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For the record, my name is Joe Walsh and I represent Individuals For Justice.

The other day I was listening to the Editor of "Street Roots" talk about the houseless on our streets and he mentioned that last year we had 50 people die on our streets for being homeless. I was not surprised by that figure but it still saddens one who has been fighting for the houseless through 3 mayors. So "What's your Story Mayor Hales?"

Ten year plan down the tubes after spending 10s of millions on affordable housing, a smoke and mirrors approach or many of us know it as trickle down economics. Affordable housing has nothing to do with getting people off the streets. I live in an apartment complex, some tenants are receiving notices to move because the new owner wants lots more rent. I congratulate your limited efforts to do something about this madness, but it is not enough. Here are things that might be done:



- 1. A resolution by this council that all non cause evictions be stopped for 120 days pending extensive hearings by this council.*
- 2. Rent control on some level, let the battle happen and take the best compromise.*
- 3. The \$25,000 fee to demolish a home be raised to price of the home; want to destroy it, pay the going cost.*
- 4. Have a community commission/committee to decide if the replacement housing will have any effect on the neighborhood and cause rents to go up*

faster than normal. What we are concerned with here is the concept of gentrification.

There is more you can do, but you five are smarter than the rest of us and you have very bright staff, by the way mayor, congratulations on appointing Josh as your COS, I like him---don't always agree but he is a noble person.

I am very aware that we are in a political season and a majority of you are up for reelection and this is a good time to demand that you actually do something instead of just looking at your watch and thinking, "Will he ever shut up." You heard from many last week that they will be watching this Emergency Ordinance." It will take good will, not words but action. We will support you where we can and know we are guided by a simple concept, "Does this action help or hurt the most vulnerable among us?"

Until next time!

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HOMELESS / NEWS "Domicile Unknown": Report Shows Increase in Deaths of Homeless

POSTED BY DENIS C. THERIAULT ON FRI, MAY 10, 2013 AT 8:56 AM

Last year, for the first time, Multnomah County and the Portland Housing Bureau and, especially, *Street Roots* worked hard to produce something we'd never seen before: an attempt to tally, over the course of 12 months, deaths among those among us living on the street.

That first report showed 47 people died while homeless last year, and it was a slap in the face. Was it an aberration? Would the next year be better? Sadly, no. **The second annual report (pdf)**, officially released this morning, shows **deaths have climbed to 56**. It's too soon to draw a trend line, but an increase isn't what anyone working on this report wanted to see.

Especially since both reports—drawing only from cases worked by a medical examiner, and not including the deaths of anyone who first made it to a hospital before dying—**mask a potentially huge undercount**. Every day, according to a stat that's soon to be revised, some 1,700 people are without shelter in our region every day.

"That's pretty alarming in my mind," Israel Bayer, director of *Street Roots*, told the *Mercury*.

Many details in the report are equally grim. The average age of the 56 human beings recorded in this year's report was **just 46 years old**. Almost half—20—died from overdoses. **Eighteen of those ODs involved some kind of opiates**. Ten more people killed themselves—homelessness is, itself, a painful experience for many and the isolation and lack of access to care can compound that pain for so many people. Both the suicide and OD counts should rightly be seen as related, a question of health care and resources for that care and access.

In addition, **one person was burned to death** (no report or further details are provided), another drowned, and another froze.

Opiate Involved	Substance	Number of Cases
YES (18 cases)	Heroin alone	10
	Heroin plus Alcohol	4
	Heroin plus Cocaine	1
	Heroin plus Methamphetamine	1
	Heroin plus Oxycodone	1
	Oxycodone plus Alcohol	1
NO(2 cases)	Methamphetamine alone	1
	Cocaine alone	1
Total	Any	20

The county's deputy health officer, Dr. Paul Lewis, said in a statement this morning that "most of these deaths are preventable."

And the report comes as Multnomah County and the city of Portland start are **revising their joint plan to combat homelessness**, agreeing to pool money in a way they haven't been able to before. This report also comes in **the midst of a lawsuit and code-enforcement fight over Right 2 Dream Too**, which has provided a safe place to bed down for hundreds of people since it planted itself in a vacant lot in Chinatown (invited by the owner) in late 2011.

"It's the idea that homelessness is not just about public safety," Bayer says. "We're talking about a health care issue. We should be able to prevent 56 people from dying homeless. And we know that's an undercount... If we collect data over a number of years, and draw trends, we'll be able to take the next step, whether that's creating more prevention services or leverage to get more money for housing."

This isn't just happening in Portland. It's happening all over the country.

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It's the second year for this report and the second year they fail to compare the mortality rate of unhoused people vs housed. Here's a clue: when you don't include data for a control group, it aint scientific, and if it aint scientific you don't get to extrapolate and draw conclusions based your your data.

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Posted by [brigger](#) on 05/10/2013 at 11:49 AM

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Parsons, Susan

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From: lonevet@individualsforjustice <lonevet2008@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Cc: roberto lavato; hardesty, joann; Roger David Hardesty; Jose Serrica
Subject: communications for 16th Sept. 2015

would you put me on communications for the ~~16th of Sept. 2015~~. The subject would be, the coming winter and people still on the streets.

Thanks,
Joe

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For Justice, Peace and *Laughter,
Joe Walsh-Lone Vet
Individuals for Justice <http://individualsforjustice.com>
Proud member of Oregon Progressive Party, <http://progpary.org/>

War is failure, occupation a disgrace!

Ã¢â€Funding these wars is killing our troopsÃ¢â€
<http://www.mfso.org/>

* Why laughter?? Because without it I would have gone insane years ago.

An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.
Mohandas Gandhi

Molly Ivins, "It's like, duh. Just when you thought there wasn't a dime's worth of difference between the two parties, the Republicans go and prove you're wrong."

"I have no country to fight for; my country is the earth,
and I am a citizen of the world."
Eugene V. Debs

"So keep fighting for freedom and justice, beloveds..." -- Molly Ivins

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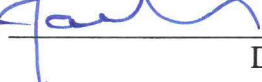
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