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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION**

JOSEF HABER, et al.,

3:17-CV-01827-PK

PLAINTIFFS,

**ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSES**

v.

CITY OF PORTLAND, et al.,

DEFENDANTS.

For their answer to plaintiffs' Complaint, defendants City of Portland ("City"), Ted Wheeler, Dan DiMatteo, Chris Lindsey, Jason Christensen, Michael Pool, Justin Raphael, and Kerri Ottoman (collectively, "defendants") respond to plaintiffs' allegation in correspondingly numbered paragraphs as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Defendants deny that class certification is appropriate for this case. Defendants deny that they engaged in any unlawful actions against plaintiffs or the alleged plaintiff class. Defendants otherwise deny all other allegations set forth in paragraph 1.

2. Defendants admit that on June 4, 2017, at approximately 3:30 p.m., after protesters repeatedly threw bricks, water bottles, balloons filled with foul-smelling substances,

bags of marbles and other projectiles at police officers, Portland Police Bureau (“PPB”) ordered the closure of Chapman Square, declaring the protest an unlawful assembly. PPB Officers ordered protesters to disperse from Chapman Square. Defendants further admit that many of the protesters in Chapman Square did not disperse, and instead began an unpermitted march north on SW Fourth Avenue. Defendants specifically deny that they engaged in any tactic known as “kettling,” however, defendants admit that at approximately 4:20 p.m., PPB officers detained protesters on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets. Defendants admit that the PPB officers quickly processed the individuals detained by photographing each individual or their identification, if possible. The PPB officers then released these individuals except for three or four persons. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

3. Defendants admit that the Portland Police Bureau has a policy addressing Crowd Management/Crowd Control – Directive 635.10. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. Defendants acknowledge plaintiffs seek declaratory relief and/or a jury finding of liability. Otherwise, the allegations in paragraph 4 are legal conclusions that defendants are not obligated to answer; insofar as any answer is required, defendants deny the same.

5. Defendants acknowledge plaintiffs seek declaratory relief. Otherwise, the allegations in paragraph 5 are legal conclusions that defendants are not obligated to answer; insofar as any answer is required, defendants deny the same.

6. Defendants acknowledge plaintiffs seek compensatory, or nominal damages, and attorneys’ fees. Defendants specifically deny plaintiffs are entitled to any such damages or fees.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Defendants admit that this court has jurisdiction over plaintiffs’ federal constitutional claims. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Complaint.

8. Defendants admit that this court has supplemental jurisdiction over plaintiffs' Oregon Constitutional claims, as related to plaintiffs' federal constitutional claims. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.

9. Defendants admit that under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 plaintiffs have properly laid venue.

THE PARTIES

10. Defendants admit that Plaintiffs Joseph Haber, Jennifer Nickolaus, Chris Whaley, and Jade Sturms were detained by PPB officers on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets on June 4, 2017. Defendants lack information sufficient at this time to admit or deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 10, and therefore deny those allegations.

11. Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 11.

12. Defendants admit that Defendant Wheeler is the Mayor of the City of Portland. As Mayor, Defendant Wheeler is the Commissioner-in-Charge of the City's Bureau of Police. As Commissioner-in-Charge of the Bureau of Police, defendant Wheeler has delegated certain functions of the PPB to the bureau's Chief of Police, or his or her designees. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, in part, because those allegations contain legal conclusions.

13. Defendants admit that Defendants Dan DiMatteo, Chris Lindsey, Jason Christensen, Michael Pool, and Kerri Ottoman are PPB officers that were personally involved in the protests on June 4, 2017, and were involved in detaining the group of illegal marchers on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets. Defendants lack information sufficient at this time to admit or deny the allegations that Defendants Justin Raphael or Portland Police Officer John Does 1-50 were involved in detaining marchers on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets, and therefore deny those allegations. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

14. Defendants admit that there are numerous public marches and large public gatherings every year in the City. Many of these marches and gatherings are peaceful and lawful. Unfortunately, to the detriment of all of the City's residents and visitors, some of these marches and gatherings have been violent and unlawful. Defendants acknowledge that peaceful and lawful marches and gatherings can be an important component of protected First Amendment activities. Defendants affirmatively allege that violent and unlawful marches and gatherings have no legal protection under the First Amendment, the Oregon Constitution, or federal or state law.

