

DR. DENNIS ROSENBAUM - COCLINDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER & COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR DOJ SETTLEMENT

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Cc: Hales, Mayor; Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: RE: Portland Copwatch Testimony on Compliance Officer/Community Liaison=FOLLOW UP

Dan,

Thank you for contacting Mayor Hales regarding the Compliance Officer decision. We appreciate your feedback on this important matter. I shared your comments with the Mayor and staff this morning.

Best,

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Portland Copwatch Testimony on Compliance Officer/Community Liaison

To the members of City Council:

On October 29 when Council was taking public comment on the three finalists for the Compliance Officer/Community Liaison, I was present in the chambers but opted not to testify. In addition to the fact that we'd already sent in written comments, I avoided speaking directly to a subject related to the DOJ Agreement because you all had, just one week earlier, voted to appeal Judge Simon's order to appear for annual hearings. It seemed to me that there only being three people testifying about the COCL was a louder message than I could have sent: that Council's action to appeal the order was seen as a slap in the face to the community and so a lot of interest in the process that had accumulated was dashed by your vote.

But instead, Council seems to have gotten the message that since nobody spoke up to oppose the idea of an out-of-town COCL (though it's my recollection that one of the testifiers did write off Mr. Rosenbaum for that

reason), it would be ok to ignore the hand-picked committee which advised the Council not to consider the team from Chicago. Our October 15 written testimony was neutral, but once the comments from the interview panel were posted and we did some digging, we now tend to agree with those interviewers.

We're hearing information about Dennis Rosenbaum from Chicago that makes us concerned he is more interested in his relationship with the police than with accountability. People involved in police accountability issues there hardly even recognize his name.

While Justice DeMuniz is promising to be the local connection for the Chicago team, he teaches in Salem and will not be the overall collector of information and assessor of implementation envisioned by the Agreement. It's been reported that he intends to work as the emissary for the COCL team one day per week, which means he will likely not be able to attend meetings of advisory groups other than the COAB, look over the shoulder of the Portland Police as they compile information required for COCL reports, hold office hours for community outreach, or conduct a thorough assessment of whether the DOJ Agreement is being implemented properly.

After City Council voted to appeal Judge Simon's order, you now have announced your intention to choose the one COCL candidate the community said should be out of the running. If you want to send the message that you just don't care, then say it straight and stop pretending you do.

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