## Constantin Severe **Speaks**

**Director of IPR talks** about the present and future of police reform in **Portland** 

By Christen McCurdy Of The Skanner News

olice reform is at a crossroads Portland. The city just

hired a new police chief – the first Black woman to serve in the position – after nationwide search. Outlaw



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replaced Mike Marshman, the interim chief after Larry O'Dea retired after the revelation he had shot a friend in the back on an eastern Oregon camping trip.

And the settlement agreement the city reached with the federal government in 2012, after the Department of Justice found a pattern of excessive force against people with mental illness, faced an uncertain future. While attorney general Jeff Session has asked for a review of the DOJ consent decrees across the country, Mayor Ted Wheeler has asked the federal government to continue federal supervision of Port-

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Derrick Johnson, the new president and CEO of the NAACP, said that the NNPA is critical, as the delivery source of information for the Black

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# MAXINE WATERS IN SEATTLE



Keynote speaker Congresswoman Maxine Waters enjoys a laugh with Seattle King County NAACP President Gerald Hankerson at the Seattle NAACP's 104th Freedom Fund Celebration Nov. 4 at First AME Church. The sold-out event included the presentation of the Community Service and Justice award to Michael Bennett, the President's award to Nikkita Oliver and the Golden Apple award to 3 outstanding teachers, Tracy Gill, Jonathan Greenberg and Tess Williams.

## **Homeless Youth Screen Documentary**

Outside the Frame hosts its annual gala at The Armory Nov. 13

By Melanie Sevcenko Of The Skanner News

n Nov. 13, Portlandto glimpse a fresh perspective of life on the streets in a city faced with a staggering homeless

local nonprofit that offers encing homelessness in filmmaking workshops to homeless youth - is hosting its annual gala at The Armory in Northwest Portland with the premiere of its new documen-

tary, "Leaving Home."

"At Outside the Frame, we realize that leaving home for the streets is not ers have the chance a choice, it's a last resort," executive director Nili Yosha told The Skanner.

Filmed over the past year, the documentary is an anthology of shorts made by Outside the Frame - a two dozen youths experi-Portland.

> "It's not that I left home, I left my situation for something that could be better," says one young participant, named Unity, in the

"Leaving Home" takes the viewer on a journey of street life in the Pacific Northwest, while rendering the challenges and ambitions of marginalized youth through various points of view.

Since its foundation just two years ago, Outside the Frame has been teaching video production to young homeless people between the ages of 17 and 25, many of whom identify as LGBTQ.

The majority of its par-

ticipants come to the organization from broken families or through the foster care system; several battle physical and mental health issues.

But at Outside the Frame, they can pick up a camera and learn the art of filmmaking as an intervention - while shaping society's perception of homeless

"Film has the power to open people's hearts and bring into focus things

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#### **Voters Approve Renewal of PCC Construction Bond**

Early totals show 58 percent of voters approved bond for repairs and facility upgrades

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oters in the taxation district for Portland Community College approved a \$185 million bond for construction and workforce training by a wide margin Tuesday – 58 percent percent, according to returns reported by the Secretary of State's office.

PCC's tax district includes parts of Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia,

Washington and Yamhill Counties. About 400,000 voters – or 29 percent of the 1.3 million voters registered in the district — weighed in on the bond.

For most Multnomah County voters, the bond was the only item on the ballot. Multnomah County voters had slightly higher turnout than the district overall, with 32 percent of voters casting ballots, and approved



Voters in the PCC tax district voted to renew a construction bond the school plans to use for construction and equipment upgrades.

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