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Portland City Council

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RE: Letter of Solidarity

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

The Richmond Neighborhood Association stands in solidarity with the protests and protesters around the world in calling for systemic change in the way police officers are trained, conduct crowd control, are held accountable for the over-use of force and their interactions with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). We are especially disturbed and outraged by the treatment of and violence against African Americans.

We believe that racism is a public health crisis and urge our local elected officials to take a course of action that allocates resources towards criminal justice reform, best practices and community outreach. We are calling for systemic change, which includes the de-militarization of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), the equal treatment of everyone by police officers and educating the populace from a young age about racism and equity.

The time is way past due. Black Lives Matter.

In Solidarity,

/s/ Debby Hochhalter

Debby Hochhalter, Chair

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cc: RNA Board