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Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw and actor Russell Hornsby (center) join other community members in a discussion about the interactions between police and communities of color following a film screening of "The Hate You Give"—a fictional film that Hornsby co-stars in about a black youth who is shot and killed by a police officer after a hairbrush he had is mistaken for a weapon. Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee and 'No Hate Zone' creator Sam Sachs (pictured in front) helped organize Friday's event.

Emotions Run High

Chief joins screening of 'The Hate You Give'

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Emotions ran high during a discussion with Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw, actor Russell Hornsby, and community members of color at Vancouver Ave-

nue First Baptist Church Friday, following a screening of the critically acclaimed 2018 film "The Hate You Give," which Hornsby co-starred in, and delves deep into themes of officer-involved shooting deaths of black Americans, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the sometimes tense relationship between police and communities of color.

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Toran Offers a Plan for Wapato

New proposal for never used jail

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A new vision for the never-used Wapato jail been drafted by Volunteers of America. This time the proposal is to create a 100-bed residential treatment program for addiction and mental health services for men and women.

Kay Toran, a long time leader from Portland's African American community, who has directed Volunteers of American Oregon since 1999, is working on securing funding, going back to government agencies and the private sector with pleas to help make that dream a reality.

Jordan Schnitzer, who purchased Wapato after Multnomah County rejected proposals to remake the jail into a homeless shelter because of the cost and distance from other public services, has reached out to Toran in support of making the north Portland site a resource for the VOA's addiction and mental health services.

Dubbed the Community Wellness Center, it would be "a col-

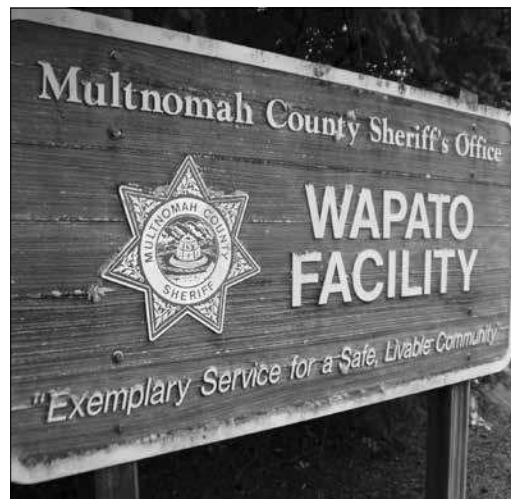


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Kay Toran, president of Volunteers of America Oregon, has proposed a re-envisioning of the never-used former Wapato jail site in north Portland.

laboration among treatment providers, social service agencies, hospital care providers and universities to provide holistic services to clients who need support in behavioral health, substance use disorder and issues related to homelessness," according to a one page summary of the proposal.

"I believe our vision is very different. We're not talking about trying to use it for the homeless, we aren't talking about trying to use it for a jail, we are talking about providing a resource to a population that we know have high needs in this community," Toran told the Portland Observer.

The facility would not be exclusively for seniors, as has been previously reported, but all adults 18 and up, Toran clarified, with a special focus on those touched by the criminal justice system. It would be similar to two existing residential centers that VOA operates—one for men and one for women—in Portland.

Schnitzer called the idea "fabulous." He acquired the property last spring and has been exploring the idea of repurposing it for a facility that helps the homeless ever since. He's also considered lev-

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