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Letter: Greetings,

We, the people of this city, this community, this country, *demand* a full investigation into the white supremacist & militia ties held by any members of law enforcement. This must include a full and impartial review of our current police chief. This must commit resources to cultural diversity training for all officers & staff, with no exceptions. Somehow along the way the true purpose of policing, peacekeeping was lost as we offloaded responsibilities for one thing after another to people not adequately equipped to provide them.

Programs considered by some as “entitlements” & “socialism” used to provide safety nets for our community and as those eroded law enforcement officers were tasked with more & more duties they were neither properly trained in nor effective at.

We need to rebuild the community services that would replace the presence of badges & guns in our schools when counselors & social safety nets are what are needed. Every single one of us needs to re-examine our racial biases & no one should be in a position of power over any other human that believes ethnicity, religion, immigration status is an excuse to treat even just one person as less than.

We must reallocate funding in providing mental health, nutritional security, mentoring, housing & all the other essentials our younger generations need to not just survive, but thrive.

Please join me in taking this first step toward a better world not just for BIPOC but humanity as a whole. Just as every vote counts, every proactive effort will help us on our journey to a better society, please sign & share this petition & stay engaged, we're #StrongerTogether
#Salem #Oregon #Reform #BlackLivesMatter

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ariel Williams	keizer, OR	2020-06-10	"I need to know that my children are never in danger from the police and that we can rely on them to do the right thing."
Conda Walsh	Salem, OR	2020-06-13	"We must commit resources to cultural diversity training for all officers & staff, with no exceptions. Somewhere along the way the true purpose of policing, peacekeeping was lost as we offloaded responsibilities for one thing after another to people not adequately equipped to provide them."
Desiree Stratford	Springfield,, OR	2020-06-13	"Your relative in the police force is a rapist. He sexually abused my cousin until she eventually gave birth to his daughter and then your thugs proceeded to harrass my Aunt until she had a stroke because you all know only the mother or grandmother can demand that DNA test. Officer Bennett was promoted. Your predatory sex offender relative was promoted. What a cocksucker move. After demanding nearly a billion dollars you STILL refuse to fund body cameras that would protect citizens from the sexual predators that is YOUR FAMILY. AS LONG AS THAT GOD DAMN PREDATOR IS WEARING THE UNIFORM AND YOU REFUSE TO FUND BODY CAMERAS, YOU ARE COVERING UP FOR A FUCKING CRIMINAL. OUR RELATIVE WHO IS NOW 15 YEARS OLD IS PROOF THAT YOUR MOTHERFUCKING ASSWIPE FAMILY MEMBER CAN'T BE TRUSTED TO KEEP HIS DICK IN HIS PANTS. I WAS WORKING IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WHEN YOUR DIRTY COP RELATIVE RAPED MY COUSIN WHILE ON DUTY. RESIGN AND TAKE YOUR PREDATORY SEX OFFENDER CUNT RELATIVE WITH YOUR SORRY ASS."
Barbara Taylor	Salem, OR	2020-06-13	"Sick of systemic racism and white favoritism."
Luisa shockey	Salem, OR	2020-06-13	"Because it's the right thing to do, and to be proactive in ensuring that we have the best police force possible."
Lorraine Wison	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"I demand a safe community for all of us."
Damon Rodriguez	Dallas, OR	2020-06-14	"We can not allow white supremacist to infiltrate our law enforcement. We need PEACE officers that are for EVERYONE in the community."
Murray McNeil	Keizer, OR	2020-06-14	"I own a house in Salem and pay taxes for all city programs/institutions. I have a wallet in this fire. Way too much money on police. Put this budget back in balance."
Briana Surin-Torres	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"I'm signing because racism is harmful and should not be tolerated anywhere in society, especially not in the police force that is supposed to protect the community. The presence of racism in the police department should be investigated by a 3rd party. I am also signing because I think it is wise to examine budgets and reallocate funds to programs that are more effective in preventing crime. Research shows that the most long-lasting and effective way to reduce criminal behavior is to invest in alleviating, rather than just policing, underlying reasons for criminal behavior (e.g. investing in

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			mental health services, education, and service to help the poor and homeless)."
Caroline Brown	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"We need change and accountability in Salem"
Stan Keightley	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"It's well past time that our city demonstrated care for all its people. Police should have their role minimized to how they can help the community justly, fairly, and well."
Aaron Nash	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"For positive change."
Natasha Fox	Portland, US	2020-06-14	"Natasha Fox"
Kay Mattson	Corvallis, OR	2020-06-14	"How abt take some of that police budget and spend it on a rapid response mental health team like Project Respond in Portland! Also put some of that money into conflict resolutions training for our kids AND cops. Reduce the use of force. Stop buying riot gear! Invest in education! Invest in our neighborhoods - I grew up in "felony flats"- that neighborhood could use some investment now!"
Sharon Roemmel	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"The videos I saw of white officers giving preferential treatment to the so called patriots and proud boys prove we need an investigation now."
Paige Spellman	Oregon	2020-06-14	"No more racist police."
Shannon Boulden	Portland, OR	2020-06-14	"I demand racial and social justice in our Oregon Capitol and everywhere in our state! Police should be peace officers, allies and protectors, not terrorists! Police should not get all the funding while social services that actually address people needs are cut. Furthermore support of white supremacist thugs and ideologies is not acceptable or tolerable in the least!"
Jessica Reel	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"Black lives matter and until that happens, all lives cannot matter!!!!"
Heather Lilley	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"Stop being nice to a group of people who get together to talk abput killing people."
Celeste Fasano	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"I believe in fair and equal representation and treatment from any state agency. We deserve to know/get rid of biased people in positions of power"
Elizabeth Pruden	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"I signing because it's time for change!!"
Kimberly DeWitt	Monmouth, OR	2020-06-14	"I signed the petition because I believe that change is possible and must happen in order to provide a safer and more peaceful environment for ALL of us, regardless of our race, religion, identity....ALL walks of life, young and old, have the right to feel free and safe!"
Jennifer Beugli	Salem, OR	2020-06-14	"We need to change our priorities, more health, libraries, and schools"
Misty Listner	Saint Johns, FL	2020-06-14	"Defund the police"

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Byron Kimball	Corvallis, OR	2020-06-15	"Our community, and all who call it home, deserve compassion: services funded to provide the social safety nets that will allow all in Salem to thrive, especially those who hail from historically marginalized communities."
Garrett Kahn	Salem, OR	2020-06-18	"Defund Salem PD!"
Stephanie Perkins	Stayton, OR	2020-06-18	"I'm signing because enough is enough."
Rizwan Abid	Salem, OR	2020-06-18	"There is no room in my country for white supremacy. It's supposed to be "liberty and justice for ALL", not just for white heterosexual men spewing hate."
Seaian Wood	Portland, OR	2020-06-19	"Because Elizabeth Smith needs to take action and support the decreased spending on the Keizer PD."
Daniel Faulk	Portland, OR	2020-06-20	"Based on the exact statistical data, coupled with the manner in which Salem Police operate, they can afford to cut their budget and re-distribute those funds to causes and services that are far more effective at keeping us safe, healthy, and provided-for."
Weisha Mize	Salem, OR	2020-06-22	"400 years of this is 401 years too many. Do the right thing."
Emily Cervantes	Monmouth, OR	2020-06-22	"I was born and raised in Salem, and currently reside here. White supremacy is alive and well in this community and it needs to be muffled out. ALL of our community deserves to feel safe, and those who target humans of different heritage with harmful actions deserve to be held accountable."