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COURTESY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Tricia Tillman, director of Multnomah County public health, told the audience the county is committed to getting the community more information.

Firing Ignites Plan to Address Racism

First non-White public health director abruptly forced out of position

By *Melanie Sevckenko*
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Three days after The Skanner published the story of Tricia Tillman's forced exit from Multnomah County, Chair Deborah Kafoury announced a strategy to address complaints of racist and unjust employment practices.

Karfoury's official announcement last Friday came on the heels of a public hearing where more than a dozen people testified about experiencing or observing systemic racism within the county's workforce.

"I want employees at Multnomah
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Magdiel Sanchez is pictured in an undated photo. Sanchez was shot and killed when Oklahoma City police officers opened fire on him in front of his home Sept. 19 as he approached them holding a metal pipe. A department official said the police officers didn't hear witnesses yelling that Sanchez was deaf.

Cop Shoots Deaf Man

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New Hope for a Cure for Sickle Cell Disease

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SUPPORTING BENNETT



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Katrina Johnson, a cousin of Charleena Lyles, and Reshaud Bennett, younger brother of Seahawk defensive player Michael Bennett, joined several dozen people in a march to Century Link Stadium after the "Standing with Kaepernick, Supporting Michael Bennett" rally on Sept. 17 before the Seahawks' first home game. Similar rallies in support of Colin Kaepernick will be held before the first home game of every NFL team this season. The protestors in Seattle wanted to show support for Seahawk Defensive player Michael Bennett after he said was recently subjected to excessive force by the Las Vegas Police Department. Speakers at the rally included Katrina, Reshaud and Gerald Hankerson, President, Seattle King County and Washington State NAACP, Dave Zirin, Nation Sports Editor and co-author of Michael Bennett's forthcoming book, Jesse Hagopian, a high school teacher and member of Social Equality Educators, and Nikkita Oliver, social justice activist and former mayoral candidate.

Sessions: Sanctuary Cities Undermine Law

Comments came after judge rules administration cannot withhold funding

By *STEVEN DUBOIS*
Associated Press

PORTLAND — U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Tuesday criticized sanctuary cities that try to protect immigrants in the country illegally as places that "undermine the moral authority of the law."

He made the comments a day after the Trump administration appealed a judge's ruling blocking its efforts to withhold money from the cities.

Sessions, speaking to law enforcement officers

in a sanctuary city in the sanctuary state of Oregon, urged officials who have decided that local police should not cooperate with federal immigration agents to reconsider those policies.

As he spoke, protesters lined the streets outside the Portland field office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Their chants could faintly be heard inside the room where Sessions appeared.

Sessions said the federal grant money that U.S. cities receive are not an entitlement, and cannot be given to sanctuary cities that he said frustrate efforts to reduce crime.

"Rather than reconsider their policies, these sanctuary jurisdictions feign outrage when they lose federal funds as a direct result of actions designed to nullify plain federal law," Sessions said.

A Chicago judge last Friday at least temporarily blocked the administration's attempt to withhold one particular public safety grant from cities that don't cooperate.

On Monday, U.S. government lawyers appealed a judge's ruling in lawsuits by San Francisco and another California county challenging President Donald Trump's broader executive order threatening to cut off funding to sanctuary cities.

U.S. District Judge William Orrick rejected the administration's argument that the executive order applies only to a relatively small pot of money and said Trump cannot set new

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'Hands Up' Series Has Second Run in Portland

The seven-monologue theatrical performance explores Black perspective on police profiling

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The August Wilson Red Door Project in North Portland will be presenting "Hands Up" for a second time in Portland Sept. 22 - 24.

As an African American-led nonprofit, the theater is working to change the racial ecology of the city

through the arts - and "Hands Up" aligns poignantly with its mission.

In the wake of 2014's police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and John Crawford III in Beavercreek, Ohio, The New Black Fest in Brooklyn commissioned seven emerging Black playwrights to write monologues about the state-of-mind of African Americans in an

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2016 performance of "Hands Up" in Portland