

Testimony of Jack Pollock to the Portland City Council 2/28/2018

Good morning and thank you. My name is Jack Pollock. I belong to one of the many citizen's groups around town working to strengthen Portland's Sanctuary City status.

We come here today to express our appreciation to the **Council**, the **Mayor's Office**, and the **Chief of Police** for all the work you've done to improve our Sanctuary City policies, specifically, Police Directive 810.10, currently titled: "**Immigration Enforcement and Diplomatic Immunity**". The changes you have made put Portland on track to becoming a model of fairly applied law enforcement and an exemplar for Sanctuary Cities everywhere.

The directive, as previously written gave Portland Police discretion to cooperate with, and facilitate the work of **Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agencies** within **The Department of Homeland Security**. Those agencies, under the Trump regime, have committed a list of abuses and civil rights violations too long to enumerate in the time allowed. All of this only served to complicate Police Officer's jobs. It undermined public confidence, and discouraged people from cooperating with them.

Much of what needed correcting in 810.10 has now been addressed and rewritten in accordance with Oregon state law and RESOLUTION 37277. We thank you and your energetic staffs for your dedication to make Portland, a sanctuary for Dreamers and Immigrants, and a safer, more productive community. We thank you for setting an example of what city officials and citizens can achieve by working together.

There **are** areas of 810.10 that still need further revision, so we ask that you continue to work with the **ACLU, Causa, The Innovation Law Lab**, and other community groups like ours to further improve the document.

Finally, with the revisions to 810.10, must come the assurance of training and accountability. Attorney General Sessions does not recognize Sanctuary Cities and is, **ironically**, contemptuous of our **state's rights**. This means as long as there are loopholes that allow cooperation between Portland Police and ICE, CBP and DHS, Sanctuary status remains a mere symbolic gesture, and we cannot protect the people who live and work here with symbolic gestures.

We **can** take **inspiration** from one symbolic gesture illustrated by Portlandia, our mighty colossus who kneels to extend a compassionate hand down from on high so she can **lift** people **up**, not throw them **out**. It's worth noting that her other hand holds a trident **behind** her, pointed, I think, towards Washington DC to guard against it's attacks on our sovereignty.

Portland faces many challenges, but the work on 810.10 shows that together we can meet those challenges and make life better for everyone living here.

2/28

Parsons, Susan

Subject: FW: Request for time on communications

Dear Ms Parsons,

Thank you for your prompt reply!

I would prefer the February 28th slot if still available.

My topic is: A Request To Merge 810.10 and the ACLU 9 Model Plan to Make Portland's Sanctuary Status Codified and Enforcable and Not Merely Symbolic.

Great work has already been done and is being done by the Council and Law Enforcement. We just need to be prepared for hostile Federal overreach.

Thank you very much for your time!

Sincerely,

Jack Pollock

> On Dec 11, 2017, at 1:55 PM, Parsons, Susan <Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:
 > > Hello Jack,
 > Thank you for your email. Our next Communications opening is Feb 21st. Will that work for you? February 28th is also available.
 > > Please let me know which date you'd like and what your topic is.
 > Here is further information for you on the Communications portion of the agenda:
 > * You will have three minutes to address the Council and may also submit written material (please provide seven copies).
 > * We start the meeting at 9:30 and Communications are the first item on the agenda.
 > * Please note communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.
 > * The Council meeting takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers.
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 > Regards,
 > Susan
 > Susan Parsons
 > Assistant Council Clerk
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 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: Jack Pollock [mailto:jack@jackpollock.net]
 > Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:49 AM
 > To: Parsons, Susan <Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov>
 > Subject: Request for time on communications
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 > Dear Ms Parsons,
 > > I would like to submit a request for time to speak to the City Council.
 > > If there is any other information you need, please let me know and I will be happy to send it to you.
 > > Thank you very much, and I look forward to hearing from you!
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 > Sincerely,
 > > Jack Pollock


Request of Jack Pollock to address Council regarding merge 810.10 and the ACLU 9 Model Plan to make Portland's sanctuary status codified and enforceable and not merely symbolic (Communication)

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