

public comments
1-19-21

Davis, Tracy

From: Davis, Tracy
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:35 AM
To: Cathy Clark; Councilor Roland Herrera; Daniel Kohler; Davis, Tracy; DePina, Machell; Elizabeth Smith; Eppley, Christopher; Harms, Tammie; Johnson, Shannon; Kyle Juran; Laura Reid; Lawyer, Bill; Ross Day; Shane Witham; Teague, John; Tim Wood
Subject: FW: Complex Dispensary in CITY Law question

Please see email below that was received by the Community Development Department. The communication references a question to the City Council, therefore I am treating it as public comment and forwarding.

Tracy L. Davis, MMC
City Recorder/Community Center Manager
City of Keizer, Oregon

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chanda Mija [REDACTED]
Date: January 10, 2021 at 6:07:21 PM PST
To: "Horner, Dina" <HornerD@keizer.org>
Cc: Chanda Mija [REDACTED]
Subject: Complex Dispensary in CITY Law question

Greetings...

Ahem, my name is Chanda Arismendez and I've been residing unhappily at 1205 Candlewood Drive NE off of Cherry Avenue.

To my knowledge, there were three cannabis dispensaries: Kush on Dearborn, now defunct thankfully and uh, Alpha on River Road, they're very busy but their selections aren't that off from wonderful... And lastly, there's the good ol' GRASS HUT on Cherry Avenue. Many people walked to Kush or by city bus, and Alpha is the easiest to get to by public transit then there's Grass Hut. Closest bus stop is through the AutoZone parking lot and a bit of inconvenience to get to.

My question to the City Council, why isn't any dispensary in the City of Keizer permitted to conduct weed deliveries as permissible per Oregon State law? I now frequent the Crush dispensary across the street from, ironically, State Mental Hospital and next door to Community Action, lol... But it is easy to get to by city bus and is open early. I will continue going there until the City permits Grass Hut to deliver cannabis products to Keizer residents only.

Thank you, I need not crash a Council session with my 2-minutes talking time... this email should suffice!

Sincerely,

Davis, Tracy

From: Cathy Clark
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Jaymee Workman
Cc: Davis, Tracy
Subject: Re: Protect people in Keizer and OR

Good afternoon,
Thank you for your letter regarding public safety in Keizer.
Our police will continue to provide public safety services to all our residents, treating all with dignity and respect.
Your letter will be entered into written public comment at the Keizer City Council meeting January 19, 2021.
Best regards,

Cathy Clark, Mayor
clarkc@keizer.org
503-932-1731

From: Jaymee Workman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:44:00 PM
To: Cathy Clark
Subject: Protect people in Keizer and OR

An Open Letter to All U.S. Governors and Mayors:

I am writing as your constituent, deeply concerned by reports that armed white supremacist groups and individuals are planning further disruption across the country in the coming days and weeks. I join Amnesty International to urge you to do everything in your power and within human rights standards to protect people from violence by these armed groups and individuals, and to condemn white supremacy.

The widespread availability of and lack of uniform restrictions on guns in this country combined with the incitement to violence and the enabling and abetting of white supremacy at the highest levels of government has left the country dangerously vulnerable to those who prefer inequity to fairness, hate over unity, and impunity over justice.

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I call on you to meet your obligations under international law to respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of all people, including by taking the following steps:

- Publicly condemn and demand accountability for incitement to violence and the enabling and abetting of white supremacy at the highest levels of government, including by President Trump and other government officials;
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- Direct police departments to adopt and follow Amnesty International's best practices on the policing of demonstrations, and ensure that all law enforcement agencies facilitate freedom of peaceful assembly, without discrimination, particularly in the context of volatile counter-protest situations, with commitments to ensuring transparent investigation and prosecution of unlawful use of force, and vigilantism by armed groups: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/good-practice-for-law-enforcement-officials-policing-demonstrations>;

Your constituents are watching. The world is watching. Thank you for reading this, I look forward to your response.

