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Subject: FW: Thank you and follow-up/ correction to district coalition and PUAH presentation
Attachments: SEUL PUAH Testimony Jan 2019.pdf

Hi Karla,

This message came into our inbox today. I talked with Mustafa and he told me that I should pass it onto you as you will be able to distribute the correction. Does that seem correct? Thanks!

Sincerely,

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Hello Mayor and Commissioners,

Thanks for your attentiveness yesterday during the district coalitions' presentation on equitable funding progress in the morning, and the Portland United Against Hate report in the afternoon. SE Uplift was happy to participate in both important discussions.

I need to make a correction to my statement yesterday in the morning session: SE Uplift staff DID in fact receive a pay increase for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. I mistakenly stated that they did NOT, and realized my error shortly after when I recalled the discussion of our Board of Directors when approving this year's budget. Our board insisted that staff get as high a cost of living adjustment as possible due to rising costs and the expense of Portland, and our budget reflected their decision, despite the cut in our contract with the City. I apologize for that error and wanted to make that correction.

Additionally, I am attaching the full testimony SE Uplift prepared in support of PUAH, since due to time constraints Commissioner Hardesty had to leave, and most of us who were final panelists either abbreviated or rushed our statements.

Thanks for your time, attention, and your support of the important community-government partnerships that PUAH and the district coalitions represent.

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SE Uplift Testimony in Support of Portland United Against Hate Report
January 16, 2018

Swastikas and anti-feminist, misogynistic graffiti in the Kerns Neighborhood in 2016. Neighbors stood up to say hate is not welcome in this neighborhood! Community partners including the neighborhood association, SE Uplift, and others organized United in Love, a Valentine's Day Vigil, after this incident, one of the initial sequence of circumstances that contributed to shaping what is now Portland United Against Hate.

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In the past year and a half, PUAH has been an extraordinary example of what is possible in a community-City partnership. This collaborative network has catalyzed the strength and knowledge of dozens of diverse groups. What a poignant yet straightforward step for the City of Portland— to fund a staff position and offer grant-funding to coordinate and build resources toward the goal of unity against hate. Thank you.

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Hopefully we're all acquainted with the disparaging data reflecting hate crimes in Oregon. The need to take public, rapid, decisive action to deplore white nationalism and incidences of hate and bias against non-majority populations is not up for debate— standing up for the fundamental issues of inclusion, safety, and shared humanity is our collective responsibility, and something I know we all believe in.

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PUAH has been a model of how to do that.

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SE Uplift's involvement with the PUAH Coalition has increased our organization's ability to identify hate violence, prepare for acts of hate, and respond to them rapidly and publicly.

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We've had ample opportunity—

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Participating in a vigil when racist anti-immigrant hate graffiti was put up at an elementary school,

[REDACTED]

Taking down anti-Semitic posters & anti-Immigrant posters and replacing them with posters of love made by a neighbor.

Removing Islamophobic fliers from telephone poles [REDACTED]

Coordinating a community-building event after a family's safety was jeopardized when on two consecutive days, bbs were shot through their living room window^[1]_[SEP]

Coordinating a pilot project with Crime Prevention and neighborhood association members to create a community toolkit for responding to hate.

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It was from relationships within PUAH that SE Uplift was able to collaborate so successfully with our community partners to install the Mulugeta Seraw street sign caps last November to honor his life and remember his murder.

SE Uplift has made the decision to allocate significant staff time to PUAH: we've re-written staff job descriptions to account for the time spent working on PUAH social media and newsletter, co-chairing committees, and more: SE Uplift is committed to and invested in the PUAH Coalition.

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Leveraging the strengths of pre-existing infrastructures that have a historical relationship with City government, such as neighborhood associations and district coalitions, along with the deep wisdom, creativity, and skill of PUAH partners is a combined effort of which we can all be proud. This is undoubtedly a team of people that City government wants to see continue to do vital anti-hate work. Let's not overlook the fact that ultimately our work is to PREVENT acts of hate, and there is much to be done. SE Uplift strongly values the opportunity to be a part of PUAH and fully acknowledges that participating in PUAH has contributed vastly to keeping the work of our organization relevant to the needs of our community.

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This partnership is making progress building trusted networks of profound benefit to the City. Let this anti-hate work and this successful partnership continue.