

**Public Comment**

Subject: Public Meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – City of Portland Approved budget

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I am writing to express strong support of the City allocating the full \$12M to the Portland Police Bureau. As someone who lives in East Portland/Lents with my family of four (two young daughters) and works in the Central Eastside warehouse district, I know first-hand the necessity of having a fully staffed police force. The \$1.9M that the Council is suggesting to cut - and put towards Parks - is essential to the recruiting and training of new officers. We are 85(?) officers short right now and we that is unacceptable. If the City wants to allocate \$2M towards the Parks, they should do that from the \$100M Clean Energy Fund that is currently unallocated.

Sincerely,

Tom Borden