

Hello,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen for our community and country, speaking out in solidarity with our BIPOC members and those whose lives have been lost at the hand of the state. We are overdue; extra, extra overdue for justice in this nation for the Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities whose land and labor we stole and now our policing and other systems continue to kill them.

This blatant disregard of human life and our nation's truth, our actual history, is disgusting and we need action from all elected officials on these matters immediately.

We, the people of this community, are being shot by federal police (in the face, head and back), detained on the ground while seizing, violently thrown down and marched over, tear gassed until our clothes have melted to us, denied medical attention and our human rights violated, over and over and over, again. This is ILLEGAL and happening in our city and across the country. Do you feel the need to make deep systemic changes that end this brutality, injustice and oftentimes death? We all sure do. We hope you hear us. We want to see officers and law officials held accountable. Reopen the Patrick Kimmons case. Charge and prosecute cops who kill. Our demands are not complex but can get clouded in the chaos that is occurring right now and will continue to occur until we see change and justice. We ask you not to lose sight of what we are asking for. JUSTICE AND CHANGE FOR BIPOC COMMUNITIES! Talk to the parents whose children have been shot and killed by PPD, they have many insights and requests and their voices often go unheard, which is a continuation of the tragedy of a life lost.

Here are a few pointers as to what this city and this nation need:

- defunding of police and reinvesting in BIPOC communities and services (more than the 27 million recently passed by city commissioners)
- divest from all military and invest in education, social and community services
- police don't keep communities safe, people keep communities safe
- change the education in all schools to include racial injustice thru history to current
- end qualified immunity (cops who kill must be prosecuted and sentenced)
- hire BIPOC people at all levels of government
- end the militarization tactics, our own tax dollars funding a war against us!
- no more tear gas, 'non lethal' projectiles, flash bangs and other illegal tactics that violate our human rights (this must stop NOW!)
- stop using state and taxpayer funds to pay settlements to families who have lost a loved one to police violence (the cops should pay personally and lose their pension)
- start listing and surveying white supremacist groups as the domestic terrorists they are
- track officers conduct so they cannot continue to work in other areas or depts
- independent reviews of officer misconduct made public and public police reports
- no more officers on paid leave after a fatal shooting, no pension, no pay, no job

The killing and abuse of Black bodies is continuing right now, all across our city and country. What are you going to do about this!? Can we charge the white male who fatally shot Dominique Dunn with a hate crime?? How come a black man was beaten and called racial slurs in Lents Park earlier this month?! No suspects found and no arrests made. This happened in broad daylight! Shame on us for not doing more to stop this hate and violence. Our children are watching and we have a job to do for them and for the future of our city and country.

Additionally, here is a organized list of ten changes we should have nationwide:

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions#solutionsoverview>

Please hear the voices of the people who you represent and do your job to hold police accountable so we can work towards justice. The time is now and we are carefully following your actions and votes on these issues for future elections.

We cannot have peace until we start to see justice. You have a powerful role to make a positive change for Portland and I urge you to do so. We, the people, are paying close attention!

Thank you for your time and I look forward to following the results of the special session happening now and this week. We are asking for bold action and expect you to follow suit. Please show compassion and understanding for the horrors that continue to occur daily in our city by police and federal officers terrorizing the citizens. Enough is enough. I will say again, we are extra overdue for justice!

Thank you,
Adriana