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Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing
Hosting IMLLC for a Town Hall on PPB Response to 2020 Protests
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- **Dori:**... tonight's town hall.
- **Nick Mitchell:** Good evening, everyone. My name is Nick Mitchell, and I'm here with the IM LLC team. And we're extremely thankful and grateful that you've taken time out of your lives to come in and be with us tonight. The purpose of this meeting from our perspective is for us to gather feedback. This is really for us to listen and learn from you about your experiences with the City of Portland and the Portland Police Bureau and the handling of the protests in 2020. And so we're really here to listen. We certainly want to introduce ourselves and explain a little bit about the nature of the review that we're conducting, but fundamentally we're here to learn from you. And I hope it's a rich and fruitful session where we learn a lot tonight. I guess before we begin talking about the review that we're conducting and begin hearing from folks who want to speak with us tonight, it might make sense for us to introduce ourselves so you have a sense of who you're talking to here tonight. So I will start by looking to my right for the members of the team to introduce themselves to now.
- **Phillip Muir:** Good evening, everyone. My name is Phillip Muir, a member of the team. And real quick background on me. I was the Inspector General for the NYPD, an independent office for about seven years. Before that, I started up the Police Oversight Agency in the Washington, D.C. city government. Prior to that, I was an attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. So I'm very pleased to be a part of the team and providing our perspectives on the police accountability policing here in the city.
- **Pete Davidoff:** Good evening, my name is Pete Davidoff. I have about 30 years of experience in law enforcement working with the use of force in public order.
- **Matt Budas:** I'm Matt Budas. I'm a researcher for the group, PhD in Public Policy and Statistics. And I currently am the policy director for Denver's oversight agency.
- **Nick Mitchell:** Good evening again, Nick Mitchell. I'm currently the court appointed monitor of a consent decree between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. For that, I served as the independent monitor of the Denver Police Department and Denver Sheriff's Department. Thank you again for having us.
- **Nick Mitchell:** As the person who introduced the meeting said, this review is being conducted pursuant to a court ordered remedy in connection with the federal consent decree. The review, the scope of the review was worked out before we were retained, but it was negotiated between the Justice Department and the city of Portland.

- Nick Mitchell:** I thought it may make sense for us to briefly touch on, I'm not gonna go through every detail of the scope or the statement of work, but at least to sort of flesh out for you the general overview of what we've been contracted to look into while we're here in Portland. So in the scope of review, there are a series of issues that we were hired to look into. First, we are going to be assessing the actions of the city, including the Police Commissioner, Portland Police Bureau, and Office of Independent Review in its response to crowd management events that occurred from May 28, 2020 to November 15, 2020. And within that overall bucket, we've been asked to assess the effectiveness of the pre-event crowd management and related training. We've been asked to look into the city's response to crowd management events. Somewhat more specific than that, we've been asked to look into the effectiveness of the incident command system that was used in Portland, including the decision-making criteria utilized when declaring unlawful assemblies, when the PPB declared riots, when the PPB authorized the deployment of various levels of force and munitions, and to assess the effectiveness of communications from the incident commander to ground officers. We've been asked to evaluate successful strategies that were used or should have been used, as well as comment upon unsuccessful strategies that were used and should not have been used. We've also been asked to look into successes and failures in communications, leadership, and training, and how those affected crowd management response, the efficacy of the city's response in maintaining order while preserving speech protected under the First Amendment. So the balance of the preservation of order is the protections of the First Amendment, and that at a catch-all bucket, as I would sort of characterize it, any other relevant factors impacting the city's response to crowd management events as determined by consultant, and that's us.
- Nick Mitchell:** So as you can see, it's a fairly broad mandate that covers a lot of ground, both the conduct and policies and procedures and strategies and tactics employed by the PPB, as well as other city actors. And so it's incredibly important that we hear from members of the community as we're doing this work. I'll say that this forum is one opportunity of many that we would like to have, not necessarily in the public forum context, but we want to and will be available to speak with folks outside of this public forum that's happening over this platform. We've established an email address. If folks have statements that they want to send to us or want to get in touch with us to arrange an opportunity to speak with us, and I'll make that address available, and perhaps someone can put it in the chat if someone would be so kind. The address is portlandreview@independentmonitor.com. That's portlandreview@independentmonitor.com. I want to stress that that mailbox is a place for folks to arrange an opportunity to speak with us. It's not large enough to receive evidence to the extent that folks have evidence. Please let us know through that email function and we can make arrangements to obtain that if necessary, but please don't send that unsolicited through that box. I guess with those brief introductory comments, I wanted to really open it up for public comment.
- Nick Mitchell:** I also want to say that we understand that folks may be loathe to share information with us in this very public way, particularly because the events in

question were traumatic, they were painful, and to the extent that people have personal experiences and stories that they would like to share with us, this may not be the ideal forum for conveying those experiences to us. We understand that our goal is not to re-traumatize anyone who's had a painful experience in the protest. So if you would like to share information or experiences with us, and it feels uncomfortable for any reason in this environment, we urge you to please contact us through the email address that hopefully by now has been shared in the chat. With that, I think we'll open it up. I see there are-

- **Dori:** Briefly, I'm gonna ask a few things of our contributors. And again, thank you so much for giving your time to be here tonight. It really means a lot that you all have showed up yet again to provide your feedback on this important subject. I have a few ground rules to request just to ensure that as many voices are heard as possible, and we have the opportunity to make these comments meaningful. So we will ask that contributors follow some basic ground rules. So please raise your hand on Zoom if you wish to speak, and keep all individual comments to under three minutes. If you exceed this guideline, we may gently remind you of the time. Contributors may speak more than once, but we will give priority to those who have not yet spoken if you raise your hand again. I'd also like to request that we, at this time, try to reserve the chat for questions as well for those who may be less comfortable sharing questions verbally. So just to help us sort through the chat and kind of be able to see those questions and make this as productive of an event as possible. So thank you all so much for honoring those community standards. And with that, we will begin the community feedback portion of this event, which we will devote the rest of the evening to. So I will just begin in the order that I see hands. So, and then we can turn it back to the monitor to call on questions if they would like. Okay, so let's start with Linda.
- **Linda:** Wonderful afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak up. As a community member, I would like to first say I would have appreciated a more thoughtful approach to the chat room as there is aggressive bullying happening within it. And I just wanna put that out there on the table. As far as the police's response and the reason in grounding for this meeting, I still think that even though you've said we understand it was traumatizing and we understand that being here is traumatizing, but also when there's not community standards put out forthright and people are literally being bullied over the police's watchful eyes, it just seems like same thing, different day. And aggressive bullying and minimizing people's ability to be in the room and actually engage with this part of the work is like grounded in white supremacy ideology and white supremacy behavior. And those of us that have been at these tables and doing that work can see when someone is literally doing those things to us in these environments. I don't know how you expect me to share anything, but the fact that y'all are missing the ball at the jump often, this is like what Portland does, it misses the ball all the time. And like where community members are put in places and conversations to defend ourselves and to advocate for ourselves when we're supposed to be at a table of community sharing and communing with one another. I really know that there are ways to better bring us

together where folks can't just be aggressive bullies and then we can just bypass that by saying, let's use the chat for questions. Once again, Portland leaves me shaking my head and wondering what they really think police accountability or community engagement really is. This is just the top of the cherry for y'all. Just keep on jacking us up.

- **Dori:** Okay, I believe we can move on to Jake.
- **Jake:** Awesome, can y'all hear me confirm that? Yes, we can. Awesome, thank you so much. And I wanna give a huge thanks to Dory for facilitating this event and for the folks of PCCEP for listening to the community. Mr. Mitchell and other members of the independent monitor, you're new to the city and to the discussion, but many of these PCCEP members have been listening for years while Mayor Wheeler and the police have ignored us and called for violence against us. And I hope you can lean on PCCEP's deep understanding and community members deep understanding and even reaching out to members of PCCEP who have left, some left due to frustration and lack of support from the mayor's office from Portland Police Bureau blocking their efforts. And they have a really deep knowledge and I would love to have you reach out to them. And I also wanna call out that this meeting as Linda called out so well, has been poorly advertised with little support from Mayor Wheeler's office. And while they state that they want to hear from the community, the community has not been properly informed. Many I spoke to recently, folks who are dedicated to this work had no idea about this meeting. So I hope more sessions are conducted and I'll definitely be reaching out. And third, this meeting is two years after the events. Mayor Wheeler said that he wants to hear from the community but the community has been speaking. The community has been reaching out. The community has been organizing. The fact that Mayor Wheeler and PPB have not been listening is very true. He and Chief Lovell have refused to respond to meeting requests from organizations, refused to show up to discussions and ignored countless voices. They claim to host action tables about compassion and safety but those have not been hosted for over a year. And now the community is asked to show up again after countless asks to show up to reopen wounds, to rehash harms, to be vulnerable again. And that's a huge ask for the community and is not trauma informed. Healing does not come through asking victims to constantly bear their scars. It comes from stopping harm. To be vulnerable in front of a power system that brutalized, lied, mocked, hacked with impunity, broke the law, gassed us, shot us, enabled abusers, worked alongside the far right, watched as extremists drove into us with trucks, lied to our faces, lobbied against reforms, demanded more access to chemical weapons after showing they were ignorant about them, gassed children in their beds and beat their parents while they begged for help, ignored international watchdog organizations, leaked information to the press and acted like cowards when one of them was held accountable, that is another harm. We were vulnerable and we were brutalized by the police with what accountability. Now we are being asked to be vulnerable again, but what will come? These sessions are not in a vacuum while we are share here the DOJ is also saying Portland Police Bureau is moving further from compliance of the settlement that brings this event together.