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Jaymee Workman

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From: Cathy Clark
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Janvier Slick; Davis, Tracy
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To: Dana Petre-Miller
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From: Dana Petre-Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:58:00 PM
To: Cathy Clark
Subject: Protect people in Keizer and OR

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Sincerely,

Dana Petre-Miller



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"Racism, antipathy and alienation stand in the way of Christ's kingdom of love, justice and peace. As missional communities we will seek to dismantle individual and systemic racism in our church. We will also seek to develop intercultural competence, which means that we work to heal racial divisions, learn to live and work in a multicultural context, and value all the gifts of God's diverse people." -Mennonite Church USA, Statement on Racism

Congregational Statement

To: Salem-Keizer, OR Area Community Leaders – Chiefs of Police, Mayors, City Council, Marion County Commissioners, Oregon State Police
From: Salem Mennonite Church
RE: Racism and White Nationalism Concerns for the Salem-Keizer Community

Greetings Public Servants and Elected Officials. Thank you for the time and effort you dedicate to serving our cities. We implore you to ensure our communities are safe for everyone by denouncing hate, racism, and white nationalism. Additionally, for everyone in the communities we love to thrive, we all must own and address the roots and consequences of systemic racism.

As followers of Christ and members of the Salem Mennonite Church faith community, we unequivocally denounce white nationalism, systemic racism, and acts of hate. We have become increasingly concerned for the safety and wellbeing of community members because of the prevalence of incidents motivated by racism and hate in and around Salem. Our concern is heightened, especially for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community members, by the presence of White Nationalist groups in our community, particularly when these groups are carrying guns and other weapons through public areas and residential neighborhoods. The most egregious incidents include the racially motivated murder of Herman Graham III and physical attacks on peaceful protesters. We have enclosed a timeline of incidents through Nov. 2020 for your review. More targeted, hate-filled incidents have occurred since then.

Timeline of Concerning Local Events: (Please note that this is not a comprehensive list)

On Nov. 29 Patriot Prayer staged a protest outside an OSHA inspector's home because an OSHA fine was levied against a business that did not follow state health guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19. Their language, manner and intent was intimidating and harassing.

On Oct. 23 Herman Graham III was murdered by a White man charged with first degree bias crime. Salem police have released very little information regarding progress with the case; much of what the community knows is based on social media posts.

On Oct. 17 members of the Proud Boys walked around Bush's Pasture Park carrying guns, knives and other weapons while intoxicated, pointing their guns at people to intimidate and threaten them. In this same manner they walked through surrounding residential neighborhoods to protest in front of the Governor's mansion. We ask you, would a group of inebriated Black persons open carrying guns have been allowed to proceed without intervention?

On Labor Day the Proud Boys and other hate groups protested at the Oregon State Capitol, equating members of the LGBTQ community to pedophiles and calling for Democratic leaders to be shot down. Police made several arrests after this group attacked and injured BLM counter-protestors.

On August 15, 2020 members of The American Patriot Society attacked peaceful protesters at the Oregon State Capitol. One member, Vincent Burroughs, physically assaulted multiple women. He approached them, running, then applied a chokehold to Julianne Jackson from behind and bodily threw her to the ground. He also attacked two other women who came to her aid. The Oregon State Police has yet to press any charges for these assaults.

On May 5 and June 1 heavily armed Proud Boys and members of other hate groups stood guard outside a downtown Salem hair salon, after the owner refused to close in response to state health guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

On March 31 "Whites Only" was written on the side of McKinley Grade School. No one has been charged.

The Oregon Legislature canceled a session after members of the Three Percenters, an extremist hate group, threatened to storm the State Capitol during the 2019 Republican walk-out.

Patriot Prayer, The Three Percenters, and Proud Boys have all been identified as hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center. All are associated explicitly or tangentially with the White Nationalism movement. In his 2017 article "As White Supremacy Sits Down, White Nationalism Stands Up" Eric Ward, Executive Director of the Western States Center explains that White Nationalism seeks not simply to marginalize, but to eliminate people of color from the U.S.

Definition of White Supremacy: *White supremacy in the United States is a system of social control and disparities formed to exploit indigenous populations, Blacks, poor whites, immigrants, and women's sexual reproduction to maintain the political, cultural, economic, and social domination of those identified as white.*

Definition of White Nationalism: *White nationalism seeks the complete removal of Jews and people of color from the United States altogether. White nationalists seek to dismantle the current state and replace it with a white only ethno-state. In short, ethnic cleansing.*

Davis, Tracy

From: Cathy Clark
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] Davis, Tracy
Subject: Re: goals and work plan

Good evening Ms. Swan,

Thank you for your email regarding Council goals and work plan for 2021-2022, specifically around your thoughts for the next steps for the statement of values of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

It will be entered into the record under Public Comment for the next council meeting, scheduled for January 19, 2021. And your email will be provided to all Council members.

