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Office of Equity and Human Rights Supports City Investigation

PORTLAND – The Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) supports Mayor Hales’ decision to launch a timely and thorough investigation of the events that took place at Quartet Restaurant on Thursday, June 6.

All too often, in issues involving racism, sexism, able-ism, homophobia, etc., people are distracted by intent, rather than focused on impact.

“Our role is to advise City staff and Commissioners on equity issues,” said Dante James, OEHR Bureau Director. “And we will continue to recognize and help the City address historic inequities that reinforce rather than challenge non-inclusive behavior toward all.”

The Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) focuses on removing systemic barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access, and opportunity. This focus includes ensuring that City of Portland workplaces and events are inclusive and welcoming.

In order to protect the integrity of the process, OEHR cannot publicly discuss the ongoing City investigation.

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