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Right-wing protestors raise a banner in downtown Portland Saturday in criticism of Mayor Ted Wheeler for his response to police using a hands-off approach during a protest of an officer-involved shooting that blocked a street and grew violent one week earlier. (KOIN photo).

Protest Turns to Brawl

Repeated clashes has mayor calling for new rules

BY DANNY PETERSON
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After rival political factions broke into a bloody street brawl in downtown Portland again Saturday night, Mayor Ted Wheeler called on imposing new regulations to crack down on such oc-

currences in the future.

Multiple street fights broke out in a wild scene with left and right wing citizen protestors using pepper spray, bare fists and batons in front of Kelly's Olympian, a popular bar on Southwest Washington Street. The melee, which was partially captured by cell phone video, culminated in riot cops rushing in to break up the activity, in part with the use of non-lethal ammunition.

Police noted that protestors and counter-protestors were possessing hard-knuckled gloves,

firearms, and knives, though no weapons were seized.

The incident started with a protest for law and order that was organized by Joey Gibson of Vancouver and a leader for Patriot Prayer. The Proud Boys, another right-wing group known for members who espouse white nationalist rhetoric, also attended.

The group raised a banner in criticism of Mayor Ted Wheeler for his response to police using a hands-off approach during a pro-

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Ballots Going Out to Voters

Ballots for the upcoming Nov. 6 election are scheduled to arrive in mail boxes as soon as this week. In the past few days, the official Voter Pamphlet, which contains information and arguments for and against the various ballot measures and candidates, was delivered to registered voters.

To cast your vote in Oregon, the outside envelope for containing your ballot must be signed and delivered in time to reach county election offices by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks do not count. There are also official ballot drop sites, including all Multnomah County Public Libraries which will receive ballots up until 8 p.m. on Election Day. A new Voting Center Express office in downtown

Gresham is also opening on Monday, Oct. 22 to Nov. 6 to serve the public, a location where voters can replace a lost ballot, get help voting, or get questions answered. All voters can track their ballot and get a virtual "I Voted" sticker by visiting multnomah.ballottrax.net.

If you don't receive a ballot by next week, you may want to check on its status, request an absentee ballot or have other questions answered by contacting the Multnomah County Elections Office at 503-988-3720. Free on-site help for voters with disabilities or those who don't speak English is also available by phone or online at multco.us/education-and-outreach.

