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Alisha Howard (from left), Ashleigh Paschal and Charlene McGee volunteer to register voters on Saturday's Power to Vote day of action sponsored by the Portland NAACP, the Urban League of Portland and the Oregon Bus Project.

Elections Office to Open Saturday

Helping Washington voters meet deadline

The Clark County Elections Office will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 4 because that is the last day to report a change of address for people who want to vote in the November election. It is also the last day to register to vote in Clark County if you have previously registered somewhere else in Washington.

To register or update your address you can go online at clarkvotes.org until midnight on Saturday or mail the change using an official Washington Secretary of State form post-

marked by Oct. 4.

The official registration forms are available during business hours at public libraries, public schools, city and town halls, auto license agencies, and the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin St. in Vancouver.

From Monday, Oct. 6 to Oct. 20, you can register in Washington only if you are not registered anywhere else in the state and only in person at the Elections Office.

In Oregon, the deadline for new voter registrations and change of addresses is Tuesday, Oct. 14. For information, contact the Oregon Secretary of State at 1866-ORE-VOTE or visit oregonvotes.org.

TriMet Adds Security Measures

More police, cameras and fare enforcement

TriMet announced Monday that it will take new steps to enhance security measures, including hiring more police officers, increasing fare inspections and adding more cameras to MAX stations.

"TriMet has taken numerous steps over the past 10 months to increase security on our buses and MAX trains," said TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen. "People are seeing a difference, but I want to do more to ensure the safety and integrity of the system as we expand transit options and have record numbers of people riding our buses and MAX trains."

The transit agency plans to hire 15 police officers, bringing the total number of budgeted officers from 43 to 58, doubling the

number of actual officers who were working for the Transit Police Division a year ago.

TriMet also will hire additional field supervisors and combine them with fare inspectors, doubling the number of staff from 15 to 30 who will check fares and issue warnings, tickets and exclusions for those found without a valid fare.

Last February, Hansen gave authority to all TriMet supervisors to be able to check fares. By doubling the number of staff checking fares, the likelihood that a rider will have their fare inspected on any given trip will significantly increase.

TriMet said it also plans to work with the Multnomah County District Attorney's office

to request changes in Oregon law to increase the fines and penalties for illegal behavior on TriMet, including making it a felony to assault a rider.

Council Candidates Drawn Into Debate

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She said independent sources not tied to the police bureau should be used to collect racial profiling data. She said it also might help if all public employees were required to give out contact information to people they encounter, for accountability and courtesy.

Lewis suggested better training and education for police officers to address racial profiling pitfalls. He would also support shortening the hiring process for the police force if that would result in a more diverse group.

Lewis advocated for growing a sense of community in the officers by making them more invested in the people they work amongst.

"We should encourage officers to live where they work," he said.

A question-and-answer session addressed the fact that, currently, the City Council is made

up entirely white males, which Lewis felt could still be an impartial mixture, especially if they are thoughtful.

He cited his nonprofit work as being something that helps him understand the minority community.

Fritz agreed that an all-male council could be seen as somewhat of a hostile environment, but says that as a woman and an immigrant, she is used to being different.

"This country was not set up for me—it was set up for white, affluent, male landowners," she said, adding that while she doesn't know what it feels like to live in skin of a different color, she does know what it is like to live life as a woman.

At the debate's closing, Oregon Action extracted a promise from both candidates that if elected, they would meet with the city's racial profiling committee regularly, starting within 60 days of taking office.

One Student, One Cause

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of enthusiasm and dedication to the students of De La Salle. He has survived a variety of extreme blood cancers, operations and even a heart attack in 2007.

Halloran is most loyal to his students, saying he no plans of

ever leaving De La Salle.

"I really do want to make a difference. I want to help the kids who are accustomed to getting the short end of the stick," he said.

His activist student wants to do the same for cancer patients and survivors.

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