

# Written Testimony

Row 899

Name	Dan Handelman and Marc Poris, Portland Copwatch
Agenda Item	554
Position	
Comments	<p>Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan:</p> <p>Portland Copwatch will be testifying to Council on Wednesday regarding the Portland Police Commanding Officers Association contract. Due to some inconsistencies we found between the PPCOA contract, the Settlement Agreement, the Portland Police Association (PPA) contract, and the City Charter, we urge Council to delay ratifying the contract until these problems are fixed.</p> <p>The issues we have identified seem to impact both the ability of the Independent Police Review to investigate Lieutenants' alleged misconduct, which has been ongoing as part of the Settlement Agreement's paragraph 192, and the future oversight board's authority as outlined in Charter Section 2-10.</p> <p>It's notable that unlike the PPA contract, the PPCOA contract was negotiated entirely without input from the community.</p> <p>Here are relevant areas of the PPA, then PPCOA contract.</p> <p>___Area 1___</p> <p>PPA 61.1:</p> <p>The wide-ranging powers and duties given to the Bureau and its members on and off duty involve them in all manner of contacts</p>

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PPCOA 29A:

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questions concerning the action of members. These  
questions often  
require investigation by superior members and/or the  
Internal Affairs  
Division.

NOTE: PPCOA specifies Internal Affairs while PPA  
broadly refers to  
"investigation." In theory this even precludes IPR  
investigation.

\_\_Area 2\_\_

PPA 61.2.1:  
Prior to being interviewed regarding any administrative  
investigation  
for any reason which could lead to disciplinary action.

PPCOA 29B:  
Prior to being interviewed regarding an IAD or EEO  
investigation for any  
reason which could lead to disciplinary action.

NOTE: PPA talks about "any administrative  
investigation" but PPCOA only  
talks about Internal Affairs and Equal Employment  
Opportunity  
investigations.

\_\_Area 3\_\_

PPA 61.2.2.4:

The member being interviewed shall be informed of  
the person directing  
the member to participate in an administrative

investigation and/or  
investigatory meeting, the name of the investigator,  
and all other  
persons present during the interview.

PPCOA 29C3:

The commanding officer being interviewed shall be  
informed of the name,  
rank, and command of the member in charge of the  
investigation, the  
interviewing member, and all other persons present  
during the interview.

NOTE: The PPA contract broadly talks about who  
conducts the  
investigation but PPCOA assumes it is a member of the  
Police Bureau.

We look forward to a discussion of how to correct  
these problem areas.

Thank you

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for Portland Copwatch

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# Written Testimony

Row 902

<b>Name</b>	Michelle Stevenson
<b>Agenda Item</b>	554
<b>Position</b>	Oppose
<b>Comments</b>	Please vote no on 554 and change the language in the proposed contract to make sure the new police accountability system will be able to also hold lieutenants accountable as well as the rank and file officers. Thank you.
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**Portland City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 28, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
554	Marc	Poris