hours designing the new system. This new system cannot reform or repair the Portland police bureau or fix its culture program. Problems overnight. It will, however, provide a means for more people who are harmed by police misconduct to safely report their grievances to an oversight board that's independent of the police bureau. Hopefully that independence will lead to more accountability for officers who abuse their power. The recommendation to provide each complainant with a navigator should keep complainants engaged and educated through this, sometimes retraumatizing process of reporting police misconduct at chief lovell and chief deputy chief rahm appeared before the pack in June of last year from plainly stated that he and chief lovell needed to be removed from the discipline process in order to be able to speak freely. This new system allows the chief's office to speak freely about police misconduct and hopefully will be on its path to finally becoming a learning institution. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Mark paurus, danielle dandruff and amy would.

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. My name is mark portis. I use he him pronouns and I'm also with the group Portland copwatch. The police accountability commission heard from a former sergeant who had

problems getting their complaint against other officers adjudicated fairly and instead had the system come after her. This may have been part of a long standing internal grudge against the sergeant for being a whistleblower. The new system allows officers to file complaints against other officers directly with the board to avoid these kind of internal politics that affect neutral fact finding people often mistake Portland copwatch as desire for police accountability as a form of being anti-police. But really most officers probably would prefer that they all follow the rules and gain community trust by policing in a respectful and constitutional manner. This system should make space for more brave individual cops to step forward and make and make following the rules the norm. The police accountability commission went out of its way to try to make things better for complainants, giving them extra avenues to appeal dismissals during intake or investigation, along with appealing the findings. That means they have three ways to appeal to the board by law officers who can also appeal findings to the board can additionally ask for a due process. Hearing about the proposed discipline or file either a grievance that could lead to arbitration or an appeal with the city's civil service board. So that means officers have four means to appeal, with two going outside the board's direct jurisdiction. So the system actually is still weighted in the police's favor, adopting the pacs proposal is at least a step towards leveling the playing field. Finally, we want to uplift a point that dr. Rochelle silver, a psychology buddhist and member of the mental health alliance who also served on the crc and coab, made in her written testimony, which is that the community members you appointed to design this new system, they are now the experts on police oversight and accountability and tinkering with their proposed recommendations would be a mistake. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, mark. Are you.

Speaker: Hi, I'm amy wood. Thank you for having us here today. I'm here to testify in opposition to this proposal as is beyond this room in Portland. I think there are very few people who are following this proposal and only a very, very small number of people have read the full 500 pages and are aware of all the details and the implications contain in it. For many, Portlanders just beginning to regain confidence in this city. I believe if the council accepts the proposal as is, it would come as a big surprise and a tremendous setback to our recovery. We're experiencing safety and livability conditions that would have been unthinkable to us three years ago when citizens voted on this ballot measure in 2020, Portlanders wanted fewer police and greater scrutiny, and those are great things. The greater scrutiny, by the way, not the fewer police. But it's worth noting that we also voted for measure one ten inches 2020. Today, though, we face a public safety crisis and many of us now regret the unintended consequences and outcomes of our well-intentioned votes. Portland has just 1.26 officers per every 1000 residents and our police department ranks 48th among the nation's 50th largest city cities for our staffing to population ratio. As a result, we're struggling to provide even basic service and taking up to 30 minutes to respond to high priority phone calls. Please consider that the majority of Portland's progressive voters are begging you to prioritize public safety issues. We do care about police accountability, but we need it to be implemented well. And we want to learn from the lessons of measure 110 failure. We want to make sure that there are some real careful scrutiny into the implementation of it, allowing another untested program to be implemented without without edits is a really big concern. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Seemab hussaini alisic delude and pastor robin wisner and after these three, we'll take a break.

Speaker: We've got tech people, broadcast people and staff people who are going to need a break. And I could use one too. So we'll hear these three and then we'll take a brief recess. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Greetings. Um, yes. Peace and blessings to your mayor and esteemed members of City Council. My name is Seema Hussein. He, him and. And I'm a husband and father whose children attend Portland public schools. I'm a community organizer, founder of Muslim Civil Rights Organization and a social justice and civil rights advocate and activist. And I just wrapped up being a police accountability commissioner for representing community justice organizations. Um, I was a full phase co-chair for phases two and six to build this new community board for police accountability. I was appointed on my birthday July 28th, 2021, and had since worked with pride on my birthdays, camping trips, vacations, kids, soccer games as my children can attest. However my wife is not available for comment. Um I'm here to say two things. First, thank you. It's been an honor to serve this city in such a meaningful way. You appointed this commission for two years, and we have had the incredible support of the city staff led by Director Mike Myers, his deputy director, Erika Perez. Through them, the amazing Samir Khanna led his staff and facilitators that were vital to our pace structure and success. I'm also blessed to have met and worked with this incredible commission of caring and diverse community members. Their experiences, professionalism and mad spreadsheet, capable cities are just a few superlatives to highlight and second, this is complete ready for the D.O.J. And is yours. You appointed this commission those two birthdays ago. All of you should be proud to own this. This is what your appointees in your process came up with for your consideration. Thank you for trusting us this far, this process and helping us get this finished. Black, brown, indigenous and immigrant refugee communities are disproportionately impacted by injustices

carried out in places where accountability and representation representation should matter the most. The same places where there has been historic failures. I want these communities to feel safe when they need to pick up the phone and dial 911 because what has preceded that is trauma. This is a massive step closer for them. You and us. Let's make history together. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: I guess it's me.

Speaker: I think so. Yeah.

Speaker: Go ahead. I am pastor robin weisner. Thank you again for being allowing us to speak. I'm speaking in two parts today. The first part is, as a person who has been here for 30 years, my son was born in 1990, and I wanted to be his quarterback for the things that I experienced from the south. And how that I knew that when I moved to Portland it would be better and I would be his running back to make sure he had the right life during that period of time, I was able to be a part of the albina ministerial alliance also worked with the crisis response team Portland police bureau. I also was the one who preached kendra james funeral. I also was a part of dzhokhar perez. I also saw the family of aaron campbell going through such tragedy. Those who are not here today, they james posey, pastor hennessy of the naacp, are sending their support behind this as well. But today, I'm speaking in the behalf of co-chair of the of the group, our statement on behalf of the Portland community of community committee of community engagement policing. We are urging the City Council to adopt this code package and honor not only the work of the police accountable city commission, but the spirit of the accountability that the Portland community has been working toward for decades. We say this as a representative of Portland diversity community, including the black community. People experiencing mental illness and all other people implemented under the settlement agreement. There has been much discomfort expressed around this

proposal for the new accountability system. The piece urges you to consider. This will accountability always feel uncomfortable? It should. Whenever any of us are told that we need to step down and do a better job or a better job, it demands growth, reflects and change. None of this is comfortable. The fact that there is so much discomfort around this proposal tells the pack has been on the right track all along. Pcep is a group of volunteer peers that works on similar issues. We know better than any anyone that is impossible to do this work perfectly work that dealing with police. One of the most challenging issues of our time and engaging diverse voices and collaborating decision making process. A little messy. It's necessary. It is never perfect. But we ask the City Council to not to let perfect be an enemy of good. Pcep believes that the proposal is good and our community deserves the real accountability of policing. We have waited for a long time. Thank you again for your time and allowing me to speak. Great to see everyone.

