

**CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF  
CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH DOJ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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## Testimony to City Council re Choice of COCL – October 29, 2014

I am glad an Agreement was reached, and hope that reforms being made will ensure that in the future mentally ill individuals will never lose their lives or be injured when other solutions are possible.

The Compliance Officer/Community Liaison to oversee the DOJ/Portland/Police Bureau Agreement must have ALL of these qualifications:

- 1.) A thorough understanding of the Agreement.
- 2.) Strong knowledge about mental illness and how to deal positively and successfully with individuals in crisis, and concern for everyone's safety and peaceful resolutions.
- 3.) A knowledgeable team to work with who reflect the diversity of the city.
- 4.) Familiarity with Portland and it's various neighborhoods and communities.
- 5.) Familiarity with the Portland Police Bureau and how it operates.
- 6.) Familiarity with past history of police and community relations, as well as knowledge about recent events that led up to the DOJ lawsuit.

I am quite sure there are individuals who have **all six** of these qualifications. If none of the present three candidates does, then City Council should open up the process to search for and recruit a COCL person who will be able to **fully** accomplish this important job.



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