



October 21-27, 2022 Council Agenda

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An Emergency Special Council Meeting was scheduled October 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 21, 2022 10:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Emergency Special Council Meeting

Pursuant to Portland City Code Section 3.02.020 B., members of Council convened an emergency special meeting to discuss initiatives to fast-track construction of affordable housing and better connect services to houseless Portlanders.

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Mayor Wheeler left at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Mapps presided in his absence.

Officers in attendance: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Items 883, 886, 890, 891, 892 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

Council recessed at 1:27 p.m.

Communications

874

[Request of Chris Reid to address Council regarding SW Capitol Highway Rose Lane Project effect on Hillsdale](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 874-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

875

[Request of Sarah Pearson to address Council regarding SE Division St median causing road rage](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 875-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

876

[Request of Tawnya Pearson to address Council regarding SE Division St safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 876-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

877

[Request of Jayne Lacey to address Council regarding experience working in Portland Parks & Recreation as an arborist](#) (Communication)

Document number: 877-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

878

[Request of Lily Gilbert to address Council regarding experience working as a Portland Parks & Recreation horticulturalist](#) (Communication)

Document number: 878-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

879

[Accept Oregon: The State of Sport Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 879-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Hardesty.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

880

[Accept the 2021-22 Parks Levy Annual Report and the Parks Levy Oversight Committee Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 880-2022

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

881

[Accept the Technology Oversight Committee Quarterly Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 881-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

882

[Reappoint Eric Bressman and Bill Bailey to the Building Code Board of Appeal for terms to expire August 26, 2025](#) (Report)

Document number: 882-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

883

[*Authorize a Letter of Agreement between the City and the Portland Police Command Officers' Association to adopt a Corrective Action Guide to ensure consistency and fairness](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191049

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Agenda item 883 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

884

[*Authorize Bureau of Human Resources Director to execute amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for the Hatfield Resident Fellows program not to exceed \\$960,000 \(amend Contract No. 30006407\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191040

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

885

[*Authorize a sixty-four month lease with Prosper Portland for office space at 10550 NE Halsey St for use by the Office of Community and Civic Life for an estimated average annual lease of \\$22,235](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191041

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

886

[*Pay settlement of Evelyn Cushing bodily injury claim in the sum of \\$47,500 involving the Portland Police Bureau \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191048

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Agenda item 886 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

887

[*Pay workers' compensation claims of Steve Arthur in the sum of \\$24,500 involving Fleet Services \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191042

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

888

[Create a new non-represented classification of Streetcar Maintenance Supervisor and establish a compensation range for this classification \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191043

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 864.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

889

[*Amend license agreement with Hoyt Arboretum Friends to operate and manage the Hoyt Arboretum \(amend Contract No. 30002589\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191044

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

890

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to design and execute a summit in early 2023 on equitable civic engagement and co-governance for amount not to exceed \\$108,850](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191061

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Office of Community & Civic Life

Agenda item 890 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Vote called. Item failed to pass. (Y-Rubio, Hardesty; N-Mapps, Ryan, Wheeler)

Motion for reconsideration: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading November 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

891

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to expand and improve the Neighborhood Profiles project for amount not to exceed \\$61,250](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191062

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Office of Community & Civic Life

Agenda item 891 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading November 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

892

[*Amend Public Right-of-Way Parking Code to reflect changes in on-street parking laws, rules, and technology related to meter feeding \(amend Code Chapter 16.20\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Agenda item 892 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Affairs

893

[Amend Legislation & Elections Code to update deadlines related to vote abstracts \(amend Code Sections 2.04.160 and 2.08.120\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191060

Introduced by: Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

Bureau: City of Portland Elections Office

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Agenda

894

[Accept bid from Kemper Sports Management, LLC for five-year contract for clubhouse operations at Colwood, Eastmoreland, Heron Lakes, and Rose City golf courses for an estimated cost of \\$40 million \(Procurement Report - Bid No. 00001854\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 894-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Rubio.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Nay

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

895

[Declare City Council support to form stakeholder advisory groups to support post-pandemic economic recovery in the Central City and Neighborhood Business Districts](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37591

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

896

[Amend annual grant fund limit not to exceed \\$450,000 for the Habitat Fund in support of the Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan \(amend Ordinance No. 184345\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191045

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Second reading agenda item 866.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

897

[Amend Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Code to better align with and equitably meet City climate action goals \(amend Code Chapter 7.07\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191046

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Second reading agenda item 873.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

898

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Home Forward to authorize budget allocation of \\$1,552,691 in Emergency Rent Assistance Program funds from Department of the Treasury and Community Development Block Grant – CV funds from Department of Housing and Urban Development \(amend IGA No. 30007938\)](#)
(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191047

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Four-Fifths Agenda

898 - 1

[Authorize the City Attorney to take legal action against McKinsey and Company, Inc., and any other third party that assisted opioid manufacturers in deceptively marketing prescription opioids, to recover public funds that have been and will be expended by the City as a result of the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of prescription opioids](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37592

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Mayor Wheeler left at 7:23 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m. Commissioner Mapps presided in his absence.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:23 p.m.

Council recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Council recessed at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Council recessed at 9:09 p.m.

Time Certain

899

[Establish key actions to increase affordable housing construction](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37593

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours (1 of 5)

Disposition: Continued

Continued to November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Submit written testimony to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

900

[Assess options to increase coordination and enhance unhoused access to paid non-standard work](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37594

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours (2 of 5)

Disposition: Continued

Continued to November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Submit written testimony to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

901

[Connect mental health and substance abuse recovery services to unhoused individuals](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37595

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours (3 of 5)

Disposition: Continued

Continued to November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Submit written testimony to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

902

[Set City budget priorities to implement affordable housing, connect homeless individuals with sanitary, mental health and substance abuse recovery services and request assistance from County, Metro, State, and Federal partners](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 930-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours (4 of 5)

Disposition: Continued

Continued to November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Submit written testimony to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

903

[Create a diversion program for individuals experiencing homelessness](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37597

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours (5 of 5)

Disposition: Continued

Continued to November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Submit written testimony to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Megan Lehman, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Time Certain

904

[*Adopt the FY 2022-23 Fall Technical Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191050

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 90 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

905

[Adopt the West Portland Town Center Plan Goals and Policies, Visions, Action Charts, Land Use Concept and Circulation Growth Concept Diagrams, and Coordinated Growth Strategy for Zoning and Infrastructure; amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, Title 33, and Citywide Design Guidelines \(amend Title 33\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Information found at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/wpdx-town-center>.

Oral and written record are closed.

Disposition: Continued As Amended

Motion to approve the technical amendments to the recommended draft: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)

Continued to November 16, 2022 at 10:25 a.m. Time Certain as amended

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
October 26, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**

Name	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler	
Keelan McClymont	
Commissioner Mingus Mapps	
Commissioner Carmen Rubio	
Commissioner Dan Ryan	
Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	
Karen Moynahan	
Chris Reid	874
Jayne Lacey	877
Lily Gilbert	878
Shea Flaherty Betin	879
Andrew Hoan	879
Marc Poris	879
Adena Long	880
Claire Flynn	880
Judy BlueHorse Skelton	880
Ethan Cirmo	881
Jeff Baer	881
Wilfred Pinfold	881
Jess Cline	894
Maximo Behrens	894
Vincent Johnson	894
BJ Swearer	894
Steven Becic	894
Tom Williams	894
Tim Dack	894
Eric Zimmerman	895
Kaitlyn Dey	895
Jennifer Chang	898
Naomi Sheffield	898-1
Marianne Fitzgerald	890, 891
Michael Montoya	890, 891
Marc Poris	883, 886

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Commissioner Dan Ryan	
Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	
Anne Milligan	
Bobby Lee	899-903
Christina Ghan	899-903
Andrew McGough	899-903
Skyler Brock-Knapp	899-903
Dakotah Thompson	899-903
Sharon Meieran	899-903
Jessica Vega-Pederson	899-903
Kaia Sands	899-903
Andy Miller	899-903

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Commissioner Dan Ryan	
Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	
Lauren King	
Jessica Kinard	904
Molly Rogers	904
Jennifer Chang	904
Sheila Craig	904
Chief Sara Boone	904
Derek Bradley	904
Patricia Diefenderfer	905
Joan Fredericksen	905
Bill Cunningham	905
Matt Tschabold	905

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October 26, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: This is the October session of the Portland City Council. Keelan, good morning. Call the roll. (roll call)

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: now we're going to hear from our amazing legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Thank you, mayor. Welcome to the Portland City Council. City Council is holding hybrid public meetings with in-person attendance in addition to electronic attendance. If you wish to testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance before the council agenda on the council web page at www.Portland.gov/council/agenda. You may sign up for the communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony and resolutions, reports, or the first readings of ordinances. Written testimony may be submitted at cctestimony@PortlandOregon.gov. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. For testifiers joining virtually, please unmute yourselves once council calls your name. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings so everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done.

Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected, a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. First up is communications. Our first individual, please, Keelan, and that is number 874.

Speaker: Clerk: request of chris reid to address council recording southwest capitol highway rosaline project, effect on hillsdale.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning. Thank you for being here. We appreciate it.

Speaker: My name is chris reid. I manage commercial property in hillsdale. I come today to follow up on the capitol highway rosaline project which was installed five weeks ago. As we feared, the project has left the community confused and frustrated. Aftermath issues we initially expressed have already come true. Eastbound, one business on the south side reports a 9% loss of revenue from the prior month due to loss of commuting customers. Several businesses are reporting an increase in their morning commute, oftentimes wading through three cycles of a traffic signal to get into hillsdale, causing employees to be late. Buses are caught in this, enough to cause riders requesting to get off the bus prior to the stop so they are not late to work. Any -- utilizing the bus lane is lost and the time getting into hillsdale. This will only increase whether traffic counts increase. Any carbon emissions saved by the bus is also lost in the backlog of traffic getting into hillsdale. There's increased difficulty turning into the south side parking lot, having to cross a bus lane while trying to avoid bikers and pedestrians. Drivers feel this is a

dangerous experience. South side parking lot is a disaster at times, due to the difficulty exiting the lot, crossing over or merge into the consolidated eastbound lane of cars that has limited access points, and reports of customers detouring around and entirely hillsdale entirely because the lanes are so confusing. All of these issues are caused by an to save one to two minutes during morning peak times based on pre-covid traffic counts, traffic counts that we do not currently have or if we will. Westbound even peak hour complaints continue to increase on the backup from barber to capitol highway. It is extremely confusing for those cars wanting to turn right on sunset due to the red paint. Cars that want to turn right into sunset have begun detouring to bypass the intersection. Why have a lane that is used perhaps 1 to 2% of the day, empty the rest, causing these issues? In August I invited city commissioners to take a field trip before the project is installed. Today I invite commissioner hardesty to make the same trip. We will be emailing this week for a time certain for your visit and for an assessment of the impact of this project. Trimed is currently proposing to discontinue 12 bus lines in Portland by October 31st. Those proposals combined with pbot's ... Makes no sense. With the initial negative feedback we are receiving due to the project, I shudder to think of how much it will escalate with increased traffic counts. With the continuation of covid and the practice of hybrid environments, the likelihood of having pre-covid traffic counts is uncertain. Please stop the negative impact on the business and the neighborhoods and remove capitol highway project.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we appreciate you being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm forgetting my job. The next individual, please. 875, just considering what she was saying. Thank you, by the way, for the documents. It's helpful. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: request of sarah pearson to address council. I don't believe sarah has joined us yet.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: is she online?

Speaker: Clerk: she is not.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. Next individual, please, item 876.

Speaker: Clerk: request of tawnya pearson to address council regarding se division street safety. I don't think they've joined us yet either.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: 876, please.

Speaker: Clerk: 877.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: you're right. I'm sorry. I need to learn how to count. 877 is the next individual, please.

Speaker: Clerk: request of jayne lacey to address council regarding experience working in Portland parks & recreation as an arborist.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning.

Speaker: Honorable mayor, commissioners, I've been an arborist with the city of Portland, I'm with union 483, which represents front line employees that are the backbone of the city. My colleagues and I regularly deal with trash, biohazards such as fecal matter and uncapped hypodermic needles, violence including gun violence on a daily basis on our work. We regularly engage with people under mental health crisis and rampant substance abuse from drugs such as fentanyl, methamphetamine. Our compassion fatigue has reached a tipping point. Personal possessions are being stolen from our work vehicles while we're on the job. Our shops are being vandalized and broken into. We've come to work in the field every day since the pandemic started almost three years ago. After the onset of the pandemic, we've also been here during wildfire smoke, during heat, and inclement weather. We work until you close the city, sir. Once, our jobs were sought-after and

revered. I've been employed since October 23rd, 2003. When I was hired here my dad acted like I was getting married. Now these jobs aren't widely sought after. They're not competitive. The role of a city worker has changed dramatically over the past several years. We are social workers, camp counselors, and a janitorial service. Consider all that we do for the community to keep this city running. We are the backbone to makes Portland a glorious place for our citizens to call home. Costs have skyrocketed with food, housing, gas. I live 24.6 miles one way from tabor yard where I work. Currently there is a construction project and we are not allowed to park on site any further. This is the first time that I've ever had to park outside of my work unit. Division is one of the scariest streets in Portland. Pcl is currently under contract negotiations. We need a wage increase that reflects our professionalism, our sacrifices, and the cost of inflation. We require a fair contract that makes sure we're safe in the workplace and can afford to live here in the community we certain. Thank you kindly for allowing me to speak.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, first of all, for being here. And you speak for many. I've had similar conversations with many of our public employees. I particularly want to acknowledge that you and your colleagues' work throughout the pandemic, and that's part of obviously the broader conversation we're having about the future of work, the future of our workforce, and the first step is to really acknowledge and honor those employees who did come in through the entirety of the pandemic, and I want to thank you and your colleagues for that. Second of all, the shift in responsibility as a result, to be perfectly blunt, of the burgeoning homeless crisis that we have in our city, I acknowledge that that has been a significant factor in the employment of all of our folks out in the field. I won't speak for commissioner Mapps but I know many of his employees have spoken about the concerns they have for their safety. I want you to know, we don't have all the

answers but we absolutely acknowledge and agree with you that there's a problem here and we do want to respect the work that you do. It's hard work and I want to thank you for it.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. If there's anything I can do to further assist, let me know.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: mr. Mayor, can I jump in here? Jayne, I want to thank you for coming in and raising your concerns, especially your safety concerns. As the mayor mentioned, I'm the commissioner in charge of water and we have people out in the field and we have the same experiences that you do. I have employees threatened and assaulted all the time. I will tell you I have infrastructure employees who work in the field who have requested bulletproof vests from me because they feel they can't do the work that we ask them to do. I take these safety concerns very seriously. I'm working within my own bureaus and I certainly will be working with my colleagues on council to make sure that you guys stay safe on the job and we also -- I also want to express my appreciation for the work that you do. So thank you and let's stay at the table and work together to keep each other safe and keep the city safe. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yes. Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. And thank you so much for coming here today. You speak for so many city employees who don't have the courage to come and stand in front of this by intimidating people or for intimidating people.

Speaker: Just by.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: let me just say as someone who has over 500 maintenance workers who show up every day, do the work that they're asked to do, don't complain, and from March of 2020 on, every single day of the week, they are

having the exact same experience that you are having in public. Because the reality is we have just way too much untreated mental health issues on our street. We have way too much untreated alcohol and drug addiction. And we don't have a plan on how to follow one and two before we get to three, housing people. I'm really grateful that you are here and I am not unaware and daily am talking to folks from my portfolio about how to keep them safe, and my response always is if your spidey senses tell you it's unsafe, it's unsafe. As your boss, I have your back. You need to make sure to not ever ignore your spider senses thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I want to thank you for coming forward and we've met with some of your colleagues as well and also in bes, we had the chance to tour some of the areas that were impacted. Just hearing what you're having to engage in on a daily basis is really -- I can't imagine. So again my colleagues have said it all. But I just want to again thank you for the courage of showing up today and for saying what's true. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but you need to know we're super-committed to addressing these very same things because we could not be doing the work but for you and colleagues like you. We will definitely be visiting this in labor relations as well. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: jayne, thanks for being here. It was in September of 2020 that I was sworn into office. One of my first meetings was with the bureau directors of parks and water and bes, and I asked them, what's really going on on the ground? And they all spoke to what you were saying just now. And it's really refreshing to hear directly from somebody that's on the ground doing the work. So we're well aware. I think you'll see some of the resolutions this afternoon speak to some of your concerns as well. And I really appreciate you for having the courage to

come to speak to all of us. Thanks.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, council. I want to do more than just survive, I want to thrive. Please remember us when you vote.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Keelan, have any items been pulled off the consent agenda?

Speaker: Clerk: I'm sorry, mayor. We have one more.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm sorry. Yes, the last individual, please. Yes.

Speaker: Clerk: 878, request of lily gilbert to address council regarding experience working as a Portland parks & recreation horticulturalist.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Good morning, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. My name is lily gilbert, I'm a union member of 483 and I work for Portland parks in the east maintenance zone. I've been in my position 8 months and prior to that I was a park technician for three years with the same work group. In light of the fact that our contract is currently under negotiation with the city, I felt compelled to come here today to raise awareness about the importance of the work that park maintenance workers do. I believe that when Portlanders voted for the parks levy, that was a clear indication of the importance that the people place on this city's parks as a public resource and a desire to see the parks improved and well cared for. Well, that is what we do. We care for the parks. We make them safe and clean and accessible, sometimes at our own peril. We keep the city's outdoor living space maintained for all to use. This includes the rest rooms, picnic areas, parking lots, landscapes, playgrounds, sports fields, rose gardens, skate parks & recreation facilities. We address hazards in parks like after storms. We mark and remove hazards and clean up debris. When parks are used as public dumping grounds, we

haul junk and garbage away. We clean up human waste and needles and broken glass from playgrounds, landscapes, rest rooms, and parking lots. Myself and many of my co-workers have experienced needle pricks and had to deal with the fear and uncertainty of potential exposure to blood borne pathogens. When I talk with other maintenance workers, overwhelmingly people are concerned with their safety and note that the job conditions have significantly changed from what they once were. When we go out to work in the field, we are usually alone, often confronted with an erratic, unstable public. Workers have been assaulted, accosted, screamed at, and verbally abused. I work in a state of hypervigilance, especially at sites where I feel vulnerable. This can be exhausting. All of this is just to say that we work hard and the work is hard. When the city shuts down with the pandemic, we showed up to work. Facing the uncertainty of the pandemic head on and we were scared. At times it felt like we were left to fend for ourselves while most were safely at home but we had to keep the restrooms open and keep the parks clean especially for residents living outside. We have watched as our wages are losing ground while the cost of fuel, groceries, utilities and goods rise. You all know the pain of filling up at the gas station. Well, our members don't have the ability to defer commuting expenses by working from home. In closing my statement I want to say, if you value the work that we do, please show it by supporting a fair contract for our members, and thank you for your time. Commissioner Rubio, thank you for coming to our employee appreciation lunch. It was great to see you there.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you so much for your comments. And any time you write me, I will be there. I would love to be joining you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks for being here. We appreciate it. Keelan, that completes communications this morning. Commissioner hardesty has let me

know she is pulling item 892 back to her office. Have any other items being pulled?

Speaker: Clerk: we have four items pulled, 883.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hang on. 883.

Speaker: Clerk: 886.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: 886.

Speaker: Clerk: 890.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: 890.

Speaker: Clerk: and 891.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: 891. And for the few items left on the consent agenda, please call the roll. (roll call).

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the minimal consent agenda has been approved. It's not a record yet. First time certain item, please, item 879, which is a report.

Speaker: Clerk: accept Oregon the state of sport report.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, this item is a report to accept a new economic study: Oregon, the state of support. This recognizes the economic contributions that the athletic outdoor team make to our state. The athletic and outdoor industry here is a critical part of our state as well our local economy, and it's a driver of good-paying jobs and positive community impact. It's a key industry cluster and a focus of our economic development efforts and city-state regional strategies around economic prosperity. Prosper Portland and other organizations like the Portland business alliance have been engaged in support for this industry for a number of years and have created a valuable network of resources to attract and retain talent and employees. This morning we're going to hear short presentations from prosper Portland on their work to support this important industry cluster and from the Portland business alliance who worked as part of a coalition to produce this study. First I'd like to introduce the director of economic

development at prosper Portland to describe prosper's work. Good to see you.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you. For the record, my name is shea and I'm the economic director at prosper Portland. I'm thrilled to be here with my colleagues to share more about our broader sports economy. First briefly I want to remind you how our city currently invests in this space today. Within our economic development department, the business advancement team helps growing businesses by identifying opportunities and providing support so they create living wage jobs and equitable economic growth in turn. We have a suite for three key areas: business competitiveness, inclusive job creation, and equitable economic growth. The team leads partnerships and initiatives. Our Portland progress program is also housed here and that leverages the team's relationships within our business community to further racial equity goals. Our inspiring diversity grant that they join. I'll just note that within our inclusive economic development strategy, we are reviewing these priority clusters and we look forward to bringing you a draft next month. So, Portland is really fortunate to be a national leader in this sector. Even in the face of economic uncertainty ahead, there are fantastic opportunities on the horizon for the industry. There's a lot to be excited about from the fact that sales in 2022 are expected to surpass pre-covid levels. I want to be clear these are not just big numbers and big business. This translates directly into Portland's local cultural fabric and retail trends. We've seen a rise across the city in reselling and sports culture stores in Portland, such as back to the basket which is a native owned curated retail experience set around the theme of basketball and a love for the game. So speaking to our region's asset, Portland has an immense competitive advantage in the sector. Across every metric, if you think number of firms, ties to research and academia, and from a human capital standpoint. You'll hear more indepth stats shortly, but here you can see just a

regional financial impact of this sector at a glance. From a human capital standpoint alone, the fact we have the highest concentrations of athletic and outdoor professionals in the nation speaks volumes, especially if you consider that companies have been saying yes to Portland through their expansions in recent months, you think about folks like fila and all birds, and if we dive deeper into the data and look at demographic trends, 48% of the employees in this industry are women, which is way above the national average, and 32% of the employees identify as people of color, which is really high for a sector in our area. Briefly I want to paint a picture of how our business advancement team interfaces with firms. Here you see how a cluster liaison with work for a company that wants to grow and be more inclusive as a workplace. We can be a partner such as the port of Portland or look for sites in a brokerage database. With site selections we can look at if they qualify for different incentive programs, such as the enterprise zone. We also work with prosperous lending team and business Oregon to identify loan products that can address the company's capital needs and we take companies to trade shows so they can explore new markets. Finally to companies being more inclusive, we offer the inspiring diversity grant around inclusive hiring, culture change, and community partnerships. To make sure teams stay true to these commitments, we track their commitment through annual reporting. Lastly, before you are the full array of programs that help companies to scale, increase dei. I want to call out this is the work of our athletic programs. Sue has partnered with organizations like business Oregon to take companies to trade shows. She has worked alongside companies to engage with industry talent as part of a professionals group. She assists companies of all sizes in accessing loan products, information, networking opportunities, Portland means progress programs, inspiring diversity grants. I really want to thank you, sue, and her manager pam neil for their continued efforts within this critical

sector of our economy. Thank you. I believe with that I'm passing it our colleagues at (unclear).

Speaker: Thank you so much, council, mayor, shea as well, the president and ceo of the Portland business alliance. I would also like to acknowledge sue ball's work and a personal note of gratitude as this is the first time as leader of one of Portland's namesake I want to preface this conversation with the fact that as you all know and I reiterate what we just heard earlier that liveability concerns are of course the most important priority for the business community and that goes without saying. But we also need to focus on and discuss what comes next economically speaking, and nearly a year ago we started asking this question about how to build back better as a business community. And we do what business communities do well and what individual firms do well, which is to analyze data, to help drive decision-making and we have a long history of doing that in coalition with our sister business associations whose sponsors analysis and voter sentiment. We work with echo northwest, a trusting firm here locally, and pair that with voter sentiment data so we can express what people are feeling and what the economic trends tell us. We do this to inform our board, to inform our members, to help inform policymakers and the general public. So everything you're about to see today is heavily abbreviated for time constraints, but I want to also acknowledge the shortcomings. We're constrained by our own resources, time, and of course the intrinsic bias and blind spots impacting diverse communities. I'm sharing these baselines so we can level-set about the conditions of our regional economy. The information you will see was first released in January and it was tracking our recovery over the last year. Although this information is a little dated, there have been subsequent reports that have reaffirmed the trends that you see and the basic assumptions about our region. The first and foremost important one is that

job growth is strong but we have not recovered from massive losses and challenges from the pandemic and we have massive economic headwinds. We track ourselves against peer regions, salt lake city, austin, indianapolis, and of course Seattle because we always want to compete with Seattle. But it's important to note that before the pandemic, this chart that you're seeing here before you was inverted, with Portland leading the way in job creation and the new paradigm is Portland being in the back of the pack. This is because we have faced a marathon of crises and these have inhibited our economic growth and prosperity. This is not necessarily the result of bad policy. We all know we were one of the first in and last out with some of the most significant pandemic restrictions, and this resulted in saving lives and that should be celebrated, but this also had consequences. And this is the most illustrative, I believe, and important for this council to consider, and i'll just move this to make it more visible for all of you. This tracks our intraregional competitiveness. Again, if you look at this slide, Portland, which is the green line at the very bottom in Multnomah County lags other counties. Before the pandemic when this was baselined, this was inverted. And now let's talk about how voters feel. Similarly, we paired this information with where we are as a community and voters have overwhelmingly felt that liveability has suffered. Residents of this region believe almost uniformly that our quality of life is challenged. And the reason this is important for a business community and economic development is that is traditionally an economic value proposition for our community and for our economy. Equally so --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm sorry to interrupt. Just so I don't lose my train of thought. Did they say what they meant when they said the quality of life?

Speaker: Yeah, this is a slide we've been tracking for some time and this is feeling. It's a question of, do you feel the quality of life is getting better --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: so you might both agree that quality of life is getting worse but your reasons might be economic, mine might be liveability or something else?

Speaker: Absolute.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I just wanted to clarify that. Sorry to interrupt.

Speaker: Do you have comparisons to other cities?

Speaker: We don't. We track economic data in the regions but on sentiment, we do not. This is a similar question here, actually, mayor, to your point. We asked the question how do you feel in terms of your economic well-being and financial condition. For the first time ever since we've been asking this question for over a decade, voters feel worse about their economic futures than better. So much of these major issues may take a lot of time and persistence to recover and we acknowledge the work that you all are striving to accomplish and correct these challenges so I want to say thank you. While we must stay laser focused on liveability issues, it is important we co-create economic strategy. Good strategy should be predicated on your strengths, to help guide limited resources, and that's exactly where the private sector is from a policy standpoint. And I'm here to share what we believe is one of our greatest strengths and where resources can be applied to help drive sound policy and share prosperity. The genesis of this report and the findings you're about to see were inspired by the thing that we seem to have forgotten that happened over the summer. The united states for the first time ever hosted the world track and field championships right here in Oregon, the largest spectator sport in the world since the pandemic. And we also wanted to be part of the state and regional solutions to drive economic recovery and to work across the state in advance of change in leadership. At the governor's office, the senate, and the house. And we want to be clear as a private sector, we want to be

unabashedly pro-Portland. So what is our economic strength and naturally occurring brand? It is the athletic outdoor team and recreation industry ecosystem. And what did we find? An unparalleled -- let me be clear -- an unparalleled combination of talent, sporting events, outdoor recreation and culture. We are a national leader in sports activity and culture that punches -- you'll hear me say this again and again -- punches far above our weight nationally speaking. So what is it? Through our research and conversation with the stakeholders in the ecosystem we defined it to include sporting goods, apparel, as well as rec and tourism industries. It goes beyond that. Supportive services such as fabric mills, legal, media, marketing real estate, leasing, exercise facilities and physical therapy. This is not just a Portland thing. This is a regional matter that includes Bend, Eugene and far beyond. 43,000 direct jobs to these industries in greater Portland resulting in a direct jobs count of 51,000 workers in this ecosystem. One thing that is even more astounding is that 3,100 businesses are part of this. That is a massive cluster of big and small businesses. And the growth rate of this ecosystem far outpaces the general overall economic growth weight for our region. For today we will heavily emphasize the greater Portland region although this report includes looks at Bend and Eugene. Greater Portland is unquestionably the hub within the study area. Employment in this ecosystem is driven by the industry leaders, you know them, Nike, Adidas, Columbia Sportswear, but there is representation in events and recreation, tourism, manufacturing and wholesale. Approximately half of the jobs in the ecosystem are in sectors that are generally higher paying and have a highly skilled work force. Let's talk about those small businesses. Despite the role of the large industry leaders in the employment of individuals in this ecosystem, most of the firms are small businesses. 83% of the businesses here in the ecosystem have 20 or fewer employees. Prior to COVID-19, growth in the ecosystem has significantly

outpaced greater Portland's employment growth and remains so even after the economic consequences of the pandemic. Industry leaders, events, and recreation tourism were the greatest drivers of job growth and events and recreation and tourism jobs of course have suffered during the pandemic due to the forced shutdowns and social distancing requirements, even while the industry leaders employment growth grew further and other sectors remained stable. While important to look inward, it's even more important to the earlier question, commissioner Ryan, that you asked, about how do we stack up against other markets? We benchmark the greater Portland athletic team ecosystem against greater salt lake, denver and Seattle which each claim as a function that they are hubs of the sporting industry, leisure and lifestyle business sectors. So how do we stack up against these other so-called industry hubs? Let's take a look at that. Despite our smaller population size, greater Portland outpaces each of these comparison regions in terms of the size, growth, and concentration of highly skilled high-paid jobs in its ecosystem. Looking at all sectors in their economy, greater Portland has lower employment than these other comparison regions. You see the total jobs count. You go to the middle and you see despite our smaller jobs economy, this industry sector has greater employment than all of our competitor regions and a higher per capita job percentage than the other regions as well. We're no. 1. It's okay to say that. Growth in the greater Portland ecosystem surpassed that of all our comparison regions gaining nearly 10,000 jobs between 2010 and 2022. And greater Portland's ecosystem has a greater concentration of higher paying, high design services that include the industry leaders, design services, manufacturing and wholesale. In contrast, salt lake city and denver and Seattle's ecosystems are dominated by lower paid and skilled jobs. Let's talk about the workers. We found that greater Portland has disproportionately greater

proportion of fashion designers, and more. Our workers employed here by companies typically have more stable employment and earn more than freelancers, and this grew by 60% in greater Portland between 2010 and 2019. In greater Portland as elsewhere, these creative occupations are highly skilled and well paid. They employ an above average share of workers with a college degree. Simultaneously, many jobs are also accessible and offer low barriers to entry, such as in the manufacturing sector, and these jobs do not always require a college degree and offer more economic opportunity to a more racially diverse workforce. While 47% of greater Portland's white workers have a college degree, only 33% of its workers of color do, a function of broader racial disparities that we all must work to address. With that said, manufacturing positions in the ecosystem are higher paying than the average wage in greater Portland and less likely to require a college degree. This ecosystem is also more diverse than the workforce overall. 33% of workers in sports related manufacturing are non-white, although they constitute only 20% of the greater Portland workforce as a whole. Finally, one of the most important findings in this report is quantified by impact of the ecosystem to the state. As you heard, we directly employ 51,000 workers in the study area, but we create an additional 79,000 spin-off jobs for a total of 130,000 jobs overall. The ecosystem creates significant economic output for our state, generating \$14 billion in direct output and an additional 14 billion, yes, a "b," in indirect induced output, totally nearly \$30 billion annually. And for government, it's key to hear that the ecosystem generates \$1 billion in annual tax revenues to the state of Oregon from income and business taxes, equivalent to the educational cost of 73,000 students. So in summary, we can't ignore our economic strategy or risk a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity following a once-in-a-lifetime marathon of crises. Other regions are doing whatever it takes to collaborate with business. Other regions have

increasingly turned to expressing their brand proposition economically speaking and frankly we need to catch up. Our brand, what is it? We are the unparalleled leader in the sports, athletic, outdoor, and recreation industry clusters. And what are other places doing? Let's talk about it. Where I just came from, brooklyn talks about the fact that they are the tech triangle. One of the oldest cooperatives in regions is north carolina, a bygone word in the research triangle. They've been cooperating to advance economic development. And consistently north carolina is rated the number one place to do business. And, yes, milwaukee, wisconsin, is a place that defines itself as the water technology cluster and hub of the world. We need to tell everyone else who we are, and if you think that people know, I can assure you, coming here from another place, nobody knows. It's time to start telling the story, to focus on our strengths, and to advance regional cooperation. These are the organizations that contributed to make this possible from bend, eugene and beyond. Very proud to work with all of them. And to partner with our government sector allies who provide invaluable data to make this report possible. With that, happy to take your questions and, again, thank you for listening.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: first, thank you for this presentation and thank you for this good news at a time when there's often some challenging headlines when you wake up in the morning. It's refreshing to start our day by focusing in on Portland's strengths. And I have two questions today that speak to Portland's strengths and how we can grow them. First, do you have any advice on what this council should do in order to continue to support and grow the sports space in Portland?

Speaker: Yeah, absolutely. No specifics to give you other than to say first off, prosper Portland has been doing this work, the city has been a leader on this for

well over a decade. I think it needs to be further empowered, to be provided that license to go forward and work outside of our region with our partners in bend and eugene to create a state-wide paradigm about who we are. Because it will be in unity when we advance these thoughts to the rest of the world that we will be successful. So I want to say first off, fully empower prosper Portland to advance this work and to highlight that this is collaborative, that this is with the business community. We want to do this together. If you go to north carolina and you look at the way they structure the research triangle, every single government across 13 counties has an appointment to that board. Every academic center is a part of that board. And every major employer and small employer is a part of that organization and has proved that in collaborating they can build economic success and prosperity that has been transformative over the past 70 years. So follow best practices and empower prosper Portland.

Speaker: I'll add as part of our inclusive economic strategy, we are going to be bringing forward specific recommendations for athletic and outdoor next month. You will see some of our best thinking with our consultants. Just as a small preview, really, andrew brought it home. It's about public-private partnership. It's also about thinking about the connections to research and development. We have great partnerships with academia, and thinking further around opportunities in the green space and the intersections with manufacturing in this cluster, thinking about materials, thinking about reuse, thinking about how we help our companies here be more competitive. There's a lot of opportunity in this space.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: great. Thank you so much for that response. One quick follow-up question and i'll hand it back to my colleagues for additional dialogue. Maybe i'll start with prosper here. Here we have a case study of a sector that's really going gangbusters here in Portland, we're punching way above our

weight as we've mentioned many times. Are there any other -- are there any lessons here that we could apply to different sectors of our economy? So, for example, if Portland wanted to become a leader in clean energy, for example, what does the sports sector teach us about how to do that well?

Speaker: That's an excellent question, commissioner, i'll have to refer you to some specific industry recommendations that we'll have for all our priority clusters. Thinking about green cities, thinking about our manufacturing sector, our metals and machinery industry that we have here that's quite heavy and large, as well as thinking through other types of industries, like our own film office. It comes down to thinking about what are the levers in our economy that we have the ability to influence. Particularly the success of this comes down to human capital, right? We think about why companies are moving to Portland, even with all of our challenges, people are saying, yes, let's move to Portland and have our headquarters here. We have wealth in terms of the talent we have in this city. If we continue to focus on those key drivers, whether it's talent, whether it's, you know, proximity to research and proximity to academia or thinking about our spatial efficiency and getting people to these jobs efficiently, we have a lot to offer.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you for those responses. Very interesting and I look forward to prosper's future reports and recommendations on how we can continue to support and grow both our sports economy and the other sub sectors of our economies. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: I want to add one piece. I commend commissioner Rubio on the work we're doing on the clean industry hubs. What's so important about these industries, they inherently connected to the environment. You think about our leads in keen and columbia sports wear, you go to bend, metolius is the brand to use when you're going up the side of a cliff. I know personally. They have a deep and intrinsic

connection to nature. It is important that as stewards of the environment that those ethos get expressed by those businesses. That's why they're here. You can work in these industries and live the industry's lifestyle. That's what's so beautiful about it and very Portland.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: shea and Ryan, good to see both of you. There are a few things going on. I saw the headline of this report and because it's sportstober, I thought it was going to be about all of that. We live in a state for sports fans, beavers, ducks, it doesn't get much better when you're a sports fan here. Anyway, now I'm right-sized on what this topic is about. I want to say I'm glad you're here and you're focusing on something that I've had that experience as well when I've traveled and like all of us we have friends throughout the country. They're always like, what's Portland known for? It used to be timber. What is it now? And so speaking to the industries in the sports world, and they know about nike, of course, but they're always shocked about the other ones. I really think it is smart for us to get that in. From the record, you're from milwaukee, wisconsin, right?

Speaker: Originally born and raised and I just moved from brooklyn, new york.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: those are your lived experiences. I didn't know about milwaukee and the water angle but I will be paying close attention to that now. My question is it's one that I hear from people in this industry is there are challenges with recruitment, especially -- and it didn't start in 2020. It was before that. But I didn't really see any of that. And we all know that that's a big deal because these are global companies and then I'm so glad you brought up the fact that there's tons of vendors that are connected to these larger mothership type organizations that thrive our economy. Is there any data on recruitment? Would

you like to speak to that? It looks like Andrew is about to come out of his skin.

Speaker: Very excited about it. That's it. That is it. The talent angle here is the single most important. We know we have structural challenges remitted to employment. The labor market will be challenged for well nigh a decade where we had mass retirement from the baby boom generation that is conflicting with lagging growth and our natural population with in-migration. We are struggling and we will continue to do so. The single most important thing our employers talk about is talent and the reason they're here as well. I'll let you know that during the pandemic, the only major companies to take additional office space in Portland were Arcteryx, lululemon. They're here for the talent. If you talk to them about why they originally located, they kept getting résumés from a 503 area code. I think it's our natural talent. And it's the thing that needs to be addressed the most starting at an extremely young age. We need to be talking to our public schools, our primary, middle schools and high schools about career pathways in these industries because they do not all require higher education. There's already incredible focus by some of the four-year universities and you just talk about the fact that the University of Oregon, to cite the Ducks, is the human performance alignment. It shows you where their heads are at and we need to just catch up, align it, and focus at a much younger age, and that includes improving our facilities for our primary schools, middle schools, and high schools for athletics. Simple things like that will make huge differences about building a home-grown workforce that's more inclusive, more diverse, and reflects our community.

Speaker: When I lived in Seattle in the early '90s through the '90s, I noticed that around technology there was such an interest with the University of Washington working with the private sector. So there's no accident that there's been so much growth in that sector in Seattle. So is there a table that is having that same laser

focus with higher ed and with private sector and government all in dialogue?

Speaker: You're skipping to the punchline I think and reflecting back that that's what we need because it's been absent. And not just a table here in Portland.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: it's state-wide, I appreciate that.

Speaker: Yeah. If we're going to establish something, it's about co-creating something with our academic centers. There is something known as the center for outdoor economics. Think about the fact that one of our flagship universities has a presence here, focused exclusively on this research. So I think what we need to do is step up to a bigger conversation that will wholly benefit this region and this city and set that table that you're talking about and we've introduced legislation through the house committee on small business and economic development led by house representative bynam to that effect. We're hoping to set that table up sometime through the legislative process in the spring.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I know when commissioner Mapps asked what we can do, it seems we need to tap into that type of table with you.

Speaker: Absolutely.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I know you said state-wide and I appreciate that and took note of that. There are some missing. Are you engaging with southern Oregon. I go to ashland and feel I have to immediately start running and be part of the sport culture there and same with newport.

Speaker: We had time limitations. I didn't know that the seaside beach volleyball tournament was the no. Two tournament in the world. We have the most visited golf city on planet earth. You go to hood river and kiteboarding is the absolute epicenter of that activity. So there are things that just were outside of our time-bounded and research-limited analysis. Yes, absolutely. You go to things like fishing, which I'm not a fisherman but I know that's a huge part and it drives

tourism, eco tourism to our state, brings in dollars and grows the employment base. That impacts outside of our urban centers. So this is a real urban-rural bridge builder which we need more of.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: because I know a few people, the hood-to-coast series is well established as a big driver as well and they're at the table, right?

Speaker: Oh, yes.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thanks for being here, both of you.

Speaker: Andrew nailed it. I wanted to build on the initial part of the question around labor and workforce. We do know, these are higher wages, right? These are higher paying jobs. We might not see the same level of both attrition and trouble recruiting that we see in the hospitality and travel and that particular sector or in manufacturing where folks are really struggling to see those jobs recover. It also ties to workforce development. It's not just academia but thinking about folks that don't have college degrees and how can we align our workforce development investments more with this trade cluster sector, right?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I just want to get at something that you mentioned, andrew. Thank you for this report, by the way. This gives us a lot of ground to build on. You said something provocative early on. You said we're number one. Then you compared us to other cities and then you said but nobody knows what we're doing here. And I could not agree with you more. We are experts at telling the world what's going wrong here and we absolutely are lacking when it comes to promoting the opportunities and leveraging the opportunities that are frankly still here. What do we need to do? You said we need to catch up. But then you didn't say what we need to do.

Speaker: I'll put this up for observation. This model is nothing new, where people express a brand identity for their region. All of us would say that the research

triangle is literally a bygone word at this point, and it's true. They've been doing this for a long time, with are they tell the world what they are. We have those value sets, like semiconductors, and of course the sports, athletic, and outdoor recreation industries. It's borrowing the playbook out of other regions. They're doing this successfully. Silicon valley calls themselves silicon slopes. It's smart advertising. Yes, they have skiing there. I think it's a element of this. It's about having the resourcing collaborative to tell, workforce and economic professionals and general awareness about our identity and claiming that space is the most important thing.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: let me jump to the chase here. We just had a very prominent headquarters leave Portland.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: and they described it on their way out as a net negative to be located here in terms of recruiting and retention. So we need to address those issues and we need to be honest about them and address them. And we need to market what's going well here collectively. But is there a table where we can put those two things together? Because I don't see it, to be perfectly honest with you. And I've gone around and I've visited other cities. I've visited chambers of commerce. I've visited government. A few days ago, a bunch of us were in la and we were hearing the frustrations that are being expressed on the recruiting and retention front, liveability issues and whatnot. But what we also heard was that many of the solutions that are being championed to address those issues are actually being funded by the very same people who are concerned about the situation in the first place. In other words, they are true public-private partnerships. Do we have that table here, and how can we be stronger partners in that effort? What are your recommendations?

Speaker: Yeah, absolutely. You take a look here. There it is. There's the starting of

a table. And it is not entirely inclusive. It does not capture the full breadth and bandwidth of who should be around the table. It's just a starting point. I couldn't agree more. The it was incredible. I have to say it was one of the more rewarding experiences I've personally had since being here. We met monthly on this topic for a year to produce this report in a way that took a lot of input and hard work and brought academic, government, private sector to the table, and here we are. And we have a lot further to go. So I think, as I mentioned, we would like to see a state-wide table set up that's similar and akin to the way that this looks right here in front of you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I think it's essential. I was sort of leading -- these are leading questions. It's essential. And I'm energized by the work that this report reflects and what it implies in terms of where we need to go from here. Because where we need to go from here is we need to address the problems -- and that's the role of government, working with our private sector partners -- and then we need to have our messaging clear. What are we selling to the rest of the world? And how are we selling it? And I think those are two areas where I think we need to work more collaboratively than we have been. And I'm not speaking to your organization specifically. I'm using the general lower-case "we" collectively in this state. Just listening to you talk about all the number one opportunities we have here, the strengths we have particularly in this cluster, and it's not the only cluster where we have some incredible competitive advantages, but we're not quite closing the deal in terms of really leveraging the opportunities behind those clusters. And this to me is the most exciting one in the whole -- you know, just based on the projected growth rates. This is incredible. And somebody else mentioned clean energy, I think it was commissioner Mapps. I'd like us to really get behind some clear long-term strategies, who does what, when, how, and how are we paying for it? We really

need a clear, concise actionable plan, not just a report. Where do we go from here?

Speaker: I just want to add, I think that's right on. We learn by doing, right? We learn by doing. And it's also about building trust and relationships. I want to again call out commissioner Rubio's leadership around climate tech and the partnerships that were built on this trip and it's going to continue to work whether we get back. And I think focusing on those key initiatives, if we can show movement, if we can show some wins, if we can partner on a federal application, there's going to be lots of opportunities on manufacturing and on clean energy. If we set the table and we can get alignment and we can learn and build that connective tissue and muscle memory of working together around key initiatives, I think we can do anything.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is exciting stuff. Good. Anybody else before we call for public testimony? I know we have a couple of people lined up. Thank you, gentlemen. Great, great report. Great presentation. Keelan, how many folks do we have signed up?

Speaker: Clerk: we've got four people signed up. I don't know that everyone is here.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: three minutes each when our amazing clerk calls you.

Speaker: Clerk: first up we have kymberly horner? I don't think they've arrived. Less, alucar taylor. Evan lee? Evan lee? No. And finally marc poris. Marc is joining us.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor. I'm marc poris, I live in northeast Portland and I have children who play sports here. A big fan of the Portland thorns. I want to point out that there was a recent firing for covering up the sexual misconduct by former coach paul riley and also in creating a toxic work space. I just wanted to -- it seemed like commissioner Ryan may have thought that just based on the title of this item, that maybe this was going to be about sort of the timbers and thorns and

accountability in professional sports and women's sports and even down to the youth sports level. And I just want to let the Portland business alliance know that I think it's important for you to hold the leaders of your organizations that are members of Portland business alliance, hold them accountable. There's an ongoing effort right now, onwardrosecity.org. And I hope the Portland business alliance can back that. These teams belong to the community and if the Portland business alliance can't hold leadership of the organizations that belong to the Portland business alliance accountable, then the community should take these things over. So thanks for giving me a few seconds to speak here.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps moves. Second? Second from commissioner hardesty. Any further discussion? Did you have a question, Keelan? Please call the roll.

