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the COCL team, though there are other support staff based in Portland.

“The existence of this Board provides Portland residents an opportunity to help shape reform of the PPB by sharing with the COAB ideas on improving the relationship between the community and the Portland Police

I am stepping down as Community Liaison and Chair of the Community Oversight Advisory Board. This has been a truly worthwhile time for me. I know a lot more about the world than I did when I came into this position. Thank you for being my teachers.

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Bureau. This opportunity for the general public to have input has not been there in this way before. Time for folks to put their cynicism aside and get involved so that the same old voices aren't informing policies that affect communities they don't represent,” Saadat said in a written statement to *The Skanner News*.

“This opportunity is part of an approach that many Portlanders have cried for, marched for, prayed for and demanded. Now that the opportunity is here, time to use it.”

She submitted the following message as a PDF attached to a list of undisclosed recipients Tuesday morning.

“May 31, 2016

“Colleagues

“Effective June 24, 2016,

the Portland COAB to go forward and reach the highest of heights and be the most amazingly wonderful COAB there could possibly be, because you are the best and because, as Senator Gordly said last week, “the City needs us”.

“The City will always need thoughtful, committed, tenacious and inspired folks to help it grow into its ever expanding potential. I believe in the power of people and I believe in the Portland COAB's ability to help shape the future of policing in the City of Portland. Thank you for the things you do to make our City better and for the past year of working together.

“KEEP ON KEEPING ON

“Sincerely

“[handwritten signature]”

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addressed the crowd, speaking of a Portland that is slipping away — a former working- and creative-class city being devoured by moneyed interests.

Rose said the landlord lobby has been actively encouraging the crisis and increasing their profits.

Portland Tenants Unit-

how the housing disaster is in their best interests,” Rose said, referring to the video. “The landlords don't want this problem to go away, our pain is their gain.”

To respond the MFNW ACE event, where the organization awards categories such as the “Property Manager of the Year” and the best

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ed had been circulating a video from a Multifamily NW breakfast event in 2012. MFNW member Maureen MacNabb gave a 16-minute speech where she joked about the homeless and referred to tenants as children she has to manage.

“One of the representatives from Multifamily Northwest ... talks about

“Property of the Year,” the PTU held their own mock awards.

The tenant group gave out awards for the “Biggest Rent Increase,” “Most Dramatic No-Cause Eviction” and “Crisis Profiteer of the Year.”

The tone of the mock event was pointed and satirical.

Black held up a cue

The laughs stopped when they presented the award for the most dramatic no-cause eviction.

That award was given to the Oswego Pointe apartments.

In late April, tenant Gregory Zagel was facing a no-cause eviction from the apartment complex where he had lived for the last 14 years. When

the Lake Oswego police arrived to arrest Zagel, he barricaded himself in his apartment and committed suicide.

The demonstration then moved to confront the MFNW gala.

They walked back and forth in front of the party, shouting slogans such as “We are unstoppable, rent control is possible” and “Multifamily, you can't hide. We can see your greedy side.”

Tensions flared as the guests tried to push through the throngs of demonstrators.

Security guards held the line between the two parties.

Some protestors were content to shout slogans

ed to cost \$20 million in lost revenue but has so far actual costs have been under budget. ORCA Lift riders pay \$1.50 per ride, where regular adult passengers pay anywhere from \$2.25 to \$3 depending on the time they ride and number of zones they visit. To qualify, a rider in a one-person

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ing to analyze how much it would cost to provide reduced fares for households at certain income levels, and the potential costs of subsidies ranging from a 25 percent discount to a free fare.

Lopez told *The Skanner News* the organization has been considering proposing a low-income fare

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since last year, but didn't launch a public campaign until early 2016. He also noted OPAL plans to perform its own analysis of the potential impact of a low-income fare to present to TriMet's board by July.

Transit systems in both Seattle and San Francisco already offer reduced fares for low-income riders. According to Lopez, the ORCA Lift program — which King County Metro Transit instituted last year — was initially estimat-

household must make \$23,760 or less.

TriMet currently offers fare assistance and fare relief programs to qualifying non-profit organizations that serve low-income people. Seniors and people with disabilities — who are disproportionately likely to live in poverty, whether they work or not — can also qualify for reduced fares through TriMet's honored citizens program. The agency was not able to provide the number

of people served by its fare assistance programs, or the estimated number of regular passengers who live on lower incomes, in time for *The Skanner's* deadline.

Lopez said Portland's housing crisis — which is pushing lower-income residents, including transit-dependent residents — further and further from their workplaces was a major catalyst for the low-income fare campaign. Increases in housing costs across the metro area have impacted poorer residents' ability to manage other expenses.

“We have folks who are spending \$5 per day because they can't afford to buy a monthly pass upfront, so they often spend more than \$100 per month [the cost of a monthly TriMet pass] on public transit,” Lopez said. “Often they are transit dependent.”

Bus Riders United will also hold a community forum from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday at the JAM's APANO Space 8114 SE Division St. to discuss the fare.



Bulldog Drumline Expo

The Garfield High School Drumline does an exhibition performance during the 8th Bulldog Drumline Expo May 28 at Garfield High School. About 700 people attended the event to watch 11 middle school and high school Drumlines compete and 3 exhibition performances at the largest drumline competition in the State. Glacier Peak High School took first followed by Life Christian High School in 2nd and Lincoln High School placing 3rd. Washington Middle School took first in the middle school competition.



Portland Tenants United demonstrators held their own mock “award ceremony” last week outside an awards ceremony for property managers.

while walking up and down the block.

Other protestors yelled at the partygoers.

Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice

(and former mayoral candidate) David Schor was among the demonstrators marching.

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