Speaker: And was there one other person? Very good. All right. It is. We why don't we just take a brief recess here? We will be back at four seven teen. We are in recess. Hopefully that'll be plenty of opportunity for the commissioners to ask questions of staff as well. So why don't we go ahead and turn it back to rebecca.

Speaker: Next, we have patrick patterson, then marsha gulick and loretta guzman. Welcome.

Speaker: You look ready. Why don't you go ahead and start for me?

Speaker: Yeah, please.

Speaker: Oh, okay.

Speaker: Well, my name is loretta guzman. I am a small business owner and I just would like to say I recognize many of the faces on the pack. And I never once was asked for any of my input on any of this. And I wish I could have been. But anyway, I'm here and I hope each, each and every one of you thoroughly read read this.

What is being presented to us today? We have 20 people that have volunteered and were appointed to sit on this board, the pack, the police accountability commission. This is a volunteer position on. I do agree. We all need equal and fair justice and so does ppb and they could use better training and better help help from the people so they can better serve us. The pack has taken an enormous amount of workload and as on page 47, they realize that reviewing potential traumatic and emotional videos, reports and records that they may need mental health. This is very concerning that they will be subjecting themselves to trauma as volunteers. This is why there are trained experts and qualified individuals specifically for these areas and should be left to those trained experts and not the board. The pack. They each sit on this board for three years at a time, making this a full time job and want to be compensated. We as taxpayers need to have a say so how? \$12.5 million is being spent before it is spent? We have to remember this is a volunteer position, not a job. The overreach they are asking to be approved in this final report will cause our pb to go away as they cannot do their jobs. Other states will welcome our trained force to their states, such as idaho did before for our law and order will be completely dismantled. And this seems like this is what a lot of it is saying to us. They can easily this can easily feel like 110. And so and I also am a mother, a grandmother. I have black and brown children in and I do not want them killed at the at the hands of the police, nor do I want them killed at the hands of black or brown of their peers. So I am here and I do believe that we need law and order and we do need justice and it needs to be equally upon all of us. So thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Good afternoon, marsha.

Speaker: Hi, marsha. My name is marsha gulick and I'm a resident of downtown Portland. I voted for the 2020 ballot measure that led to the appointment of a

police accountability commission. I still support the idea, but believe there are changes that need to be made. I believe it is possible to address concerns over social and racial justice and still support an increase in sworn officers to address criminality and to be sensitive to racial, social and behavioral health issues. In a safe way for all citizens. I believe that the police accountability board should be made up of folks who represent the entire community that relies on the police for safety. I believe appointments to the police oversight board and the budget of the board should be subject to approval by City Council. All I believe the 5% of the police bureau's budget, the \$12 million that is referenced, which comes from general funds, is excessive and should be reduced. I believe there should be an independent budget oversight committee be made up of people with experience in financial accountability whose findings would be subject to the city auditor's review. Thank you for your attention and thanks for being here.

Speaker: Patrick's online.

Speaker: Yes, unmuted.

Speaker: Go ahead, patrick. All right.

Speaker: Thanks. So I'm patrick patterson. For the record, I'm a fourth generation black Oregonian, and I'm here because I want to testify that I believe the police about accountability commission is important. And is definitely necessary for public safety. At the same time, I think some of the proposals in the police accountability commission's final recommendation glisan are questionable at best, or just plain haven't been fully thought out. Police officers are people just like anybody else, and they also deserve a justice system that will treat them fairly. It's simply undemocratic and does not make sense for people who have talked about abolishing the police to oversee designing a police oversight system. If I was a police officer in Portland, I wouldn't trust this oversight board. I would trust it to be

neutral. I'm a black Portlander and I don't trust it. As someone who grew up here and loves Portland, I don't believe we should be implementing a system that is going to give police officers strong incentive to go somewhere else. I think the police accountability commission needs a budget advisory committee. I'm on the budget advisory committee for the Portland police bureau. And every month leadership attends our meetings and answer our questions, talk about how they're spending their budget and listen to the feedback we give them. I don't see why there should be another department that doesn't have any community input. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, we have vicki payne, reverend, dr. W.j. Mark knutson and steve herring. Hi, my name is vicki payne and I'm a Multnomah County employee. The views I'm expressing today are my own.

Speaker: I have a diverse array of family and friends who have experienced what they'll admit sometimes was necessary and required to learn their lesson and sometimes very corrupt actions against them because of their skin color or past record.

Speaker: So I'm well aware of the changes we should be striving for in our criminal justice system. I've actually attended a couple of these pack meetings, including one of the gift card meetings, and they were unfortunately seemingly filled with anti-police activists. It seemed to me that there wasn't there was no way that the group actually did the deep outreach outside of their friend groups and is very obvious to me that specific cultural organizations and. And are not involved in anti-police rhetoric were not contacted and asked to send participants to these meetings. I asked this question in written in testimony. I can't seem to find it in their published documents, which I've heard others claim their public comment is missing as well. It would have been highly valuable, valuable for the pack to ask to be invited to

neighborhood association meetings and heavily policed neighborhoods and outer east Portland cultural groups like erko eco division, midway alliance and pono. The dozens of somali groups that exist out that way. Et cetera. I've spoken to many of these individuals and groups personally and members of these communities overwhelmingly support good police officers and would have had very different feedback to this committee. That is, if they felt safe doing so, because I personally did not feel safe giving public comment in these hostile forums. Someone in one of the meetings suggested that the commission do a police ride along. Did that ever happen ? And I think it would be highly prudent to make that a requirement for every member of this new oversight commission so that they can understand what our law enforcement officers deal with when they are on the job. It's very easy for us as regular people to assume we know both sides of what goes on, especially those who have had negative interactions with law enforcement in the past, myself included. We need to remember no two people are the same, nor should this new commission be operating on the basis of guilty until proven innocent because of their personal biases. Most residents want more good cops and understand every job will come with bad apples. Of course we want to weed them out, but we can't go in assuming the worst in everyone based on their choice to take this career path. Change is presented today, but a lot of questionable additions that will hinder our ability to recruit and retain good and law enforcement officers. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Very matson's online.

Speaker: Yes, reverend dr. Mark knudson. Mayor Wheeler, thank you for your work and your leadership. Thank, commissioners. Thank you as well. We hold you up in prayer every day to be a community service. Thank you. So thank you. Would have come in person today, but I've been in harney county most of the day, virtually on measure 114 for lift every voice Oregon to end gun violence in this city and

state. As we know, violence is violence. And the impetus behind police reform is not only in violence in our communities, but to end violence perpetrated by police officers who so often were not held accountable. And so I would like to say very clearly to the police county commissioner, commission, you have done amazing work. I know many of you. You model and you reflect who we are as a wonderfully diverse city and state and nation and the work you have done is highly commendable. And at the very beginning, I want to say, please council, adopt this report in full and then implement it as well. My colleague, dr. Roy haynes outlined the work of the albina ministerial alliance, which I've been a part of for over three decades now, and a founding member with him and dr. Bethel and others of the albina ministerial alliance coalition for justice and police reform after the death of kendrick james, aaron campbell and others and we've been in federal court now over these last 12 years with the department of justice in the city working to reform and change what is we know the distrust is there. We know the polarization is there. But you are in a kairos moment accepting this report and moving it forward. We can have a time of new visioning and hope. So it's not the end piece. It's an excellent piece, which I highly commend. But we must keep at it to go to community peace keeping of 21st century policing. And that means transforming the culture of the police department to transforming the makeup of the police department to reflect who we are and our birth rate today. And beyond, and to create an environment where people can trust one another and work together as dr. Bethel would always say, our goal is for everyone to go home at night. That includes the citizens of this city and the police officers as well. So we're out about this because of the desire to weave the beloved community again, dr. Haynes referenced. So powerfully and to make this city a city I love and was born in one of the best places

to live, where the community is together. We trust one another and we weave a peaceful society. Thank you again for the time.

