



Memorandum

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To: Mayor Vinis and City Council
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Subject: Testimony Submitted

Attached is testimony submitted at the Public Forum November 14, 2022. A copy of this material is also included with the meeting materials posted on the web at:

<https://eugene.ompnetwork.org/embed/sessions/257018/city-council-meeting-november-14-2022>

Speech Against Police

Hello, my name is Jack Stoutenberg and I am a junior at the University of Oregon and part of the Lundquist Business School.

I am here speaking to you tonight on behalf of many individuals I personally know who feel that the police have been overtly aggressive in their enforcement efforts focused on targeting illegal alcohol use, noise ordinance violations, and unruly gatherings in the neighborhood areas around the university.

Students I know, are now fearful of the individuals who are supposed to protect us from danger. I have a personal experience that I would like to share now.

During Halloween weekend my house decided to host a social event. Around 11:30 pm the police showed up at my house. I'm not sure if there was a noise complaint or if they happened to drive by. They approached the door and told us to shut down the social event. We complied and started funneling people out of the house. Then they asked for all the residents of my house to come outside to get cited for the violation we committed. They provided an unreasonable amount of time for all residents to come outside because there are over 30 people who live at the house and many of them were either not home at the time or were out of town. When 30 people failed to gather outside within a few minutes the police quickly judged us as being uncooperative. While some people were being cited (and were compliant) with one officer,the officer in charge came up and said they were arresting everyone who lives at this house for not following orders. This was not because they were being disrespectful or uncooperative, but because all 30 of us didn't come out of the house all at once. Many of us didn't even know the situation that was going on... including me.

While all this was happening, I was in my room and decided to leave my house to walk a friend to another friend's house because **I think** the streets of Eugene at night are dangerous for anyone walking alone. I walked downstairs and saw a police officer standing in the doorway. I walked up to the officer and asked if I could help in any way, I was asked if I live there and I responded yes. Without any hesitation, I was handcuffed and put in a prisoner transport vehicle.

I was read my rights (however, many of my friends were not)

I was not told why I was being arrested.

I spent more than an hour in the van handcuffed

I was treated like a criminal

And I spent the entire night in jail, over an unruly gathering that I was barely part of.

While I was in jail...

At 1:47 AM more police showed up with a search warrant looking for stereo equipment. They proceed to break down every door in our house, destroying all of our locks and pulling kids (who were asleep and in their underwear) out of bed, zip-tied them, and took them to jail for the night.

Does this sound like a reasonable amount of force?

Would you like to have your child treated this way?

I know I have lost respect for the Eugene Police Department and will possibly avoid police in the future because this has left me scared and traumatized.

Thank you