Speaker: Maps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: well, I want to start out again by thanking andrew, shea, prosper Portland and the Portland business alliance for this report. There is a lot of good news in that document. That report reminds us that sports are a big part of our region's economic success. In fact, as we learned today, sports are a \$29 billion-a-year business here in Oregon. And here in Portland, 9% of the jobs in our city have some connection to the sports economy. That is great news. You've heard several times today, this is an area where Portland really punches above our weight. I also want to express my gratitude for learning about two issues which I look forward to following up on over the course of the coming months. First, I'm eager to work with council, prosper Portland, and the private sector to

implement the recommendations contained in this report. And second, I look forward to taking the lessons learned from Oregon's thriving sports sector and applying those best practices to other areas of our economy, like the clean energy sector. For these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I just want to thank mayor Wheeler for bringing this forward, also andrew and shea for this presentation, and all the staff at prosper Portland for this great report. It's really compelling information. It's really exciting to see the development of this sector, and I think in our work with the clean energy hub, we'll be watching this development. I think there are some good things to learn from there. It will be exciting to put these things into action. My colleagues already mentioned it so I didn't feel the need to mention it again but i'll say it just here, I wanted to underscore the importance of working with higher ed, they're definitely a pivotal player where we've seen healthy examples of this kind of cluster work that is branded, and as a former member of the higher ed commission, they're very, very interested in helping to shape in development for our future workforce needs and I know they'd be interested in this conversation. We look forward to next steps. Thank you. Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, shea, and thank you, andrew. That was a great conversation. I appreciated being a part of it. And I think going forward I'm excited for our city to be at the table actively. We are the sport state. That's just, you know, throwing something out there to get the brand going. But like my questions and the mayor who followed up, it really is important for us to galvanize and own what's ours and that was compelling data to prove that. I look forward to being a part of that cross-sector engagement, because Portland has got to go the lead. So

goes Portland, so goes the state. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you for this report. I'm really looking forward to make sure we have a complete picture of actually the economic impact. So though we're talking high wages, what we know is that the people that work in the stations and clean it up and actually take tickets, some of the most underpaid people who can no longer afford to live in our city. So just highlighting the high wage workers I think gives us a false picture of the sports arena, the sports industry in totality, and I think we have to actually address all of those issues. Will workers -- workers working in arenas and environments, will they be able to live in the city? Will they be able to afford to go to a game? You know, we have to look at the whole picture and not just to get the pretty pieces that make us feel good. And so I'm very happy to vote aye for this report, but I need more information, how we make sure that workers aren't the ones that are being unduly impacted by these rich jobs at the top. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well, I'd like to start by thanking andrew and shea. That was a great report, great presentation. It's provocative. I think we could probably spend most of the day talking about it and its implications as well as the opportunity suggested therein. Thank you for that. Thank you to prosper Portland and the Portland business alliance and their staffs for the considerable work that went into these reports, the findings as well as the recommendations for action. I know that this leading industry as well as sporting events and recreational tourism can shine a very positive light on the city of Portland and play an important role in developing both investment as well as talent in our area, which ultimately will have I think the outcome of driving greater economic prosperity for all here in the city of

Portland. With this report's insights as well as recommendations, we'll continue to seek opportunities to increase collaboration between public, private, academic, and non-governmental organizations to advance the athletic and outdoor industry in our state. And I will just close by underscoring the reality that this information, while positive, provides opportunity for us, but we actually have to do the work to leverage that opportunity. So I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues here as well as prosper Portland, the Portland business alliance, and other organizations to best discern how we can do that going forward. This is one of our greatest opportunities economically, and we should absolutely capitalize on it. I'm happy to join my colleagues in voting aye. The report is accepted. Thank you. Next item, please? Is item number 880, also a report.

Speaker: Clerk: next up the 2021-22 parks levy annual report and the parks levy oversight committee annual report.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. Good morning, everyone. I'm very excited to bring this item to council today to celebrate Portlanders' investment in parks & recreation. In November 2020 the option levy was ongoing reductions to parks services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and national area health, center equity and affordable access for all and more. Portlanders started seeing the benefit of their investment almost immediately with the return of programming in summer 2021. Thanks to the parks levy, Portland parks & recreation was able to restart outdoor recreation opportunities, including camps, classes, and open swim, for Portlanders of all ages in a covid-safe and equitable way. In year one of the parks levy, we're already seeing progress on each of the commitments made to Portland voters and by year 5 the bureau will have grown with stronger partnerships, improved processes, and positive community

outcomes. So we're very excited to celebrate today the investments made in year one of the levy. And one of the commitments to voters was to convene a parks levy oversight committee. I want to thank the members of that committee for their work this past year, ensuring that the levy resources are spent meeting voter commitments in a fiscally accountable and also transparent way. So thank you to Alescia Blakely, Judy Blue Horse Skelton, Paul Agrimis and Silas Sanderson for your service. Your diverse perspectives and expertise have ensured that parks levy is starting off with a very strong foundation and I look forward to hearing the report from Judy Blue Horse Skelton who is going to be the representative leader. So I also want to thank Portland parks & recreation director Adina Long and her leadership, director Long will now introduce the reports being shared this year.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good morning Mayor Wheeler, commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, and Ryan. The bureau's 2021-22 parks levy annual report and accompanying executive summary, as well as the parks levy oversight committee's report covered the full fiscal year 2021-22 and share key actions taken in this past fiscal year to support recreation for all, protect and grow nature, and community partnerships. We have seen progress on and related to all of the commitments made to Portlanders in the voter pamphlet. And year one of the parks levy has established the mechanisms to successfully deliver on voter commitments over the five years of the parks levy and beyond. In fiscal year 2021-22, parks hired 1,416 full-time, part-time, seasonal, and casual staff, restoring hundreds of jobs to meet parks levy goals and created 142 new full-time equivalent positions, increasing Portland parks & recreation's capacity to provide services and programs to Portlanders. This increase in capacity will create living wage jobs while helping the bureau meet the needs of a growing parks system. The result will be cleaner parks, improved access to programs, increased care for the urban tree

canopy, and a growing effort to center and learn from underserved communities. I also want to thank Portland parks & recreation staff who played a critical role in delivering programs and services. Their work, cleaning parks, running summer camps and events and working with community partners have been essential to the successful implementation of the parks levy. I'm going to turn it over now to Claire Flynn who is our levy coordinator who will present an overview of the 2021-22 parks levy annual report.

Speaker: Thank you, Director Long. Good morning, my name is Claire Flynn and I'm the levy coordinator for Portland parks & recreation. I will present the 2021-22 parks annual report. Following my presentation, Judy Blue Horse Skelton will present the oversight committee's annual report. The parks levy ballot title and explanatory statement outlined 15 commitments that the bureau would do with parks levy approval and funding and the report speaks to the actions, financials, and performance measures related to each commitment. To help illustrate the bigger themes, each commitment is grouped into one of three larger service categories: recreation for all, protect and grow nature, and community partnerships. In addition to tracking each of the commitments, the report also highlighted some key overall themes: first, the report highlights how the bureau centered equity as this was a key aspect of the park's levy. Key examples here included the use and implementation of the bureau's equity and antiracism lens in decision-making, establishing a continuous community engagement feedback cycle in the Healthy Parks Healthy Portland strategic framework, and expanding the bureau's equity and inclusion team, including creating a new ADA coordinator position. As this is the first year of the parks levy and its implementation, we also made note of the ramp-up nature of year one, specifically that as new positions come on board and programs are developed and implemented, more progress and

impact is likely to be seen in later years of the parks levy. Finally the bureau used the leverage funding model to spend parks resources, including that the parks levy is an incremental resource. The bureau in partnership with the city budget office and the city's chief financial officer submitted a separate memo to City Council on October 17th with specifics on lessons learned and success of implementation. As I mentioned, the 15 voter commitments are grouped into larger service categories, which are recreation for all, protect and grow nature, and community partnerships. Recreation for all is focused really on keeping facilities open, delivering programs, and reducing costs as a barrier to access. We saw success on all of these commitments. The bureau was successful in preventing cuts and closures to recreation programs and facilities in fiscal year 2021-22. The parks levy provided revenue support to help stabilize park's budget when the impact of the covid-19 pandemic and associated public health guidelines remained uncertain. Throughout the report we highlighted stories of staff, partners, and participants to show the impact of the parks levy. In this section we shared the story of the assistant manager at pierre pool who came back to work after the pools and programs were closed due to covid. She loves working with the community and was excited that pp&r was able to bring back programming in summer 2021. The bureau succeeded in delivering recreation programs. Even with lingering effects of the pandemic and hiring challenges, pp&r served over 170,000 free meals, including 100,000 in the summer and increase attendance in a covid-safe way. Parks is happy to continue to provide the programs that Portlanders love, like teen force, summer free for all, nature day camp, and more. In fiscal year 21-22, the bureau piloted two financial assistance models: pay what you can and the access discount. Through these programs, we provided \$1.11 million in financial assistance to just under 8,000 unique users. Significantly more than pp&r are provided in the years past. This was

a big step towards making sure that recreation can truly be for everyone. The bureau is moving forward with a model where users will register annually for what we're calling an access pass that will apply discount automatically to programs and drop-ins. The commitments under protect and grow nature include maintenance, tree planting, connecting Portlanders to nature, and more. The bureau made progress towards all the commitments related to protect and grow nature by planting more trees in priority neighborhoods, increasing attendance for environmental education programs, and purchasing a new volunteer management software. With more than 11,000 acres of land that include 8,000 acres of natural areas, pp&r's maintenance and enhancement of natural features is essential to climate resilience, protecting water quality and habitat, and ensuring ecological health in urban areas. Pp & r created new maintenance positions that will improve the maintenance of natural features and areas, the number of invasive weeds annually had increased in year one. Here we shared an interview with two north zone parks maintenance staff who spoke about how increased capacity on their team is helping them better maintain parks, be more creative with plantings and adapt to climate change. In year one, the bureau increased the number of environmental education participants from the previous year and worked to engage and provide services to communities of color and children experiencing poverty. Working with title 1 and schools and local organizations for school field trips and to recruit students for environmental education programs. In this section, our lead environmental education staff members talked about the impact the parks levy has had on their programs, sharing that more staff on board means the team can better meet the needs and demands of the community. It allows them also to work towards authentic engagement and breaking down barriers for participation for communities of color and households experiencing poverty. The largest portion

of the parks levy spending this year was on enhancing maintenance and cleaning parks. We saw an increase in the number of open rest rooms receiving daily cleans, invasive weeds treated. Additionally, the 68 new maintenance positions created this past fiscal year that will also assist with general park maintenance, including emptying trash cans, cleaning and checking rest rooms and preventative maintenance and repairs. As the city continues to face many challenges, parks spaces are no exception. Increased usage of rest rooms, garbage cans, and open spaces can increase maintenance needs. Enhanced maintenance as part of the parks levy is important to ensuring that parks are maintained for all users. So I want to thank and acknowledge parks staff who have continued to ensure that parks are clean and safe. Thanks to the parks levy, the bureau increased the number of trees planted in priority neighborhoods where canopy levels are lowest and where resources for tree planting are needed most to addressing existing inequalities. Pp & r has continued the process for building out systems for proactive tree planting in marks that was only made possible because of the levy. In year one, the bureau purchased a new volunteer management database that will help collect and catalog volunteer numbers and partner groups to better support increased engagement. We also made a \$5 million one-time investment to upgrade the bureau's work order system to increase efficiencies in maintenance processes. The community partnership commitments focus on transparency and oversight, community engagement outreach, and equity. In fiscal year 21-22 the bureau established the parks levy oversight committee. The committee meets quarterly and reviews information on progress towards the commitments, advises on transparency and communications and receives topical presentations. Their role has been critical to transparency and public input and we're very grateful for their time and expertise. Pp & r implemented new programs, initiatives and prioritization

efforts in fiscal year 21-22 to center underserved communities. Pp & r made grants to 20 organizations to provide programming and services between July of this year and June 2024 to culturally specific communities and youth populations. In the report we shared an interview with a black parent initiative staff member who spoke about the work that pp & r has been doing to center underserved communities. Specifically, she noted the increase in culturally specific programming, partnership events, financial assistance, and early registration opportunities as being key to making black parent initiative families feel welcome in pp & r spaces. In year one, the bureau successfully delivered parks and recreation services to a wide variety of users and implemented initiatives such as early registration, community partnership program grants, and work order prioritization. Programs like teen force, life-long recreation, partnerships with the black swimming initiative and community schools and more ensures pp & r provides opportunities to underserved communities. We share a story of a participant who was able to continue to access pp & r programs during the pandemic through our virtual programming. Specifically she doesn't have a computer and was still able to access programs through our partnership with open signal to broadcast classes on television. She has been attending parks programs for 12 years and expressed gratitude for being able to continue to participate, despite pandemic restrictions. Here is a high-level summary of parks levy funding spent in year one. The actual report breaks down the spending further by 15 commitments and listing out expenses by service area and work group so we get to that more granular level. In total at the bottom there you can see the parks levy resources were able to bolster additional operating resources by about one-third to increase services and activities to meet voter commitments. Of the \$60.5 million total spent on services and activities related to parks levy commitments, the parks levy funding supported

about \$18.73 million of that spending. Additionally, per City Council direction in the ballot referral, the parks levy was required to reimburse the Portland children levy for the impact the levy caused. The total amount of parks levy funding spent this year was \$19.1 million. We're looking forward to sharing the bureau's report and the parks levy oversight committee's report with Portlanders. Pending your acceptance, we will post on the city's website. The executive summary of the bureau's report and the full oversight committee report will be translated and available in the four most common languages in Portland. Additionally both reports include information about where additional translation services are available upon request. With that, I will invite judy blue horse skelton to speak and present the parks levy oversight committee annual report. We're so grateful to have judy's expertise on the oversight committee. Judy was previously on the Portland parks board and has been serving as co-chair on the native American community advisory council since its formation in 2011. She is currently an assistant professor in the indigenous nations studies department at Portland state university and also serves on the columbia river intertribal fish commission. Thank you for joining us today, judy.

Speaker: Thank you, claire. Good morning. Thank you City Council for hosting us today. I'm excited to share the first parks levy oversight committee report, a response to the 2021-22 parks levy annual report and Portland parks and rec.'s actions in fiscal year 2021-22. The parks levy oversight committee members are composed of five community members selected from an open public applicant pool and appointed by the pp & r director to serve two-year terms. We meet quarterly and review information presented by parks staff. The role of our committee is to review information, to verify general compliance with and progress toward the purposes of the parks levy, to advise on transparency and communication

strategies, and to council on the report and audit process. My peers on the committee are alescya blakely, maria velez, silas sanderson, and paul agrimis. The first section of our report focuses on (unclear). By organizing the commitments the parks levy annual report, parks is ... In ways that clearly adhere to the ballot language and making program decisions and actions that are in alignment. It is also important that parks honor the spirit of the parks levy and use the parks levy to authentically build relationships and partnerships with the community that will benefit the parks & recreation system in the long term. Our recommendation is that the bureau build on the success of year 1 and continue to use the equity and antiracism lens and expand existing community engagement and feedback cycles to hear from the community how parks can build on parks levy voter commitments to best serve the community. We found that parks took care to be fiscally accountable in tracking and communicating parks levy dollars in a transparent, auditable and effective way. We are supportive of the continued use of the leverage funding model as it clearly and transparently allows for maximum utilization of parks levy funding and deliver on promises made to voters, specifically providing incremental service levels over that of a baseline funding level with the general fund. Our final report section is about transparency. Parks has been responsive to the interests of our group, creating time and meeting agendas for topical presentations we have selected and sharing information on parks levy related initiatives in a timely manner. The report includes actual stories from community members and staff and we are excited about continued engagement strategies to center the voices of underserved communities, including opportunities to continue highlighting people's stories in their own voices and appreciate the proactive work of parks staff to meaningfully engage community partners and individuals. I want to thank City Council for their continued support of the parks levy and look forward to

future years of success. [speaking alternate language] thank you. With that i'll pass it back to claire.

Speaker: Thank you, judy. We're excited about the progress made in year 1 of the parks levy and are grateful to the oversight committee. That concludes our presentation. With that i'll open it up to questions and discussion.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions? Do we have public testimony on this, Keelan?

Speaker: Clerk: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any further discussion? Excellent report. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. Commissioner hardesty moves. Second from commissioner Ryan. Any further discussion? Seeing none, call the role.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank commissioner Rubio and parks for this report. I'm glad to hear that the implementation of the parks levy is going well. For these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I want to thank director long and claire and judy for presenting the 2021-22 parks levy report and the oversight committee annual report. I also want to recognize the staff who deliver the programs and services that have made year 1 of the parks levy successful. Parks staff have also been absolutely critical to the successful implementation of the levy, and also they have been very critical in supporting our city during challenging times. I want to particularly thank the front line staff for their service during the pandemic. Also because of the levy, parks is now providing cleaner parks, improved access to programs, increased care for the urban tree canopy and a growing effort to center and learn from underserved communities. This progress sets the stage for continued success in

the coming years, and for these reasons, I'm very proud and happy to vote eye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, commissioner Rubio, for bringing this forward. Thank you director long, claire, and judy. And also for the meeting we have -- it was about a week ago. The briefing was great. I especially liked some of the slides that you showed. The accountability by the numbers, park levy year 1. Very attractive. Very easy to read. Very blunt and clear. Thank you. And I also want to just acknowledge, I know we heard from a couple of your staff members earlier. Those in parks & recreation that have been out there serving our community daily when many haven't been able to go outside or don't go outside because of some of the conditions. So I know we've had dialogue about that and it's just refreshing to have it directly from some of your employees this morning. Excuse me. I have a tickle. I also want to just acknowledge that the voters said yes during a tough time, and we appreciate their investments, and I think a lot of us could say there's a collective mental health crisis in our community, and I know for me, if it wasn't for doing walks in my local parks and especially when we are locked in, it was a life saver. So thank you all for your service to our community always, and I'm so glad that Portlanders love their parks and they're investing them and you're making good on the progress. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I thank you, commissioner Rubio, director long. A very well-put-together report and report back. I am especially pleased with the executive summary. They're not normally that easy to understand, and to extrapolate the information that you need. So very well done. Very happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well, the public should feel well-served by this. I want to thank commissioner Rubio and your team, as well as all our amazing parks bureau employees, director long, thank you. An important part of any ballot measure is making sure that we do exactly what we said we would do, and this report demonstrates beyond any doubt in my mind that you are being exceptionally good stewards of the taxpayers' largesse. So thank you for that. I imagine that will continue. I have no reason to believe it won't. And so thank you for your great work. I vote aye. The report is accepted. Colleagues, I've had a request we take our break a little earlier, so we will take a ten-minute recess. We are in recess until 11:15. (recess until 11:15 a.m.)

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we will now go to our third time certain number 881, please.

Speaker: Clerk: accept the technology oversight committee quarterly report.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, I'm pleased to introduce this report by the technology oversight committee which is comprised of five members of the public, each selected by an individual commissioner. The committee is tasked with providing oversight on the city's technology-based projects. Here to present the report are ethan, jeff who is here, the chief technology officer and the bureau of technology officers, and a committee member representing myself as the mayor. Welcome, ethan, jeff, and wilfred.

Speaker: Thank you very much, mayor Wheeler, commissioners. Good morning. This is the third quarter report for the technology oversight committee. Currently we are overseeing two projects, the office 365 project. That's run by police. And then we're also overseeing the infor project which is a project between water and bes. The office 365 project is in the home stretch. It's going to be prioritized right now, but the cameras project and records management system project has ramped

up. We talked about this a little bit in our previous report. They will be rank up as office 365 shuts down and is finished. In September the infor project gave us a brief intro, and we are going to be working with them and overseeing that project in the future. We haven't started yet, however. Today, jeff, the chief technology is there and he's the director of bts. He's going to present the echo report to you. And then our committee representative, who is representing you, mayor Wheeler, will be giving the opinions of the committee and the reflections of the committee. With that i'll hand things over to jeff.

Speaker: Thank you, ethan, for the introduction. I'm the director of the bureau technology services and with me today virtually is mayor Wheeler's representative on the technology oversight committee. Wilf and I are here to committee the quarterly report to council covering the third quarter of this year and provide updates that may not have been captured during the reporting period and of course we're always happy to answer questions you may have. Just to focus on the police bureau's implementation of microsoft office 365 product, it continues to make very good progress, and our external qa, quality assurance firm, case & associates moved their project assessment to an olive green status for scope, schedule, and budget. And also the technology oversight committee has also moved their project assessment to all green, all those different areas as well. And you may recall the previous report to council that was here for the previous quarter, we had indicated that the schedule was noted in yellow, so there were some careful watching over that, but that has been and is now indicated in green. And where they're at today is in the pilot phase, which includes a small number of bureau staff to test, train, and migrate the emails to the office 365 platform, and this will serve as a testing ground. I'll pause there. Wilf, did you have comments you wanted to share with the council on the office 365 deployment?

Speaker: I agree completely with your assessment. I think we felt when it was yellow that we didn't really have enough information to mark it as green. We now have that information so we're feeling very confident that it's moving ahead well. So fully agree with you, jeff. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, wilf. Also the technology oversight committee also heard updates from the Portland police bureau staff on the body-worn camera project and the police record management system. Additionally, the bureau had services with the Portland water bureau we saw this past month on the infor public sector project that will consolidate two different asset management systems on a common platform. And some other projects that will be seen I think coming up here shortly for the toc consideration, we were working with the bureau of emergency communications on their 911 dispatch system upgrade and also we've got two larger projects on our sap platform, one is areba, the procurement portal, and the employee central. We've got a number of different things that are coming up soon. Also at the November technology oversight committee meeting, we've also asked the bureau of planning and sustainability, kevin martin and hector dominguez, they had work on a surveillance policy, so we wanted toc insight on how that is being put together. With that i'll pause. Wilf, any other additional observations you'd like to share?

Speaker: No. I agree on that stuff too. We're very eager to seeing that, I'm looking forward to seeing the drone and the surveillance policy at the next meeting and very happy with how things are going at the moment. Thank you, jeff.

Speaker: Thanks, wilf. We appreciate the opportunity to be here this morning and present the quarterly report and especially your support for the technology oversight committee and here to answer any questions.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner hardesty has a number

of questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Jeff. Always a pleasure to have you here. Thank you, Wilfred, as well for being here to answer questions. I'm worried that our fabulous technology oversight committee is taking on a lot of projects in a very short period of time. You are the technology experts, so I'm concerned that we are overwhelming you with a lot of different projects that require different levels of expertise. The police updates alone would be normally -- an agenda for the year. What would you need from this council in order for your team to be able to volunteer their time to actually give us a meaningful and relevant information?

Speaker: Go ahead, Wilf.

Speaker: Sorry. Sorry to butt in there, Jeff. We are not feeling overwhelmed at the moment, Commissioner Hardesty. The office 365 has been our major focus and that's I think well in hand. As the other programs come in, you know, we'll see how that workload goes. I agree that this is important work, and we won't let it pass us by without getting proper review. So I appreciate your concern. I think that's important. And as that work comes in, we'll make sure that we have the adequate time to review those. Sorry, Jeff.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I appreciate you saying that but I just want to be clear. We're going to be depending on your recommendation around a lot of these technology issues, and I don't know that you are deeply enough involved with what, say, as an example, the police bureau is doing around body cams. Your report says that there's still negotiations happening, but we don't have a body cam policy. So I'm still not quite sure what we're negotiating without a policy in place. And even with the surveillance work that you're talking about, it will be far after the horse has left the barn where you're going to be coming back with

recommendations on surveillance. Again, I am concerned about the -- what are we prioritizing, especially as we're addressing these new technology issues that we're going to spend millions of dollars on investing in. So that's kind of where I am right now. Again, you guys have always just done above and beyond. I use the word "guy" generically, because we have awesome women on our technology oversight committee, but you've always provided us with really awesome early information, and I feel like I'm not getting what I need right now early enough for it would be able to inform policy decisions that I will be asked to make. And I may be asked to make those policy decisions long before you come back with your recommendation.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner hardesty. I really appreciate the concern as well and hear you on that. One of the things -- two things. One is the -- on all these large projects, we require an external quality insurance firm to come in and they are deeply embedded in the project team and they present their findings each month to the technology oversight committee. It's a way for the toc members to really get that inside view of what's happening on the project at the ground level. That's really instrumental in helping them to understand what's happening on a very down into the weeds basis. The second part is I would really encourage each of you to reach out to your technology oversight committee member. They can provide some great expertise and insight and help you think through some technology issues that you might be thinking of yourself. They're there and available outside of the normal report to council and also they're a great resource to tap into.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: do we have any public testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: no.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: i'll make a motion to accept the toc report.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: so moved.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: a second, please?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: second.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: is there any further discussion? Seeing none, call the role?

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank the technology oversight committee for their work and this report. I'm glad to hear that the police bureau's conversion to microsoft 365 is on track, and finally I want to express my gratitude to the committee for keeping a close eye on the water bureau's and the environmental services' bureau's implementation of new management software. I will be following your future findings with interest. For these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I want to thank you, jeff, ethan, wilfrid and the committee for their great work and really happy to support this. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: jeff, good to see you. Ethan, wilfrid, thanks for your service. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: as always, excellent information. Thank you so much, jeff, ethan and wilfrid. I'm happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I want to thank our presenters today, ethan, jeff, and wilfrid joining us today to present this report and thanks always to the members of the technology oversight committee for their fantastic work in helping

us better understand where the potential trip wires are with some of these technology reports. Really appreciate it. I vote aye and the report is accepted. Colleagues, to the regular agenda, the first item on the regular agenda is a report 894.

Speaker: Clerk: accept from kemper sports management, llc for a five-year contract for clubhouse operations for an estimated cost of \$40 million.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. For more than two years, the Portland parks & recreation golf program has experienced an increase in golf rounds while playing an important role in Portlanders' health during the pandemic. They were filled with patrons able to socially distance and connect with friends, family, and the outdoors. The golf program intends to build off of this increased interest at our public golf courses and welcome the next generation of golfers and visitors to its facilities. To achieve success, Portland parks & recreation visitors to operationalize its vision of a more acceptable, diverse and inclusive system. This item today will serve as a pivotal next step in creating that vision. In March 2022, council approved the chief procurement officer to facilitate the use of a competitive solicitation to obtain the most responsible and responsive offers for golf clubhouse operations for colwood, eastmoreland, heron lakes and rose city golf courses. All have the option to bid on one course, a combo of courses or all four. All six proposal responses the city received included bids for the all four courses included in the solicitation. The solicitation also requested a vision and operating plan that demonstrated the proposers' differentiation as a course operator and how they can provide greater accessibility and equity within the golf program. I will now like to introduce jess klein in procurement to provide the report to counsel.

Speaker: Thank you. For the record, my name is jess klein, I'm procurement

services manager for goods and services. As authorized by ordinance 197,029, we issued rfp 1854, seeking proposals for qualified firms and contractors to provide clubhouse operations at colwood, eastmoreland, heron lakes and rose city golf courses. This included managing all golf and restaurant operations, documenting compliance with the appropriate laws and regulations and implementing an agreement that will fulfill the values of the city of Portland and achieve the objectives of Portland parks golf. On June 27th, 2022, six proposals were received and each bidding on all four of the golf courses including the solicitation. Proposals were evaluated over multiple phases in accordance with the rfp requirements and on August 5th, 2022, a notice of intent to reward kemper sports management or ksm was issued. A protest was received and resolved. Kemper sports management business tax registration account is in full compliance with the equal benefits program and the eeo certification requirement. The level of confidence in the cost estimates for this project is high based on historical financial data and the pricing received and negotiated with kemper sports management. The chief procurement officer represents City Council accept this report and authorize to execute a contract for an initial term of five years with an option to extend for a total of ten years. Not to exceed amount for the initial term shall be up to \$40 million. This covers the reimbursement to the contractor for operating expenses incurred on behalf of the city as well as management fees for conducting golf operation services at the golf courses. All revenues produced flow back to the city. Funds for the contract are accounted for in the budget and the five-year focus for the golf fund. Thank you. I am available for any questions.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. And thank you so much for that report. I'm curious, I'm sorry, who is the gentleman sitting next to you?

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry.

Speaker: I'm the recreation services manager for Portland parks & recreation.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: you're probably the one who can answer questions specifically as it relates to golf courses?

Speaker: I can assist with that. We also have -- I believe joining online is Vincent Johnson, who is our golf manager as well.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: my question is less about procurement and more about golfing in the Portland metropolitan area. So I appreciate the RFP. I'm just curious, how many people annually use all five golf courses to golf?

Speaker: To golf, in fiscal year 2022, we had roughly 270,000 golf rounds played. That doesn't account for folks who show up to use the driving range, who use our events spaces which have not been as utilized coming out of COVID and also the incidental stop-bys. But golf rounds is very tightly tracked and that was roughly 270,000 rounds.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: 270,000 golf rounds. And as you can tell, I'm not a golfer, so I have no idea what that means. Can you tell me what the demographic breakdown is of golfers who utilize the five golf courses that the city of Portland owns and operates?

Speaker: Yeah, that data -- one of the things that we're looking to do a better job of is having better data capture. We don't have great data on the demographics. A lot of programming has been in the last number of years has been revolving around making golf courses more diverse and getting more of our diverse communities to our properties and through that programming. I will say generally golf historically has been a more, you know, predominantly white sport, and that's something that we at the local level are working on but something that the industry has been working on for the last number of years to diversify the game.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: do you know of any golf programs in any of the public schools in the Portland metropolitan area?

Speaker: Yes. There is a lot of youth programming. A number of Portland public schools have golf teams, some of which we support at our golf courses but there's also youth golfing, a great partner of ours, leisure golf program which is an historically black golf practice area that we also support. There is a lot of youth programming available to get young folks onto our golf courses.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: what is the average cost for a golfer on one of these public golf courses?

Speaker: That depends and so -- I say it depends because I think, you know, the experience, for instance, some can come and hit golf because for \$5 or \$6. Youth at Eastmoreland can actually hit a small bucket of balls for free from 6 to 9 a.m. Every morning. For some, that is their golf experience. On the golf course at the top end at our golf courses, which is Heron Lakes, it's \$52.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: \$52 per time you golf?

Speaker: I wanted to give context to that, is we have different pricing for time of day, day of the week, and also time of year. So when we get into our shoulder seasons and winter seasons, it's less expensive. And also at Colwood Golf Course, which is our newest acquired property in 2014, which is predicated around trying to make golf more inclusive, building a better on-ramp to golf, that is \$18 to play. But there's also a practice course that we also utilize greatly for our youth programming and for our player development. So there's a lot of free and low-cost opportunities and programming as well as different pricing throughout the year.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I heard you talk about a shoulder season and a winter season. So on average, how many months a year can people actually golf in the city of Portland?

Speaker: It's a year-round playing season. Granted when the weather is worse, naturally, like a lot of other activities, they reduce. That is similar with golf. So on really poor days, you'll see fewer folks playing but folks still come out. During our peak season, obviously our courses are full, very busy. But, yeah, we have a 12-month playing season.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: Vincent Johnson, thank you very much for your very specific answers to my very specific questions. I'm very grateful you were here today to answer those. My question is more for my colleagues. This afternoon we're going to be here until 11 o'clock tonight, I hear, talking about our housing affordability crisis. At a time when we own five golf courses and we have thousands of houseless people, I just can't imagine locking in golf courses for rich people or for people that have privilege for five years -- worth another five-year extension. I think we should be looking at two of our golf courses and temporarily repurposing them so that we can address this humanitarian crisis on our street -- address this humanitarian crisis on our street. This afternoon we will talk about houseless people but this morning we're talking about protecting golfing for another decade. That's why I had the questions. I appreciate the patience with my questions. I'm done.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues, any other questions? Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I don't golf so I'm following up on that question about the rounds. You said 270,000 rounds. And I didn't hear -- maybe I just didn't hear it right. Does that mean there are multiple people per round, so it's like 270,000 times three people average, or is that the amount of people?

Speaker: That's total rounds. That's total rounds of play, yes.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: Total rounds per person, not like there's three or

four people golfing and that doesn't count as one round?

Speaker: Correct.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: got it. So it is 270,000 people. Got it. Thanks.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I just confused commissioner hardesty more.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: just the opposite, actually. You said 270,000.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: he said there's 270,000 rounds so I was asking the question, is that per person or is that a round? And a round, what I know, includes sometimes multiple players, like four people playing together.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I don't think people play golf alone, do they?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: you and I don't know much about golf so I was just trying to get vincent to give us --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I play alone because I suck and I don't want people seeing me hit the ball.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: can you clarify the answer?

Speaker: That is total rounds. That is whether someone played alone or in a group, so all rounds included in that number.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: vincent, if I was answering your question, I think I would have said the average per round is three point x people, but you're saying what?

Speaker: Yeah, golf groups are a max of four. That's for the sake of timing and safety.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: right.

Speaker: During this covid pandemic and coming out of it, those are often -- that's what the case is. So I don't have an exact count of how many available tee times and if they're filled by four people --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: let me help here. Let's pretend I have three friends. I know this is fantastical. Let's pretend I have three friends. And I want to golf in front of those three friends. So the four of us go to a city-owned golf course, and we sign up and we play. My three friends and me. Is that one round, or is that four rounds?

Speaker: That is four rounds.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: that is four rounds. Thank you. Perfect. Again, that was a highly hypothetical scenario. Commissioner Rubio has a question.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thanks, vincent, for being here. Can you talk a little bit about -- you had shared earlier on with me -- did you have a question? Oh. You had shared earlier on with me a little bit about your visioning for making golf courses more accessible for the family. So if whether or not you played golf, there are going to be other opportunities to access and enjoy the park. Can you talk a little bit about that?

Speaker: Yeah. Generally we're looking for those opportunities. So some of that is going to be through that programming, and so, you know, for example, we did have a community day out at rose city where summer free for all came out and had a concert and we had community folks attend that day. One thing I just would want to say is we also had a great support with the community members there. We had a steering committee comprised of neighborhood association first, rose city golf volunteers and golf advisory committee. I had a great time working with them and it's something that we're looking to expand upon to continue to provide more access and opportunities for folks to enjoy the space.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you, mr. Mayor. Vincent, I'm not -- in fact, I'm not a golfer. I haven't been out for decades and decades. On the other hand,

sometimes on weekends, especially when the weather is nice and I got like a 13-year-old and a 12-year-old and part of me thinks: maybe I should try to get the kids out and play golf because we have these, you know, really special resources. So if you're a Portlander, especially a Portlander with a couple of kids and you want to maybe explore golf, how would you even start.

Speaker: Well, one is to know where our facilities are. We do have websites for each one of our golf courses so they do provide a lot of information on what's available at the golf course. Ultimately one of the things we're looking to do better is to make folks more aware of what is available and how they can get into that. That's ultimately what it would take. You can reserve tee times online, but also there's a great staff at all of our golf courses that can help address the needs that you have. So whether that is the very introductory level or someone that's more advanced that's just kind of ready to go. But they're there to help serve those needs.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yeah. So this is kind of an opportunity to do a public service announcement. If you're kind of interested in golf, haven't really done it before, you want to start, you should first begin by finding a golf course near you and then giving them a call to find out how to begin?

Speaker: Yeah, that's right. And one of the things, you know, we have five facilities, four of which are being considered, you know, with this rfp process. But they are geographically spread out pretty evenly throughout the city, and so that gives an opportunity for folks to be -- not have to travel as far to access those golf courses. That's one of the things that helps make our program more effective, is just the distribution of where they are, so folks have that access.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: great. Thanks, vincent.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: just a quick follow-up on that. Vince, you don't

need to own clubs or anything, do you? You can get those there at the golf courses?

Speaker: No, you don't need that. I appreciate you kind of raising that. I think there are some misconceptions and again another thing that we're working on is for folks, you don't need golf clubs, there's no dress attire. You know, these are public spaces and, you know, there are even -- so, for instance, using the practice areas are free. Not the driving ranges for adults. But outside of the time that I mentioned earlier for juniors. But the point being is that, yeah, you can show up and you can have a golf experience and staff there will help you. So there's no knowledge that you need other than to show up and they will be happy to help anyone out.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: great. And i'll turn this to commissioner hardesty in a minute, but i'll just note, my daughter loves to go to top golf and she does not play golf, nor does she have any interest in learning how to play golf. But she loves top golf. And I think there's something to be learned there, particularly for this next generation, because every time I take her there, it's packed full of young people. And so they've really captured the zeitgeist of the moment, technology, gaming, outdoors, athleticism, combining with other people to have fun. I just think about what the future of this sport might be and I realize that's a niche market but I think it's one we should pay attention to. Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you. Is that like -- it used to be called putt putt golf?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I would say it's golf meets gaming, is how I would describe it. They have an electronic gaming system. So you can actually hit the ball and it's aimed towards virtual targets that you can see on a screen. It's actually pretty remarkable. We should do a city hall day there and have some fun.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: very cool. My last question is really around -- I

asked about demographic data and you told me you weren't quite capturing that data. But we can agree that this is predominantly a white male older sport, at least it has been my entire adult life and I'm only 65 years old. So I don't think that's going to change much in my lifetime as a sport. Again, I'm looking for, how do we create opportunities for everyone to share, especially when we talk about the magnitude of land that we have on golf courses. We don't use all the land we have on golf courses to play golf. You know, I walk golf courses as exercise and that's fun. But, again, we're talking about the city being in an emergency and we should be looking and acting like we should use any land we own to help our most vulnerable people. So I'm done. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I had a question but decided not to.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: no worries. Do we have any testimony on this report?

Speaker: Clerk: we have six people signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: three minutes each.

Speaker: Clerk: first up brian bj swearer.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome. Thank you for being here. The mics are very sensitive. You can just leave it. Thanks.

Speaker: Yeah, my name is bj swearer. I've been an area resident actually out of Vancouver since 2009. I've probably played 700 rounds of golf roughly on the city courses. I actually worked for kemper sports that manages heron lakes. I was there for ten years, most recently as a tournament director. I'm also a co-owner and executive director of golf pdx. We were one of the bidding firms in this rfp process. And I'm also still currently the tournament chairman with the heron lakes club. I've been doing that since 2015 when I was on staff and continually for the past two

years. The club itself has 378 members. It's the largest public men's golf club in the entire state in the oga, which is the governing body. And so I'm partly here to represent them. I'm partly here to represent my company, which was literally established to try to better the system going through this rfp, and just as myself as a golfer. I'm out there. I would have been out there today. We have a men's club tournament that's been going on despite the weather conditions, we still have 50 guys out there playing golf. With you I felt that I should be here as opposed to out playing. I'll keep my time short because I have a minute and 40 seconds which, you know, was -- 3 minutes is the amount of time you get to look for your golf ball on the golf course. That's the rules. You gave me the time to find a lost ball here. I submitted written testimony. Hopefully it's read, it's there. It's pretty self explanatory. I covered the protest process that we golf pdx engaged in. And at this point, you know, the decision is left with you, the City Council, whether or not to approve this contract going forward. I'm not going to get into the details. It's unnecessary. I can go on and on and on about the importance of the golf program. Honestly 2020 was the best thing to happen to golf since tiger woods and graphite shafts. It's been great for the game. The game has been exploding. Even though rounds have gone back down, it's amazing. Our membership continues to increase every year. More and more people are participating. And I'm not rich. I have not a lot of money. A lot of the people that play at the municipal courses, that's why the municipal courses exist. They can't afford memberships to go to columbia, edgewater, and royal oaks and orchard hills. They go and they play the municipal courses that are supposed to be affordable for the common person. Despite the increased rounds, despite the increased participation, rates continue to climb every year. It's unfortunate. It's pricing the people out of the market who would be playing there. These are just some of the things, the vision that golf pdx, us, local

people try to bring for this rfp to have a change from the status quo, which is a large corporation coming in, taking \$400,000 a year of money that's not going to benefit Portland.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate your being here today.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have robert bodine.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome, robert.

Speaker: Clerk: doesn't look like robert's here. Next we have steven rebischke.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: there you are. Hi, steven.

Speaker: Hi. Thanks for having me here. I'm mostly here to testify about the rfp process for the management of the golf courses and I know we're at the eleventh hour, as they say, because the contract to manage the courses is going to expiry on November 1st. But I question the process that was given. The city has not released the scoring evaluation for all the rfps, they haven't provided public access to the final bids. And it seems like it may have been a predetermined decision because kemper sports, which is pending having the award, has been managing heron lakes, they've been doing a reasonable job. I've played there so I can't complain about their service. But golf pdx provides local management by local golfers, they're local people. They play the courses that they're going to manage versus a corporation, kemper sports, that's headquartered where? Phoenix or something like that. So I would just like to encourage the council to consider a few options. One would be to extend the current contract for at least 120 days to give the public access to what the proposals were, and beyond that consider splitting the management up of the golf courses amongst two or more companies. Kemper is the only one that's been doing it. The other courses, eastmoreland and rose city have been managed by private people for almost 40 years, if you consider -- out of east more land. So let multiple management companies have at it, create competition, see who does a

better job of managing the course, managing the expenses. Golf pdx is the less expensive option and they can return that money to the facilities to make them better and possibly subsidize rounds to get people interested in playing golf. I was really amazed that no one on the City Council plays golf. It's -- it's amazing to me. But having said that, you need to know that the city of Portland has among the best public golf facilities of any city in the country. I've played 'em. And for us to consider using city golf course land for anything other than golf would be to tear down something that Portland can be proud about. At eastmoreland golf course, they play the fewest public championships. These are high-quality facilities. Lastly, two things: please consider re-evaluating the rfps for the management, and please don't tear the golf courses down. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your testimony.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have tom williams.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, tom.

Speaker: Hi. Good morning. My name is tom williams. I'm a member of Portland's golf advisory committee. The golf advisory committee is a non-paid citizen committee that advises on golf program related matters, including strategic direction and contracts. I have been a golfer off and on since I was a child. I value the sport because it provides me with outdoor recreation, a healthy way to let off stress, and connection to community. My educational background is in urban policy and I recognize the great value that a good and accessible municipal golf course provides to the communities in which they reside and to their entire city. The city of Portland has an outstanding golf program. The city has a collection of excellent golf courses that are welcoming, affordable and centrally located. They provide a great way to get healthy outdoor exercise in a beautiful setting. Portland's golf program puts a lot of effort in making these courses accessible to everyone of every age,

every sex, every background. The city of Portland's golf courses are noticeably more welcoming and diverse. This is why I choose to primarily play at city golf courses. Our golf courses are a great community asset. As a member of the golf advisory committee, I support this proposed contract with kemper sports management. I believe it is in the best interests of the golfers, the golf program, and the city of planned. The thorough process that led to this bid. I believe this contract will lead to greater access for golfers, will make the golf program more financially sustainable, and will ensure access to Portland's golf courses to all the people in our city. I believe having this contract in place is key for our city's golf program's long-term success and ability to provide affordable access to this valuable recreational opportunity to anyone and everyone. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have delphino baltazar. Okay. Next, timothy j. Dack.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hello, timothy. Thanks for being here. Appreciate it.

Speaker: If it pleases the council, I'm tim dack. I'm president of the heron lakes men's club. I've been on the board for 21 years, from 1995 through 2004, in the capacity of tournament chairman, president, and then vice president. I came back to the board in 2011 as a captain, then president. I left after 2018, took 2019 off. Came back at the end of 2019 as president. During that time period, during my time period at heron lakes, I've experienced two different managers that you have employed, byron wood was the original and then kemper sports. From my perspective as president, I want to thank you for letting me be here today because this is the first time I have been involved at all in this process of awarding this, other than spending an hour and a half, it might have been two hours, with the consulting group that you hired on the Friday before memorial day in 2021. And we did that as -- what that entailed was members of each ladies' and men's club for the four

courses, I don't include Colwood because they don't have a ladies' or men's club, speaking to the consulting group. I've read the consultant's report. I don't necessarily appreciate being -- their term for us. But what I'm here to tell you is that what you're spending with Kemper Sports for them to collect money for you is far and away too much money for them simply to collect money for you. I have been at this facility for almost 30 years now, and I will tell you that in the last 11 years that I have been involved in dealing with Kemper Sports, I have yet to see them do anything that enhances the golfing experience for anyone at Heron Lakes, and that is unfortunate, because Heron Lakes is one of the top golf courses around. I will tell you, my men's club has probably some of the top amateur golfers in the state. We had one gentleman qualify for the U.S. Amateur tournament this year. It's a national tournament. You have international players who try to qualify for that. Two of them qualified for the amateur adjournment. We have quality golfers and they will tell you they have played courses all over, at the four finishing holes at Heron Lakes are some of the best in the world. What I am here to tell you is my experience with Kemper Sports is that they will take your money, they will collect the money for you, and that's all they're going to do. In the eleven years I've been back on the board working with Kemper Sports, I haven't seen them enhance the golfing experience for anyone there and that's a disappointment to me. Again, I wasn't interviewed for this process at all. It's disappointing to me that this is my only time to say this because it seems to me that's a little too late and a little too short. This is the only time I had to do that. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them for you.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you for being here. Thanks for making that effort.

Speaker: Clerk: that completes this.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. Colleagues, any further discussion or

questions?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I just have a question. I wanted to ask Vincent to comment on the procurement process and did you in fact review that after hearing concerns?

Speaker: For the record, my name is Jess Klein, Procurement Services Manager. Okay. A couple things. So I think probably the first thing to talk about is the evaluation committee that was for this procurement. One of the things that we heard was that there was an appearance that was predetermined around decision-making. The committee was made up of six members. That's unusual. Formally we would only have five. In this case we had six. The reason we had six was that only three of the committee members were city staff. Three of the committee members were actually community members. Two were members of our minority evaluation program. This was a desire from the golf team to be able to actually get out there and expand the group of people who would be looking at this work. My understanding is that three of the -- two of these committee members were also members of the golf advisory committee. So there was a desire to bring the community in on this decision-making. So far as the records around the procurement are concerned, we have received a number of open records requests around this procurement. We have released all records which have been requested at this point, that includes proposals, that includes score sheets. In fact the score sheets are actually currently posted with the requisition that's online. The only records that have not been released at this point are protected under trade secret and ORS 192501. Unfortunately, due to that trade secret exemption, we're not able to release that at this time. Beyond that, I would say one note to be made, and this actually comes back to the protest which was made, there was an error in the original scoring, and that error was corrected almost immediately. We actually -- it

was actually we were trying to expand the point values for the (unclear). Typically when we.