Speaker: Thank you. Good evening. My name is Steve Herring.

Speaker: I am the CEO of Living Room Theaters here in downtown Portland.

Speaker: I'm a lifetime Portlander. I kind of tossed off my comments that I had prepared for you today after hearing the testimony of the pack.

Speaker: I try to be humble enough to admit things that I don't know, and there's a lot of information conveyed by the presenters today and the volume of work and their report is far too large for me to have comments on that. So what I'd like to talk about a little bit is some of the things that I do have experience with as CEO of Living Room Theaters.

Speaker: We've had we've closed our Boca Raton location, but I've interacted with the police departments in Boca Raton, Florida, Indianapolis, Indiana, and here in Portland, Oregon. Most of the time over the last three years, as you are well aware, any time we need a police presence, it's pretty much not available. And that comes from as many people have said today, that you're well aware, not enough officers and a community where the environment is you have a highly vocal amount of people who are activists and for whatever reason have had poor experiences with the police, whether it's racism or other incidents that have occurred. They do not treat the police with respect. And likewise the police have to do their job in that environment. And it is a very difficult environment. Much like Mayor, you have said a couple of weeks ago when you were talking about decisions that you make, you have to make decisions as they affect all Portlanders and not just a subset. And so it's very difficult when I hear someone saying, hey, we're going to have this police accountability board or some review process that works for everyone. I don't think that's necessarily possible, but I do agree with the principles of how we got here

and the measure that was put forth from voters that they approved because we need to have accountability and we need to have the public trust our officers. So that the officers can trust the public and we can work together. So I hope you'll take the next 60 days and thoroughly review the report that's in front of you and possibly make recommendations for some changes. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Next, we have ac e a and jenny york.

Speaker: Hi, my name is aiden.

Speaker: I'm an immigrant from south korea and I arrived here in America at a year at a young age when discussing topics regarding bipoc, people's experiences and political issues, asian Americans have been repeatedly and intentionally ignored. I grew up in a community impacted by poverty and crime and came to Oregon with my family in hopes of obtaining a better future. Asian Americans have experienced racism, violence and oppression, both historically and in modern times. However, it appears as though our community is cast aside and exploited for political profits. And reports such as these. I believe in accountability and I believe in honesty within our police department. However I'm speaking against this report as our community has been exploited enough, we are deserving of safety and integrity. We are deserving of accountability and not for just for the police, but for those who are managing public funds. I ask that we consider how large sums of money are being used, in whose name they are being used, and what forms of bias are involved in such a commission. I don't think that this program would be beneficial for neither the bipoc community nor the Portland community as a whole. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: We appreciate it.

Speaker: My name is mimi.

Speaker: I attended the community engagement session for the pack program that was held on July 19th.

Speaker: I was paid \$200 to attend that event, which was held privately on zoom for people with lived experience engaging with law enforcement.

Speaker: I mentioned several concerns with pac's proposal, and I even see some of them listed on the commission's final report.

Speaker: However, I don't see that any of them were actually addressed.

Speaker: I specifically mentioned that the way they were structuring their budget appeared to have a lot of opportunity for fraudulent behavior.

Speaker: Yeah, so first of all, I need to restate this concern as far as the rest of the proposal is concerned. Anything the City Council adopts would need to be defensible in court. And I honestly have no idea how this would be feasible. Frankly, there is no way the city's liability fund is large enough to sustain how much is wrong with it? I hear that 82% of voters supported the original ballot measure, but 82% can't vote to make the city have more money than it does. There are also serious issues with the data sharing sections in this police databases are regulated by law as well. So any of the proposals involving law enforcement data would need to be defensible in federal court. Again, I don't think this would be possible. It seems obvious why the regulations exist in the first place. Even 12.5 million seems too small to cover this kind of risk. This would be for an organization. City Council is ultimately response for the budget. So I truly hope that there is a strong demonstration of integrity and transparency towards the public moving forward. Thank you. Next, we have daryl fowler, edith gillis and kristy mcmurtry.

Speaker: Taylor, all. To go to anatolia, stevens, reverend beverly jackson and marshall.

Speaker: I see edith, edith yeah, go ahead, edith. We hear you.

Speaker: Hello, I'm Edith Gillis. Throughout the last four decades, I have been repeatedly become a crime victim of Portland police and including attempted murder. I've also refused to do their job regarding addressing rape kits, napping, thefts, stalking, etcetera.

Speaker: Even with following the police accountability commissions report, the system will still be biased towards police choice.

Speaker: But this report is the best way to get better value and public safety for tax dollar and making Portland more livable. The PAC is the best example of transparency. Democracy inclusivity, accessibility and earning. The trust and respect of Portlanders that you need in order to have a safer Portland follow the example of the PAC and be a better city. We can be glad to fund and support. I am. Wanting you to accept that the full final report of the police accountability commission. Thank all of the police accountability commission, volunteers, staff and other Portlanders participating in it and promptly implement the policies and recommendations as City Council ensure the proposals are considered through open public processes. Following the excellent example of the PAC and scheduling location outreach. Translation childcare, transportation, parking and earning the trust and soliciting and implementing feedback from targeted groups. Usually silenced and unheard. Refer this to the US, DOJ and court city code based on the PAC's recommendation to implement a transition plan and make sure that the community board for police accountability does not include any current or former members of law enforcement staff, their family members or military police suppliers, sales reps, lobbyists. Make sure that its budget is at least 5, not only of the entire general budget percentage for the police, but all the monies and budgeted for the police, including the value of grants, donations, in-kind services, donations, the sales of stolen or confiscated items, fees, fines and taxes. Covering

the cost of policing in Portland, including the cost of additional insurance for police misconduct, criminality and for lawyer and court costs. Because of police wrongdoings. Doing so will save us money so that we can go after what really causes crime and what really causes public safety and that's not police. Make sure that investigating deaths caused by police custody or shortly after custody interrogation are independently examined by medical examiners as they are fully funded. And the reports are made available free for the victim survivors and the public and council members. As soon as possible. This pac has done an excellent job of showing you what a city is supposed to do. What is democracy? Follow their example and thank you very much. Thank you. I commend their integrity, courage, persistence, creativity and brilliant solutions. They are far from having all the answers we need. They are right. There are more things that need to be addressed. But begin with this asap.

Speaker: Good day. Thanks eda. Reverend jackson.

Speaker: Hello. My name is reverend beverly jackson.

Speaker: I am the chair elect of ecumenical ministries of Oregon. I'm also a member of the ama and I am a native Oregonian and my family represents six generations of Oregonians. And for my 66 years as the cpb has never been fair. And just toward black and brown citizens. We don't want to defund the police. We want to reform them. We want to ensure that the City Council respects the will of the citizen and in states, the oversight commission permanently. We need oversight, right. And accountability of the cpb to make sure all of our citizens are treated fairly, justly and with respect and an independent commission that is comprised of diverse community members will be unbiased and transparent as they review any actions that may be called into question. Over the years, the opb has demonstrated that they are not always able to police themselves without prejudice. Community

oversight commission would be able to recommend training and disciplinary actions when necessary without the threat of retribution. The oversight commission is a step toward building trust between the police and the community. At large. We recommend that you accept this report from this commission. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Kristi mcmurtrie anatolia stevens and marcia handle job. Pulaski pulaski, meg robinson and jill. We're. Welcome. Am I the.