Mayor Wheeler's office is throwing roadblocks in front of PCCEP, the group hosting this event. Data shows us the reforms PPB agreed to are not working and cops continue to target black and communities of color. Houseless folks continue to be harmed and police continue to brutalize for more money than ever before. While we talk about Portland Police Bureau's response to 2020 protests tonight, a thread was posted today about a current police officer for Portland Police Bureau, making money from a book that he just wrote about these protests that is being promoted by far right extremists and shows a disregard for a community of support. So please listen, this is a chance to truly heal. We need action, not lies, not hollow words from Mayor Wheeler paid for by Andrew Hoan at the Portland Business Alliance and not a continuous parade of trauma porn that arouses bought politicians, but leaves the abused broken. Please, this is a chance we've been showing up and have not been listened to for years and we need action and that means accountability, it means reform, it means abolition and it means defunding, thank you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Jake.
- **Andrew Tolman:** Next, I see Andrew. Hello, my name is Andrew Tolman. I'm a sign language interpreter that has lived in Portland, Oregon for the last seven years. I am the founder of Fingers Crossed Interpreting that was started in the streets at the Abolish ICE movement here a few years ago and has continued to provide ASL interpreting at the front lines of protests alongside deaf and hard of hearing protesters of all political beliefs in Portland and around Oregon and Washington for the last five years. I do this work because the city has continuously failed to keep its commitment to provide ASL interpretation as a basic standard under ADA law for equitable access to all political involvement for all people living within city limits, not just citizens, but people living here. The meeting not being accessible tonight is actually another example of that failure. Knowing that ASL interpreters would not be provided and continuing anyway, knowing that there are multiple ADA violations currently being prosecuted right now against the city is disgusting. I personally was arrested during the 2020 protests for interpreting on the streets while standing on the sidewalk, interpreting on Facebook Live. I wasn't doing anything except interpreting and providing access that your police force was failing to provide, giving warnings and instructions to people who could not receive that information and were brutalized and arrested anyway. I also had my information leaked to the internet and doxxed by someone in this group named Andy Ngo who did that to multiple other people. Again, I wanna emphasize that my information was leaked to the internet and my personal information was doxxed because I was providing ASL interpretation when you did not. I am also a drag queen in this city. My name is Ann J. Tifa. That's right. My name is Ann Tifa and so should yours. Who is the community here when you talk about community engagement? Is it the queer people? Is it the drag queens? Is it the sex workers? Is it the disabled people? It's not. I work in this nightlife and none of those people know that these meetings even exist. When you wanna talk about community engagement, you need to be involving the people who feel that they are left out because they don't even fucking know that these things are going on. Did you know that 50% of people who are brutalized by the police are

disabled? 50% and that's just according to the data we actually have. That doesn't include under reported and ignored information because of meetings like this that are inaccessible. I have lived here for seven years and the one thing that I've noticed is that regardless of what side you're on, people do not feel safe and what is happening in this city is not creating safety. It is meetings like this that politicize safety, that politicize health, that distract from the actual discussions we need to be having and if they are not accessible and they are not leading with disability justice, then they are not equitable, they are not equal and they are not actually engaging the community. This is fucking ridiculous. It is fucking bullshit. Put it on record, I said so. Again, my name is Anjay Tifa and so should yours.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Andrew.
- **Roza:** Next, I see Rosa. Hey, Rosa here. I've been a Portland resident since 2018. I've been brutalized by the fucking police force here. One, two, three, four. Okay, I lost count, but it's been a lot. Today, I want to talk about the use of chemical weapons. What are chemical weapons? Well, there was a convention that a bunch of... Actually, it was 193 countries signed about the use of chemical weapons. Let's read directly from the opcw.org website. What does that say? A chemical weapon is a chemical used to cause intentional death or harm through its toxic properties. Munitions, devices and other equipment specifically designed to weaponize toxic chemicals also fall under the definition of chemical weapons. So at the beginning of this meeting, I heard our independent LLC that's supposed to be monitoring all this stuff talk about the effectiveness of the decision tree that was made. At what part of the decision tree is violation of international convention supposed to fall? Because I'll tell you something, there's a lot of people here tonight that aren't testifying that are receiving two, three periods a month, missing their periods for fucking six months. There are people like me who had a horrible skin reaction and my eyes still haven't fully healed. I have a chunk of some fucking munition in my eye that blew up at my feet for holding a sign. Fuck you, fuck the Portland police, fuck Ted Wheeler and fuck this sham meeting. Suck my fucking girl dick, I'm out. Thank you, Rosa.
- **Dori:** Next, we have Anne Campbell, PCCEP member.
- **Ann Campbell:** Good evening, everyone. I'm Anne Campbell, I'm a PCCEP member. I was appointed to PCCEP right before the murder of George Floyd. I'm happy to be here in community with all of you. PCCEP has been asking for this analysis for two years. So we're happy to see that it is finally happening. PCCEP held three town halls in the summer of 2020. And we have video recordings of that where we heard over 700 community members tell us about their thoughts and their experiences with our Portland Police Bureau during the protests and also their thoughts about how the city reacted at that time. I agree with, I'm hoping that you'll get those videos and those video recordings, incredible information, very important to your work. I agree with much of what Jake has said. I too want to have a safe community. I want us to not harm people here and I want us to change our behaviors to hold people accountable. And that's why I'm here this evening. And thank you again.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Anne.
- **Ashley Schofield:** Next, we have Ashley, PCCEP member. Thanks, Dori. Yes, hi, I'm Ashley Schofield and I'm a new PCCEP member. I was just appointed earlier this summer. Thank you to everyone who's given their testimony already. I definitely wanted to take this time as a community member, active volunteer, a mother, a homeowner. I'm deeply invested into this city and its future. The reason why I joined PCCEP and joined this conversation was because there needs to be a voice at the table about the abuse of the Portland Police Bureau. You've already heard how much we hate them. You've already heard how much we are unwilling to come to the table. And so I wanted to take this moment to sort of give my testimony about what I, my opinion of how 2020 happened. And 2020 happened because we were sick and tired. We had enough of the abuse and we had seen it going around the country, but we had seen it going around the country. We had seen it going around the country, but we knew we were out there because, we were out there protesting because we knew we also had the same horrible system abusing our citizens. And so when people try to conflict the situation and say 2020 was nothing but antifas and leftists and radicals. Yeah, we were radicals. We were, because we wanna get down to the source of the problem. The source of the problem is an institution that has been raised and maintained to have implicit bias and racist and maintain a level of white supremacy. So for me joining this, I wanted to bring up the conversation of what public safety is. We can all agree we want public safety. We want something better. But is policing public safety? Is policing how it is? Is that bringing us safety? You heard, the city has heard, the city has heard many, many times about our opinions of what happened and how we feel and we keep getting ignored. And so until we really start to understand and we really start to break down our city's history of racism and discrimination, we're not gonna go anywhere. And so what was going on in 2020 was rage. It was rage for not being heard. And so now I just want you to know, I, the independent monitors, I want you to know that there is a voice. We are, there is a contingent in the city that is sick and tired of a police force that is not community driven, that is racist to its core. It is, it absolutely is. They are not, PBB is not taking pictures of the KKK clan anymore, but they're texting white supremacy groups to give them routes to make them safe so that those white supremacy groups can spread their hate evil. And so, I just want you to know that you can take 2020 and make it sound like you were crazy and we were rioting, but we weren't. We were standing up because we were being, we were not heard. And now we're taking it from the streets and we're joining committees and we're joining boards and we're raising children to understand what we deserve with public safety and it's not policing. And so please just take that away in your analysis as you listen and learn about the situation. And please know that what people are saying about our hate for public Portland Police Bureau is real. And it's not up to us to come to them. They have to come to us and they have to get down to the core of that. So I'm really excited to work for PCCEP and try to find some real recommendations that will change the way we think about public safety. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Thank you, Ashley. Next, I see Debbie.

- **Debbie Hall:** Hi, thank you. I am a tourist. I travel. I visit various cities across this country and around the world and Portland is no longer-
- **Heckler:** Shut the fuck up, Debbie. No one cares about you. Okay.
- **Dori:** As a reminder, this is an open forum. All opinions can be shared in this forum. Please maintain our community standards and let everyone speak. Thank you.
- **Debbie Hall:** Thank you. And as a traveler, I watched the riots in Portland. Now I will say, I do think the police went overboard in some instances. But what you have is the whitest city in the entire country, including every speaker who is lined up to speak. And there are no minorities being abused because there are no minorities. There are, it's 75% white in Portland. And what people don't feel safe from are you people who are burning buildings, who are terrorizing anybody walking down the street. You terrorize anybody who doesn't agree with you. And that is what is making Portland unsafe. Your businesses are boarding up. Nobody wants to be downtown anymore. Nobody wants to visit your city. You are destroying your own economy with your crazy defund the police garbage. And I'm not even a right-winger. I am a regular liberal and that's what I am watching. It's disgusting and the police need to be there. The police need to start prosecuting the people who are committing acts of violence, who are terrorizing visitors and business owners. You have to start prosecuting these people and putting them in prison. It is the only way your city is gonna be safe again. And this defund garbage with a city just filled with white people is a joke. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Okay. I see Byron.
- **Byron:** Dory, could you go to somebody else? I'm not ready yet. Thank you though.
- **Dori:** Absolutely. I see KM.
- **Kat Mahoney:** Hi, yeah, my name's Kat Mahoney and I am an attorney in Portland. I am a Korean immigrant. I am an ACLU legal observer. And I am here to say that I witnessed several incidences of PPB beating protesters who were actually complying. I can name you a few incidences and I can also talk about my own arrest that happened on August 9th, 2020 in which I was legally observing and I was listening to what the police was saying. And we were walking alongside a riot van. The riot van, the orders from the folks on the riot van told us to not pass the van. So we did that. But then there was a game where they played where they would speed up and slow down and speed up and slow down. And there were a number of legal observers with me. And so we tried to keep pace. We started getting conflicting instructions. One officer would tell us to stop. One officer would tell us that we couldn't do this. And if we did it, we would get arrested. When the van finally reached its stopping point, which was at a street in North Portland, and there were a number of protesters far ahead where we could no longer see them because this was around 1 a.m., we were told to stop and we were told to move. And then another officer told us to go move to a different spot. And when I said I'm receiving conflicting instructions, I was grabbed by Justin D'Amaville and shoved. And to catch

