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Venus Hayes speaks out for justice in the police shooting death of her 17-year-old son, Quance Hayes, as she gathered with family and friends at City Hall on Thursday to file a notice of bringing a wrongful death lawsuit against the city, one year after Hayes was killed.

## Family Seeks Justice

BY DANNY PETERSON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The family of Quance Hayes wanted to deliver their intent to sue the city to Mayor Ted Wheeler directly, but had to settle for the mayor's Chief of Staff Maurice Henderson.

Surrounded by friends and family, Venus Hayes and her brother Steven Hayes hand-delivered the lawsuit notice to City Hall on Thursday, demanding accountability for what they believe was a wrongful death of their 17-year-old son and nephew.

The mayor had a prior commit-

ment at a previously scheduled event, according to his representative, but it did not sit well with the family. Witnesses reported seeing Wheeler exit a back door of City Hall just a half hour before the family and supporters arrived.

Terrence Hayes, a cousin of Venus Hayes, criticized the mayor for his lack of a presence, "I think it's offensive... our family put a lot of trust in Ted. In the beginning, we were hopeful, he was genuine and not 'Ted the politician,'" he told the Portland Observer.

Quance Hayes was unarmed when he was shot while on the

ground following a police chase after a reported armed robbery near Northeast 82nd Avenue one year ago. His family says he was on his knees and complying with officer instructions when he was shot, but the officer said he was reaching for his waistband. A replica toy gun was found nearby.

A grand jury ruled in March that the shooting was justified, and the police officer shot Hayes, Andrew Hearst was cleared of charges. It marked the second time of him using justified lethal force during his career.

## Church Hosts Obama Advisor on Faith

The community is invited to join a diverse Portland congregation for an evening with Joshua DuBois, former President Obama's faith advisor, as he addresses "Faith in America Today" with music from some of Portland's finest jazz musicians.

The event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave., on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

DuBois is one of our country's top voices on community partnerships, religion in the public



Joshua DuBois

square and issues impacting African Americans. He led the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships under President Obama and was called the President's "Pastor-in-Chief" by TIME Magazine.

Also attending will be Rev. Kip Banks, senior pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Rev. Banks currently serves as the Director for Advocacy for the Progressive National Convention, which was founded by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.