

City of Portland
Police Accountability Commission (PAC)
Advance Public Comment for 07-20-23 Meeting

Advance Public Comment begins after this line.

Comment #1

Name: Adam Gregg

Please identify what topic is your public comment related to: Broader System (including how the oversight board will relate to other levels of government and other parts of the City, as well as changes to City government as part of implementation of the new system)

Public comment: My name is Adam Gregg, and I attended your community engagement meeting with OJRC and DSP, but had to leave before I could make any comments. The only thing that I wanted to add as far as ideas is the concept of a third party, like the PAC, creating a document that could serve as a Brady list. Based on recent reporting, it is clear that Multnomah County DA doesn't even keep what they call a Brady list, and only has 3 officers on it. It just seems like if there was some way to investigate dishonesty by police officers, even if it didn't rise to the level of a reprimand or demotion (since apparently nothing does) that could be used to impede an officers ability to testify in court or file reports that were used by the DA to prosecute people. I'm sure this would require a complicated agreement with the DA's office and is probably impossible given the systems that exist currently, but feels like it could be a meaningful step towards valuing honesty and devaluing lies by sworn officers. My personal experience is that Portland Police officers lie so often that it is hard to have any faith in them, and I believe this is a common experience that drives a wedge between police and the public. I assume this is not a novel idea, but just wanted to raise it as a potential avenue for accountability.

Comment #2

Name: B.R.

Please identify what topic is your public comment related to: Other / General comments

Public comment: I am a 93 year Portland native. I am disabled and use a walker or mobility scooter when I go out. I have lived in this city all my life and up to recent years loved walking our city streets. But when I go out now it is with great trepidation. Will the streets I want to walk be clear, or will I have to find a way around people who have made the streets their home. I have great empathy for the homeless and think the way we treat them is a disgrace. But the solution to helping those who have no homes is not to let them place themselves and their belongings where they May cause harm to others. I urge our city to find a way to help those who are homeless that does not put the disabled at risk. Thank you.

Comment #3

Name: Jenni Mays York

Zip Code: 97209

Please identify what topic is your public comment related to: PAC community engagement events, including town halls with specific partner groups and general listening sessions

Public comment: In light of the very large budget the Oversight Board is entrusted with, I believe we need a Budget Advisory Committee that is, in no way related to the membership of the oversight board, to be a legitimate budgetary overseer and to follow city code.