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NAACP President James Posey and Aubre Dixon at vigil for slain Memphis man

## Vigil Held to Shed Light on Injustice

### Portland NAACP and Black community leaders address Tyre Nichols death

The NAACP and Portland leaders held a vigil for Tyre Nichols, who died after being brutally beaten by Memphis police officers. Nichols was just 29 when

he died. Video of police beating and kicking him was released and protests around the country began. Five former police officers are now charged in his death. A sixth Memphis officer was also fired after an internal police investigation showed he violated multiple department policies in the violent arrest of Tyre Nichols, including rules surrounding the deployment of a stun gun, officials said.

“We have a lot of problems to solve,” said NAACP President James Posey.

“We have issues around police accountability.” Mr. Posey continued on to say “It’s not just about protesting. We’ve got to go deeper than carrying signs.” Additionally, Posey added that Portland’s Black police officers are “some of the best human beings on the planet.”

Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell was also present at the vigil to honor

## Oregon Black Pioneers Legacy Lives On with Current President



Kimberly Moreland

## Founder and Past President Dies

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If it weren’t for the vision of the late Willie Richardson, long-time president of Oregon Black Pioneers, the organization would not exist.

Richardson passed away on January 25, said Kimberly Moreland, the current president, and she will be greatly missed, she said.

According to her obituary, Richardson was active in Salem by working with the Salem YMCA, Salem Human Rights Commission, Women’s Political Caucus and Oregon Assembly of Black Affairs. She served on the Salem-Keizer school board for four years and was the first, and only, Black person elected to the governing board.

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