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'Angry' Image Down

Oregon GOP's FB image showed mob against a sunset

By Donovan M. Smith
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From April until late last week, the Oregon Republican Party's Facebook page had a cover image that raised a few eyebrows.

The image features four dolls or action figures, standing side-by-side looking at the viewer. One bears an axe held high. Next to him is a man bearing a rifle. The next action figure clinches a pitchfork between his fist, while the last holds a club-like item in one hand while raising his clinched fist high.

The image, uploaded on April 19, remained the party's cover photo up until June 26, following some comments on the page asking what message the image meant to send.

After receiving a call from a reader who said the image looked like a lynch mob, *The Skanner* contacted the Oregon Republican Party for comment.

A woman identifying herself as the executive director declined to comment but said she would forward us to the Chair Bill Currier and vice chair Tyler Smith, who never followed up despite multiple attempts by *The Skanner's* staff to make contact.

A reverse look-up of the image using Google revealed the possible origins of the photo, which shows up as the first result when searching for "angry mob," and is the illustration for the term "angry mob" on Wikipedia.

"So Oregon Republicans are an angry mob now?" June 25 commenter Murray Sampson writes. "My Republican friends sure aren't. I'd guess they'd be embarrassed by this photo."

The following day Carmen Carballo Bueck, the only other to remark on the photo on the group's page expressed similar concerns writing, "Not sure how this is an appropriate representation of Republicans. I am new to the PNW, is violence or threats the method for getting things done in Ore-

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PRIDE



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Deputy Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best takes a selfie with a parade watcher during the 41st annual Seattle Pride Parade Sunday, June 28 in downtown Seattle. Thousands of people lined the streets to celebrate "A Lifetime of Pride" and the recent Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide.

As Session Ends, Frederick Looks Back

Bills on minority contracting, racial profiling made it through

By Christen McCurdy
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Oregon's 2015 legislative session wraps July 11, and Rep. Lew Frederick (D-NE Portland) is looking back on it as a fruitful one.

"My bills have been remarkably successful, not just because of me doing things, but for a number of reasons," Frederick told *The Skanner News*.

Some of the bills Frederick pushed forward for this session relate to issues he's been talking about since he ran for the Mult-

nomah County Commission in 2006.

For example, Frederick says he's been concerned for years about businesses that claim they are minority contractors, therefore qualifying for certain public contracts – but which are often not actually run by members of minority groups.

House Bill 2716, which Frederick co-sponsored and which was signed into law June 10, requires public contracting agencies to provide as material condition of public contract that the contractor remain certified

as disadvantaged, minority, women or emerging small business enterprise during the entire term of the public contract.

Frederick also pushed to end racial profiling and improve police accountability. While far from a new issue, police accountability is the topic of heated discussion nationwide, after the much-publicized killings of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray and the emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement. House Bill 2002, which will require law enforcement officials to adopt written policies and

procedures around racial profiling, passed out of the Senate Wednesday afternoon.

Frederick says his initial effort, in 2011, to introduce legislation to curb racial profiling stalled in part because the issue was not recognized as a problem statewide.

"I got told that this was only a Portland issue," Frederick says. "One of the ways we managed to get past that is that CIO [the Center for Intercultural Organizing] did a remark-

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MacLaren Celebrates Juneteenth

Youth correctional facility event focuses on Black history

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White lines on the concrete carve pathways to direct foot traffic.

Vending machines hum in the background of the visitor's center, and the signs flanking them say only guests of the inmates may use them.

Symbols of restriction can be found every-

where at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility.

Immense stretches of chain-link fence bend in towards the grounds and mark the line between the incarcerated and the free.

It seems an improbable backdrop for a celebration of freedom, but also an appropriate one.

On Sunday, more than 100 incarcerated youth celebrated Juneteenth at the Oregon

Youth Authority facility. The commemoration brought together youth offenders, family members and community supporters to celebrate cultural pride.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, celebrates the freeing of the last Confederate slaves after the Civil War. This year marks Juneteenth's 150th anniversary.

Roderick Edwards, the multicultural co-

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