Speaker: > to bid, we only award bids to co-certified firms. That was a recognition that we needed to recognize both the prime and subcontractor on this proposal. When the original formula that was used, though, unfortunately only had the subcontractor formula. We were reached out to by golf pdx once the scores were posted and they let us know that, wait a second, we should have some additional points here. We were able to make that adjustment to the score which did increase golf pdx's score. However, the evaluation committee unanimously decided not to move them forward in the process.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: what?

Speaker: They remained in fifth place, commissioner.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. Colleagues, any further discussions? I'll entertain a motion to accept the report commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second? Second commissioner Rubio. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for bringing this forward. I'm struck by the fact we started today by talking about the role that sports plays in Oregon's economy, and then it was very fascinating to get this case study about the role that golf plays in our civic life here in Portland. I want to thank commissioner Rubio for being such a good steward of recreation & parks in Portland. I also very much appreciate the conversations we've had with folks who care about the game of golf and want to make sure we get this right, and I encourage and urge commissioner Rubio and the parks bureau to continue to work with the golf community to make sure we manage our courses in an efficient, equitable, and fair fashion. For these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I would like to thank jess from procurement and maximo and vincent for all the work they've done in this process. I also want to thank those who came in to testify about their concerns today. We hear you and we take those concerns that were raised seriously. And I also want to appreciate that there was a second look at those pieces, advise staff to ensure that there was fidelity to procurement roles. And also thanks to Portland parks & rec. Golf program for their hard work and diligence to see this project through to fruition. We will be watching to see how this moves forward. I'm accepting to accept this report. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk:

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan:.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: yeah, thanks for those of you who came to testify. I'm sitting up here with more questions than answers at the moment. I didn't get the sense of what was broken and what needed to be fixed, and I just need to say that. It seems like we're moving from one contracting system to a new one that kemper is going to take over all of them. Is that true?

Speaker: Yes, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: okay. So I didn't understand why we've made that decision. I didn't hear that. I know I've spent some time just trying to understand the demographics, trying to understand how many people are golfing in Portland. I support the golf courses. I know at heron lakes it's been a game changer for many students at roosevelt high school. At this moment I know it's just more of a concern vote. I'm going to go ahead and vote no. I vote no.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I'm really grateful that *Vancouver sun* sent

johnson was here. Thank you so much for vincent johnson was here. Thank you for answering my questions and for your vision of golf for the city of Portland. I'm also really concerned about this -- I'm concerned about this for a couple of reasons. As stated, we're in a state of emergency, I understand, and we are protecting golf courses and not protecting people. I understand that this process was a little funky when it comes to whether it was appropriate to give all the golf course management to one company versus the system we had in place before, and so I am a no vote on this particular measure.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: so just for clarification and perhaps to put commissioner hardesty at ease, there is no city-owned property that is off-limits when it comes to the question that we will be talking about later this afternoon, and I will reserve the right to use my authority in the issuance of executive directives as I see necessary. So I just want to put that on the table as an aside. I want to thank everybody who testified. I honestly don't get into the nuts and bolts of our golf program. I have focused on other priorities and i'll freely admit that. But I probably should. This is the second hearing that I've attended related to golf, and the passions run deep. That may just be emblematic of the game itself, of the pastime itself, of the sport of golf. But I actually would like to know more about the hydraulics of this. And a gentleman said he was surprised that none of us up here at least play golf. I used to. And I was being unabashedly honest when I told you I was terrible at it. Then I suffered a catastrophic back injury and I couldn't play it at all. And so I just really haven't been to a golf course but I would like to spend a little bit more time with you at a later date to really talk through some of the issues and maybe talk to some of the folks who are here today who are so passionate about what we do and how we do it here. I will vote aye today. I will defer to the parks

commissioner and the parks bureau on this point but I think we need to have a deeper discussion about this contract in particular and how these contracts are vetted. I vote aye. The report passes, though barely. Next item, colleagues, is item 895, which is a resolution.

Speaker: Clerk: declare City Council support to form stakeholder advisory groups to support post pandemic economic recovery in the central city and neighborhood business districts.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, the work of the expediting groups is about aligning complementary efforts across business districts and neighborhoods. It's a way to identify common trends that challenge us and those where we have success and it's important for the city to be fully participatory as a partner in moving forward economically. Improving the right-of-way, increasing residential opportunities, and improving on the public safety perceptions across our various you districts and neighborhoods are shared goals and they're directly related to the economic recovery of our small, medium, and large businesses here in the city of Portland. The spirit of the expediting groups captures what has long made Portland special interested people coming together to work through small and big issues with a desire to make our city livable, make our city unique, and make our city a place where people can thrive. For those reasons, I'm not only grateful to the stakeholders who are helping this effort, but I also invite my fellow commissioners to support this resolution and to commit to supporting the business districts all across the city of Portland. I will now turn this over to it eric zimmerman on my staff to present the item. Good morning -- or good afternoon as the case may be.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor and counsel, eric zimmerman, senior adviser for the central city. I think we have a presentation that is up. Thank you. The expediting groups are a convening of active stakeholders and participants across the various

business districts in the city. The concept has grown from the successes that we have seen in the various problem-solver meetings that many of our neighborhood associations participate in with pmo. We can go to the next slide. We have designed two expediting groups in recognition that the economic challenges facing the many business districts across the city, as they come out of 2021 and have just completed a summer season that showed the beginnings of a recovery. These expediting groups will work together to address the barriers to improving the vibrancy and the vitality of the various neighborhoods and their economic corridors. While the needs across the city's neighborhoods may differ, many of the trends are generally common. Developing solutions and sharing those solutions across the business districts and across the neighborhoods is intended to help us as a city know where we can align efforts and ensure that we're a complementary partner in the economic recovery of Portland. Next slide, please. I'd like to highlight on this slide some of the differences that prosper Portland and eco northwest have identified within the central city districts and the economic corridors across the city. In this first table, their study helps us identify the trends relative to the number of businesses, the amount of employment, office vacancies, and the foot traffic contained within the central city districts and whether it's stabilizing, growing, or a loss from pre-pandemic era. Go to the next slide. And they further the same idea. This next table offers us some recommendations to approach the needs of various districts given their stats from that previous slide -- we have the ability to take a look at whether we reinvest, whether we reinvigorate, or where we recognize. And with that it may include very near-term investments, it may include increasing residential uses, and incentives to mitigate some of our most challenged areas. But working to activate the public realm or increasing daytime activity in areas that are recovering but just need a little bit of reinvigoration to truly thrive is another set of

recommendations that we can see. If we go to the next slide, the prosper Portland applied these same standards, not just in the central city but across the economic corridors that complement the business districts throughout north and east Portland. And again, the reinvest, reinvigorate, and recognize recommendations are really what drive us as we figure out where the expediting tables and expediting groups can contribute. If we go to the next slide, please? To ensure that we're engaging in a meaningful way across the entire city, we've really introduced this expediting concept to the business districts across the city and are pleased that most are willing to participate and their idea-sharing is already beginning relative to success stories and the common trends that they are facing in this environment. So given the last few maps that we've seen on the slide show, I've been able to kind of tell you where we're focusing and kind of the how we're focusing, but I want to take the opportunity to move to the next slide and show you kind of what we're going to focus on within the expediting groups. In our conversations with the expediting group stakeholders and reflection upon that economic study provided by prosper, we have shaped the work of the expediting group into four primary buckets, and that's what you get from this very acknowledged, very busy slide, but that's what we're hoping to convey here. You see returning workers, you see right-of-way improvements and activation, you see increased housing opportunities, and underlying that are public safety improvements. What I'd like you to take away from this slide and from the effort overall really is that these efforts are primarily focused on short-and medium-term actions that can have a real effect on the ground. We hear in every stakeholder meeting about real and perceived concerns about public safety and how it affects whether people want to come back to the office, whether people want to come down to shows, or whether people choose to dine out. And we also hear from retailers that they need help knowing what to do. They need help

knowing what to do when they're robbed or vandalized or harassed in their places of business. Because of that we've established the breakout group that is focused on public safety as a foundation for these efforts. Another one, and as noted previously regarding foot traffic, remains depressed in some of our districts. And as we recognize some of the challenges of the workplace over the last couple years, we also recognize that many employers and many employees are trying to figure out the best ways to create a model for the future of work. The expediting group on this topic is leaning into the concept of how to create a vibrancy that can be felt when people are working from the office but are enjoying that flexibility that we've experienced over the last few years and what does that look like in a hybrid environment moving forward? For those efforts we created the breakout group for returning workers. And now I think most of us have noticed a need for cleanups in some sense in the right-of-way to make our streets feel more inviting or more open. Pmo and other partners are already aligning their graffiti abatement cleanup efforts to focus on areas of great need and businesses are already in talks with one another on how to expand the holiday tree-lighting along our sidewalks and the removal of some of the protective plywood to make room for temporary pop-ups -- pop-up vendors, our exhibits, and holiday showcases as we move into the winter season. You'll notice that these are truly, when I say short term, these are the short-term, ground-level activation efforts that make a difference in that sense of the feel of our streets and in all of these various economic corridors, particularly as we enter into the darker months, lighting up our streets and some of our parks where possible is going to be felt for more hours of the day, and we think that that will have an effect on the right-of-way activation moving forward. And lastly in recognition of the change of the workplace and the vacancies that we have heard about that exist within commercial spaces, we are endeavouring to better

understand how we can make it possible to use those spaces for future residential uses. From the previous tables we can see that districts that have a greater mix of -- mix and density of residential units are faring better than areas with low residential opportunities. Those conversions, if possible, require that the city be a partner and for that we created this last breakout about increasing housing opportunities and actions that we can take as a city to help in the medium term, take now to help the medium-term growth in residential opportunities. So I offer that. These are the various efforts that I would say you are already happening within the community, and it's our belief that their impact will be felt at a greater -- a greater pace or greater effort if we strive to align all these efforts together and if we achieve complementary outcomes relative to these economic districts that then affect our neighborhoods. That really is where the concept of the expediting group is coming from. So with that, we can go to the next slide and I am very happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions on this item?

Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you very much, eric zimmerman. I think it's the first time you've testified in front of us.

Speaker: It is.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you for being here. How are participants selected for these expedite groups?

Speaker: Yup. Initially it has been from the business districts, we put out an invite at venture Portland and then from there we've also asked members of commissioner staffs if they have other folks that they think should be invited and we've extended invites that way.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: sure.

Speaker: Then cultivating from some of the -- I mentioned the problem solver meetings. Some of those problem solver meetings, some members have showed interest in being involved as well.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: are these members going to be confirmed by this City Council?

Speaker: I don't believe this is an act where they need to be confirmed. It is more that they are participating on we'll call it a working group and it's -- it's not that people can't participate, we have regular open meetings where folks are allowed to attend and I think that's why there won't be any confirmations in that sense.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: so is this a public meeting?

Speaker: I think right now it falls as an advisory within the mayor's office, but I would say to really answer that question fully, I think that we should confer that with the city attorney's office to answer that fully. But right now it's advising the mayor's office.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: well, if it they're advising the mayor on (unclear) resources and I'm sure this council would affirm their appointment. I could read any office could participate but most of us have seven staff, you guys have 25. So it's a little hard for us to participate in all these meetings that your office has. How many of the small business owners that are participating have 20 or less employees?

Speaker: I don't know the answer to that, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: how many of the members have you been meeting with to develop this plan?

Speaker: Can you repeat the question?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: what is the diversity? How equitable is the representation at these tables that are providing input to the mayor's office?

Speaker: I think we have diversity of types of businesses that are involved. We have a diversity that reflects the membership of the various business districts and membership of venture Portland.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: how about of the city of Portland.

Speaker: The diversity of the city of Portland?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: that is correct.

Speaker: I'm not sure I understand the question that you're asking.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: that's okay. I'll ask my next question. Is this an attempt to put the action tables that I was supposed to be briefed about two budget cycles ago into statute? Is this putting the budget tables into statute?

Speaker: Commissioner, this is about efforts that many in the community are already taking relative to trying to figure out how to get through and how to improve their economic situation into the winter months, and that if they're able to take some of those actions at a very personal and single business level, that they may be complementary to what their neighboring business is doing or what their neighboring association is doing and that that effect is a desired effect that has -- that brings shoppers back to their streets or is -- everybody on a single block protecting that they're cleaning up what has been dirty on their sidewalks. I think that's more really the spirit of this, and it's a collective buy-in of neighborhoods and of business -- managers, business owners, that there are some things that they can contribute to together that entice shoppers, entice people, diners, to come back to their area, and maybe overcome some of the real or perceived issues from previous months and previous years.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: how much staff time is being taken away from bureau staff to participate in these tables or to redirect their work to accommodate these tables that so far (unclear) and what their input is and how their input is

being used.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: I'll answer that because I think there may be a fundamental misunderstanding of what this actually is. So all of those proposals that we just saw that were in the three different buckets -- yes, this is actually coming to us from the community. This is the neighborhood business districts, in some cases neighborhood associations, small business owners and operators advising me, my team, and Prosper Portland or what they're doing and what support they would need from the city of Portland. This is a resolution, so there's nothing here that's statutory. There's nothing here that is in stone. This helps me be advised as the commissioner in charge of Prosper Portland write large economic prosperity and returning back to some semblance of normalcy economically. This gives me clear insight into what is going on at the neighborhood level in addition to what kind of support ultimately they might ask us for as the City Council. But that would all have to come back to City Council as part of a budget request, as part of the work that Prosper Portland is doing, as part of the work that we're doing through the inclusive business resource network through Prosper Portland. All of that is secondary. This is really us setting up tables so that we can understand what's going on at the neighborhood business district level and be supportive, be catalytic to the efforts that are already underway.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I appreciate that explanation, Mayor, and that makes me a little -- just a tiny bit more comfortable in what is being proposed today. I guess my concern is, though, Mayor, you think Prosper is in fact our economic development engine, and I would hope that we're not limited to just what we think Prosper can do because most communities of color do not see Prosper as an economic partner when it comes to their economic stability in this community. I always get concerned when we have back room tables that are having

conversations that need to be bigger and broader around economic development. Again, we always talk about my people's market, but black people have to eat more than twice a year, and it could be a good flagship program for prosper but it does not actually have any economic impact that black small business owners desperately need when we're helping the city of Portland. And a great example, 82nd avenue east Portland, it is a vital business district that gets almost no support at all and I also don't have streetlights and sidewalks and I won't say that I have a billion dollar maintenance backlog that commissioner Ryan loves to hear me talk about so often. I really appreciate -- welcome, eric, your first time testifying in front of us. Thank you, mayor, for that explanation. It's always better to be more transparent than less. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'd like to add to that. I'd like to challenge you on some of the assumptions. We can take that up during budget. In fact, we're doing substantial work to engage entrepreneurs as well as small business owners and operators of color, both for the inclusive business resource network at prosper Portland, that provides technical assistance, in some cases grant support, siding support, storefront support and other services for over a thousand small business owners and operators per year, the majority of whom are business owners and operators. Secondly we have our inclusive business recovery strategy, the meeting is underway. We had our fifth meeting yesterday. That is a broad coalition again advising me, advising ultimately the council on what strategies we need to put into place to ensure that we are being equitable in our approach to economic recovery and making sure that those very businesses that you mention are being included intentionally and up front. And those meetings are going very well and I appreciate that the commissioner have offered support to that effort as well. Commissioner Ryan? Sorry.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: that's all right. Eric, good to see you. Welcome to the team. Thank you for your support. One question, it's just logistics. The west end. How do we define -- I always thought that was just part of central city. Explain a little further how that narrow little area has its own thing?

Speaker: I've also learned this as well. Really from a central city perspective, I use that term now really to reflect what was shown on the first map, which is that's the lower albina inner east side and areas in the downtown district and it is one of our historic designations, and I say that, historic in the amount of time we've called it the west end versus downtown or the university district. These have all been batted around as similar areas. So I think really the folks who represent a lot of the downtown, I think you see coverage in what is defined as the west end here. Another very key player for us is the university, the psu is a big participant in these talks, and they also have students who are very much in that west end as well. So I think what we're seeing is a difference between colloquially how we call certain areas versus -- either prosper or eco northwest define ascertain districts.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: tell me a little bit more about the ecosystem of what you're building, the choreography, if you will. The groups defined in these breakouts, like west end, I'm assuming they meet and is there a collective meeting with them all coming together?

Speaker: The way we're organizing this is right now all of the central city is one expediting table because of how much density is in that together, and then we're creating another expediting table that encompasses the business districts across the rest of the city, and that's where some of those economic corridors come in to play. And what we get is almost a similar amount of folks involved. It's just that there is so much in the central city that that number in a smaller geographic area still is a lot of folks. What they do is that very busy slide that had the four breakouts

is that there are people who are involved, who are passionate or knowledgeable on those given areas, and we're holding weekly or semiweekly meetings on that specific topic, and then there's another group that maybe other members of the expediting group who aren't passionate about that maybe, so they're involved in right-of-way activation but not involved in public safety, for instance, so they won't engage in that extra meeting. There are only a few people who really kind of dance in both or multiple groups. But it allows those who are passionate, knowledgeable, or have a vested interest in a specific topic to get a full hour each week. I know there are conversations happening amongst themselves because they hear of ideas that then spur that on. A great example of that is in our right-of-way, clean-up and activation group, there are neighborhood associations who talk about their cleanup efforts that are going on but at the same time they are hearing about opportunities where the street trees that are in the blocks along -- in front of those businesses can maybe expands and be lit up during the winter months. So they kind of identify themselves as being interested in that. Then we have an art, some constituents from the art community who are interested in helping some of the vacant window spaces, they learn that a business is open to maybe a short-term tenancy or some sort of window activation and they're looking at how to get those places activated on the ground floor the way we kind of remember from holidays past. Those happen in those organic meetings, and that's really valuable. Another thing we learned out of it is we learned that the businesses were challenged in how to engage Portland, we have -- the same group identified that misinformation and we're helping to get that back out there and correcting the record, if you will, and making sure folks know funding is available, you should apply still to get that help. That's why I make that tied to some of the problem-solving meetings. There is some stuff that is very reactive but there's an aspect that is proactive and they're learning

lessons from each other and that's the convening role and that's where it's been helpful.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: your example is very concrete about activating the business -- I forget what it was called. I remember wanting to be a champion for it through prosper Portland so they could have access to those funds. How will I on council, how will the public know six months from now how this activation groups are actually measuring success and what will that report look like?

Speaker: Yeah. I think that very much -- what is a good concrete way to report on this? And I think one of the items we have is we have an idea, in some neighborhoods, not all, in some neighborhoods we have an idea for which block fronts are boarded up, you know, during the summer, and is that number different when we come into the spring, right? That's an example. The other is the graffiti audit example. That's what we owe to the members giving their time on this as well as the council.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: traffic and signings?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I look forward to those metrics.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: commissioner Ryan made me think about another question. I'm curious. If you're really prioritizing -- let me back up. Are there property owners that are just waiting for the city to make everything pretty so they can make a gazillion dollars off of their decrepit property. If so, how are we making sure people aren't gaming the system to take advantage of our goodwill here on council?

Speaker: I don't know if the answer to the first part of that question, if there is anybody waiting for us. I think the way I would respond to that is for those properties who are decrepit, who aren't keeping up on their end of the bargain, and

frankly their commitment to an area, for some of them -- we try to engage with the city and for some we have had success this is a major issue and the effect is not just the block, it permeates out. It's how we identify corridors across the city as that beacon has a wave effect into the neighborhoods that surround it and I think that's where the peer pressure of other folks that are along that corridor, the other folks who own the building. If there is stuff we can do to collectively help a property, I think that's worth our collective efforts and it is kind of the alignment idea we're putting toward it.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I just don't want to see them financially benefit from limited city resources when they have their own resources where they could fix their property up and actually make it available either for housing people could afford to live in or for a business property that people could actually afford to lease. The thing you did not talk about is how we're pricing small businesses out of the city of Portland, and nothing in your plan actually addressed the fact that small businesses just like individuals are being priced out of the city of Portland to be able to thrive as small business owners. So what's the plan around actually making sure that small businesses -- and when I say small businesses, I want to be clear. When I say small businesses, I mean small businesses that have 20 or less employees. What's the plan to make sure they also are able to survive and thrive in all these business districts?

Speaker: I think that's an important question and again with the busy slide, it had a lot of ideas on it. It's important that we look at that as that is part of that brainstorm. That is where some of the organic items come from the members that are contributing. That's where I would encourage, if you do have the staff time, if there is a staff person on the team or you have interested members of the community who want to participate, that that is a great way for us to engage on

that because what the expediting groups are not, they are not our offices end all be all that hear the answers. They want to cultivate the challenges that folks are facing on the ground and that includes small and two-person-operated businesses as well. We have some of those who are already a member and their contributions are grand.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: so my last question -- my last question, honest. Could these meetings happen at a time of day that makes it easier for small businesses to participate? And again my office would love to but we only have seven people. If we had the number of people you had, we'd be at one of your meetings. But we don't. What I don't know is how to plug in when it matters, from my office. Maybe that's an offline conversation about how you make sure that we can stay engaged because again I can't come every week but when it matters I want to be at those tables.

Speaker: Happy to extend that and happy to have that conversation.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. Any further questions? Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Clerk: we have one person signed up, Kaitlyn Dey is online.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. Welcome, Kaitlyn.

Speaker: Hi. Sorry. It took me a minute to get off mute. Good afternoon, commissioners. Upon seeing this agenda and reviewing the council materials, I have to be honest, I became very concerned. On the website it mentions one of the goals of the stakeholder group is the enhanced vision of the districts. I don't think that's a good idea to march forthwith establishing more when the city is still undergoing an audit review process. Not only that as you saw in a letter sent to you they are currently stalling the audit process by intentionally withholding their

participation because they didn't like how the audit was initiating. In full transparency on my part, I was one of the stakeholders who communicated with the auditor's office on this issue. As a Portland resident and I'm not a San Francisco dark money lobbyist, which is what Portland Business Alliance is claiming, I don't even get paid to do this, I'm just a concerned citizen, what I find especially ironic is part of this ordinance states that these stakeholders are not lobbying while some of us are being hounded for not being registered lobbyists ... So by this logic when I talk to the city around concerns it's lobbying, but whether business districts go through back doors to create their own committees to advance these specific agendas, it's not being considered lobbying. Going forth if these committees are established, I would like to know how members of the public, people engage and track the process of these committees, especially since it sounds like it's not confirmed if they would be public meetings. Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty, for your questions earlier, because I shared a lot of them. And I would like more specifics on who exactly is part of these meetings. Mayor Wheeler, you said earlier it is coming from community but I also want to know more about what community do we talk to and house people, do we talk to non-profits who are in these business districts? I also really want to know when the audit review process is slated to continue and what you're going to do about participation. I think it's relevant to these communities. These are opinions I have. I hope someone has an answer that can be shared during this meeting because there are major transparency concerns and this proposal doesn't seem to be addressing any of these concerns, at least not for me. So I really hope the city can take these concerns seriously and engage with community members with very real concerns who are not really in it for the money.

(bell ringing)

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Kaitlyn, thank you. The irony is we are being

transparent by bringing this forward to the council and having a public discussion about it. But I want to be clear about what this is not. This is not an ordinance, this is not an item that has any fiscal impact. What it is is an advisory group. And I have attempted to cast a wide net to focus on the interests of our neighborhood business districts and their economic recovery, and the goal here is for them to advise me. Ordinarily, by the way, this happens behind closed doors with no transparency whatsoever. Commissioner can ask anybody they want for advice on any subject they want. But, for example, if we wanted to create a new esd, that has to come back to council with full notice, full disclosure, a presentation, discussion, public testimony, and a vote in front of the entire public on the creation of an esd. So that discussion that you raise, and you raised some very legitimate points, by the way, in my opinion, that would still have to be vetted in public. So I just want to be very clear on what this is not. This is a resolution. And so it is resolving that we will have these conversations, that they will advise me and other commissioners as they're interested, but any actual policy change would have to come back before the City Council, any requests for funding. That concludes public testimony? Very good.

Speaker: Clerk: it does.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is a resolution. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank the mayor for taking these proactive steps to support Portland's continued economic recovery. I look forward to hearing the ideas generated by these groups. And I also want to ask these groups to provide council with advice on at least two projects which I believe are vital to the revitalization of Portland's business districts. First, I believe it's time for the city of Portland to move forward with the construction of Portland's green loop.

I hope these groups can provide this council with advice on how to get that project right. Second, downtown Portland, the square has been closed for four years. It is well pastime to reactivate that space. I hope the downtown recovery group can provide this council with advice on how to get that project right too. For these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor, for bringing this forward. It was a really great conversation to hear, all the dimensions. I know you're still shaping the group, so I'm glad that you asked us for input on names and we'll still continue to work with you. I want to absolutely make sure that we have, you know, diverse representation from the minority chambers, other small business owners and community groups, so that is something I would still want to connect moving forward about, and, yeah. So just -- I look forward to continued updates about these areas. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, eric, for that report. Our city really does need this all-in effort. I noticed it includes neighborhoods, businesses, and I think non-profits and government all at the table. It seems pretty organic. I look forward to updates. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. Thank you, eric zimmerman for your presentation and being under the spotlight for the last half-hour or so. I appreciated your answers. Of course I'm always concerned about people providing advice that leads to money being expended. So I will be keeping a close eye on what's being recommended and how it fits into our budget deliberations because believe it or not we start that conversation in a couple of weeks as we start

preparing for next year's budget. You know, I'm just always concerned that we don't shut off avenues for public input and so I will continue to see whether or not we can add value to the entire city's business climate so that all of us get to come back from this economic devastation that's been experienced. I'm happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well, first of all, eric, thanks. Good job. Thanks for the presentation. Thanks to my colleagues for a very good conversation. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Second reading number 896, please.

Speaker: Clerk: amend annual grant from limit not to exceed \$450,000 for the habitat fund in support of the bull run water supply habitat conservation plan.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, this is a second reading. We've heard a presentation. There's been opportunity for public testimony. Any further business? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: maps.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: ordinance is adopted. 897, also a second reading of an ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: amend Portland clean energy community benefits code to better align with and equitably meet city climate action goals.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any further business on this item? Commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. Last week we had a great conversation about these critical changes to the program and I again want to thank everyone who participated during that hearing. Today we have the opportunity to approve these changes and move the program forward with more accountability and stronger, tighter climate action goals and to be strategic around investments

and grants. So we're here to reaffirm and honor the intent of the ballot initiative and also reaffirm its prioritization of low income communities and communities of color, but also to leverage all the lessons learned over the past two and a half years to strengthen the program in service to our communities. With that I want to just acknowledge some of the concerns that we heard in the hearing and from community about definitions within the proposed code. We hear you loud and clear. As part of the work ahead, I am directing staff to include defining the terms trainee and apprenticeship as part of their first administrative role-making process. In these efforts, I am directing staff to include the pcaf committee, labor, our regional work force development body, work systems and other community-based workforce and contractor development partners and the pcaf high roads advisory council as key stakeholders in defining these important and impactful terms so that we are both ensuring pcaf continues to create high-wage earning opportunities without excluding any sectors that are critical to addressing our climate crisis. Secondly, we've heard community desires for the code to define the allocation for the community responsive grant program. We understand this desire had originally planned to include such allocations. The place for those allocations is in the climate investment plan. Community responsive grants will absolutely be maintained as a core component of each climate investment plan. However, it is important that the climate investment plan be an iterative document based on current climate science, city decarbonization priorities, community input and need, and capacity. So I'm excited about these potential changes have to provide meaningful work in our communities to address our climate crisis and bring up those who have been historically underserved. I'm ready for pcaf community to get to work on the first climate impact plan and make more impacts on investments in the future. We have two members here to answer any lingering questions. Otherwise we're ready to

move forward.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner e Mapps, you have your hand raised?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank commissioner Rubio to stepping up to the plate and to continuing to dialogue with interested parties around the definition of trainees and apprenticeships. I think this is an arcane but important subject. I trust you and your team to get this right. But I also ask that as those discussions evolve if you can keep my office in the loop. That would be much appreciated. Thank you, commissioner Rubio and thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: maps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I'd like to thank donnie, sam, and all the staff that have put so much time into these changes. The city is super lucky to have such a diligent team. And to the committee, you have done such thoughtful and impactful work and I can't wait to see the recommendation you bring to us in the form of the climate investment plan. With all that said, I enthusiastically vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, commissioner Rubio, for introducing this item for your incredible leadership guiding this work. When we last met in counsel chambers -- council chambers, I asked if we could think outside the box and move faster on delivering outcomes for our community. Commissioner Rubio's amendments will do exactly that while we streamline this innovative program. All Portlanders need these investments and it's important to remember they will save lives. Last year an properly trained tree keep unhoused Portlanders alive during the

summer. We learned last summer that some of our most vulnerable Portlanders during a heat wave were not most often the victims. It was people living at home with failed cooling equipment. We must prevent these tragedies. Your adaptive leadership is seen and it's appreciated. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, commissioner Rubio, and thank you, thank you, thank you, donnie and sam. Let me just say as a brand new director of the bureau planning and sustainability, donnie has hit the ground running. He has been very responsive to requests for information, and I am very, very grateful to have you in that role. Sam, as the Portland community fund manager from its inception, you have never failed us. You have never failed us to be really clear about the values of this program and how you make sure that the trust of voters is paramount in your mind. Last but not least, commissioner Rubio, your leadership with this program since you showed up as been stellar and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the program team and the community oversight board to make sure that voters' intent are absolutely realized through this program. I had a lot of questions. I had a lot of nervousness. But I feel much more comfortable now because I've had my questions answered to my satisfaction, and I know the core values of the folks leading this program and they share the values that I have in making sure that this program serves the community that it was designed to serve. So I'm very happy to vote aye, and as always, I will be walking in hand-step with you as we continue to make this program a role model for how a community can lead around climate mitigation. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well, I also want to extend my thanks to donnie and to sam and -- I actually do have a comment about commissioner Rubio's leadership

on this. I wish the public at large could appreciate the finesse with which commissioner Rubio managed this process. This is a very difficult balancing act that she has pulled off here, between factions who not only don't always see eye to eye. They are formerly political adversaries. And commissioner Hardesty and I had our turn with those groups. We were able to forge something. But this is much broader. This is a broader fundamental shift in the way that we want to evolve and move this fund forward. And I really have enjoyed watching commissioner Rubio's performance on this. This could have gone sideways multiple different directions but she and her team who are here, Gillian and others, really did a phenomenal job. I was actually glad to see the Oregonian, in one of their political comments, describe it as a politically deft maneuver. This is what it is. It's the kind of compromise that moves everybody forward. It's the kind of compromise that maybe someone will have an objection around the edges but it was a big step in the right direction. And by extension, as I serve with you, I'm really proud of your leadership on this. It was very, very well done. Thank you and congratulations. I vote aye and the ordinance is adopted. Now, I wish we were done but we're not. We go back to the consent agenda where I believe -- four fifths? How could I forget the four fifths side? Please read the four fifths 898-1. Commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: did we do 898?

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: no, we didn't. I forgot that too. Wow, I really am --

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: it must be lunchtime.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: I'm not looking forward at what's coming at two o'clock. It's going to be a long sit in this chair. That's the important thing. I wore my lucky tie. Keelan, why don't we go back to 898, emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: intergovernmental agreement going forward to authorize budget allocation of \$1,552,691 in emergency rent assistance funds from department of

treasury, cv funds from department of

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: the emergency rental assistance era grant from the u.s. Department of treasury that was accepted in 2021 for approximately \$19.7 million was followed up by a second infusion of funds, era 2, amounting to about 25 million. As of last week, the second tranche of the era 2 funds are 99% allocated and that supported 5,800 households. We know many households in Portland face imminent risk of eviction, access to rent assistance resources remains dire. Due to our city's effective and timely expenditure and management of the earlier era funds, the city was allocated an additional 1.1 million in additional allocation funds last month. We intend to allocate the funds through the existing home forward era piga for the covid emergency rent assistance practice am and community-based partners. The housing bureau will direct an additional \$235,386 in community development block grants awarded through the cares act in 2020 to provide rent assistance, administrative and program delivery cost. I'd like to hand this over to jennifer chang to bring this home. Jennifer? If you want to cut slides and get to the heart of the matter, everyone will appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, and good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is jennifer chang, she/her pronouns and I'm the policy coordinator. In summarizing commissioner Ryan's statements, we wanted to give you a very brief overview of progress of our covid rent assistance program to date. It started back in summer of 2020 and since that time there have been, as of last month, over 22,000 households assisted by funding, and this comprises both funding from the city and county. The majority of these funds have been federal, which are cares and erap funding and also have included city and county general funds as well. And so total of \$98 million expended in assisting again over -- nearly 22,000 households. And in terms of demographics, over the last fiscal year, just

looking at a snapshot of the last fiscal year, there have been 65% of the households have been very low income, zero to 30% ami, and 78% have identified as being from bipoc communities. There's breakouts -- I have breakouts of that by different racial and ethnic groups. We are to follow up with information on that for the council. And then in terms of the partners that have been administering these funds, there have been over 43 different organizations and programs across the city and Multnomah County, including our city-funded, city-convened expanded partner network, which is a newer network started two years ago, comprising 18 organizations of which are culturally specific and they have been working with these other networks and programs to get the funding out into the community. And that brings us to the purpose of this agenda item, which is to amend our existing -- the city's existing home forward iga that is for the erap program to add an additional 1.5 million. This includes the recent reallocation that we received from treasury, as well as just smaller amounts of the federal funds. So we want to make sure these funds get into the community to assist folks in the next several months and we are anticipating the funds will be expended by the year end to assist 350 to 400 additional households. So at this time I would be glad to answer any questions or have discussion.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions on this item? Do we have any public testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: sorry. Let me check. We have one person.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: three minutes, please? Name for the record.

Speaker: Clerk: it doesn't look like they've joined.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: aye.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. Always happy to accept money from the federal government for a good cause. I vote aye. Adopted. Next item, four fifths, 898.1.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize the city attorney to take legal action against mckinsey and any other third party that assisted manufacturers in deceptively marketing prescription opioids to recover public funds that have been and will be expended by the city as a result of the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of prescription opioids.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, thanks for agreeing to this item. In 2014 council authorized the city attorney to hold distributors accountable for causing the opioid epidemic. (one moment please) the senior deputy attorney is here to present the resolution in brief.

Speaker: I actually don't think I have anything else to add beyond what the mayor said unless you have questions for me. It is an extension of the original resolution to allow (unclear).

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any questions? Is there any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Clerk: no. No one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is a resolution. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye (all say aye).

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the resolution is adopted. Back to the consent agenda. Let's read the one commissioner hardesty is pulling back to her office, 892.

Speaker: Clerk: amend public right-of-way parking code ... Laws, rules, and technology related to meter.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I think I may be pulling that item back into my office.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: without objection. 890, please, this is an emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize intergovernmental agreement with Portland state university to design and execute a summit in early 2023 on equitable civic engagement and co-governance not to exceed \$108,800 --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: who pulled this item?

Speaker: A member of the public, I believe.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: let's hear their testimony first, please.

Speaker: Clerk: marianne fitzgerald.

Speaker: I've been sitting three and a half hours, like you, waiting for my turn.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate it.

Speaker: I urge you to vote no on both items 890 and 891. I was particularly concerned that there was no actual text of the intergovernmental agreement attached to either of these agenda items, and I really didn't understand what the scope of work is for this project, who is going to do what. There were numerous consultants mentioned in the language, and I really don't understand what the expected outcome of this work will be. It's not an emergency. In fact, I recommend that you wait until after the election because if the voters vote for amendments to our city charter, that might change the conversation that we have on this item. So I don't understand why this is an emergency item. I don't understand what the scope

is, who is doing what or what the outcome is. And I included in an email questions I asked Mr. Montoya in February. I scratched my head when he sent that reply to my questions. I don't really have any better understanding than I do today. In the interests of time for item 891, it's just a similar concern. They're two tied together. I really believe that civic life needs to bring the community back into the office of community and civic life and have some conversation in community about what we expect. Because it looks to me like a repeat of what happened a few years ago when commissioner proposed to repeal without notifying the neighborhood associations that were most affected by this proposal. I just think that it needs more time. These igas are not ready for prime time and I urge you to vote no.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you. In the interests of time can you read 891-2.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize intergovernmental agreement with Portland State University to expand and improve the ... An amount not to exceed \$61,250.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: is Marianne the only one signed up to testify on either one of these? Maybe, because -- I figured and I might have a comment as well. Commissioner Hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you, Mayor. And thank you Ms. Fitzgerald for being here today. I have Director Montoya here to answer specific questions. Very briefly, colleagues, as you recall, civic life was authorized for funding as part of ... To create forward-looking solutions to the often ineffectual civic engagement framework ... One of the challenges to engage in all Portlanders is there are many different ideas about what civic and community engagement means. Also, many other cities have engaged frameworks that we have not considered as part of our own engagement tool box. Interim Director Montoya has worked with the School of Government Center for Public Service and Oregon's

kitchen table to address both of these issues. This ordinance will fund a convening of national engagement practitioners and local engage, innovators and practitioners to publicly stress-test the ideas emerging from around the community and inclusive government. So, mayor, that is my response to number 890. Number 891, in 21-22 civic life worked with the population research center to create profiles around 95 neighborhoods and seven districts. The first draft of these profiles recently completed their public comments period. This ordinance allows Portland state university and our city gis and open data groups to update these profiles and design a public searchable database so everyone can easily use this data which profiles. It is so important that all of our residents and community-based partners have the most current and meaningful information about who lives in each neighborhood. Interim director montoya has shared the initial drafts of these profiles and we're really looking forward to giving you a full demonstration of these profiles once he and Portland state university incorporates the public comments and suggestions that are part of this ordinance. Interim director montoya is here to answer any additional questions folks might have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: you know, i'll just give my two cents on this while the director is coming forward. And I wanted to reiterate just the technical aspect of this. There already was a discussion about this during the budget process, and this is the allocation of those funds. And so I feel obligated to honor that prior decision by the City Council. But I also think, as I look at this, I agree with marianne that the existential question is what is the form of government, but I still believe the information is valid. I still think the question of how do we increase or support public input to a greater degree is an important question regardless of what form of government we settle on for the simple reason that right now the public doesn't trust us, full stop. And one of the reasons people don't trust us -- and I don't mean

us specifically, although somebody would probably make that case -- they don't feel included in the conversations we're having about how decisions are made. And that is a legitimate issue. And the reason I support this is I believe it begins to address that question. The second part of this also raised an eyebrow with me. I'm not surprised that marianne raised concerns about the iga, the devil is always in the details of the iga. Upon evaluating the iga, I'm confident it does not substantially shift any policy that the city of Portland is engaged in, nor does it preclude any policy that the city of Portland is engaged in. It is creating, as was indicated, profiles of specific areas so we know a little bit more about those areas. But it's general in nature, and I think that can only be helpful in better understanding the demographics of our city. So that's sort of my two cents on this. I don't know if other people have other questions or thoughts. I see commissioner Mapps has a question and I'm certainly open to that conversation.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: sure. I just have a quick question. Director, why is this an emergency?

Speaker: Thank you for the question and thank you, marianne for the testimony. It's simply an emergency because that's a quick way to begin this work. It was an expediency. I actually didn't pay it much attention.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you. I appreciate that response.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I have long been a proponent of changing the statutory language that creates emergency ordinances because people say, oh, what's the emergency? The emergency ordinance. All it means is that it's implemented immediately upon passage by the council. Whereas non-emergency ordinances, the only difference is that they don't happen until 30 days after the council votes and it's very confusing to the public and I'm a strong proponent, if we can change the language from emergency, which people respond to in one way

that's not what we're talking about, to just say immediate ordinances or immediately implemented ordinances or something like that. And legal counsel is nodding that maybe this is something we could take up. Because it comes up at every meeting. At any rate ... Commissioner Hardesty, more on either one of these? Public testimony. We're done. 890, call the roll -- I'm sorry, Commissioner Ryan. I apologize.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: sorry. I know we'd like a break. Good to see you. I just don't understand the rush. I thought Marianne's testimony was solid. We have to build some trust with our neighborhood associations. It seems like this is an opportunity on this item to engage more of the neighborhood associations so they don't feel as though they were left out of this journey.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: let me say with 96 neighborhood associations, having only one person to come to talk, not understanding it, I see as a positive. We have been very engaged with neighborhood associations. Sometimes people just don't like the answers that they get. So I would just leave it there. Unless you wanted --

Speaker: Thank you for the concern. I share the concern. What I didn't realize was that I needed an engagement plan for the engagement plan for the engagement plan. I understand and completely appreciate the lack of trust and legitimacy and trust must be earned. What I haven't had an opportunity to do with your offices or with any of the external partners that we have, especially our neighborhood associations, is present the fullness of the plan as it unfolds. These two ordinances, all they're doing is getting that work started. I can't start the engagement plan or the engagement plan for the engagement plan until I have some contractors on board. And both Oregon's Kitchen Table and the Center for Public Service and the Population Research Center are those contractors that can

help get this started. That's really what that was about. But I understand too marianne's concerns and it's crucial we do the external engagement so people can be involved. That's what this ordinance will help do.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I thought that was very well-stated, director montoya. Yeah. We don't need to have a plan to develop a plan to actually do the engagement.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: it does suggest more transparency and communication with the public and we'll leave that with you.

Speaker: Absolutely, yes.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: 890, call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: colleagues, I'm going to vote no on both of these ordinances today. And I'm not voting no because I have any inherent opposition to 890 or 891; rather, I'm voting no in the hopes that we could perhaps bump this from an emergency ordinance to a regular ordinance. As I take a look at this discussion -- and I have heard from neighborhood groups about these two items over the course of the last several days -- but it feels like there's disconnects between the stakeholders you serve and your planning processes, and I think it would be healthy for the office of civic life to engage in a little bit of civic dialogue over the next week or so, explain to folks how we got here, what's going on. I think once community groups understand what you're doing, this is going to be fine. I anticipate, should this come back to council next week, to vote yes on this. But in the meantime, I will vote no and urge the office of civic life to continue to educate the community about what's going on with these two ordinances. Thanks.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: mayor, point of order.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: go ahead.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: point of order. I move to remove the emergency clause due to my colleague.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: can I suspend the roll for that purpose?

Speaker: Your honor, I think it would be --

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: let's vote no and go for reconsideration. Go to the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: no for the purpose of reconsideration. Colleagues, I'd like to move reconsideration on item 890. Can I get a second. I have a second from Commissioner Hardesty. Colleagues, I heard whether a Commissioner Mapps said with a desire to have a further discussion with the neighborhood associations. That seems like a very pragmatic response, and for that purpose I'd like you to support reconsideration for that purpose. Please call -- and I got a second. Please call the roll on reconsideration.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye (all say aye).

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: we remove the ordinance to get an emergency clause. Can I get a second?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty:

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: the amendment is adopted. 890. It moves to second reading. Item 891, call the roll.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: could we remove the emergency before we --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: weigh can't. Good call. I make a motion.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: mayor, I move that we remove the emergency clause on 891.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we have a motion and a second to remove the emergency clause from 891. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll on the amendment. (all vote aye)

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the amendment is adopted. Item number 891 is a non-emergency ordinance that moves to second reading. Next item, and I'm sort of working backwards here and I apologize, folks. 886.

Speaker: Clerk: settlement of evelyn cushing bodily injury claim in the sum of \$47,500 involving the Portland police bureau.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, this ordinance results a claim brought against the city. Senior claims analyst david farrow here is to present the ordinance. Who pulled it and can we get their testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: marc poris.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: marc, are you still here? Is he still on?

Speaker: Clerk: yeah.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, marc.

Speaker: Yeah. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is marc poris, I use he/him pronouns. We pulled this from consent. There was very little public information. The \$47,500 amount is suspiciously close to the 50k trigger for making it to the regular agenda. We again ask you put all police misconduct settlements on the regular agenda to save the community the trouble of pulling these items and to ensure that the city attorney or risk management appears in front of the public to shed some light on just how much is getting disbursed and how frequently people harmed by ppb. We have no objection to the

city paying the settlement. We hope the medic at the protest, to take care of people harmed by police, is able to fully recover from their own injuries at the hands of ppd. Having seen the video we take offense at the term encounter as used in the ordinance. This was an outright unprovoked assault and another example of [transmission difficulties] \$700,000 found in protest related settlements and jury awards in the past two years. We understand that this case went to independent police review where the two allegations against officer brian Wheeler were both sustained. He used inappropriate force and his tactics and decision making were not in accordance with training guidelines. We'd like to understand the reasoning behind keeping a dangerous cop employed. We show up here despite understanding these settlements are a done deal in an attempt to get you to engage and discuss the underlying policy issues around police misconduct. We haven't heard any meaningful discussions about stopping police violence at protests or police shootings before or after these council votes. We disagree that the settlement has other ways of learning about the costs of policing in Portland. We do not. Information is going to come out here and it is coming out today that the public has not yet seen and would not see had this item remained on the consent agenda. To repeat our continuing ask for transparency, we urge the city to report the true cost of settling these cases. Impact statements should include the amount of time that the city's attorneys office spend on settlements. If there is anyone

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, marc.

Speaker: Clerk: we do have another person signed up for testimony on this.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: sure. Beatrix. You're muted. Beatrix li. Will you try to unmute. It doesn't look like they're able to unmute.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. Colleagues, any further discussion on

this item. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the ordinance is adopted. We have one more, 883.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize the letter of agreement between the city and the Portland police command officers association to adopt a corrective action guide to ensure consistency and fairness.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is an emergency ordinance that seeks to approve the letter of agreement with the Portland police command officers association. We have ron zeto here from labor relations to answer any questions neighbor may have. I assume we have public testimony on this.

Speaker: Clerk: marc poris.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: marc, go ahead. Three minutes.