my balance, I ended up grabbing onto Oliphant. And then I was told to let go. I let go. I was told, go home and go to jail. And I stood there and I was about two feet away. D'Amaville grabbed me again, pushed me to the ground, pulled my respirator off my face, twisted my arm so that it came out of, my shoulder came out of socket, my wrist came out the mouth. Put my face, shoved my face into the concrete and arrested me, pulled me up by my shoulder blade instead of by cuffs or even trying to stand me up, threw me up against the riot van. When they asked me what my name was, I said, I want to talk to a lawyer. D'Amaville said, we know who you are. That is not policing. That is not safety. Nothing that me or the rest of the legal observers who were out that night did, crossed any boundaries or broke any laws. After that, I was doxxed by Andy Ngo. After that, I've been receiving death threats on a regular basis. Most recently, somebody posted my home address in Telegram. Some of these folks also follow and are friends with Portland Police. Some of the Portland Police have also posted about me in their Instagram accounts and posted my address, my job and who I am. If you're trying to figure out if there is a bias, if you're trying to figure out if there is a problem, there is. I can post the videos of my arrest. They've gone into the court case that the ACLU currently has against the Portland Police, if you'd like to see them for yourself. And then you can judge as to whether or not that was fair or right. But this form, I mean, everyone has already said it has not been well put together, is not being well facilitated at all. Clearly, look at the chat. However, if we're trying to figure out if the police need to have some major reconstruction done, some major re-imagining of what public safety looks like, absolutely, I'm here for that. But I am not here for trauma porn. But if you wanna hear my stories, I have several of them. That was just one of many incidences in which the Portland Police focused on ACLU legal observers. I have been shot in the hand. I have been shot in the chest. I have been hit in the back. I have been shot in the head. I have been maced. I have been pepper sprayed. I have been shoved. And I'm not the only one. Thank you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, K.M. I see JJ's hand.
- **JJ:** Hi, thank you. Are you guys able to hear me?
- **Unknown:** Yes.
- **JJ:** Okay, thank you. It doesn't look like my video is working tonight. My name's JJ. I'm a mom in Portland. And I just wanted to share with you an experience that I had during the protests in Portland. The week after George Floyd's killing, my daughter, who was in high school at the time, came to me and said that she and a friend wanted to attend a protest. And she was wondering if I would drop her downtown. And I was thinking about it. I haven't been politically active before that. And she said to me, mom, in history class, when we were learning about the civil rights movement, I always wondered what would I have done? And she said to me, mom, I think this is the civil rights movement of our time. And so I agreed to take her, but I said that I would look for some things that would be more family oriented. And then I wanted to accompany her because I wanted to make sure that she was safe and that she had a ride there and back. So I took her to a family-friendly event

downtown. We walked over a bridge. There were some speeches that we listened to. And then at some point it was determined, I guess, that we were there illegally. And there was a lot of commotion at that time. You could hear announcements from the police telling you to exit one direction and then you would hear announcements telling you to exit a different direction. And then there was a lot of rumors at the time too, that there were white supremacist groups in Portland or the Proud Boys or whatever they're called, that were maybe going to be looking for people who left. And so it was very difficult in that crowd what to do or where to go or how to be safe. So we were hanging back. We weren't close to any front lines or we could even see police officers. We could only hear what was going on. And then I was finally able to just figure out, we're just gonna go, I'm just gonna figure out, I'm gonna hope that us three women are gonna be able to leave and be safe. Before we were able to totally exit, the police were making announcements and they were starting to push on the different crowd. And there were pepper balls. Our throats were starting to get itchy. It was becoming difficult for us to breathe as well. And then there started to be tear gas like dispersed into the crowd and people were running and pushing and it was very scary. So I continued to escort them out. I was able to make it to my car. And then my new dilemma became trying to, try and figure out a way to get over a bridge because I needed to leave and then go home. So I located my car, but then we were trying to leave, but it was very difficult to leave because the police I watched were chasing the protesters out of the area that they wanted them to leave. Blocks and blocks and blocks all the way, I think into 405 and then all the way into North Portland. So I was trying to like cut across and just like go, West and then try and figure out how I might be able to get East, but circumvent all of the activity happened. I wasn't able to do so because I was, because the police and riot gear on their riot SUVs, I guess, were like chasing people everywhere. I watched them hit kids that were no older than my teenagers with batons. I saw two kids. I say kids, I don't know how old they were. Everybody probably under 25 looks like a kid to me, but I saw them on the ground. One of the women looked totally unconscious. The other person next to her was there. They, I think were in police custody, but nobody was giving her aid. My daughter was very concerned. I was very concerned because my daughter has a congenital heart condition. And honestly, I don't know what effect tear gas has on somebody who has a heart condition if their lungs become impaired. It wasn't at all what I was expecting to have happened. I thought that we were going to be there to show support for the people of color, particularly black people in my community who seem by all statistics to be impacted more so by police violence than anybody else in Portland. It was very disturbing to me. Afterwards, my daughter said to me, I will never go to a protest again. I never want to go protest again. My son, who's much younger, I took away all of his police toys because I, that his family had given him because I no longer believe in the Portland police. I don't believe they will keep us safe. I don't believe it's even what they want to do. I feel like even just talking about as a city, taking away a small amount of the funds that they receive to help people who are in a mental health crisis that they have said in the past, they're not trained or equipped to do, has, you know, like what you've watched happen, I think is maybe even like a police work slow down where they're just like, fine, if you're gonna take a small amount of

money away for our budget, then we won't do any work. We won't do anything. Anyway, this is, I don't do this professionally and I thank you for hearing me.

- **Dori:** Thank you, JJ. Next, I see Mark Wilson's hand. And as a reminder, if the chat cannot be a space for questions and information, we will have to close the chat. Thank you. Mark Wilson, were you going to speak? Okay, let's go to Paul.
- **Paul:** Hi there, can everyone hear me okay?
- **Others:** Yes, we can.
- **Paul:** Just as a forewarning, I'm a little sick. So if I mute myself to cough or whatever, I'm not dropping out immediately. But I just wanted to point out that I think a source of a lot of the frustration that people here are feeling, and I really appreciate what I believe both KM and Ashley and Jake had to say earlier, I really would foot stomp all of that. But I think a big part of why we're here today is we haven't seen any effort at all on the part of any level of city government to address any of the concerns that, again, as those former speakers said, people have been voicing for decades at this point. I've lived here about 10 years, give or take. And certainly back before, I don't know, 2018 and 19, before then, I didn't certainly think that PPB itself was an inherently problematic institution more so than any other police department. I didn't think that they were in effect, if not in practice, an actual hate group. But again, like has been highlighted before, we see them coordinating with identified hate groups, whether by the actual government or by the ACLU and other, the Southern Poverty Law Center and other groups, we see them working with these people, we see them shepherding them. And then when it comes to dealing with the protesters, I think we all know who were there, that the day and the day after we came out for George Floyd, PPB was out to be retributive. They were out to punish people and to attack and provoke people for daring to speak up for any civil rights purpose whatsoever. And they did not want to contain damage. They wanted to inflict damage on the people that were there. So the idea that we can see them ignore strictures coming from our own city government about the use of their chemical munitions or the riot control munitions, and then start using their vehicles as weapons against protesters or their affiliates being involved in very violent either attacks on protesters or perhaps like weird ops to make the protesters look more violent. I'm thinking of like the guy with the pipe bomb in the park, who is an affiliate trainer of PPB. We've seen none of this addressed whatsoever. And it's not just, although it certainly is Ted Wheeler, who's had three years of opportunity to do anything whatsoever to talk to people about these issues. But we've seen a real paucity of involvement from anyone in our city government, to respond to these issues that again, as was highlighted before have been identified as systemic issues within this department by our federal government and other third party observers. And again, I really feel we need a safe responsible law abiding police force to police the town, but PPB has to go. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Okay, thank you. Beatrix, I see you next.

- **Beatrix:** Thank you. I'm gonna read a quote from Alex Vitale's End of Policing. The problem is not police training, police diversity or police methods. The problem is the dramatic and unprecedented expansion and an intensity of policing in the last 40 years, a fundamental shift in the role of police in society. The problem is policing itself. So I also wanna ground us in the history of policing at first started in the Carolinas as slave patrols who would basically kidnap enslaved people who ran away and would return them to their oppressors. And the origins also were that the police officers were used to stamp out any kind of slave uprising, any labor strikes and any movements. So we see that today in 2020, right? When folks went out on the streets to speak out against police brutality, we saw more police brutality. More police brutality against protesters. We see also that after the sixties, there was a call for increased policing and also a prison boom after Nixon's war on drugs. But that was also correlated with, right? Like there was this idea that protesters were criminals and then therefore people were calling for increased funding for police departments. And what we see with Mayor Wheeler's office and in city council is a call for increased policing after the protest, which is the opposite of the demands of a lot of the Black Lives Matter organizers. And when folks say that we've been defunded, all of those funds have been returned back and we see a record high actually in police budgets. And just to note, like to this day, right? Like where are we now? I was recently in my friend's neighborhood where there was a Polynesian family and the cops had come and they had brought the Bearcat. So that's basically like their military tanks that they have shown case on their recruitment Instagram page. And there are officers dressed in like camouflage and a lot like the riot police there. And there was over 20 police like cars. And so when people say that we've been defunded, there are so many resources, too many resources for these officers and just a lot of militarization. Regarding the protests, there has been no accountability for the 6,000 self-reported uses of force from PPP. And that's only what they reported. And Mayor Wheeler had told Trump's administration for the federal officers to leave, but the majority of the tear gas and brutality that we've seen was from PPP. And so we haven't seen accountability and the lawsuits that are currently underway are nowhere near accountability because it's like monetary compensation at best. And we haven't seen any officers fired. We haven't seen any kind of accountability. So I share my frustration like Jake had mentioned earlier of these community listening sessions, where we're tired of continually telling these stories and seeing no real accountability. Seeing no real outcomes. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Thank you, Beatrix. Next, we have Brandon.
- **Brandon Farley:** Hello, I'm Brandon Farley. I was a videographer in the 2020 riots of George Floyd in Portland. I've lived in downtown more than half my life and I've watched it basically get destroyed during and after the riots occurred. I was a target by Antifa when I was out there filming because they don't like to see truthful reporting. So quite often I had to, they call it bloc up. I would dress as one of them and try to get as much footage as I could. I was out there quite frequently, never got arrested. I was shot a couple of times by some less lethal munitions. One of them, I'll take ownership for that. I just got too close to a scene that had gotten out of hand

and was told to back up. I didn't do it in time. I'm not gonna cry about it. It happened. Left a scar on my leg, a well. It just comes with the territory. The so-called chemical sprays, these, that was really, it wasn't that bad. Like I was breathing that, I didn't even wear a mask. They all had masks on. It seemed like that they were exaggerating everything. Nobody's missing their periods. You can look at actual data from any scientific journal. This is just people speaking. But I wanna say that the police did their job to the best of their abilities. And they were in a terrain where these rioters, Antifa, so-called protesters were very inflammatory towards the cops. They were throwing Molotov cocktails at them. I was filming them hurl racist remarks at black officers. I mean, this, just the most deplorable things you could imagine, screaming at them all night. And these officers were working overtime, and they only deployed the spray when there was an immediate danger from what I could see. And trust me, I was out there a lot. So in fact, I even did sue the city successfully for a few thousand dollars when I got hit with the first rubber bullet. It's called going through the process of holding your government accountable instead of just yelling about it and screaming and cussing. You can actually participate in city government. You can participate in the law. And I had a lot of constructive conversations with the city attorney's office during that whole tort claim. And I learned a lot about the process. And I just wish that these protesters who are out there, rather than complain about the damages that were done to them at their own hands, basically, they antagonize all of it. Rather than do that, why don't you just get something productive done? Go to some city council meetings, organize. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

