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## Activists Arrested at Protest

### After arraignment, protesters took to the streets again

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More than 40 people took to the streets of downtown Portland Tuesday morning following the arraignment of activists Teressa Raiford and Diane Chavez, both of whom were arrested Sunday afternoon during a protest on the anniversary of the death of Missouri teenager Michael Brown.

Raiford and Chavez, who formed the anti-violence group Don't Shoot PDX last year, were arrested on charges of interfering with a police officer and disorderly conduct. Both Raiford and Chavez were arrested around 3 p.m. and released later Sunday night on bail.

According to police reports, they "elected to be arrested opposed to removing themselves from the street." Raiford told media and supporters on the courthouse steps that she and Chavez would have a second court date Aug. 27. Most of the activists and media who showed up for the arraignment waited in the hall outside the courtroom for the news rather than hearing it in person. According to Chavez, the judge presiding over the arraignment told them there were already too many people in the court room before the activists' arraignment began.

After posing for group photos with supporters, Raiford and fellow activist Loren Ware, also known as Glenn Waco, led a march from the Justice Center to City Hall. There they lay in the street in front of City Hall for four and a half minutes – one minute for every hour Brown's body lay in the streets of Ferguson, Mo., unattended. They also chanted the names of Black citizens who had been killed by police or died in police custody.

Dana Haynes, the spokesperson for Mayor Charlie Hales' office, observed the protest from the sidewalk in front of City Hall. Raiford confronted him directly, saying, "We're not here to amuse you. We're not here to en-

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# BLACK LIVES MATTER



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Black Lives Matter activists Marissa Johnson and Mara Jacqueline Willaford took over the stage during a speech by Bernie Sanders in Seattle Saturday.

## Safeway Closes in East County

### Gresham official says closure worsens Rockwood's food desert

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The Safeway at NE 181st and Halsey is permanently closing Aug. 28 in the wake of a merger with Albertsons. Officials say the closure will make food access in the area much more difficult.

Jill McGinnis, a Safeway spokesperson, said the store is closing in part due to underperformance.

But Josh Fuhrer, the executive director of Gresham's Redevel-

opment Commission, said sales for stores in the parcel where the Safeway's storefront is located have increased since the opening of a Department of Motor Vehicles location there this year.

Fuhrer told The Skanner the closure is "terrible" for area residents, who already have limited access to groceries.

Twenty-five percent of residents in the Rockwood neighborhood live at or below the poverty line, and Gresham has seen an increase in Black and Latino residents in recent years.

"We have 30,000 people in Rockwood, who've lost four grocery stores over the last 20 years. And the access to food is poor already and getting worse," Fuhrer said.

According to Fuhrer, Safeway signed a five-year lease earlier this year with California-based developer Retail Opportunity Investments Corporation (ROIC). He said he has been told they will continue to pay rent for the space rather than lease it to another grocer.

John Wynton, ROIC's point

of contact in Oregon, declined to comment when contacted by The Skanner.

Fuhrer said he was unaware Safeway planned to close the store until reporters from the Gresham Outlook contacted him for comments earlier this month.

In May 2014, the City of Gresham commissioned a report to analyze food access as part of its Healthy Eating Active Learning project, which started in 2012.

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## PPS Considers New Design at Roosevelt

### Resolution considers turning shop into a STEM 'makerspace'

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Critics of the Roosevelt High School remodel won a sizable victory in their campaign to enhance STEM education at the North Portland School.

Last week the Portland Public School Board passed a resolution authorizing the

study of an alternate design for the remodel. Resolution 5131 will assess the feasibility of turning an existing 1970s shop building into a modern technology education "makerspace." This large space is slated for demolition in the current master plan.

This is the latest development in two-year conflict between local STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) advocates and PPS officials. At the center of the debate

is the career technical education space within the Roosevelt remodel.

Technical education spaces, also known as "makerspaces" or "hackerspaces," are creative, do-it-yourself spaces where people use electronics, 3D printers, tools and hardware supplies to build, invent and learn. These spaces are often multi-disciplinary,

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