Speaker: You can go ahead and start.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Sorry. Bless you. Thanks

Speaker: My name is meg robinson and I'm here to testify about why police accountability means so much to me.

Speaker: My mom is a jamaican immigrant who was able to come to the us on a student visa, an athletic scholarship after meeting my dad in college and then getting married and having kids, she was able to become an American citizen. As I was growing up, she never missed her home. Sorry she never missed her home country and she was clear with her children on why leaving was the only avenue she had available to escape poverty and completely unaccountable police system. She grew to resent the kingston police for many, many reasons, but because of the limit, i'll try and narrow it down to two major incidents. One was the time that her uncle got into an argument with his landlord, and the next day the landlord sent a hit man to her uncle's home and shot him in the head and the second incident was when her aunt got into an argument with her boss and the next day my mom found her aunt dead on the kitchen floor in a pool of blood and a sliced throat. My mom's family never suspected the police were involved in those murders, but both cases will remain cold forever because my parents and my mom's parents were poor and

there was a general understanding that if you wanted to have your case solved, you needed to have enough money for a bribe to pay the police because in a country with high poverty and unemployment, aren't any police officer would need a good reason to leave their public sector job. So to my friends in the pac who I've come to know well, for one, I bet you didn't know that I was a first generation white supremacist. And for two, hypothetically, under your system, how would you suggest that my mother categorize her? Very legitimate complaints? And who would she name as the officer to investigate it? Would it be the patrol officer for who first got called to the scene? And would you fire them also? How would you ensure that the next form of poor kid who took an empty public sector position was ready to implement institutional change if it were in Portland, would you just generally blame the police union? And if so, which union would it be? The ppa who many of you have publicly claimed is the real problem? Or would it be the commanding officer's union, which very few of you seem to know exists? You seem extremely confident. And so I'm going to take your word for it. And thank you all for your hard work. I commend you for meaningfully addressing issues like community distrust and the deeply rooted culture issues at pbb without ever having to compromise any of your existing opinions. As separately, I want to commend the City Council and mayor Wheeler specific plea for your truly innovative, innovative public safety strategy. Thank you for taking a stand on the livability issues we care about most. I'm grateful to see that you're serious about petty crime, about a year and a half before you leave office. And I agree that we must follow the fundamentals of trickle up criminal justice in order to fix the city and solve crimes. Thank you. Such as, for instance, where hundreds of millions of dollars in covid relief went. Thank you.

Speaker: Our final speaker signed up is dr. Jim gaudino, the last but not the least.

Speaker: Welcome, sir.

Speaker: Greetings and kind regards to all of you. Thank you for your work and thanks to the commission for this incredible document.

Speaker: I'm dr. Jim gaudino. I'm a prevention and public health specialist physician with 35 years looking upstream to prevent illness and to assure more health, better health and well-being and the public health system. Just as a reality check in this state, I laugh when I look at the police budget and say, oh, \$300 million. Well you know what? The core funding for public health in the entire state is \$300 million. We can do better. I think we want a professional and proud and competent police force. We need that. And I don't think this commission is saying that. And I don't think people who have charged them of doing that are being fair. One thing I really like about this report, you know, there were a couple of comments, power grab what do whatever they want. I'm sorry. These comments are too little and too late and not founded in what I saw this commission do. In fact, I was there on their last meeting going into towards midnight, and they went page by page in this report. Page by page. And were thoughtful and deliberate in doing this report. I urge you to adopt the report and there may need to be some minor changes, but really implement it and then evaluate it, use evidence. That's what we do in public health. We need that and I really like the empowerment to the community. This one step process and the independence that we need, we don't need duplicate action. And that's one thing. This report recommends against. Thank you so much for listening and thanks for your service. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Does that complete public testimony that completes testimony. All right. Very good. Thank you, everybody who testified that was was terrific testimony. I think we'll ask staff to come back up at this time. And before I ask my colleagues if they have questions, samir, could you just level set us here in terms of what the

process is today? We're taking a vote to effectively receive the report. What happens after that?

Speaker: Yes. Yes, I can. First, let me thank everyone who gave a thoughtful testimony on the work of the pack, regardless of what your opinions may be on it. Thank you for that. To answer the question, this action is simply a decision of the City Council to accept the report accepting the report does not mean support or opposition to the specifics of the proposal. Following that, the sorry, the City Council has 60 days and this is a process outlined in the settlement agreement. The amendments which were put into the record in April of 2022. The City Council has 60 days in which to assess the proposals and develop its proposals. The city's proposals for what the city code should be, as well as settlement agreement amendments that would allow for the implementation of the oversight board and send both of those on a through a resolution. I've been advised of City Council to the us department of justice and the us court. Following that, the us department of justice and us court will evaluate these proposals and that will likely include, although I can't be 100% certain mediation in conversations between these groups and eventually, most likely a fairness hearing in the us court that that process under the settlement agreement does not have a deadline. The doj and the court that's not part of the settlement agreement. The deadlines are only on the city in the text. But whenever that is concluded and there is text that has been worked out through these three entities, the city, the department of justice and the court, it comes back to the City Council and the City Council has 21 days in which to approve the city code. And my guess and i'll direct more detail on this to the city attorneys is that my guess is they'd have to vote on the you'd have to vote on the city on the settlement agreement amendments to at some point. Okay. And that starts the one

year implementation and run up period at the end of up, up to one year at the end of which the new system needs to be set up and able to take in complaints.

Speaker: Okay. And I just wanted to sort of level set here and acknowledge number one, that this committee worked for a year, but we still have a long way to go. This this is an important waypoint, but it is only a waypoint. And then this council working with our staffs and legal counsel and advisors, we have a lot of work that we need to do in the next 60 days. And then there's an entire different process that engages us, the DOJ and others in the process as well. So I just wanted people to have that understanding. Colleagues any questions? I have some. I'll go ahead and start. And first of all, I there's many, many things that I'm impressed by this report. I won't go into them all now since people have been sitting here for three hours. But I do have some questions that that were of interest to me. So the charter states that people who are currently or formerly employed by a law enforcement agency nor their immediate family members can be board members. And I understand that the pack cannot change that. And they said that right up front that that that is what the charter change said. The voters believe that. But I believe based on my research, that the pack's definition of a law enforcement, law enforcement agency goes, well beyond the definition provided added in statute. And it even includes prosecutors. So I'm just curious to know how did the pack reach this particular definition and what's the rationale for this definition versus, say, the statutory definition of what law enforcement is?

Speaker: Thank you for the question. I'll probably pass part of this to commissioner Yumei. I did want to mention that there are multiple statutes in state law that have their own definition of law enforcement. Agency. One of the ones that the pack looked at under the relevant ones included any agency, any entity that hires even one police officer would be considered a law enforcement agency. And so that

means that a public university with university police would be considered a law enforcement agency and a person who had served on the janitorial staff 20 years ago would be considered a former employee of a law enforcement agency. There were also definitions that had a very different, more narrow scope on the other side and the pack assessed all of those in developing its definition in terms of why they chose it. I think i'll probably pass that over to commissioner yumei here.