Cathy Clark, Mayor
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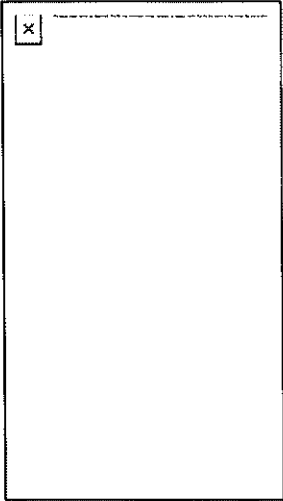
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 5:18:21 PM
To: Cathy Clark
Subject: Re: goals and work plan

Mayor Cathy Clark,

As a council and city, I want to see our focus on how we're going to enact our intention to oppose white supremacy and act anti-racistly.

I encourage you to watch these short videos from Sonya Renee Taylor. I hope they will inspire you to engage more of her powerful work too.

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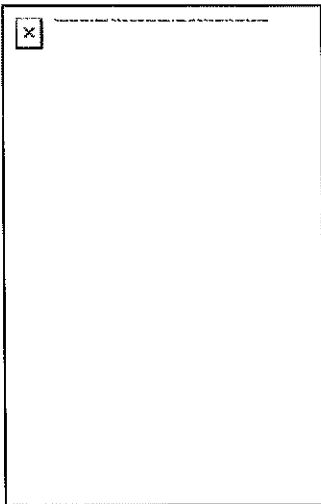


Instagram post by Sonya Renee Taylor • Oct 20, 2020 at 4:32pm UTC

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4,781 Likes, 135 Comments - Sonya Renee Taylor (@sonyareneetaylor) on Instagram

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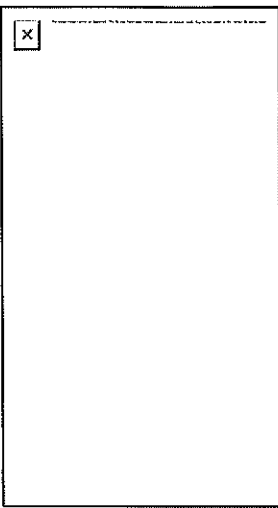
19.1k Likes, 980 Comments - Sonya Renee Taylor (@sonyareneetaylor) on Instagram: "Unmelanated people's of European descent there is an opportunity to wrestle with your..."

From Keizer's statement of values:

"Be it further resolved that the City of Keizer repudiates the belief system of white supremacy and condemns racism and is committed to the elimination of all forms of racism everywhere it exists."

This statement has already been made a lie.

It is a lie when people like Bill Post are welcomed and thanked for speaking "All lives matter" and Covid denial rhetoric without any push back. It is a lie when Laura Reid speaks "all lives matter" rhetoric and no one pushes back. If you are unclear on what that statement means, this is an excellent 30 second crash course: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CFiSNwDnrnm/?igshid=18se10rnmv3a>



blairimani on Instagram:
#SmarterInSeconds: What is All Lives Matter? Requested by a member on Patreon! Link in bio to join! All Lives Matter isn't a movement or...

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It is a lie when new council member Ross Day is fully welcomed without comment about his alignment with white supremacy. He filled a lawsuit for Glamour Salon when they chose to endanger the lives of our community through reckless, illegal Covid denial and violations, and invited armed white supremacists downtown Salem to support the salon and menace local youth and folks who live downtown. Here is proud white supremacist sharing her relationship with Glamour Salon owner Lindsey Graham: <https://youtu.be/7Bpp9hE2YWg>

It is so apparent who the city council serves and values every time you all decide to overlook racism and white supremacy right there at your own table.

City council is not a safe place.

How is this predominantly white city council going to give up power to Black, brown, Indigenous community members? What decisions will you outsource to community members who feel the effects of white supremacy everyday in this city? In every action you take, will you commit to centering the experience of Black, brown, Indigenous community members and ask how the action will specifically benefit or harm these community members. Continuing to make decisions for "all" community members and allowing white folks to take up the entirety of that "all" will not dismantle white supremacy in our city.

Silence is violence and unifying with white supremacists is white supremacy.

Whatever you do focus on, housing, street maintenance, support for local businesses, local eviction and rent stops as we attempt care for our community struggling in an ongoing pandemic, it must be explicitly stated

what will be done under the leadership of our Black, brown, Indigenous community members to ensure that it benefits their communities specifically.

This would be a start at trying to make true our city's anti-white supremacist statement.

Elizabeth Swan