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Retiring public servant Antoinette Edwards (center) is honored on her retirement by Mayor Ted Wheeler and the other members of the Portland City Council for her work in community advocacy and directing Portland's Office of Youth Violence Prevention.

Salute to a Fierce Advocate

Antoinette Edwards retires
from office helping youth

Antoinette Edwards, a retiring public servant and advocate from the African American community who has directed the Portland's Office of Youth Violence Preven-

tion since 2011, had her last day on the job declared as an official day in her honor last week by the Mayor and Commissioners.

Edwards, 66, is known for creating the Community Peace Collaborative, a public forum which facilitates biweekly meetings where difficult conversations take place between community members and police. The

topics range from officer-involved shootings and abuse to reconciliation and ideas for reducing violence among youth and take place at the North Portland Community Policing Center at Northeast Emerson Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

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31 Dead, 2 US Shootings, 1 Tie to Hate



AP PHOTO/JOHN MINCHILLO

Mourners gather at a vigil following a nearby mass shooting this past Sunday, in Dayton, Ohio. It was the second mass shooting in the U.S. in less than 24 hours, with the first taking place in El Paso, Texas, Saturday that authorities said appears to be a racially motivated hate crime.

Read more about the mass shootings that occurred this weekend on Page 4.