Speaker: Thanks, mayor. You know, I think this is a slightly difficult question for me to answer. As a late appointee to the board, but so I was not there for all the deliberations on this question. But you know, I think the board spoke to community. They asked for community input, you know, through public comment, through some of these panels that have been mentioned. And there was a very strong consensus among people who weighed in on this issue that they wanted that full independence. And I think to samir's point, the more you split hairs about who's a law enforcement official and who's not, I think that gets very complicated and that speaks to legitimacy.

Speaker: Okay. And I appreciate that. So the charter prohibits and again, your committee can't change charter. That's what you were handed. The charter prohibits board members from having prior law experience, and that includes family relationships. But it does not prohibit staff of the board from having prior law enforcement or prosecutorial experience. But the pack proposal goes even farther than the charter, and it prohibits even staff of the board from having law enforcement experience and we heard from some people who testified today that that there needs to be somebody in this process who has that context or that understanding or experience. But even the even the staff is prohibited. What was the rationale there? So just to clarify one thing, the proposal from the pack is that

the staff would not be able to be current or former police officers, which is a narrower, specific police.

Speaker: And in terms of why somebody explain that, maybe for my for my edification.

Speaker: Yes. Yeah

Speaker: For the record, catherine mcdowell, former member of the commission, we did debate this robustly. And one of the things we decided to do to, you know, to ensure that we were following the will of the community and the will of the voters on this was in our various community engagement meetings to raise this with folks. So we specifically put that question out in our community engagement meetings. And I would say that I mean, I came in not not, you know, trying to understand was that ambiguity about staff, purposeful or not? Should we extend the prohibition on board service to staff or not? And through those community engagement agreements meetings, we really got a lot of feedback around the importance of independence. And so folks were really the feedback we got was in the same way that law enforcement should not sit on the board, nor should they staff the office. And so that's what we came up with because the issue was an extension of, you know, it was really caused us to have to interpret what was sort of an ambiguous part of the charter. We ended up narrowing it to police officers. So that's how we came out. And we really did come to that question with an open mind and look to the community to give us feedback on it.

Speaker: And I appreciate that answer. I was asked a question by somebody would current members of advisory groups and as you know, we have a number of law enforcement advisory groups. Would those members be barred from serving on the board if they have a relation? Who is a police officer. So the charter indicates rates that service on the board is prohibited for people who are family members of

current law enforcement agency employees, but not for those who are family members of former law enforcement agency and what they themselves have former affiliation with law enforcement.

Speaker: The charter language would prohibit. That is the advice that was given.

Speaker: That was my reading. But I just wanted to confirm that.

Speaker: And the reason I just pause for a moment is just to check on the restrictions on board membership. There is a recommendation in the code on proposed code language change that individuals who are currently members of another advisory group not also be eligible for board service on this group with really a recognition around the commitment that service on this group would entail. That's helpful.

Speaker: And this one was was curious to me as well, the charter and again, you can't control the charter. The charter requires the physical location of the board office to be outside of a Portland police bureau facility. But that being the case, the pack has still broadened that to include any agency that has a law enforcement or public safety component. And elected officials other than the auditor. Can you explain the rationale behind that? I was just curious as to how the committee got to that conclusion.

Speaker: Yeah. So my recollection of that conversation is it flowed out of the same timeframe that the pack was discussing the definition of independent judgment and that occurred around the same timeframe, um, as the oversight staff subcommittee was meeting and deciding on it. And those two kind of conversations were in parallel with each other in terms of when that happened. And so while I can't speak for the members, my assessment of it, I believe it was that around that similar question about independence that evaluation. But is that is that an accurate statement? Yes

Speaker: If you look at our definition of independent judgment, it is both the actual actual independence and the perception of independence. So I think we were concerned about the perceptions and around and how the community would come to trust the independence of this agency. So that was I would say that that informed that recommendation. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. There was a number and colleagues, I only have a couple more. There was some testimony with regard to access to highly confidential information. And I think most people here who know me well know that is a very touchy subject for me. What kind of background checks will be required for board and staff to access database information like the regional justice information system, region and the criminal justice info system? Cjis what is legally required? What are you requiring and what is legally required?

Speaker: So the database in question, it's managed at the state level, but it has state contact. And it's also that that is it's a federal database that's managed at the state level. So there's a state contact for every state. In the case of Oregon, it's the Oregon state police. They have a. Employee at osp who is the person that that determines whether or not a person can.

Speaker: I know. So just to jump to the chase back around, checks are typically required to access that information. Will board members be required to go through background checks in order to access any information coming from that system? Yes. Yes.

Speaker: And the presumptive crime area is people with a felony conviction generally are disqualified, although there is a process for appeal. But that is in the pacs proposal. And that's that criteria that I just mentioned about a felony is the requirement.

Speaker: Okay. And I think I'm going to wrap it up here, but I have sort of one more. It's a mental pretzel. I can't quite I probably should have used a gordian knot example here instead of a pretzel. But you get my point. So who is going to provide training to board members and staff about the Portland police bureau? Given that law enforcement is excluded from staff or the board?

Speaker: I have the answer, but do you want it? Okay yeah. So the proposal indicates that that current and former police officers cannot be staff. However so there's a two part answer. First, under the pacs proposal, all former employees or current employees of pb that are not sworn officers are eligible to serve as staff. I think that many of you may be familiar with employees at pb and strategic services or the equity office or those other parts of the work that are very familiar with process as their policy team. There's a lot of different parts of pb that aren't sworn officers, so that's one part of the answer. The other part is that the pacs proposal allows for the hiring of experts on a, you know, a specific task basis as contractors to help with things including training and specifically including law enforcement experts, is a quote from their proposal.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. And thank you for your patience. I'll just make one other comment. It's something I'm going to think about and weigh over this 60 day period. And you'll recall the last time we had a public conversation about this many weeks ago, I said, legitim ac was extremely important to me. This has to be seen as a legitimate body by the community at large. And I remain i'll i'll say curious slash concerned about the exclusion zone of law enforcement from an accountable city organization that is about law enforcement. And so it seems to me that excluding if I could use the analogy, people with direct context from the jury pool who are trying cases related to that very same population, in my mind, there's a disconnect that I can't quite reconcile. And so it's something I'm going to be thinking about

going forward. There's a fairness issue here that I can't get around based on what I'm seeing so far. It could somebody help me make that leap? If you exclude the policing perspective from an accountability board that's making decisions about police, how do you reconcile that? And if you broaden that to other contexts in the community, you would see fairly quickly that it looks like an unjust system that's being created. I see.

Speaker: I just saw on the screen that a commission member raised their hand, so maybe I'll defer to commission member Dan first and then I can add anything.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. So the way the system works now and you heard some testimony about this, is that when there's a police review board held the person who was saying that they were harmed by the police or their loved ones are not allowed into those hearings right now, that the majority of the people on that board are police officers and I think, as you know, in the police review board system, the training division offers an analysis of whether or not the policies and training were followed correctly. The tax proposal maintains that training division personnel being part of every hearing and advising the board about what the police did, whether or not what they did followed policy that is part of the proposal for all the hearings. So it helps.

