Soul District Leader Retiring

welcomes business owners and Club. neighborhood advocates to its

A neighborhood business Awards banquet, Thursday, present merit awards to 12 lo-

association serving the Soul April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Co- cal businesses and provide the District of northeast Portland lumbia Edgewater Country community an opportunity say good bye to Joice A. Taylor, the The North/Northeast Busi- group's longtime dynamic and annual Excellence in Business ness Association event will dedicated leader who is retiring



Joice A Taylor

after serving as NNEBA board chair for over 10 years.

Kenneth Doswell, owner of Betty Jean Couture, a north Portland fashion and clothing design house will serve as the new board chair, and John Washington will continue to serve as vice-chair, Ernest Harris as secretary, and Richard Harris as treasurer.

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Activist Acquitted

Jury rules in favor of protester

Portland activist Teressa Raiford was unanimously acquitted Thursday on a charge of criminally obstructing traffic for a protest last year on the one year anniversary of the death of Michal Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

The not guilty verdict was seen as evidence of police bias and abuse of power by activists for police reform in Portland. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon applauded the Portland jury's decision.

Raiford maintained in a threeday trial that she was lawfully protesting last August when police officers caught her by surprise and suddenly crossed Southeast Division near 82nd Avenue and arrested her. She was leading a crowd of about 100 protesters in chants at the time.

Raiford is the founder of the



Teressa Raiford

Don't Shoot PDX movement which began after Brown's death by a white police officer in Missouri, and mirrors many of the ideals for justice in the Black Lives Matter movement.

In a message to police after the trial, Raiford said, "Leave us alone. Stop targeting black people in Multnomah County...End excessive force. Stop profiling."





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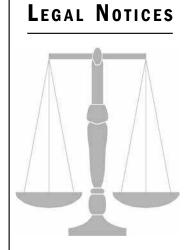
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