Speaker: Thank you. Actually I'm kind of bummed that beatrix didn't get a chance to testify there and also I'm even angrier that mr. Farrow did not present that video to you. I was under the impression he would. I hope you get a chance to see that video. Let me get back to 883. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record my name is marc poris, I'm with the group Portland cop watch. We have some concerns around this item but I'm going to be brief. You all have a long afternoon ahead of you. It's our understanding that once local collective bargaining contracts expiry, the state-wide standards become the default. You should be aware that the commission on statewide law enforcement conduct and discipline. (transmission difficulties). Written reprimand. We hope the city is working to

strengthen the state standards to match what is in the guidelines. Also we've been asking the city to make the entire collective agreement document searchable so the community does not need to scan all 105 pages to find what we're looking for. Currently among other (transmission difficulties) and that is the portion that you are getting ready to copy and paste into a completely different collective agreement. Please fix the searchability issue before copying and pasting.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, marc. Is there further public testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: no, that's it.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: please call the roll.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: as we know the corrective action guide, this is referring to negotiated between the city and the Portland police association was to developed to, amongst other things, ensure consistency in the implementation of corrective action in the bureau. This loa ensures that consistency extends across officers and command staff alike. I vote aye and the ordinance is adopted. And I hope you all enjoy your lengthy lunch. We are adjourned. We'll see you at 2 p.m. Bring snacks. (adjourned until 2 p.m.)

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Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here, everyone. This is the afternoon session of the October 26, 2022 of the Portland City Council. Keelan, please call the roll. [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we will hear from legal council on the rules of decorum.

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Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank, appreciate it. Colleagues we have five items today, they are all resolutions. Keelan can you please read items 899, 900, 901, 902 and 903.

Speaker: Keelan: 899 establish key actions to increase affordable housing construction. 900 assess options to increase ordination and enhance unhoused access to paid non standard work. 901 connect mental health and substance abuse recovery services to unhoused individuals, 902 set city budget priorities to implement affordable housing connect homeless individuals with sanitary mental health and substance abuse recovery services and request assistance from county, metro state and federal partner and 903 [reading]

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you for joining us today, those joining us in person in council chambers those in our overflow room here at city hall as well as those of you joining us virtually from home we welcome you all today. I think we agree there's no issue more critical to Portlanders than addressing homelessness and the critical affordable housing gap in our community. Last week commissioner Ryan and I introduced our co-sponsored proposals that included the five resolutions that the clerk just read. I'll note that the fifth resolution, item 902 is a compilation of the other four resolutions and it includes funding requests from our government partners to help make this all work. I want to be clear. Today we are going to hear staff presentations. We are going to hear extensive public testimony, I would expect we will hear a broad diversity of viewpoints. We will not be voting

today. I just want to be very clear at the end of this process, probably around 10:00 p.m. Tonight, we will continue this discussion to a different meeting. But the main purpose for today is to be able to hear your perspectives. These costs and the requests are going to continue to be developed. And in particular, resolution #5s this a number of conversations still ongoing with other government partners. We will bring back the full details as a substitute resolution before we take the final vote on that in the near future. I also want to thank my colleagues and their entire staffs for engaging on this issue. I know it's been a lot of work over the last few weeks in particular, but I want to thank all of you. These res *r resolutions were also shaped by our outreach workers and their experience working with the homeless population here in the city of Portland. I want to thank them for sharing their wisdom as well. I also want to thank the hard work of our key city bureau staffers who helped develop these resolutions we are going to hear about today. We know that our work can't be successful without the work of the key bureaus. And I want to thank them for their engagement. Lastly, my staff deserves a lot of recognition for their incredible work to prepare these resolutions I want to thank chief of staff bobby lee and the entire team for their efforts particularly in recent weeks. They spent many nights and weekends researching and editing these resolutions and I'm very proud of my team and I just want to say that publicly. Today we are here to listen to the community and get your input. We will not, as I said, be voting on these items today. As I will mention again at the end of today's hearing we will continue these items to November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. For additional discussion and votes. I'm confident that these proposals will save lives and livelihoods for Portlanders housed and unhoused. My office has been working on these proposals for some time, but I also want to acknowledge the important concerns raised in the recent a.d.a. Lawsuit. The city has been trying to address

a.d.a. Issues under its current campsite removal procedures and recent lawsuit make it's clear many Portlanders with disabilities feel we have not done enough to provide accessible sidewalks throughout the city of Portland. I want to be clear. These are very important concerns. And ones that we do need to respond to as a city. And I believe these proposals before council will help us address these important a.d.a. Concerns. Those Portlanders who are unhoused, and living on the streets, they deserve our understanding, our compassion, and our help. Our goal should be to connect people with whatever services they need to be able to get off and staff off the streets. We develop these proposals based on input we received from the homeless community and conveyed through our city outreach workers. You might remember with the lifting of the pandemic restrictions I declared an emergency that stepped up homeless campsite removals that were problematic, marley particularly since we had not been doing any campsite removals during the pandemic. This resulted in self-cited increasing by 2,844% just between September 2020 and September 2022. Nearly 3,000%. As part of this emergency declaration, we improved our offer shelter space by introducing real-time reservations, transportation to the shelter of choice, with personal belongings and three 30-day storage of other items. But only about 20% who were offered accepted this new and improved offer of a bed in the local indoor shelter system. In fact, on most nights there is excess capacity in our indoor shelter system. According to our hard working city outreach workers, of the hundreds of homeless individuals that they spoke to, the majority said they would not go to an indoor shelter. But would instead like to go to a place where they could pitch their tent, where they would not be asked to move all the time, and many expressed an interest in having access to hygiene, bathroom facilities. For many, designated outdoor camping with services would be seen as a significant improvement over their current conditions. This is

one of the money reasons we are pursuing this approach. Additionally, of the over 600 homeless individuals our outreach workers offered shelter and services about 10-15% of people did not accept services due to the name and birth date requirements. Their past history and fears of criminalization was literally keeping them out in the cold. That's why we are envisioning through one of these resolutions the creation of a diversion program. It's important to clear low-level crimes and to encourage people to accept connections to services. The magnitude and the depth of the homeless crisis in our city is nothing short of a humanitarian catastrophe, I hope we can all agree on that. Not everyone, and I want to be clear about this, not everybody who is experiencing homelessness has a debilitating substance abuse or physical or mental health affliction. But indications are that a rapidly growing percentage of people on our streets do. With waiting lists to get into subsidized affordable housing that span between 5-10 years, nearly 800 unsanctioned encampments spread out over the 146 square miles of the city of Portland. And overwhelming number of homeless who have told us they have never been offered services, clearly something needs to change. We need to change our approach. This is what our resolutions set out to do. Before we hear staff presentations, I would like to invite commissioner Ryan to speak on these resolutions. Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Colleagues I'm honored to be with you here today in respond to the effort and plan to provide Portland. I'm humbled to be co-sponsoring the plan diversions, workforce initiatives and framework to accelerate the construction of affordable housing. The combination straddles innovation, connectivity, common sense, compassion, truth and the acknowledgment that the current status quo from government and nonprofit partners need a disruption and an over haul. As the united council we accept the time for change is now and we are

taking necessary action. The proposed resolutions are necessary for both homeless Portlanders and their compassionate neighbors who want to get them the help and services that they need. It is inhumane to watch thousands of homeless Portlanders suffer without access to basic services, clean showers restrooms or access to caseworkers. We must move people from the trauma of life on the streets toward dignity and stability. It's also irresponsible to not address the safety concerns of neighbors, neighborhoods, business owners deeply impacted by the consequences of untreated behavioral mental health and drug addiction. We are facing some concerning trends. We also have a declining enrollment in schools which means families are moving away. Portland business journal reported that over half over the last year we saw the smallest annual change in the city's population in decades. People are not choosing Portland as their home at the rate they used to because we have not addressed the problems on our streets. I can't tell you the number of stories I've heard from Portlanders who don't feel safe in our city. From children and families who want safe access to our parks and rivers to elders who want to stroll down the waterfront or simply walk to their local grocery store. We are also hearing from our own employees in watching businesses with a long history in Portland to choose in Portland close because hard working people don't feel safe doing their jobs, walking or commuting with public transportation. We need to take action with scalable results. The mayor and I came up with a multitiered plan to rapidly increase the number of affordable housing units. Leading effort with commissioner Mapps to ensure permits are at the front of a line, a line that is moving. We will continue to prioritize support for renters and housing providers who have weathered the economic instability of the pandemic and Portland is calling on the partners of county, metro and salem to do the right thing and join us as we boldly take action. We need our partners at every level of government to

align resources and get in the game. We have an ask by the majority of Portlanders to build a much better and compassionate first responder system for the homeless. Now is the time to move our state ranking last in the nation how we treat and care for those with mental health diagnosis and addiction. To that end to be responsive we need every jurisdiction and every leader in this game. Our county region and state cannot move forward without radical improvements. Before I hand it back to the mayor, I want to say that I've read hundreds of letters submitted as testimony. Lived experience I read from many I share. I look forward to the testimony today. I will listen with passion as I hear your passion and your concern for others. And most importantly our shared love for our city. Back to you, mayor.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Ryan. So just by way of the order of events today. We are going to hear from staff first. They will do a brief outline of the resolutions. We then have limited invited testimony and I've offered the opportunity to each of my commissioners to invite testimony, so I expect we will hear a diversity of viewpoints and then to you for the rest of the session and we will stay for as long as we need to hear you all out. I will start by inviting our staff here. We have bobby lee who is my chief of staff. We have karen jean chapman commissioner Ryan's staff member, christina gunn, also from my staff. After we will hear from andrew from work systems inc. Sky lar brocker nap also from the mayor's staff and dakota johnson from the mayor's staff. I will turn it to you, bobby, you are up.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and commissioners for inviting us to speak here today. I want to let the public know the copies of the resolution is on the mayor's front page website. As he open up we will have different staff members present. This is the first time our staff is presenting. This is a great opportunity for our staff to kind of showcase their work. The item 899 will be lead by christina who is handling --

Speaker: Excuse me, before we get too -- bobby, I'm not feeling like we can hear you well.

Speaker: Oh, is that right? Let me get it closer.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: are we supposed to be looking at a presentation on the screen?

Speaker: Yeah, megan?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: why don't we share the screen then?

Speaker: It's coming.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: there it is.

Speaker: There we go, if we can go to slide 2, thank you, mayor. Can you hear me now? There we go, I will get closer. Item 899 will be lead by christina sitting next to me. Item 900 is assess options to increase coordination enhanced unhoused access, standard of work will be andrew, joining us online. Item 901 led by skye. She is also online. Item 902, there's a place holder item we will fill in next week. Item 903, dakota thompson will be leading that discussion to create a diversion program for individuals experiencing homelessness. We will keep our presentation short because we have a long night ahead of us. With that I will turn it over to christina. Next slide?

Speaker: Good morning,

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: it's been morning for a long time now.

Speaker: Is it afternoon. Good afternoon. Establishing key actions for increasing affordable housing construction in Portland. As bobby mentioned commissioner Ryan's staff as well as staff in Portland housing bureau are available if there are any questions. I will start going right into it, start by sharing quick background on this issue, much of which will not be news to all of you. Next slide we will provide an overview what this specific resolution does. So our rising home prices and housing

shortage is again not a new issue. Council declared an emergency on this in 2015. Since then housing prices have continued to rise, which is increasing the number of households at risk of homelessness and fueling gentrification and displacement. We know we need more homes, homes of all types. We know we specifically need over 20,000 new units of regulated affordable housing. Building this much affordable housing on our own would cost billions of dollars. However financing affordable housing is not the only way, we also provide incentives for affordable housing, such as property tax exemptions, we regulate zoning and other local land use regulations that influence what can get built and where and by what process. We provide public land and pursuit partnerships with land owners to advance these goals. Next slide, please. We don't build affordable housing by ourselves. Nonprofit partners are typically the ones who build with city and other public funding to support it. The private market increases our overall housing supply and includes affordable units in many new developments. For the last several years these units and mixed income make up 70% of the city's new affordable housing units. But we need to do more together. The resolution identifies key actions the city will take to increase housing production. Including first looking at the land we own and control. And making sure we are using as much as possible to help us reach our goal of 20,000 affordable units. We also seek partnerships with the state in the next several months to help increase state and other local tools for affordable housing construction. We will look at opportunities for the private sector to help us out with this goal. There are also some bureau projects that are under way in many of your leadership that the resolution acknowledges. There's the permit task force work. The state mandated work by the bureau of planning and sustainability, this fall and into next year will dig into very detailed estimates how much housing we need at a variety of different income levels. And then the bureau will be working with other

bureaus and stakeholders and council to bring forward a list of broader production strategies that we, as a city can and must undertake to address these issues. So this resolution is not the end all be all of everything the city is doing but the an important moment to acknowledge what we are trying to achieve and create a general timeline and plan working toward that. And that is it from me. Do we have andrew mcgoff on the line from work systems?

Speaker: I am here. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: Excellent. Excellent, good afternoon. Go to the next slide. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners my name is andrew mcgoff executive director of work systems serving Portland, Washington and Multnomah counties. I'm here to provide an overview of a resolution to assess options to better coordinate and increase opportunities for unhoused residents to connect to non-standard work. Non-standard work is an umbrella term for different employment arrangements that deviate from standard employment. They include gig work, day labor, temporary employment, part-time, seasonal and on-call work. This resolution focuses on helping us determine if there is sufficient demand to implement a proven web-based system to manage and connect people to non-standard work. While this may sound a bit off topic, the reality is access to work must be an integral part of our strategy to address homelessness and support our houseless neighbors. How, when and where people work, however, is evolving and requires us to think differently. To create and connect opportunities to meet people where they are and build the pathways to move forward when they are ready. Next slide, please. This resolution encourages the city to work with us, the workers lab and beyond jobs to not-for-profit developers of an online system to manage and

support non-standard work. As well as other jurisdictions and partners to better understand, coordinate and organize non-standard work funded by public entities including the city of Portland. Better organizing these opportunities allows us to maximize public investments, expand activities that work well, fill in gaps, build in protections, control and progression for workers, and enhance quality and alignment in the workforce for local businesses. Over the past several weeks, I have talked with a number of houseless service providers about employment and training services for houseless and formerly houseless residents. Universally these organizations say the people they work with would benefit from additional access to work and especially flexible work that considers the challenges our unhoused neighbors face. In addition, these organizations also called for better coordination and connections to help support a continuum of work and skills for workers to advance. This resolution is a great first step to creating an environment where the city -- partners and the community can come together to ensure work is an available and successful part of our efforts to solve houselessness. Thank you, and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we will hold off on the questions until the end of all the staff presentations. Next item 901, connect mental health and substance abuse recovery services to unhoused individuals. Skye?

Speaker: Thank you, I'm skylar in the office of mayor Wheeler. I will walk quickly through this item and happy to answer questions at the end of the presentations. This is item 901 to connect mental health and substance abuse recovery services to unhoused individuals. Recently the irp has observed over 700 encampments around Portland in the last seven days and a 50% increase in unsheltered homelessness and from 2019 to 2022 on the streets of Portland. It includes detailed information about the cheap synthetic and potent drugs on our streets and

increase in overdose that's have been ski rocketing in recent years. We know too many Portlanders are not getting access to services on our streets. So this resolution intends to connect them better to those services. Next slide, please. So what this resolution does is outlines a proposal for a vision of better connecting people to sanitation, navigation to housing and the existing physical, mental and behavioral health services along the ten continuum of care. Partnering with Multnomah County to open the 2400 shelter beds that are already funded and create designated camping sites for up to 150 people, with an option for growth after initial phases of the design. And also commits to partnering with Multnomah County for data collection, management and client-centered approach for this process and better connects folks to outreach workers and the services they need. It prioritizes city funding for these efforts. The budget monitoring process and operational funding plans will be brought to council later. So this is just the initial proposal. It does not intend to criminalize homelessness. Thank you.

Speaker: On item 902, we will refer that one next week, we will skip over to item 903, create a diversion program to individuals experiencing homelessness, dakota take it away.

Speaker: Thank you, good afternoon, dakota thompson from the mayor's office and I'm here to talk about the diversion program or what we want to create in terms of a diversion program. For some it's an offramp from the criminal legal system. It's a way for someone to have as many opportunities as possible and as neat a package as possible to detach themselves from the criminal entanglement in that system. The idea is to make sure that anyone who finds themselves burdened by these fines, fees, the reality of being captured in that system, has a way to get out, exercising their own agency. Access to resources model where if you engage with resources, you are able to step away and get these fines and fees resolved, in a way

that does not burden you any further. I think we have heard a lot about how intensely difficult it is for someone who is already experiencing homelessness and poverty to be able to separate themselves from that system. Because it is such a larger burden on them than it is for others. Because they do not have this network of resources. So a diversion program is a method of making sure that we can connect people with that network of resources and it will certainly require partnerships, I think that's mentioned in the resolution. It will require partnerships with Multnomah County, district attorney's office, with all layers of that government to make sure that people are not being held up by one aspect of the system and being drug back into it by another aspect of the system. We are devoted to making sure these partnerships are collaborative all the way through. And when I say collaborative, I mean also by those persons who are taking advantage of a diversion program. It is fundamentally a collaborative effort to make sure they are able to exercise their agency. And take advantage of that offramp. Diversion programs are extremely effective. I would ask and point to the links in the resolution on the website. They point to the vera project and others that document studies that have happened in places such as harris county texas in 2018, dramatic reduction of criminal involvement down the road, numbers as high as 50%. That's massively important, what that means is a diversion program can be a long term effective method of helping people improve their situation and not come back to the criminal entanglement to the criminal legal system. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, next slide.

Speaker: And briefly, bringing stakeholders together, that's what I mentioned, the district attorney's office.

Speaker: Thank you, next slide.

Speaker: In terms of next steps, there will be public testimony over 200 people that have signed up. And then on November 1st, all the amendments to the resolutions will be posted. On November 3rd will be final vote. And with that, we will go turn it back to the mayor.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. So colleagues, we will obviously have other opportunities to address questions. But while we have staff here, this is a good opportunity if people have initial questions before we get to testimony. Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: first, thank you, mayor. Thank you commissioner Ryan. Clearly we are going to be here for a while gathering information from the public. But initially I had some very quick questions. Welcome dakota, your first time testifying in front of council. Good to have you here. I want to understand this diversion program. Are you aware we are lacking, I think the last count 40,000, lacking in the state of Oregon over 40,000 behavioral and mental health providers. We are lacking culturally specific service providers. So as we look at this resolution around sanctions and requiring people to accept treatment that doesn't currently exist, just how do you envision that playing out?

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. This is part of a larger package. This is not an item in isolation. A resolution like this is delivered to the council and community part and parcel with all of the others, because we are having to address that global task at the same time.

Speaker: Yeah, the vision is a good one, if in fact it was based in our current reality, right? So for me, I'm challenged with giving people sanctions, requiring them to do things that don't actually exist today. You know, I'm sure we will talk a lot more about that this afternoon. I did want to go to the very first one though, resolution 899. I think bobby, you're an old pro here, so welcome again. I'm curious, let me just

say that this is one of the ones I love most. Because I have been talking about land banking for years. And I'm happy to see us actually expediting the conversation around land banking. But as I look at what is being proposed, in this emergency that we are in, what I realize there's nothing in here that actually talks about making sure that the current programs we have actually are taking care of the, what's the word I'm looking for, taking care of the loopholes the developers have found in our "affordable housing programs". So how would this, how is this expedition process going to make sure that we're not paying developers for creating affordable, which, can only be 60% and below in today's rental market. How do we make sure that we are sticking to the rules so developers aren't abusing the system, so we can get on track to get 20,000 new units?

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner hardesty. So one of the items, it's on the council affirms, the bureau's bodies of work under way. We do have folks on the line from the Portland housing bureau but they are currently in the process of looking at the city's existing inclusionary housing program. Which is the program that requires development to include a certain portion of affordable units. I don't know if that's one of the programs you are thinking of, but they are in the process of doing a calibration study and working with stakeholders to make sure it's operating in a way council envisioned and designed it.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: let me say with the multiprogram, what we have pointed out over and over again, is putting two and three bedrooms of "affordable housing" in a single building is not really -- it's not creating the experience that we want families to have in these buildings. I thought the last budget process required an audit of our affordable housing programs and housing. So I'm concerned that we are directing it housing to do a five-year study when we actually haven't gotten the report back about whether or not the programs we have now are really

effective. Especially in light of the 50% rent increase that we just became aware of a couple weeks, was that weeks or months? I can't remember. Anyway, if people who are living on fixed incomes face a 50% rent increase, then that was never affordable housing.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: let me jump in here if I could. You are raising exactly the right questions here. The whole genesis behind all of these resolutions is to light a fire under this issue. And part of the problem we face is some of the underlying statute. And that's why I met with our Portland delegation of state senators and state representatives to be blunt with them that it requires some changes in state statute. Two that come to mind, the first is around tax credits that can help us incentivize the private sector partnerships in development of this housing we are foregoing. The second is around the laws around urban renewal and expenditure of TIF dollars. All fascinating stuff to people at 3:00 in of the afternoon after the eight hours we have already been here. It could help us serve 0 to low income populations with affordable housing. We have to work with the programs we've got at the local level. And we know multi is very problematic but it's got brackets as a result of statute. And other areas we investigated deeply we think we can make a significant increase in the number of affordable housing units if we can get the support we need from the state legislature. Based on our meeting, I think somebody tell me if I was wrong but I think they were very responsive. They just needed to hear from us what we need to be successful at the street level.

Speaker: Thank you. Housing stabilization is an important component of a comprehensive housing strategy. To that end there's a council work session next Tuesday morning specifically on that topic, commissioner Ryan can share more we can dive into some of those issues there.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: that was my question, if we have any idea what percentage of people will be houseless in January when rent goes up 14.5%. And how do we avoid those people from becoming houseless. Because we know that it takes longer to get people into housing than it does to keep people in-housing they already have. I will stop my question, I will have more for later.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Bobby, did you have something?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty, your first question, in other states we had an opportunity for the mayor and my staff met with Governor Newsom's team. And to have a care court program that just passed through the house and senate. And the same question was posed. With limited capacity. How do we actually provide the services in real-time? And the way the state of California is approaching this is to first prioritize this population as we continue to invest into the future and expand this program. Our engagement with the state includes these type of programs that we want the state to expand. Our goal to start is to prioritize this population first, if we can. Then overtime expand.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. So colleagues, we will start with testimony, we have a limited number of invited guests we will hear from, I asked my colleagues to invite, I expect we will hear differing perspectives on these resolutions. But we will go ahead and start with county commissioner Sharon Myron and second from county commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson. Welcome. Thank you for being here. And I know it's repetitive but if you can reintroduce yourself for the record, I would appreciate it. Thank you, Sharon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Ryan, all the commissioners today. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm a Multnomah County commissioner Sharon Myron for district 1. And I use she/her pronouns. I'm also an emergency room doctor and volunteer with Portland Street Medicine.

Throughout my time as a commissioner, I've called for urgency addressing the public health crisis of unsheltered homelessness because of my experience working with people directly experiencing the trauma of living outside. I have been frustrated that the county has not acted with the urgency the situation has demanded and more and more people have suffered and died on our streets. Although the city has been bearing, you may not realize this, the city has been bearing a lot of the brunt of criticism related to homelessness, in reality the county has the more direct role providing homeless services. Along with mental health addiction and public health services. The joint office of homeless services is a county department over seen by the county chair with over 100 employee staff and a \$250 million dollar budget. We have massive amounts of work to do and the county needs to be a true partner. I've appreciated working closely with each of you over the past years to address many aspects of homelessness. You have stood in to fill the gaps where the county has failed to fulfill its role and responsibility as the local public health authority, the local mental health authority. It's crucial we identify and accept our roles. I'm grateful as we transition to new leadership at the county you have voiced your clear intent to act, researched these issues so deeply and continue that work and called for clear delineation of roles and responsibilities. I offer my unequivocal commitment to partner with you to find urgent and innovative solutions to make real improvements in people's lives in real-time. I also want to share ways the county can step up and be complimentary and aligned with you in doing your work moving forward. First, as the local public health authority, the county can and should declare homelessness a public health crisis. This can help focus resources, further support coordination, collaboration and bring together a true emergency response. Second, we can and should, and I'm almost done, second we can and should support a diversity of shelter options, as you have

said. I call it an ecosystem to meet the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. It ranges from the network of micro villages which I proposed and there are so many successful models now. They are cheap, fast to build and can be scaled. To larger sanctioned campsites and parking sites and more. I appreciate you including my chief of staff Cynthia Castro in the county's visit to Los Angeles to learn more about a very promising model. Lives and livelihoods depend on the actions you are considering and I stand ready to stand with you to roll up my sleeves and join you in taking action urgently to address the public health and humanitarian crisis of homelessness.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Thank you, we appreciate you being here today. Commissioner?

Speaker: I want to personally thank Commissioner Myron for helping to open the safe village in Multnomah village. The headwinds were pretty severe, thank you, appreciate it.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Thank you. Next up we will hear from Multnomah County Commissioner, Jessica Vega Peterson. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon, my name is Jessica Vega Peterson, the Multnomah County Commissioner for District 3, I use she/her pronouns. I'm happy to be here before you, I share the council's urgent desire to solve the homelessness crisis, immediate comprehensive and trauma-informed action. For all of us who live in Portland, the need for action is clear. More obvious is the necessity of working together. Across governments and with neighborhoods, providers and businesses. It was important for me to be here in person. As a demonstration of my commitment to partnering with the city now and in the months and years to come. The only way to bring about real lasting change is by working together. That's how I operate and it's how I have been able to create those solutions. An example

pertinent to today's hearing, December 2017, city and county announced location of a new shelter in a foster powell neighborhood. On a chilly night, the mayor will remember this well, we stood in front of an overflowing crowd and heard from frightened angry neighbors. I knew to successfully site a shelter in this neighborhood or any neighborhood we need better partnership with our city. I set up an advisory committee. We met for over eight months. We talked about the homeless population living in the area and at base how to make a shelter work for everyone. And today it does. The norwood shelter has been open three years and moved well over 300 people out of homelessness and into housing. The good neighbor agreement that assigns lines of collaboration. That deep collaboration is how we will get things done. I want to mention other actions I think we can take today that will improve the crisis on our street. First we can boost pay for those who work with our homeless. Currently fast food jobs can pay more, that's impacting our ability to retain staff and inhibits our ability to open new shelters. The county approved an increase in pay and we need the city to do the same. We can fast track opening of rv sites we have sites in our possession we can use and by increasing pay we can hopefully get the staff to operate these shelters as soon as possible. And third we can crackdown on chop shops, open drug markets and the way people living outside are exploited every day. The city doesn't need the county to do this. This lawlessness is untenable. I appreciate the city's desire to take action today. There will be tough conversations in the days ahead. There are open questions in terms of providers, locations, what this was cost and how it was paid for. And most importantly, what are the real life impacts for those people experiencing homelessness if some of these policies are enacted. We can't get to a point we are jailing people for no other reason but not having a place to live. I know

the intentions will be filled by hard work, follow thue and genuine commitment to solve these issues. I'm ready to move forward and hope you are too.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner. We appreciate you being here today. Just for the record, since I have cameras, god and country here, I pledged to the chair several weeks ago that the city was good for the million dollar allocation toward the shelter providers. We have to do that through our fall bump process, our fall budgeting process, that happens, the second week, I believe of November. Yes. Bobby is shaking his head. We are committed to that, we will fulfill that commitment. Just so you are aware of that.

Speaker: That will make a huge difference in our ability to support the staff.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here. Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: commissioner Ryan and I both had a quick statement. I just want to say what a difference it makes when the county wants to partner with us, as opposed to seeing us as the enemy. I can tell you just a couple sessions ago, me asking what front line workers were making. I was told that wasn't my concern, that was a county issue. So what I hope is we are building a broad table so after December we have a new governor with a new county chair. And we have a renewed commitment that we are going to work together collectively for the purpose of actually serving Portlanders. It's nice to see the two chairs shall the two candidates back-to-back for chair coming in to say they want to be part of the partnership. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Absolutely. That is definitely something committed to.

Speaker: On that note, commissioner vega peterson, thank you in advance, I know you will be there as we open up, in your district.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you both. I will turn it over to commissioner hardesty to introduce her invited testimony.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you, first we will hear from Kaya Stands, editor and producer of Street Roots. She is joining us on video today. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Mapps, Rubio and Ryan. I'm the executive director of Street Roots. Upstairs in our old town office many have gathered, they are watching this hearing on a big sheet. Because quite frankly you hold power over their lives. I'm downstairs, this is our newspaper archive. We serve as a public memory. I'm holding actual newspapers from 25 years ago when we were the Burnside Cadillac covering camping bans. I can tell you again and again and again, camping bans come up as something politicians brandish to placate some constituents while making life unbearable for others and this repeats itself. I'm happy to give you 25 years of history but we will do that next issue, legal history of camping bans mayors in Portland. I'm happy to see you have sketched out these goals for addressing legal entanglement and work. I think agenda items 899, 900 and 903 sketch out a horizon for our community and show we can work with the other jurisdictions and the hard work they have been doing. Unfortunately like a poison pill, 901 puts in that camping ban. I know you have been talking about outreach. The only evidence we have found is to outreach workers with Impact Reduction Team. I need to emphasize for the next 24 hours, Afro Village Portland Ground Score join pilot project, Rose Haven, Sisters of the Road, Urban League Street Books on and on, we have been hustling, we have no evidence of outreach so we have been fighting to make sure that happens. We thank you Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan for accepting an invitation to have a town hall next week with unhoused people. But I need to make sure you understand that part of your work is the extended engagement with the people on whose lives your policy impacts. And as you know, Mayor Wheeler, we were able to work collaboratively on Portland Street Response.

Commissioner Hardesty led a months long engagement process you supported so we could get to good policy. That's what we want. We want from our elected leaders that commitment to do extended thoughtful engagement with people who are really smart about their own lives. I will just wind up there and say I urge council to separate out agenda item 901 so it's not rushed. Let's focus on the good policy you can rally, at least through leadership if it's not sketched out, you can rally our community around, but not tie up our time and energy, honestly the legal resources in terms of political grandstanding that's not really designed to be effective. Thank you very much, and I look forward to hearing testimony into the late evening.

Speaker: Here, here! [applause]

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you, Kaya Sands. Next Andy Miller formerly known as him and solutions. He will be joining us on video as well. Andy, can you unmute?

Speaker: Sorry, it took me a minute to get on here. Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Ryan, and the rest of the council. My name is Andy Miller and executive director of our Just Future, formerly Human Solutions. Our organization comes to this discussion as a provider of range of services in Portland and east Multnomah County, for unsheltered families, employment services affordable housing and rental assistance and anti poverty assistance. We bring that range of experience to this discussion. I personally have been watching and listening to our local debate on what to do about homelessness unfold, probably for the last 25 years. Lately, I'm seeing two very true statements dominate the debate. Statements while both true often appear in contradiction. On one hand our interventions around homelessness have been successful ending homelessness at the individual level, including ending unsheltered homelessness permanently for so

many. We appreciate your continued investment in those strategies. And we see very many succeed in making the transition from the streets to permanent housing on a regular basis. On the other hand homelessness is a systemic problem and as a community and nation we haven't begun to find a solution to systemic homelessness. One that ensures that everyone truly has a path to housing in our community regardless of where in their personal trajectories they find themselves. So we see these two realities in contradiction and the public hears all about the success we are achieving with our programs that we see up close. But the public sees the situation on our streets that does not seem to be getting any better. So despite the success, and all the wonderful new affordable housing that we celebrate together, each project opening we still find thousands sleeping on our streets and collectively we share a goal and that's the goal of solving that crisis, especially the crisis of unsheltered homelessness. The question we keep coming to, in these moments is what will be our systemic approach that accounts for urgency and the humanity and the root causes homelessness and will solve the problem. With respect to the resolutions we see before us today, I appreciate as others have said the holistic approach and great ambition of these resolutions. Thank you. Like many, I am waiting to better understand the details. I do want to echo what my colleague called out that within these resolutions is the ongoing specter of the criminalization of homelessness, something that we remain deeply concerned about. But these initiatives attempt to consider approaches to solve the crisis. But I believe they're going to fall short. And they do not fully account for the root causes of homelessness and best practices that other communities are using. We believe there's a better approach. Of in the provider and advocacy community share with acting in greater urgency and a better approach. To that end we urge the council to consider the wisdom behind the lanes of strategy set out in the pdx 3,000

challenge, an initiative brought by advocates and people who have lived the experience. Collectively representing hundreds of years of experience, solving this problem in a humane and effective way. What we urge today is that before we seek and spend new funding to ultimately rearrange where and how people are sleeping outside and before we set an aggressive timeline to step up enforcement of our criminal trespass laws we urge the council to consider the following, one, let's invest in new funding -- in funding for rental assistance and make vacant permanent housing more available to people on our streets. We know that rental assistance works. But, what the public may not understand is that for every person we assist, we probably turn eight or nine away because we lack resources. We are still not at the level we need, if we're going to invest new dollars. Let's put some of them into our successful efforts and better align them with our outreach strategies. Second, we appreciate the approach and the stated goal in these resolutions of creating 20,000 new units but it will take a long time and considerable resources to produce those units through our conventional approach. Much of the housing we will produce as affordable housing will actually be unaffordable for people on the streets. We need a companion targeted approach that will produce housing differently with more urgency and different form of housing. We suggest a more urgent investment of quick housing by scaling up a Portland turn key initiative that can convert motels, existing housing and offices, into community controlled permanent housing that would be quickly available and affordable by people who are stuck living on our streets. This type of housing needs to account for the circumstances in which people find themselves in real-time. Including addiction and related conditions, that may not always respond to services and may mean people's trajectory is not linear.

Speaker: We need a better situation. We should also take a second hard look at our existing affordable housing pipeline for opportunity to inject deeper affordability into more units and create more housing first units from projects already under construction and ask more of our developers and bring to them the resources needed to make sure more of the affordable housing we're building truly affordable by folks living unsheltered. Three, focus more of our resources on helping people move out of existing shelters. Instead of building and operating new beds the expansion of our shelter is an expense not on the capital side but it creates an ongoing appetite for operating shelters and ongoing budget to operate them. We know this, as shelter provider we would rather see new resources into more other inventory. We need work more upstream to ensure as we are outreach teams and strategy to find homes, are successful, we're not replacing them on the streets by discharging the next generation of people to our streets. We need to build on the success of structured camps like dignity village and c3po that are more modest in size and largely self-governed and maintain community, hygiene and health through the wisdom of their residents. And i'll end by echoing the call to increase contract revenues so we can pay the living wage, for those doing the work with the houseless population. We cannot do anything, without paying them. With that I will end and say thank you. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: thank you mayor. Commissioner carmen Rubio: we don't have any. Mayor ted Wheeler: it's the main event. Thank you all for your patience. We'll go to public testimony. We have how many people signed up do we think?

Speaker: > 200 -- mayor ted Wheeler: a lot. We have many people who wish to be heard today and we're going to listen to everyone. Two minutes each, please. Name for the record. And, we. Want to not be seen as jerks. But with so many people here and some people are going to be waiting hour-after-hour after hour for their two

minutes to testify, but we are going to cut off your microphone at two minutes so we can get everyone in today. We realize it's a hardship for people to be here. So i'll turn it over to the council --

Speaker: Mayor, not to be rude, but I'm going to stand up, just to, because standing is the new sitting too long is like the new smoking. Mayor ted Wheeler: we'll do that for like everybody. We have closed-captioners so every couple of hours we're going to take a 15-minute break to give our closed captioner, an opportunity to move around a little bit. So just be prepared for that. We have been in session for a little over one hour. We'll take our first break at 4:00 p.m. With that i'll turn it over to you. Thank you all.

Speaker: Thank you mayor. I'm going to call people in groups of six, three at a time. And then, three on deck. First, three, we have steve jackson, mike and codey hemerling, following that group.

We'll have tiana. Keith martin. And barbara jacob -- jacobsen.

Speaker: > are you ready my name is stephen jackson.

Speaker: Move a little closer.

Speaker: Any name is stephen jackson. I have lived in Portland since 1990, I'm here to give testimony about the sidewalks being very cluttered and unsafe. I commute everyday to work and I walk to the bus-stop. I live northeast and work in the lloyd district and I also travel to the district weekly. The sidewalks have never been this way ever, that I have noticed and I have always walked around, I never had a license, I'm blind. When I run into tents on the sidewalk I often have people yelling at me because they think I'm messing with them but I'm trying to find my way with my cane. So I feel that people living on the streets are not only in poverty but they're completely stressed out and they have mental issues. And I heard the resources for mental problems are not there. And I strongly believe that we have to make those resources available and make it more easily accessible. I want everyone that works at the good neighbor whoever to be able to give the phone over to somebody who is stressing out. Just yesterday, a guy says he wants to commit suicide because he couldn't get any help from the people at good will. It's too much stress and somebody needs to help these people. They have --

Speaker: They're all by themselves and I'm not here to say that they're wrong. I'm just saying that the sidewalks are not clear. And that's wrong. So thank you very much. And I want the streets and sidewalks to be clean for all of the city as well, as thing ones that are walking around that have never seen this kind of stuff and it saddens me because it is not just garbage, it is other kind of disgusting things, with addiction to drugs and I don't want to hear about it. I'm sorry but thank you very much. Hopefully we can help some of these people.

Speaker: Next up we have mike.

Speaker: > mike, I'm a Portland native. I was born here. I have been blind for about 7, 8 years now. My ability to travel has been greatly diminished. When I'm walking down the sidewalk I put a lot of trust in just the basics of nothing that the concrete is not going to throat away. I'm -- I'm checking everything with my cane and next thing I'm stepping in feces or somebody's face and not necessarily in that order. But my ability to travel is greatly diminished by the helpless population among the other safety concerns as far as needles and you know, being constantly harassed for a dollar and not having a dollar, you get yelled out for not having a dollar. I'm on social security. I don't have a dollar. Okay.

Speaker: That will what will that is.

Speaker: Well, thank you very much for your time today. And I hope I conveyed my issues promptly. Thank. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you did. I should have mentioned. There's two bells. You will hear. The first bell is 30 seconds left. The second bell is when you're time is up.

Speaker: Is there a hook coming. Mayor ted Wheeler: not at all. A very friendly person. [laughter]

Speaker: > next up we have codey. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: My name is codey. I lived in Portland a good two-thirds of my life. 12 years I was in a head on collision car accident, a reckless driver hit me and he was going 90-miles-per-hour. I woke up a month-and-a-half later or so blind and had 2020 vision before hand and, dead blind afterward and went through a lot of recovery. Anyway, long and short. Ten years later comes the whole -- the camping in the city and sidewalks turned into tents, and I never had a problem with people camping on the sidewalk in the past but in the last the two years, those tents took up the entire sidewalk. They didn't just put it up to the fence, pretty much been forced to be walking in the streets as opposed to a sidewalk. Not being payable to

see anything at all it's pretty perturbing to just, as michael said just trust where you're going. Just hope you don't run into anything.

Speaker: I'm curious how many of you considered people in wheel-chairs and not being payable to see. What were they supposed to do? How were they supposed to get anywhere. I have been secluded to my block, maybe a couple blocks past and there's been, stuck in my house. All right. I don't know what to do. I just hope that nothing like this ever happens again. Because I don't want to be trapped in my house for anytime, let lay lone two years basically. I hope you all have a great day and I really hope that we can implement some things that ensure that this is not something that ever happens again? Thank you. All three of you thank you very much for being here.

Speaker: > next up we have tiana. Keith martin and barbara jacobson followed by mark. Victoria burton and kathleen.

Speaker: I'm, I have a disability in the lead plaintiff and, I'm a working professional, a former paralympian and, 2010 outstanding young, in recognition of my public service to Oregon. I became disabled when a drunk driver, broadsided the car, it took me four years to learn to walk again. To date I've had 36 surgeries. My mobility has been a hard one over and over and over again.

Speaker: Since I became disabled my life is dictated by mobility and health insurance. I chose to live in Portland for its public transportation. My medical future is uncertain I'm cautiously optimistic to a solution. However I would like mayor Wheeler to acknowledge how it would provide relief to myself and others. It's not okay to criminalize homelessness. But, in any event, is it okay to trap people with disabilities in their homes. That is a crisis. As an aide worker I'm compounded. We can shelter thousands people but it is going to take 18 months. My ptsd has been more triggered in Portland than it was in the war zones. Because over there I knew I

had a safe place to come home to. But Portland is no longer safe. I'm concerned that any solutions address mental illness, and addiction. We are here today, to ask for you to provide the access that is our right under the a.d.a., we're not pawns, we're not here to incite your pity. We're here to stir your compassion and ask to end the inhumane situation for us our houseless neighbors and all our fellow Portlanders, thank you, and mayor for your time. [applause] mayor ted Wheeler: so I'm sorry to always be sort of the wet blanket. But we ask that people not react either positively or negatively. We want everybody to feel that they have the ability to have their say without judgment. So, I appreciate your being here. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is barbara. Thank you for hearing us and letting me testify. I live in old town. I have here a couple years now. I brought your proposal, on camping. In the meantime our lives are more difficult everyday. I see people wag down the street carrying pipes. I see people overdosing everyday. I see people shot. Stabbed, and dying in front of me. On the emergency council meeting that you had, I was watching it ten feet away a man was overdosing. The place I live, called 9-1-1 and went to help him. Which I was thankful for and is okay. However I do not leave my block very often. It is hard to maneuver through the tents. One day they're here and the next day they're here. They have been there 12 years. They come back and they take all the stuff of taken and they come back. I have witnessed illegal drug use. Stabbings, and I have been harassed and I have been chased. I just want to have Portland I grew up in and that I love back. That's all. You know, thank you for your time thank you we appreciate your being here.

Speaker: My name is kathleen.

Speaker: I'm here on behalf of American disabilities act that was put into law 30 years ago. Sidewalk camping is simply not sustainable. Tents on sidewalks is not a

sustainable solution. It is a horrible problem. Again we're not wanting to do anything to hurt people that are houseless. We're here on behalf of Americans with disabilities and what their needs are it's a federal law and I'm just going to read if I can, Portland city code 14a..450,.

Speaker: A proper use of sidewalks failing to allow use by a disabled person, all sidewalks at all times at the use or guidance of a cane or guide animal. All persons must immediately yield use of the sidewalks and allow passage. That doesn't exist. My son was hit by a wreckless driver and he's had almost 40 procedures and he has years of more procedures coming up. What it took him to become independent, was a phenomenal thing. You have to walk with a cane, you have coordinates and you have find your way. You can't do it now. So now he's confined to his home. We're here to ask you on behalf of Americans with disabilities do something, to clear the sidewalks. Camping on the sidewalks is not sustainable. It's unconscionable for the people that are living in the tents and thus need to use them. Thank you very much. I hope you can put this into a emergency effect. We appreciate your time. I know you have. Things. But consider this a emergency for people. Mayor ted Wheeler: I want to make sure we don't miss anyone. Keith martin. Mark barnhill. And then victoria burton.

Speaker: Dear mayor Wheeler and commissioners, live on southwest thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about this pressing issue. I came to Portland in 1969 to attend reid college. I became involved.in arts and founded that the first

Professional ballet company in the state. I just finished two terms on its board of trustees. Three years ago I suffered a massive stroke that left me partially paralyzed. Now I use a scooter and a walker and a cane. I moved into the Benson tower to be close to downtown to the local Safeway and have access to the streetcar which I take to my rehab sessions. I have a 15-year old son who's a sophomore at Lincoln High School. During the past two years my ability to access the sidewalks has gotten increasingly difficult due to tents blocking them. They appear and disappear. Often forced to go into the street with cars racing by to get to and from my home. I have recently started carrying bear spray to protect myself. I applaud the direction of Mayor Wheeler's plan as dramatic action needs to take place. However, the mayor's plan calls for an 18-month rollout. That's too long. For the next 18 months will I be afraid every time I use my mobility scooter? Will my son have to avoid needles and feces? Please don't wait 18 months to clear the sidewalks, I know you have the will and the resources to point Portland in the right direction, I urge you to do that to protect all of us and give us hope.

Speaker: My name is Mark. I live at the Yards. Across -- that area, that pocket there. What's nice about it, one block from my apartment to the pedestrian elevator bridge that goes over to Union Square, Union Station. That elevator got shutdown by the city of Portland five months ago. It has been shut down for five months. And haven't come out and done anything. Because of that we have to go four to five blocks out of their way to get up to go shopping and we have to wait lots of tents and the Yards there's camping in front of it, but I have to go, to get around tents in that area from the steel bridge there's at least 30 camp sites in that area. And we have to wade through it. We have to be on the street and drive down the street. Also in that the side is the navigation center. We have the 10-12 tents in that area. So without the elevator working we have to go 4-5 blocks and go through tents. I

have been attacked, and I have been harassed. So the biggest question is why did Portland shutdown the elevator?

Speaker: Let me just say my apologies that you are so inconvenienced and many are inconvenienced because of the need to repair that elevator. Unfortunately, the parts are made in a place where it has been totally delayed us being able to have access to those parts. It is unfortunate that it has taken us so long. But we're doing the best we can as far as getting the parts to repair the elevator. It is shutdown because it is broken and it is unsafe to use.

Speaker: Well on that question is, there's a -- westside of that bridge is an elevator. The eastside is an elevator. About two or three months before this elevator, went down, there was an east elevator shutdown for almost of the same reason. But they only had it had down for 30 days and it was up running and then come along, July, elevator shutdown since July. Don't take to me it takes five months. I know that. But for five months shut it down. A.d.a. Elevator. I can make the parts and have it here before that. [laughter]

Speaker: How long do we have to wait? Mayor ted Wheeler: let's commit to this. This is the first I have heard of it. I actually appreciate it. I wasn't aware of it. I think it's worthy of following up and I just sent a text-message to my chief of staff.

