

Testimony by Dan Handelman of Portland Copwatch  
September 17, 2014

Mayor Hales and members of Council

My name is Dan Handelman and I'm a member of Portland Copwatch. Five of us are here today to conduct a meeting with the Mayor after we spent over four months trying to obtain a sit-down meeting. We were alarmed by a number of city policies that were being formulated behind closed doors with no public discussion in these chambers. We wrote a lengthy analysis outlining our concerns. Despite being clear about these concerns, we were blocked by the Mayor's current policy aide, former Officer Deanna Wesson Mitchell, who insisted we meet with her first to clarify the issues. Since our concerns include discussions being held in private, we decided holding this meeting publicly would be most productive, albeit limited to 15 minutes and possibly a one-way conversation.

You'll be hearing about issues related to targeting homeless people, our oversight system, and video recording by the police.

But I want to address a few issues including one that the Mayor and I first encountered in the year 2000, the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Earlier this year when the Chief brought forward his less-than-satisfactory annual report on the Bureau's participation with this FBI project, the Mayor said he would ask the new Special Agent in Charge for security clearance to properly oversee the Portland officers involved in the JTTF. He also said he would bring the issue back to Council "this summer" if that did not happen. This is the last Council meeting before fall. The one bit of information we did get from Ms. Wesson Mitchell in response to our concerns was "The Mayor will not apply for or receive a security clearance as is actually standard throughout the nation." This shows a lack of insight into the history of this controversial issue, as the Mayor in Portland is the Police Commissioner. So while other Mayors may not have such clearance, it's our understanding that some police commissioners do.

We also raised concerns about the "stop and talk" program that was outlined in a December issue of the Portland Tribune, which featured two officers stopping a car full of young African Americans and one officer saying "You don't mind if we pat you down so we can speak like gentlemen?" I don't know about you, but when I'm just chit-chatting with friends or fellow Portlanders I don't start the conversation by searching them for weapons. It's still not clear to us if this program, which reportedly had to do with officers getting out of their cars for 15 minutes at a time, is the same as the Neighborhood Involvement Locations (NIOc) program or the "quality of life" patrols in Hawthorne and the Lloyd Districts. We heard one story of a business person in a North Portland NIOc who was concerned that the foot patrols made it seem as if it was a high crime area, and anecdotal evidence that the people being approached on foot seemed to be primarily African Americans.

Lack of written documentation on these programs makes it very difficult to accurately assess the potential rights violations inherent in them, and of course the lack of discussion of these issues at Council means that the broader community, including those who will most likely be recipients of the policies' provisions-- people of color, homeless people, and others vulnerable to police contact-- have no input into them. We'd like to get copies of the written policies for stop and talk; NIOc, "quality of life" and clarity on the JTTF.

Thank you

**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** Portland Copwatch <copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1:02 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** RE: Signing up for Council Communicaitons: Wed Sept 17, 9:30 AM

karla

the fifth spot was me, I was the first to sign up and I sent you my contact info..

- >> Dan Handelman PO Box 42456 Portland OR 97242
- >> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns
- >> Regina Hannon
- >> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns
- >> Barbara Ross
- >> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns
- >> Carol Landsman
- >> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns Mike
- >> Tabor
- >> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns

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On Tue, 12 Aug 2014, Moore-Love, Karla wrote:

- > Dan,
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- > I have four people who signed up to speak on September 17 and will be listed in the following order:
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- > Regina Hannon
- > Barbara Ross
- > Carol Landsman
- > Mike Tabor
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- > I have to let that fifth spot go unless you have someone who can send in a request today.
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- > Thanks,
- > Karla
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- > From: Moore-Love, Karla
- > Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 4:45 PM
- > To: 'Joe Anybody'
- > Cc: Copwatch Copwatch
- > Subject: RE: Signing up for Council Communicaitons: Wed Sept 17, 9:30

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> Hello Mike,

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> Thank you for your request to address the Portland City Council. You will be placed on the Wednesday, September 17, 2014 agenda. Communications are the first item on the official agenda and we start at 9:30 a.m. You will have three minutes to address the Council but you may also submit written material, please provide seven copies.

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> Note - Communications allow the Council to hear of issues that interest our citizens but does not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

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> Council takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd floor, Council Chambers.

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> An earlier email indicated your topic would be "meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns". Please let me know if you are not able to keep this appointment.

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> Regards,

> Karla

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> Karla Moore-Love | Council Clerk

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> From: Joe Anybody [mailto:callingzebra3@hotmail.com]

> Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 3:04 PM

> To: Moore-Love, Karla

> Cc: Copwatch Copwatch

> Subject: Signing up for Council Communicaitons: Wed Sept 17, 9:30 AM

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> Hello Karla,

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> Here is my contact information you are requesting for a Communications Meeting on Sept 17th:

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> My name is Mike Tabor

> 10707 NE Sacramento Street

> Portland Oregon 97220

> 503-890-5976

> callingzebra3@hotmail.com<mailto:callingzebra3@hotmail.com>

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> Thanks From Mike T.

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>> Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2014 16:44:30  
>> From: Portland Copwatch  
>> <copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org<mailto:copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org>>  
>> To: "Moore-Love, Karla"  
>> <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov<mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portland  
>> oregon.gov>>  
>> Subject: RE: Next dates for Communications?  
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>> Karla  
>> OK, here's the list (as far as I know--it's subject to change but  
>> I'll let you know asap)  
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>> Dan Handelman PO Box 42456 Portland OR 97242  
>> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns  
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>> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns  
>> Barbara Ross  
>> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns  
>> Carol Landsman  
>> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns Mike  
>> Tabor  
>> Topic: Meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns  
>>  
>> Do you need something more specific than that?  
>> dan  
>>  
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>> On Tue, 5 Aug 2014, Moore-Love, Karla wrote:  
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>>> Hi Dan,  
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>>> September 17 is the next date all 5 slots are available. The Mayor  
>>> is expected to attend but Comm. Novick will be absent.  
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>>> I you get me a list right away I can hold those 5 spots until  
>>> Friday. Policy requires everyone to submit their own request. It has  
>>> to include their name, address, phone number, date they wish to  
>>> speak and topic. They can email them to me.  
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>>> Thanks,  
>>> Karla  
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>>> n.gov/auditor/councilclerk>  
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>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>> From: Portland Copwatch [mailto:copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org]  
>>> Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 9:09 PM  
>>> To: Moore-Love, Karla  
>>> Subject: Next dates for Communications?  
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>>> Karla  
>>> Hi, wondering when the next day might be for 5 open slots on  
>>> Communications-- and it needs to be a day the Mayor is in town.  
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>>> This is a separate question, in a way, from when I asked on behalf  
>>> of Peace and Justice Works... anyway, once you get me the date I  
>>> will contact folks about signing up as fast as possible... right,  
>>> you want to hear from them directly, not from me with a list?  
>>> dan  
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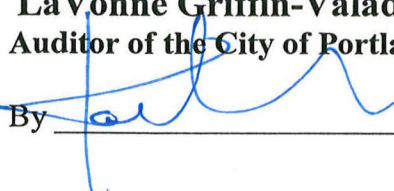
Request of Dan Handelman to address Council regarding meeting with the Mayor  
and police accountability concerns (Communication)

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

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COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		