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Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Mayor Wheeler presided.

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

Council adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Time Certain

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[Adopt the Lower Southeast Rising Area Plan amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, and Zoning Code \(amend Code Title 33\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191698

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 5 minutes

Second reading agenda item 340.

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Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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[Proclaim May 2, 2024 to be Blackfish Gallery Day](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 343-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:05 pm

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Authorize Contract with MPS & Associates for the services of an Independent Monitor](#) (Report)

Document number: 344-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney; Management and Finance

Time certain: 2:25 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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Ted Wheeler	Mayor	
Rebecca Dobert	Acting Council Clerk	
Dan Ryan	Commissioner	
Rene Gonzalez	Commissioner	
Mingus Mapps	Commissioner	
Carmen Rubio	Commissioner	
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Speaker: This is the Thursday, may 2nd, 2024, afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Please call the roll. Dan.

Speaker: I can go tell them we can't hear him .

Speaker: Now, I thought.

Speaker: Dan, can you hear us?

Speaker: So this stops going in. Okay, cool. Rightfully neighborly on this side of the floor . There we go.

Speaker: Now can we hear you? Dan, can you say something?

Speaker: Yeah. Hi

Speaker: There we are. Good. Can you hear us? Okay.

Speaker: Yeah, I can. I thought something was on.

Speaker: Yeah, it's working now. Go ahead. Rebecca

Speaker: Here, here, here, here, here.

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

Speaker: Good 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 [Portland.gov/council/agenda](https://portland.gov/council/agenda) information. Engaging with City Council can be found

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Speaker: Great. Thank you. Appreciate it, first up today, colleagues, is item number 342a land use issue. Colleagues, the lower southeast rising area plan came before council on April 25th for a public hearing. I was not present, but I've reviewed the record. I'll now pass it to commissioner Rubio first, then commissioner Mapps to share any final closing remarks before we take a vote on the ordinance, commissioner Rubio, any final thoughts, no. I just wanted to, thank the team at bts and pbot for doing the excellent work, together on this and also to thank the community members who have been involved over the last few years.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps, I want to thank commissioner Rubio for her partnership on this project.

Speaker: And I also want to say a couple of things there are many things I love about this project, including the fact that the lower southeast rising plan is responsive to both. The reality that living in a community is both about where you

go and how you get there. I also love the fact that transportation projects in this plan were designed to conjunction with the plans. Land use components, and will make the area safer and more convenient to move about by walking, biking, rolling, and taking transit. I also want to call out and recognize our incredible staffs at pbot and the bureau of planning and sustainability, including shane valley, patricia diefenderfer and bill cunningham. And I also want to thank residents for their advocacy, fundraising efforts and engagement, and with that, mr. Mayor, i'll turn it back to you.

Speaker: All right. Very good. And I called on commissioners Rubio and Mapps as co-sponsors. But I don't want to leave commissioner Gonzalez or Ryan out. If they have anything else they'd like to add, just jump in. Commissioner Gonzalez, go ahead.

Speaker: Yeah, I'm really excited to move this vision forward. And today, as a more recent addition to the city of Portland, we know there's a lot of work to do in southeast as well as, parts of our east side, lacking a lot of the infrastructure that was originally part of, closer inner east side as well as the west side. We're making up really on, generations of underinvestment. And I think this plan is a good step forward in starting to bridge those gaps, all of Portland's neighborhoods deserve sidewalks, strategic transportation corridors, and a diversity of small business options. And I think this is a step in the right direction. I want to thank all the staff and residents that weighed in on this plan, laying the groundwork for smart future growth. This will serve the next generation of Portland partners as well, and bring these outlying neighborhoods into focus as a vital piece of the city that they are. And when I say outlying, they are my neighbors. So i, as I mentioned last time, i, I literally walk in cycle in these, in this neighborhood, regularly excited to track the

development of this plan and happy to vote yes today. Great commissioner Ryan, did you have any final thoughts before we call the roll?

Speaker: Yeah, I can say them in the vote.

Speaker: Very good, rebecca, call the roll.

Speaker: Yeah, ditto to everything that was just said, really? The staff did a marvelous job last week of bringing all of us along. I was really taken with the testimony. You could tell the people that were invited, got really close as they were working on this. And you came with a really wonderful, refreshing, collective voice. There was one line. The only thing, that we got out of annexation back when was sewers and I think I'm really aware of that when we're out in the borders that hit Gresham out in the numbers. But I sometimes needed to hear that when it comes to this part of Portland and so I liked that, the city and the parks bureau for some time has been working on the really beautiful improvements to Arrow Heights Park. I know that's a step in the right direction. I've always been monitoring, the beautiful little school women in that area. And I know that it's a really, been suffering from low enrollment. So I'm really hope everything we do with this continues to attract families and that we have families that want to stay there as well. So the safety improvements, all of that's great. But what really matters is it's such a beautiful part of Portland, and it's a great place for kids to grow up. And I'm glad that the city is giving it some more attention. And with that, I'm really excited about it. Thanks. I, I, I want to thank commissioners Rubio and Maps for their collaborative work on this and definitely want to thank the staff and community for their collaboration as well.

Speaker: I'm very happy to fall in place here and support this. I vote I the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next item please 343a proclamation on. Colleagues, our next item is a proclamation honoring a small local business, Blackfish Gallery, as they celebrate their 40th year in downtown Portland. I'll now

turn it over to commissioners Rubio and Ryan to share a few opening remarks before I introduce our speakers.

Speaker: Mr. Ryan, would you like to go first or would you like me to go? Okay it's so wonderful to be honoring this iconic Portland arts organization today. Since its beginning, blackfish has represented more than 150 significant Oregon and Washington diverse artists, including founding members judy cook, paul missal, jim hibberd. Hibberd barbara black, julia fish, and stephen soil, as well as bob dozono and michael knutson. Blackfish gallery has always been on the cutting edge of Portland, and the pacific northwest art scene. In fact, it was one of the first galleries to establish itself in the neighborhood that would eventually be the pearl district, which is now home to so many artistic endeavors and considered one of the city's first arts and cultural hubs. The gallery has always provided a forum and venue for artists, creating unique work that go beyond retail and commercial boundaries. And what I've really appreciated about blackfish is that they've been at the forefront of bringing exhibitions and events with inclusively bold and representative themes to reach a broader and more diverse audience that truly reflects our city today. So I want to say congratulations, blackfish, for your tremendous contributions over the years and for shaping generations of Portlanders by encouraging us through art to constantly challenge ourselves and our boundaries about how we think about art, culture, and community differently. So we're happy to celebrate you today.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Yeah well, first of all, it's great to see all of you on this little screen, from blackfish, there was it would be so great if we were together in person. But you're really representing on zoom better than I've seen any other group before. You look like you're all really happy, and, so thanks for being here. And it's an honor to bring this forward. It'll be fun to celebrate with you later today, just a little bit to add on to what commissioner Rubio was saying. Well,

