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TENANTS PROTEST



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Portland Tenants United demonstrated last week outside an awards ceremony for Multifamily NW, at an event attended by property managers, landlords and lobbyists.

Tenants' Group Protests Award Ceremony Housing activists hold satiric mock 'award ceremony' outside gala event

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housing crisis.

Margot Black, the organizer behind the protest, told *The Skanner News* the demonstration was meant to bring attention to those who profit from high rents and housing instability. Multifamily NW was chosen because they lobby to fight bans on no-cause evictions, inclusionary zoning and other regulations intended to stabilize Portland housing.

"This is a group who has never had the spotlight shined on them in terms of their contribution to the housing crisis — their celebration of the housing crisis," Black said. "I think

it's time that people know who's paying our lawmakers and that they know we're watching."

Since October of 2008, the Multifamily NW Political Action Committee and the Metro Multifamily Housing Association Political Action Committee have spent more than \$100,000 in political contributions, according to the Oregon Secretary of State OreStar report.

The majority of these donations are to Oregon state legislators. House Speaker Tina Kotek has received a combined total of \$9,500 from both PACs through four separate donations.

Portland City Commissioners Steve Novick, Nick Fish and Dan Saltzman have all received contributions from the PACs, as did mayoral candidate Jules Bailey and mayor-elect Ted Wheeler.

The protest began in the park blocks in front of the Portland Art Museum. Music was provided by David Rokics, who sang out the song lyric, "Who gave you the right to be a landlord?" as protestors gathered around the "Theodore Roosevelt, Rough Rider" bronze sculpture.

PTU activist Austin Rose

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Saadat Resigns as COCL/COAB Chair Letter submitted Monday morning

By The Skanner News Staff

Kathleen Saadat announced Tuesday that, effective at the end of June, she is resigning her position as community liaison and chair of the Community Oversight Advisory Board.

The board is tasked with overseeing police reforms required by the Department of Justice's settlement with the City of Portland after a DOJ investigation found a pattern of excessive force deployed by Portland

police, particularly against people with mental illness.

Saadat stepped into the role last summer following the resignation of retired Oregon chief justice Paul De Muniz. Like De Muniz, Saadat was the only key member of the Compliance Officer/Community Liaison team based in Oregon. Dennis Rosenbaum and Amy Watson, two researchers associated with the University of Illinois at Chicago, head up



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Kathleen Saadat, pictured at an Occupy rally in 2011, has resigned from the body tasked with overseeing police reforms mandated by a 2012 settlement with the Department of Justice.

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TriMet has hired a consulting firm to investigate the cost and feasibility of charging a lower fare to low-income riders.

TriMet Looks Into Lower Fare

Agency will investigate the cost of reduced fares for low-income people

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Earlier this year Bus Riders Unite — an advocacy group for transit-dependent people linked with OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon — asked TriMet to consider adopting a separate fare for low-income riders.

Now the agency has hired a consulting firm to look into the feasibility and cost effectiveness of charging some riders less, if they meet certain income criteria.

In May the Oregonian reported that TriMet has hired Four Nines Consult-

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