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As Sheriff, the safety of this community is my top priority.

When a decision will reduce public safety services, it is important that Troutdale residents understand the impacts of passing this measure.

For more than a decade, the City of Troutdale has contracted with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to provide comprehensive law enforcement services residents have come to expect and deserve.

Today Troutdale receives dedicated 24/7 patrol and emergency response coverage as part of a larger MCSO public safety operation.

More than 60 uniformed deputies and supervisors currently work from Troutdale's Public Safety Building, providing staffing depth and support on every shift. MCSO is an established, accredited law enforcement agency providing investigative resources, K9 teams, tactical response, and experienced supervision. The current model can surge resources when major incidents or competing calls for service demand them.

Last year, MCSO managed approximately 8,600 dispatched and self-initiated calls for service in Troutdale, with 142 cases referred to specialized detectives for investigation, supporting accountability for those engaged in criminal activity.

Ending the partnership with MCSO and establishing an entire police department would require Troutdale to hire its own workforce and build and sustain its own operations.

This would require developing the full range of police functions, including:

- Patrol operations
- Investigative capacity
- Evidence management
- Policy development
- Records systems
- Professional standards and internal affairs
- Training programs
- Accreditation compliance
- Risk management

Modern policing is increasingly complex, with evolving legal requirements, technology, training demands, and persistent recruitment and staffing challenges.

For a small Troutdale Police Department, maintaining 24/7 coverage amid vacancies, required training, employee leave, and unexpected absences would be significantly more difficult. In these circumstances, mutual aid alone cannot replace dedicated 24/7 patrol and comprehensive law enforcement services.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office currently provides Troutdale residents with a responsive, reliable public safety system built to serve this community today and into the future.

Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell
Multnomah County Sheriff

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KEEP PROVEN POLICE SERVICES. VOTE NO ON 26-266.

In 2015, I served on the Troutdale City Council and voted to contract with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Eleven years later, we do not have to speculate about whether that decision worked. We have a record.

Troutdale receives dedicated 24/7 patrol and emergency response as part of a much larger law-enforcement operation. Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell reports that MCSO handled approximately 8,600 calls for service in Troutdale last year and referred 142 cases for specialized detective investigation. Troutdale also benefits from investigative resources, K-9, tactical response, supervision, professional standards, accreditation and the ability to surge personnel when emergencies demand it.

Creating a small municipal department means recreating much of that infrastructure ourselves.

The City's own documents acknowledge the challenges: recruiting a chief and lieutenant, hiring and training officers, developing policies and administration, purchasing vehicles and equipment, refurbishing the police building and paying transition costs. The City calls its proposed department a "limited service" model.

And there is another fact voters should know: Troutdale call volume has remained essentially flat for a decade.

Costs matter. They always do. That is why the City should continue negotiating a sustainable MCSO agreement, not exchange a proven regional system for a smaller department carrying new operational and financial risks.

Ask three questions:

What public-safety problem is MCSO failing to solve?

What services would a limited Troutdale department provide that residents do not receive today?

Why take on the risk before those answers are clear?

Local control is a slogan. Public safety is a service.

We already have dedicated police coverage backed by resources a city of Troutdale's size could never efficiently duplicate.

Protect what works.

VOTE NO ON 26-266.

Eric Anderson

Former Troutdale City Councilor

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Measure 26-266 Argument in opposition.

Vote NO on 26-266. DONT DEFUND THE POLICE.

I am a 40-year Troutdale resident. I served as a Troutdale Officer- Detective and Police Union leader for 20 years. In 2015 after years of reducing the Police Department budget, the City Council determined it could no longer fund the City P.D and voted to contract services with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. I was part of that successful negotiation and continued serving Troutdale for 10 more years as a Sheriff's Office Detective and Union leader. That change in law enforcement services showed an immediate and continued increase in services for Troutdale.

The current resolution asking us to consider recreating the Troutdale P.D. is not in the best interest of our citizens. I have closely reviewed the City's plan to recreate a municipal Police Department. It offers a limited-service model which cannot even provide full-time police services, giving us staffing levels lower than we had 30 years ago. A model that is unable to meet the most basic needs of our city. A model that is dangerous for our

community. An understaffed and underfunded model that clearly states it will address local policing needs " as funding allows."

This City is not Mayberry, any more than it is the Troutdale of 1995. Our complex law enforcement needs are ever increasing. Trying to recreate a P.D to address long-term budget issues by cutting police funding and services is not responsible. I see it for what it is, **Defunding The Police**. It is not what we deserve.

The current fully functioning service contract with the Sherrif's Office is the only reasonable and sustainable option.

Greg Vining
Retired Detective- Union Leader
Concerned Citizen.

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