Speaker: Five months is way too along. Mayor ted Wheeler: I would love to be able to do it sooner. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes. Mayor ted Wheeler: good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, my name is victoria. I live in the monta villa neighborhood. I did prepare a written statement that I would like to give. First of all, in the beginning I would say as a senior and as a african American woman who lived in the segregated neighborhood I do understand people being demonized, that has happened to me and it does continue. So I empathize with the people on

the street. But it's too much. So I'm here today to say that I want to support the city for the banning of camping and I call upon all of our elected officials to work together to create a clean and safe area for people living on the streets where they can have sanitation and receive the services needed to address their barriers of being homeless. Although I may not be as severely disabled and tens of thousands of others in the city, I do have a disability, part of my rehab is to walk, for my brain and other parts of my body to connect and get back to a better place. Our leaders I look at you guys and you are supposed to care about all of the citizens of Portland, and we depend on you to especially sure that the resources and dollars are being insured to help people with disabilities, children and elderly can play safely outside in their neighborhoods and use their streets. I have stopped my grandchildren from playing because they can't. Without what I had tried to do is navigate through syringe against and human feces, and I tried to talking to them. It did not help. I would like to see that our neighborhoods and I also wanted to say one thing that does happen in encampments it becomes unsafe for people. I called the city, I don't know the number, for months before there was a -- -- it was moved. It took a shooting actually I believe for them to move the camp. And that is real traumatic. In my past experience I heard gunshots but not near my home. Where my grandchildren were. I think that we need to stop allowing encampments, I don't think this would happen in upper southwest or northwest Portland. It has created a dangerous and unsafe environment for everyone. I find it unacceptable. I think that you guys are intelligent enough and you have enough people to know where we're going. You should be able to see into the future and create something and it shouldn't get to this point that we have been experiencing now for 7 years. Thank you for your time. Again it's not to demonize the people in the streets. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate all three of you.

Speaker: Next we have is steven and angela and mackenzie.

Speaker: Again folks I would ask you to please stop your testimony at the second bell. Thank you.

Speaker: My name is steven, and I'm one of the plaintiff's, in the a.d.a. Lawsuit as caretaker for my disabled friend. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the matter before you on his behalf. We support mayor Wheeler's propose tool ban unsanctioned camping throughout the city and encampments which fill up the sidewalks and we. Need the mayor to show how it would provide relief for those who need to use the sidewalks. I have witnessed the city, county and the department of justice regarding the ongoing a.d.a. Violations on our streets. Last spring the department of justice sent somebody out to meet with me and walk-through the a.d. A. Violations. I showed him just a few of the ongoing sites of discrimination, dangerous and impossible to navigate without injury or potential injury and he agreed. The current policy helps neither the housed or the unhoused. Sanctioned camps are dangerous. Crime is a fraction of what they experienced to say nothing of what the house folks experience. We strongly encourage the council to ensure that the city makes appropriate indoor shelter and safe camping sites available, as initial alternative to the city and compound city's current inhumane policies if the county won't get with the program do it without them. Don't make the November 1st payment to the joint office. They are the ones that use the tax dollars to distribute tents and tarps with zero rules. Those tents and tarps and garbage on the sidewalks and fires and unfriendly dogs -- on the sidewalk and angry campers in our way have made our lives miserable and allowing such violates our civil rights to access? Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have angela. Doesn't look like they joined. Mckenzie.

Speaker: Mayor, City Council members and staff. Thank you for taking the time to hear us here today. My name is mckenzie and I'm here on behalf of the restaurant to urge you to take action to end the camping here in Portland.

Speaker: With the largest concentration of those right here in Portland. As we all know Portland has been a place where visitors come to enjoy food and a safe environment. But as of today that reputation is at risk. It is not uncommon to share with hotel operators and restaurant employees their shock and dismay about the number of tents, the amount of garbage and the overall sense of not feeling safe here. Given the last years of closures and inflation, and supply chain issues along with constant concern about property damage and workforce many of our members have been driven to the brink and some cases beyond. It is heart breaking to see how many had to make the very hard decision to close. Most Portlanders cannot use one restaurant that didn't survive. And a visitor who know longer feels comfortable downtown. Every hotel and restaurant has had to manage the houseless population crisis. It's unfortunate that we hear, from our guests and what they are confronted in or outside their establish minutes often. Portlands houseless population needs help. Decisive action is required. So that we can help, and still be the Portland that's a welcome be city. We encourage the City Council to support the plan to end the camping and work with the state and county on the solution? Thank you for being here. It gives me the opportunity to not so humbly brag it was just named the number 1 foody city, following on being the number 1 vegan foody in the entire world. Shameless marketing. I can't help myself.

Speaker: > next up we have megan conway. Andrew. And jeff see burke.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler and, commissioners, and I'm megan and, I'm chief officer at travel Portland and I'm testifying in support of the proposed resolutions identifying steps to address the impacts of the camping and, mental

health. The proposal have consensus among candidates which creates hope that the mo -- monumental challenges effecting those living or visiting Portland will find solutions through collaboration, the impacts on tourism cannot be overstated. Visitors spent 3.8 billion in 2021 after a high of 5.6 billion in 2019. Tourist supports jobs and hundreds of millions in tax revenue each year. Portland's reputation has been severely impacted. Surveys of professionals booking large conventions find it to be less competitive than just a few years ago. We have already lost the booking window to secure future business because clients lack faith. Cities with similar challenges are seeing faster tourism recovery while Portland lags not anticipated until 2026. We're no longer compared to denver, austin and we're now competing with spokane. The magnitude of the crisis is such that it will take leadership working in lockstep. We commend efforts that have resulted in progress for your community. Despite this, the crisis looms large, please vote yes today. We cannot afford to wait any longer. We again rate travel demand that brings impact for Portland. Thank you? Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have andrew.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioner. President and ceo of the business, chamber of commerce on behalf of our 2100 plus members. I'm here to express our stronger support for 899 through 903, thank you for introducing these and every member of the council who have expressed our support. Finally lay out a plan that rises to the scale of our homelessness crisis and I'm not going to tell you the litany of negative impacts that the crisis it looks every business and every employee in the city. You all know it has been starved. But you do what you want to do but this is my own personal perspective. As you know I moved here four-years ago from brooklyn new york. I felt welcome to Portland and have enjoyed working with every leader. During these four years, I have partnered with each of you. I cherish and

value our friendships I have made and the partnerships we have established. I am proud that the alliance, and worked with leaders to write, advance and pass the largest homeless services measure funding per capita. A measure that is financed by the business community and it was willing to step up and put our money where our mouth was and pay what was supposed to be the solution in our community. We are doing our part. Now we need you and our county chair and legislature and new governor to do theirs. I worked for the largest homelessness provider and I reject the nonsense statements from some, that small and large shelters don't work. They absolutely do. This is one more excuse that we tell ourselves. We stand ready to work with you and every level of government to collaborate to end this crisis and thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have jesse burke.

Speaker: I own the society hotel, and I chair the association. Speaking today from several other perspectives. My father was paralyzed when I was six years old before a.d.a. And I have a special place in my heart for those struggling with navigating around. I lost a brother to phentynal overdose. I work in old down everyday and I see a side of humanity. I'm here today not just to offer my unwavering support for the plans by the mayor and commissioner Ryan but also from a leadership perspective because a decision is better than no decision. It's hard to be a leader in Portland and I want to commend you. As the saying goes if you want something you never had you have to do something you have never done.

Speaker: I come to the table, is both compassion and progressive. They want things to be better. You are all compassionate. I know that. I want you to know that I know you want things to be better than they are now. All of the people that have shown up, they're here because they care. It is compassionate to solve this problem. The burden you all bear as elected leaders is you must find ways to have

compassion for all. In order to rebuild our city. Unfortunately over the last few years we let perfect, like it or not as a city, county and state we are all stuck in the same boat. If we hope to move forward we must row in the same direction. It's a team sport to save the city. Thank you.

Speaker: Next we have michael and michele and diane. Followed by angela. And earnest cooper and nad de.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thank you.

Speaker: Well good afternoon mayor and commissioners. My name is michelle, and I'm the director of realtor of advocacy of the asoefs realtors and the registered lobbyist. I'm here today to voice support for items 899-903, we represent over 8,000 members who depend on the vitality of the metro region. Portland to the decline, due to the state of our streets and affordability of our region. This is not the time to debate and do nothing. We need to take bold acts to further prevent decline. The private sector wants to work and partner with government to address these issues. We support the holistic look at, from services and, shelter, to jobs, long-term housing, that includes homeownership, which is a path toward building generational wealth. We're encouraged by the plan of zoning code issues. And efficiencies in the permitting process to encourage low income and middle income housing both of which are in short supply in Portland. Without all types of housing it is too easy to find bottlenecks that prevent the natural transition to a first home. It results in a first-time home available for a first-time homebuyer. It's a progression, so we have been talking about our homeless crisis and the people who need shelter and I'm tagging about the continuation of housing here before you today. So, our members live and work in neighborhoods around the city, seeing the state of our streets they have seen ready first time home buyers that struggle

to find a home in their price range due to the lack of inventory and prices that grow so swiftly due to demand that they cannot compete to purchase these homes. They have seen the client who can't sell their home due to bumps at their doorsteps. They have seen businesses that their clients worked for leave the city due to livability factors where their workforce has access to housing that is both safe and affordable. These are very hard choices. We have elected you to make it. The realtors are here today to support you. All of your ideas contained in this ordinance. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you mayor and thank you. Two years ago the Portland housing bureau stated that there was no zip code in the city of Portland in an African American could afford to buy a home in. They also stated that there was absolutely no zip code where a white family starting off could afford to buy a home. That was before COVID-19 and before the economic collapse. What are realtors doing to turn that trend around.

Speaker: Well, a bunch of them are here today to testify, so you'll have the opportunity to ask them specifically.

Speaker: I thought you represent them.

Speaker: Yes, I represent the Portland metro association of realtors and the work that we're doing as an association is working to engage our members first to come to us, with ideas for these problems and then, likewise to go back out to our community partners, who we fund through the Home Foundation, to work on ideas to continue education possibilities for the people around who are looking to buy homes. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: well I appreciate that response. But, again, this is not a new problem. In a historic problem when it comes to homeownership. I would love to see home builders and realtors to step up. I haven't seen you step up yet.

Speaker: Okay? I appreciate you, supporting the resolution. That's stepping up.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next,. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here.

Speaker: Next up we have diana.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and counsel loss, I'm a broker with keller williams and I'm here to step up and voice my support for items 89-903, I'm a long time resident and home and business tax payer and a small business provider and I raised three children in Portland, and through the school as well. I have watched our housing costs skyrocket and my son works at home depot and he can't afford to live in Portland. He may have to move. Home depot is hurting because who can afford to live within a reasonable different tans to work if it is in Portland our city and region are in crisis and we need to take action to reverse the slide and increase the affordable and region. We can't continue this. We must do something much in just the last twelve months and, not just in the best neighborhoods the medium sail price just 5% to 547 this year. In the past 3 short years, while my granddaughter has been in high school the median price was 21.4% or 117 '585. Who has had 117,585 raise in the last three years. Some but not very. And chances are it might not be my son or granddaughter. The supply is low. A balanced market is six months of inventory. 1.9 is too low. It puts pressure on pricing. We need to increase access to housing and to affordable ownership which helps to have wealth and stabilizes our neighborhoods and thanks for your time.

Speaker: > next up -- mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: We have angela.

Speaker: Earnest cooper and mattie.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Mayor, my name is Angela and, president and c.e.o. Of Oregon business and industry, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, we're the affiliate of manufacturers and the national retail federation. We represent companies of all sizes and from all sectors in industries. And we're proud to count hundreds of businesses. As a state wide association we're aware that a vibrant state is predicated on the health of individual communities. Portland is the largest city United States vitality is important for the growth of entire state. Is August number of businesses have it in Portland and they rely on businesses for the city itself for supplies and materials and transportation, and, financial and legal services and other facets to support their customers. O.B.I. Supports the proposal brought forth which will reduce the impact on businesses. This plan enforces the law while seeking to connect individuals with the right path to care. The current situation is unacceptable. It is both inhumane and unsafe to let conditions continue as they are. Not to mention the economic pull it has on the city and state. Few plans again rate broad support the way this one has and elected leaders from the city, county and state support the plan. We commend this, to support exactly what is needed to tackle the crisis of this scale. You must take this important step forward and you must do so urgently. Please adopt the agenda items. Portlanders and so many more are counting on you. Thank you.

Speaker: Numbers up we have Ernest Cooper.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Can you hear me.

Speaker: > good hello, thank you very much for your service. I have three stories and then I'll wrap up in regards to a bigger picture in regards to buyers and sellers not buying and moving out of Portland and not buying in Portland, one of which were people living in the south water front and businesses on the homeless camps

and the drugs. They left their beautiful condo and moved to Washington county where they could get the services there.

Speaker: One young buyers, one young set moved from Washington, into inner southeast Portland in the market that we were in, just less than a year ago, with multiple offers, it's, you have all heard the stories. We found a deal in southeast Portland, I couldn't figure out why, until we got into the car. And there was a homeless camp all on one block and they decided to move to Washington county. Then I had buyers fly in from malibu, they wanted the west hills. They wanted a beautiful home in the west hills they flew in at night and I picked them up the following morning. Within two hours of leaving the Portland downtown, getting up to the west hills they chose to not move to Portland at all. So that's three stories and I know let's say there are over 8,500 members. If half of us have three stories and we do, that's 1270 missing taxpayers. If all members have the same three stories or more that's over 25,000 taxpayers missing from the city of Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have mattie.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon mayor and counselors my name is mattie. I am the small business owner of j.w. Real estate agency. I'm here today to voice my support the 899-903, in the spring of this year I listed a home for an elderly client who needed to sell her condo in order to move out of the state. Unfortunately, despite my best efforts the condo never sold. And encampment located in front of her home prevented a sale. This unit would have been great for a first-time home buyer or a senior. It was affordable. As you are aware we have a shortage of these houses in our city. A few doors down her neighbor had her home on the market for 123 days, my guess is it hasn't sold. Average days on market for similar homes in the area at

that time were 11 days. Now we're at 88 days. The reality is no one knows when a camp will move in front of their home or building. Our market needs surety, when seniors need to sell it, to take care of themselves they need to know that conditions out of their control, like camping won't prohibit their ability to move. It's time to take action. We owe it to our communities to do so. We need women, minority businesses here. Thank you for your time. Please vote in favor of the items.

Speaker: We'll do the next three and then we'll take a break.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Next up we have eric and michelle.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor and City Council loss, my name is eric. I'm the honor of the residential real estate company in Portland, my company has over 35 real estate which has changed in the last several years. I'm also a residential landlord and a commercial tenant for what that's worth. As an aside to build my own resident my good permit has been sitting on the desk of the advanced engineer services for twelve months. But that's not why I'm here today. I have no end in sight in that project. I'm here today because for almost 20 years I built my business around residential developers who build new housing inventory. I find the land, they develop the property and we serve the market. We were the last several years the biggest for affordable housing. These developers are heavily resourced and all have long standing ties to Portland I'm sure if I dropped their names you would know who they are. All of my business, development business has left the city of Portland for obvious reasons. Time, money, crime but mainly time. Millions of residential development investment dollars have gone to southwest Washington. And boise idaho where my clients are taking their business. Now that the cost of money has increased, it is highly unlikely that these housing providers will bring it

back to Portland without change. In this zero game sum that we're playing the consequence will be severe if we do not make change. We'll continue to see eroded affordable, and push people away from our town. To answer your question, real estate is the basics of the economics 101 based supply and demand, brokers don't set the market, the market pricing is based on the appetite. When we have a severe shortage, there's nothing to do but add prices.

Speaker: Next up we have a Brill

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is a Brill. I'm a broker and I'm here today to voice my support. I don't have the answers, commissioner Hardesty I'm here to try my best and roll up my sleeves. In my short career as a real estate professional these four things are obvious. There's a mental health drug abuse and housing crisis. There's a disconnect between the resources we have. Three there are a lot of barriers. The Hispanic community and other communities of color where language barriers happen. Four, the lack of housing security. Feeling safe in the housing you are in and not stress for work. Homeownership is the most viable foot building generational wealth. They have no safety-net. They're relying on their ability to work and their children to help. Back in 2002 and the lender advised them to use my brother's social social number to apply. They were undocumented. But the opportunity to own something was too good to pass up. Due to addiction, and we lost our home and had to move in with another family. We found a home to rent and the possibility of owning a home has disappeared. I'm encouraged by how thoughtful these ordinances are and the actions leading up to it. We no longer have time to waste. Last month I became United States citizen and I was privileged to meet people from 85 different countries. Safety, home and building that wealth. Thank you. Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you and congratulations. Appreciate it. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, and my name is michelle. I'm a principal broker can with the real estate and I've been in business for 23 years. I'm here to testify in support of ordinances 89-903, our market has seen many ups and downs. These are the natural trends in our industry that manages over time. What we are experiencing is not entirely unique. Every large city is facing it. What is different about Portland is how long our recovery has taken. Here's a brief example what is happening on our streets. A completely remodeled home sits in the woodstock neighborhood. This home has been on the market for 146 days. Woodstock was called the number 1 neighborhood in the city. Like man neighborhoods woodstock is suffering from homeless camps. One such camp sits by this house. Hundreds of complaints were filed about open weapons, drugs and trash and, human feces to no avail for two years. One day we had a young woman in her underwear sit against our glass door, shooting up. We called 9-1-1. Nothing happen. The next day this young woman was dead in her tent of an overdose. It took that death to clear that camp and unfortunately this is not a unique story.

This is typical through out our city. Now what is different about Portland is that we now have the opportunity to make some necessary changes by passing these ordinances. We cannot continue to function without doing something. We have hit the wall. And what we have been doing or not been doing is making no impact. I thank you for your time and I support these ordinances. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks. Commissioner hardesty. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: I know we're about to take a break. I just wanted to put on the record that you know, I think we're comparing apples and oranges. When I looked at the why so many people are experiencing houselessness, when I think about the white community, like the median income is around 80,000. African American is 36,000. So when we talk about this as if we're all having the same living experience, I think what ends up happening, I appreciate the story about your mom. Because the stories are a bit different when it comes to whether or not we are realizing this American dream that we all think we're working towards. I know we're about to take a break. I don't want anyone to think that we have the all medium income. Because the data at that time does not prove that to be so. Mayor ted Wheeler: very good thank. We'll take a 15-minute recess. We'll reconvene at twenty minutes after. We are in recess one second john we need to have closed captioner, that we're back in the groove.

Speaker: There they are. Okay. Go ahead, sorry for the delay. So starting from the top and hello and good afternoon, good to see you all again, my name is john sailly, and, I'm here today to lend my support for ordinances 899-903, I'm here because I love my city, a vibrant place with so much to offer. In my work as a realtor, I got a call Portland home. The most consistent topic is it safe. You and I know there are parts of Portland where we can go. I volunteer with transition projects, at the shelters and met with it. P.i. Staff. Of whom are in recovery and have dealt with homelessness. This is just treating symptoms. We must treat the disease. Oranges

899-903, change the channel. You create better platform from which all governmental can work. It's not humane to let people continue to suffer on the streets. Let's get them some place safe and get them recovered immediately. The city of houston has made huge strides, by refocusing on one segment of the problem, other than that's 899-903, Portland can do. Knock a big hole in the wall that is homelessness. Through these ordinances put an end to unsanctioned, and make real changes for those who are suffering and those who want to live peaceably in the city. Lastly, commissioner hardesty we work in service to our community. We don't have specific tools in our tool kit but we do lobby to help make lending and building easier for everyone. Realtors play a significant role about loan programs that help. Realtors don't hold levers that produce more housing. We step up everyday. That's why we are here today. Make this a great city for everyone. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have william.

Speaker: Good afternoon everyone. Good afternoon, thank you. My name is billy, or william, I'm a concerned citizen and a broker, and isi this too loud. Okay. I'm here to voice my support for resolutions 899-903 and through the hour-and-a-half or so testimony I don't think we can have carve out any of these. They all support each other. So I think 90 seems to be most controversial. But having 100 or 500 or 1,000 camp sites is not the way to go. I have a special empathy for our homeless population. The first time I was homeless was over 50 years ago, I was texting my brother to find out like when was it, and he reminded me somebody like far crappier situations. So, I can assure you that 50 plus years ago, back in new york you felt all four seasons being outside. My parents were loving but they were awful at personal finance in addition to having a gambling addiction. The second time I

was homeless, I was a young man, was completely my fault and I did make some unrealistic miscalculations. I'm supporting these ordinances because what we have become is not working. It's not working as quickly as needed. I reject the idea that this is unsolvable. I reject the idea that we need decades to see positive results or the argument because of macro economics, it will take us decades to solve. I really appreciate and applaud the council and mayor for putting forth this, these resolutions and it is neither how minor compassionate to allow it and with all these camp sites we need a Portland represents all its residents. Home-and-homeless and everybody. Right now we're feeling a lot of residents and small businesses are feeling under attack and they don't know what to do. I also am a housing provider and I have a tenant that called me almost crying because somebody was passed out in front of her door. She asked me what to do. I don't know what to do.

Speaker: You know, there's nobody enforcing it because it's the situation.

Speaker: The psyche and the health of our city is at an all time low. This ordinance providing real solutions. I strongly support all the mental health, the health and the addiction issues for the services that can be concentrated in one area and addressed. The idea that you're going to meet them where they're at at 9,000 campsites not going to work. I didn't hear the bell. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: I have nothing more to say. But thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: For some reason the bell --

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have eric.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor Wheeler and commissioners my name is eric, and I'm research director. These resolutions are a mixed bag of much needed policy change and some aspirational nonsense. Let's look at the good and bad and ugly. The

good, the campsite ban, coupled with shelter space and, these are policies that can deliver a rapid improvement. These policies should be implemented immediately. The bad, the affordable housing moonshots the ten year time-frame and the 10,000,000,000 pricetag sound a lot like last ten year plan. At the end of that plan homelessness was so bad he gave up and legalized street camping. I fear that we cannot count, metro, the state, or the feds and, I fear that we are at home here, it is a mess. It cannot be fixed. Use that 45,000,000 a year on shelter and services. The really ugly is that none of these resolutions address three of the most critical barriers. Zoning, design review and system development charges, the city's zoning ordinances, have stifled it, and, design rules drag out development, and have costs and often reduce the number of units built. They add tens of thousands of dollars. If the city is serious about building more housing it needs to repeal its zoning ordinance and we have a design review and all residential development. Commissioners please, approve the good, reject the bad and address the ugly. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you eric. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Next we have reagan. Jennifer and andrew brown. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. My name is reagan, and I own a small business in northeast Portland in the hollywood district. Right on 42nd. I opened my boutique five year ago and it's been a dream of mine since the 80s since I opened five years ago the situation with the homelessness and crime has just dramatically just declined. It's just gone worse and worse and worse over the years. Recently I had a woman camp out three to four feet away from my store, defecating.

Speaker: Her defecating urinating cleaning herself, right in front my store. It's not good for business. I made numerous telephone calls trying to get somebody to

either get her help. She was clearly in crisis. Eventually in the evening, somebody brought her a tent. She takes it around the corner. Pitches it in front of our building, slide number two. This guy decides he's going to masturbate on her tent. I'll spare you the video. It's just too much. It's too much. I called to try to get the woman help. I was told it was her civil rights to force her to get help or to take medication. But it made me think what about my civil rights and my customers civil rights? The second thing I want to talk about, if you could put the third picture. My store was burglarized a few week ago. They stole a bunch of denim and leather and jewelry. And they were fearless. They were seen on my neighbors video and over an hour prior. I don't understand why people aren't being prosecuted because they do not care if they get caught. I have been told it's because we don't have public defenders. If that's the case why not? If it is a low salary. Pay this more. It has become lawless around here and it's hard to conduct business.

Speaker: Thank for your time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have jennifer? Welcome.

Speaker: Thank my name is jennifer and I'm the director of public policy to the urban league of Portland. We can all agree the city and the state facing a crisis when it comes to affordable housing. It's an issue not only for those who are low income, as housing prices continue to reach record highs but for those most vulnerable in our communities the mayor's plan is an ambitious one. The creation of 20,000 units affordable housing but we blow a camping ban will criminalize black people who are experiencing homelessness. Blacks are twice as likely to experience homelessness. Once homeless they are more impacted by law enforcement, they experience homelessness nearly four times more likely to be arrested than white individuals. A camping ban will lead to an end, close in the arrest of black people whose only crime is poverty. Portland is a city where the median income keeps us

priced on every single neighborhood. This has continued unabated for decades worsening with the pandemic. The gap between market rents and meeting incomes is excluding black residents from our city and there are empty homes right now that outnumber the individuals. We challenge the city to invest in the resources at buying down vacant housing and redirect the expense of camps for services of people who have experienced the homelessness. We ask that you work in partnership with community and I have submitted a longer written testimony for your review. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have andrew.

Speaker: As developers, proposals. We're the only regional provider with a sustained experience, and, success in the operation of outdoor shelters. We coordinated with the city and county on three distinct outdoor projects and, if you consider the fact that we moved two of them in the past year. We partnered with 56 participants. We did this without direct access to rental assistance funds. Our service model is proven to be effective in moving houses, into permanent placement and the data supports that we are getting better. I come here today to offer the city and the mayor our experience and expertise. We are not seeking a service contract. We are suggesting that the operators of the only city developed county funded and private operated shelter be invited to contribute. Our insights into design and staffing and programming and facilities were earned doing the work in the city and doing it well. We thank you for your time and opportunity to speak to you. We hope that we can help you more fully align any future projects with any unique challenges of doing this work in this community. Have a great evening? Thank you, look forward to those conversations. I appreciate it.

Commissioner jo ann hardesty: thank you mayor. Thank you andrew for being here. I want to say when mayor Wheeler and I partner, at the beginning of covid-19 we

didn't have to force anybody into those shelters because we created it with community. And so I just want to appreciate you showing up today and offering your assistance. What we did I hope is a model as we move forward because, again, we never forced anybody into anything. And two of those as you mentioned are now part of the, have been moved into the safe villages that commissioner Ryan is in charge of. When you do it with people we get much better outcomes. I look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Speaker: Looking forward to work with you all.

Speaker: Next up we have jonathan. Sarah. I'm here to oppose the mayor's proposal into concentration camps. It is so easy for you to treat them trash sweep, especially sweeps kill. They are nothing less than the armed robbery of the most vulnerable mess of society.

Speaker: Arresting people, tearing up their tents and these are cowardly actions of thieves. I don't care, it is a cruel system. The easiest test of human decency as people having a problem or people who are a problem. The problem of drug addiction are not solved by from public view and underpaid staff to deal with, and I can tell you, and seen it all. If you saw them as people you would seek dialogue with them to find solutions to their needs. It would include people, they have been on the streets. You should be ashamed of yourselves. They deserve to be agents in their own lives, and, I know these fellow being and, and the bottom line, but when you face the just judge you will have to face what you have done. May god have mercy on your soul. Next up with have sarah.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: I am a registered lobbyist for the city of Portland.

Speaker: Represents all street users and, we believe we can stop injury and death resulting from inequality but not by pinning people with disabilities, and thank you

for your support of commissioners hardisty's emergency measures for in response to a fatality. Because she listened to us. She was able to bring you an appropriate response which was unanimously approved. This is what leadership looked like. This may not seem germane. This summer you also forwarded emergency measures for making the street safer. They are not approved by experts in them, and others like mine but you never consulted us, and the community members most involved. And that's called co-opting and that approach is why after six years in office you have failed for the majority of Portlanders. Do not quote street roots in your press conferences while failing to engage them in work and failing to bring the most effective community members together. Please do not place pie in the sky, and, ample supply affordable housing on the backs of overwhelmed voters, who are trying to get solutions. Stop grandstanding and do the community the things necessary to get this right. Commissioners, please listen to street roots and, others who will be testifying here today and do not forward a camping ban. Camping bans don't stop homelessness or addiction. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Next up we have christen.

Speaker: Hi I'm christen. I've been a resident for over 20 years. I'm a mother of two and I teach history. I'm pleased to push for additional services, support, rent assistance and stable housing for all. I'm speaking today however as I'm deeply concerned with those plans that those who don't go willingly will be forced to, under threat of arrest. Given the treatment of black and brown residents, by police this will provide another excuse to arrest them. When I heard of them, it sounded just way too familiar. There was another time when people sitting in your seats, pushed to put them into camps upon threat of jail. That time, by senate bill, and told those, that all of their needs would be met. These leaders were responding to political pressure. At the time, this effort was thought to be entirely reasonable and

Portland only one person spoke out against these plans. Today, however, when we look back on these actions which led to the internment of Japanese, we are horrified forcing residents into camps no matter of political pressure or hope do what is best. I teach two classes, women's homelessness. As you may know a significant number have been victims of sexual assault. If they don't choose to go, you force them into camps is only going to retraumatize them. I'm a taxpayer and voter and I see them. That's why I voted for a bond measure that prioritized a housing first model which is the most effective approach. I would oppose diverting these funds for anything but their intended purpose. Thank you for listening. Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next we have Tim and Jennifer and Amber.

Speaker: Can you hear me.

Speaker: Loud and clear.

Speaker: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Tim. I'm the director of housing alternatives network. I manage communications and network. Called alternative shelter network which involves many of us working on villages, safe parking and it's supported by Commissioner Byron, in the next county budget. We're here to help, and foster great approaches. You can join and google alternative shelter network. You'll hear that the moonshots you describe, 20,000 new homes are impossible, illegal. You will hear that we can put people in housing that is there.

Speaker: That last point is true. That will work for many people. It's largely just rearranging with who is housed. I believe that these two moonshots together give us a bridge, an opportunity to if you will allow funds to go from the grandest hour to finest hour. We have a need to create new housing and firm pathways to it quickly at much lower costs than just half million apartments. Take me, my spot ending soon. I don't have another place to go. What I can do is for less than \$2,000

build a small trailer that I can tow with my car, this is actually the housing I need and want most now and with a parking space or two I'm way better off, I can build this into my dream home. This is the sort of way that we can build from the bottom up from the most immediate need on the foot where we want to go. I look forward to work with you and help the best ideas and take us to a more just future. Thank you? Thank you appreciate it.

Speaker: Next, jennifer.

Speaker: High,.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan, you all love wasting our time and are worthless, the villages are still not up and they were supposed to be your magic fixes and now you want to criminalize houselessness and then you want to put 500 out of 4500 plus houses people into a concentration camp and pretend you are offering them humane services. Have you talked to them about what they say they need? What housing would work best for them? What type of work they want to do.

Speaker: > I have been at camps when sweeps go on and services are not offered and they are not treated with respect. They have the rest to collect and the rest of them are banged-up and thrown. Stealing the belongings does not help them. If you want to offer humane services have paid advocates that help.

Speaker: > providing an address they can use. Writing resumes, making healthcare appointment. You mention the phentynal deaths, but you don't have enough services available. Addiction services are inadequate. And you all are talking about diversion programs. While wanting to arrest houseless people for not wanting to go into shelters. You already are setting them up for failure by doing that. The shelters that are in place are not set up to get people in the door. They are shelters that don't accept families and won't take pets and you have to be sober and people are

not fed properly and are mistreated by staff. Attacks going on. You know, so now you want to make deals around affordable housing and when we have housing available. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your perspective.

Speaker: F you.

Speaker: Folks we do have an fcc license, that's not going to fly here. We want to hear people's testimony. But if that's the way this rolls we don't need to hear people's testimony. If we lose our ability to broadcast these meetings -- it's serious. Please treat it as such.

Speaker: Next up we have amber.

Speaker: I don't think they have joined us. We'll go onto annette johnson. Followed by andrew.

Speaker: > I'm a vendor with street roots. I want to speak from experience, I was homeless for about 20 years. And that means I didn't have a key to a door. And I slept on the ground and the other 20 years before that I served in Washington correction prison for various drug and mental health and I give the credit to sydney the judge here. Who got me straight and I have been crime free and drug free and a place to live since then. I feel that when you make an announcement like a sanction sweep it scares people. I interviewed about five homeless people and some of them were older like 60 and they were begging me to please ask the city to come out and stop the phentynal because the young white children, because Portland is white are just dying and the phentynal is driving them crazy. There's narcon in the grade school. That should be a crisis. There's narcon on every floor at reid college. That should be a crisis. There's homeless tents and homeless people and there's desperate people and there's a little girl and, they took her tent and I observed she didn't have one. She's been there on third, the problem is seems to be a human problem. If we go to sweep people off the street, have anybody mentioned how

they're going to medically treat them for the withdraw process have coming off the drugs and alcohol because that could be a death in itself? They had a lot of work that needs to be done. My hope and my prayer is that we won't fight with each other. That we will change places with those people and say what if it was me. What if nobody got me off the streets and I was still there. Thank you? Thank you appreciate t.

Speaker: Next up --

Speaker: If I may thank you mayor. I just wanted to say congratulations on being clean and sober. Congratulations to being a vendor with street roots, and, you are a wealth of knowledge for us. And I am hopeful that you'll be willing to assist us as we move forward and developing a human plan that will assist us and helping people get their needs met. You know, street roots over and over and over again has shown us how to get people from being houseless, and alcohol addicted and into being self-sufficient and having their own place. And I hope how do we talk about how to get them from houseless, and depend on people who have decades experience, and moving people from houselessness self-sufficiency and thank you for that. Mayor I wanted to ask because I have gotten a text that people signed up on Saturday and it appears that we stacked the deck and have been getting with realtors, if people signed up. Are or did we change the order of testimony.

Speaker: I don't do sign up.

Speaker: We take people in the order they signed up unless we receive request to rearrange -- commissioner jo ann hardesty: did we have a request. I want to make sure everybody had the same opportunity to testify today. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: did you get requests to move some people.

Speaker: We did.

Speaker: Okay that explains why 20 names, I had community members who had signed up well in advance. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have Andrew. Mayor Ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Doesn't look like they joined us. Moya.

Speaker: John Cameron.

Speaker: > Nicole.

Speaker: Joseph. Rachel.

Speaker: Mike. DJ.

Speaker: Mark. Mark, can you unmute.

Speaker: Can you hear me. Mayor Ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: First of all, thank up everyone for allowing for every one of us to speak, and how we can fix things. Hello, first I would like to acknowledge that I am Mark, I'm a first generation American with both of my parents, from Mexico, I was subjected with abuse. I was unable to work through and understand my trauma, I turned to drugs and alcohol as a teen. This led to homelessness. I know all too well the struggle that people go through. Both because of my personal experiences and as my role as a president of Meals on Wheels. We serve our homeless neighbors everyday with hot meals donated from the community. Over 4,000 meals come out of our kitchens every week. The only thing to say, on the cruelty of the proposal. Putting people up, but forcing them into giant camps cannot be an equitable situation.

Speaker: Forcing people into jail for not being able to fit the mold is not only cruel but will ensure the failure that you claim to help and serve. You want to end homelessness is with housing first, providing resources for survival and ensuring access to medical care. People need love, compassion and resources to escape homelessness. I would have never been able to get to where I am today, sober and

housed non-profit understand this proposed plan. It is clear did you not consult people with the lived experience of homelessness. I hope the City Council hears this message and reject the garbage plan that only serves to harm the people of Portland. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your perspective

Speaker: Next up, we have rachael delaney. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Yes. You're muted.

Speaker: Hello. My name is rachel. I'm part of the street roots ambassador program. I have been navigating for just about 7 years now. I can tell you that there's been times that I have nearly frozen to death on the streets and spent time in austin texas where being homeless is illegal and I had bleach water thrown on me. At this point you cannot report these crimes because you are breaking the law. So you have lost your rights mayor Wheeler with all due respect, I don't believe these plans of these mass camps are going to work at all. I don't believe you have spoken to people who are homeless. I understand this is all attacks on the city. But what is attacks on the city is the fact that there are many many homes that are sitting empty. There are many buildings that are sitting empty and abandoned. I myself is somebody who live in a tiny home village. I did not have to be forced, I was given the opportunity and I took it. A mass camp where it is illegal to be, homeless, it is illegal to not be in these camps they're supposed to serve 500 people per camp, but we have near over 6, 000 homeless people. So I'm wondering how are you going to help those people. There's over 2,000 people that are being left in a place that are just not served. We are sitting there in a population that is underserved and under loved to be honest. All anybody needs nobody wakes up in the morning and says hey, I want to be homeless or I want to be addicted to drugs. It comes from a lifetime of pain and trauma and being pushed aside. With that

being side, my time is nearing and end and thank you for allowing me to speak on that. Thank, appreciate it.

Speaker: Next we have duke and meg.

Speaker: > me a winters.

Speaker: Hi everyone. My name is meg. Just one second.

Speaker: My name is meg, and I'm a social worker who works directly with homeless veterans, experiencing homelessness. As I speak to you today, I want to pose a question to everyone here. To the people on City Council to all of your staff and all the individuals who have spoken today. Do you know someone who has experienced homelessness? Do you know your homeless neighbors name.

Speaker: Do you know their perspectives. What issues do those people face? I have live in Portland for five years and I have lived in northwest and I'm from san francisco where I grew up. The issue of homelessness is not new to me. I watch as my neighbors became homeless. As I got older and looked at how I could become involved and I began working in my role. I work with folks who deal with a variety of barriers to housing. Arrest and fines and evictions and lack of income. Participants and they have to fight tooth-and-nail to be accepted into housing because of the barriers they face and most housing asks for these days. Today as I look for affordable housing for a family of two and low income, 160, last year I had to tell a property company they were breaking the law, the property was already rented. Our shelters are constantly full. 72 hour notices are back in effect, and, these are just many of the barriers that people with homelessness face. All of us are just one emergency away and I ask all of you here today to do the right thing and support your neighbors. Criminalization of homelessness and forcing people into camps are not real solutions.

Speaker: Mia winters. Mayor ted Wheeler: go ahead.

Speaker: I don't think they're here. Mayor ted Wheeler: if people -- if they come later we'll still take them. I want people to understand, if you have childcare issues, you can come back and we'll call again. So we'll go through the list to make sure we haven't missed anybody and we're also taking written testimony and not just today until we actually have the final vote. So if people prefer to do email we do this too. I just wanted to put that out there.

Speaker: Next up we have kia. And, raven and. Mayor ted Wheeler: we heard from her. She's already testified. Great. Raven drake.

Speaker: Mayor, councilmembers, thank you for having me here today. I'm the ambassador at street roots. I've had a longstanding relationship with all of you from the very beginning when I worked with you, commissioner, and mayor Wheeler to build the camps. What we learned from those camps is that large encampments have been -- can be very unstable. I applaud all the things you are attempting to do with a lot of these motions but 90 1, to criminalize, without a place to go, is very inhumane. We learned, you know, 500 people in the camp is unsustainable and, nowhere did I see clear defining lines of services, that would be provided to these camps. How will they be supported? Will there be housing services brought to them, regular intervals? What will, a big concern for people on the streets as clean waters and bathrooms and, what will it be like? When we struggled as a city to provide those already for that many resident's street? Are we now confident that we can provide them in a sanctioned camp. And also, where would these camps be? A lot of these people live in these neighborhoods around downtown. Because it's close to the resources they use. So I implore you to go back to the streets and talk to people with lived experience, such as myself who have lived out there and really make us a part of this discussion. Because soap of your plan will not work for the people on the streets. But so much of it could if you approach it in the right

way. Thank you for your time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. I want to thank you for your leadership in the past. I should make a point, this is not in lieu of the other options, that continue to exist. We're seeking an increase in shelter and, support of the villages and other camps. Part of the effort here is to actually increase support at the state level, at the county level, here at the local level around mental health, job training and other services and we did reach out to the homeless population. What people said was they want a place where they can go that is outdoors where they can still live in a tent situation but have access to hygiene.

And the way we're also envisioning this opportunity to actually feed people at the site so they don't have to go somewhere else. You heard about the connections to reestablish work history. That's an important part of this. The affordable housing piece is no question about it, is significant aspirational goal. But it's at the scale that we know today, we need to address the problem. So I want to be clear about this. We're talking about creation of a new type of camp that is to fill a gap that exists in a broad spectrum of services that we already provide and will continue to provide. I wanted to make that clear p this may not be appropriate for everybody. For some it might be. This might be their way off the streets. Where, we can't connect people to services when we have 800 camps spread out 146 square miles. But with fewer sites like this we would have a fighting chance to connect people to those services. So that's the spirit in which we're approaching this. So I wanted to applaud you personally and thank you for the work that we have done together in the past. Thank you mayor. I wanted to add my appreciation. I met when I first got here in January 2019, when we were trying to make a different esd and we worked very well to create a new model. That was with the central eastside industrial council. So I want to reinforce what the mayor said. You are a wealth of knowledge and we'll be looking to you because regardless of whether or not it's a 120 person facility or 500 person facility what we know is what we have today, is not working. I can tell you that each Portland street response cannot connect them to shelter beds and after 3:30 on Friday afternoon, which I find ludicrous, so we have 24 -- hour people on the street. But they only have access to shelter beds until 3:30. So our system is not working. We're going to need a lot of smart people to help us make a better system that serves more people in a more humane way. So thank you. Let me just end by saying over 65% of the people who are unhoused today, self identify as being

disabled. So we should not be trying to pit disabled individuals against disabled individuals. Because we're all temporarily able. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have dudley, I don't think they have joined us. Let's go back.

Speaker: And joseph. My name is nick. I'm one of your unhoused citizens. It is broken. I can't get no shelter. Yet the city is proposing funding for city ran camps. I'm watching people have the courage to get treatment only to relapse because there is no safe space once they get out. There's no advocate for them. There is no real support system and they're unable to change their environment. We're not the problem, we're the symptom of a broken system. A caring society offers a safe place. Not offer one size fits all that have us all into designated areas. Because I can assure you that will not be a safe space. I moved here from dallas. The city once allowed large tent cities to form. These tent cities no longer exist because the city realized homeless population was much easier to control in smaller groups. I could not get into the housing. i cannot get into a shelter and now I'm being told I cannot camp. But you can force me in a situation I feel I know will be dangerous. I feel it's time to come up with real solutions. Not another bandaid that would require surgery. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you? Thank you.

Speaker: > I was just going to especially -- encourage nicole to leave her information with the city clerk. It would be great if some of our houseless experts to help her navigate the system? Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: wait. Keep the mike open. Were you saying something?

Speaker: > I hope you reach out.

Speaker: > joseph snipes.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Who is next?

Speaker: > come back to me.

Speaker: Go ahead joseph.

Speaker: Yes, nicole had stepped out with kyle our director and she's going to get the information. So commissioner can get her the information that's going to help her along with the process that she is dealing with. But, I know I only have two minutes. First name joseph. I work for street roots. Thankfully got in touch with them through a couple people I used to stay with before I became unhoused. I have been unhoused for three years off and on, being able to stay through good friends or somebody I have met along the way. It's been more dangerous for me. More dangerous being outside. I'm a protector of the land and streets. I'm native. Opposed to putting people in camps, because it brings me back to what happened to the japanese and also what happened with other people over years history. Talk about inflation and, same things recurring. I'm glad that jo ann is in office, I support everything she's trying to do. There's nothing about political. Bottom line is people need a safe environment and putting groups of people, whether it is 500 per camp that's not going to do anything. It is going to cause more problems. As far as the tents on the street, if there's an area where it is safe for people to have their tents where it is not overseeing a business, maybe there's a spot in north Portland where the tents exist, they're like across nature way. There's a train track but people are living there fine. They clean up their trash. Homeless people get a bad name, because other homeless people are not doing their part. Drug usage yes. I'm out of time.

Speaker: But, it's not going to work. I have been trying to get into places from these agencies and they say sorry we don't have a bed for you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you joseph. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Next up we have nicklaus peterson.

Speaker: Thank you commissioner Hardesty and everyone else for giving me the chance to speak. I am a long time Portland resident, I grew up here aside from the national service on the east coast. Have lived here most of my life. I'm a graduate student. I, as someone who is Jewish, married to a disabled Japanese American person, I do not, I cannot allow morally the creation of camps. The A.D. A. Not an excuse for mass camps. They're camps. The houseless population is not the enemy, they didn't descend here. They're folks like you and me. I have lived experience of homelessness. I lost that job and spent six months on the street. What we need is to do an audit of our current NGOs, the shelter system, certain city bureaus, Portland police bureau, redistribute some funds to Portland street and fire and rescue and most importantly we need so this as an opportunity to improve your infrastructure. We're seeing a -- this is a part of a broader system that is utterly failing. This is not the people from the street. This isn't people that were testifying earlier. We need to improve our city. I yield my time. Mayor Ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have Cheryl Wolf. Robin. Shannon.

Speaker: Are you able to unmute.

Speaker: Am I up? Good afternoon, Mayor and Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm an architect. Specializing in shelter and small scale housing. I have strong concerns over congregating people in mass camp sites. People I met have voiced concerns over safety and prefer shelter. I urge you to support of solutions that organizations that serve the houseless and the people with lived experience have identified and built that work and which people are willing to move into. These are network of smaller scale emergency housing, such as R.V. Parking and Dignity Village and, women's shelter, and, more. The safer villages, it's working well. So, let's expand with more sites and more motel and vacant property conversions. We also need these to be located throughout the city.

Additionally I would like to urge to you consider tiny houses on wheels as an additional dwelling. I have a pro bono client, a single parent of a small child. For them a tiny house is a way out of poverty and I have met. Others, who want a permanent legal tiny home. Allowing them on one residential lot was a good start. But just like we have it, land owners can rent space. Updating the zoning, to create an infill version and allowing these as more than temporary living will remove existing road blocks to developing this type of housing. Thank you for your time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: > next up we have robin.

Speaker: Hello I want to address any house Portlanders and what's so bad, putting them in the camps, if they are being offered wrap around services. And some shelters are brought up and separation from family and pets and, abuse and lack of a.d.a. Accessibility. The city seems to believe they can avoid these pitfalls with this and I want to share a story of how the city takes its non-traditional services. I was once with people who are outside. Trash removal services and provided by one of the non-profit partners. Central city workers would fail to show up for weeks at a time. Which forced them to rely on friends to pay the fees. It's hard to see this as a mere slip up when I see how they take their service more generally, the city doesn't want me to think, about it. You don't want me to think about what you're going to do to the 2,500 unhoused people who are not going to fit into these camps that will accommodate 500 people. Nobody wants me to think about why the smoke, neither opened a shelter. Everything I have seen up to this point has shown me that the city would rather disappear the tent's, the sidewalk to violence than threaten some of the income of land developers. It's hard to have any faith in the city.

Speaker: Next we have betsy glickman.

