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# No Retreat on Civil Rights

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Portland photographer and journalist Julie Keefe had a photo booth where marchers could have instant photos printed, write a message to Donald Trump, and have the photo and statement mailed to the White House.

The organization "Showing Up for Racial Justice" served up sandwiches, soup, small deserts, coffee and hot tea.

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Hardesty greeted them, "I see multi-generations, I see multi-rac-

es, I see very gender, every ethnicity recognized here today. I am so grateful every one of you came to be part of this movement. Let me be clear, it's not just about being on the street today, because all is not well in our city."

A former state representative, Hardesty urged her fellow citizens to put pressure on new mayor Ted Wheeler to make police reforms a priority; to support citizen volunteers on a panel to correct racial profiling, excessive force and other police issues; and to join the civil rights groups in Portland working on the frontlines demanding better police accountability.

More than a dozen speakers followed, including people from a

tapestry of different backgrounds: military veteran, Arab-American, Rabbi, Imam, Lutheran and Asian American.

Francisco Aguirre, a South American immigrant who now faces deportation, spoke, as did James Chasse Sr., the father of a man who suffered from mental illness and who died in Portland police custody in 2006. Activist Joyce Harris led a moment of reflection as she read a list of other young people who have fallen to police violence with a call to "Say Their Names."

In between, Dr. Haynes would signal to the crowd in his distinguished and practiced voice: "No Justice! No Peace! Continue the battle, until we finish the course!"



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