

City of Portland
Police Accountability Commission
Advance Public Comment for 11-10-2022 Meeting

Advance Public Comment begins after this line.

Thursday, November 03, 2022 8:37:19 PM

Q1

What is your name?

Philip Chachka

Q4

Are you submitting comments on behalf of an organization?

- No

Q5

Please identify what topic is your public comment related to (please see text above for more information):

- PAC community engagement events, including town halls with specific partner groups and general listening sessions

Q6

Public comment:

At today's listening session (Nov. 3, 2022) Sanga Mbklene criticized white supremacist systems within government and accused, in a general way, the PAC as part of that white supremacist system of oppression. That isn't what bothered me, although white supremacy is oppressive, what bothered me is that Austin Foster tried to follow-up Sanga's comment by defending the PAC as if it is somehow immune from being influence by white supremacy and all the baggage that comes with it. In the future I hope staff and members of the PAC are willing to sit with discomfort and to be introspective rather than dismissive and defensive when accusations are brought forward during community listening sessions. If disinformation is presented or bad-faith arguments made, I recommend letting Commissioners themselves respond or refute the comment if they desire or just let the comment go and move on to the next person. I think the idea is to encourage comments from a wide range of sources and to welcome people to share their thoughts even if it is criticism.