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people, Portland ranked sixth highest as a leading migration destination between 2012 and 2014, largely due to its progressive politics, proximity to nature, cycling infrastructure — until recently — its affordability compared to other West Coast cities.

The city has been ex-

meaning the Portland metro retained roughly 66 in-migrants each day.

The report revealed that 38 percent of all Portland migrants from 2012 — 2014 were people of color, compared to 25 percent of the metro's overall population. The diversity boost came mostly from Asian, Pacif-

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periencing aching pains in growth, which have culminated in traffic congestion, rents that far outpace wages, homelessness and displacement of its long-term residents.

By comparing Portland's migration trends by race and ethnicity to the 50 largest U.S. metros during and after the Great Recession (2008 — 2014), the PSU report aims to understand how Portland's continual growth threatens its accessibility and its reputation for having a high quality of life.

The study cites a recent report from the City of Portland Auditor's Office, which found that 79 percent of Portlanders rated the city's livability as “good” or “very good” in 2012. Four years later, that rating dropped to 63 percent.

The findings of PSU researchers Jurjevich, Greg Schrock and Jihye Kang, suggest that Portland's growth continues to draw more racially and ethnically diverse residents.

Each day during the Great Recession (2008 — 2010), roughly 300 people moved to the Portland metro region. Concurrently, 234 people moved out each day,

ic Islander and Hispanic migrants.

In the same time period, nearly one in four young college educated people who moved to Portland were immigrants from foreign countries, an increase from one in seven between 2008 and 2010.

Yet that doesn't put Portland at the center of diversity, by any means. The region's migration flows are less diverse when compared to other U.S. metros, particularly among African American migrants.

Before the recession, between 2005 and 2007, the annual flow of African-American migrants was essentially zero. But after the recession, during 2012 and 2014, Portland lost a net of 800 African American residents.

“The data underscore the very real possibility that more African Americans are leaving the Portland metro than moving to the region,” stated the report.

Jo Ann Hardesty, president of the Portland branch of the NAACP, told *The Skanner* she has been a first-hand witness to the out-migration of Blacks in Portland.

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power the members of the school board hold,” Watson continued, “and that we do indeed get an opportunity to vote for those who hold those positions.”

While Moore — former university professor and current policy analyst for the Oregon Health Authority — has spent 15 years in the trenches of PPS as

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a parent, activist and advocate, Munson is a former teacher and principle and is also the co-founder of Community for Equity PDX, a local group of community leaders focused on social justice.

Munson has raised some eyebrows over her previous employment with KIPP — the nation's largest network of charter schools — as well as her current position as the senior managing

director of Teach for America, a non-profit that places recent college graduate teachers into low-income schools. The organization has stirred controversy for replacing experienced teachers with low-salaried, hastily trained employees.

During the public debate, the candi-

dates went head-to-head on a myriad of questions concerning the responsibilities of board members, the role of charter schools, how to address equity, poverty and special needs students, and culturally responsive programming.

Munson stressed the importance of having more people of color in elected office, especially in education. “When I look at our current representation, it doesn't always look like us,” she said,

addressing the largely Black crowd.

According to a 2016 Oregon Educator Equity Report, while 43 percent of the PPS student body is people of color, less than half, at 18 percent, are teachers of color.

Munson is also advocating for “courageous conversations” training for all PPS teachers and firmly recommends a system of report cards to better understand, and thereby improve, performance and policy at each school.

Meanwhile, Moore returned to themes of misspent budgets and the board's continual failure to implement proposed solutions. “The superintendent typically decides the budget, which is then rubber-stamped



City Invites Input on Washington Park

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) seeks community input as the Bureau crafts a new Master Plan to guide the future of iconic Washington Park, 450 acres of beautiful gardens and natural areas. Washington Park is home to many of the City's key attractions, including the International Rose Test Garden, Oregon Zoo, Portland Japanese Garden, and Hoyt Arboretum. Portland Parks & Recreation is in the process of planning the vision of this iconic park by updating its 1981 Master Plan. Community members are invited to submit their comments in-person or online to review the concepts and provide input. There will be a party in the park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8 with presentations at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with refreshments, prizes and the opportunity to comment and explore. Comments may also be submitted online between April 7 and April 30 at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/waparkmasterplan.

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Portland Police Bureau has declined to say why the two officers were suspended. An internal message sent by Chief Mike Marshman and obtained by local media says the move relates to ongoing investigations that began under the bureau's former chief, Larry O'Dea.

The placement of Modica and Rodrigues on administrative leave comes on the heels of a letter sent by the AMA to Marshman criticizing the promotion of officer Chris Davis to assistant chief.

The March 1 letter refers to Davis, who is White, as a “noted shooter” involved with the 2001 killing of Jose Mejia Poot, a Mexican day laborer, at a psychiatric facility in Sellwood.

“In a time of transformation in policing throughout the nation, it is critically important that the Chief of Police in Portland demonstrate strong leadership as an agent of change in transforming the ‘good old boys’

culture within the Bureau in a system that continues to produce mistrust, unequal application of the law, policies and practices towards communities of color and other citizens of Portland,” the letter reads. “We do not want

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the Portland Police Bureau to go backward, rather, we want the Bureau to go forward with diversity, inclusiveness and a community policing mind-set that builds trust and not mistrust.”

PPB spokesperson Sgt. Pete Simpson said the letter is incorrect in its characterization of Davis.

“Assistant Chief Chris Davis was not ‘a noted shooter,’ involving Jose Mejia Poot — Assistant Chief Davis has never been in-

involved in a shooting. Then-Officer Davis was present at the time of the shooting as a witness officer but did not fire,” Simpson wrote in an emailed statement to *The Skanner News*. “Unfortunately it appears that the AMA is incor-

rect in its assertion in the letter.” (According to a report published by Portland Copwatch, Officer Jeffrey Bell fired the fatal shots after other officers tried pepper spray and “beanbag” guns.)

According to Simpson, the highest ranking officer of color in the bureau currently is Assistant Chief Chris Uehara, the bureau's first Asian American assistant chief.

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PPS Zone 4 candidates Rita Moore, left, and Jamila Singleton Munson, right, on stage at Maranatha Church in NE Portland for Black Voices Candidate's Forum. Moderator Dr. Velma Johnson, president of Teachable Moments Consulting, LLC, stands center.

by the board,” said Moore, disapprovingly. “We need much more budget transparency. The board must decide the budget.”

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