

## Written Testimony - Agenda Item 445

	Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
1	445	Jessi Presley-Grusin	Oppose	Please do not approve this purchase. PPB continues to be responsible for unnecessary and inappropriate acts of violence against our community, especially during "crowd control." \$1.1 million dollars would be much better spent on public education, health, or alternative shelter for unhoused persons. This is a waste of money and I sincerely hope you will reconsider.	No	05/24/24 10:43 AM
2	445	Jake Dockter, community member	Oppose	<p>PPB is seeking over \$1,000,000 to purchase riot gear and chemical munitions, claiming they will be used to "manage" Portland's constitutionally protected activity. They do not mention that the very team who will be using these munitions has previously been found in contempt of court for their use of these. They do not mention that international watch dog groups like Physicians For Human Rights have previously documented and raised alarm for their use of these weapons. They do not mention the children gassed by PPB in their own beds, with no accountability. They do not mention Forensic Architectures study of Teargas Tuesday, in which they found PPB "caused airborne chemical concentration levels to exceed the 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> threshold beyond which exposure is 'immediately dangerous to life and health' (IDLH), as defined by federal US agencies (specifically the US Department of Labor's Operational Safety and Health Administration). According to their own internal documents, the PPB is aware of these established IDLH thresholds and the 'severe risks' caused by exposing civilians to 'high concentrations' of such chemical agents—yet these regulations appear to have been actively ignored by the PPB officers on duty."</p> <p>PPB has contributed to the pollution and abuse of Portland with these weapons, causing countless medical emergencies and long term health impacts. None of the officers responsible have been held accountable.</p> <p>Now, PPB asks for more methods to harm again. Has council asked for accountability? No. Has the mayor and commissioner of police made moves to remove the cops responsible for past abuse from the force? No. Can we spend this million plus on better resources that contribute to health and benefits of our community, absolutely.</p> <p>Portland wants to thrive. Funding weapons like this only adds to abuse.</p>	No	05/27/24 12:07 PM
3	445	Christine Borden, Portland resident	Oppose	At least in the media, this request has been presented as instrumental in PPB's ability to allow the public to continue to exercise 1st amendment rights. That is ludicrous. They have more than enough inhuman devices to intimidate the unarmed public protests they are talking about. This would be in direct opposition to the federal mandates that PPB must de-escalate their violent practices. Do not allow the purchase of more 'less lethal' munitions or chemical weapons!	No	05/29/24 9:07 AM

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Wednesday, May 29, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.  
Verbal Testimony

	Agenda Item	Name
1	445	Christopher Olson
2	445	Marc Poris Portland Copwatch