

Hello Mayor and City Council,

I'm a member of Portland Copwatch that wanted to sit down and meet with you about concerns our group had regarding filming by the police. I'm now using this time to speak to you because our group was not able to get a meeting with you without getting by Officer Wesson Mitchell's conflicts of interest. Her position on the issues we've raised comes off as defensive of Bureau behavior and policies. We feel this is not helpful for someone who should be listening to community concerns and figuring out how to implement change, rather than helping perpetuate the status quo.

We are concerned about the police filming residents of Portland. We have seen over and over the Police filming people at public gatherings and protests. When asked "why they are filming" or "what are they doing with the film footage", the police usually reply "we are using it for training purposes and to ask the City Attorney for more information". We know that ORS 181.575 states the police are not to be filming, spying on or recording citizens, religious organizations or political groups. And we are concerned that the police are continuing to film and collect this video footage to this day. We have written about this concern repeatedly.

This concern of filming by the police takes me to my next point about the use of lapel cameras that are to be worn by police. I'm speaking of the body worn camera by an officer while on duty. Because, for example, there is not enough information on what is happening with the camera data, and the use and storage of the video footage that is collected, and whether it will be viewed with transparent oversight, we at Portland Copwatch are not able support the police filming the residents of Portland using these cameras.

There has been only one public study made so far on this type of camera worn by police and the information doesn't prove it makes police behavior any better or safer. It was paid for in part by the cameras' manufacturer, who stands to make money from good press. Many people are saying that police worn cameras can stop police abuse and misconduct, but we don't know if that is true or if it even changes police conduct.

We do encourage people to film the police, and in fact we offer trainings to the public on "how to film the police" and what a person's rights are, but it's our opinion that having the "police film citizens" with body worn cameras is potentially illegal.

There needs to be more conversation with the public, oversight committees and organizations on what this type of filming does to our privacy, and how the recordings will be stored and accessed. Will the acquired footage be used for spying, tracing, investigating or data mined for information? We have no assurance the police will use the footage for accountability purposes. We do not know how or who will be reviewing the video tapes and how it will relate to discipline or to correcting bad behavior. We are concerned the footage will be used as a dragnet to hunt for evidence to prosecute people. We are concerned it could be used in assisting investigations that are not warranted nor would be allowed under the purview of legitimate police business. It seems the City already made up its mind to get these cameras, but these questions need to be discussed with residents who need to feel safe and secure in their rights to privacy and not to incriminate themselves. In conclusion, the police should not film the citizens of Portland by any type of camera without at least reasonable suspicion of criminal activity as called for in ORS 181.575.

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Joe Anybody <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

Hello Karla,

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

My name is Mike Tabor
10707 NE Sacramento Street
Portland Oregon 97220
503-890-5976
callingzebra3@hotmail.com

Thanks From Mike T.

> Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2014 16:44:30
> From: Portland Copwatch <copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org>
> To: "Moore-Love, Karla" <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov>
> Subject: RE: Next dates for Communications?
>
> 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
> 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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> Do you need something more specific than that?
> dan
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> --Portland Copwatch
> (a project of Peace and Justice Works)
> PO Box 42456

> Portland, OR 97242
> (503) 236-3065 (office)
> (503) 321-5120 (incident report line)
> copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org
> <http://www.portlandcopwatch.org>
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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.
> >
> > Thanks,
> > Karla
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> > Karla Moore-Love | Council Clerk
> > City of Portland | Office of the City Auditor
> > 1221 SW 4th Ave Rm 130
> > Portland OR 97204-1900
> > email: Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov
> > phone:503.823.4086
> > Clerk's Webpage: www.portlandoregon.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?
> >
> > 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 Mike Tabor to address Council regarding meeting with the Mayor and
police accountability concerns (Communication)

SEP 17 2014

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

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