my spouse has an mfa. I was a development director at the school of fine and performing arts when it was called that at psu, and I in my life then I've been able to really understand more and more about the ecosystem of the arts and how important it is to have a cooperative type gallery like this in the mix. Very few artists go from being an mfa or studying, to just suddenly being in an amazing gallery that at a high end gallery, if you will, and a museum. I think people forget it's they're working artists and where are those places that they have a chance to be seen and appreciated and gather and get to know other artists and build that community. So, barbara, there you are with a big smile on your face, because you should. Because you must feel so good about the fact that 45 years later, in a neighborhood that was very different back then, pearl district, I remember playing in that neighborhood when there were really hardly any amenities, but it was still fun, and there were places like blackfish gallery that really were there before most. And so when you think of the arts ecosystem in Portland and the good stories that make Portland's Portland and make it special, it you're really at the soul of that. And so to have all of you here is a real, honor and a treat. And so allow me to stop talking and introduce kendra roberts, the director of public engagement for blackfish gallery, and take it away and just tell us everything that we need to hear and welcome.

Speaker: Oh, thank you so much for this warm welcome. I'm just overwhelmed with joy and with pride to be here representing blackfish gallery today. I'm a little emotional, so thank you, blackfish is, as you know, is a pioneering gallery in what we now call the pearl. Our founders, a group of artists who moved into the area with an idea that they could make their own rules about what it meant to make and present art in their community. 45 years later, four of those founding members are still working and making art at blackfish. One of them is here today, barbara black and with her are seven other artist owners who collectively are building upon the

foundation. Established in 1979, they are myra clark, mary dawn duckler and jeannette escobar, ellen goldschmidt, lee may lie, robert shepherd and alice christine walker. Part of our 45th anniversary celebration centers on our commitment to our neighborhood and city, but also to our community partners in arts and culture. We invite you to attend our upcoming panel discussion and walking tour on June 17th at 5:30 p.m. Entitled places everyone in life in the pearl arts district. We will hear the stories of how pnca blue sky gallery, Portland center stage and blackfish all came to be in historic buildings. The conversation will be followed by a walking tour presented by our friends at the architectural heritage center. It will be a delightful evening and we'd love for you to join us. And now you'll hear a story about the blackfish legacy directly from them. Thank you so much again for allowing us to be here.

Speaker: What do blackfish gallery, the muppet movie, and the walkmen have in common? They all dropped in 1979. That makes us the longest operating arts cooperative west of the mississippi.

Speaker: We are owned by artist for artists, and we meet all kinds of artists, new mfas professors, the classically trained and the self-taught artists working in every medium from the most traditional to the most cutting edge.

Speaker: The collective artists of fish come from many different backgrounds and, of cultures, and we welcome warmly every of those one of those artists from the oldest to the youngest. Our highest commitment is to craft and process and work by blackfish artists in us that lives in collections all over the country.

Speaker: Our work is in sam tam, pam and many other rhyming acronyms. Right now you can see our work in the wonderful hallie ford museum and in thousands of homes and private collections all over our city and beyond.

Speaker: We have embraced our home in the pearl. We have re-embraced our home in the pearl. And look, we're staying in the pearl, okay ?

Speaker: Our collective spirit is truly Oregonian innovative, exuberant, thought provoking community embracing through our doors have come tens of thousands of Portlanders, visitors, artists and visionaries.

Speaker: We make art that matters. We think art does matter. Blackfish celebrates an impressive history and even more impressive story the future. We are only getting started. Thank you, thank you, thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you. And commissioners, is that complete? The presentation? Very good. I'll open it up then for comments from my council colleagues, commissioner Mapps, thank you, mr. Mayor, I want to start out by thanking our guests for joining us today. And I also want to say this. I'm delighted to join my colleagues on council in proclaiming may 2nd, 2024 to be blackfish gallery day here in Portland, Oregon. As we heard, the blackfish gallery is a pioneer in Portland's art scene. The gallery is home to many of Portland's most prominent artists and is one of the northwest leading arts groups, we also heard today that the gallery was founded in 1979, which makes it the oldest artist owned gallery in Portland and in fact, the oldest arts co-op west of the mississippi since 1979. I believe the blackfish gallery has been home to over 300 artists. Now, for those of you who don't know this unique Portland space, I encourage you to give a visit to the blackfish gallery, visiting the blackfish gallery is a unique experience because when the gallery is open, at least one blackfish artist, is on the scene. So you have this opportunity to discuss the exhibits with the artists who actually create them, and here is another reason to visit the blackfish gallery. May 1st, 2024 was the 45th anniversary of the blackfish galleries founding and I believe tonight the blackfish gallery is hosting a party, everyone in Portland is invited to attend. The party, I'm told will feature art and

music. I believe the party starts at five and runs to eight. And of course, the gallery is located at 938 northwest everett street and beautiful downtown Portland.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks, commissioner. Mapps commissioner Gonzalez thrilled to recognize the blackfish gallery today and their contributions to our art scene and the pearl.

Speaker: And as Portland continues to redefine itself, we need to focus on what we know works. We know we need to focus on spaces that bring people together through creativity, places that inspire. Thank you for your decades of commitment to bringing people together and highlighting amazing local artists. There are many chapters in the city's history. He remained an anchor and constant force for positivity and good for connection and expression. Portland is known as a city by and for artists. Thank you for continuing to make that possible. And we would all be so lucky to continue enjoying blackfish gallery for another 45 years as well. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, commissioner Gonzalez, and I'd like to add my thanks as well, today, obviously we're honoring a cornerstone of Portland's arts and culture community. The blackfish gallery is a beacon of creativity and collaboration, and I'd like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to them as they mark this milestone of 45 years of profound influence and commitment to the arts, and, frankly, a vital revitalization of the beloved pearl district arts scene. Thank you for that. Blackfish gallery. As our speakers indicated, it's much more than just an art space. It's a vital community asset that is fostered the talents of numerous local artists and contributed significantly to our local cultural scene in celebrating the blackfish gallery, we also recognize the integral role of small businesses in enriching our civic fabric, making Portland a much livelier, much more interesting, and certainly a

more prosperous city. It's with respect and admiration for that lasting impact that we're celebrating. You today, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Davenport with a proclamation. I just wanted to get back on here and say that was such a great presentation, you should, we everyone should study how you did that. And Kendra, Barbara Black, just a wonderful that you have all your community there and you're a picture tells a story right here on what Blackfish gallery is. And I was thinking about when I lived back east in the 80s, artists know about Portland. And it was because of your story, I think, because they said Portland is a city where artists can figure out how to build community and where they can become working artists that become a part of the community and New York City, of course, was always more expensive and this person was basically saying, you come from a city that really knows how to support artists, but we wouldn't have that reputation if we didn't have a place like Blackfish. So it's you really have helped put Portland on the map in more ways than I could ever wax on about. But I also wanted to comment on something I was reading when I was reading the Willamette Week. And you were, of course, quoted last week. Where did I put that, you credit flexibility, resilience and creativity for the longevity of Blackfish now 20, now 45 years. And I think any small business that has been around for 45 years could say that. And I think sometimes people forget that working artists and Blackfish gallery is a part of that small business ecosystem. And we see you, we know that we want to continue to covenant you. And as someone said in your presentation towards the end, and we are just getting started and so your positivity is exactly what we need in our city right now. And I'm just really grateful that you're here today and that we get to celebrate you. And I actually look forward to joining you later this evening. And, yeah, here's just 45 more years. And I'm so grateful that you made my hometown a much better place to live. Thanks for being awesome.

