



**5/14/2014**

For the record, my name is Joe Walsh and I represent Individuals for Justice. I come before you today to speak of corruption, not the normal kind but a more sinister kind of dishonesty and that being the lack of transparency by this body. Last week, we had a very short discussion concerning an ordinance that you will vote on today called the "Revised Disabled Person Parking Code" or as we call it, "Let's make a buck off the backs of the Disabled." This ordinance has nothing to do with fairness, nothing to do with resolving a problem, and it has everything to do with greed. Greed is never a good thing; it makes your eyes squint, your teeth rot and your soul wander for eternity. To make money off people who are walking with difficulty, people using walkers to get around, the blind, those like me on oxygen must be the lowest one can descend; it is a shame. We come not to plead before you as we know that is a waste of our time, we come today to offer you alternatives to your limited ability to do good.

After only ten minutes during one of our meetings we came up with a number of alternatives to this money producing action.

1. From Mr. Lightning, Grandfather in all disabled permits and tighten up rules for parking on new people requesting disabled permits.
2. From another member, enforce existing laws, if a person is misusing their disabled permit; take legal action against that person.
3. Use all of the new money generated to repair sidewalks and other city repairs that directly relate to the disabled.
4. Use warning notices for a period of one year.

There are more but my time is very limited, these are just some of the alternatives that you could have come up with, but this is about money and none of our alternatives give you more money.

We take great umbrage when we hear representatives use words like abuse, "They are abusing their right to park free," how, where, when?

The Oregonian showed us a video of car after car with disabled permits on them. That proves what? It only proves there are cars with disabled permits parked. I can show you the street outside that has no permits in their windows, what does that show? It shows that there are cars parked without disability permits on them. In other words your proof is non-existent and only for show. I resent you demonizing people who have disabilities and remind you that the American with Disabilities Act is not a privilege and I am fully prepared to file with the Department of Justice a complaint against you for violation of the Act. Reasonable Accommodation does not mean taking rights away, it means helping the disabled to live the best they can, paying for parking downtown for the disabled is not reasonable; it was a gift to our community and should not be now stolen.

**"You came with violence to remove Occupy,  
You came and stole from the homeless,  
Now you come for the disabled's money,  
Have you no shame, have you no shame."**

Joe Walsh, Founding member IFJ

Vietnam Veteran Against Wars

Occupy supporter

Activists, (not being paid by the city.)

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

Council Meeting Date: 5-14-14

Today's Date 3-12-14


Name Joseph Walsh

AUDITOR 03/12/14 AM 9:12

Address 7348 SE Division St

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for the request: Communication - Corruption

  
(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. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

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

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Request of Joseph Walsh to address Council regarding Communication corruption  
(Communication)

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**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		