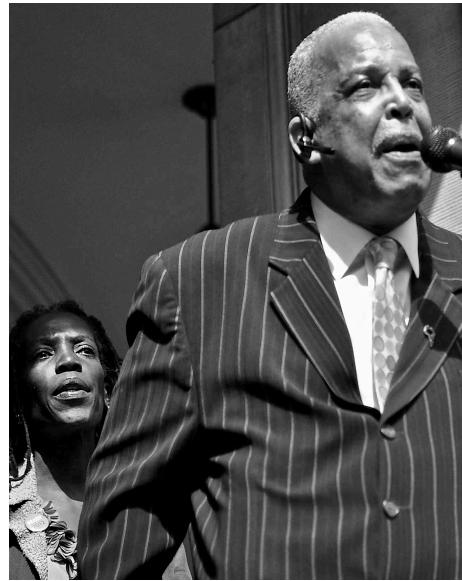


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## WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

On December 19, 2013 the City of Portland, the Portland Police Association (PPA), the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Coalition for Justice and Police Reform agreed to move forward with the process of settling the lawsuit filed by the DOJ.

A Settlement Agreement regarding changes to the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), adopted by Council in November 2012, includes many positive changes that will address some of the issues discovered in the DOJ's investigation, which found the Portland Police Bureau uses **EXCESSIVE FORCE** especially when dealing with people who have, or appear to have, mental illness.

The AMA Coalition was granted "enhanced amicus" (friend of the court) status in the DOJ's lawsuit against the City that led to the Settlement Agreement.

While this gives the AMA Coalition historic access to the process of federal oversight of local law enforcement, **the community needs to speak out at a "Fairness Hearing" on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 9 AM, 1000 SW 3rd, to strengthen the DOJ Agreement.**

**The AMA is hosting four educational meetings** to provide the public with information about the strengths and weaknesses of the Settlement Agreement, as well as to explain how we can get involved, including how to take video testimony.

### These public meetings will be held:

- **Saturday January 25: Noon to 2PM, Marantha Church 4222 NE 12 Ave. Portland**
- **Tuesday January 28: 6:30 to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church 1011 SW 12 Ave. at Salmon Street**
- **Saturday February 8: 2 to 4 PM, St Johns Community Center, 8427 N Central St.**
- **Thursday February 13: 6 to 8 PM, Rosewood Community Center 16126 SE Stark St.**

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