Speaker: Thank you colleagues. And it's now with great pleasure that I'll read a proclamation on behalf of the Portland City Council. And whereas Blackfish Gallery has served the Portland arts community for 45 years and whereas Blackfish Galleries made it a mission to bring community members and visitors together to celebrate the excellence, creativity and beautiful beauty of Oregon artists. And whereas Blackfish Galleries committed to being an important partner in the revitalization of a neighborhood, the Pearl Arts District they've called home for 45 years, for the next 45 years. And whereas Blackfish Gallery is the longest running arts cooperative, west of the Mississippi represented in national collections as well as collections of the city of Portland, the Governor's office, the Portland Art Museum, and the Hallie Ford Museum. And whereas many of Portland's most celebrated artists began their career as members of Blackfish Gallery, and future artists continue to flock to the support of community of Blackfish. And whereas May is National Small Business Month, a time to pay special tribute to the small business entrepreneurs for their courage, their resourcefulness and their community involvement. And whereas small businesses like Blackfish Gallery make up the heart and soul of our city, and we appreciate their resilience and their commitment to our community. Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, do hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2024 to be Blackfish Gallery Day in Portland and encourage all Portlanders to engage with and support Blackfish Gallery and our many other unique small businesses to celebrate their contributions to our community. Thank you all so much. We appreciate it. Thank you. Rebecca, the next item on our agenda today is item 344. It's a report authorized contract with MPS and Associates for the services of an independent monitor colleagues. In November of last year, this council voted to move the city forward and its settlement agreement with the Department of Justice by

transitioning to an independent monitor in the intervening months, there's been a great deal of effort and collaboration amongst council staff, city attorneys, the department of justice, the imeche and many others to identify a candidate that can fulfill that important role. Stephanie will provide an overview of the selection process in a moment, but I'm very pleased that mps and associates is the candidate jointly selected by the city and the united states department of justice. Mark smith and his team bring a strong combination of experience, independence and significant connection with the Portland community. There are still steps that need to be taken before this is official. So on that note, I'm going to hand this over to our presenters to discuss what the next steps in this journey look like. Jess, if you can kick us off, that would be fantastic.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Good afternoon, for the record, my name is justin fine, and I am the manager for the city, ordinance number 191519 authorized a contract specific special procurement, the results of which would be reported to council via cbo report. Due to the unique nature of the solicitation, stephanie howard will be presenting the cpo report and detailing the solicitation process. I will remain available for any questions related to general, current processes. You might may have, and with that, I'm going to turn it over to stephanie.

Speaker: Thank you. Jess. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is stephanie howard and I am the mayor's director of community safety, as just pointed out, the City Council approved, a process by which we would change how monitoring for compliance in our settlement agreement works, and so, with that guidance, we've worked in partnership with the department of justice to follow a public selection process that incorporated community feedback at every level of review. The city and the department of justice jointly developed a position description for the monitor and from December to mid January, we worked to

promote the position and invite applications through a variety of organizations across the country, including nacole, which is the acronym for the national association for civilian oversight of law enforcement. We also publicly invited any individual who may be interested in joining a monitor team to submit a statement of interest, so that candidates could consider adding these folks to their teams as well. In January and February, we worked collaboratively with representatives from each council office, the department of justice, city attorney's albina ministerial alliance coalition, the mental health alliance, the Portland committee on community engaged policing, and the Portland police association to review all of the applications we received and determine which candidates should move forward for interviews. Representatives from these same groups were also invited to observe all interviews and provide feedback on candidates. As we worked to narrow the field to three. Once determined, the profiles and resumes for the three finalists were posted publicly for community review and feedback. During a 32 day public comment period. We also established and promoted a dedicated email account for community members to send feedback during this public comment period. That email account automatically forwarded all information received directly to both the city and the department of justice. On March 12th, the city and doj hosted a hybrid community forum at which those three finalists engaged with community members to introduce their teams and answer community questions directly. The three finalists then proceeded to second interviews again with our community representative was invited to observe and provide feedback on April 15th, after considering the input we received throughout this process, the city and doj announced their joint nominee for independent monitor, which is the mayor noted was mps and associates. And together we filed a motion for appointment. Which brings us to the item before you today. We are requesting that council accept this

report on the special procurement and authorize contract negotiations to begin, pending the court's approval, and with that, i'll hand it over to heidi brown to speak more about the next steps in the legal case and the upcoming hearing on this issue, scheduled for may 15th.

Speaker: Thank you. Stephanie, good afternoon. Mayor. Commissioners, my name is heidi brown. I'm a chief deputy with the city attorney's office, and I'm excited to be part of this council session today. And for you all to hear from mark smith and his team. Mark smith is here with me today. He and miss edwards were at or intending to attend council in person, with the rest of their team online on or most of them, and unfortunately, with things changing, at the last minute, here we are. But we're excited to be here, as stephanie shared, the city and the department of justice filed a joint motion in requesting the court appoint mark smith and his team as the monitor, and that's conditional on council's acceptance of the report today. The court hearing is scheduled on may 15th. It starts at 9 a.m. It's before judge simon. It's in the federal courthouse in courtroom 15. B and we do invite, the public to attend and share your perspectives on the appointment of mr. Smith and his team as a monitor, whether the court will make a ruling on may 15th or take it under advisement, I cannot say, but we're excited for that day to come and hopefully to leave the courthouse with a monitor appointed, so at this time, what I'd like to do is turn it over to mr. Smith and his team for them to introduce themselves and tell you a little bit about each one of them and their roles and then at the end, we will turn it over to council and look forward to you. You hopefully accepting this report. And mark, turn it over to you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, heidi, good afternoon, mr. Mayor. Commissioners, staff and everyone in attendance, at today's meeting on what I know has been, challenging and active day for a lot of people. I hope it's okay with you. I'd like to do,