Speaker: All right. Thanks, Dan, I'll consider that and I'll stop at this point. I don't know if my colleagues have any other thoughts. It's been a long afternoon. Thank you, everybody. Thanks. Those of you who are panelists, everybody who testified this was an excellent conversation. This is a report I think I have a few. Dan, I'm sorry. I didn't see your hand. Raise first of all. I mean, this was a yeah, it was a great report.

Speaker: And I keep noodling through it and under the structure and details section of the board membership and the report, there's a mention of a support

structure designated to assist board members in meeting its diversity and representation objectives and in that the structure aims to foster equity and address challenges, potential board members might face due to socioeconomic conditions, mental health issues and other factors. It goes on to say this includes a modest compensation package for volunteers reimbursement for costs incurred by the volunteers, coding and mental health support. Could you elaborate on what is meant by mental health support in this context? Okay.

Speaker: The proposal there's a much of this didn't end up in the code proposal, but it's explained in the areas of agreement of the pack a little bit more, which is a whole nother section of the document. And again, I want to recognize it's a very long document. The proposal was to look into something similar to an eap or employee assistance program that can help connect mental\$ of the new oversight board to resources that may be able to help them. And I know that that's something that was being looked into. But I think it will take quite a while to look into by other parts of the city that focus on those things, namely the city attorney's office and human resources and this seems like a newly introduced benefit package and was hr department involved in this formulation? The bureau of human resources was consulted and they were sent things they did not respond on this particular question. But I do know, again, separately, the city attorney's office was advised on it, and I think they did provide legal advice that I think is relevant to this. I don't know. I'm able to say more on that. But I'm sure that they would be willing to give a briefing to counsel to help with what understanding what legal advice was given.

Speaker: So, mayor, if I might add, I think, you know, a lot of that language is what they say, enabling language, right? It allows for those options to be available. It doesn't necessarily specify why you have to provide x and y, right. Also, just as an

aside, in in public comment, someone mentioned that, you know, volunteers shouldn't have to do this work and at some level, I'm sympathetic to it as someone who does the work. But we ask them to do this work now without compensation and without mental health support and with what is quite frankly, a very heavy caseload in between preparing for this presentation, I went into an officer involved shooting police review board and before I went into it, they said, can you do another 1 in 2 weeks? Right. That's the caseload that we currently we currently work with.

Speaker: And just to add one thing to that aside, the body worn camera program is being implemented now. So that will increase the types of information that volunteer hours will be asked to review the mayor touched on much of my questioning and reflection over the next 60 days, and that has to do with those with professional experience and background.

Speaker: And I have a lot written down here, but the mayor covered a lot of it. I was confused about. So if you've been retired from law enforcement for ten years, that was excluded as well.

Speaker: To clarify, it's not just currently in law enforcement.

Speaker: It's if you've ever been involved with law enforcement, period, you could be retired for x amount of years. And that doesn't you're not qualified or you're not allowed to participate, participate in what?

Speaker: As a board, the board. Correct. And that's the charter language that that it does say former law enforcement agency employees are not eligible to serve. And that again, that's not something that the pack discussed. It's just the advice that the city attorney's office gave in a public meeting about what that means.

Speaker: So we didn't broaden the scope of the definition. And that was all in the charter that we could have seen in the voters pamphlet. Yes I think what a lot of us

are, what I'm doing is, you know, 82% of Portlanders voted for this. And I do think that of those 82, some are caught off guard by some of the details that were revealed in this report today. So that's why we're and my experience in life with having objectivity and insight at the table, i'll just say in education, it was really wonderful to always have like a retired teacher, a retired superintendent. They were not on the clock anymore. They're not engaged with the union any longer, if you will. And they just offered such tremendous insight. So I do I am concerned that we don't have that perspective at the table and I think I think a lot of voters were caught off guard by that. So I was questioning if we broaden that definition. But it is in the it is it was in the voters pamphlet.

Speaker: Yeah. The exact quote is people who were formerly employed by a law enforcement agency are not eligible for service on the board, end quote. Okay. Um, and then it gets kind of nuanced, but so I've come across a volunteer graffiti removal initiative spearheaded by salem police and with the goal of removing graffiti from public spaces if an individual were to volunteer for this initiative, would their volunteer or employment status render them or their family ineligible to participate in police accountability commission?

Speaker: No. Okay. So that's a nuance.

Speaker: Yeah, there wouldn't be an employee. So and the pac, the keyword is volunteer a family member.

Speaker: They weren't employed.

Speaker: That family member of a current employee. The person affiliated with police, that's the requirement. And I think the city attorney's are probably maybe the best place to get the exact where to draw the line on that.

Speaker: Splitting hairs a bit. Just try to make sure that we have the opportunity to get the most diverse insight possible. Sure. So then if you're a spouse of a retired

member of law enforcement, you're eligible to apply. Again, my understanding of the charter and again, the city attorney's are probably the best for this is that a spouse of a former law enforcement agency employee is not eligible for service given the charter text.

Speaker: And again, none of this was a the pc didn't even discuss the whether or not they you know, supported or did not support this. It was a given that they had to work within.

Speaker: Okay, great. Just wanted to get all about here why you're here to be transparent. The stuff that I want to noodle with the question may seem unrelated, but the budget is associated with the pac has always been, I think on everyone's mind and I know it's a big concern for the council as we try to figure out all of our budget challenges, especially during this time of transition. Do community safety division staff or the members provide any guidance on where council can reappropriate monies for the pac \$12 million budget? The csd and the pac did not develop any guidance on that.

Speaker: I will say that the settlement agreement does indicate that at some point ipr will stop taking on new cases and have to complete their existing work and as a result there are built in offsets to that that I think it's widely accepted and you may may be able to correct me that ipr and the citizen review committee will at some point in this process conclude their work and that is an offset. So it's not all new spending. There is spending that would be replaced in part not not all of it, but some of it. The ipr budget, for example, would be a funding obligation that no longer exists in a couple of years.

Speaker: Is there a recommendation to adjust the initially recommended 5% budget?

Speaker: Again, that was part of the charter. So the commission did not discuss the merit of anything in the charter. They they worked within it as the council resolutions asked them to do so just seeing if you dove into what will be a very hard assignment and we'd love to hear any of your thoughts, but you didn't touch that, correct? I will say just because this relates to your question, commissioner, but also to some of the public comment that the council will need to evaluate the budget request each year. It will need to go through all the normal processes that a budget request from any bureau goes to. There is this one additional requirement and charter of a floor. Yeah but it is subject to all the same scrutiny that this new bureau will be subject to audits, including by the city auditor. Follow all the procurement rules, all of those things that relate to budgetary oversight that every other part of the city has to abide by. This new system would need to abide by as well.

Speaker: I'm just curious, when you made more restrictions on who could serve on the board, was it in community engagement? Where did that come from? Did it evolved where it seems like it became more exclusive, not as many people could could apply then it was even in the charter. How did that come about? With the consensus of the of the board of the volunteers, it just seemed like it became more restricted as this process went along.

Speaker: I'm not sure that there were additional restrictions on maybe it's your interpretation is very pure here in how you define law enforcement. Yeah. And just to clarify, because this relates to the mayor's question earlier as well, the definition that the pac used for law enforcement agency, I'm just going to pull it up here is there's a sort of a short form of it. Agencies that primarily employ police officers. Correction officers or prosecutors. And then there's some explanatory text, I think, in terms of the rationale that's probably better if either commissioner wanted to speak to it and public defenders included as well.