Speaker: In looking at the agenda for this afternoon I came across the agenda item that was signing of a contract for \$40,000,000 for golf course maintenance. This was voted yes just this morning by Wheeler Mapps and Rubio. That's 8,000,000 a year for golf courses and I didn't know we were in an emergency. I don't remember that to be a basic human right. Because it is a safe shelter. It is important that the City Council understand you can stop. Banning it doesn't need to happen in order to start providing rapid services which can look like rapid housing programs and building more housing in addition to changing the laws around rent raising. The council has finally recognized that housing is a solution ask it's been far too long for you to state this. If we continue to say that we're in a housing emergency then we need to treat like a real emergency. Like a possible golf course emergency. Simple and straight forward and you need to do the work that's required to end the emergency. The housing can be as simple as opening doors for people. No applications, no lengthy housing searches. No barriers. Just opening doors. In all of the empty buildings and empty apartments in this city. However I'm aware that this city likes to profit off continuing to perpetuate the complex and employing people to do sweeps. This proposal telling everyone within the city that mass encampments they are punishments or they will experience violence and death on the streets I plead to you take a different aspect and to move away from this. Next up we have barbara weber. Nick.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Thank you mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Hi everyone. Ted, jo ann, dan, and carmen. I feel like I see you guys as people and I am an unhoused Portlander, I live in a property nice house and I live in a self-governed village that has been very successful. We have fought to stay in place and have grown even during this time. Why am I here today? Because there's a lot of scary things going on. Right? We have people that are dying on the streets. In 2008 I sat

that the table and looked at you and said the better we take care of our most vulnerable Portlanders the better the city will be. I still say the same thing. I think that we're looking at a good horizon. But you have to listen to the folks that this is going to affect mostly. There's so many resources that are wasted that there's like, you have people that go into affordable housing and I know people who have gone three or four times and they're still on the street. What got them kick out of housing. Why are they not retaining housing? This is like a conveyor belt. We each make jokes about it. For the, just so you know I have been housing insecure since 2012 so this January I celebrated ten years. I started an organization with the help of trash, and I'm the co-founder for trash for peace. We do a lot of work for the city. I wanted a good job for myself. Right. Also for my unhoused neighbors and people in my community. But what do I want? Ted I don't want to ever go into an apartment. What I have been asking for, is financial counseling, I have a good job. I want to buy a house. I don't want to be in poverty any more. My son died on August is second from a phentynal overdose in phoenix arizona, but it was only 97 degrees that day. So I see this everyday. I go into this community and I'm seeing this stuff happen in real life. All I'm asking for you to do is have the compassion and put yourself in our shoes. Really put yourself in our shoes, would you want to live with 125 people right next to you. It's not going to be safe. The crime isn't going to go away. There's only 20 people there. But when we moved no that area, crime went down 26 -- a lot. So, I think micro communities are answer here. It's not a big encampment. All 95 anybody hoods and let's start making changes. By the way, affordable housing rental is not saving --

Speaker: It's not saving anybody. That's only continuing to pay those people into the future. Where is my future? If you own a home you have a future. Thank you stop. Stop. [laughter]

Speaker: Thank you mayor. Let me just say thank you. Thank you for starting trash for peace.

Speaker: Grounds. Thank you because what I know is that when we get people dignity, regardless of their economic status of outcomes are so much better. As we talk about one of these resolutions about finding a work for people who are unhoused today, I chuckled when I first read it because none of the governmental entities have any expertise. But what I know is that the community groups that have been doing this work for a long,, long time and we really need the best thinking about non-profit to help steer government in a way that makes sense because left to the our own device who knows what we might develop and they won't benefit. I look forward to continuing to work with community non-profits who know how to get unhoused people employed and starting on the road to dignity and work.

Speaker: What kind of financial advice are you looking for?

Speaker: > well, all of a sudden I have this great job. Making more than a living wage. I woke up one day so I but the a car. There's a whole bunch of problems that are unique to me because I came off a major disability and went into making a considerable amount of money. So when we talk about financial counseling, it is not just balancing a check book.

Speaker: Wealth generation. Mayor ted Wheeler: that gentleman is my chief of staff. Can we arrange a short phonecall with her this week or next week and let's get you set up with somebody who can help.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Before you go -- one thing --

Speaker: First I want to say, I really appreciate your testimony. We have spoken to each other. I did not -- my condolences for the passing of your son. I'm sad for you. Thanks for sharing that and thanks for being here today.

Speaker: > thank you.

Speaker: Sure.

Speaker: Next up. I forgot to mention that.

Speaker: Next up we have nick.

Speaker: > I'm nervous right now. Yes, so I'm speaking here only as a resident. I work, I walk through central east side. I have seen people and my only qualification, I shared a blunt with someone who was sleeping on hawthorne and 25th. There was a camp there. And all this about you know, o the homeless issue. I think well, I'm not too informed with I might as well read the actual thing here. I'm a little concerned because I -- we're a city who tries to do in America we do policing a lot better than we do what happens after policing and I thought to myself, what we are we professional missing people. Yes, getting people off the streets. That's wonderful. The other thing there's something on the other side. Details are light. It's concerning because if I smoke a blunt, with that guy, we're getting you off the street and he'll say why and i'll say I don't know. The mayor said we'll figure out the services and I find that hard to swallow. I really don't have a perspective of I don't have any skin in the game. I live in a place.

Speaker: I wish that we could sit down and work out -- what is on the other side of the police before we vote on this whole package. We have to figure out the services and not just the policing. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, nick.

Speaker: Next up, bernard. Melisa

Speaker: Hi thank you for having me and taking testimony I agree with you.

Melissa lang

Speaker: I agree with you for answering the call, people want a safe place to camp and if they don't they'll be arrested then that is forcing them into a camp. I'm here to affirm what other people have said about taking out that penalty, and taking out the ban on camping when we don't have the sufficient resources to support those folks. Sometimes it feels like folks just want people to disappear and that's really an inhumane thought. So I'm asking to remove language and when I heard you say that you were including community and then I read the statement, and I checked in with some folks, and they weren't included in the conversation. I have been to a town hall similar event around here, from houselessness and what I heard was service providers. Which is a great element. Table to hand out snickers, you are not including these groups. So I'm asking to do that moving forward and to do that after this step is repeating history. I also went to an event your office put on years ago to introduce like a committee of black folks who were going to revitalize northeast Portland. So I know you believe in community led initiatives. Use that here and put them in the front of the conversation. Folks who are dealing with disabilities, we need leadership to bring those folks together. Jo ann hardesty has a history of doing that. So I hope you take that opportunity and work with them to build solutions. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up e braham.

Speaker: Scott.

Speaker: Thanks. Mr. Mayor and commissioners I'm scott. I'm executive director. Proudly serving our houseless, I first to want thank you for acknowledging more fully the scope of the challenges we face and urgency, I also echo some colleagues, and resolution, diversion programs, to offer criminal justice relief, and, work programs can make a difference. I'm here on behalf to offer two requests as you consider resolution 901, first I'm here to speak of the people who are extremely

hesitant to get a shelter. We are concerned that shelter hesitant people may face punitive consequences. If people are resistant to accept shelter it can be due to mental health. I ask that a plan be devised for such individuals that doesn't include being arrested. It will only make it worse and further strain our systems. I urge you as part of your plan to provide for distressed community members. Care and shelter, and dignified environments. My second request is to recognize is that are resistant to shelter because of past experiences. While I appreciate the reasons behind offering low barrier shelter options, we have learned that sober living environments are essential. I ask that your plan include a plan that pairs sobriety where they can help one another. Perhaps you can have the structure where individuals, can move into peer supported sober locations when they are ready to make this. Thank you for considering this. Mayor ted Wheeler: scott I like that idea very much and would be happy to scope that out with you at some point. That's important.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: > next we have peter.

Speaker: I don't think they have joined us yet. Let's move onto. Cole white.

Speaker: Hello. Hello. Can you hear me.

Speaker: Loud and clear.

Speaker: Hi. So, yes, my name is cole white. I helped coordinate for a project I used to shower at. Inow also a street librarian for street books and a writer ambassador. I can tell you that I can think there are a few things wrong with resolution 901 which is the one for the diversion of the homeless population into sanctioned encampments. One is hygiene. So there's no way you can make the right amount of san that tear facilities for such a camp. It would be very difficult, especially considering how hard it is to say maintain that level of sanitation right now. Also,

you create like deserts. It would be pretty dangerous for just a giant community to exist next to each other. Also, speaking for, you know, someone who I am also consider myself slightly disabled, that a lot of people have disabilities, so, you know, we work, we're together with the disabled community I think, and also would like to say that, the offerings given to people for shelter are often like taken by the emergency services more on and not like given to the shelters to provide for themselves. So, the emergency services are offering them to them, when they're displacing them. So they're not being offered at the right time. So, kind of, you know, when they're not taking those, they're not accepting those, they're being offered at a long im too much thank you. That's all. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have natalie hutchinson. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks for having me today. You might recognize me. I testified on December to turn it into a public space. And public market. I'm coming today because I am an architectural designer and wanted to voice that. I don't think that citizens in architectural design have been used as a tool during this design. We know a.d.a. Law and building code like the back of our hands and I think we could provide a lot of input with design justice. Coming up with a solution that is not making homelessness illegal. I think that by making homelessness illegal we're opening up the city of Portland open to legal implications. There's a legal precedent, where houseless community sued for criminalizing did on public land, it was raised to the ninth circuit and it was deemed unconstitutional. I. Passionate about design justice and who as a citizen feels a look of empathy, I think there are better ways than policing houselessness. I relinquish my time. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, appreciate it.

Speaker: Next up we have jesse. Molly pringle.

Speaker: Molly can you unmute.

Speaker: Hello. My name is molly and I live in northeast Portland, I work at healthcare and social services to people where they live in their tents and camps. So I can't speak as houseless person but, I can speak from my work having relationships with them. Seeing their amazing strength and their wisdom and the idea that's they have for community driven solutions. So, at the heart these resolutions are most impactful to people who are living on the street. They support our communities but you all hold power over the lives of houseless people even as they have wisdom. While the proposed resolutions aim to increase access to

affordable housing and social supports the strategy to advance these goals will cause harm to unhoused individuals. I am concerned about the 500 person capacity camps. When we know these are not safe. You mentioned this model is formed by the conversation with people who live outside, they want to pitch a tent. But, I cannot imagine that they envisioned these massive mandated camps. The scale of these sites cannot be trauma or honor the dignity and that's important to you. With that, and support for the people living in the camps it will not be successful. I know that is crisis. But I urge you to take the time to engage with the houseless community, and reflect on what we have learned and bring resources to building community based solutions. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we havian.

Speaker: I'm people experiencing. [inaudible] to live 20 years less. This is a urgent public house crisis and my testimony is not dismiss all aspects of this policy,

But I want to highlight the current policy failures due to camps. So not only harm this but it will result in a loss of life. In August alone 2,000 individuals were facing eviction. This plan's response, the ongoing plans, to criminalize the poverty. The impending wave of need. [inaudible] ongoing displacement, seeking asylum. [inaudible] immediate action must be taken, for lack of affordable housing. As mentioned before, in the decision, through police cannot enforce laws prohibiting. [inaudible] shows that the all the data shows that cities that respond reliance on large scale shelters without immediate policy change caused shortened space in the shelters, services being watered down and pathway for housing reduced. [inaudible]

Speaker: These conditions will cause dehumanization. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next we have diana followed by cameron and brian. I don't believe diana has joined us. Next karen. I right after these next three when we have three then we'll take our next 15 minute break. Thanks. Welcome.

Speaker: I will like to take a moment to appreciate you all giving us time to be here and give a thank you to people who actually came out and spoke from experience of people that I knew or from persons of their own conditions. I myself am a student. Going for my graduate program and I work directly with people on the streets through the people housing project. My mother is somebody who is also very afraid of houseless folk because of the known rate of addiction and mental health, she sees them as a form of threat. For that I don't, you wasn't allowed to use public transit systems or engage in certain public actions because of that much but being an adult now I have engaged in those. The take it daily and I take public transit and I take the bus and I have interacted with quite a few people who are houseless. The people who are directly going to be impacted we this. Those people

tend to be the most kind people I ever met. I have helped a man with his stuff that fell all over the train and nobody else helped and I got all of the stuff for him up in his -- he was using his own chair as a way of using his, moving his stuff. He was impaired. I was the only one to help him and after that he thanked me and tried to offer what money he had from his socks. To give to me. Somebody who is much more advantaged than I am had. This action shows there's so much more personality. The idea of putting them in these camps are we going to have transition to these centers and resources? These are questions I don't see answer he. Thank you so much for your time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate you being here.

Speaker: Next up brian. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Yea does this microphone work?

Speaker: > what's up? My name is brian kim. I'm co-founder of the people's housing, we are a majority year that provides direct services to houseless folks in the form of tiny shelters to this date without any government money we got 15 people into these tiny shelters and you all have failed to set up one of those villages I'm here to speak out in favor of the housing approach. Which we know is the only way to out of this. I'm here to that is bad idea. And, once said to roam able people to humane people I plead but to tyrants I waste no arguments when none will be here. Jo ann is the only reasonable people on the council, I can see why they are trying to get you out of office. Thank you for calling out the landlord ahead of the stack. Best of luck in November. To the humane people, dan and carmen, you have to know what a bad idea it is to put 500 people, whom have substance abuse or past trauma issues to cramp them not a same spot at gunpoint. If you all think that the gun violence was bad, wait until you put 5 then strangers some of whom have gang affiliations not a same space you have no idea what you are doing.

Speaker: Mingus, you are doing a great job for corporate interest who put you in charge and I look forward to opposing you. Ted, I have out there the note that you showed up to trump's goons and ran away after you got the first little teargas, you are a coward, this is a bad plan. Thank you for your. Mayor ted Wheeler: I look for to proving you wrong.

Speaker: > thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have roxy, followed by peter. And then,.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Good afternoon mayor. And commissioners. Maple name is roxy. I'm a transwoman and advocate for a housing community that is currently under the threat if the proposed plans go through. Rather than focusing on that I will like to get some numbers to consider in regards to this plan. At the moment, the moment there are 30,000 homeless people, that's in tents campers and unauthorized sites. It will take about 45,000,000 to house all of them for one year. 45,000,000 is less than one north of the budget which sits at \$316 million. In regards to that. When it comes to sweeps. It takes about two police officers to respond to that. Each officer is paid 58,000 a year. So that's 116,000. And depending upon the position of rapid bioclean, it costs between 36,000 and 106,000 dollars per-year and the average manpower is 200,000. At the low end and on the average it's going to be 300,000. This does not include gas. Additional 100,000. If we were to take that money and actually use it to give people housing, the city could house 21 people a year with that average amount. Finally i'll say this, I work with the homeless youth camp that is right outside in, the reason it is there, is because this is the immediate bliss for those youth who are vulnerable. And also where a lot of them tend to try to get housing. If this plan, 901 that camp is going to be at risk of violence if not only from

the city then by those fresh shifts who are aware. Thanks to that individual right over there. Thank you.

Speaker: Next we have peter. Mr. Wheeler and City Council. My name is peter and I have been homeless, my name is peter and I have been homeless, in the Portland area for 7 years now. I really don't have much of a problem with it. I go to sleep at 10 at night and I get up at 6 in the morning and I leave. I pick the area. I know how to keep myself clean. And I sell newspapers to make a living. I make a decent living for me. I can buy food and I buy clothes and I'm fine. There's other people on the street like me. There's a guy who sleeps in his car. He works hard and he thinks he can get a place in six months.

There's another guy. He's in a tent. But he is clean. And his stuff is new and he goes to work every morning. Are you going to put us in the stockade? When you start criminalizing people who haven't done anything and locking them up, a lot of them are not going to deserve it at all. And this place is going to be concentration camp. The criminal element will have a field day, hygiene will be a terrible problem. 500 people in enclosures, it's not nice. Okay.

Speaker: These are concentration camps. They really are and it is going to turn no that. Look over the precipice before you decide to jump. Think about me. Think about us. Are we a different kind of animal? Are we that different? Can we risk this? Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks peter.

Speaker: Next up we have been.

Speaker: Good evening everyone. My name is ben. I'm a housing case manager. First I wanted to fact check you a little. Ted on the availability of shelter beds. I thought it was disingenuous with the way you mentioned there's an excess of shelter beds in the city. Usually in reality it's about 1-26 beds available per evening. Sometimes, if a few folks leave in the day then there will be a few more but I have never seen it more than six. I wouldn't mislead people that there's a vast amount of shelter beds. Okay. So I don't believe homeless apartheid will improve the houseless crisis in Portland, on your proposal, people in Portland have these options, they can be housed they can be in shelters and in she's concentration camps or they can be in jail. That's, I don't like the direction that's going. Under your proposal, some of the most vulnerable will be cited and arrested and have all their possessions taken from them, and, fail to show up to court and then have a warrant out for their arrest and then go to jail. Not a great program again and it's quite clear that those with money and making money for the city are the priority voice and the public testimony for the council meeting and community members

who have voiced their concerns about this racist city government and the well to do folks, is nothing more than criminalize others all you want is for them to be gone. You refuse to address the houselessness crisis and, the origins and couldn't the manifest fest stations as the agreed of land lords hiking rent. Mayor ted Wheeler: actually the timing worked out perfectly we'll give our closed captioner a rest and we'll take a 15 minute recess. It is now 6:00 p.m. We'll reconvene at 6:15, we're in recess we are back in session. Thank you everyone.

Speaker: Take it away.

Speaker: > okay. Let's see where we are. Next up we have jay nicholson.

Speaker: Good evening. My name is jay nicholson. I was I work for a local housing non-profit and, I have engaged in personal outreach and volunteering with the homeless population for the last ten years. What I came here to address is light of the proposal to criminalize camping, and the city of pot land, and, Multnomah cannot be trusted to follow through to provide adequate assistance to the individuals on our streets. A diverse program comes off to criminalize individuals for not complying with the cities wishes to corral in campgrounds. But this does not acknowledge the significant trauma they have as result of interactions. The threat using law enforcement, regardless of the impact to one's record is absolutely inhumane. In essence saying let us help you out if you don't let us help you. I foresee a disturbing outcome in this resolution that this city will be all too eager while failing to make good and failing to pursue the correct solution which many have said is housing first. The city could resolve it to expand services and provide safe calling offices without the needs for bans and conditions would improve. I work for a local non-profit. I know what the city's current resources can accomplish and it barely scratches the surface, when the city has yet to prove itself in delivering permanent assistance. I will like to mention, as this has not been mentioned that

the city of Portland occupies land that belongs to the people, so to this board I say you have some nerve to act as though you have a right to outlaw anyone from anywhere. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have molly hogan. Mayor ted Wheeler: hi molly.

Speaker: -thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak. My name is molly hogan. 75 non-profit organizations join together with the common goal of insuring everyone has access to an affordable home. There's some good ideas, in these resolutions, item 901 is distressing. Spending funding expecting people to go to mass camps. This is not humane. What if they don't go? Let's compare that to a pod in a safevillage or support care housing unit which is around 30,000. But only one of these options results in someone being housed. Permanent housing this. Adds additional stress on stressed service systems. We still need to address the issue of living wage in social services. Our coalition sent all your offices a letter that included ten additional pages of testimony. We also in order to talk about racial equity, people of color are less likely to access group shelters and overreported in criminal justice systems and it will no doubt have negative consequences. Lastly, we know that housing is the answer to homelessness and should be guided by this simple fact much so we are excited about 899. To make 20,000 units affordable housing and a land bank. Welcome home is eager to work with city leaders to realize the creation of a long-term funding source dedicated to affordable housing. And also ensure this over half of that new housing is actually affordable. We encourage the city to skip paying for new tents for people that already live in tents and go straight to investing resources in proven solutions, converting hotels, rent assistance, tiny homes. And creating 20,000 new units of affordable housing. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Next up. Emily and lauren. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me.

Speaker: You sound great.

Speaker: Just give me one second here. Hello my name is emily. I am a recent graduate in social works and I'm on a writer ambassador. So I'm talking to people who live outside almost everyday and I'm here to urge you to engage people living outside to address homelessness. Yesterday at my shower shift at the shower project I was, you know, telling folks about this opportunity to voice their opinions about this policy that would impact them. A lot of folks were horrified. The handful of folks were horrified to hear about the camping ban and one person really objected to even calling what they have to do to survive everyday camping, which is a leisure activity. Yeah, I heard today, I have been listening to testimony since 2:00 p.m. And I heard a lot of folks concerned with safety crime and drug use and tents and on and on. And you think this had a lot of these issues would be if not lessened or maybe even solved if people were able to meet their basic needs. So I hope that City Council will just really engage folks, with experience who are outside of you all, develop your policy, and I yield back the rest my time.

Speaker: Next up is laura. Hi, there I just changed my comments to read good evening. And I appreciate everyone being here for so long today. So good evening, mayor and commissioners. My name is laura and I'm the executive director. We provided good books and reading glasses to people living outside. Last month we had a celebration to mark the end of another successful summer season. Jeff and tom met us. Kerry passed out programs to the guests each of these people have been an essential part of our city and they are living outside. They will be the ones most effected by what our city does next. So it's our hope that we include their votes in the conversation as we work to provide safe housing for everyone. We urge you to see past the tent and recognize the talents and resourcefulness people have

to offer. Engage them in what you build next. Because they will show early and stay until the work is done. I think tonight's testimony has showcased some of the efforts on the street level from people. I would ask that you utilize the non-profit partners, so that one outreach can happen and we are so happy to be one of those many organizations, willing to join that effort and to share resources cross pollinate and help to engage people who are the best experts at what they need. So thank you for your time. I yield the rest back.

Speaker: Thank you and I really appreciate what you do with street books. It's great. Thank you for that.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Next up we'll go to charles.

Speaker: Hi, I'm charles lindsay. I'm a homeless youth out here in Portland. Vendor with street roots. The services for the youth out here, I just, I have been in the street light shelter for a little over a year now. They say one thing and then they do another. Like I have a completely clean criminal record. Never gotten in trouble. The fact that I'm going to be criminalized when I age out of this for being homeless. I mean how is that right? I mean, you have so many youth out here who are homeless simply because they were kicked out of the house for coming out with their parents and they're going to be put in jail or put in these dangerous situations with all of these people. You don't know they're background. They might be dangerous towards these other youth and if those youth feel threatened in those shelters, oh, well, you either stay there or you go to jail. I mean how is that anywhere near right? And I mean, this is just making me think back about world war ii when we started being, the camps toward

The Japanese simply because they were Japanese, how is this any different? Simply because they're homeless, we're just trying to survive. We don't choose to be homeless. We're a victim of circumstance. I thank you for your time. I thank you Charles.

Speaker: Next up we have Kate.

Speaker: Oh, good evening. Thanks for having me. I just want to start by saying that I'm not at all opposed to City Council's intention of creating affordable housing and getting them access to mental health. I want to be clear, I do not think these issues are simple to solve and I do not envy the task. But I do struggle with the fact that these items are coming before council today as pipe dreams with no funding and no plans in place. City Council stated, that your top three priorities were developing a model for safety and homelessness, and it's taken almost two years for these resolutions to now be on the table to direct you to take action. I feel like the city does not need resolutions that don't hold them accountable. We need to see the humane actions that council is taking. Humane plans that have been built with homeless people at the center.

Speaker: 902 is blank. It feels like that is not even trying. With these resolutions it feels like it's working to get the public excited making them believe a plan is in place when it feels like that is untrue. We need City Council to develop through humane plans. Our most vulnerable people, they need your help. You are the only people in the city that can solve this problem. It was evident that many homeless Portlanders don't agree with the plans for the large camps. Where do we expect them to go until they're open? How do we see them being managed? What about inside, what's our humane plan? It just feels like the timing two weeks before the election is a play to get public sentiment to your side. Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have Eli

Speaker: Eli are you able to unmute.

Speaker: Why don't we go to the next person. Leah.

Speaker: > there are many good ideas on the agenda today, attending to mental health issues is a good idea. Massive camps for poor people is a bad idea. It's not a good project. It will cause you more mental illness. In 20 years, you can imagine, the grand children, like the japanese. My name is Leah. I moved to everett station in 2010. My rent was 860, first Thursdays were vibrant cultural destinations and then, multiunits sprung up and more to more people took to sleeping on the streets, 30% remain vacant in order to stabilize profits to keep rents rising. Tenants paid 3,000,000. The rent for the same gallery.

Speaker: > first Thursday is a non-event. We need the diversion program for those creating homelessness. Vacant city tax is a good idea. They're using it throughout california.

Blaming the victims of economic is a bad idea. Instead, please help those suffering from the delusion of increasing profits, by setting limits with vacancy tax. It is doing the investment class a favor by containing the greed itself. No the victims of it. You can put a two minute limit. Put greed for taking too many and leaving nothing for others. That's the crime. That's the traumatic root cause for mental illness. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have kaitlin day.

Speaker: I am opposed to forcing people in camps. I want to focus on some of the other proposals. The diversion courts appears to be an effort to revise the court models, that has since shutdown. They have a long history of people would go through the court and they would be required to do community service. In 2012, they saved nearly 1,000,000 in board costs. I wouldn't be surprised if the courts devolved into being once again freely board for private sector partners. God forbid you go like california, and have the model to streamline it.

Speaker: I'm also concerned about the non-standard work program for outsourcing with the private sector is very problematic. You're able to enact labor practices and cut costs on what would be unionized jobs. This is the playbook of urban. I highly suggest you read a report published by u.c.l.a. About the aftermath of the displacement in 2021. I could go on and on but all of this is resulting in the brutality -- mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have christopher delaney.

Speaker: I don't think they have joined us. Christopher dailies. Mayor ted Wheeler: we hear you.

Speaker: I'm going to read from some notes. I'm christopher davis. I lived in the city for over 20 years, I strongly support this proposal. I'm hearing a lot about their need for more freedoms and more resources. And I'm hearing very little about the

negative impacts on the rest of the population. Acknowledging that homeless population is lots of folks who are not a negative impact on the city. Let me share a couple of things, because really all I have to go on, are my own experiences, and, there is a large experience of that I frequently bicycle past. One day and put put out a huge fire that consumed all the tents and charred the pylons, so, I could see that were within those tents with where I counted, nine bikes, and, several lawn mowers, and, clearly. [inaudible] cleared. Tents was back. Another last year,. [inaudible] my battery off my house, with a broken two by four. So-called 9-1-1 and the operator answered and said, there was no one available to help me because all the police were dealing with homicides and I called back and, they said either buy a gun or use pepper spray. It is too insane or too maladapted to live in housing without destroying it and hurting themselves or others.

Affordable housing does not appear to be a problem. Thank you very much for your time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have brian. Mayor ted Wheeler: hi brian.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and members of the council my name is brian, executive director of housing Oregon. So we appreciate, the goal to produce 20,000 new unuts, we are ready to engage in the proposed permitting and land banking initiatives. However we join others in raising concerns that returns to criminalizing homelessness and creating mass camps distracts us from the real progress being made. We acknowledge you to not abandon to engage those with experiences, and with homelessness and non-profit organizations to address what is truly a region-wide crisis. We reiterate, criminalizing homelessness, affects communities of color, further moving people into legal systems. Regarding resolution 899, we invite city elected officials to join city Oregon and explore options for the next generation of revenue sources. Second we welcome city advocacy at the federal level to expand tax credits. We have an opportunity to support senator widen's efforts to reform the 50% test for bonds which could double those tax credits. It supports contact for permit to go build affordable housing. Such a position used to exist and this is something that we have had a vote indicated for. Fourth, housing Oregon supports, land bank, please consider working with others, and it is more effective with developers. Thank you for your time and your public service. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, brian.

Speaker: Next up we have robert. Hi robert. I don't think they have joined us. Next we have sandy.

Speaker: Good evening. Mayor and commissions I'm sandy chung, executive director. We're a non-profit organization. In a crisis, decades in the making, to eliminate it you must address the causes housing access, mental illness and

addiction. The mayor and the plan proposes that they can only reside in three zones. Ladies and gentlemen, the conclusion is that houseless people will be penalized. First this plan is likely to be unlawful. If the city does not have enough shelters it is unconstitutional for people. Mass camps are not shelters. Second it is unclear how the city will implement the zones so they are safe and clean. When the city has already had great difficulty creating safe villages on a smaller scale. Third, this plan will divert police from serious crimes. Approximately 50% of arrests have been low level violations by houseless people. At a time when Portlanders have expressed significant concerns, about police, it is ill-advised for the city to use more police resources for this. Portland police show that arrest for people living on the streets. In 2020 mayor, you said many of the people going in and out of jail are served by housing and services. In 2020 police chief stated, arrest and jail are not answers to our cities houseless. What the mayor and the chief stated. City needs to focus on things that work. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: We have sean jacobson. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Can you hear me.

Speaker: Yes, I was born and raised in inner northeast Portland. You know, wronson creek to st. John's, I have been in this place my entire life and, I'm a little confused by the sentiment -- I sentiment. I don't understand the cultural priorities of making this issue a top political issue. I had everything stolen out of my car, a few months ago. I had multiple friends that died of phentynal overdoses. Just this week I was out for a book reading and someone was shot next to me. I had to pull the bullets and plug their holes until the ambulance arrived and I'm still not scared of homeless people or crime. I don't fully understand how this issue could become the top priority Portland has legacy value. I think that the focus of this is something that's coming on the 2020 is a part of a political dynamic that's using psychology to

make our city's population focus on the demonization of homelessness, and violence and rioters and someone that is trained in psychology, when I look at these behaviors, what I want to see is science based approaches to how we're going to solve these issues. I don't see people put in decisions of decision-making power especially with this plan that are focused on addressing the real issues of the city. The local sustainable resources those issues will be here long after this issue of homelessness is made better and resolved. So I'm just advocating that we -- mayor ted Wheeler: thank you sean.

Speaker: Next up we have michael anderson.

Speaker: You're muted. Will you try to unmute? Mayor ted Wheeler: we hear you.

Speaker: I -- I appreciate you all taking the time to hear me today. First all I want to acknowledge that we're on stolen land here. My ancestors canoed on these waters long before yours did and it hurts me as a indigenous person to see evictions as a reality again. Especially being carried out by the Wheeler family who has a long history of camp evictions. Now we know that passing laws is an invocation of law enforcement. So with that in mind, anytime that we pass law it has to be with that utmost in the front of our thought that these laws will have to be enforced by someone. Because of the situation, na we live in, in Portland, that cannot be the Portland police bureau. You know, bearing in mind names like mark kruger. Or greg lewis. Then we know the mentality that the Portland police has. So setting up a defactor concentration camp that allows people who are already proclaimed nazis who have said such things if you come across black person who is also homeless just shoot them. That's what the Portland police bureau has said and you want to give them the ability to declare who is a homeless person? What if they take repercussions against political enemies they have done that. Giving them powers is

wrong and the people will not stand for it. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your perspective.

Speaker: Next up michael anderson. Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, michael.

Speaker: I'm a researcher. People have spoken to their own expertise. I'm here in support of 899. Cutting the cost factor. The number 1 predictor of homelessness is the price. That's because more than 80% of Americans live in market rate housing. There's no science showing that lower rate housing is the recipe. What it shows is that lower prices are essential. I have hired people talking about houston, and I'm sure there are many lessons there. One should be in houston, now homes cost half of what they do in Portland, when a newly built 3 bedroom, 1,500, most landlords of older homes have no choice but to charge less. It puts a ceiling on rent hikes and every tax dollar, with regulated affordable housing and, goes twice as far. That's how in the last ten years, it has moved people from the streets into long term homes. We should be taking lessons from houston everywhere else, keeping prices low. 899 makes modest efforts to keep it affordable. Even for this, cost reduction, these efforts won't be enough. We should also work with the state to do the same for its rules and other cities and let's get started right away.

Speaker: > thank you michael and we appreciate your input as we proceed with this. Sounds like you got great ideas and I will like to hear more.

Speaker: Next up we have mora. Mayor ted Wheeler: hi.

Speaker: Hello. My name is mora. And I have worked in Portland, I'm a social service provider since graduating in 2020. Heartened by the aspects of this plan, that fast-tracked affordable housing. I know how well it is to secure and place folks in quality housing in this city. However, I have significant concerns about the 901. Banning camping only further criminalizes folks. Also the fact that you all stacked the deck with landlords, real estate brokers and business owners shows how much

respect you have for equity and whose voices you are most willing to listen to. I heard a lot of business owners express support for this plan but very few community healthcare weighed in with positive feelings. I heard a lot of those business people speak of their fear of homeless folks rather than their fear for the freedom of those folks. I yield the rest of my time and thank you so much. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have kevin.

Speaker: I'm another executive director, we are a volunteer grassroots organization, that particularly votes on legislation at the state level and improving services at the county level. I just want to say mayor Wheeler and councilmembers I believe that the state of Oregon behavior has failed the city and the county. We have one-third is on the Oregon health plan. How many of these people in our houseless population are signed up to be recipients are not connected to that.

Speaker: My lane is alcoholism, drug addiction and behavioral health. I have concerns about institution and very large size facilities. But generally one of the things that I think is crucial I don't work for a big place, that has 100 million-dollar budgets. One thing we need to ask is are we getting services that meet the needs of people who are being directed to this service? It takes 7 times for the treatment to have success. Six months to a year later. We need to understand that our systems are not met with severe phentynal. We need far longer stays and more beds and capacity. The governor has failed Portland. I would love to give feedback to your systems, particularly about how to engage more of the service providers in providing humane services. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: kevin, I just want to say I really appreciate what you are saying. I agree with you. Part of what we need to do is make sure people have access to the resources that they are already entitled to receive. One thing we're finding is we're not connecting with people and we're not

connecting them with the services that they're entitled to receive. I would absolutely appreciate more of your input on this. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have --

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Hello mayor and commissioners. I'm here to support resolutions 903, our government decisions should be fact driven, last year 126 individuals died on our streets. Most of these homeless individuals died from drug overdoses. This year we're on pace to even exceed that grim total. 70% of pedestrians killed were homeless. In one year the fire bureau responded to 2,000 fires in homeless areas. Last year, they picked up 13,000,000-pound of trash. At the same time 66% of homeless individuals claimed they have never been approached by an outreach worker. It's obvious that our current direction for addressing homelessness has led to a crisis. The current plan is not working for either homeless or housed individuals. It's time to change course and support the reasonable plan that could address it as put forth by mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have david.

Speaker: Welcome, david.

Speaker: Let's go to mary. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here.

Speaker: I'm mary nickey. I want people who are republican or christian or business owners to hear me because you are being targeted with false arguments and hate campaigns that go against your own stated values. Communities need rugged solutions and total freedom and competition, not a nanny state services empire. I'm tired of hearing about mental illness and drug addiction. It's just visible outside. It's a system of the manufactured and profitable housing crisis offset onto

the taxpayers and victims of bad governments. It's like being angry at someone for bleeding on your carpet. It is not compassionate.

Speaker: > those are extinguished here everyone has to be dealt with a service empire and it makes money when section 8 increases which increases the value of the house which increases property value. It's just a bubble. These people own property and properties that have renters and make deals. It is a scam. Let's take away the serviceability to rent inflation. They are stopping us from helping our neighbors. The city has acknowledged that it cost 1100, and I'm not buying it. The 7-year community proves that no one needs to be dealt with 13-dollar jobs, we can't pay 1300 rent. This is your future. The idea of a shelter is good but the city shuts down competition, and the city forces shutdown to keep taxpayers from helping people. Join us in being onto that. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have keith barnes.

Speaker: Keith, do you want to unmute.

Speaker: We'll go onto dana kaufman.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Let me start by saying I support the goal -- but the Wheeler plan is a wholly backwards approach. Let's ask the question, why is this plan coming about now? What ted Wheeler wants is to the camping ban at the heart of this plan. That is his gift to the Portland business community. He wants to outlaw houselessness wherever it is possible and to hide it out of sight. The only thing standing in his way is the ruling which states that cities cannot enforce anti-camping if they don't have enough shelter beds available. Once he has succeeded he will have met the requirements. That ruling makes no requirement on the quality of the shelter offered nor of the services. So Wheeler is free to stand up, for our neighbors and when they decline to be herded into these camps he'll have all of the legal backing

required to unleash the police without fear of consequence. Black, brown, queer, and transpeople struggling to survive on our streets will suffer. Weary Portland liberals will turn a blind eye and the court will be unable to intervene. I'm begging the City Council to not enable this, and dreamt by Wheeler and his backers at the business alliance. History will look back at the Wheeler camps as a tragic mistake. It will remember the names of every City Councilmember who helped enable it. I would call upon you to actually house the houseless. I don't think money targeted at building these camps on support turf housing and direct services instead. This is the moral obligation. Placed upon you by the times we live in. Please City Council remember you were elected to protect those lives on the streets not the interest of the money elite. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Well, let's try keith again.

Speaker: Let's move onto lisa.

Speaker: I'm speaking today as third generation, Oregon person. I always felt safe in the city. And had great pride until 2016 when mayor hails began to allow street camping. Soon thereafter a temporary shelter was open. Directly across the street from my home. We were told the shelter would be there six months. He tried to extend it. But received push back so the shelter closed. That was the most mismanaged place. Over the last many months the city opened an s. R.v., is working. The surrounding area has been problematic. I have spent hours, reporting to 9-1-1 of the houseless camps and near my home, drugs and camp and defecating near my home. I no longer feel safe, and actually drive to another neighborhood to walk my dog. I want to feel safe and return the city to the clean beautiful place it once was. Prior to the site, the neighborhood association said, were told that it was temporary. Three years and a good neighbor agreement

would be drafted one year later the agreement is not signed. Why, when will it be done.

Speaker: Another rumor it is being extended. Is that true? Rumor is that the sears site will be one of the large campsite. Is that true.

Speaker: There's been no transparency. I understand the city is not using the site as it was deeded and the place is in violation of the deed. Will the srv be removed? I have been waiting all day to testify, answer these questions. I will repeat them if you need me to do so. I thank you, ted, here I can't answer those questions. But, we can get back to you or have somebody who is closer to that get back to you.

Speaker: When? Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm looking for staff.

Speaker: > we'll get your contact information and we'll circle back to you. Can I send by letter? Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm not sure I can but I know people who can.

Speaker: They're going to reach out to me. Mayor ted Wheeler: do we have your -- her contact information. Can you get it to bobby. My chief of staff is getting your contact information and we'll square it away.

Speaker: > they'll reach out to me.

Speaker: I will call her right now.

Speaker: He's going to call you right now. Are you available right now.

Speaker: > does he have my phone number. Mayor ted Wheeler: don't give it out. Don't give it out. Hang on. We'll make sure. One second. Don't go.

Speaker: > can we move on. Mayor ted Wheeler: is there a phone number.

Speaker: We'll get the phone number. Mayor ted Wheeler: we're good. You'll get a call in a couple minutes. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks for being here.

Speaker: Next up we have alex. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Good evening, mayor Wheeler, and, thank you for the opportunity to share my story. My name is alex and, I'm general manager of the embassy suites

and I'm a travel Portland board member and I also wear for youth on their employer advisory board. My industry is in turmoil for so many of our clients and guests travel and dining out is a choice. Too many of our guests are choosing to go elsewhere. Projections for hotels, is at 32%. That number sounds fabulous, Seattle is going to 58%. Projections for 23 is similar. And only 50% of the rate that Seattle is growing at. We're behind and we're losing more ground. I have a very short story to share. I had two ladies staying in the hotel. They were chatting and they decided they want to go to dinner.

Speaker: Oldest restaurant, and amazing experience. I met them outside, just as they were leaving and they went waiting for a taxi. It's only three blocks. I led them to it. I saw them the following day and,, they were walking back and it took me a moment to figure out what had changed. The tents were no longer there. The sidewalk was clear and they felt safe. This change was immediate and this is what it comes down to for our industry to survive. Visitors to downtown want to feel safe as they enjoy our city. It can be immediate change. I have seen it and we need it to be so. These resolutions will go a long way. Creating an environment where everyone can enjoy everything. Thank you very much.

Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have glenn. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Good evening mayor. This city has been lacking leadership and a plan to reduce tent camping. People living on the sidewalk is not something we should accept in the 21st century. Now we have a plan and someone who will lead us. This will likely help our city to recover. Without a plan our city is likely to continue to struggle. I support your plan to provide 20,000 units of affordable housing. Implementing this will require massive coordination between the city government, the neighborhoods and the county. These 20,000 units will require, think about this, 100 building towers of 200 units. It is important that we get this sight right. To pay for this massive undertaking we need to encourage Multnomah County to release hundreds of millions of dollars that they have available for affordable housing. This morning I took my dog for a walk. During the walk I came across a poor soul. Soaking wet on the sidewalk. Also a discarded mattress and a string of trash for a city block. In the corner I came across another dump of trash. This is an everyday occurrence in my neighborhood. The only way we can address this trashing of our neighborhoods is to fine safe clean housing for our houseless neighbors. The social experiment has failed. It neither provides safe housing for the homeless nor is it acceptable to our neighborhoods. It doesn't mean you keep going. We need to stop failed social experiment and get on the right road again. Your plan for the homeless puts us in the right direction again. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks.

Speaker: Next up we have kevin glenn. Mayor ted Wheeler: hi kevin.

Speaker: Hello. I'm here just as one of the 3200 housed residents in old town. I want to say that mayor Wheeler I appreciate your efforts down here and the fact that you have met us. And that you have walked these streets and that you know that we're the gateway to downtown. I have heard a lot of testimony from the non-

profits and some of these non-profits are terrible neighbors to us. They do not recognize the fact that the public commons have been stolen from those of us who live in this neighborhood. We have a right to be able to leave our buildings without having to wait ten minutes for those to vacate the doorway. We have a right to walk our dogs down the sidewalk without having to fear for assault in the streets. Thank you for advancing this. Thank you for coming up with some sort of solution to move forward. This is an untenable situation and we need to do something.

Speaker: Please vote yes on this resolution. Please let it be a unanimous vote so that everyone knows we're moving in the correct direction. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks, kevin.

Speaker: Next up we have eli. Good evening. My name is eli power, I'm poorly unhoused and I'm serving as the interminister in downtown Portland, I have directly experienced the results with what happens when we approach people with fear, rather than understanding and compassion. So in 2007 I was taken to jail for low level drugs. This was the first of several that led to more years on the street and to 3, 4 year prison sentences because I never got the help to address my trauma. I was not better for my interactions with the streets nor the criminal justice system. Mayor Wheeler. Parts of your plan offer me hope. To be sure that camping ban guarantees, this and criminalization, and removing the voices and agency of thousands of our neighbors by sweeping them into campsites is ineffective. It fails to include voices. In a moral and unjust. I know that we as a community and you as elected leaders, who are called to embody our morals can do better. What I want to do is suggest is nothing without us about us. We heard about advocates there are thousands who are both disabled and houseless.

Speaker: Thank you for your time. Let's focus on including houseless voices as we focus on houseless voices. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have dana.

Speaker: Before I start my time. May I make a procedural comment? As someone who has waited hours to testify, I'm very disappointed to hear that commissioner Ryan paved the way for certain interested others to go first and I would like that to be on the record. Sorry. I'm a volunteer at the sunny side shower projects. The worth and dignity of every person. We have a faithful commitment to dismantle systems of oppression. We're glad to see, a commitment to building more affordable housing and remove barriers. We also have serious concerns. We're concerned that item 901 will force unhoused people into mass shelter and mass camping will deepen the crisis further. Mass shelters are unable to provide services and there's a reason people don't choose them. Rather than supporting human dignity they do crease human dignity.

Speaker: And it is not only unhumane, it increases the reliance on law enforcement and judicial systems. How soon it will be for building more jail cells? These systems criminalize poor people. As we have heard over and over again.

Speaker: > we believe that the people who are closest, to the crisis need to be part of the creating the plans, last year in the county, 45100 people were supported into permanent housing. These are sustainable programs, and they should be part of the solution. Commissioners, mayor, we ask you to prioritize solutions that have the humanity and include the people most impacted in the development of city plans. Please envision the end goal where everyone has a safe home and no one is condemned for being poor or disabled or drug dependent.

Speaker: Next up we have katie o'brien.

Speaker: Hi katy.

Speaker: People are still listening this late.

Speaker: We're all listening. We're here.

Speaker: My name is katie o'brien. I'm the executive director. We are a shelter that is supports thousands of women and, children and,, on an annual basis more than half of our population are currently unsheltered. The most important thing is connecting guests with available resources. We want nothing more than to have additional options in it is of housing and mental health and auditioning services. Our guests are suffering beyond belief and we support the need for this urgent action. Our concern lies with the proposed mass shelters and the mandate that folks stay there. It isn't safe. Women experience violence and sexual assault on the streets here in our city. Guests are navigating resources to avoid people and to not be within proximity of people who abuse them. On Sunday October 9th one of our long time guests was found stabbed to death. Her death really underscores the importance of finding a safe place. This plan provides mass encampments and holds no detail about how you will protect women and families and ensuring these encampments that the magnitude seems pretty impossible. Portland needs every type of housing. But in the short-term il encourage you to focus resources on some ready made resources, convert motels. I hope that we remember jill in the process of all of this. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: > next up we have holly.

Speaker: Andres.

Speaker: Good evening. My name is andres. I work for the housing bureau in city hall. Represent part of what they have been calling for for ages. But I haven't heard a creating camps that we will force people into regardless whether they want to, and called 801 from that package, I sat with you and listened to hours of testimony tonight and spoke in favor of this measure. I'm a small business owner and I appreciate the help but these are not people I would trust. [inaudible] 901 is not

the answer. You should listen to them. Resolution 901 subjects the people you say we're trying to help subject them. More shelters and camps will not help. We currently have empty beds because of the trauma, in the shelter system. Not because of a lack of outage. And, creating massive camps, shelters and large camps. And causes of homelessness. All require funding. The housing need is, and it requires new local funding and, rent increase that's push people into homelessness. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have annie. You're muted.

Speaker: Hi, there. I'm an Oregon native and I am aware of the things, I think this is federal problem that we're discussing and there is far too little attention on the federal level. I think Portland's policy in the pacific northwest policy have made in a destination for our states and that's contributed to the numbers we're experiencing. I think we need to take a long-term approach to making this a national, putting some attention in energy into making this a national issue and attracting support from other states and counties and our state as well, not just the city in managing this problem. For the short-term I agree with mayor Wheeler's policy for a number of reasons. One i, don't think anyone experiencing a mental health crisis does better by living randomly day-to-day with uncertainty and access to resources. I think that's better managed. I have family members who have mental health issues. One is schitzophrenia and others severe autistic adults. Itthey have done better in house situations. A dear friend of mine, her son is living in the streets. I just don't think that these problems are improved by allowing this to continue. The other issue we have the significant crime issue in the state or city with car theft and the property thefts with these unregulated camps, I think that makes this harder to manage. While I am sympathetic and I appreciate all the

efforts and people who are suffering, I think that the right thing is to do, well reasoned safe -- mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next we have joy jones. My name is joy and, I'm c.e.o.