as heidi mentioned, some brief introductions of our team. Just talk very quickly about our approach to the monitorship and our commitment to community engagement. And then, of course, take any questions that you might have, as I start off with the introductions, I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be the lead monitor for the settlement agreement. As you'll see, very quickly, I'm also extremely honored by the caliber of, expertise that exists on this team. And I think it really puts us in a great position to be able to accelerate full compliance with the remaining portion of the settlement agreement. That is our focus. I think we have the experience to do it, and I think you'll see that quickly through our our team introductions. And so i'll just, start with myself, I am the inspector general for los angeles police department. I have had that role for just over six years now. I've worked in civilian oversight for nearly 20 years in total, at increasingly, broader leadership responsibilities throughout my career. Actually started as a special investigator in the current office where I work now, the lapd's office of inspector general. And that was my first job out of law school. What that means is, for me, my entire professional career has really been spent on police accountability. I've had the good fortune to work in different jurisdictions and different geographies. So starting los angeles, the next job was in chicago as the, the title is first deputy chief administrator for their oversight agency that oversees chicago police department. What it basically means the number two in charge of that office, overseeing chicago, I moved there from, to become the first ever independent police auditor for the bart, transit system in san francisco bay area, that, organization was created as a result of the fatal shooting of oscar grant in 2009, on one of the bart train platforms. And they determined that there, there was a need for civilian oversight of the bart transit of the bart police department. And I was honored to take that role, I then, went back to los angeles and was a constitutional policing advisor for

the sheriff of los angeles. County sheriff's department, working to advise the sheriff on all kinds of accountability issues. And they had multiple and still have, multiple settlement agreements, court appointed settlement agreements going on there. So that was a focus of my work as well, and then as I mentioned, the last six years, my current role as inspector general of los angeles police department, I just want to also mention quickly, I know miss howard, mentioned a group that is near and dear to my heart and the hearts of many on my team. And that's nicole again, national association for civilian oversight of law enforcement. It's, I had the honor to be elected as one of its board members a number of years ago and have stayed very active in that organization. And I'm also founding member of the western states chapter of the association of inspectors general, which is another national organization that does the tech work that we do, so that's that's a brief, brief background on me. I do have other team members who are here. Again, they really form the strength of this team, the combination of skills that we have. And so I want to turn it over to them for introductions, and then i'll go back through with, again, just a couple more ideas about what we see for this monitorship, first, if I can ask our deputy monitor, brian buckner, to give an introduction.

Speaker: Thank you. Mark. Good afternoon everyone. I'm brian buckner, and i'll be serving as the deputy monitor for the team I bring to the team over 20 years of specialized experience in police accountability, civilian oversight, and criminal justice policy. Currently, I'm an assistant inspector general for the los angeles police department working with mark. I also gained deep insight into oversight from my time as a special investigator in the same office. During a crucial transitional period when the lapd was operating under a federal consent decree, and as that consent decree concluded, the responsibility for comprehensive, ongoing oversight of the lapd shifted from the federal monitor and the department of justice to the

inspector general's office. My background also includes pivotal roles in the city of los angeles as a citywide homelessness coordinator and key positions in the los angeles mayor's office, focusing on homelessness and public safety policy. I served three terms as president of naco and in that role worked with communities, local governments and police departments across the country to establish or strengthen oversight that reflected community needs. I co-led the most comprehensive survey in the nation, comparing various oversight models, and worked for the monitor of the los angeles county sheriff's department. I also teach in the criminal justice master's program at the university of southern california, and I believe this combination of experience positions me to contribute significantly as a part of this robust and strong monitoring team, ensuring the impactful and fair implementation of the settlement agreement.

Speaker: Thank you very much, brian, next, I face that I know is familiar to many on this call. If I could have anthony edwards, please introduce yourself.

Speaker: Greetings. Oh oh, wow. It's so good to be in this space with you all. And, I'm really grateful for the opportunity to serve Portland, to serve home, if I could share what I bring, I think it's history. Age, history and age, and just my the opportunity to work with you, mayor ted Wheeler, and I get to know. I know you, ben, and I mingus Mapps commissioner Mapps. My first meeting with you was at cpc, and that was really awesome. And commissioner gonzales getting to know you anymore, your dad and, carmen. Commissioner Rubio, it's been really a pleasure to watch you grow and your leadership and be a part of your team on many endeavors, so I think what I'm most excited about that this is home. This is real. And, I'm just excited for the opportunity to build on what's already been established. I had the opportunity last night to work with the not to work with, but to listen to the pccp. And that was just, inspiring work that's been done. And it

feels like we're building on what's there. I think, doctor, is it kicked off? That's not his name. Blew it. Cnn shared with the ground floor. We're standing on the shoulders of decades of work by blood, sweat and tears. And I'm just excited to be a part of this team, to bring it home way beyond the settlement agreement. As the community engagement specialty. And I think that's what I bring to this team, this really fabulous team of engaging community and bringing us together and building trust, restore and rebuild. So thank you.

Speaker: Thanks so much for that. Antoinette, she's one of our associate monitors. Another associate monitor is russell bloom, russell, if you could go, please.

Speaker: Thank you, mark, and thank you all for your time today. I'm glad to be able to be here with you, I am russell bloom. I am currently the independent police auditor at bay area rapid transit, which mark mentioned earlier. I had the good fortune of being hired there as an investigator, in 2014, and became the auditor in 2016, I also really started my journey in this space of police accountability and oversight as a volunteer police review commissioner in the city of berkeley, california, and I got that appointment in December of 2008. And oscar grant, who who mark mentioned earlier, was shot, no more than a month later. And so it was a very sort of intense, learning process around what police oversight looks like, what police accountability looks like, oakland is a neighboring city to berkeley, and so there was just a lot of attention from our police review commission on, not only that incident, but on the subsequent formation of the civilian oversight structure at bart, I also had the good fortune of completing an externship during law school with, retired federal judge thelton henderson. And this was during the formation of the negotiated settlement agreement, or consent decree for the city of oakland, i'll note that that was 20 years ago, and they have not yet exited that agreement, we'd like to do better than that. And I really appreciate the opportunity to do this work. I

am really motivated by the idea that robust and effective police accountability process is prevent tragedies, prevent crises, and critical incidents. And that's really my motivation to do this work in any way that I can. And I'm very excited about the prospect of doing the work with and for Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thanks so much, russell. Another associate monitoring team is sedula should.

Speaker: Mark, good afternoon everyone. My name is doctor cecilia sedula, and i'll be working primarily on data related components for the monitor ship. I currently work as a senior forensic auditor at the office of inspector general for the port authority of new york and new jersey. I've worked in civilian oversight with various criminal justice agencies across the country, including several major police departments like the lapd, chicago police, and nypd. I have worked as an analyst, auditor, researcher, and investigator. I also have a doctoral degree in criminal justice from john jay college in new york city, and have worked on several academic publications and presentations. I'm very excited to be part of this team and to get started on this work. Thank you all.

Speaker: Thank you so much, and we have not just one phd, which is amazing to me, and I'm very glad to take advantage of that, having you on this team. We have a second one as well, doctor robert fernando, if you introduce yourself, please.