15. Defendants admit that PPB, when necessary and in response to violent or illegal activity, has authorized and directed its officers to use reasonable force during some interactions with some protesters. Additionally, Defendants admit that, to ensure the safety of its officers and the public, and consistent with law and PPB's Directives, PPB has authorized and directed its members to use helmets, batons, and protective gear during some protests. Defendants admit that in some limited circumstances, to ensure the safety of its officers and the public, and consistent with law and PPB's Directives, PPB has directed and authorized its officers to use tear gas, pepper-spray and rubber ball distraction devices during some protests. Defendants deny that PPB utilizes "pepper-spray bullets," pepper-spray balls, or "flash-bangs." Defendants deny that PPB officers use chemical agents without warning for crowd-control purposes, but admit PPB has authorized its officers to use non-lethal force without warning in response to specific threats in some circumstances. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Defendants deny that they have a policy, custom, or practice of "kettling protesters without individualized probable cause and/or reasonable suspicion." Defendants admit that in November 2014, PPB officers detained and arrested demonstrators who remained, unpermitted, in a public street, after repeated announcements directing them to leave the street.

Defendants admit that on January 20, 2017, PPB officers arrested approximately 38 people who continued to march and protest in the street after repeated announcements informing them that the assembly was unlawful, directing them to disperse, and warning of arrest. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Defendants admit that there has been an increase in the number of protests in the City since the presidential election in November 2016. Defendants admit that at some of these protests individuals have committed criminal offenses involving violence and property damage, requiring a police response. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

JUNE 4, 2017 RALLY

18. Defendants admit that a public gathering was held on June 4, 2017 in Terry Shrunken Plaza in downtown Portland, Oregon (the “Patriot Prayer Gathering”). Defendants admit that the public gathering in Terry Shrunken Plaza was organized by Joey Gibson, founder of an organization called Patriot Prayer. Defendants lack information with sufficient specificity at this time to admit or deny the political or social affiliations of protesters that attend Patriot Prayer events, and therefore deny those allegations. Defendants admit that Patriot Prayer received a permit from the federal government to hold the Patriot Prayer Gathering at Terry Shrunken Plaza.

19. Defendants admit that three primary counter-protests were organized for June 4, 2017 in apparent response to the Patriot Prayer Gathering: a group of labor unions organized in front of the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building; a group called Rose City Antifa organized in Chapman Square; and a coalition called Portland Stands United Against Hate organized at City Hall. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information to admit or deny whether individuals unaffiliated with any of the groups of counter protesters joined those groups, or what actions those individuals took, and defendants therefore deny those allegations. Defendants admit that tensions were high between the pro-Trump gathering and

certain counter protesters. Defendants admit that June 4, 2017 was only days after Jeremy Joseph Christian stabbed three men and killed two, on a MAX train, after the men apparently confronted him, following Christian reportedly insulting two Muslim girls who were also on the train.

20. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 20, and therefore, deny those allegations

21. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 21, and therefore, deny those allegations.

22. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 22, and therefore, deny those allegations.

23. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 23, and therefore, deny those allegations.

24. Defendants admit that the Patriot Prayer Gathering was scheduled to start at approximately 2:00 p.m., but many protesters on both sides began showing up early. Defendants admit there was a law enforcement presence at the protests, which included PPB, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and Oregon State Police. Defendants admit that Federal Protection Services officers also provided policing with respect to Terry Shrunken Plaza. Defendants admit that many officers were wearing personal protective gear, and formed a line primarily along SW Madison Street separating the individuals attending the Patriot Prayer Gathering and the counter protesters in Chapman Square. PPB officers forming the line primarily faced Chapman Square, and Federal Protection Services officers patrolled Terry Shrunken Plaza. PPB officers attempted to keep the individuals attending the Patriot Prayer Gathering separate from individuals attending the counter protests. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.

