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My name is Cliff Goldman; I'm a speech pathologist, PCP for Multnomah County Democrats; Volunteer for JWJ and Health Care for All Oregon. We believe that there should be single payer, universal, publically funded health care. Everybody in and Nobody Out.

Even with the ACA everybody will not be able to get heath care. Even those who have health insurance cannot always afford to go to the doctor due to too high deductables, copays and premiums.

Insurance companies consider paying health care benefits as a loss,

the MLR. They need to make more money than they pay out.

Moda Insurance paid \$40 million to rename Rose Garden the Moda Center. Doing this was unpopular with the public. Think of the health coverage that could've been provided if the Blazers were still playing in the "Rose Garden".

Providence renamed Jen-Weld stadium to Providence Park! Think of the additional health care benefits that could be provided for the money that Providence paid to rename the Timbers stadium. How much more? We don't know as Providence won't tell us; won't let

us know the probably astronomical sum. Embarrassed?

HCAO protested at Providence Park on opening night of the Timbers season. The best chant of the evening came from someone in the crowd: you know what it was? LOWER PREMIUMS, DON'T NAME STADIUMS.

How much lower could they be? We don't know because Providence is not letting us know what they paid for the renaming! It's embarrassing, unjustifiable and a breach of the agreement with the city.

We want to know; We want to  
know; We want to know.....



### Talking Points:

- Good morning Mayor Hales, Commissioners. My name is Linda Castillo and I am the director of civic participation & leadership programs at Latino Network.
- Latino Network has been an original participant in the Communities Connect project of ONI, which led to the development of the DCL Partnership, where we were also an original partner. We have now, thanks to the city partnership, built capacity among Latino community members in Portland to engage in important city issues, and participate in numerous workgroups, boards, commissions, and advocacy efforts that shape city policy and engage community in ways they are often left out.
- First, we'd like to thank you for keeping this vital city partnership in the proposed budget. For many, this is the **ONLY** avenue that engages the population we do. We know you see the value in this important program.
- While we are very appreciative, we also must point out on behalf of these same people that there still remains a very large and noticeable equity gap in resources when comparing the work and engagement to the 7 neighborhood coalitions.
- The 7 coalitions receive approximately \$2 million annually for neighborhood based engagement. The 5 DCL partners, which must work citywide, receive \$423,000 annually - this is only 21% of what the coalition allocation is currently. The gap here is huge - more than 200k less per partner- and this year ONI requested movement closer to parity, something that has been attempted for the last 8 years.
- In this budget, we asked for \$350 to bring us closer to parity with the neighborhood coalitions, something we've been asking for 8 years... and instead received \$40k for a process development about moving us in this direction, while the neighborhood coalitions received \$140k in additional ongoing for community grant
- While we support grants to the coalitions, we must point out the glaring disparity: The neighborhood coalitions additional \$140k for ongoing funds supports their expanded capacity, but \$40k in one time allocation does not build the same capacity among DCL partners.
- This actually increases the equity gap among neighborhood coalitions and DCL partners. In a time when this city is rapidly changing in demographics and becoming more multicultural, this gap makes it that much harder to provide voices and access to the important work of the city.
- Time after time as a council you have voiced and demonstrated your commitment to equity and providing a voice for our city's most underrepresented and vulnerable. We urge you to continue in this vein and reconsider closing this gap for the underrepresented voices - or moving us closer to a more equitable allocation - and demonstrate your value of community engagement for ALL people.
- Again, we appreciate the continuation of the existing resource and for partnering with organizations like Latino Network and other DCL partners. We hope to work with you to continue build community capacity among communities of color.
- Thank you.

Dear Mayor Hales,

We are writing in regards to your proposed appropriation of certain \$325,000 five-year grant to Catholic Charities/EPH for the purpose of assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence as part of the Bureau of Police's budget.

While we share your concern for victims and survivors of domestic violence and generally support the need to fund culturally services that benefit countless individuals in our community, your funding request to Portland City Council of May 28th 2014 raises some important issues that we would like to address as follows:

- Lack of transparency: We believe that an outright allocation of funds without a competitive process does not only violate the principles of fairness; it actually works against the interest of our own communities in that such processes often end up denying services from other providers who might as well be freer and better suited to serve victims without the inherent constraints of religious dogma or institutional bias of culturally diverse communities which include the LGBTQ community as well.
- Lack of equity standards: The proposed contract terms between City of Portland and Catholic Charities/EPH does not contain assurances to the public that the recipient institution does not discriminate against all protected classes, including the provision of services to same sex couples. While the City of Portland has adopted "equity" as a principal theme across its bureaus, programs and services, it needs to follow more closely in practice by requiring that all recipients of public funding provide evidence of client non-discrimination (not just for staffing).
- Lack of community representation: The fact that Catholic Charities is currently and historically has not included minorities or members of the LGBTQ community in its governing and leadership structures should be a concern at City Hall. This is a shared concern amongst organizations representing communities of color and the Latino community in particular who have long demanded more accountability from Catholic Charities to address this inequity considering that Oregon's Catholic majority is Latino and many of whom identify as a member of the LGBTQ community.