Speaker: Sure. Thank you, mark. And, thank you to the council for letting us speak today. It's, my name is rob fernando, I have a phd in criminology and criminal justice, I've spent over 25 years designing and performing original research projects, and, and in the area of, criminology, primarily studying violent crime trends, economics and crime, and then evaluating law enforcement interventions in a number of different cities new york city, richmond, virginia to, boston, massachusetts, saint louis, missouri, and then in the last ten years, I've actually I

switched gears and, have spent a decade doing quality improvement research in health care for the centers for medicare and medicaid services and the department of health for the federal government, as well as evaluating programs and policies for our medicaid departments in 18 different states across the country, so really that that I'm excited to get back into and work more on, on more criminal justice and law enforcement related projects, but also to bring and blend that that, perspective of quality improvement, that I've been working on in the health care sector, and bring that to the monitorship, and lend both my statistical expertise, data analysis expertise and those, quality improvement, perspectives to, this project. So thank you very much. And I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Speaker: Thanks, rob. And we have just a few more members of the team, at least a couple who could not make it, i'll describe them just very briefly. I'm sure I won't do it justice. One is, chief john thomas, a very familiarly known as jt, he has 30 more than 38 years of law enforcement experience. He's currently chief of police at ucla, and if you been watching, any any of the news today, you might understand is challenging being at this meeting today with what's going on in that campus, previously, he held roles as chief of the department of public safety at university of southern california, as well as deputy chief at the university of the district of columbia. He retired from los angeles police department at the rank of lieutenant, and he also has experience as an instructor at the school of public policy at usc. And jt has in addition to general law enforcement, executive experience has a deep commitment to ensuring that there is a healthy relationship between police and the communities that they serve, and he's been committed to that for his entire career, also not with us today is miss corey low, corey low recently retired as a deputy chief for the albuquerque police department, she, spent just short of 20 years there, I

believe, before her retirement, but the last six of which were of particular import, for this discussion today, she helped create, implement and manage albuquerque police department's accountability and compliance bureau. From 2017 to 2023, albuquerque was, under a court approved a settlement agreement, and she really made great strides in assisting them reach high levels of compliance up into the, mid and upper 90s, percent compliance rates over her time as the head of that accountability bureau, and so I think she's going to be a valuable resource for us here, and then the final member of our team just joined in as chair. Ramirez and if you're able to unmute and do your intro, let us know. And he's driving everyone.

Speaker: Sorry. Yes. I've pulled over safely, la traffic. Never a fun thing, but, happy to be here. Thank you. Mark thank you council. Really appreciate the opportunity, wanted to be a part of this team and carry out this important work, you know, it's been quite a journey for myself, professionally. Spent over 15 years, working on homeless and housing policy, in the nonprofit service provider sector, from from san francisco to ventura county, los angeles, I've also served in critical roles as deputy mayor for former mayor garcetti. And also for current mayor, karen bass, where I now serve as her senior advisor on homelessness, I think for me, this work is just as much personal as professional, in terms of my journey, I also come to this space with as someone with lived experience, and realize also how important really that sense of community is to bring to this work and to have at the table, and everything we do. And so looking forward to continuing to, to build and grow more, with our work here on this team, working closely with antoinette and obviously, getting closely connected and embedded in the community and making sure that they're a part of this, process. And the engagement is so critical, and so just really grateful and thankful to be here, appreciate the time and looking forward to the work ahead in Portland. And with you all. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks so much, Chase, so that is our team, as I hope you can see, I mean it as genuinely as I can possibly mean something when I say it. It really means a lot to me to be a part of this collection of individuals. I'm just, really enthused and confident that we have the combination of skills and expertise, the decades of, looking into police accountability, homelessness issues, ability to communicate police related data in a meaningful and transparent way, community engagement. We have the skills that I think are really called for by the remaining portion of the settlement agreement. And what's needed to accelerate compliance with those portions, I'll talk just very briefly about our approach to the monitorship. I know the materials from our team are written, proposal are out there and available, and I want to be careful not to just sort of reread, what what anyone can, can gather on their own, but just with regard to the approach of the monitorship, we really will draw on the depth of our practical experience to accelerate compliance with remaining sections of the agreement, as was hinted at in some of the introductions that you've heard, we've got experience with police departments of different sizes, localities, political scenes and different ages when it comes to settlement agreements. We have work and experience in entities that were pre, court approved settlement agreement, ones that were in the middle of those agreements, and we're working through them, as Portland is now, as well as a lot of experience within agency that successfully came through a lengthy settlement agreement and seeing how the afterlife of that agreement and accountability measures successfully needed to stay in place, and what that takes, as we approach this with an acknowledgment and an understanding of the reforms that have been successfully implemented throughout the last decade, the work that's gone into those antoinette, really hinted at that before, which I appreciate her doing, that. We are not blind to that at all, we want to maintain a consistent,

accessible and responsive presence in Portland for the duration of our monitorship as we finish off this, these last portions of the settlement agreement, it's critical that we actually be as accessible and responsive to every stakeholder, everyone who needs to hear from us as possible. And so we have that commitment. We also commit to ensuring professional constitutional policing that's accountable to all members of the very diverse communities that make up Portland, everybody needs and deserves to have policing that serves their needs well in a community. That's how policing should work. And so we'll be very mindful of that when we go about our duties, we will provide meaningful technical assistance when appropriate, there is room for that. Specifically laid out in the settlement agreement. I'm glad that there is. I think that's appropriate. And something that we have comfort doing and have done, in various stages, and various examples. And frankly, do a lot of us in our daily work. So that's a comfort zone for us. And we also uphold the values of objectivity, transparent thoroughness, and the highest ethical standards, I think you should expect nothing less from, the eventual monitor. And you'll get that with us as well. The last thing I wanted to touch on, and in just a moment, I'm going to ask antoinette if she'd, maybe chime in with a little more detail. Is our commitment to community. Our team does have expertise in listening to and learning from all stakeholders, and we know that that includes times when people are holding vastly different or opposing opinions, we still have that experience and that needs to be at play, during this monitorship, we also recognize the existence of community trauma that arises from, not just in Portland and many other places as well, from institutional racism, from negative police interactions, some of which result in serious bodily injury or death. And we understand, how that is at play here in Portland, too. We have a drive to ensure sound policing that, again, will meet the needs of every member of Portland's community. We'll have a focus on safe

encounters between police and persons experiencing mental illness or mental health crisis, a recognition of how the settlement agreement really came into being, some, some ten years or so ago. And we have a pledge, we make a pledge to ensure that this monitorship will be informed by community voices, police go about their jobs, with the consent of those policed. That's how our system works. So we need to have the voice of Portland informing us, or else we'll be having blind spots and not doing our job right. And so we commit to making sure that that is the case and to give just a little more detail and to try to wrap up my, my presentation here of how exactly we're going to go about, reaching out to the community and leveraging our community contacts. I'd like to ask miss edwards if she could just talk about her plans and her thoughts on that.

