

Thank you to PUB for this opportunity.

I've lived & worked here 23 years, raising 2 amazing boys. PUB is recommending a cryptosporidium path, but lead in water is inherently related to this conversation.

About 3 weeks ago, shortly after viewing a cryptosporidium Bureau presentation to City Council, I came across one city's story that I didn't think relates to crypto. But after contacting a Water Utility Manager, I believe it might, especially in currently considering a new crypto path.

Tigard was "marking one year of Independence" when it switched to the Clackamas River, after no longer buying Portland water. Their Utility Manager said that lead results from their new water source and treatment plant

indicated a significant reduction in the exposure for lead. From a staff standpoint, [they] were amazed. [They] knew that [they] would see lower results, but [they] didn't think [they] would see that so quickly, in the distribution system.

He also said,

" I suspect that it was the change from chloramines to free chlorine, as that would account for such quick results. However, some Portland water wholesale customers report that water main flushing reduced their lead exposure in their drinking water. "

Maybe this phenomenal news warrants inviting Mr. Goodrich to present to City council. Besides speaking with him and other experts, I have old and new studies that corroborate and explain the science behind significant lead reduction.

It's been nearly 1 week and I have yet to hear back from the Commissioner's office ***whether crypto is a regulatory or health-risk urgency***. I'm also still wondering which ***Cryptosporidium treatment option, if any, would allow the Bureau to switch to chlorine?*** There's no safe exposure to lead, and it is preventable in water. Perhaps it's time to acknowledge Portland has lived long enough, with chronically exposing (especially) pregnant women and children to water lead. "Action levels", water chemistry treatments, and a unique SDWA regulation are confusing to the public, because we just haven't been fully informed.

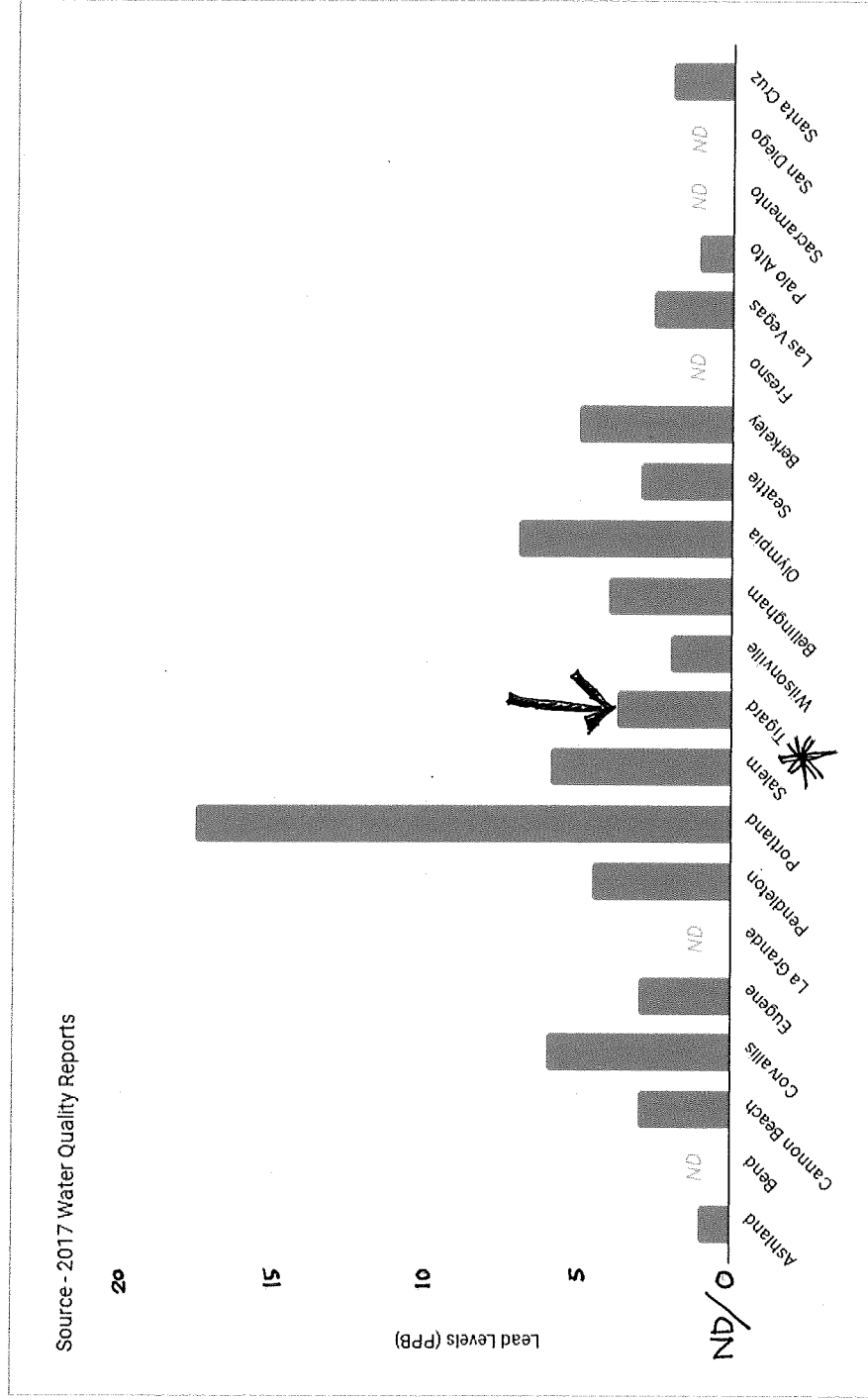
I wanted to share Tigard's story, not only because it might relate directly to your crypto recommendation to City Council, but also because I think it's a story of hope, *right next door to us*, to minimize lead in Portland's tap water, while also addressing any future possibility of a cryptosporidium outbreak.

In matters of public health, for citizens transparency is critical. I'm hoping our water agencies will better protect us since delivering safer drinking water is possible now, not in 2022 or later.

Thank you.

90th percentile's - the Lead and Copper Rule

Ashland	1
Bend	0 ND
Cannon Beach	3
Corvallis	6
Eugene	3
La Grande	0 ND
Pendleton	4.5
Portland	17.6
Salem	5.9
Tigard	3.7
Wilsonville	2
Bellingham	4
Olympia	7
Seattle	3
Berkeley	5
Fresno	0 ND
Las Vegas	2.6
Palo Alto	1.1
Sacramento	0 ND
San Diego	0 ND
Santa Cruz	2



* Tigard's latest monitoring (Spring 2017) is now ND.