

END COOPERATION WITH THE FBI'S TERRORISM TASK FORCE

We, the undersigned, call on Portland City Council to withdraw the two Portland Police Officers from the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and cancel the Memorandum of Agreement with the FBI.

--Portland was not part of the Task Force from 2005-2011 based on the inability of the Police Chief and Police Commissioner to have the same "Top Secret" clearance as the officers they oversee. That issue has not changed.

--After Portland re-joined the JTTF fully in 2015, the public stopped receiving annual reports, so there has been no indication whether PPB officers have reported violations of provisions of ORS 181A.250 prohibiting law enforcement from collecting or maintaining information on people's "political, religious or social" affiliations without reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct.

--President Trump has made it clear he plans to target people based on their religion (Muslims), national origin (immigrants), and political beliefs (protestors), not to mention the media and others. Any JTTF activity along these lines would violate not only ORS 181A.250 but would also be in apparent violation of HB 2002's restrictions against profiling-- police targeting people solely based on race, national origin or a host of other characteristics.*

--Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a member of the JTTF, meaning Portland's pledge to be a Sanctuary City is threatened by PPB officers participating in the Task Force.

--San Francisco pulled out of its Joint Terrorism Task Force on February 1, 2017 acknowledging that working with the FBI in its current form would lead to violations of state and local laws and policies.

As was the case from 2005-2015 when Portland formally re-joined, this would not restrict Portland Police from working on legitimate law enforcement investigations when actual criminal activity is suspected and detected on a case-by-case basis.

The time is ripe for Portland to be part of a national movement to protect residents and citizens from further potential civil liberties abuses.

Signed

ACLU of Oregon	Islamic Society of Greater Portland
Unite Oregon	Jewish Voice for Peace-Portland
Portland Japanese American Citizens League	Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition
Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition	Freedom to Thrive (formerly Enlace) Portland
for Justice and Police Reform	Portland National Lawyers Guild
Peace and Justice Works/Portland Copwatch	Portland Jobs with Justice
Brandon Mayfield	Sisters Of The Road
League of Women Voters of Portland	Oregon Progressive Party
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility	International Socialist Organization (Portland)
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)	Individuals for Justice
Iraq Veterans Against the War	Network Against Racism and Islamophobia
Veterans For Peace Chapter 72	350 PDX
Council on American-Islamic Relations of Oregon	

(See page 2 for additional signers and endorsers)

For more information or to add your organization's signature to this letter contact Portland Copwatch at 503-236-3065 or <copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org>.

*-HB 2002 (2015), now ORS 131.920

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Additional signers after November 8, 2017 include:

Basic Rights Oregon
Portland Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines
Empower Portland Ad Hoc Committee
Portland Democratic Socialists of America
NAACP Portland Branch
Peace Action Group of First Unitarian Church
Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Chapter
Portland's Resistance
Ainsworth United Church of Christ
Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights (AUPHR)
Northwest Abortion Access Fund
Pacific Green Party
Portland Interfaith Clergy Resistance
Occupy ICE PDX
Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC)
Queer Liberation Front
Portland Peaceful Response Coalition
Eastside Democratic Club
Code Pink Portland
Portland Association of Teachers
Portland-Metro People's Coalition (PMPC)
First Unitarian Portland
People Organizing for Philippine Solidarity (pops)

Endorsers include:

Defending Rights & Dissent Washington DC
(on behalf of their members in Portland)
Duell Wealth Preservation
Kafoury & McDougal

(total 50 signatures as of 2/13/19)