Speaker: Thank you, mark. And as I shared earlier, I think this is an opportunity to work with what's in place. So often, people will come into a contract or an agreement without acknowledging and really understanding what has gone before us and again, to, like pcccp and pcccp is a Portland committee on community engaged policing, and I want to thank you for that. Mayor Wheeler and stephanie, for your leadership in that. I've had the opportunity to observe and, I see the spirit in. They, it's like an new, monitorship. And we look forward to collaborating with you. And I share that because they have done a lot of the work. And this is evolving. This is evolvment from colab, as you know, mayor Wheeler and refining and what works and moving to the next level. And I think pcccp has done that. And so, I share with the team that I think one of our first, introductions will be to meet with pcccp. I think that's, one of the first steps, but and they have, dozens of community groups that really touches on what mental health, mental illness, the diverse folks that are involved, the people of Portland, actually. And another highlight I was really grateful for, and I think this grounded me. I watched this again the March 20th, I believe it

was stephanie, the albina ministerial alliance, what is it, police and justice reform shared a very powerful presentation on how we got to this place. And I think that's a ritual that they do before each of the meetings. And they would name the folks that had been harmed, from force. And I think it's really important that we know how we got here to learn from it, but not to be, married to problems. But what we can learn from this and bringing people together, because I think this is an opportunity to bring everyone back, and it's about rebuilding. I think when the settlement is gone, what is the success of what we've done that we have a community that is trusting with the police, that's working with the police, that we're rebuilding, that we acknowledge, truth and reconciliation. So that's the main piece of this to bring people together. I know in the agreement, a couple of town halls in some level, I think that's kind of bare minimum, because there are so many people to meet with, to engage and to inform them and to use language that people can understand, to educate, inform, and really allow a space for people to share their concerns. So that's the overall, that's the way that I would like to, to reach this, to work with people, to outreach to folks. And there is a lot of work, as we said before, that's been done. But reengaging folks and just, as we look up the street, that where you're at, I really want to make a commitment to reach out to the youth. I think there's a really huge disconnect on government and what's happening and how we can work together. I think that's being kind of played out throughout our nation as we're looking at the situation at hand. So that's just a bit of it and I'm open to questions, but I know there are so many groups, there's a community engagement specialist at with Portland police bureau, there are training division folks to meet. So I'm going to be I'm going to be wearing my tennis shoes. I think I'm reminded of sandy, who is the congresswoman in, in Washington with the tennis shoes on? Yeah, I would be going with her. And again, before I close, I really want to

give a shout out to dan Ryan. I looked at him and I smiled at him, but I didn't say his name. And when I was smiling, we have a running joke that we can't sit together in public spaces because we chat. So, that's an inside joke, but I again, it's an honor to serve the city. I believe, in this city. The settlement agreement came because folks saw what was wrong and wanted to write it. I thank sam adams for inviting this. This, the settlement agreement for dan saltzman and just all the folks that have come together and the police bureau to acknowledge that there's something wrong, you want to fix it. And I believe that we can and we will. And this is beyond the settlement agreement. Again, it's, you can't mandate care and respect and relationships, but this is an opportunity to get that right. And if we do, I think there's something that we will all be proud that we participated in.

Speaker: Thanks, mr. Mayor and commissioners, I hope you can see why I genuinely feel so excited about this team and why I feel this team truly is the right group of people and group of skills to come together for this purpose of the monitorship, and that's that's all the comments that we had for you today. We're happy to take questions if you have them.

Speaker: All right. Excellent report. Before we do that, I think we have some people signed up for public testimony. So why don't we take that public testimony and then i'll open it up for any questions my colleagues may have, rebecca, do we have people signed up?

Speaker: We do. We have three people.

Speaker: The first three minutes each. Name. For the record, justin callaway. Welcome, justin.

Speaker: Can you hear me? Okay, before I start my three minutes.

Speaker: Yeah. You sound great, may I request as a formal accommodation that I am not interrupted? I am here as a Portland resident, advocating for all Portlanders

with my autism and comorbid mental illnesses. It has taken an inordinate amount of energy to give testimony today and may take longer to speak than other people. If I am interrupted, it will. I will lose my ability to speak. I may use rhetorical questions for emphasis, but the real questions will be at the end. Please do not interrupt me. I am intimate with the d.o.j. Agreement and care deeply about transparent public, accountable city, including police accountability. As such, I raised many concerns during my accommodations process to emphasize why pb internal affairs was unhealthy for me. With my disabilities recognized as eligible for accommodations under the ada, I was assigned to internal affairs and did not choose it. When told I must place accommodations to get out of ia by air, I did so that disability information was shared with people who should not have had access, as well as an investigator and professional bias and safety concerns. Compromising my ability to have any due process with sworn members and true police accountability for all Portlanders. This was contrary to the reason this information was shared. Instead, the city staff under bureaus, the mayor controls abused it. No transparent police accountability was provided. Rather, other city staff were included in abusing this information and covering up liabilities to all taxpayers. It turned ia from unhealthy to hostile. The mayor and the director of hr were made aware of this inappropriate hr activity and ppb activity. On October 7th, after I was threatened with medical separation on October 2nd. This information was used to deny my worker's comp claim with the advice of city attorney's office. When I raised whistleblower fraud and serious liability concerns to our police accountability system was an outside law enforcement and agency brought in to conduct an impartial, professional standard internal affairs level investigation, as it should have been. No the mayor, ppb command, hr and the city's attorney's office chose to treat me as a threat instead of as a disabled employee deserving of accommodations,

and continue to cover up misconduct involving an untold number of sworn members, including my sworn supervisor in internal affairs and an unknown number of ia investigator hours. This created additional liability by tainting the administrative investigations and police work of anyone involved moving forward. Contrary to the reason taxpayers fund our police accountability system, the mayor knows this, yet he is here today involved in this process when he should recuse himself. Did you know that only hr can investigate ppb members in ia? I did not until I went to ipr desperate for help. So when the same commissioner has a conflict of interest and is coordinated in abusing your complaint and disability information, do you see the problem? Do you see why someone who should have have immediately reassigned these bureaus continues to keep and is tainting everything, every decision he's involved, just like all of the ppb employees that were not properly investigated. This is why I raised the allegations that I did. This is why I'm here. Do you know how inappropriate it is to have a developmentally disabled non-sworn employee? Yes. The state recognizes me as developmentally disabled police. The police when I follow the spirit and the letter of the law to keep my job because of my neurodiversity, and now have no job. And everyone else who created liabilities is still working. The only employee that I have evidence that cared about inclusive public service, being a steward of the city's resources and transparent governance as an employee is not working. So I'm here now as a developmentally disabled citizen who wants fellow City Council members to know what a true that a public official has, should have done and has not. Instead, he has created more liabilities and should not be involved with anything with the police bureau, much less any citizen or employee with disability. His for awareness, I was told by chief day who refused to answer any of my questions, including whether he had a conflict like the deputy chief who is a lawyer, did with my medical separation

