

I am a concerned citizen of Portland. Our city is not a safe place for its people and things need to change. The police department needs to be defunded and the resources moved to programs that truly need the money - like schools and service programs. Tear gas, rubber bullets, and other "non-lethal" methods must be outlawed. The police have military grade gear while schools and mental health services have nothing and this needs to change. End qualified immunity. Officers need to pay for their mistakes themselves and not have it come from the taxes of the people. If a police officer is fired from one precinct they should not be able to be hired in another. This information should be public record and used accordingly. The people of Portland, specifically the people of color, deserve to feel safe in their home. Not threatened and hated as they do now. Things need to change and now is the time to start. I hope you all choose to do the right thing.

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