

Mayor Hales and Commissioners. My name is Regina Hannon and I have been a member of Portland Copwatch for ten years. In April we asked for a meeting with the Mayor but were told June would be better due to the budget process. We agreed and made several other attempts to get a meeting scheduled. It is now September. However, this has resulted in our being able to discuss our concerns in a very public forum and this is a good thing.

My major concern is how the City and the Portland Police Bureau treat people who are homeless and I find this to be inhumane and shameful.

The Portland Police Bureau is constantly coming up with programs to make the lives of the homeless even more difficult than they already are. First there was Prosper Portland. Chief Reese stated this would ensure prosperity for everyone, including the homeless. That didn't happen and the program presumably died. Then came the Chronic Offender Pilot Project (COPP). If people indulged in certain behaviors they were placed on a list and if the behavior reoccurred, the person was charged with Interfering with a Police Officer. IPO. When it was first instituted, 17 of 19 arrestees were alleged to be in violation of the Sidewalk Ordinance. This was completely wrong. "Miscommunication," according to the DA's Office. However, they couldn't undo the convictions already in place. Our articles in our recent People's Police Reports provide more information regarding the steps occurring after the arrests, including appearances in Community Court.

I've spoken with a number of homeless folks who are repeatedly stopped by officers and asked for ID. In one instance, a man was told if he didn't produce his name and ID he would be arrested. This doesn't happen to me so why are my fellow human beings being treated differently? This seems too much like those times in

recent history when certain people were stopped and asked to produce “their papers.” Frightening.

The Mayor signed a contract in April with Pacific Patrol Services, a private security firm, that can go to various campsites, dismantle them and confiscate people’s property. To me, this smacks of theft and results in the taking of the most basic belongings such as blankets, sleeping bags and medication. Retrieving these belongs can be arduous and complicated.

Fear of those who might be perceived as different is still being used and most always about people who are homeless.

There was a recent article about community policing in the Hawthorne area. There seemed to be some distinctions made between the homeless, people selling various crafts and “travelers.” We have some concern regarding treatment of the travelers. We ask, what is the distinction, how is it made and who makes it? All people must be treated humanely and respectfully or we are not the society we need to be.

Thank you.

**Moore-Love, Karla**

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Ms. Moore-Love. I wish to speak at the September 17 Council meeting regarding a meeting with the Mayor and police accountability concerns.

My address is:

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Thank you.

Regina Hannon

Request of Regina Hannon to address Council regarding meeting with the Mayor  
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