

Police Accountability

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ing family members of those who have been killed by police.

Morgan/Hall's son, Brad Lee Morgan, was fatally shot by police in 2012 after threatening to jump from the top of a downtown parking garage and pointing what was later determined to be a replica firearm at officers.

"I wish they'd do the walk away method. If you're mentally ill, and you think you're going to be in danger, especially the cops, they need to walk away. They don't need to be there. Let the mental health workers come out and help you," Morgan/Hall said to the crowd of demonstrators, who were flashing protest signs at motorists and passersby in front of City Hall. She added that dealing with the incident caused her mental instability, too.

"I don't care if you're on the street or whatever. But cops shouldn't kill us because we're mentally ill, or we're homeless, or we're just in crisis."

She lamented that she could no longer give her son a hug, and that he could no longer hold the eight month son he left behind.

James Ofsink, an organizer with Portland's Resistance, told the Portland Observer that a new police contract, which only gets negotiated every four or five years, should require stronger community oversight and police

accountability.

Currently police cannot be compelled to give testimony for a misconduct allegation to the Independent Police Review board, nor does the board—designated as a community oversight entity—have a role in use of deadly force cases, according to the current contract, Ofsink said. And those are just two of many other policy decisions that are "baked into" the current contract, he added, "One of the big things is accountability, a willingness to fire officers when they break policies and codes and the laws of the city."

Haynes said the public should have the right to petition the City Council to give recommendations of what is needed in the contract to make the Police Bureau "a department that is building trust." He said one of the big issues is accountability, a willingness to fire officers when they break policies and codes and the laws of the city.

Ofsink said police associations across the country have used their employment contracts to limit the accountability for their officers.

Campaign Zero, a police reform campaign associated with the national Black Lives Matter movement and launched in 2015 with an aim to reduce police violence, supported a 2018 University of Oxford study by Abdul Rad that found there was quantitative

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