



Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020
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RE Policing Reform

Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek, Co-Vice Chair Girod, Co-Vice Chair Drazan,
and Members of the Committee:

Last week the Democratic Party of Oregon State Central Committee, the Party's governing body, unanimously approved two resolutions in response to worldwide demonstrations against misconduct by law enforcement and the systemic oppression of Black Americans. We respectfully submit these resolutions as Committee testimony on policing reform.

These resolutions were authored by Oregon DNC Member Travis Nelson, RN, who wrote them in consultation with Black elected officials and many Black State Party leaders, including DPO Black Caucus Chair Rosa Colquitt, PhD, Multnomah County Democrats Vice Chair Rachelle Dixon, Shelaswau Crier, and Quinton Blanton. The full text is available at the links below:

[Resolution 2020-009: DECLARING THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER](#)

[Resolution 2020-010: DEMANDING JUSTICE & HONORING THE LEGACY OF GEORGE FLOYD](#)

As a former police officer, I have always believed that the true concept of law enforcement is indeed to protect and to serve. After decades of unfulfilled good intentions, we are on the cusp of badly needed, multi-faceted systemic policing reform. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing this.

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