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**City of Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing**

PCCEP Racial Equity Subcommittee

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**RE: Letter of Acknowledgement for Portland Police Reform****CC: Mayor and Police Commissioner Ted Wheeler, Portland Police Chief Charles Lovell, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero, and Police Police Union President Daryl Tuner**

As the Chair of the PCCEP Racial Equity Subcommittee, I am writing to voice our acknowledgement and support of police reform efforts here in our city of Portland, Oregon. Several community organizations have spent years mobilizing communities, collecting demands for police reform in the name of historical racism and white supremacy. Many Portlanders have faced challenges for generations, protesting in the streets to dismantle inequitable institutions, to increase police accountability and demand justice for communities of color. It is not lost on this subcommittee that we are building on previous work from community activists who've helped move the agenda forward and have been diligent in addressing the need for police reform and stand up for the lives lost at the hands of law enforcement.

To name a few, this letter strives to acknowledge the work of the following organizations that built the foundation of this work:

- Portland Black United Front
- Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Coalition for Justice and Police Reform
- Portland Urban League
- Unite Oregon
- Portland Copwatch

We will continue the Racial Equity Subcommittee mission to advance racial equity by giving voice to families of color and of low socioeconomic backgrounds by identifying areas of discrimination that require change, trust and the embedding of equity in various capacities and supporting the work of organizations working to transform our community.

Respectfully,



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