- **Dori:** Okay, next we have Angela.
- **Angela:** Thank you. So I am a long time Portland resident, nearly 50 years old, and I was born and raised here. And I'm really, really sad to see the city I was born and raised in, and I've been raising my family in. Look, nothing, nothing like the city I grew up in. I worked for a large employer downtown that was just a few blocks away from the Justice Center. And since the time of the riots, and I will not call them protests because they are no such thing. They were far from protests. You can protest, you can peacefully protest, you can be loud, you can make your voice heard. They were riots. And very quickly, the company that I work for, for our safety and for the safety of our building, which was damaged, which was broken into many times, which was defaced, had to shut down for the safety of our employees. And I have not set foot in my company for two and a half years. So to hear people cry and fuss about, well, let me back up. I don't want to demean anybody's personal experience because I realized that people went through a lot of painful things. However, a lot of those things are the consequences of your own choices. And I don't have a lot of painful stories because I didn't put myself in those situations. We got close a few times when things were getting a little hairy downtown. We removed ourselves from those situations. I don't have a long history or actually any stories of really traumatic encounters with police because that's not the choices I make in my life. You know, and even this, when I'm expressing my story, my history with Portland, even in the chat, people are telling me to shut up, to stop talking. And this

is the level of discourse that has gotten to, and the way that our society is now. If you don't like what somebody says, you don't agree with them, they have a different opinion. You know, it stopped talking, shouting me down. You know, nobody knows what I look like. Nobody knows my story. Nobody knows my socioeconomic level. You don't know my story. You don't know my experiences. You don't know my path. You don't know my history and why I've made those choices. You're presuming. You don't know what color my children are. You don't know anything about me, but you're making a whole lot of presumptions. But we had a lot of officers that were being, did they all make perfect choices? No, I think there actually are some officers that should have some consequences too for choices they made. But I also think that the Portland City Council and the Portland mayor put them in the position of damned if you will, and damned if you don't. And I think Portland Mayor Wheeler needs to go. Joanne Hardesty is a travesty. And I think most of the city council is too. And they are to blame for the cesspool that is city Portland. So is Portland police perfect? Absolutely not. But I think they were put in a position with protesters that were bused in from all kinds of places that are pretty much professional protesters that just go from place to place that have no real roots. And their only thing that they do is they go and protest around. And I honestly think, you know what? If more people had some deep roots in this place, they would have a little bit more passion for our city and love for our city and not make it the cesspool or the San Francisco junior that it has become. And I think our police officers and law enforcement officers have gotten dumped on for a lot more than they were responsible for, because a lot of the protesters, they were just, protesters were out there just egging on and got a lot more than they should have, you know, a lot of good friends that lived in the area that could not sleep for fear of what was happening just a few blocks away from they lived. The city is, you know, we lost our gang units because of the backlash of some people that don't have any political will anymore. They're just as weak as ever.

- **Heckler:** Angela, you're over time.
- **Angela:** You know what? And if you don't like it, you can be quiet and wait your turn.
- **Dori:** Angela, I will, as the moderator, I am required to notify you that you are over time.
- **Angela:** I'm perfectly fine. I'll finish up just one thought, okay?
- **Dori:** You've been over time multiple times.
- **Angela:** I've got it. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Angela, we'll have to cut it there. And this is a perfect time for that because it is now 7 p.m. and we will be taking a 10 minute break. So we will keep your hands in order. So we're just gonna kind of mute everything, step away for 10 minutes, and then we will meet back here at 7.11 p.m. So, you know, I hope you all, you know, get

up and stretch and take a deep breath and thank you all again for being here with us tonight. And we will, we will meet back in 10 minutes. Thanks again. Thank you.

Part Two

- **Dori:** We will now resume this town hall and we will just jump right back into our community feedback. So I see Abigail.
- **Abigail:** Yes. Hi, can you hear me? Yes. Yeah. So, uh, Angela, the speaker who went before me is right about one singular thing. And that is that protesters got a lot more than they should have. So I was 23 years old when the 2020 protests started. I had just graduated college and I protested for over 70 nights in the first 100 consecutive days of protests. Now over the course of those nights, I saw people vomiting blood from tear gas. I saw cops shoot protesters with nearly molten canisters. Resulting in horrific burns and bruises. And I myself am infertile. And I know this because of my years long history of donating my eggs through a facility in downtown Portland. Now tear gas has been banned in warfare since the Geneva convention. And I'll say that again. PPB has removed my bodily autonomy from me and made it so that I can never have children of my own with their unlawful use of tear gas against people who are exercising their first amendment right. Why are these officers with absolutely zero effective oversight capable of sterilizing civilians? PPB doesn't even know how many munitions that they use on a given night in summer of 2020. That has been a deliberate choice by their union PPA, which by the way was founded by a literal Nazi. Since 2020 there has been a strong wave of propaganda from city council and from our horrible mayor Ted Wheeler insisting that so-called violent rioters are the cause of crime and a purely fictional police defunding. PPB's budget is at an all-time high. Their budget and their staffing has nothing to do with the crime rate. That has been statistically proven. Brandon Farley mentioned going through the process of a lawsuit in the face of police brutality. Now I'm doing the same thing for my own unlawful arrest, Brandon. Now I know that your listening skills are minimal, but please know the privilege that you carry by even being able to go forward with a suit because you are capable of that as an alt-right cis white man. Most people are not afforded that right. I'm one of the privileged few and I'm grateful for it because I'm going to make my voice heard and make them pay for what they did to me. PPB must face consequences. PPA, their union, implemented an intentional work stoppage in the face of crime in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Ted Wheeler knows this. The city council know this. It is a well-documented fact and they will stoke the fires and angers of people like Angela, who again spoke before me because they know it will bring more police supporters. I am begging you people to read critically. Do not fall for their propaganda. We as a people and as a city are smarter than this. If Angela wants to call my infertility the consequence of my own choices and if Brandon Farley wants to deny that it's even happening and tell me to read a fucking scientific journal, they are choosing to plunge their heads into the sand. PPB must be stopped. They are a violent, racist, transphobic gang that denied the realities of the pandemic and used unmeasurable forces against countless Portlanders. And again, I cannot have children because of what Portland Police

Bureau did to me and countless others. We are better than them and we deserve a better world and a better world is possible. I yield my time.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Abigail. Next, I see Jay. I see Jay. Is Jay there?
- **Jay:** Hey, sorry, can I get a skit or can I go after the next person?
- **Dori:** Yes, Sandy.
- **Sandy Chung:** Hello, my name is Sandy Chung. I'm the executive director of the ACLU of Oregon. The ACLU of Oregon is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to civil liberties and civil rights with more than 28,000 members in the state of Oregon. This country was founded on protest. The right to protest is fundamental and a fundamental part of our constitutional rights because protest is part and parcel of the history of the United States and its founding. In 2020, the people of Portland took to the streets for 100 days straight to protest systemic racism and white supremacy and police misconduct and violence towards Black people. Here are some of the many examples of Portland Police's racist conduct and violence towards Black community members. In 1981, Portland Police left a pair of dead possums in front of a Black-owned restaurant for the owners and patrons to find. In 1985, Portland Police murdered Lloyd Tony Stevenson with a sleeper chokehold. There was justifiable public outrage about the murder of Mr. Stevenson. Portland Police officers responded to this public outrage by selling t-shirts at a precinct parking lot with an image of a smoking handgun with the words, don't choke him, smoke him. In 2003, Kendra James was gunned down by Portland Police during a traffic stop. In 2010, Aaron Campbell was shot in the back and killed by Portland Police during a welfare check. In 2017, Quanice Hayes was shot and killed by Portland Police with an AR-15 rifle while Mr. Hayes was on his knees with his arms raised. In 2017, Portland Police officers helped West Linn Police officers harass Michael Fesser by wrongfully arresting him. What did Mr. Fesser do? Mr. Fesser's boss was afraid that Mr. Fesser would sue him for unlawful discrimination, so Mr. Fesser's boss had his fishing buddies at the West Linn Police work with Portland Police to arrest Mr. Fesser. In 2019, Andre Gladden, a legally blind man with mental health needs, was killed by Portland Police. Earlier this year, we also learned of the findings of the OIR Group, a consulting company engaged by the City of Portland. Here are some of the findings of the OIR Group. They said the process for implementing a community oversight board of Portland Police, which was mandated by City of Portland voters, has been slow because of Portland Police Bureau challenges. The OIR Group also said that many points and types of data, including internal Portland Police data, shows that the Portland Police Bureau disproportionately harms Black individuals through stops, arrests, and violence. They also said that the Portland Police Bureau is often tone deaf and defensive when controversies occur, controversies which often involve Portland Police misconduct or violence towards community members. They also stated that the Portland Police Bureau should take a more proactive role in identifying and addressing extremism and racism amongst its members, which the Bureau was not doing. They also noted that setbacks in the federal Department of Justice compliance process were driven in part by the Portland Police Bureau's recalcitrance with regard to DOJ's concerns. They also noted that the Portland Police Bureau can be intransigent to change and

