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Jordan LeDoux accidentally signed up as coordinator if a protest was needed to defend Special Counsel Robert Mueller investigation of President Trump and Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. LeDoux had already been involved in political actions, but took it to a new level when he got the call last November in response to the resignation of Jeff Sessions and Trump's appointment of Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.

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Most of us have mistakenly clicked on an unwanted option while online shopping or doing other activities on the web, usually a minor inconvenience and easily corrected. But for Jordan LeDoux, a misplaced click sent him down the path to reluctantly organizing the local chapter of a national protest in support of maintaining the integrity of a special counsel investigation into ties between Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia.

It all started when LeDoux, a computer programmer from Portland, signed up for the political group MoveOn's rapid response tool.

LeDoux clicked on Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland on a digital map on the MoveOn website, thinking he was marking his location

should a future protest be held in the Rose City, he told the Portland Observer. But rather than marking himself as a potential participant, LeDoux inadvertently signaled he was volunteering to organize and host the event should it be needed.

He said he didn't really realize what he had signed up until a few months later, when he got "some emails about tips for organizers, things like that," he said.

"I looked at the thing that I created and realized that there were over 2,000 people signed up. And at that point I was like, well, I really have to do basic organizing," LeDoux said.

Luckily "basic organizing" was part of his pedigree due to being a key figurehead in the Occupy Portland movement against economic inequality

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