Speaker: I'm new to Portland, and one of the largest providers. [inaudible] northern california. As the largest shelter provider. I agree that the other provider, to be redundant, and, the focus on arresting citizens. The proposed resolution there will be more services. The region does not have enough programs, with specializing in mental health. [inaudible] we should not.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next we have drew.

Speaker: Thank you for letting me testify. My name is drew I'm the director of outreach. For the past 12 years I have been providing street based outreach. I was a founding member, and still serve on the board. I get to supervise and create some street outreach teams here both in Multnomah County and I support a lead based team. One of the things I want to recognize I appreciate the dialogue and I want to recognize that our community is hurting from all sources. Parts of this proposal I am encouraged by with the focus on housing. What I wanted to stress is we're in this crisis we want to make sure that we're focusing on long-term solutions and housing. The street based outreach that I've been providing is based on relationships and trust and rebuilding trust and systems. Outreach has become a necessity. As a provider I wanted to truly stress how taxed and overwhelmed the system is and unable to meet the needs of our current crisis. The complexity, and lacking in speeds whether our system is set up to do and this call for both city, county and state and collaboration to provide meaningful then fervent and I appreciate that there's been this focus to try to come together to clearly address what's been failures. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up sandra.

Speaker: Hello?

Speaker: > sandra, executive director of high green, we're a houseless led, and operated hygiene, sanitation. I also spent the year first six months, some of the six months of 2020 helping to build support and manage the day-to-day operations, in the villages, I have never been asked about that experience and what I learned from people up here. I am here today to correct specifically there's been so much great testimony. And I want to correct one set of false assertions that have been made. That assertion is that banning camping in a modern day poor house is a necessary last resort. Mr. Mayor, you say you have increased, access and it hasn't worked. That's false. In fact, in the last eight months that you referred to, has delivered just one of the six safe villages, even as the old town, of comfortable size was closed, moreover, if and that twelve new alternative, and that's only thanks to the efforts of mr. Mayor you imply that the problem is just people who don't want safe options. This too is false. And, in fact,, commissioner, has unnecessarily increased barriers, by only allowing people in who have been referred by the police, fire or sweeps navigation teams. Your implication that you have done everything, to safety endorse ignores the fact that stricted access to shelter last summer, by strong holding the county by holding back that would only be available for first responders. I'm just going to say that. Placing first responders between unshelter and holding beds that they don't refer empty has only increased lgbq shelter seekers who activitily avoid officers of the state due to a long history of harm. My time is up. I'm going to submit my written testimony which includes for three months I spent trying to get one man in a shelter bed that wanted. Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks. I look forward to receiving that. Commissioner hardesty. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: I just want to publically thank you. You have been

putting your heart and soul, for much longer than I have been here and you were doing it when I showed up, because of you. Of you, have access to showers, and laundry services and, a smiling face of people who welcome their interaction and so, I did not want to miss the opportunity because I haven't seen you in the flesh forever. Just to say publically thank you, thank you, thank you, your compassion and your heart. I know how hard you tried to get the city to actually provide some money so that homeless community members could have a shower, and clean clothes and we did not accommodate you at all. I hear all the time about churches that want to donate their parking lot and we keep telling them no. There's a disconnect between what we say we want and what we invest our dollars in. I appreciate you. I see you and I love you and I love the work.

Speaker: I feel the same and I am grateful for the slice of land that we get to make people's lives brighter. Look for us,. [laughter]

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: you take care of yourself. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here.

Speaker: Next up we have linda heart. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here.

Speaker: Hi, long time no see. I'll ask for your patience because I have a panic disorder and I'm very nervous and so getting my thoughts together. I have been sitting here all afternoon. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: we understand.

Speaker: I'm linda and I did write this lovely speech to share with you all today. It's just echoing what the rest of our community has brought forth. Today I'm not going to share my story. I'm not going to share my passion the way I intended. Better to use the time to serve the voices that are not here today. Today, I want to honor the voices that ended through violence through houselessness. Those that have died for the sake of the conversation, to promote Portland's city model.

Shame on the cycle. Of political propaganda and agenda, and this round of unrelenting poverty pimping. To do this honor, I am going to sit here in silence for my remaining of my time. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have rod. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome to rod.

Speaker: There you are. Hi.

Speaker: I just said, it's been long day, I appreciate you people hanging in there. I didn't expect to speak. On that note, I have been raised with the philosophy, work is love made manifest. You guys are certainly putting in the work today. I -- on that note I feel your proposal needs to go forward. As a homeowner in southeast and during the brunt of numerous bests and ongoing feeling of being unsafe in a neighborhood with children and old people I just feel something is hit a emergency level and these measures need to go forward. Something of a new direction needs to happen. I've heard and I have listened to 100 of speakers. I heard very little voices from business owners of which I was, in a small town. I don't know if it is appreciated how hard it is to run a small business. But it takes a lot of work and a lost dedication. I did every effort to could to hire homeless or to take care of people who weren't as fortunate as me and keep my company running, and I feel this is the place the city is in. If the city goes down the homeless are to move to another city. So, I would say it's time to do something that you have proposed and I'm all on board and that's all I have to say. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you we appreciate you. Thank you for your dedication today.

Speaker: The timer fell out. Mayor ted Wheeler: we'll have the timer rejoin. We're good. Mayor ted Wheeler: okay. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have molly.

Speaker: Good evening. I'd like to start that this process has been from the jump, if it doesn't involve all stakeholders, our houseless were not appropriately included.

There were even real estate interests stacked at turn ten well before. Of whom were houseless got a chance to speak. Communicating through limited organizations, did not equate involves the stakeholder. Why aren't you asking them why your shelters did not meet their needs. The city spent millions of dollars spent traumatizing people during sweeps. Could have been used for housing. Give people a chance to own a home and land as opposed to filling the pockets of the rich. Cooperation is vital and ted you should not be insulting folks that you need to be working with. I don't believe you have the money and not much legal precedent, like martin versus boise. And I ask that you not try to pit houselessness against disability. It doesn't help them. It helps wealthy white folks. Housing first. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Next up, reverend.

Speaker: Of course I get stuck with the timer. Good evening, I'm reverend, first time speaker. So many speakers seem focused on how inconvenient

The homeless is for them. How it makes them uncomfortable. What I haven't seen is the empathy for the homeless, I used to be a homeless veteran and I speak from that experience and from the programs the city did not offer that got me off the streets. I'm also a.d.a. Disabled. Mayor Wheeler invited us to speak about it and if he does not change his support for camp encampments it proves that he does not care about us. You can't force them to live in a camp cramped community without the same issues. I have witnessed first hand how the shelter system is not viable for a vast variety of reasons. I'll submit them. For years, the mayor, and, commissioner Ryan, and, they have tried to send the homeless to prison and now they believe larger camps with the threat of jail will solve the problem. We tried to 80 years ago when we swept 4,000 to assembly centers and then to what f.d.r. Called a concentration camp. We let our hatred of the other fail our community then and it took 45 years to admit we were wrong. Portland is littered with monuments of that tragedy. Behind me is one of them. If you don't understand this. You need to learn Portland history. Because you're trying to repeat it again.

Speaker: The cross to jail, is so high that 38 days will pay my rent for a two bedroom apartment. We all want to see homeless people not suffer on the streets. This is not how. Camps are not the answer. You can learn from history and do better. I welcome to the chance to speak with those later.

Speaker: Vince.

Speaker: Good evening my name is vince. I'm a street vendor and I stay and work at the village. I want to speak specifically to the resolution of criminalizing unsanctioned camping, we offer twelve hours to over 40 folks overnight. The people with nowhere to go. The people that couldn't get into the shelters and, waiting for the winter shelters, and dropped off by police. What I see everyday is

hundreds of people with nowhere to go. 500 beds in a mass camp will only make a dent.

Speaker: > three 500 will only make a dent. Using this idea of the creation of mass camps is a cover to make it illegal is dangerously short sighted. The previous mandate exists because we don't have the capacity to meet the need and it will still not be met. Until then if you criminalize camping you will force people into hiding and turn people away from care. This will all be hidden behind the distraction that new spaces are being open. The number of disabled folks and elderly folks on the streets. Have you ever interacted with someone going through a crisis that was suicidal or in a deep stat of psychosis. These people are turned away. They are swept and left with nothing. My question is what happens to the people rejected from these capacity? What happens after mental illness gets them kicked out. They are essential and there are. More.

901. Is premature and short-sighted and I hope these testimonies shed light on some of the. Many questions. Thank you. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Appreciate you being here.

Speaker: Next up we have calvin.

Speaker: Let's go daniel.

Speaker: Hi can you hear me. Sorry.

Speaker: We see. We see you.

Speaker: Thank you for your time.

Speaker: I'm here to support all measures, 899-903, I think a resolution like this is long overdue and will continue to take. My partner who grew up in the pacific northwest moved to Portland in 2008 and have love dthe city ever since. It is the most welcoming place for the queer community. That is until we began to feel unsafe. Since the pandemic I have been assaulted. Once when walking my dog at night, I was followed two blocks by a houseless person, he screamed, and following him. After the second block he put his hands on my shoulders, and he yelled into my ear to stop following me. I tried to call the response team. By then he ran somewhere else. We have been witness to houseless people running into the street, and not to mention the stories of overdoses and car thefts and walking around fields. I use my experience to shed light on how us feel scared to walk in Portland at night. My two bestfriends, have never felt more scared. And chasing her apartment, and my other friend had a situation by someone experiencing a mental episode. Most of my friends want to leave Portland, I do not want my family visiting. We bought a home, and I'm also sad to say that we regretted the decision, we feel like there's not enough being done. It is not unreasonable for not wanting to get attacked. I can acknowledge it is a larger problem and still want to feel safe. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you and perfectly timed.

Speaker: Next we have frisco. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: You think what you're going to do is create a conflict between the state or the city, versus the people frankly how many people to live in the street? You think these people want to be here? Like this is a choice. Like I want to live in the rain. Like I want that? I have been homeless and I was out there. My point being, the fact that you want to turn the state or the city against the houseless is just going to create chaos. I don't know, you all believe. They call in. They think they're going to have some safety. No, it is not. You don't have enough police for the shooting. Do you think so. Absolutely not. You don't have enough resources period. So anybody who thinks you will. No you're not. And only people getting punished or the people, the

People to begin with. So get out of here guys. You are entitled to have that job. I work at the garden center. See me there if you want to talk to me. Done.

Speaker: All right thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have dmitria. Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Can you hear me.

Speaker: Loud and clear.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: I concur with the person just was talking about. Capitalism. You all are here. With your small and side conversation and trying to keep it and there you blame us in the community blame us, ted you are the police commissioner. And the mayor. So you're making money over and over again and you're smug. You are a disgrace to african Americans. You sit there and act like you do so much for the african American community. You're the problem. You're the go-to, person they go to get the votes from african American people because they think because you're black, you're for black people. But you're not. You jiving so you can become the go-to person to say hey if we can't close the deal go ahead and you close the deal. You know this is about money. Everybody that agrees for all these decisions it is about money. You got to make a lot of money when you throw people in jail. And then you're going to blame us for and the state for more money so that you can make more money, and more money in your pocket, and put more money on your own legacy. And charge people for staying on stolen land and you have buildings, and you have all the resources but because you're so smug and prideful, because you want to keep the mode of production going on, you want to do what you want to do anyway. This is bull anyhow. Bye-bye. Mayor ted Wheeler: perfectly timed as always. Next individual.

Speaker: Next up we have deb.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: We'll move onto carla.

Speaker: Hello we hear you.

Speaker: Hi. My name is carla and I have a small business in north Portland, it's a wedding venue and I am just struggling with the homeless situation constantly. I feel for these people. I understand that they're struggling. But we have, my business is struggling too. I can't just cannot have camps and abandoned cars and people shooting up around by business. It is a wedding venue. So I fully support the mayor's proposal either way because we, small-business owners need the help and support too. So that's my comment. You go ted Wheeler. Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Usually when people say you go, ted, they add something to the end of it. Really appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have deb.

Speaker: Welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Can you hear me. Mayor ted Wheeler: yes.

Speaker: Good evening, my name is -- -- I'm here for downtown Portland, and I'm going to talk a little bit about association that jo ann alluded to, where did jo ann go? She'll be right back. Mayor ted Wheeler: she can hear you.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: I hope I get some answers about what she was talking about before we started testifying. I have lots of questions. So, the upcoming hud rate-hike in January 2023 will force many tenants into homelessness. As you know, hud sets a new fair market rent rate each year. That rate has grown by leaps and bounds since 2017. This rate-hike allows landlords to increase rent on affordable apartments each year. That simple act has forced thousands in homelessness. Then posed a fair market rate that is 30 -- 35-40% higher than the hud rate. Affordable rents here

are based on that higher rate. That just doesn't seem fair. So, here are my questions. Why the housing -- why the Portland housing bureau fair market rate so much higher than the hud rate when they have been equal in years before 2017. Number two, why are Portland affordable rents based on that higher rate? And three, would the mayor's office consider a moratorium on the 2023 rent increase until a fair system of evaluating rent increases is determined. It won't cost the city a cent. If not. Tenants including myself may be forced into homelessness. Can I just finish, I know I'm a little bit long.

Speaker: A moratorium would be the difference between life and death to some of Portland's most vulnerable people as we head into winter. So, please don't make me homeless by yet another huge rent hike. Thank you. Mayor Ted Wheeler: thanks. You said there was a question to me. Good evening. Sorry I had to make a quick trip. You had a question. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: the clock is off. Did you have a question specifically for me.

Speaker: You know, the rent increases, does that take effect every year? They have been high for last five years. It starts with hud but then Portland housing bureau doubles down on it and makes it even higher so people like me on a fixed income can't afford to stay in a place. I pay 80% of my income in rent. With this new increase it will be 90%. I can't -- that will force me into the street. I mean if I didn't have people who will.-- commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: looking out for you.

Speaker: But, I want to be independent. I don't want to depend on others. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: are you one of the people who is facing a 50% rent increase? Are you one of those.

Speaker: Yes. Yes.

Speaker: Everybody. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: no, there are different rent increases.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Remember the City Council passed a rent cap that rents could only be increased by 5% and then rental owners went to salem and got salem to revise the law and attach it to the cost of living. Now that food, gas and anything else is it expansive now the state says that rents can go up to 14-point 7% in January.

Speaker: Are you talking about senate bill 6.908.

Speaker: Didn't protect anybody who lives in affordable housing. We are at the mercy of hud and Portland housing bureau apparently. So they can -- commissioner jo ann hardesty: you're in a unique situation. Because what happened when we realized that folks were facing this 50% rent increase and you look at the documentation and what we find is that as is typical when salem passes legislation, it's the fine print that gets you and so, in many cases with what we're calling affordable housing what happens is the general builders went to salem and got a little sentence put into the law that says but, they are exempting any buildings that are fifteen years or newer. Anything we build 15 years-old or newer, which means that they are going up market rate. So, that's why earlier today --

Speaker: So this is even more than market rate. I have tons of data. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: ma'am --

Speaker: What has happened -- commissioner jo ann hardesty: I'm happy to follow-up with you. There are a lot of people.

Speaker: I understand. Commissioner jo ann hardesty: you're one of them. I understand, but -- you may know that commissioner Ryan is actually the housing commissioner.

Speaker: I do. I've been trying to get a hold of him for a really long time. Nobody returns my calls. And this isn't just my problem. And it isn't just a Portland problem. This is a nation-wide problem because it's hud that is raising everybody's rent every

year. It's just that Portland raises it a lot more. And I will -- and I will give you my contact information and we can talk about it because I have --

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I think the housing commissioner should have more facts than I have.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: we will be in touch with you. Someone from my staff will meet you in the hall.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have Devlin O'Neill. Devlin, you're muted. I think they dropped off. We'll move on. Jordan Lewis?

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Yeah. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: Is my camera on?

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: we don't see the camera but we can hear you.

Speaker: Okay. Good evening, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Hardesty, Rubio, Mapps, and Ryan. My name is Jordan Lewis. I'm not a home owner, a small business owner, a realtor, a developer, a landlord or a travel advocate, but I do live in Goose Hollow and I regularly take transit and have actually spoken to housing people so I think I may be able to speak on this topic. An interesting observation, something I've been thinking about, I remember when I first moved here there was a cutaway on 13 when houseless people would camp. At some point they got moved out of that onto the sidewalk and they're now on that cutaway. It almost seems like we've created a problem and now almost using it to entrap these people into having violated some sort of code. Anyways, I'm getting off-topic. I emphatically agree that the housing crisis is severe and in need of drastic action to resolve. He would readily support the motions. However, I cannot in good conscience support

the passage of 901 which will cruelly penalize people for not being able to pay rent. Earlier I heard from landlords, developers, and land owners that described it as traumatic to see a houseless person have a mental health crisis outside their home. Imagine being forced to pitch your tent next to one of those people and not even being able to leave. I find it interesting that we choose to give spotlights, microphones and first priority testifying to wealthy Portlanders before what looks like mere anonymous dissent from the general public. If you're truly serious about getting people off the streets, we need a diffuse housing-first strategy. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. So it is now 8 p.m. We're another two-hour segment in. We will take a recess for 15 minutes, and then we'll come right back. So we are in recess until 8:15. (recess until 8:15 p.m.)

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we are back in session, and over the course of the next however many minutes we have with public testimony, I would like you to think about where we'd like to leave off this evening. As a proposal just given the number of hours that we have been in council, I presume everybody will go back to their staffs with a lot of questions, follow-ups, discussions, and since we are not taking a vote tonight and we'll be continuing this item at the end, what I would suggest is, when we take it up again, which will be at a time certain, that would be a good time for us to have all of the staff members here, ask lots of questions and all of that. And at the end i'll reiterate that amendments -- we would like to have amendments back by Monday at noon so that they can get published with the Tuesday memo. Monday at noon works, correct, if we do that?

Speaker: Clerk: yeah.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: if you can't make that deadline, that's fine. But if you want it published with the Tuesday memo which we'd like to be able to do, that's

the best time to do that. With that, we'll get back into public testimony. Keelan, thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: thank you, mayor. Next up we have sidney poole.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thanks. Hello. Hello. My name -- hello, council. My name is sidney poole. I am a planned resident. My pronouns are they/them. As much as I appreciate some of the efforts outlined, I do not support 901. You say you're proposing criminalization. It is inhumane and historically dangerous. As much as I have sympathy, it's overlooked how many houses people are also disabled themselves. For every issue mentioned no matter how justified houses are people not only experiencing that problem themselves, it's much more difficult for them given their situation on top of the constant villainization they receive on a daily basis. Homeless shelters can be either unequipped or unsafe. There have been accounts of mistreatment or threats of their belongings getting stolen or sometimes just not even enough beds. Not to mention that covid is still here and could very well spread quickly throughout the said shelters as winter sets in. This is important to mention as this country is being blindsided by the repercussions of long covid which could exacerbate and disable an already vulnerable population. These are human beings each with their own set of lived experiences, their own unique struggles that you're trying to hideaway. If there are multiple care solutions that are significantly more effective, then perpetuating trauma by sweeping vulnerable people. One was the Portland street response program that I thank commissioner hardesty for. You could also siphon from the bloated budget to pioneer free housing and harm reduction strategies. If you are concerned about needles, you can have safe use zones and spearhead more free public restrooms that would benefit the unhoused but also benefit people who suffer from conditions like crohn's disease that require

them reliable accessibility to a lavatory. Again, harm reduction and care is key. Most importantly talk to houseless people, work with the encampments and listen to what would help them instead of presume without their consent that the best solution are forced encampment and homeless shelters. It feels you do not see houseless people as people but merely inconveniences that can merely be swept away. You must experience them as your equals.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Clerk: up next we have erik cole.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and councilors. Really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you tonight. Appreciate the time you're spending on this crisis and its complexities. My name is erik cole. I represent and work with revitalize Portland coalition, and we appreciate all of your public service late into the evening. We are a representative of the commercial and multi-family real estate professionals across Portland. I won't read out the experiences of our members and their employees. They simply cannot escape the human crisis of unsheltered homelessness that's happening on our streets and in our neighborhoods. We often find that our employees interact compassionately and try to work with people experiencing homelessness, but they get as frustrated as those who are unsheltered with navigating our really tangled web of services and systems. We applaud this package. We particularly support the fact that it is a transparent action plan that if adopted by you our elected officials. We applaud efforts to address Oregon's substance abuse, addiction and mental health crisis and take it head on. And we really do underscore the city's plea that the county and state take on their share of the responsibility in these solutions. We also have a couple suggestions for you going forward. We do recommend rapid expansion of diverse emergency shelter options as has been discussed at great length tonight, including the safe rest

villages but also access buildings, hotel conversions, et cetera that we've seen across the country. Our members can help with that. We also note that the county, we adopted the built for zero model two years ago which is a proven urgent data-driven approach that many cities have used to great success. We have little evidence of what's happening with that process and with that approach. So we really would support a public-private effort at the county level to review, evaluate and ensure that all these public funds are laser targeted to this crisis. Thank you all for your attention and good night.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have alacia lauer.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Good evening. My name is alacia lauer. I live in southeast Portland and I work downtown. Thank you, commissioner hardesty for your advocacy on behalf of people. I see you. I work as a communications staffer for former mayor sam adams office where I was responsible for supporting media relations including press conferences and sending news releases. I also worked in comms for the new york's mayor's office, communications for diversion programs for people living houseless which often proved coercive and ineffective. That part doesn't always make it in the news release. It's obvious commissioner Ryan stacked tonight's council testimony with various voices from real estate and tourism, even pitting advocates for people with disabilities against advocates for houseless people, which is nothing to be proud of and should not be applauded as good staff work. I'll also mention that when I worked under megan conway at travel Portland, there were jokes about sending people away with one-way bus tickets. I heartily question the ability of travel Portland's current leadership to contribute to this policy conversation or any policy conversation in a meaningful way. Everyone agrees something needs to be

done to protect and care for everyone in Portland, especially those living houseless or experiencing housing insecurity. Today I want to address that this is not a legitimate community engagement process for how we as a collective move forward in doing so. It's not how we as adults model civic participation for our next generation. If the policy isn't rooted in the lived experience of people who will be most impacted, it should be a non-starter. If a policy isn't co-created by communities who are closest to the issue, it should be a non-starter. And if you want to argue that this policy is rooted in lived experience, why didn't you invite street roots to your press conference? If you have to hide from the media, if you have to hide from the only news outlet in Portland that covers houselessness with the nuance and compassion that the people and the issue deserve, your policy proposal should be a non-starter. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up is john rotter.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, john.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: All right. I just want to thank you guys for staying up and being here, but I just wanted to say that I feel that 901 is just unacceptable policy, especially with the way rent has been going up and there hasn't been really any kind of counterbalance to it. If people were suddenly homeless because they suddenly have to pay exorbitant amounts of rent, you know, you can't even move into a place now unless you grows two and a half to three and a half times your monthly income for moving into a place. If you want to stop people from being homeless, you should address those things. Also taking advantage of people based on their credit scores and making it so that they have to pay \$500 deposits here just to

move into a place. You might want to look at those barriers and stop those. 901 is definitely not the way to go. You would stop people from basically finding any kind of employment, stable housing, if they're arrested for being homeless. It's just not a good thing to do. I would recommend supporting projects like transition projects or tpi. They help out 10,000 people a year and get about 1,000 homeless people off the streets into sustainable housing and they work with them and focus services on them like a laser beam. I think that's more what the city needs to do. So that's my testimony. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have autumn west.

Speaker: Hello. My name is autumn west. I am a disabled person living in the neighborhood of southeast Portland. I use a mobility device like a walker and my 85-year-old mother has a double hip replacement and uses a cane. We are often unable to access sidewalks in Portland, in particular our own neighborhood. I've been reporting ada violations on streets near me for over six years. I strongly support a ban on unsanctioned camping. This issue should never have been allowed to get this out of control. I support the ban on camping for the following reasons: as a disabled person to allow ada access, which is my human right protected by law, as a woman who suffers ptsd, I know the streets of Portland are no longer safe for anyone. As a household debt in lance pays the highest assessed taxes in the city and we get absolutely nothing for our money. As an environmentalist who is horrified at the destruction of our natural areas, waterways, and dumping of human waste, garbage, and drug needles on our streets. As a law abiding citizen who can plainly see that legalization of hard core drugs along with street camping has created a black market that has led to a crime and violence explosion and gang war fare. Bullets fly in my neighborhood nightly.

As a compassionate person, as a compassionate person, I support the ban on unsanctioned camping because allowing people to live on the street in squalor is inhumane. This is a first step in helping people access drug addiction and mental health services and put them on the path to long-term housing. Mayor Wheeler, you attended our town hall in 2017. You pledged that you would not support policies that would make our situation worse. You promised you would work with leaders in our neighborhood and strive toward community policing. You promised you would not put unsanctioned homeless camps in place until the entire city had stepped up to do their share of that burden. You have failed on all these fronts. I'm tired. I'm exhausted. What are you --

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have terry emmert. It doesn't look like they're here. We'll move on to erin meechn.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: Hi. My name is erin meechn. Am I the last person? Thank you commissioners. I appreciate your time and effort here in our civil -- in our City Council and these issues. I am a resident of affordable housing. I would like to present to you what the bottom-up looks like. I have been homeless. I have a section 8 -- holder. I didn't come into this work or these arenas because I had a heart and passion for the people. I came into these arena because I'm one of these people. I'm a student. I'm a soccer coach. My children are doing well in school and they participate in sports and other civic engagements in our community. By the way, everybody that testified, you are being a part of the solution and I appreciate your testimony, everyone, even if I agree with you or I don't agree with you. We are doing this together. 198 people talking. That's a lot of discussion. Multifaceted problems need multioptional solutions. There's lots of work out there. There's lots

of people doing stuff. Collaboration. Community engagements. Folks and people closest to the problem are the people that have the solutions. Those are the experts, right? And we need everybody's -- a stakeholder is a stakeholder. A stakeholder is a homeless person. A stakeholder is a City Council person. A stakeholder is a business person. If you want people to care about the community they live in, you've got to care about the people in the community you live in. How do you know if they're in your community. Look at them. They're there. They're not going anywhere. We are responsible for the vulnerable. We are responsible for equity and inclusion. I'm proud to work with you folks and be part of the solution, not the part of the problem. That's my gift. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have gaura allen.

Speaker: Thanks for having me on. Gaura allen. I'm a resident of what has been called Portland's deadliest block. I'm sure everyone here has read the Oregonian article and I think it's pretty accurate. It's a complicated situation, no easy answer. I've been homeless myself when I was younger. I have siblings in california who are currently homeless and really struggling there, putting their lives back together. But, you know, that fuels a lot of the conflict, obviously, because on the other hand, you know, I spent most of my adult life working in the bar industry, I have now changed over to a professional industry. And I was working at a bar on broadway and it was -- you know, my customers would get run out of there every couple days. It's not an easy thing to deal with when people are having their mental breakdowns on other people. Obviously, you know, this is a really hard area to solve, but I think, if anything, listening to today, there are some really good valid points on perhaps scoping and exploring some alternative camping projects as well, smaller houses, smaller pod areas for tents and home owners will have to become -- we have to

lose the nimbyism in there. We can't come together as a city and solve this problem by saying we want it but somewhere else. But at the same time we need to offer some real solutions and that might not be the prettiest solution. We can't let the good -- pardon me, the perfect become the enemy of the good. At the end of the day there's going to have to be a camping ban. It's unfortunate. I think there could be a lot of really tough times with it and perhaps it should be something that should be reconsidered on an annual basis by City Council and public input. But I think that would be valuable. Thank you for having me on and thank you for everything.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hey, we appreciate your being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have jill franklin.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, jill.

Speaker: Clerk: jill, go ahead.

Speaker: There doesn't appear to be a microphone.

Speaker: Clerk: jill, we can't hear you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: jill, check and see if your mike is engaged. It doesn't look like the mike --

Speaker: Clerk: jill, try star 6. We'll go on to the next one and come back to jill. Next up, michael kessler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear and we can see you.

Speaker: Thank you. On Sunday, July -- my name is michael kessler. On Sunday, July 31st, the seventh consecutive day of a record breaking heat wave, another person and I both came upon a person unconscious on the street being robbed.

Between the two of us we stopped the robbery, helped rouse the man, cooled and

hydrated him with water bottles. He was in bad shape. Later a medical professional concluded that had we not intervened, he would have most likely been a fatality. I tracked down emergency services for him. As we waited some genuine healing began. I let him know that I cared about him. And I was going to be there for him as long as he needed. At the brink of death, this man held space -- this man and I held space for each other and shared a connection. He cried. Because he couldn't understand why someone would help him or care about him. We joked. He was really funny. I let him know he was seen, that people can care about him. That someone could just not require something from him when he already had nothing. Beyond the problems in this plan to concentrate people into designated camps which others with more authority and insight on the matter discussed, this plan lacks any compassion. The city's administration lacks compassion for its residents. Let me be clear. The unhoused in Portland are residents of Portland. They are people who deserve love. They are fellow humans who deserve compassion and we are in this current situation because of a lack of historical compassion in policy making. Mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan through 901 clearly have their minds set. I challenge them to prove me wrong. I'm appealing directly to commissioner Hardesty, Mapps, and Rubio now. The fact it includes a punitive ban on camping lacks real compassion. I urge you at a minimum to propose an amendment to remove the punitive aspects. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: thank you for your perspective.

Speaker: Clerk: let's go back to Jill Franklin.

Speaker: Thank you. I hope I have resolved the technical difficulties.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: yes. You sound great. We hear you.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. I had prepared a written statement which I submitted via email but I would like to go off of that and

just speak from the heart because I've been on this call since 2 p.m. I wanted to give you a little bit of background about me. I am in my 50s. I was in a car accident when I was 26 years old and broke my neck. I was paralyzed for life. I decided to spend three years to do physical therapy and learn to feed myself, dress myself, get out of bed, do strength training so I would be able to transfer from chair to bed and bed to chair. Then I wanted to help others coming behind me. So I spent eight years working as a volunteer for a disability advocacy coalition. I left the room and got nominated to spend four years on the (unclear) and act and a volunteer including at the county level. So I have worked volunteering because I was not able to work without losing my insurance. I am a single mother. I am sympathetic to the homeless life. As a teenager, I was walking the streets when president reagan released people from the mental hospitals and our streets were suddenly flooded with people with severe emotional troubles, and nobody to help them manage their medication or their lives. However, I feel that this discussion has gotten a bit off-track. I'm sorry, I know I'm cutting into my time, but we talk about hygiene for the homeless. What about hygiene for the disabled? I have to push my wheelchair through the dirt and the mud on the streets. My hands get covered with whatever is in that sidewalk water. Feces, urine, vomit. Lord knows. What about the right for me to use the sidewalk and not have to go into the street when (unclear) 7 inches tall. What about me trying to take my son places in downtown? What about --

Speaker: Clerk: next up --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have susan lindsay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome, susan.

Speaker: Hi. Sorry. I'm at choir concert and we're required to be masked. I just wanted to get on to (unclear) that I'd like to emphasize. If you do go for these

designated camping areas, I really hope you will consider not just only doing low barrier but actually providing some designated areas for people who are sober, who are clean and sober. I think it's essential. As someone who has been sober, clean and sober now for 40 years, I completely turned my life around. I think I would have either been dead or on the streets or something had I not turned my life around through sobriety. And it's just such a -- it's such a gift and it takes a lot of support, but I really believe that if people are housed in these large camps where there's a lot of active drugs and alcohol going on, that's all permitted, I think it's going to be very, very difficult for people who (unclear) who I just really encourage you to include that, if you would, in your consideration. And also the other thing I want (unclear) is the size of the camps. I don't see these as concentration camps, I really sort of see these as designated areas. I think what is working right now -- what's going on in the streets right now is not really working. I hear and I feel great compassion for all the people who have been helping the houseless community on the streets and I hear that and I hear the voices of them as well as the voices of the people who cannot get down the sidewalks because of disabilities. So we have to have a balance. But I urge you to consider some places that are really designated for clean and sober and people trying to get sober. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate your being here today.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have astrid rivera.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Hello. Thank you for having me here today and for being here so late. So my name is astrid rivera. I'm testifying in support of measures 899-903. I live in southeast Portland. I moved here a few years ago. I want to disclose I'm not a real estate agent, business owner, I'm not affiliated with a company, I am simply a citizen and I believe that these measures are the best short-term fixes to a larger

and systemic problem. I want to recognize that I agree with many of my fellow residents. You can't put a band-aid on this. Furthermore, house else people are not to blame. However, during my time living in Portland, I have been witness to dangerous mental episodes, drug abuse, experienced property theft, and most recently a physical assault. Two weeks ago while I was trying to get back into my apartment, I was confronted by a mentally unstable individual who cornered me alone in an elevator, pushed me, followed me. I had to use a car alarm to distract this person and make a run for it in my own apartment building. I hate that I have to carry pepper spray just to walk outside. And as a woman on my own, I hate that I feel scared. I bike to work. I live right in front of a campsite where many of the residents are mentally unstable and often act out day and night. It's not compassionate to allow people who are clearly dangerous to everyone nearby, including other houseless residents, to wander the streets. And with that being said, I want to stress that two things can be true at the same time. This measure cannot be a long-term solution, and we need to take drastic measures now. We can look at solutions like safe zones, affordable housing, other solutions that have been proposed, and we can get people who clearly shouldn't be on the streets off the streets. I urge us to have compassion for everyone living in Portland. I am thankful for the work that many on this council have done with the community to help this issue. But while we figure out how to help the houseless community in the long term, we need to act now. Our houseless community needs sustainable help and all Portlanders need to be able to live in peace. Everyone deserves that. Please, city council members, I urge you to support this as a first step among many others to help make Portland safer for us all. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, astrid.

Speaker: Clerk: let's go to laura colina de lovato.

Speaker: Hello, mayor Wheeler and City Council members. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yeah. You sound great.

Speaker: Great. Thank you so much. And sorry to chime in so late. I just wanted to add a few comments and not keep you too long. My name is Laura Colina de Lovato. I'm the executive director of Northwest Pilot Project. And I wanted to just comment on the whole package of resolutions that you are considering and comment very similar to what some of my colleagues in direct service have said, and that is that there are pieces of the proposal that are really great: the creation of new affordable housing and the diversion programs, and I really support that. And then there are pieces like the large encampments, the large campuses, that I think we would do much better to re-evaluate in terms of whether or not that is the best way to get people housed. Northwest Pilot Project works with older adults, 55 and older, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and living outside is not the best option for them. But neither is living in a large encampment. We would really like to encourage the city to do more rent assistance, more hotel purchases, and create more transitional housing. We would also love the opportunity to engage with you to find solutions together from the service provider perspective. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yeah, thank you, Laura. We appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have Isaac King.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you all for staying so late tonight and thanks to all the allies of the unhoused communities who have spoken. I especially want to thank those who are currently living unhoused and still manage to share their voices today. It may not be obvious to those who have a home, but there are a lot of barriers towards participation in these forums. Even if you could go until midnight tomorrow. My name is Isaac. I'm just some guy. I spent some years working with organizations

that work with the unhoused population, but I also talk to my neighbors, whether they have walls or not. And I think that something that I've seen throughout time and I've seen people testify about tonight is we can see that even genuinely well-intentioned programs that are affected by disconnected or paternalistic parties tend to cause harm to the communities they seek to serve. This is because the only viable solutions we have require compassion and dignity. And there's not really any compassion in the decree. It's not dignity without authentic relationships. And I want to emphasize the authentic relationships. Not tokenism or photo opportunities or lip service. So I think it's really important as we try to find solutions here that we're getting not just input from people with lived experience of homelessness but we need these neighbors to be at the end head of the discussion along with organizations who have spent the time and effort to engage authentically with their neighbors. I do want to speak to something -- some people have some legitimate fears about things that they experience in life and that can be real and traumatic. But I think that those might be rare instances and we shouldn't be talking about an entire community when we're talking about individual experiences and anecdotal stuff. People are clutching their pearls at the criminal activity that they feel they've witnessed in and around unhoused communities. I hope they don't find out what terrible things that happen behind walls and closed doors. This is happening all over the place. Thank you all.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate your input.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have janine wolf.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi, janny.

Speaker: Clerk: janine, you're muted. Are you able to unmute.

Speaker: We'll move on and come back to janine. Next we have, let's see here, tanya brewer.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: it's had it. It's given up the ghost.

Speaker: Clerk: you're muted.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: is your mike on, Keelan?

Speaker: Clerk: it is. Sorry.

Speaker: Hello?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: hi. We hear you loud and clear.

Speaker: Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yup. You sound great.

Speaker: Well, I can't really hear you, so just give me a second and i'll --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we hear you loud and clear.

Speaker: One second.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: okay.

Speaker: Hi, my name is tanya brewer. I'm representing the homeless population.

As a 45-year-old, I live -- I have lived experience with chronic homelessness, substance abuse, and incarceration. I don't believe the approach in which you want to put all the homeless in one area or banning homeless camps would work. I believe in transitional housing. I'm in -- I've just recently got out of prison myself for doing three years. I went to women's first transition and then referral. I go to classes on empowerment. They teach me about jobs. I'm living like a human being in a housing facility while I wait to get permanent housing. And so instead of putting people into another homeless area where they probably don't -- will be safe, as a black woman, I wouldn't feel safe in a big encampment. I would rather be put into some sort of housing, all these empty buildings that covid caused people to close down their businesses, I believe they can be used for those type of situations, and helping people like myself. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate your being here.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Clerk: let's go to anna wilson.

Speaker: Hi. (interference). The audio is good on my end. I'll make it quick.

Basically, mayor Wheeler, I would have agreed with you probably a year ago, but my compassion came back and I realize I was absolutely wrong. All it took was two instances of basically interacting with the community to realize that we're punishing them and it is a punishment and that punishment is for them being poor. We can say it's because they're addicts, we can say it's because they're on the street, we can say all these things that -- excuses for why they get treated differently. But we're lying to ourselves. It's because they're poor. And my interactions basically showed me -- I mean, I don't really have time to probably go into them specifically, but there's an elderly man, 75 years old. He was drunk. It was 95 out, a hot day. It looked like he was having heat stroke. I couldn't get anybody there. I couldn't get anybody there to take care of him, when I finally flagged down an ambulance that just happened to be around, they said, "you know, he's probably drunk." and I said yeah. Yeah, I know he's drunk. Does that mean he doesn't deserve treatment or care? And the fact is that you're taking away their homes constantly. These camps are not going to be safe for women. There's no way they're going to be safe for women. You're taking away their autonomy. You're taking and taking and taking when there's no reason to. There's no reason to. Because this is our fault. I lived in houston and they don't have a problem because they give the resources to it. If houston is beating us, you know, it's our fault and we've let it become this big and we've let it grow and grow and grow, and now we just want to put a sheet over it. We want to close the door. Put it in the closet. And we shouldn't. (bell ringing)

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, anna.

Speaker: Clerk: let's try janine wolf again. Janine, you're muted. Okay. Let's move on. James neale.

Speaker: Hi, everyone. It has been a remarkably long trip. I'm glad we're still all here and hanging out. I've been here since two. I just want to say thank you all for your time. My name is james neale. I am a grant writer, freelance grant writer and non-profit consultant here in town. A majority of my clients work directly with the homeless community. And as far as the measures being talked about today, I am personally very alarmed at the fact that many executive directors and representatives of the organizations directly working with this population are having to give their input in this session and have not been talked to about anything in the policies as they are currently written. I think that it is -- measure number one is incredibly dangerous. I think having large-scale camps and criminalizing unsanctioned camping is dangerous for a very vulnerable population. I believe it is a lazy answer to a wildly complex socioeconomic issue, and I think that mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan, that you should both go back to the office and call -- contact the people that have to work with this population directly and get their input (transmission difficulties) they're going to be directly affected by these policies. And write them in a way that is informed and equitable so that these populations can actually benefit from them. I think your intent is there. Most of the other measures in this are -- would be, if they work that well, great. But in their current form, it just feels like they are not very well thought out and need -- thank you for your time.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: our last testifier is voycetta white.

Speaker: Hello, everyone. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm a participant of women first, a non-profit organization for african American women who are

currently incarcerated, homeless or in recovery. I would like to speak on the issue where there is a plan in place to build mass campsites. That is a big problem. We will be forcing people to go into these camps where they will not be in the inner city. They will be away from public transportation and resources. We are putting a temporary fix on the problem instead of finding a long-term solution. We need more programs like women first. The reason this program works is because we are providing people with housing, employment skills, mental health, therapy, and education. We are giving people the tools to be successful instead of just housing them. One needs more than housing. They need stability. I also do not like the fact that we want to lock people up for not going into these camps. I am a formerly incarcerated woman. It takes 30,000 a year to house an inmate. This is money we could be spending on building affordable housing units that really meets one's needs. Again, this is a temporary fix because we eventually have to let these people go. Where would they be going to? Back to the streets. We can stop homelessness if we really build affordable housing units where we can put people where they can actually pay their rent of 30% of one's income. Rent should be charged in an affordable housing unit. Yet that has not been done recently. So let's not spend money on camps. Let's really build affordable housing units and programs more like women first. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner hardesty has a comment also.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor Wheeler, and thank you voycetta. I just wanted to affirm women first was started by an african American woman who had been incarcerated and, again, like many of the programs we've heard about tonight, found it very difficult to partner with the city and the county and the state around being really intentional, helping women come back from incarceration, reunite with their kids, and then be on a track to self sufficiency. You

are a success story. We're ending this long day -- I thought you said this was the last one. My bad. Okay. We're not quite done but we're getting close. We can see the finish line. But I did want to acknowledge that it is hard to come back from being incarcerated and getting yourself balanced. And I think women first is one of the best underrated, underfunded programs that we have in the city of Gresham that serves women in Portland and Gresham. As we look at how do we put meat and dollars behind these aspirations, that this becomes one of the centerpieces of how we help people get their lives back together. Thank you for testifying tonight.

Speaker: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: give my regard to your ed.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: my apologies. I made a mistake. We have Jamie Arcelay.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: I want to start by saying that 901 is a blueprint for the internment of homelessness and I'll be damned if this repeats itself. After we spent the last many years protesting fascism and Dan Ryan having real estate agents was completely inappropriate and shows your lack of respect for human life. Ted, you can't get past your own ego to admit this agenda is unethical. You can repeat that your intention isn't to punish homeless people until your voice is hoarse. That is what you're doing. Homeless people are constantly used as a scapegoat for criminal activity. That isn't okay when they're just trying to survive through the freezing rain and heat. These are human beings that we are talking about. I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty for being the only person on this board who is working to get to the root of the problem. As my peers and I have already explained, this is an infringement of human rights and if this is put into place, it will indeed fail.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Exactly. I was going to suggest. Go through the list and see if there is anybody else who we skipped over, they couldn't get their phone to work. I want to make sure we don't have anybody who had signed up to testify and are trying to get in.

Speaker: Clerk: joshua magnanimously signed up to be -- oh, great, okay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: here he is. Great. Welcome.

Speaker: Hi. My name is joshua magnanimously. I have a few different things. I'll just go over what I heard today, not really what my main issue is because I would rather speak about it privately. But what I wrote is the realtors association and those with multi-home building owners recognizing those who take loans out on all properties and go into forbearance, the predatory loans will always burst our own market. To implement a garnishment plan on those outstanding contracts, the delinquency to be held accountable by doing nothing, it contributes and continues inflation. Privatizing investment for foreigners leaves and it takes our monies away that's usually allotted back into our own personal family and for the next generation. Doing construction, I see a lot of private investors come in and they take out all these homes and they take out all these loans and they take all of our money and they leave. And they're never held accountable. And it's against the law. It's a huge deal that not only this city is going through but the whole entire country and the world is seeing. And -- jesus, this is just not very much time. And then I want to address the prison and the recidivism rate, \$31,000 per prisoner. Utilizing computers from local schools and introducing phones to be given to lifetime role model inmates to set -- and attorneys offices and implement a draft to resolve the shortage of attorneys and free up our local courts. (bell ringing) do you mind if I go on? (inaudible). The maximum levels of prisons should be coupled with a hospital representative and that's to complement medical encoding. This is to identify

self-care. I think it's been a huge issue for all of us on self-care. It doesn't matter what side of the aisle you are on. And by doing this, it also identifies the deficits in employing a type of a baker act which is like a florida type of deal when you identify a psychosis and it gives police a tool to actually have as this person is absolutely mentally ill. They have the advocate and then the police and they actually end up having more tools. To help those people in prison and homeless with their first-time home and their life skills, I believe on the middle session of prison, they need to have a livestock, and this is to reassure the sustainability in and around communities and to care for those with violent crimes and to re-address the base behavior and then the lowest level of prison should have call centers and this is to work on professionalism, sales, and being monitored.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Education is required -- requires all of us to be a student and accountability ensures the redundancy by eliminating wasteful spending.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: could I make -- 'cause I'd like to hear the rest of this, but we sort of have to move on.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: could you possibly submit this as written testimony? Could you email it to us and then we can read the entire thing?

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: that would be great. I appreciate it. I see what you're doing. You're trying to go upstream and hit some of the significant issues that are causing this. I respect that and I appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here.

Speaker: Clerk: amanda bennett. Cammie ware. Tim ludwith? Scott castner. Tim larson. Eric steele. Morgan grant. And I think that's everyone.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yeah, it looks like ... Janine, did you sign up to testify and want to testify?

Speaker: I think they tried to get her earlier.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yes. At any rate, i'll get to that in a minute. So that completes public testimony, and I appreciate colleagues that were able to meet today to hear important perspectives from everyone in our community who is here tonight. I would ask that you submit any amendments to consider on these resolutions to my office by Monday, October 31st by noon so they can be published for public review in advance of next week's council meeting on this. Obviously as I mentioned at the top of the hearing, we're not voting today. We will continue these items to November 3rd at 2 p.m., time certain. In the meanwhile, if you did not get a chance to testify and you would like to be heard on this subject, we will accept written testimony until November 3rd pretty much up until the time we take the vote. And Keelan, can you remind people, it's cctestimony@PortlandOregon.gov.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the letter c the letter c testimony at Portland Oregon dot-gov. Colleagues, anything before we adjourn? I have to formally continue these items. So item number 899, a resolution is continued to November 3rd at 2 p.m. 900 is also continued to November 3rd at 2 p.m. 901 is also continued to -- what did I say? -- 2 p.m. November 3rd. [laughter] wow. Item 902, a resolution, is continued to November 3rd at 2 p.m. And last but not least, 903, a resolution, is continued to 2 p.m. On November 3rd. Thank you all. We are adjourned.