We respectfully ask therefore, with all due respect to your authority, as concerned citizens of this great city, that an open, fair and transparent procurement standard be followed along with all the necessary due diligence on its contractors to ensure the best interests of all in the City of Portland.

Sincerely,

Marta Guembes - Community member

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El Hispanic News



Supporters of Health Care for All Oregon have been concerned about the tens of millions of dollars that are being spent by insurance companies to buy naming rights (which translates into massive advertising) to Portland stadiums. When Moda announced that they had paid \$40 million for the naming rights to the Rose Garden we made our concerns public. Providence's disclosure in early February that they had bought the naming rights to the Timbers stadium for an undisclosed amount once again raised similar concerns about huge amounts of money being spent for advertising versus patient care.

We feel people paying premiums to Providence and the general public have a right to know just how much of their payments are going to advertising....money that is not going to patient care. This includes money that is not going to maintaining and improving employee benefits, and towards help for those unable to afford the bills for their care.

The contract signed for the naming rights between Providence and Peregrine went through the city at some point, the city being the owners of Civic Stadium. The parties involved agreed that the amount paid would remain undisclosed...despite the fact that this violates Oregon's public records laws.

We wrote a letter to the mayor requesting a meeting to discuss this issue, but received no reply. We went to the mayor's office requesting a meeting, or an appointment for a meeting. We were told a staff assistant would get back to us by the end of the week, but only received an email response back when we called to remind them of our request. In this email, they claimed that they simply didn't know the amount paid.

We were told, as were the media, that the mayor is too busy with more important priorities. But finding this information, if the mayor's office does not have it, should take little more than a phone call.

As residents of the Portland area, as patients and premium payers of Providence, we feel we have a right to know how much of our health care dollars are going towards acquiring the naming rights to Civic Stadium

# Health Care for Oregon

April 8, 2014

Dear Mayor Hales,

I am writing to you on behalf of Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO). Our organization consists of over ninety organizations and eight thousand supporters that believe health care is a human right. Our group aims to create a comprehensive, equitable, affordable, publicly funded, high quality, universal health care system, serving everyone in Oregon.

We are concerned about the lack of transparency around the renaming of the old Civic Stadium after Providence Health Care Services. We take issue with the lack of disclosure when a health insurer pays a large amount of our premium dollars publicizing themselves, while premiums rise and health care quality and access remain limited. In order to provide transparency to the public regarding Providence's priorities for spending, we are requesting that the city publicly disclose the amount of money Providence spent for the naming rights to the stadium in accordance with section 9.1 of the Stadium Operating Agreement with Peregrine Sports, LLC dated March, 2010 and with Oregon's Public Records Law.

We are requesting a meeting with you, scheduled by April 23, 2014, to discuss this concern, at your convenience. Thanks in advance for your commitment to action on these concerns.

Sincerely,

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## Cops and People Working Together

Why are Police sent to medical emergency calls with EMTs or Paramedics? It makes sense that an officer should be available during such a call, but officers seem to lead in such situations, ready to shoot first and ask questions later.

Let me play devil's advocate: this operating procedure is not a good idea. It doesn't work. People needing help can end up dead.

According to various news sources, a man was possibly overdosing on heroin in the bathroom of the Red and Black Café in Portland, OR. The co-owner, John Langley, asked that only Paramedics show up, not Police officers. Later, he said "Definitely the EMTs and the ambulance driver could've handled it. I kind of feel like I don't know what they were doing there except maybe waiting to see if they could bust the person or something, and I'm not down with that."

Is it any wonder that people with disabilities are afraid to call 911? Especially if those disabilities include a speech impediment and/or other communication difficulties. Since that includes me, I'm compelled to do something about it. How do we fix this problem? How can Police be trained not to fear civilians?

A week ago, I waved down a Patrol car. The officer and I started to have a nice conversation, until I asked "Why are the Police shooting so many unarmed people?" Suddenly, the officer remembered he was on a call and quickly drove off. That day appeared to be the start of National Police Week, when folks are encouraged to show appreciation for law enforcement. That would be nice, except the Police seem to want us to be afraid of them.

In April of 2014, a Texas Sheriff's deputy shot and killed a family's pet dog. That officer was immediately fired. When has similar action been taken against Police who fatally shoot unarmed people?

In April and May of 2014, two different memorial services were held for a Kanine named Rick, slain in the line of duty. I care about animals. My cat, Heidi, is 14 years old. When she passes away, no city will hold any service for her. Neither the Mayor, nor the Police Chief will call with condolences.

In my opinion, it's a shame that our Society cares more for dogs than for human beings. When I think of how to fix this problem, perhaps it's better to tear it all down and start fresh.

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