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AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Richard Edwards speaks at the Yes for Affordable Housing Campaign kickoff at the Buckman Coffee factory in Portland on Thursday, June 30, 2016. Edwards told the crowd about the challenges of finding housing when his family was homeless.

Affordable Housing Tax to Go to Voters

\$258.4 million bond would allow city to build or buy 1,300 rental units

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This November, Portland residents will vote on new tax measure to pay for affordable housing. The \$258.4 million bond would allow the city of Portland to either build or purchase 1,300 rental units to house those who are being priced out of the local housing market.

Last Thursday, the Portland City Council unanimously voted to send this

tax measure to the voters for the November 8 ballot.

The city council chamber was packed to capacity and overflowing into the third story balcony.

Maggie Tallmadge, representing the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, talked about the disproportionate impact of housing on communities of color, who are more likely to experience homelessness, cost-burdened households and displacement.

"Our communities are steadily pushed to the

fringes of cities, increasingly segregated, away from community, away from jobs and services and existing widespread disparities are exacerbated," Tallmadge said. "Increasingly, African American and Native American households are leaving the city entirely."

In her remarks, Tallmadge referred to the 2015 State of Housing in Portland report which stated that the average Black family looking for a one-bedroom apartment or larg-

er was priced out every neighborhood in Portland. Homeownership, without paying more than 30 percent of pretax income on housing, was also out of reach for most Black families.

The 20-year bond would raise property taxes by 42 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed value per year. A home assessed at \$178,320 would pay about \$75 more per year in property taxes.

The assessed value of

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Grants to Reduce Gang Violence

\$700,000 grant block will fund programs for youth at risk of getting involved with gangs

The Portland City Council voted to authorize \$700,000 in grants to community organizations providing activities for at-risk youth to reduce gang violence.

If approved, the grants will be offered to the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, the Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization - Africa House, Latino Network, Native American Youth and Family Center, the Boys & Girls Club of Portland Metropolitan Area, Self Enhancement, Inc., and REAP, Inc.

"Last year we had more than 12,000 kids using free access to our com-

munity centers and to our teen programming, so obviously there was and is a great need out there in the community," Mayor Charlie Hales told the council.

The funds will be allocated over two years, and will fund socializing activities for youth outside of school and during the summer. The funds are part of Mayor Charlie Hales' ongoing \$2 million Community Centers Initiative and will be dispersed through Portland Parks & Recreation department.

Parks and Recreation department
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On June 14, Mayor Hales visited the Montavilla Community Center and spent time with Portland Parks staff and volunteers. The visit was in support of the Community Centers Initiative to provide free access to recreation and deter young people from gang-related violence.



The Albina Ministerial Alliance issued a statement Wednesday decrying the lack of African Americans among Portland Police Bureau's command-level staff. Kevin Modica, who served as former Chief Larry O'Dea's assistant chief in charge of outreach, was demoted last week to captain by incoming chief Mike Marshman.

AMA Criticizes Demotion

Group says PPB needs Black voices among command-level staff

By Christen McCurdy
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The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform wants the Portland Police Bureau to hire more African Americans to its command staff, and is calling the demotion of assistant chief Kevin Modica "a step backward" for police reform.

Last week Chief Larry O'Dea - a Portland Police Bureau veteran who was sworn in as chief at the beginning of 2015, and now faces three investiga-

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Iranian women pray during the Eid al-Fitr prayers in Tehran, Iran, July 6. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

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