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Tens of thousands of protesters in Portland spill onto the streets and form a protest Friday to send a decisive message that a broad coalition is prepared to resist the newly installed Trump Administration.

Discontent with a Trump Administration

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A myriad of community organizations and tens of thousands of individuals took to the streets in downtown Portland for a weekend of protests after President Donald Trump's inauguration on Friday in Washington, D.C.

From contentious stand-offs between demonstrators and Portland police on the

Resistance

night of the inauguration to a peaceful crowd of as many as 100,000 people participating in Saturday's Women's March on Portland, one of the largest protests ever seen in the city, the voices raised sent a decisive message that a broad coalition in Portland is prepared to resist the newly installed Trump Administration.

Gregory McKelvey, the 23-year-old leader of Portland's Resistance, one of the chief organizers of Friday's demonstrations along with a group called Direct Ac-

tion Alliance dubbed the action an event to "Rise Up and Resist Fascism," according to the event's Facebook page. He told the Portland Observer another primary objective was to build community ties and meet with people who share common political values.

The first protest started to form downtown in the early afternoon just after Trump took the oath of office in a ceremony on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Although the atmosphere by protesters was overall festive

as the crowd grew to an estimated 10,000 people, clashes with law enforcement darkened the evening.

On Monday, official complaints by protesters of excessive force by police were made to the Independent Police Review Division. New Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said he would also review the reports.

Wheeler said he supported demonstrators' right to assembly and their right to free expression, but wanted to limit acts of vandalism and disruptions to transit that marred similar protests in Portland after Trump was elected in November.

But representatives of the Direct Action Alliance on Monday called for the firing of

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