process that all of my allegations would be sent to ipr on April 10th. I have not received a single complaint notification letter as required by the d.o.j. Agreement. This would have included religious discrimination. I experience in the workplace that has direct civil rights implications for all Portlanders. My former commander is now assistant chief overseeing ppb criminal investigations. The christian literature he gave me as ceo, the city attorney's office, hr and ppb chief day no says according to romans 13, all ppb officers are appointed by a christian or by god. So because no transparent police accountability has occurred with anything I have raised, this is why I'm here today. Please, for all Portlanders who depend on ppb to provide police service like me, I have to call 911. And guess what? I have to have a officer with who's been appointed by a christian god show up. And as taxpayers, as these liabilities need to be contained, contain them. Now, I would be surprised if mayor Wheeler's legacy is a class action lawsuit. I would not be. That bank robs the city. Perhaps before voting on anything that has to has involved the mayor today, you would wish to look at my medical separation email chain with chief de and prior and my email to the mayor on October 7th. The questions I have and then I am done. Who can I use as a con tact for future employers so I can be transparent? But when ppb and hr has not offered somebody without a conflict, this is a serious thing. This means this discrimination continues even after I don't have a job. I want to be able to list somebody who I know can be professional. May I suggest shalonda simpson? And then what do I do about stuff that ppb has stolen from me? You know, the city's ergonomic assessor got to go home during covid. I had to go buy my own chair. And guess what? The police bureau stole it from me. And when the sergeant showed up and gave me my stuff back after I was locked off the city network and didn't have access to city learning materials or city communications for eight months, and what was supposed to be an interactive ada process where I

could look up positions I was not able to and contribute. And so when I returned to computer that I paid to power for eight months and had no access, and he returned my stuff and I was like, why didn't you ask for my combination of my lock, for my locker? Did you replace it? And he's like, rolls his shoulders. He says, contact the city attorney because of my developmental disabilities, I can't even find an attorney. That's an implicit bias that's implied in everything. That's occurred to me. I am somebody the state recognizes as a vulnerable adult. That means you can lie to me like my hr business partner, christina pacheco did. And I will have to either believe it or i'll get upset when I know it's a lie. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. I've given you now more than.

Speaker: Thank you very much for the extra time. I'm acknowledging that I appreciate it.

Speaker: You made your point. Well, thank you, sir. Next individual, please. Three minutes.

Speaker: Next is dan handelman. Dan is on the line.

Speaker: Welcome, dan, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and members of council. My name is dan handelman. I use he him pronouns. I'm a member of Portland copwatch, and I also sit on the steering committee of the ama coalition for justice and police reform, but was not involved in reviewing applicants for the independent court monitor. I am not speaking on their behalf. Portland copwatch has no objections to the finalist chosen for court monitor. In fact, their local contact is edwards, named Portland. Copwatch is an important stakeholder at the forum introducing the candidates, which is encouraging in terms of their willingness to listen to community members. This team has roots in police oversight, as you heard with mark smith coming from the lapd inspector general's office and with grass roots legal perspectives from the bay area member who's associated with the

national lawyers guild, who helps oversee the transit police in the bay area. As optimistic as we are that the city and doj have agreed to this team, we're disappointed that once again, we have to rely on outside help to fix Portland's peculiar police problems. There's a very steep learning curve, not only to understand the nuances of the settlement agreement, but also the culture of the Portland police and the historic tension between police and members of the community who are often mistreated or overpoliced. At least three of the applicants for monitor were based in Portland, which we only know about from public records that were produced based on a request. Why wasn't there more transparency around this incredibly important position? And after the community's desire for a local person to head the council team back in 2014 was disregarded to hire doctor rosenbaum, it just seems that narrowing the choices to eliminate local talent failed to take into account the totality of the circumstances. But we learned to work with doctor rosenbaum and his mentee turned successor, doctor kristof, and we will continue to address the shortcomings both of the police bureau's progress and any inadequate analysis from the monitor. It's also unfortunate that it appears this team will be receiving the same amount in compensation in roughly half \$1 million a year to monitor only about 40 of the 96 actionable paragraphs that are in the agreement. Until November. We hope they will take an active role in making sure the city's nominally self monitoring. 15 additional paragraphs does not end up like your first two assessments of the 2020 protests, where Portland gave itself rave reviews. It's also a good time for the community to remember a few facts about the agreement. Number one, it's based on excessive use of force, mostly against people who are or may be in mental health crisis. It's not about deadly force. Even though there have been well over 50 such incidents since the agreement was signed, the d.o.j. Only cares if there's constitutional policing, not if

the black community fears the police will riddle them full of bullets. Number two. On that note, the DOJ did not find a pattern or practice of racial bias, even though nearly every data point shows overattention to the city's 6% black population. Traffic stops, use of force, and use of deadly force in particular. Show disparities show disparities 2 to 3 times what it would be if applied evenly, regardless of race. We also hope the new monitor listens to people in the community who live with or work with, those who have mental illness. None of the teams at the public forum use that term, including. Instead, they use the term more bureaucratic behavioral health. One final note about transparency and community engagement. We hope the timing of the monitor's public reports will be better arranged with the PCCP. Last night was not the first time a town hall was held on a 100 plus page document, with less than a week for the community to digest. One more sentence, Mr. Mayor. Less than a week for the community to digest its contents. Maybe the monitor can have their own contact list and inform the community directly as soon as the drafts are posted. Thank you, thank you.

Speaker: Last we have Jared Essig. Jared is in person. Good

Speaker: Good afternoon, police commissioner, councilors. Chancellors. Oh, good afternoon, police commissioner. Wheeler. City Councilors. Chancellors of Portland State University and president and Cudd and all of you faculty who've been locked out of your buildings and have failed to show up on the plaza to make any kind of lecture series or respond to mine, or where are the master's students? I have a public disputation, and I'm laying down my theses, and I will challenge any faculty to answer because I can defend it. Now I need access to the library so I can complete my doctoral dissertation on ancient Chaldean mathematics, astronomy and planetary science. This is the first month of the year. The Asian Heritage Month of Nissan. Now I've invited the undergraduates. I've offered a undergraduate level