that even when recommendations for change are made, they're often not addressed and mistakes continue year after year. They also noted that the Portland Police Association has been reactionary, severe, and aggressive in ways that have not served the community, the City of Portland, and Portland Police officers too. Again, many people have noted this, but Portland Police has not been defunded. In fact, their annual budget this year is larger than ever, is \$249 million. I state all of these facts in this history because these are important to remember, and it is important to remember what protesters were asking for in 2020. They were simply asking for accountability when police engage in misconduct or violence. Thank you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Sandy. Okay, we have Jay again.
- **Javier:** Hi, can you hear me? Yes. Hi, my name is Javier. I live in Portland. Unlike most of the Portland Police Bureau. I guess I have two main points to make. My first one is Javier. J-A-V-I-E-R. Javier. I live in Portland. My main two points are that first off, this process is hard for a lot of us to take seriously, and to even consider attending. As many people have clearly stated, we've all tried this before. The city has pretended like it was going to listen and done sessions and town halls and opinions and held committees and oversight and oversight. And it just they just do whatever they want anyway. So you should, you know, I ask that you forgive a lot of us, if we are very skeptic of your ability to actually hold the police in Portland, the Portland Police Bureau accountable. Just as a quick example, right? You know, we have actual active white supremacists in the sheriff's department and in the Portland Police Bureau who just face no repercussions for joining terrorist militias. Portland police officers will leak investigation material to white supremacists, you know, journalists and journalists in quotations there and face no repercussions. So time after time, we're seeing these quote unquote, oversights and things and just not seeing the results. And it's because no matter what recommendations you guys make at the end, right, you could agree with every single one of us, every single person who was brutalized, you could make the most serious recommendation to disband the Portland Police Bureau, meet every single one of our demands. And yet the union contract just won't let you do any of it. These officers are genuinely untouchable. And you know, people like the bootlickers like Ted Wheeler will say that they need more training, they need more funding. Let's take a quick example here, Detective Eric Kammerer, who is notorious for being a sadistic, violent piece of shit throughout the 2020 protests. If you go on DPSST and look him up, you can see that for the year of 2019, he had over 60 individual training sessions, everything from shooting to chokeholds to non-lethal, non-lethal use of force, tactical driving. And yet this piece of shit brutalized so many people that we all knew him by name and memory alone. So the training is not the issue. You know, when these cops have 15 trainings about LGBTQ issues in their repertoire and yet continue to ignore hate crimes or enable hate crimes and Nazi terrorist attacks or mass shootings like last February here in Portland, this is, there's no, it's very hard for people to have honest faith that anything's going to come out of sessions like this because every time they disband the gang violence unit, right, notoriously racist, there is no way you can spin the data to say that these pigs are not racist because they're all from sundown towns. And yet they get disbanded and then they get reformed two years later with

the same members and a new name. It's just absolutely ridiculous that people are expected to put up with this process over and over again, despite the fact that nothing actually changes. I mean, hopefully you guys can actually do something, but good fucking luck because a lot of people have tried and there is absolutely, there is no legal avenue to hold these cops accountable. A terrorist bomber, a guy who built a pipe bomb and threw it in a park is training police officers in Oregon. Like let that shit sink in, you know, like there's this, it's rotten to the core as Sandy very clearly pointed out earlier, these cops collaborate across jurisdictions, across departments. There's the people in charge of all of our policies, you know, like the Portland Business [Alliance], a lot. It's just, it's an ongoing systemic thing. And I just, I don't have faith that a group where one of you, I think you said you oversaw the Los Angeles Sheriff's department, which has literal Nazi gangs in it that execute minority minorities and see no charges for any of this. Like how are we supposed to have faith that you're going to be able to do anything here? It's just, it's ridiculous. You know, like I said, good luck and just, just know that people are completely out of patience. It might seem like the city is swinging conservative, but it's because Portland police and the mayor have been very good about their propaganda. The second you motherfuckers slip up, just know that the city is going to eat you alive. Go back to your fucking sundown towns, you racist pieces of shit.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Javier. Next, we have Celeste, PCCEP member.
- **Celeste:** Good evening, everyone. Got a couple of points. I'm gonna try to hit them quick. The very first thing I want to ask this independent monitor group is do you actually have the will to make the changes necessary? Because as people have pointed out, anything else is a waste of our time. Point made, that's it. Second, this is for all of the people who are doing the hard work bridge building, going out there and doing righteous protests. Be aware that there are provocateurs on all sides coming at us from all areas. Do not listen to their generalizations because they're designed to make you mad, make you lose your ability to have critical thinking. Okay, that's the second thought. As for the police, independent monitors, as it's been stated by a number of people factually and we can give you documentation, you have police officers who have deep roots and connections with groups like Oath Keepers. That has been considered to be not a violation of professional standards. That was decided a few years ago. How can you not account for that and look at the foundation that that can create within the ranks when it comes to treating people with respect to their constitutional rights? That's, I mean, if you miss that, I'm concerned about the legitimacy of your ability to monitor this because we have documented involvement. When it comes to training, people talk about we need more training for officers. It is not a matter of training. It is a matter of their personal attitudes toward diversity, toward human rights, toward love and compassion for each other. There's no amount of training that will overcome somebody wanting to hurt someone. So when we have police officers who fail in their hiring processes, why are some of them let back in? If we have so-called good psychological testing to weed these people out, why are you not using that as a legal basis to remove these people? Yes, we have good police officers, but we have a bad system. So you have good police officers, and I know this some because I work for

the city and I work with them, and they took pains for me, but when they're in a system that threatens them because they want to show integrity and nothing's done to protect those officers, then you allow the so-called bad apples to be the status quo. I'm concerned. I really want you to take this seriously, and as a member of PCCEP, I'm going to do my best to keep this forum and transparent. Thank you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Celeste. Next, we have Charlie.
- **Charli:** Thank you. I am a local writer studying sociology and global and historical social movements. I can tell you there's not much that has changed since the 1960s. 1960s look a lot like 2020s. Tavis may as well be Richard Daley in 1968. I've observed a few vigils and marches. Mostly honestly, I was just online watching footage from my dad while I was too depressed to leave the house, keeping up with research from social media. Most of what I saw was a lot of brave protesters. Sorry, social anxiety, fear of public speaking, but this felt important to stand up and say something about a lot of brave protesters wanting to honor George Floyd and stand up for Black lives, who received trauma after trauma after trauma. I've watched these same people care and advocate for everyone around them, not just each other. Vulnerable strangers, unhoused and housed folks alike, but I'll get back to that. First, I want to say a quick comment on Debbie's comment. Businesses were boarded up around that time, but it wasn't because of the protesters. There was also a fucking pandemic going on. There was also a fucking pandemic going on. And a lot of places couldn't afford to stay in business because of that. And a lot of places did not do well. A lot of places went out of business because of that, not because of a few broken windows, not because of graffiti. Let's talk about violence, though. Other than the overturning of tables in the temple, let's talk about what the police did. If anyone was rioting, if anyone was violent, it was the police. These cans of expired sea and gas were found among the debris that the police left behind. This is a violation of the Geneva Convention and isn't allowed in war, and yet it was used on U.S. citizens. This gas has caused a variety of health problems for folks, mostly endocrine-related. People have had fertility issues. People have had problems with their periods, more painful periods, periods that were absent. People have also had issues with their diabetes getting worse. People have had lung and heart problems that were probably caused by a comorbidity of the CN with getting COVID. The CN gas also killed local trees, the trees in the area, and affected much of the nearby wildlife. There are still ecological studies going on about that. CN seeped into the homes of neighbors and seriously damaged respiratory health. But the most of all, let's see, sorry, and it's kind of, and seriously damaged respiratory health. Public protesters were the ones who made sure families in the surrounding homes had respirators, especially for their children. They went house to house to make sure that everybody was safe while they passed through because they want to make sure that people weren't harmed by the police. Many people have also had lethal and life-changing head injuries, specifically, or especially Donovan LaBelle, sorry, that's a little getting time tag, lethal and life-changing head injuries, especially Donovan LaBelle, received a headshot wound right between his eyes and had to have surgery multiple times and have a plate to have a plate installed. Other protesters have also received life-changing head injuries that have severely impacted their lives, some of them

requiring caregivers in order to function. Many have been so traumatized and their lives disrupted by arrests and doxxing and police brutality that they struggle to secure housing. Meanwhile, PPB is friendly with Joey Gibson and one of their officers has been affiliated with the Oath Keepers. Many of the organizations that the police have been friendly with have connections to the J-6 Insurrection. PPB, in despite of people's protesting and despite of all travesties that they committed, PPB's budget has not been at all relocated, it has not at all been defunded, it has gone up. Just a giant middle finger to everyone who lives here in Portland. Anyway, I cede the rest of my time.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Charlie. Next, we have Seemab.
- **Seemab Huseeini:** Hello, everybody. Greetings. My name is Seemab Husseini. He/him/his pronouns. And I'm here, this was very last minute that I found out about what was happening, but then I come to realize that everybody else found out about the same time. So without having to go further into that, I'm very proud of a lot of the testimonies, the coherent ones, particularly Charlie who I'm following. Thank you so much for your courage and your ability to be able to speak on these issues. You actually led with a lot of the things that I want to kind of touch on. One of the biggest things that outside that hasn't been mentioned yet is a good opportunity to be able to let this independent monitor know that, including PCCEP, that I am a member of the Police Accountability Commission. I am not here in that capacity, but I'm a current co-chair of our fact-finding phase, which is in swing right now. And within this fact-finding phase, we have a research subcommittee that is pulling together information and facts for us to basically utilize those qualitative and quantitative data. Somebody's unmuted. Thank you. And I think that is an important thing to happen here, which is not actually happening. And part of the frustrations for a lot of folks over here is that a lot of work, a lot of work has gone into being able to create testimony for, for instance, a suit[e] of bills that was passed to improve public safety and police accountability through the legislature in itself. And within that, of the many bills, House Bill 3059, House Bill 2929, 2986, 3164, 2513, 3355, 2936, we can, there's a slew of bills, 3355, 20, yeah. Within all these, you have hundreds of testimonies. Now, these bills, it's not necessarily just about the bills, because a lot of these bills were very, very mediocre. And when it came to curbing munition usage, for instance, there were outs, such as unless they call riot, they would call riot if a person sneezed the wrong way. And so it's not even necessarily the content of these bills. But if you guys are looking seriously to get information and not re-traumatize us, those who have actually been there in these protests, I have countless nights myself. I had a lingering cough for maybe well over a year simply because of the CS gas. But if you guys are seriously wanting to really look into this and get public accountability and testimony, you don't have to go too far. You don't have to reinvent the wheel such as you are right now. Testimony has been laid. Kat Mahoney, who expertly told you about not only through their profession, but through their direct experience, had provided the same testimony countless times, which is all in the legislature in itself. You have the ability to be able to go in through all the times that this had been spoken about within city council, county council, in all places of matter in front of elected officials and those who have the