Speaker: No. Okay

Speaker: You know, I think we really as far as the board serve this, I think we were really just trying to adhere to the language of the charter. I think the area where it was ambiguous and we sought community input was on the staff. And so that is an issue that was open. We were I think we went into it open minded sort community input and ended up restrict being police officers, but not applying that broad law enforcement definition. And I will say, while we're on the topic, both of using police and former police use their expertise, their guidance for training for context, I really would encourage you to read the code because there's many places where we have tried within the framework of the charter, which does really put a premium on independence, figure out how to bring in that law enforcement expertise. So we recommend that somebody from the trainings division be at each hearing as a resource. We even though we recommend it against employment of police officers or former police officers on staff, we did recommend that the commission be allowed to retain gain those folks as experts and both for training and for purposes of pursuing cases. And then we also have language in there that really stresses the importance of developing working relationships with law enforcement, including an expectation that members of law enforcement at the police chief and others would be regularly invited to board meetings and communicate informally and formally with members of the board. So I think we're envision visioning that while these folks may not actually be members of the board or staff, if hired as staff, if we would have a professional ongoing relationship. And that was codified in our recommendations that folks be that these productive working relationships be maintained.

Speaker: And just to add to this, because this also relates to the question that the mayor asked about back checks, the background check answer from before was the

requirement for access to the databases. But there's also in the proposal a requirement that if the background check indicates any reason that a person, an applicant for the board, might have a an inability to be fair and impartial because of a bias for or against the police, that that person would be that that background check would would indicate that and that would be passed on to the appointing authority, which is the City Council as a reason not to appoint them, because that would also relate to the due process and all of that sort of requirements of upholding a fair process for officers, which is their right curious question why you were working on this report.

Speaker: You put so many hours into it. Did you also include insights in terms of doing right along with the police officers during this journey, the members that produce this report? Did you lean into that and have an opportunity to put yourself in their shoes?

Speaker: So I will say, you know, there were so many so many aspects of this report that, you know, we had to address so much work to be done. And one of the things we were constantly looking at is do we make a recommendation on on this issue or do we, you know, make a general statement on, for example, board members have required training. And part of that training is familiarity with the operations of the Portland police bureau. We ended up there and of course the we also recommended that the board have the ability to create its own rules and policies with the idea there is a training mandate, there is a training mandate specific to Portland police bureau operations and policies, and then we decided to leave it open for the board itself to make determinations around I mean, we really tried not to get down to the detail level of for example, requiring ride alongs. We just thought some of this was best left to the board itself as a part of their implementation. And obviously with guidance from this council.

Speaker: And if I might add, commissioner Ryan, having as a member of the crc, I've gone on a ride along and I found it very informative. So I can see the value to it. I think two things that occur to me. One is that, you know, when doing that, you sign a release that says that if you are injured or killed on that ride along, you hold the city harmless. Right? And so that's a I think, an interesting thing to mandate that someone take on that risk. Right some community members expressed concern about what those experiences also being retraumatizing if they have lived experience with police. But a thing that stands out to me is something that nathan cassel from the tactical I know the acronym. I apologize, tac. I think it's the tactical training advisory council. You know, one of the things that they mentioned when they talked when they gave testimony about, you know, not subsuming all the functions of every advisory body, which is I believe, a question that council asked of the pack is that the this new body is primarily a disciplinary body, right? The tac, the training advisory board is an advisory body. Right. And so they wouldn't want to take on those disciplinary roles and risk damaging that relationship between officers and the people that advise them. And I think the inverse can sometimes be true, which is, you know, I went on a ride along, you know, what happens if that officer, you know, is involved in an officer involved shooting? Am I going to have to recuse myself? Will that be injurious to the to the bureau? Right. Like that's at some level deprives the officer of a right to due process as well. So I think it's a it's a delicate balancing act. And fundamentally, given the time constraints, that's why there is not a defined recommendation from the pack.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez I'm just yeah, i'll keep it brief.

Speaker: With respect to ballot measure 26 to 17, just to be crystal clear upon the record, your body did not identify any fundamental weaknesses in the ballot

measure. You didn't assess ambiguities per se or problems with the with the ballot measure, correct. That was not a part of your deliverable?

Speaker: Well, that is correct. There are 2 or 3 places where it says as required or as defined in city code and because the cac is required to submit a city code proposal, they did try to answer those. For example, the length of a term is as defined.

Speaker: Yeah, I just want to put on the record I had made both in private and in other instances, specific requests that the body identify problem. If there were problems in the ballot measure that that there would be some sort of identification of that. So I'm disappointed that it's not included. I understand. And but I just want to put that on the record a little disappointed that we couldn't because when you get to implementation. Right, you guys are in a unique position to assess the effectiveness of the original drafting and sometimes things become apparent as you're trying to operationalize something that weren't apparent when you initially draft. And so I think that's a missed opportunity. I would encourage future boards when we're implementing ballot measures to take that space because it certainly is a assistance to us as we, you know, accept your report here at out. But you're in a unique position to identify problems in the original ballot measure that are just not self-evident to folks when they vote. Leave it at that.

Speaker: And I wanted to just mention I missed a paragraph in my notes when we were doing this, and it was right around the self assessment part. And it relates to something that commissioner, you may just talked about that the, the psc did recommend a self assessment, including of the overarching framework to take place. So I think it's two years after implementation so that after the initial the dust has settled that there can be that level of evaluation of they mentioned a few things in that to submit to council to consider and that might include charter, it might also

include city code or anything else to try and ensure that there is that self assessment after implementation. When there's data.

Speaker: Okay. Appreciate it. Thank you. Great

Speaker: Anything else? We have two amendments on the table. The first was to replace the police county police accountability commission report with the final draft any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Gonzalez Mapps Rubio I want to thank the volunteers and staff of the pack for showing such thoroughness and commitment that went into the creation of this report and the recommendations and all the thousands of hours that you gave.

Speaker: I want to acknowledge that work.

Speaker: I also want to acknowledge that some of my questions on certain items were demystified in the presentation. So that was really helpful to hear you present the whole whole thing for me. I just want you all to know i'll be looking to ensure that we're meeting the intent of the voters and the ballot measure as clearly as possible, while also thinking operationally about sequencing and authority. And that's why I'm just really grateful for all the public testimony today, including hearing more of the personal testimonies and also want to thank the partners, including the amiki, for their time and input as well. I vote I thank you an amendments right?

Speaker: A Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The amendments adopted next amendment was to ensure the police accountability commission final city code recommendation is gonzales maps.

Speaker: Rubio a Ryan a Wheeler. All right.

Speaker: The amendment is adopted. I'll now entertain a motion to accept the report as amended. So moved commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second?

Second commissioner gonzales seconds. Any further discussion on the report as amended? Seeing none, please call gonzales.

