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A banner created by a student at De La Salle High School depicting African Americans who have been killed in confrontations with police in recent years across the country is showcased at a Reclaim Martin Luther King March Sunday at Peninsula Park in north Portland organized by the protest group 'Don't Shoot Portland.'

Reclaiming the Dream

Show of diversity's strength amid fears of setbacks

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

On Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered one of his most memorable speeches as a quarter of a million people gathered around the Washington Monument, "I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls," his baritone voice rang out. On Sunday in Portland, as the city celebrated the annual Martin Luther King national holiday, MLK's dream for racial equality and harmony in Amer-

ica saw the reality of progress as a diverse group of mostly families with children came together and joined hands to advance the arc of justice.

Nearly 100 people braved freezing temperatures, a foot of piled snow and solid inches of ice for a rally at Peninsula Park in north Portland and a march to the MLK statute on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at the Oregon Convention Center.

Sponsored by the organization Don't Shoot Portland, which was formed three years ago as a re-

sponse to police-involved shootings of African Americans across the county, the atmosphere was calm and empowering.

Participants brought signs that read Black Lives Matter, White Silence is Violence, Rebellions are Built on Hope, and Say Their Name. There were inspiring songs such as Gil Scott Heron's "The Revolution Will Not be Televised" and Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions' gospel hit "People Get Ready" played from a boom box.

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Citizen Police Review Panel Vacancy

Volunteers are needed to serve a three-year term on the Citizen Review Committee – an advisory body to Independent Police Review division under the City Auditor and the Portland Police Bureau. Constantin Severe, director of the review division, says the goal is to have membership on the committee that is reflective of the rich diversity in Portland.

"Service on this committee requires evidence - based decision making, objectivity, fairness and impartiality in regards to law enforcement. We are looking for community members that have a strong commitment to public service and who are willing to make a substantial time commitment,"



Constantin Severe said Severe.

IPR is the city agency responsible for the civilian oversight of the Police Bureau. Committee mem-

bers hear community and Police Bureau member appeals of police misconduct investigations, listen to public concerns regarding police conduct, engage in training and other activities to learn about policing, review Police Bureau policies and procedure, and advise IPR.

The volunteer position will include service on the Police Review Board to make fact-based recommendations for discipline in use of force incidents to the Chief of Police and Police Commissioner.

Applications are available at the IPR office in City Hall as well as on IPR's website portlandoregon.gov/ipr.