

Sept 30

Thank you for allowing me to address the council. My name is Colleen Kellogg and I live in SW Portland with my husband and 2 children. I teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Montclair Elementary and have brought 4 members of our Social Justice Committee with me today. I am concerned about the apparent growing homeless population in our city. I spend a lot of time driving through the industrial east side for my children's various sports practices and the tents along side streets seem to be increasing exponentially. In our own neighborhood we have noticed people sleeping in our parks and under access ramps to the freeway. Last week the mayor suggested that the city declare a "State of Emergency" in regard to the homeless crisis. Before this announcement, I was curious what the city's end game was regarding safe and affordable housing for all in Portland. I recognize that homelessness is a multi-pronged problem involving possible mental health as well as physical health issues, possible drug addiction and lack of employment opportunities. It is hard to imagine addressing these issues with folks when stable housing is not available. With the "State of Emergency" declaration, what specific steps does the council foresee and are there any actions citizens can take to help provide dignity, safety and stable housing to the most vulnerable in our community. It seems that shelter beds are only a short term fix. Rather, radical ideas may be the only way to influence systemic change in the way our city reverses the homeless trend. I am not sure what these ideas might be – but there must certainly be model programs in other cities that have successfully tackled this complex issue. Do you have any plans to implement action items other than increasing shelter beds? If so, when are those expected to take place and how will they be sustainably funded?

Thank you for your time.

## Moore-Love, Karla

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**From:** Colleen Kellogg <colspaugh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 3:49 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Re: council meeting

Karla,

Thank you so much for responding. The issue I wanted to speak to is the city's long term plan for dealing with homelessness and stable housing. I frequently pass through the inner east side near the Hawthorne Bridge. Over the past year it seems as though the tents are increasing exponentially. I used to walk that area while my daughter is at batting practice near OMSI - but now I find myself hesitating to do that on my own. We live in South Burlingame and have also noticed that people are sleeping under the I-5 overpass near Terwilliger. Is these particular areas anomalies or are they representative of a larger problem? Are there things that individual citizens can to help the city? What is the long term plan for acquiring stable housing for people who have experienced either short term or chronic homelessness in our city?

I am a teacher so missing school the first month would not be ideal, but I could probably make September 30 work. Would I be able to bring a handful of students from our social justice club? (3/4/5 grade students)

Thank you for your consideration.

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On Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 2:08 PM, Moore-Love, Karla <[Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Kellogg,

Thank you for your inquiry about speaking to the Portland City Council. Every Wednesday at our 9:30 a.m. session we allow the first five people who have signed up in advance to address the Council for three minutes during the Communication portion of the agenda. Our next available dates are September 16<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Please let me know if a date in September will work for you. Your request should include your name, address, phone number, date you wish to speak and what it is you will be speaking about.

Regards,

Karla

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 9:45 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** council meeting

Dear Ms. Moore-Love,

If I had an issue or concern that I wanted to bring up at a city council meeting how would I do that?

Thanks,

Colleen Kellogg

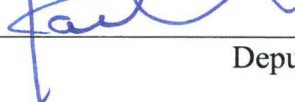
Request of Colleen Kellogg to address Council regarding the City's plan for  
dealing with homelessness and stable housing (Communication)

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