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Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Thursday, October 20th, 2022. It feels like we were just here. Because we were. Welcome. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call].

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hopefully we won't burn you out today. Thank you for being here. Colleagues, we're going to hear from legal council on rules and decorum.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon. If I wish to testify before City Council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance by visiting the council agenda on the council clerk's web page. You may sign up for communications to speak about any subject. Written testimony may be submitted at cc@PortlandOregon.gov. When testifying, please state your name for the record. If you're an organization, please identify presiding officer reserves order and decorum. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to complete your testimony or time is up, council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruptions may result in a person being ejected from the meeting. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it. First up is item 904, an emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: adopt the fy2022-23 fall technical supplemental budget and make other budget-related changes.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: welcome, colleagues. Today we're going to vote and review the fall supplemental budget ordinance which is the primary deliverable of the fall budget monitoring process, otherwise known as the fall bump. The fall bump allows the city to make technical adjustments in order to true up budgets between fiscal years. Bumps may appropriate new resources or request general fund contingency for urgent and unforeseen needs. This year, council has agreed to hold off on making any general fund contingency allocation decisions until November, early November. We'll hold a work session on November 10th to discuss this further and anticipate bringing a general fund allocation to council for consideration on November 17th. Today's ordinance includes nongeneral fund allocations realignments and technical changes and general fund carry-overs. This afternoon, city budget director is going to walk us through the current ordinance and then we'll hear and second any amendments and take public testimony before final deliberations and voting. And just a preview, commissioner Hardesty had originally intended to introduce an amendment today, she and I have discussed it and I'll give an update on that when we get to the amendments process. She would like to have been here today, but she had another commitment that did not allow her to be here. So, with that, I'll turn this over to director Kinard to take us through the fall supplemental ordinance.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. It's good to see you as well. Good afternoon, council. We're pulling up a presentation for viewers at home. I'm Jessica Kinard for the record, the city's budget director. And I'm here to walk you through the fall supplemental budget ordinance in front of you today. As the mayor mentioned, the fall supplemental budget ordinance is part of the fall ordinance process. It's meant

to address technical adjustments between fiscal years. We'll start today by providing an overview of the fall bump process and then we will spend the majority of our time walking through some of the more notable changes in the ordinance as filed. The fall bump includes 200 changes that are predominantly technical in nature. City budget office analysts have reviewed the changes. Due to the size of the change or due to the operational or policy implications of the change. This includes general fund and carry-overs. From one fiscal year to the next. We will then talk about realignments across bureaus and within bureaus. We will then review changes and position authorization in various bureaus and finally, we will talk about increases to next year's general fund base budget through current appropriate level oracle and conclude with a review of the available fund discretionary resources. The ordinances filed recognizes general fund excess balance resources but it does not appropriate any contingencies resources to bureaus. We will address this in the next couple of slides. Next slide. This slide shows the timeline of our four budget processes every year. In turquoise, we have our budget supplemental processes. These processes are shorter than the annual budget process because supplemental budget processes are meant to solely address technical issues. Within the general fund, only one-time resources are typically available to address urgent one-time needs during these mid year processes. The city's primary budget process is our annual budget development process which you can see here in the darker color and lasts at least eight months. With some bureaus working on this for the majority of the year. The annual budget process is where the city makes the majority of budget decisions and the timeline is structured to allow for more thoughtful engagement and decision-making. The council makes appropriation decisions around both one-time and ongoing general fund discretionary resources as part of this annual budget development process.

So this year's fall bump process is different from prior years. Today the council all of the fall bump adjustments except for the general fund contingency resources. We will then hold a council work session on November 10th. I will provide summary information on recent investments and we will hold a discussion on requests for one-time general fund contingency resources. Finally, the mayor's office intends to bring forward a general ordinance for council consideration on Thursday, November 17th and this and commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yes. Thank you. Just so I'm clear because this process is a little bit different from the bumps that we've dealt with in the past. So today we're just dealing with technical adjustments. However as I look at the budget, there are some general fund budgets. So today is not the day to put forward an amendment to that.

Speaker: We have to address those in order to recognize our available excess balance. You could choose to bring an amendment today related to those particular allocations or you could choose to hold it for the general fund allocation. Either one of those is acceptable. What we will do today is we will allow for the carry-overs that are filed and if you choose to hold an amendment until later, that money will stay in the bureau's budgets for the time being and then you would make a motion at the later time to change the budget with the rest of the general fund changes.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. Thank you, director. I appreciate that clarification. I'm not sure if I'm tracking everything I think as we get into the discussion, I'll voice up some of the things I'd like to explore more and I can rely on perhaps your advice and the advice from my colleagues and council as to when and where is the appropriate moment for me to bring forward these amendments.

Speaker: Sounds good, thank you, commissioner. Next slide, please. So carry-overs allow bureaus to spend unspent resources to be carried over and reallocated

for a one-time cost. It's largely a technical adjustment that ensures that funding contracted out in the prior year is available in the current fiscal year when the services are going to be delivered and when the corresponding expenses are going to hit bureau budgets. For this year, special guidance for nonencumbered cost related to allocations. This included the recognition of the fact that council and resources were slower to go out the door due to procurement and staffing capacity issues. So this year we're processing a much larger number and value of encumbrance carry-overs. You can see on this slide. This was expected as bureaus received again a significant amount of one-time funding last year much of which was allocated in the fall bump which you'll recall in November of late last year. Most of these allocations are in the process of being spent, but bureaus and programs need more time. The largest carry-overs including this ordinance you see in this slide, \$6.7 million for the office of joint services. And it's shown here under the housing bureau banner. And a million dollars in Portland fire and rescue. And also within special appropriations, there's \$2.4 million for a variety of projects across various programs and also \$1.5 million in special appropriations for re-imagine Oregon. Yes? Commissioner, did you have a question?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: are you pausing for me?

Speaker: I thought I saw a hand.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I will have a question. At some point, I'd like to learn a little bit more about a wum of these encumbrance carry-overs. Is this the moment to ask those questions or should I wait until later in the presentation?

Speaker: I think this is a good time to ask those questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. I'll let you get to the end of your slide though.

Speaker: So I was just going to say in the interest of time, I'm not going to go into more depth on these items, but we do have line item detail for these encumbrance carry-overs included in exhibit four in the filing and online for folks at home that want to look at that. And then, council, you each have in your packet of hard materials, you have this exhibit as well. So if you'd like to look through the individual line item, you can do so. With that, I was planning on pausing for questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Mapps, go ahead.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you. Madam director, could you unpack for us the \$6.7 million general fund encumbrance for the Portland housing program. What's that program for?

Speaker: So primarily two different types of allocations. Most of this was allocated in last year's fall bump. I believe \$1.62 million was allocated for shelter cost appropriated by the council and roughly \$500,000 was allocated for navigation workers and navigation costs. I think we have -- do we have -- the interim director of the housing bureau is on the line if you have further questions about the contract with the city.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: sure. So do we know how that is it clear to us how that \$6.7 million is going to be spent? I was under the impression, for example, that some of these dollars, we had a pretty clear idea about where they were going to go and let's say about \$5 million of these dollars, I could not get a clear answer on what the plan was for them. Is that correct?

Speaker: So I will defer. I had some initial information from the bureau on what had been spent today, but that is likely outdated. So I'd like to ask interim director

molly rogers to potentially speak to the status of some of these allocations if she's available.

Speaker: Yes. I'm here and I also have jennifer chang, the contract manager as well. We believe we received a portion of these funds and not for all of them and we would need to reach back to the office to get an update from them on the expenditures for the full \$6.7 million. Jennifer, do you have anymore details from them?

Speaker: Yes. Hello. Council. My name is jennifer chang, she/her pronouns. Portland housing bureau. I oversee the joint office iga with the city and in terms of these funds specifically, they represent three different decision packages and two of them primarily the -- they include two that are specific to emergency shelter costs and they comprise about a total of \$6.2 million of that total amount that's being carried over and then the smaller portion is specific to what jessica had mentioned the homeless services navigation and it's programmed related to staffing retention and specific encampments. So out of the total amount, there is -- we do have year end invoices from last fiscal year which are the most recent we have received. We have not received the first quarter invoice from the joint office as of this current fiscal year. It's usually due by the end of September or mid October. So we should be receiving that soon. And, of that \$5 million which is emergency shelter capital costs, we don't have specifics in terms of where they may be programmed although they may likely are programmed into different shelters and that's something we need to contact the joint office and receive their invoice related to those funds.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: do we know when -- so we expect that invoice to come in middle -- any minute now.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: it usually comes in mid October and we're kind of late October.

Speaker: Yes. It's a little delayed. Typically the first quarter invoice comes shortly following the conclusion of the first quarter. So that should be coming shortly and we can also send a reminder to receive it.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: well, that would be great when that invoice comes in if my office can get some sort of update on how these dollars have been spent and what -- and if we have a clear sense of where these dollars are likely to go next and i'll just lay my cards on the table, colleagues, if there should be some amount of dollars in this fund which are not programs, I certainly hope that we would consider setting these aside and perhaps earmarking them for our houseless resolutions that council is considering. So thank you very much for helping me explore that. And I do have other questions, but on a different topic, but I also want to create some space for my colleagues.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: why don't you go ahead. Sorry I'm losing my voice.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: no problem. We've been doing a lot of chatting lately. Secondly, I'd like to learn about this special appropriations coming out of re-imagine Oregon. I get the impression maybe there are two things going on here. Maybe \$1.5 million which comes from the general fund and then there's another pot this is a million dollars which kind of comes from cannabis dollars. Can you explain to us what's happening there?

Speaker: Absolutely. I'll explain the different types of fundings versus that support and allocation to re-imagine Oregon and I believe we have someone from the office of community and civic life on the line that can speak more specifically to the movement in the fall bump. So I believe it was in the fall of 2020 that council voted to approve a one-time allocation for what was at the time determined to be.

Proposed to be a community led budget process with re-imagine Oregon plus \$1.9 million of ongoing recreational cannabis fund resources. And so the \$1.5 million of one-time general fund has stayed at the same amount and that \$1.9 million of ongoing cannabis funds has grown by inflation every year since and has been building a balance. Internally within the city, we went through some staffing decisions and externally with re-imagine Oregon. They've gone through some transitions as well. And then I believe that council appropriated last spring, the \$1.5 million, moved it to special appropriations to send it to the urban league and voted to send that general fund to the urban league and it has remained in special appropriations and has not yet been allocated to that organization. And sheila, our grants manager can speak to that also on the call. Let's take the \$1.5 million first and we'll ask our grants manager to speak to that allocation and we can ask. Is director montoya on? And he can speak to the seed program allocation. Shela? Is sheila here in person? Sheila craig, if you're on the line.

Speaker: I'm on the line. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yeah.

Speaker: Okay. Good afternoon, council. The \$1.5 million was moved to special appropriations and we have had ongoing communication with the organization, but at this time, we have not moved that forward to an actual grant award with them to allocate those funds to the organization. We have had some issues with communication and I think also the organization had some changes in management. So there's just been many delays and some lack of communication to move that project forward.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: so what's -- in terms of what the proposals before us today, what's the proposal for that \$1.5 million in general fund dollars that currently is kind of earmarked for re-imagine Oregon?

Speaker: So we have because it was allocated in special appropriations and at this time we have not received communications to pull that funding, we have asked for a program carry over feeling still the intent of council offices to move that program forward.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: do we know how it's -- do we know what re-imagine Oregon was supposed to do with these dollars?

Speaker: At this point in time, we have not received a scope of work from them.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: here I just kind of have a message or thought that I'd like to share with my colleagues on council. You know, re-imagine Oregon seems to have had some difficulty getting these dollars out the door and they seem to be having some difficulty even just communicating with council. At some point, I don't know if today's the day to do it or if it's something we want to do in mid November, but I certainly would like to consider taking that \$1.5 million from reimagine Oregon and set interesting aside to help fund our houselessness initiative which we are considering in the mayor's and commissioner Ryan's five houselessness resolutions. And, those are the main program questions I have today. But when we get deeper into the meeting, I will ask for advice from staff and my colleagues as to when and how we want to consider the two ideas today and, again, the two ideas today that have been put forward are pulling -- we're taking a look at unallocated or unprogrammed dollars that are currently going to the joint office. There's \$5 million. Up to \$5 million there that I think we're not quite clear how we're going to spend it. At some point, we'll get an invoice and they'll tell us what the plan is there. Reimagine Oregon is my second proposal. There's \$1.5 million that we've been trying to give to reimagine Oregon. They haven't been able to tell us what they plan to do with it and I think we should consider diverting those funds to one of the top priorities in the city which is to house the homeless and implement the resolutions

that the mayor and commissioner Ryan have put forward. And I see we have the director of civic life here too and I can actually give you a break today. I know there's some reimagine Oregon dollars that I think you wanted to move into seeds, sounds good to me. And that ends my questions I have at the moment.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: good. Thank you, commissioner. Did you have a question?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: if my colleagues have any thoughts or reactions --

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and just understanding, director kinard's not done with her presentation on this particular piece.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: she likes to answer as we go on this particular piece. If you do have questions on anything we've heard so far.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I don't have questions, I just want to say I'm not prepared to move any money from reimagine Oregon without having talked to them first so just that's where I am.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. All right. Thank you for that conversation. So moving on to the realignments. We have a handful of re-alignments in the ordinance in front of you across bureaus and this includes about \$123,000 and one fte associated with the boy strength program being realigned to the office of violence prevention. These are all cost neutral. They're just moving programs from one place to another place in the city. There's \$2.4 million in two fte for the graffiti program from the office of community life to the bureau of planning and sustainability. Approximately \$136,000 and one policing focused equity that's being realigned from the office of human rights to the Portland police bureau's equity and inclusion office.' all positions and budget for the office of technology is being realigned to the bureau of

planning and sustainability. \$150,000 in one small grant technical assistance position is being aligned from the grants management division to the bureau of emergency management. And a total of approximately a million dollars in anticipated vacancy saving funding from the Portland police bureau is being realigned to fund projects and staffing supporting community safety needs. Next slide, please. And then, within bureaus, there are a number of internal bureau realignments also occurring in the ordinance as filed within environmental services. There's \$20 million that's being reallocated from nine capital projects for expenses for the secondary treatment expansion. The council heard about this in early September. Within the bureau planning of sustainability, there's a number of technical adjustments to streamline and resource trash pick up within the office for community and civic life. They're reallocating a million dollars in funding to the social equity and educational development initiative to support additional grants within transportation, there's \$800,000 that they're receiving from the community safety division to support their safer summer initiative through the temporary installation of traffic calming infrastructure. Also in transportation, there's a new infrastructure development services manager that's funded by water, environmental services, transportation, and parks. This is related to the multibureau permitting improvement process and finally the public environment management office is drawing \$3.9 million also from facilities contingency which is from a carry-over to create their budget which includes adding four ft.e.. Next slide, please. As is customary several funds are trueing up their balance. In this slide, we note three fund balance notable due to the size and due to council's hisstor. The Portland clean energy fund is recognizing \$105 million in beginning fund balance. This includes \$42.2 million for grants that have been awarded but just not yet contracted. Parks local operating levy is recognizing \$14.2 million. And the

emergency communications fund for the bureau of emergency communications was allowed to retain its general fund understanding per a budget note. As a result, they're retaining \$2.7 million in funding. So these are all funded with nongeneral fund resources. I'll just highlight some of the larger numbers and if you have questions can you ask them when I'm done walking through the highlights. They're converting twelve positions that council helped jump start. They're converting those twelve positions to permanent with their own resources and then they're also adding another five fte for specific classifications and work groups. Those twelve positions are being realigned and that's part of why the bureau of planning and sustainability has a position of 13 positions and also receiving positions from the graffiti program in the office of community and civic life. Within the bureau of transportation, there's a position as I mentioned for the infrastructure services development manager. There's a position for the safer summer initiative and additional to support their ongoing operating projects and in parks and recreation, there's two positions for tree planting which is funded through tree code. There's a recreation coordinator position and three recreation leaders for staff stabilization. All of these are funded outside of general fund resource. Any questions on any of those? Okay. So as mentioned earlier, the annual budget development process, council does have the opportunity to preemptively before the forecast is created by directing a current appropriation level or c.a.l. Target increase in the fall bump. If approved, these adjustments on the slide will provide ongoing to bureau and programs in advance of the annual forecast. As these types of changes pre-determine the allocation on ongoing resources before a full annual process, these types of adjustments are reserved for technical or required changes or item that is are of a high enough priority to the council that you all are willing to prioritize funding over other requests you've not yet considered. And the first two items are

technical and they're required. The first item is the result of a financial review from the city's overhead funding model where resources are pooled across all city funds to support joint programs that indirectly provide services to all bureaus. The city budget office reviewed and determined that a handful of programs that previously were funded are no longer appropriately scoped to be funded by overhead resources. The result is \$800,000 which will result in a commence savings for a nongeneral general funds fund. The second item is an adjustment of approximately \$200,000 to support employees funding and discretionary resources in request with the bargain. And the last two are also technical changes that align with other changes in the budget. The office for violence prevention's 23-24 base budget is being moved to the community safety division in the office base budget for next year is also being moved to the bureau of planning and sustainability. In addition, I just want to highlight the ordinance contains language that's amending financial policy which will this slide shows we ended the fiscal year with \$162 million and total ending fund balance assuming we will have over \$102 million in order to support our beginning balance for this year. We received a small return and then we subtracted resources for carryovers, true-ups, and allocations previously approved by the council. Those adjustments \$20.7 million in general discretion balance. Half of that resource is deposited into the capital set aside account or replacement of projects relating to emergency preparedness, parks and recreation or transportation. The other half of the resource or \$13.85 million is being deposited into the general fund contingency slide. Next slide. We'll show you the balance. We started the fiscal year with just over \$3 million in general fund contingency account and adding that \$13.85 million yields a total of \$16.86 million for contingency resources available for one-time current needs. The budget office and we've made recommendations both on the request for resources and we've

made recommendations on how the funding should be reserved in contingency for other likely current year needs. Council will take up a discussion on the request for these resources on November 10th.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: can I jump in here?

Speaker: That is the conclusion of my presentation.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: if we could have gotten that 5 second difference.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: it's the zoom lag. Can we go back to the capital set aside slide.

Speaker: Yep. The general fund discretion ending balance.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yeah. Can you remind us what that's for.

Speaker: It's a binding financial policy and related to our asset maintenance. So by financial policy, the funding that is set -- put into the capital set aside which includes 50% of our excess balance are put into that account and they should only be spent on major maintenance, infrastructure, it has to be on the replacement of aging infrastructure or major improvements for projects that are in the parks bureau.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. So this is repairing stuff over in parks, roads, and emergency. Can you remind us of the recent history of this? Do we have the capital set aside last year?

Speaker: We did. The policy was enacted in the mid 2010s and so -- and it has been responsible for tens of millions of dollars that have gone towards our infrastructure backlog cost. In the last year, we did waive financial policy last fall to be able to put more of the available one-time general fund resources towards noncapital set aside projects.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: like what?

Speaker: Last year, you may recall we had a significant amount of balance and we allocated a fair orange light of resources and I think there were allocations that

went to all three of those buckets, but those were the focus of a lot of the allocations of that.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you. I think I do remember that. Here, I'm just going to talk to my colleagues on council a little bit. We both have pressing needs like houselessness. At the same time, we have ongoing obligations to maintain our infrastructure and roads and parks and we see our colleagues, commissioner Hardesty would remind us. She's behind x number of dollars behind on roads. And the need for capital improvements in our parks too. I'll just note, I have ongoing. I have concerns about dipping into our capital set aside because do I think that maintaining our infrastructure is important. You know, a road fixed today or a pipe fixed today is much cheaper than having a road fail or a pipe fail down the road. I don't have a formula when we should go into the capital set aside and when we shouldn't, but I think we should think about that carefully as we think about the needs in the next fiscal year. Thank you.

Speaker: Any other questions on the presentation or comments? Okay. I'll turn it back over to you, mayor.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. This is the time when we consider if people want to make amendments now and commissioner Mapps started us off with that conversation. Commissioner Hardesty couldn't be here today and she had asked me originally if I would introduce an amendment on her behalf on behalf of Portland fire and rescue. We had a further conversation about that and she agreed to hold off on that amendment until we get to the policy discussions in early November, but I just briefly want to note what that is just so my colleagues are aware and director Kinard, you'll have the opportunity to bring this information back to us and refresh our memories and I'll do my level best to expound upon this,

but I believe it was three years ago. It was some number of years ago, we passed a budget note, when was that regarding the rapid response vehicles?

Speaker: It was a year and a half ago.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: oh, my goodness. So a year and a half ago we passed that. There was some discussion at the time about the model that we used for the deployment of Portland fire and rescue resources. We had passed a budget note that continued the funding. It's my understanding that that budget note would sunset at the end of this fiscal year, so commissioner Hardesty was interested in reengaging the conversation around rapid response vehicles as well as a potential continuation of the budget note if not in letter then in spirit. I also just wanted to put on the record had she introduced an amendment today, I was going to ask for further discussion around other aspects. I like a lot of -- I understand there are a lot of community safety functions. I know Chief Boone is listening in and I want to tell her how much I appreciate her leadership team I suggest we also revisit the conversation around Portland fire and rescue's I know that's a conversation we've be having with the chief. For example, the fire marshal campus, I would argue that there are some fire staff who deserve better training spaces in which to work and I know at some point in the past, Portland fire and rescue completed a facilities needs assessment as well as a to a site sighting options valuation. And if people on the council agree with me, I would like to raise -- it doesn't really require an amendment, but if others agree, I would like to welcome a proposal on the fall bump. I'm not asking for a redo, but I'm asking for a refresh on that and, chief, I believe members of my team reached out to you earlier and I'm wondering if we can get a refresh on that. Chief Boone, are you still online?

Speaker: Yes, I am. Thank you, Mayor Wheeler and council. So, yes to your question out there.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. And we're happy to work with you on that and, of course, i'll engage the commissioner in charge, but that's just an area of interest that I'd like to know a little bit more about. You went through the effort to put that study together and I'd like to pull it off the shelf and take a hard look at that particular piece of it. Thank you, chief. And, again, thank you for your hard work on that. Commissioner Mapps, I don't know if you gave any further thought to your proposals?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yeah. This is a great or an appropriate moment for I think council to have --

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I'm sorry, commissioner Mapps. Can I ask that derek bradley go next?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: yeah. Absolutely

Speaker: Thanks, mayor. Mayor, thank you very much for pointing out the r.r.v. Amendment. I wanted to mention there's a second amendment they were hoping to bring around staffing authorization and just to put on the record just want to know what's going on in regards to November.

Speaker: Yeah. I can fill that in mayor and council. One of the things we're asking and it's not an additional cost. It's just a position of authority to move funding from our overtime budget to add 13 additional fte's within our existing budget.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and chief and derek, if I understand correctly, you will be bringing forth an amendment during our policy discussions in November on this subject, is that correct?

Speaker: That's our expectation and I believe all council offices have the proposed language distributed to them on both amendments.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: excellent. I look forward to that discussion. Thank you. Sorry, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: oh, no. That's great. Well, colleagues, I think I know or I have a suspicion where we're going to land on the two proposals that I have that I would like council to consider. Either today or in November, I would like this council to consider two options. One is to take a look at the unprogrammed balance in the -- in that carryover to the joint office and consider setting those dollars aside to help fund our other houselessness initiatives that we're talking about through the resolution process. I would say this is something that we could take up today. I also recognize this is the general fund, so it seems like it might be an appropriate topic to kick down the road until November. Is that something I can do. We still have space in time to make that. How does that sound? Does anyone want to move forward today with this or should we wait until November?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: respecting what commissioner Rubio said earlier, I think why don't we wait until the first week of November. I'm very interested in both of your proposals, i'll be completely transparent. Based on what I've heard so far today, I think they both make a lot of sense. Now, maybe there's something else going on in the either that I'm not aware of. But from my perspective, they strike me as good proposals that I'd be willing to support barring any other additional outside information. So personally, I think we should just hold this over and have all of the general fund discussions and policy discussions on the same date. It's only two weeks from now.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: commissioner Ryan, you're looking pensive. Do you want to jump in here.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I'm wildly interested in what you're saying, commissioner Mapps. I would want to wait. I'll respect the discipline, but my excitement about the dialog is what you were witnessing.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. Well, I admire your poker face and I appreciate it.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: yeah.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: they don't let me do that anymore. And I think we know where we're going to land for the second one. The second proposal which I'm interested in pursuing with, this council is to take I think that \$1.5 million allocation that has been going to re-imagine Oregon. We're having trouble communicating with them. We don't know how this is going to get programmed. I think there's a consensus on this council that houselessness is our highest priority. I think -- I recognize also these are general fund dollars. So the general fund discussion in November might be the place to have that and --

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: on that note, commissioner Mapps, when was that allocated?

Speaker: So the \$1.5 million was allocated in the fall of 2020. That pool of resource however was reallocated to the urban lake through special appropriations last spring -- last fall. So it was most recently allocated a year ago in the fall. So it has been sitting in special appropriations for a year.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. So we have 7,000 people sleeping on the streets today and we have \$1.5 million that is sitting in a bank account. I think we have an obligation to think about whether or not through re-imagine Oregon is appropriate for this aisle and we respect the fact that commissioner Rubio wants to check in with reimagine Oregon around this. That strikes me as being good practice and I am -- I have no problem with that. However, I hope I have my colleagues and staff support for revisiting that \$1.5 million allocation in November. Sound good?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: yeah.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: and I can do that when I come back in November?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: yeah. I'd be very interested in that and I agree with your sense of urgency. These are actually ongoing resources. Are they or is that one time?

Speaker: The general fund is.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and how much is that?

Speaker: A little over \$2 million annually.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and that's ongoing.

Speaker: That is ongoing.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: good. That's good to know. And I share commissioner Mapps' concern these resources have not been encumbered this far into the year and I'd much have those resources deployed to the streets where they can be of help rather than sitting in a bank account that's not earning interest by the way. I look forward to those proposals.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you, mr. Mayor. And I appreciate my colleagues engaging in this discussion and indulging me in my interest.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. Did anybody else have any amendments or discussions before I call for -- I can't drink enough coffee to fix this, can i? Public testimony. Great. How many people do we have signed up, megan?

Speaker: Clerk: seven individuals.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Of that's not too many folks. Why don't we have each of them speak for three minutes and if each could state your name for the record, we'd sure appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: first, we have rachel whiteside.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hi, rachel.

Speaker: Caller: good afternoon. Hello mayor, members of council. My name is rachel whiteside and I am the staff union representative for the nearly 900

members at protec 17 here at the city of Portland. I was also a city of Portland employee for more than 18 years, so I've seen my share of budgets and adjustments. I am here today to speak in support of the technical budget adjustments that were presented by staff. In particular, the additional positions at the bureau of environmental services that were noted on slides nine and eleven, protec 17 has been working with city managers for years to reduce the reliance on contract employees for reasons that go well beyond it being our represented body of work. This includes cost to the city and rate payers and members and most importantly equity. It is common knowledge in the development and construction fields that contract employees regularly cost more than a city fte for the same work. I'm just going to share one example of the high cost of contracting out work that we discovered and shared during the course of our contract negotiations. We found a contract employee at the water bureau had been hired as an engineering tech two which is a classification for \$26 an hour. Three months later, they were promoted to a tech three for \$31 an hour and while the workers pay increased for \$5 an hour, it was billed to the city as a \$25 an hour increase by the staffing agency. The contract employee may have earned a promotion, but they didn't receive any extra training from their employer or from the city for that matter and the staffing agency earned a tidy profit. Existing city workers not all of which are supervisors are managers are tasked with the heavy load of training new contract employees on bureau processes and policies. This would be the same as any new employee. For example, at best, it probably takes about a year for these folks to be proficient in the work due to limited opportunities for ongoing employment places undue burden for training replacements and picking up the drop in productivity. I'm running out of time here. So last I had mentioned equity, the situation creates two classes of employees who are doing the same work side-by-side. Contract employees don't receive benefits or

access to the development opportunities of regular employees. I'd just like to express our sincere thanks to commissioner Mapps and his staff for working with protec 17 and bureau management to take tangible steps towards correcting this long standing inequity. We are grateful for the work that members of council are doing to examine the budget and we're committed to continuing to partner with your offices and support workers and responsible use of rate payer and taxpayer funds. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate your leadership. Commissioner Mapps has a comment or question.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: mr. Mayor, I just want to one to thank rachel for her testimony today and to thank protec for being a real partner and more than a partner, really the lead in bringing forth this important change. It's a little wonky but I do want to pause and make sure my colleagues on council understand with a we did here. So essentially we have be.s. Has contracts where we bring in temporary employees to do important work. Of what we've explored here is instead of spending a lot on temporary employees, let's convert these into permanent employees. By virtue of doing that we're being pro labor and we're ultimately going to be able to save the city and rate payers about \$20 million. So it's a huge good government win. We couldn't have gotten here without the support of labor and creative managers. So I -- this is one I'm really proud of and I'm really proud of the team that helped us get here and, rachel, you were a huge part of that. Thanks for being here and thanks for the good ideas. Let's keep it going.

Speaker: Caller: thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: sure.

Speaker: Clerk: janet strong:

Speaker: Caller: thank you. I am Janet Straw. I'm the Protec 17 steward. I started at the Bureau of Environmental Services as a contract employee and I've been permanent for 21 years. The technical budget changes before you include converting nine contract positions to permanent FTE's at B.E.S. Converting these positions is not only a cost savings, it will improve employee morale. The one reason I joined the Protec bargaining team was to address the issue of contract employees. Not because they are doing a represented work, but because I witnessed too many contract employees waiting two, five, and even eight years for permanent positions. Our contract now includes guard rails on contracting out our work and these position conversions are our contract in action. This is not just a Protec 17 issue as Commissioner Mapps said. B.E.S. Management has the same perspective. Because of long time long standing city budgeting practices, it's been impossible to hire needed FTE's, but possible to hire contract employees. Thank you, Commissioner Mapps and the staff in your office for listening to both Protec 17 and B.E.S. management and then cutting through the red tape to make these logistical cost-saving positions possible. Beyond the cost savings of veteranizing these positions, this is a compassionate choice. My co-worker's work was essential to our work group and they were tasked with mentoring me. For them, a permanent position meant an additional pay cut. They explained to me they were willing to lose that income to be on a level playing field with the rest of us. No matter how hard we try to but contract employees, they always know they don't have access to the same professional development opportunities. They aren't building seniority in their positions. They don't have access to sick leave or holidays or other benefits. Contract employees do the same work as permanent employees, don't they deserve the same compensation. Not to say that staffing agencies are bad. These staffing agencies have amazing recruiting skills and take credit for diverse

candidates. As our business practice shifts away, these agencies can be utilized as recruiters for future permanent positions. Again, I just want to say thank you commissioner Mapps for cutting through the red tape. I want to say thank you to paul pseudo getting these positions converted. Thank you, City Council for your time.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: katelynn day. Okay. We can go to the next person. Garden ciders. All right. Terri matskit. Edith gillis. And, finally, we have jessie johnson.

Speaker: Caller: hi. Everyone from the council city meeting. I'd like to thank commissioner Mapps for a lot of the points he was making. I do believe that a lot of the funds should go to houselessness. It's a real horrible issue with covid and everything going on and, yeah, thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: appreciate your being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: and that concludes testimony.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Thank you. All right. So we are not voting on any amendments today. I'd like to extend my thanks to the city budget office for the weeks of work that they put in to crafting this ordinance and I look forward to continuing this conversation the general fund contingency allocation on November 10th. And, at this point, since this is an emergency ordinance, we will take up the roll on the technical amendments. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call].

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you everybody for your hard work. The ordinance is adopted. And just to review, we'll continue the conversations about general fund contingency on November 10th. Is that a time certain?

Speaker: Yes, it's a work session.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: it is a work session? At with a time.

Speaker: Clerk: 2:00 p.m. To 5:00 p.m.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and we'll see you there.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: can I ask a procedural question. I haven't been to this particular rodeo before. So I can bring amendments to the work session? Is that what's happening so when we come back in November, that will be a work session and I have some amendments I want to put on the table.

Speaker: So at the work session, we're going to be discussing all of the general fund that council's interested in and the changes you're interested in seeing it's going to be a separate ordinance that we're going to consider on the 17th. There are two opportunities to make changes. First, is to include any changes in what is originally filed and so the filing deadline if the ordinance is coming on the 17th, the filing deadline would be the 8th or bring amendments as part of the 17th on the hearing.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. I think I understand.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. And so any of us should get in touch with you as well if we're interested in crafting amendments either prior or during the work session. Let's all work with jessica.

Speaker: Absolutely. And we're also available to provide briefings if you have any questions about what was requested by bureaus or if you have any questions about the process, we're available.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. Thank you. Colleagues, our next item is a time certain and it's not until 3:30. Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: can I just say one thing. I probably should have said it in my closing comments, but I just want to acknowledge that with some of these technical changes, bps will be adopting the office of community technology. So I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge director elizabeth betis for all

her time leading that office. Elizabeth has always been a strong advocate for digital equity and making sure that the city is doing all it can to advocate for those who do not have affordable access to the internet which is key to everyone's life these days and she has and will continue to oversee our work to the right of way and that work while still in process deserves to be celebrated as well. So I just wanted to take a moment to appreciate her and thank her for all her great leadership over the years and, again, thanks to director Kinard and her team.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, commissioner Rubio. You kind of woke us all up. I also want to just take a moment to compliment the hours of collaboration and team work that went in to creating the infrastructure services manager. It's really going to bring better efficiency to our permitting system. We have four bureaus providing shared investment, water, environmental services, parks, along with transportation to make this whole. And we talked about this last spring, but the fact is we had to do it. And that's what happened and this is how we do cross bureau system work and that's what we're about right now to bring our city back. So I want to acknowledge all the people that have been involved in those conversations and thank you Jessica and your team.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Colleagues, our next item on the west Portland town center plan, if you're waiting for that, are that's a time certain. We can't start that until 3:30. So why don't we take a 25-minute recess and we will reconvene at 3:30. We're in recess.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and, we are back in session. Item 905, please. Time certain.

Speaker: Clerk: adopt the west Portland town center plan goals and policies, visions, action charts, land use concept and circulation growth concept diagrams

and coordinated growth strategy for zoning and infrastructure. Amend the comprehensive plan, comprehensive zone map and city wide design guidelines.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: colleagues, we're back today to continue our recommended discussion of the draft of the west Portland town center plan. On October 12th, as you'll recall council took public testimony on this item and then we closed the record for oral testimony. The record for written testimony closed Friday October 14th at 5:00 p.m. Today, we'll hear a brief presentation from the bureau of planning and sustainability staff on issues raised by council at the October 12th hearing. And then on a few technical amendments for council consideration. This item will come back to council on November 16th for a vote on the recommended plan. The ordinances and the findings. I'd like to turn this over to commissioner Rubio for any opening remarks and to introduce our presenters. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor Wheeler. I'm looking forward to hearing from bps staff on topics raised in the hearing and the consideration of any amendments that may be proposed by city commissioners. And, again, I'd like to thank my colleagues and council for the ongoing bureau collaboration that has been and will continue to be apart of this work 'so now i'll turn it over to bps's chief planner to get us started with today's item.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Does this work okay? Good afternoon mayor, council members, commissioners. I am the chief planner for the bureau of planning and sustainability. As you noted, today you will hear a brief presentation from bps with responses to a few of the issues that were raised in the October 12th hearing and during the presentation. So I'm just going to without further adieu hand it over to the staff and introduce joan fredrickson and bill cunningham.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon commissioners. Thank you for your time today and your interest in this work. My name's joan fredrickson, I'm a planner at

the bureau of planning and sustainability and I'm joined here by my colleague bill cunningham. Do you want to introduce yourself, bill.

Speaker: Bill cunningham. Working with joan on the west Portland town center for planning and sustainability.

Speaker: I'm just getting my presentation up. Excuse me. Thank you. I'm sorry about that delay. As patricia noted, we will be doing a brief presentation on topic that is came up during the hearing for the council on October 12th while the presentation is fairly brief, we welcome any additional questions or discussion and are happy to engage in those. So, today, we will be covering just a quick overview of the town center boundary delineation. There was a question that came up on the area and whether that should be included in the town center. We'll also spend more time unpacking a little bit the affordable housing and displacement topics as they relate to the west Portland town center plan and then we will go over the small package of technical amendments that we have. So the first topic is we'd like to touch on relates to the determination of the town center boundary. You heard as I noted some testimony questioning inclusion of the area bordered by southwest 40th and 42nd avenues and southwest gale burn and alfred streets in the plan. This slide shows our town center area and in the colors is the proposed comprehensive plan designations. It also shows a 20-minute walk-shed and the town center boundary. So the comprehensive plan. This is a comprehensive plan designated town center. And the policies guide planning for these areas and the policies include noting that there should be a concentration of commercial services, social services, and amenities and housing within a half mile radius of the center. And so while also acknowledging that each center is different, it guides plans to work with the characteristics and context of each town center. So this next slide just shows the same things that you just saw and I have two slides because there's a lot going

on. And on this one, we added the half mile radius so you could see both the half mile sort of linear radius and the 20-minute walk-shed in blue here and that's more of a walk-shed that's sensitive to the transportation barriers that exist in the area which include i-5 and barber, etc. So when we were looking at what areas to include within the town center, we considered many things. Obviously, the policy guidance about the half-mile radius and the 20-minute walk-shed to sort of start to understand what's accessible to the central portion of the town center and we use the walk-shed, but we acknowledge that that is not right. It doesn't apply to everybody. There's plenty of folks who that is not realistic for, but we have to have some kind of foundation that we can use across different areas. And so we look at that. We looked at the distance for, you know, what the distance was from barber boulevard and capital highway to the main streets in this area and where there is the best transit service in the town center. The most frequent transit service I should say. And then we also looked at, you know, the other connecting roads, ferry and huber which connect to the other areas and the surrounding areas. We considered all of those along with the area's topography because there are a lot of hills here on and off the main corridors and we also looked at as I said the transportation barriers and, you know, the proposed or the recommended improvements along those lines, right. And those transportation facilities and as well as sort of what the storm water and sewer infrastructure was like. So we basically took all that into account, but it's not a formula, right. And so, but using that context, we came up with the town center boundary that we have and then here in red, you can see the area that was in the red circle raised as the area of concern. So we believe that it's appropriate to have this area within the town center for the reasons that we've shown here and then just for additional context, here it is again shown in that phasing map where it's located. Okay. The next topic we're

going to touch on is around affordability and displacement and how the plan approaches that. It's a big topic. And commissioner Hardesty asked us some good questions and made some really good remarks and also asked a question about, you know, the upcoming rent increases in the range of that 14% which is significant and whether we know how many people in the west Portland town center area would be priced out of existing low-cost market rate housing by these potential rent increases. And, after considering and looking at what information we do have access to, you know, we have to say that we don't know much of our data is at a higher level. We don't have household level data necessarily and also sometimes it's more backward looking. It doesn't help us necessarily predict easily what's going to happen. So, you know, whether it's a rent survey or a census data. But we do know that housing stability and displacement are complex issues and can be supported and impacted by many factors. So knowing what we do about past dynamics and the data, we are working with organizations that can -- that have a direct connection with community that is experiencing this displacement pressure every day. And so that is we felt an important part of our understanding of this situation. We think we have been very clear with the community that we've worked with on this plan that the plan is not an end all be all. It's one piece of the puzzle. And that we're trying to move the needle in the right direction for housing stability and other improvements that strengthen that stability and the community. So other things in addition to the plans work and having the right numbers collaboration is needed and funding, collaboration amongst jurisdictional partners to help put together the other pieces of the puzzle and I want to note this because it's as much an issue in west Portland as it is for other parts of the city. You know, we need funding and collaboration and partnership for acquisition of existing buildings, low cost market rate buildings or regulated buildings that are going --

they're expiring. Developing new regulated affordable housing. Co-locating social services, making access to opportunities, choices a choice for everyone in the community and in the case of Portland west town center, very specifically collaboration and funding for infrastructure improvements because often times infrastructure deficits are a problem. They impact the viability of not just affordable housing, but all types of other beneficial projects. So within those parameters of what a land use plan can do, the proposal includes the range of approaches intended to contribute to improving the displacement and regulated housing dynamic in the town center while also acknowledging that there is no one tool or fix to address displacement and housing stability. I'm going to pass it over to my colleague bill cunningham who will highlight some of the approaches the plan is taking. We also have virtually our colleague matt trouble in the housing bureau and he would also glad to be make some remarks as well. I'll hand it over.

Speaker: All right. I'm basically providing a pretty brief recap of some of the anti-displacement and affordable housing promoting provisions of the plan. Especially it's the zoning map and zoning code provisions. And it's true what's been raised before and in terms of a the limits of the statewide rent control plus allowances for inflation on top of that. It's hard to guarantee that people will not be impacted by the whims of the marketplace and so that's why a key objective of the zoning code amendments was to create more units into regulated affordable housing. So less subject to some of those whims. And, some of the things we're doing and joan alluded to a number of them, I think at a very basic level, one thing we're doing was really working to expand housing options and this is very much in keeping with the city policies to expand housing options under town centers especially that's where services are often concentrated and the planned proposals increased zoning to expand housing options that are possible in the single dwelling zones that are

predominantly in the area and over time it will allow more people to live closer to the town center and regardless of whether light rail is built, the barber transit center is the most significant transit hub. So it is definitely an access to services and transit locations that is important for expanding housing opportunities for. Wanted to relate some of the strategies that are fairly directly oriented towards supporting the preservation of existing low-cost housing where they exist in the area and that's especially in the west Portland neighborhood where there are a lot of affordable apartments. And this is a very new approach to the way we do town center zoning. Typically, we supply hard density zoning in whatever location is close to the core of an area. In this case, larger scale development is directed away from locations where there are existing low-cost departments to reduce pressures for development of those properties and this is really in keeping with the community's interest in having the plan contribute to housing stability for the areas lower income. Often people of color residents. And, some of the tools besides doing some reduction of development allowances in those properties, we have some regulatory tools oriented towards 60% of area median income affordability level. There are provisions where in exchange for a property owner committing to preserving those units as affordable at that 60% ami level, they can transfer development rights to other properties in the area such as the mixed use zones and potentially gain value through the preservation of the affordability. And, for those properties, that area, the only allowances that allowed development to get larger scale than what's already there are bonuses, targeted at affordability at 60% of area median income level really to ensure that replacement housing is least replacing what's lost in terms of existing affordable units. Elsewhere in the planned district where the preservation isn't quite the priority, there's putting major prioritization of inclusionary housing and affordable units as a means for development to get larger

and this frankly is a new approach to that. We're really putting out there for the first time as part of this plan. Really the primary way for development scale to become greater is by providing affordable units. Inclusionary housing bonuses must be utilized before any other bonuses or transfers and development rights can be used. Currently you can transfer and gain additional scale by a variety of mechanisms, but for this area, inclusionary housing is the first stop, the first place you need to go and meet those requirements before greater scale is allowed. Affordability level there is a bit broader. Inclusionary housing is targeted for affordability at a 60% to 80% of area median income level which is still pretty affordable for that area of town. And, I think, with that, I'm going to pass it on to Joan unless there's some specific questions over what I just shared there.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Joan. Take it away.

Speaker: Well, I just wanted to invite Matt. I don't know if he wanted to add anything to our comments.

Speaker: Good afternoon Mayor, members of Council. For the record, Matthew Shab with the Housing Bureau. Just a couple of comments. I wanted to thank BPS for the partnership on this. They partnered with us on the Southwest Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy back in 2019 and they've continued to partnership with the West Portland Town Center. We're supportive of what is before you today. We think that, you know, when the Housing Bureau looks at our affordable housing program, we know that our direct financing needs to be focused at 60% AMI and programs can focus at the 60%, 80%. So we appreciate the innovative approach that BPS put together with this proposal. They worked very closely with community and I think a good job to try and take the goals of the community appreciate it and happy to answer if I questions Council may have.

Speaker: Thank you, Matt.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: looks like we're all questioned out. Does that complete staff presentation?

Speaker: Almost.

Speaker: We wanted to provide --

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you for all collaborating between the last session. These are wonderful results. Thanks.

Speaker: Bill.

Speaker: I wanted to provide a brief overview of the minor amendments we have before you. We did not receive requests from the commissioner's office. These are minor amendments that staff identified that will improve the plan. Number one, the first is really just amending a regulation that was intended to apply to commercial store fronts to clarify it only applies in commercial areas, not to residential areas along our commercial corridors, and, number two, it's just correcting an incorrect code reference. And three and four are basically housekeeping amendments to the city wide design guidelines document updating the table of contents and a very minor edit to some explanatory text. So no actual changes to guidelines that have any force of law. Just basically administrative corrections. That's all we have for you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: all right. Great. Thank you for the presentation. We appreciate it. And commissioner Rubio, I suspect you may be making a motion related to some of these technical amendments, but before we jump to that, I just want to find out if anybody else has any further questions for staff? Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. I'd like to make a motion to approve the technical amendments as amendments to the recommended draft.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Rubio makes a motion to approve.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: second.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Ryan jumps in to second. Is there any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call].

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: this isn't the most dynamic conversation we've had this week, but I also know that you've put a ton of effort into this and the commissioner staff has too. And so I really want to appreciate that and applaud that and thanks for putting this together the way you have done so. I'm happy to vote aye. And the amendment is adopted. So thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this and shared your testimony on the west Portland town center plan. We're not quite over the finish line here. This item will be continued to our regular council session on Wednesday, November 16th, at 10:25 a.m. At that meet, we'll vote on the recommended plan thank you everybody. That concludes our meeting this afternoon. And we are adjourned.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you.