

November ____, 2016

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Charles Hales, Mayor
City of Portland

Michael W. Marshman
Chief of Police

Re: COAB's 95 recommendations for police reform and police accountability

Dear Mayor Hales and Chief Marshman:

The Community Oversight Advisory Board (COAB) is writing to inquire about a response to the 95 recommendations for police reform and police accountability which the COAB has made to you and the Department of Justice over the past 16 months. Those recommendations can be found in the COAB's online library.

In part, our inquiry is triggered by Chief Marshman's memorandum dated September 14, 2016 to the Training Advisory Council (TAC) in which the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) made specific responses to the recommendations contained in the TAC's 2016 Training and Use of Force Report Recommendations. We commend the prompt response to TAC's important recommendations dated June 14, 2016.

We find it bewildering that the Chief's response to the TAC's report and its recommendations was forthcoming within 90 days of the date of the report when, by comparison, the COAB has heard nothing from Chief Marshman, his predecessor Larry O'Dea, Mayor Hales, or anyone else from the City connected with the implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the United States (Department of Justice) and the City of Portland, regarding the COAB's equally if not more important recommendations.

Within the next 45 days, we would appreciate the same type of written responses to the COAB's recommendations that the TAC received to their recommendations. If you do not intend to respond for some reason, we would appreciate knowing that within the next 10 days with a written explanation as to why there will be no response in the next 45 days to our inquiry.

Sincerely,

Community Oversight Advisory Board

cc: Jonas Geissler, Department of Justice
Ashlee Albies, Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Police Reform and Justice
U.S. District Court Judge Michael Simon