class in semitic languages, but none of them wanted to take it up except for an actual iraqi arab who was there, again, my name is jared essig, I am a citizen and a scholar. I'm also representing the city in front. You can read our manifesto there if you want, now we are in an incident in in in we are. This is an active incident, as you know. And that's why I am the acting police commissioner at the moment. Because mayor Wheeler is floating in the air somewhere west of mount hood, several thousand feet over the city. I can see that the councilors are in your offices at city hall, and that's where I'm going to go immediately after this and invite you to walk with me up to Portland state university to liberate the library. What do you say? Down. Down with occupation. Up, up with liberation. You know, let's liberate the library. Let's have a teach in. That's what they did in the 60s. Let's have a lecture series. Now, as acting police commissioner, not all cops are bastards. Okay. And real leaders will say this. And the police are not going to help you deal with this problem. By the way, deputy consul matan zamir, my name is gerald essig. Gérard ben nowak. Ben-avraham amina abusada de shemaiah. And I remember you came and spoke to the Multnomah County board of commissioners shortly after the October 7th al-aqsa flood massacres. I think it was October 10th or something like that. Now you better tune in, too, because you are the individual who's being targeted here, not all cops are bastards, but bastards. Lives do matter and real leaders will say this. Furthermore divestment. This is what? What are you investing in Portland state university if not in your students? Let's have disclosure or let's just say nothing at all and just chant mantras. Don't fornicate with the pigs, people. Free the people. You're just financing the police. How much taxpayer dollars are you going to this? How much settlement? How much settlement money is going to get paid out after your police injure, you know, domestic terrorists of the marxist leninist variety, the ones who've been running Portland for quite some time now,

who've barricaded themselves into the building after your city attorneys failed to defend against these massive settlements. I mean, what's going to happen there? We need an emergency proclamation, and we need a non-agenda communication. So I can continue my comment and i'll be available for questioning right now if you want. But I reserve the balance of my time if you wish to respond, this is what I'm going to say to the faculty. Let knowledge serve the city. Let's study palestinian history. Let's do it. Let's go into the library and learn the history of palestine and israel. Now these are my demands.

Speaker: All right. Thanks, jared. Thank you.

Speaker: Don't the mayor.

Speaker: Thank you, do not threaten sexual violence against the mayor or the police.

Speaker: All right. Can we cut him off so we can have a discussion, please? Good colleagues. Any questions of our esteemed panel? If not, i'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moved. So moved, commissioner Mapps moves. Commissioner Ryan, can I have that be a second for you?

Speaker: Absolutely, yes.

Speaker: Good. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Yes. Well, colleagues, this is truly a day of celebration, I think for Portland, it's for more than 12 years, our city has wrestled with the settlement agreement with the department of justice. And today, I'm just so confident because of the strong team that I was reading about. But then having you show up today and be yourselves and hear for the life experience, the professional experience, it's like when you're building any team and you want to win, you want to make sure you cover every position and, mark bravo. I look forward to meeting you. That was job

well done. And I also want to, pause for a moment and thank somebody on my staff, well, now one of my staff any longer, but darian jones, formerly my office and now in the arts office, he had a final, official commissioner office meeting earlier today with stephanie howard, and he wanted to be there so he could, see this through because he put hundreds and hundreds of hours in this journey. And I'm just really impressed with how we landed here. But I just want to thank darian for keeping me abreast of this journey. So nothing was surprising. And I kept hearing about the momentum and wow, what a thoughtful process this was. But also eventually landed us here. We have authentic momentum, due to the engagement you have already experienced with respected stakeholders in the city. So I know you're tested before you are signing the dotted line, and that really does matter. And I believe your commitment to the community was demonstrated in this search process. And it really did help that you brought antoinette edwards onto the team, who obviously is a key position, as you mentioned in the team, that you have built. So based on all the information I've received and based on on who gave us a thumbs up before we got here today, I'm really optimistic about this independent keyword monitor team with hope that the independent monitor brings healing to our community. I accept the report.

Speaker: Gonzalez.

Speaker: I would first like to thank the team at the city attorney's office, heidi brown, sara amos, and lisa rogers for their work on this over the years, grace park in my office, and a number of city employees who've been very committed, including in the mayor's office, to getting us to this important milestone and the continued work on the department of justice settlement. Your steadfast work on this has gotten us to this important milestone, and I'm excited to see anthony edwards participating. It's important that we have the local voice and perspective in

this important work. I'm also very glad to see that we will finally be filing this motion for the court, the DOJ jointly with the DOJ and seeing through to conclusion of the settlement here in Portland. My hope is that with the hiring of MPS and Associates, that we will reach the end of our settlement in a timely manner that inspires the confidence of Portlanders of all stripes. I vote to accept the report. Maps, colleagues, I'm delighted to accept this report. This team brings an impressive amount of expertise and experience in law enforcement oversight, constitutional policing, and community engagement, thanks to Mr. Smith's leadership, we have assembled a true dream team of professionals who are committed to the highest ethical standards and who understand the unique challenges facing our community. I'd like to thank each and every member of this team, especially partially Miss Antoinette Edwards, who brings decades of public service and strong community connections to this work. And I am confident that MPS and Associates will play a pivotal role in helping Portland achieve substantial compliance with the settlement agreement, which is why I am glad to vote.

Speaker: I yea. Rubio this is an important moment in the path of the settlement agreement, and I want to just start by thanking the Mayor and Stephanie Howard in their work for bringing this forward, and also thank my staff, Angela Rico, for her engagement on behalf of my office, and I want to appreciate, the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, the Mental Health Alliance, the Police Committee on Community Engaged Policing, community members, the Portland Police Association and everyone, who has engaged in this process and for being willing to lend your opinions on the finalists. I'm also deeply impressed, with MPS and Associates and how they've put together such a strong team with the diversity of experience and skills and approach. And in particular, I'm pleased, I'll join the chorus, to see their prioritizing of community and local engagement expertise led

by, antoinette edwards. Miss edwards, is highly credible, highly trusted leader, by community, government and police. And I'm really grateful to have her wisdom and experience working on this team. And it gives me confidence, I also want to thank heidi and the city attorney's team, and all their work to ensure that the public has an opportunity to engage. So this is an important milestone, and I'm hopeful that this work will keep our city moving forward, to a clear path, full to full compliance. So I vote I to accept this report. Wheeler

Speaker: Well, as we've heard from my colleagues, this is an important decision. And it definitely was not taken lightly. This decision has been made with the benefit of significant community feedback. We were pleased to receive feedback at our town hall through a dedicated email account and of course, through the community representatives who participated directly in the selection process. And I want to thank them for their commitment and their leadership. I want to thank the community members who took the time to share their perspectives with us and engaged in this process. It's incredibly important and it's incredibly valuable to all of us on the City Council. The team that we've selected is my colleague said, and I agree, they're extremely well suited to serve with objectivity, expertise and thoroughness. I have every faith that the team will call balls and strikes as they see him, that they will recognize his good work and they will provide technical support when improvement is necessary, and that they'll ensure that the community has a voice in this throughout. I want to thank the many folks who participated in and manage this selection process. The joint request for appointment fortifies my optimism that we can, and indeed will regain full compliance with our agreement. I also want to just, thank stephanie howard for from my office for her significant contributions to this, as well as so many other things, thank you, stephanie, for your hard work on this. I vote I and the appointment process moves forward in the

report is accepted. Thank you. And rebecca, I believe that concludes our business for today, correct?

Speaker: Yes, it does.

Speaker: Alright thank you all