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An activist known simply as Tequila takes the microphone to share her experience on surviving a gunshot wound in a confrontation with police, as another activist, Alyssa Pagan, leads a rally in front of City Hall.

Voices for Justice



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Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel of the Albina Ministerial Alliance (from left), Jo Ann Hardesty of the Portland NAACP, and Adrienne Cabouet of Black Lives Matter Portland, address police reform issues during a Black Bag forum at Portland State University.

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porting efforts in Portland and nationally to buy cameras for police to wear on their bodies while on duty.

“We’re about to spend \$800,000 on body cams,” Hardesty said, “but who will be in charge of the data? The police? What kind of evidence would the police release that would incriminate them but not their victims?”

Other voices expressed a feeling of hopelessness over police reform efforts and called for disbanding police departments entirely.

Cabouet, who helped revive a free breakfast program in north Portland that had its origins with the Black Panthers and has been working with the All African People’s Revolution Party of Oregon, suggested that abolishing police depart-

ments was “the only way to truly protect black people’s lives.” She called for replacing law enforcement as it exists today with systems created by people who live in the community.

A common grievance of the protesters who came to the rally on Friday was that the passing of Freddie Gray was a symptom of greater problems between civilians and police and the tensions between the two sides. Other issues raised included the lack of resources for many people of color, such as tuition help, legal counsel, and fare minimum wages.

Black Lives Matter says it plans to continue hosting rallies in support of Baltimore and other cities like Ferguson, Mo., Detroit, and here in Portland to bring attention to what they see as a national conversation around race and police violence.

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