power to change things but will not to. And just throw out processes such as this to basically waste people's time. And again, reinvent wheels. You folks get all these advanced degrees and these places to be able to sit in with your off the rack suits. And yeah, I'm frustrated. This is an insult and it's a waste of a lot of people's time, as Javier had stated. That, you know, we're over here and we've spent these many nights protesting. And on the fringes, you had people breaking buildings and really taking out their frustration over actual deaths, lives that had died, people that are no longer alive, folks shot in their back with their hands up for absolutely no reason. We're one of the only countries in the world, in the developed world, that literally just murders people out of impunity through their law enforcement. And we, it's a sickening feeling to be able to do that. But then you have these processes that basically will bring us back out just to tell you again the same thing that we've been saying over and over again. That it's not about even our testimony, it's about the anger over the loss of one life. But you compound that with multiple, with tens, dozens, hundreds, thousands, and it's endless. The count, I believe, this year alone has eclipsed last year when it comes to police killings nationwide. And so you guys want us to do this work, but for what? Define your goals. Let us know what it is. Quit bringing people out and having them re-traumatize themselves and talk about these issues that they're rooted close to. Who am I? What am I doing here? I've buried four people alone in the last three months by my hand. It's Muslim custom that we actually wash our dead before we put them in the ground. This is all by gun violence and things that is actually happening in the streets, things that FITCOG and all these meetings that are happening to be able to try and address issues where we're burying our community members. But things happen in theoretical where basically you guys constantly, and I say you guys because we're all part of the system, even myself being part of this Police Accountability Commission. Is it going to be worth something? I hope so. Over 80% of Portlanders voted for this accountability process to reinvent the independent police review process. So will we see that happen? I hope so. But with this, with what's happening with PCCEP, what's happening with this independent monitor that's been sprung upon us, what is the goals? What is the outcomes? Are we here to re-traumatize ourselves? What are you going to do with it? The ball is in your court. You guys have the rest of everybody else speaking for you here tonight. I would say thank you, but fuck you. Do something.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Seemab. Next, I see Susan.
- **Susan:** Hi, can you hear me?
- **Dori:** Yes.
- **Susan:** All right, I will be very brief. I'm going ahead and putting on the video and I want you to note that I have been around the city of Portland since 1983. I live here. I've earned a living here. I've raised my kids here. And I do not want to live in a city where the police are a bigger threat than the criminals. The biggest issue I just want to point out, I know a lot of people have given you great data tonight and I don't need to repeat it all, but I want to say three things. One is that the right to protest is indeed very fundamental. And when people have been killed at the hands of police, it's not surprising that there would be some anger related to that and an outcry for change. And that hasn't changed in our history here. So that anger has got to be

huge, right? Our police should be able to handle a protest in our city with people who have gone through this kind of trauma without poisoning the entire city with huge quantities of chemicals, which we've had some people talk about their individual health issues as a result. But we also know that that stuff poured off the streets and into our rivers here. We have people in the city who weren't even involved, it simply happened to be for example, in a jail above the area, this was shot off, it happened to be in an apartment or in a workplace. And they were all exposed also. So to say, Well, I can just walk away and not run into this kind of problem is incorrect. The second thing I want to say is that the police kettled protesters. And again, this is an action where we know if you chase people in the dark in a crowd, we're going to have people get hurt. And that's not acceptable. There's a huge, there's a huge number of exits to downtown, they did not need to do kettling. And I find that extremely disturbing. The third thing I'm going to say is that they attacked unpart impartial observers. And I know of one case in particular, I know you've heard from her tonight. If you had met the ACLU observer that had their shoulder dislocated, you would look at her and you would say, there's no possible way she could be a threat to 180 200 250 pound male officer. It's ridiculous. So and those people are there in order to preserve the information flow to the public about what is going on, and who is at fault. And so I have a real problem when those people when journalists are the people who are being violently attacked during a protest that I attended some protests, I will say that I felt extremely unsafe, but not as a result of the protesters around me. And I also watched an awful lot of the protests via video journalism. And again, my observations were that the the chaos, the terror that was involved was the result of the way the police treated the protesters. And that is what I would like to say as far as my comments tonight. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Susan. Next we have Timothy
- **Timothy Swells:** Can you hear me? Yep. Oh, I think okay. My name is Timothy swells. And I don't have a prepared statement or anything. But on July 16, and 17 of 2020, I was at the Kelly building and the Portland police deemed it an unlawful assembly. And I was standing on the sidewalk near my vehicle. And then I went and got into my vehicle after they chased the protesters and I drove behind the line. The police didn't like that. Apparently, I can't get into too much detail. But what happened was unbelievable. I reversed my car. And I'm in the intersection and the cop t bones me. Who's the cop? Racist Colby Mars. Racist Colby Mars. Why is Colby Mars still a police officer? Because there's zero accountability in the city. Nobody cares. This cop should not be an officer. My vehicle should have never been t-boned by that racist officer. There's zero accountability. Then guess what happens? I get out of my vehicle, because fight or flight, apparently that's part of being a human goes into effect. And I'm going to the sidewalk. And guess who talked with me to the current calls me a fucking ape. He's no longer an officer. We don't know why he's no longer an officer. You know why? Because there's zero accountability. This forum is a fucking joke. You all know what the fuck you need to do. And y'all refuse to fucking do it. The question is why? I want to know why. And I'll give you time to answer why. Why do you allow racist fucking police officers in our city? There's no excuse.

Another reason there's no excuse is why they don't live in our fucking city. Why are you giving me tough bonuses when they don't even fucking live here? They don't care about public safety. And you know how I know they don't care about public safety. People that were shining green lasers in their eyes, their charges are dismissed. But my fucking life for the last two years have been ruined with pending felony charges for doing what? Obeying their fucking orders, never being violent, using my fucking voice. This is a fucking joke. And y'all better do something because let me tell you, you want to fucking see a criminal. I'll show you a fucking criminal. I've had it.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Timothy. Next we have Dan.
- **Dan Handelman:** Good evening. My name is Dan Handelman. I use he/him pronouns. I'm with a group called Portland Copwatch. We've been around since 1992. We have a lot of information up on our website at portlandcopwatch.org that I hope the monitors will take advantage of reading. I want to echo a lot of people said tonight about the protests. These protests were about police violence against people of color. And our Portland police are not immune to that. And if you look at the percentage of black people shot by the Portland police, it's between 20 and 25 percent in a city that's 6 percent black. I also pasted in a link to the general use of force reports that the police themselves put out that showed 20 to 30 percent of all force against Portlanders is against black people in the same, in the city. Everybody who's on this call tonight should know that the police have put up their policy on crowd control, which you're now calling response to public order events. I'm going to paste the link into the chat. But the deadline to comment is Saturday. I find it amazing that they're working on this policy when this forum hasn't been held yet and your report hasn't come out yet. But this is typical where they're trying to get out ahead of other people telling them what to do by changing things. And there's a few little tweaks in here. And you know, the community might be glad to know that, for instance, they're saying that officers should not hit people with vehicles. Hooray. You know, one officer actually got indicted for doing that. But there's a lot of stuff that they're not changing and or making worse. One of the things I haven't heard discussed yet tonight that's a huge concern for our group is that officer identification. They have a policy that says every officer, when they're out on the street, has to wear their name on their outermost garment. And they make exceptions for officers who are protests, where they use identification numbers that you can't figure out who they are. Somebody had to sue and they said, well, you have to tell us who they are before we'll tell you who they are. This is absurdity that we have in our system where the officers who are supposed to be working for our well-being aren't willing to identify themselves in public spaces. I also want to echo other things that have been said about the people who observe these demonstrations, like we do at Portland Copwatch, you know, ACLU and others who were just recording and they got violently attacked by police. There's a state law and a policy that the police have that protects the right to observe police and the police don't seem to want to recognize that. There was a mention that the PCCEP itself held some forums on the protests while they were happening. I hope that the monitors will review that. Another group called the Citizen Review Committee, there are a few members

here tonight, held crowd control forums where they also took testimony and they made a report to city council with recommendations you should look at of how to make the crowd control policies better. When we first started our group, we met people who compared police abuse to domestic abuse where people say, oh, they would never do that or you must have done something to deserve that. That is not an appropriate response to the government agents using violence against members of the community. We have to stop police violence against protesters, against people on every day, you know, accused of everyday crimes. It's not the appropriate way for a government to treat its citizens and its community members who may or may not be citizens. And thank you for listening to me.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Dan. Next, I see KC.
- **KC Lewis:** Hi there. My name is KC Lewis. I'm a local civil rights attorney. I'll try to keep it short because there's a lot of people here whose voices and stories are I think more important than mine. I want to second what people have said about how frustrating it is to have to go through this process again and again. And at the same time, it's so heartening for me to see so many of the people who have been showing up for this throughout this process as so many other people twist in the political winds and walk away. I mean, a lot of these are the same people who showed up to the protests, no matter how much violence was directed against them, no matter how much hatred was directed against them, because they really believed in something and believed in fighting for their neighbors and their brothers and sisters. And they're continuing to do so now years later, even in the face of a city that doesn't care of politicians that don't care with some notable exceptions. So I hate that you all have to keep showing up to do this, and I'm so grateful that you do. I experienced plenty of police violence myself, but like I said, I think other people have stories that are more on point. So I just want to talk very briefly about an officer named Corey Budworth. That is the officer who was captured on video, pushing a protester over, waiting until she was sitting down and facing him, and then smashing her in the face with a baton at a point where there is no way that she possibly could have been a threat to him. People all over the city, all over the world saw that video. That video did more damage to the reputation of the Portland Police Bureau than any sort of, I mean, when they try to blame other people for tarring their reputation, they need to look in their own backyard, and they need to see the kinds of things that they are on video doing. What happened after that, I think, it goes even more directly to why there can't be any trust between the city and the police until there has been some real accountability. Officer Budworth was actually charged with committing a crime for doing that. I'm a lawyer, what he did was clearly a crime. Anyone could see that. He was charged through the exact same process that any of us would go through if we were charged with a crime. It's the exact same process that every officer on that rapid response team has put people through by charging them with crimes. It was reviewed by the DA's office. It went before a grand jury, I believe. He was given a lawyer. He's getting all of the due process that anyone else gets if they are charged with a crime. The entire rapid response team resigned over just the fact that he was charged with that crime. Just the idea that a police officer could be held to the same legal standards, could be

