

Sizer is out of touch with the community

First let me state, I support the police, knowing the difficulty of their job. There are way too many idiots, misfits, morons and criminals out there, and our police need all of our support. But Portland police have broken the bond of trust way too many times. Many cities like ours have independent oversight committees.

Chief Rosie Sizer has done a hor-

rible job over the past four years, despite what she claims to have done. For her to state that bringing a committee to fruition was "unseemly, or deplorable" proves to me that she is completely out of touch with the community she was charged to protect. If she were in touch, she would welcome any efforts that would allow her to keep her job; help regain the lost trust; create an open, honest

police force; and get Portland out of the negative public eye.

It is embarrassing to see our great city on CNN because of these issues. A good manager welcomes assistance, especially after such colossal failures. If she does not see it that way, then she needs to be replaced, and soon.

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Dysfunctional Police Bureau

It's ironic that Portland's high definition assaults, killings and immorality emanate from our own police department.

The former chief of police had to be forced out of office by a sensational sex scandal involving a police subordinate.

A citizen who was assaulted trying to film a police action was awarded \$50,000 for being attacked by a police officer. A slight 21-year-old female Portland Community College student was pummeled by an officer for walking in the middle of a deserted street.

Kendra James, James Jahar Perez, James Chasse and most recently Aaron Campbell, all unarmed citizens of this city, have died at the hands of the Portland Police Bureau.

It is also ironic that the City Council has failed to rein in an out-of-control police force and police union, despite two major critical reports by the Los Angeles-based Police Assessment Review Commission (in 2003 and 2005).

Jesse Jackson, the national political activist had to be called in by a desperate citizenry demanding a radical change in the philosophy and practice of our tax paid police force.

Some major reforms should include:

1. A change in state law denying the authority to kill based on fear or imagination.
2. Appointment of civilians (preferably social-psychologists), instead of police officers to be to be chiefs of police.
3. Screen out sadistic, racist and emotionally unstable police applicants.
4. Require all police officers to be residents of this city.

The benefits of these reforms would include:

- a. The residential presence of 400 or more police officers and their patrol cars would provide a significant deterrent to criminal activity.
- b. The police officer ranks would tend to foster a more ethnically diverse membership.
- c. More resident police officers would be paying property taxes and help support our local economy,

The City Attorney's office told me that, contrary to Commissioner Dan Saltzman's denial, these positive changes that can be accomplished simply by passing a city ordinance.

It's time for the City Council to stop dallying and start taking control of the dysfunctional Portland Police Bureau from the president of the Portland Police union.

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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: APRIL 7, 2010

Today's Date MARCH 24, 2010

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Reason for the request:

A semantic solution to police brutality.

Charles E. Long
(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Charles E. Long to address Council regarding a semantic solution to police brutality (Communication)

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