Speaker: I would like to thank all those who served on the pack. I know your work was a huge lift and took up many evenings from your friends and family, but you still volunteered. You stepped up and for that you deserve our gratitude. And I want to thank especially samir for all your work on staffing the commission and all that that entails. I am voting today to accept today's report. I think it is important we, as elected officials, show fidelity to the spirit of what voters approved in 2020, as well as our agreement with the d.o.j. D.o.j. That is a call for police accountability city. But I also believe it is essential to put on the record some of my very serious concerns with ballot measure 26 to 17 and certain aspects of the recommendation from the pack today, our city is in a public safety crisis. You can see it every day on the streets of our city. More fundamentally, we are facing a crisis of confidence, loss of faith that our system will bring criminals to justice as we are a far cry from November 20th, 20 when ballot measure 26 to 17 passed in the city of Portland. My first job as commissioner is to make sure that this city and its staff have the tools to be successful. All so I want to be very clear here. I will not support the funding of the Portland police bureau. I will not support putting in place a system that makes it more difficult to recruit police officers to our city. I also will not support establishing of a system that enables witch hunts. Lady justice is depicted in blindfolds to assure objectivity and impartiality, exclusions of law enforcement employees and family members specify that those who have experienced over policing, but not those that have experienced under policing from the oversight board, are but a few examples. Years of putting fingers on the scale of objects nation and the responsibility to assure objectivity and impartiality. The next 60 days are going to be time for me and my colleagues and staff to process the report before us and chart the best path

forward for our city. I want to want to once again thank you all for your service. I vote to accept the report. Thank you. Maps

Speaker: I want to thank everyone who testified today this was a really rich dialog and I also want to thank the police accountability commission for their work, and I want to thank them for this report. In addition, I want to recognize staff who supported the commission and their work. I've been around for a while. I know I have a sense of how challenging it is to navigate this space, and I'm samir in particular has done amazing work keeping this conversation moving forward. And now we enter the next phase of Portland's ongoing efforts to make sure that our public safety system is fair and accountable for everybody. So over the next two months, I look forward to working with my colleagues on council to move public safety reform forward here in Portland, and which is why I vote to accept this report. Thank you very much. Thank you. Rubio hi.

Speaker: I'm sorry, I messed up earlier and started my comments early, but so I apologize if I'm redundant, but just want to say again that, you know, voters approved the measure in 2020 and now requires the city to stand up this new system that embodies independent judgment centers, community and also embodies legitimacy and fairness. As you mentioned in your report. And I want to thank you again for all the tremendous work and the commitment to the creation of this report that went into it. Samir, thank you so much for always being available to answer questions and for leading the group, as you have also victoria, for the hours of work she put in as well. All want to make sure to acknowledge her there. So now we have a big task ahead and 60 days to accomplish this. And as I mentioned earlier, as for me, i'll be looking to ensure that, of course, we're meeting intent while also thinking about sequencing and authority. For example, what belongs in code versus what should be up to the new commission to decide and

adopt. And of course, ensuring transparency and legality and what is fair and just again, really grateful for all the public testimony, all the written comments that we've received for today and also over the last few years about this this work. And I also, again, want to acknowledge the amiki for their ongoing work as dr. Haynes and pastor weisner both said earlier, this is work that's been decades in the making and deserves to be engaged with as such. So I vote i.

Speaker: Brian yes, I want to begin my remarks by extending a heartfelt gratitude to the police accountability commission.

Speaker: Your dedication to serving our beloved city of Portland for the past two years has not gone unnoticed. I've been to just a couple of your meetings and I was always in awe of how many hours you were putting into this. I really deeply value the time, energy and focus you brought to this work. I see you and I appreciate you. And those must be your children behind you, right? Yeah. Yeah. To birthdays, children, this is great. You really did humanize yourselves today. I kind of wish we would have done this earlier. Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the community safety division. Deputy director elizabeth perez, advisory boards and. And commissioner manager samir kunal. Samir my team and I have been the privilege of collaborating with you numerous times and you've been always very present and always very responsive. So thank you. I hope that you have a little bit of a breather after this. In addition, I want to acknowledge my senior policy director, darian jones, who has been engaging in this work over two years. I just want darian to know your extra hours on this assignment is deeply appreciated. And the charter for pfc was established by Portland voters with a distinct mission to shape the future of police oversight in Portland. Their charge is to help define a new system to help investigate areas of misconduct by our police bureau and provide recommendations on police practices and directives, always with an emphasis on

community engagement. I'm convinced that this committee is striving for that revamped police oversight system, a system that not only holds our officers accountable, but also fosters opportunities for training, learning and strengthening the bond and necessary bond between community members and law enforcement. Building trust for authentic police reforms. I also think it's noteworthy that 82% of the voters who supported this initiative included members of our very own police bureau, people who are a part of business associations, people who are part of neighborhood associations, people who heard from today, who voted yes for improved accountability and yet would agree that this is not perfect. Simply put, we will need to do some edits as we move forward towards implementation. I understand that the charter voters approve restricts memberships to the board from police people currently employed by law enforcement agencies and their immediate family members are not eligible for service on the board and people formerly employed by law enforcement agencies are not eligible for service on the board and inclusion for me means offering everyone a seat at the table. For instance, the board of nursing disciplinary committee includes a nurse, bar associations, discipline committees predominantly consist of current or former attorneys. Medical review boards incorporate medical professionals. As such, I have a request that those engaged in this work going forward, please sign up for police ride alongs. I mentioned that earlier. Anyway, I just think we need to go deeper into more insight and move forward with more empathy as we do this work. As a proud Portlander, I understand the significance of the system's legitimacy, especially for those most affected, which is most of us who want to feel safe and know that we trust law enforcement. In my community, i'll tell you, as a queer elder who's lived with hiv for a significant portion of my life, I've experienced and witnessed directly bias and overpolicing in new york city in the 80s, in Seattle, in the 90s, and yes, in

Portland, in the late 90s and early aughts, especially. It's imperative for the vitality of the city that we all get this right. For every Portlander I have faith in my fellow council members, our staff and I will utilize the city's recommendations to get this across the finish line with the d.o.j. The next 60 days are going to be crucial for our work. Volunteer leaders. Thank you. Thank you so much for your hard work. You provided a foundation. As we move forward, I will digest the balance of the balanced testimony today. It was really balanced and that was very refreshing and I will keep listening to the 82% who supported this measure. And I will lean in to making thoughtful edits with my colleagues in the next 60 days. Here's to community policing and authentic peace force that will allow us to feel safe as they serve and protect those who obey the law and bring much needed positivity to our city. I do receive I accept it and appreciate this report. I thank you.

Speaker: So the commission held around 130 meetings, resulting in 96 pages of proposed code and a final report of over 500 pages. Let's. All be clear. This was a formidable undertaking, and I want to acknowledge that this no doubt resulted in many personal sacrifices in your daily lives and I don't think that gets acknowledged often enough. I want to be transparent that I do have concerns with some aspects of these extensive recommendations. I believe that all of us at the council truly recognize the importance of ensuring that this system is in fact in alignment with the charter reform that the voters, as you indicated, overwhelmingly supported through that lens. The council must consider these recommendations while also analyzing for aspects that may go beyond the charter authority. Are incongruent with governing law or may be better suited to operational documents rather than city code. We have a lot of work ahead of us as we move this process forward to ensure legitimacy, legality and fairness for all concerned. That being said, I want to be unequivocally clear that I do appreciate your hard work, and I do appreciate

your sacrifice. And I sincerely thank you for your service. I want to also recognize that there were a number of diligent professional staff who worked alongside the commission. Thank you to our facilitators, our interpret hours, our community events, organize users for your support and your hard efforts and I want to thank austin foster, jamie ridgeway and emily mann for their work staffing the commission hundreds and hundreds of hours. And last but not least, I want to thank you, samir. You facilitated this process from the beginning, and it served as as an important process. And you have been a dedicated champion for the pack. I want to thank you for your strong leadership here. I vote I the report is accepted as amended. We're adjourned. And it's dinner time. Thank you.