under the same law as the rest of us, was so repugnant to these police officers, who are the ones who are entrusted with the most dangerous technology and weapons and everything that are used against their own citizenry, that they resigned en masse from that committee as a statement that we are above the law. You cannot hold us accountable. If you try to hold us accountable, we just won't do our jobs anymore. How can we have trust if that is the message that they are sending to the people of Portland? Not only do we get to do whatever we want, but if you even do things the right way, like people have been saying, if you go through the legal process and charge us with a crime, we're just not going to accept the legality of that. At that point, you really are just operating as a criminal organization, saying we're going to protect other people who are committing criminal acts and we're not going to do our jobs. Again, I'm sorry. I ended up rambling. I get very worked up about this. I just wanted to make sure that that case was on your radar because I don't see how we can ever have that trust if there is not a reckoning with the actions of the rapid response team and the fact that they have sent a clear message to the people of Portland that they believe themselves to be above the law.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Casey. Next, we have Byron, PCCEP member.
- **Byron Vaughn:** Good evening, everybody. Hopefully, you guys can hear me okay. I just wanted to start off with PCCEP. I've heard a lot. Wow, it's a lot to digest. What I haven't heard is PPB having people in positions that have this experience lived. The rules doesn't matter. It depends on the person who are implementing the rules. If you don't have the right person implementing the rules, you're never going to have any fruitation from your rules. There has to be a lot that has to be done right there. When you replace someone, what are you replacing that person with? Are you replacing somebody with a heart of a teacher or are you replacing somebody with a heart who has burnt feelings about something or somebody that can't get over something that's troubled them 10, 15 years ago? I think the Independent Monitor, I believe that these gentlemen that we're speaking to tonight needs to be a BIPOC community. The three gentlemen that are here that are Caucasian, there needs to be some people of a different color who have experience in this who can understand what we're trying to get across because if anything, we're just preaching to the choir. There's no consistency. Consistency is big. You hear everybody complaining in this whole realm of things and there's no solutions. We want to know if there's going to be any type of solutions that are going to move things forward. I have a lot written down. I don't think I'm going to get it all. Dori, let me know when I get close, please. Even in this meeting, people are angry and venting. Again, nobody's coming up with solutions. I would love to hear people come to the PCCEP meeting with solutions and recommendations. Does democracy work in this whole situation that we're dealing with? That's just a rhetorical question to the people that we're speaking to tonight. People that are in this call right now, if you want change, you need to go down to Salem, Oregon, and speak with your representatives down there to get the language and their job descriptions changed. Speaking to the union that if these gentlemen cross these type of lines, that you have no union representation, you're automatically fired because you have been trained to not do this. You have been trained to not do this and yet you still do it. Again, it goes back to my point.

Regardless how much training you have, if you don't have the right person implementing that training soon as they are done with their training, I'm not doing that. You're giving a person with a gun and a badge, that's a lot and a lot of responsibility. You have a lot of the cops around who are ex-military. My neighborhood doesn't need a military cop. I need a cop that's in my neighborhood that knows me when I'm walking the plaid pantry, not looking at me thinking or assuming that I'm some type of criminal. I've gotten two jaywalking tickets here in Portland, Oregon. I heard it's not illegal to jaywalk as long as you're not obstructing traffic.

- **Dori:** Maybe just one more thought, Byron.
- **Byron:** Thank you, Dori. Again, military actions, military mindset, the PPB has always been there. White supremacy is a culture. It lives and thrives in America. It's just not here in Portland, Oregon. White culture, white supremacy, white dominance exists in everything that we do, our jobs. That's why we have things to keep black people on jobs because we have people that don't want us in positions or don't want the black community to thrive. If you get that point across, hopefully, we can move on. PCCEP, members. Thank you for being here. Community members, please, PCCEP. Show up to our meetings. We want to hear your solutions, recommendations. Please, we don't need no venting. We don't need no argument. We don't need chat with all this type of elementary childish going on. I want real people in the chat with recommendations and solutions.
- **Dori:** Thank you. Thank you, Byron. At this time, I do want to mention at 8.20, so in just about 20 minutes, we will be handing it back to Independent Monitor LLC for closing comments. They have about 10 minutes of closing comments. I've been informed. I just want to flag that for everybody. We have about 20 minutes of discussion time left. Okay, I will be giving priority to those who have not spoken yet, so we will go to, is it Yume?
- **Yume Delegato:** Yes, thank you. My name is Yume Delgado. I'm the Vice Chair of the Citizen Review Committee. In that capacity, I've heard some of the police review board cases against some of the officers who have been involved in these protests. I also was a co-author of the CRC's crowd control and use of force report in 2021. I welcome the gentleman from the Independent Monitor, and I look forward to hearing their report, but I can tell you that my suspicion is that it will echo the OIR report that came out recently. I think it will echo CRC's own report. I think it will echo CRC's report from 2018 and the one from 2014 and the PAAC report in 2000 and the storage report from 1981. These problems are systemic, right? They are not things that the Bureau has been traditionally very willing to address. As Anne Handelman mentioned, we are now in the second review period for the Bureau's crowd control and use of force guidelines. I don't think we've seen any meaningful change to those guidelines, but I would also go so far as to say that if the Bureau were to hold to their existing standards, we would have dramatically different outcomes and we would have had dramatically different outcomes in 2020. So, I think keeping to the current rules would be a good start. I think there are many, many good recommendations that have been made by bodies such as the CRC and will be made, no doubt, by your body. I think the question is whether or not there is

willpower to follow through on those. I also think that there has been a lack of transparency from the city with regards to some of these issues. As someone who works in police accountability and police oversight, I very closely monitor the published results of the city's police review board findings. To date, I think seven or eight crowd control cases have gone to a review board. Of those, I believe only three have resulted in a letter of reprimand and one resulted in command counseling. There has been no other substantive discipline resulting from that. At least that's been published by the Bureau. Now, I will note that the Bureau has not published those results since February of 2022, but I believe that they have completed most of their police review boards at this juncture. So, these are not necessarily very exciting points that I'm raising. I think many people here have spoken with great passion and with great trauma about what they experienced on the streets in 2020. But speaking directly to the Independent Monitor, I think it is important that they keep an eye on the logistics of this as well. I'll close just by reading a statement. "Many citizens have no confidence in the Internal Affairs Division and its procedures and are therefore reluctant to file complaints with the police." That is not from this year, it is not from last year, it is not even from this century. It is from 1981, a report by the Stores Commission, which was the first police oversight body in the city. And I think it aptly sums up the case today. Thank you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Yume. Next, we have M or EM.
- **EM:** Thank you. I have personal damage from tear gas and others measures that PPB deployed indiscriminately against protests. The night I was tear gassed, I developed a cough and even after repeatedly cleaning everything I owned, I could not breathe deeply without coughing for at least three months. I developed asthma, my period cramps became debilitating, and I have been biking everywhere for my transportation. And I lost that transportation because it now makes my throat close up. I saw other people suffer much, much worse. And I still have nightmares to this day. What I would like to know is what consequences for PPB are actually enforced? What demonstrable evidence can you point to that shows more trainings actually have any improvement on conduct when we've seen slides from some of those quote unquote trainings encouraging violence against protesters? When will there be any substantial action other than asking to hear from people until they go horse and burn out so you don't have to listen anymore? Byron asked for suggestions and some of mine to start would be to fully ban the use of chemical weapons and remove officers that are violating conduct, especially repeatedly violating conduct from interacting with the public. I'm sure there are many more. I yield my time. Thank you.
- **Dori:** Thank you. Next, I see Lawson.
- **Lawson:** Yeah, thank you. I had really actually kind of a straightforward question. I'd like to ask the gentleman of independent looking for your name here. I apologize. I'll see what presumably what actual enforcement power does anything that you suggest have? As Yume actually brought up with all due respect, this will be the fortieth time possibly that we'll have a report calling the police department dysfunctional out of compliance. That's independent groups such as yourself. That's the actual internal review systems in the in the city. That's numerous city council

meetings. That's also the Department of Justice under three presidents. So what actual enforcement power do you guys have or will you wield? Or is this another report? If you wouldn't mind answering that briefly?

- **Nick Mitchell:** Well, thank you for that question. We have the power to do this independent review and make findings and provide recommendations to the city. We do not have we're not in control of the city government. We're not in control of the Portland Police Bureau. So we do not have the power to force the city or the police bureau to accept or execute our recommendations. Hang on, hang on, hang on a second, please. What we do have and what is built into the statement of work, which we didn't describe at the beginning of this discussion, is a phase two report that we will prepare one year after we publish the phase one report. And the purpose of the phase two report is, as set forth here, shall include the phase two report shall include findings on the consultant's assessment of the city's response to the recommendations contained in the phase one report and any follow up recommendations for policy tactics, training, leadership and communication. So as this structure has been that has been created that we've stepped into here does not give us the power to force the city to adopt our recommendations. However, we will be reporting back to you, the community, the Justice Department and the city, our assessment of whether or not the city has appropriately and fully and completely implemented the recommendations we make in our initial report.
- **Lawson:** And so I mean, look, again, with all due respect, to that extent, congratulations on netting yourself paychecks for two reports instead of one. I'm again, as everyone is here, this is the time that we've all been in a meeting yelling at anyone at, again, the state, at the city, at the federal government, at 20 different independent councils that there's not a whole lot left to say beyond that, you know, until someone or something with actual teeth to enforce change comes in and enforces change, you know, again, with minimal due respect, at this point, you'll have to excuse anyone for whatever obscenities and outlashes of emotion they feel are appropriate in response to, frankly, what are at this point, purely performative measures by the city and the police department to actually enact change. So with that, I yield my time and despite those statements do hope for the best in this actually amounting to some meaningful change that is desperately needed in the city.
- **Dori:** Thank you, Lawson. Next, I see Tara.
- **Tara:** All righty then. Now, I'm just gonna get straight to the fact that, while I am not a local resident, I am in Puyallup, Washington, I go through the city too often to just stay idly by and not have a word. Y'all know y'all have eyes on y'all when that goddamn shit happened and just a disclaimer, I'm not scared of your red coat and the Portland Police Bureau and the DHS or your loyalist the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers. Just putting it out there. Anyway, I'm not gonna take too much time. I'm just letting y'all know this is not fucking okay at all. You hear me? Not okay. The fucking tear gas seeping into apartments, screaming babies, choking babies. Just admit, through the decorum, you love it. Commenters who are laughing at the fucking tears in this conference, this very conference, laughing at the tears, at the pain. That is what you really are. You are savages. I yield my time. Fuck you.

- **Dori:** Thank you, Tara. So I think we have a few more speakers who have not gone yet. I'm going to go to someone.
- **Someone:** Hi, can you hear me? Yes. Okay. Hi. I wasn't going to make a statement because what I went through was traumatic to me, but it's nothing compared to what Portland Police have done to other families like Kendra James, Quanice Hayes, James Chasse, Andre Gladden, Patrick Kimmons. The two people that they've shot this last few months, I could go on and on. I just want to tell you guys what Portland Police did to my family in 2020. I was in a group, maybe 200 people, march that was marching from Pioneer Square towards the Injustice Center when Portland Police opened up tear gas from blocks away onto the crowd with no warning, just tear gassed a group that was walking. And I was out there as a nursing mom and I didn't know, sorry, I didn't know what tear gas could do to my baby, to my child. So I had to stop nursing instantly. And if you have anybody in your life that has fed babies, you know that that's a really traumatic experience to not wean them. And on top of that, I hadn't had my cycle the whole time that I was nursing. And instantly I was hit with a week of a very heavy menstrual cycle that went on for a year, not consistently, but very infrequent or very frequently and not what it should have been, very horrible periods with debilitating cramps. And now I'm left not knowing if I will even have the option to get pregnant in the future. And what I went through is not even as bad as other people who were tear gassed and lost pregnancies. One night that I was out, a mom that I was with was pregnant and she was hit in the leg with a tear gas canister that was shot from very close range. Throughout that year, I was trampled after being shoved to the ground by the police, hit with batons, had ammunition shot at me, watched people leave in ambulances and never get status updates if they even lived through what Portland police did to them. And yeah, I just want to share with you that, you know, obviously I don't think that you guys are going to do anything, but I just want to, you know, trauma dump on you since you're here for it. Okay, thank you.
- **Dori:** Thank you for sharing that. Um, next we have PPB killed Patrick Kimmons.
- **Annie:** Hi, my name is Annie. I'm from Southeast Portland. I use she, her, and I protested though. Um, luckily I didn't suffer what so many of these brave Portlanders did to stand up for black lives and for, um, police accountability and non-violence, but I wanted to just speak up and say that I support what they did. I support what they are saying, and I affirm what they're saying and believe them. And I hope that the commission or the, um, the group that's leading this believes everyone as well because it's people suffered a lot and we need to be heard. Uh, and lastly, I just want to say that the police don't protect our rights. They don't prevent crime. Uh, all they do is protect capitalism and white supremacy and racism and, uh, misogyny. And they suck up a lot of money that could be better used for housing and mental health care and medical care, job, um, training, education, better roads, uh, mass transit. There's so many things that we can use that money for, and it's being wasted on these violent police.
- **Dori:** Thank you. Thank you for that. Um, next week I have Ben's and, um, as a reminder, we have just about five minutes left here, and then I will have to turn it back to the monitor.

- Ben:** Hey, thanks. Uh, I'll try to be quick. Um, so I wasn't there in 2020. I was fighting fires. And when I came back, uh, people would be like, Oh, you, uh, you must be so traumatized fires were crazy. Uh, and I was fine, but it seemed like the people who were here were very different than the people I left at the start of the summer. And, uh, rather than go into the details of that, cause I know we're short on time. Uh, I just want to put some of this in the larger context. Uh, I also knew people who somehow right-wing right-wing groups got their, not just their mugshots, but their social security numbers, their addresses, things like that. Um, and, uh, you know, the only place they're getting those information is from the cops. No one else just has your social security number. Um, and I think it goes into a pattern of, uh, you know, DA Mike Schmidt started saying that, uh, he was gonna, he was deliberately elected by the people to, for accountability for police. And, uh, the minute he tried it, somebody leaked his name and address and, you know, armed groups came to his house and he left, you know, this is, uh, you know, JoAnn Hardesty, uh, voted to change the budget, change the amount of money allotted to the police in the budget. And they tried to frame her for a hit and run. Uh, I think that this is part of a larger pattern of mafia behavior, uh, and believing they're above the law. And this doesn't even go into, uh, when people were, there was a mass shooting at Normandale, they, uh, blamed, you know, a couple, like an old lady, old lady, I'm sorry. Um, people were shot in the park and the cops made it sound to the news and the national news, like Antifa had been invading a home when it was three people alone in the park. Uh, and so I think that, um, there's just an ongoing pattern of, uh, uh, trying to influence policy politics using the power as police. Uh, and then I'm not even allowed to go into a bar with a hotshot sweatshirt on, and these guys can, uh, you know, use their positions to harm people who protest their behavior. So I'm going to turn my time over.
- Dori:** Thank you. Thank you. Um, okay. Um, has Barb spoken yet? I don't believe Barb has spoken, so I'm going to give Barb what will probably be the final comment.
- Barb:** Thank you, Dori. We'll see how long I have a connection. And I have a lot to say. Um, I'm Barb Ranish. I use she, her pronouns. I've been hanging around with this group for the last few years in Portland for more than 20. Um, what I would really like the, uh, the like the independent monitors to realize is that what's been heard here.
- Dori:** Um, Barb, we may have lost you. Are you still there? All right. Um, Barb. Okay. Um, Celeste, any final comments here?
- Celeste:** Yes, and I'll make it really brief. Um, this is to the independent monitor. Um, it's been said that you do not have the power to enforce the implementation enforcement of your recommendations. Uh, my question is, who does? And would you please put that information, uh, who does have that power in your report as an addendum for us, please? And that's all I have to say. Thank you.
- Dori:** Oh, we do have a final minute here, and I see Pastor Wisner's hand up, PCCEP member. Um, so very briefly, Pastor Wisner, if you would like to comment.
- Pastor Wisner:** Uh, yes, my name is Pastor Wisner, 30 years here. I'm a member of PCCEP. I think Celeste had, uh, actually got to my point right there. Uh, uh, I believe I won't repeat it for the time that's there, but I would say also to the city, um, we can

do better. We need to do better. Uh, to the group to the group that is monitoring, I think you heard enough hurt tonight of the 30 years and the people who I've seen in the 30 years that I've been doing this is crying out for someone to come in and help. It is a sad place to hear the harm and the trauma that these people have to continue to live with. We have to do better.

- **Dori:** Thank you. And I am so sorry. Um, I accidentally skipped PPB murdered Quinice Hayes, so I am going to let them speak very briefly if you can keep it very brief. Thank you.
- **PPB Murdered Quanice Hayes:** Thank you. I can keep it very brief. Um, to the gentleman from, uh, PCCEP who made a comment about, uh, coming to hear the solutions. It's incredibly hard as community members who have come to these things and continue to come to these things and are here tonight who speak up over and over and over for the past, you know, decades now, decades now, you know, Oregon's history is steeped in racism and it hasn't changed. No amount of report has made any changes with PPB. The DOJ cannot get PPB to change. At what point do we recognize that we cannot reform this broken thing and we need to look towards something else for a brief period of time, it looked like we were going to try defunding or divesting really in the police and investing in the community. And that money has shifted back to PPB. I encourage, uh, the independent folks on here, uh, PCCEP, et cetera, uh, look into divesting from PPB, look into investing in the communities. Street response is one part of that, but you know, there are a lot of other community resources, safe communities negate the need for police. Uh, thank you. That's it.
- **Dori:** Okay. And since we just have one last hand up ATS, if you can keep it really quick.
- **ATS:** Yes. I saw for about 30 nights where violence was perpetrated on the County courthouse and then violence was perpetrated on the U S federal courthouse and the police wouldn't come out until they announced about 10 or 15 times that it was an unlawful assembly and or a riot. Then the police would come out. Uh, then the feds would come out and then I saw protesters protesters go to north, south, east, west and central and the ice detention center and perpetrate violence on those police stations. And the police wouldn't come out until violence got so bad that they were forced to, and they would always announce on giant voice that this was an unlawful assembly and or a riot. So there's a lot of folks that are claiming, um, that they were good protesters, but there was a lot of violence that was perpetrated throughout all of this, even on the marches from city parks into downtown Portland. If you followed behind them, there was quite a bit of carnage and a lot of violence perpetrated on buildings and, and things of the sort. Just want to make sure we all understand. That's what other people and I viewed firsthand also. Thank you very much.
- **Dori:** Okay. And that, um, we'll take care of all of our comments for this evening. I will now hand it back to independent monitor LLC for some closing comments.
- **IMLLC:** Well, we, we really want to thank everyone, uh, for, for sharing with us, picking up on pastor Weisner is closing a comment tonight. We hear the pain that people have experienced. We hear, uh, the trauma that, that people have reminded

us that they, they live through and they've been called upon to report it time and again. And we take that to heart. We're very grateful for the sincere experiences and emotions that have been shared and we'll carry it forward as we do this, uh, this independent report and this analysis that we will report back to you, to the justice department and to the city on our findings. Um, again, we'd like to ask people if there are statements or information other than the ones that were shared with us tonight and the references that were shared with us tonight, which we've made note of that we should be aware of, please use portlandreview@independentmonitor.com. Please do not send evidence unsolicited to that mailbox. It's simply not big enough and will, will not be accepted, but if there's information we need, uh, please use that address to get in contact with us. We again are extremely grateful for everyone sharing openly and honestly with us tonight. Thank you very much.

- **Dori:** All right. Thank you so much, everybody. Um, I think that will conclude our time. Um, I do want to remind everyone in attendance that this report and the hiring of the monitor was mandated under, um, the settlement agreement. Um, this is why PCCEP has hosted this town hall, but PCCEP's work is independent from the work of the monitor. However, if any community members would like access to IMLCC scope of work, or would like to be further connected with them, um, PCCEP can help connect you to those things. Um, with that, thank you, PCCEP members. Thank you so much members of the public who took your time to yet again, share your stories and your experiences with us tonight. Um, we look forward to seeing you at future events. And with that, this meeting is adjourned.
- **Zoom Lady:** Recording stopped.