25. At approximately 3:15 p.m., following reports that counter protesters in Chapman Square were throwing projectiles and climbing on the roof of the bathroom in Chapman Square,

the PPB sound truck directed the crowd in Chapman Square to move further north within the park to provide additional distance between the counter protesters and the Patriot Prayer Gathering. Following the announcement from the sound truck, PPB officers began moving counter protesters slowly north within Chapman Square. In response to the sound truck announcement and the PPB officers' efforts to move the protestors in Chapman Square who were refusing to obey the announcement, individuals within the crowd of protesters in Chapman Square began throwing fireworks, smoke bombs, mortars, and other projectiles at PPB officers. At approximately 3:30 p.m., the PPB sound truck declared the gathering in Chapman Square an unlawful assembly and directed protesters to disperse the area. The PPB sound truck repeated a similar announcement approximately 17 times. At approximately 3:45 p.m., the PPB sound truck announced that Chapman Square was closed and ordered protesters to disperse or be subject to arrest. The PPB sound truck repeated a similar announcement approximately five times. At approximately 3:55 p.m., the PPB sound truck announced that both Lownsdale Square and Chapman Square were closed, ordered protesters to disperse or be subject to arrest, and directed them to leave to the north. This announcement was repeated approximately ten times until approximately 4:15 p.m. Large numbers of individuals in the crowd did not respond to the announcements and requirement to disperse. PPB officers used pepper spray and rubber ball distraction devices in response to specific threats from the crowd. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.

26. Defendants admit that the PPB sound truck directed the crowd assembled in Chapman Square to disperse to the north. Defendants affirmatively allege that many individuals previously assembled in Chapman Square, including plaintiffs, began an unpermitted march on or in SW Fourth Avenue. Defendants explicitly deny that PPB officers ordered individuals to march north on or in SW Fourth Avenue. Defendants are without knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny whether plaintiffs were peaceful or whether they

chanted slogans, and therefore deny those allegations. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.

27. Defendants admit that PPB officers, along with troopers and deputies from the Oregon State Police and Multnomah County, stopped and detained the Chapman Square protesters who had refused to disperse from Chapman Square when lawfully ordered to do so, and who then unlawfully marched north through the City in SW Fourth Avenue. Law enforcement officers detained these Chapman Square protestors on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets. Defendants admit that many of the law enforcement officers were wearing personal protective gear. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

28. Defendants admit that Mayor Wheeler was present in the PPB command center at times on June 4, 2017. Defendants deny that Mayor Wheeler ordered, directed or approved any actions of PPB officers on June 4, 2017. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

29. Defendants admit that the PPB sound truck mistakenly made one announcement directing individuals on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets to disperse. However, defendants affirmatively allege that both prior to and immediately following the mistaken dispersal announcement on SW Fourth Avenue, the PPB sound truck announced and continued to announce multiple times that individuals were being detained for the purposes of investigation of disorderly conduct. Defendants are without knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny plaintiffs' state of mind, and therefore deny those allegations. Defendants admit that Oregon State Police officers sprayed pepper spray balls in the direction of a parking garage on SW Fourth Avenue because individuals were advancing up the garage, into a position where projectiles could be thrown, putting the public and police officers at risk. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 29 of the Complaint.

30. Defendants admit that PPB officers used the PPB sound truck to announce to the individuals on SW Fourth Avenue between Morrison and Alder Streets that they were being detained for the purposes of investigating the crime of disorderly conduct. Defendants admit that they processed individuals as quickly as possible, but it took approximately an hour to complete the processing of all individuals. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 30 of the Complaint.

31. Defendants admit that PPB officers, including Defendants DiMatteo, Lindsey, and Christensen, photographed individuals and obtained identification information prior to releasing individuals. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.

32. Defendants admit that after law enforcement officers photographed either the individuals or their identification, that the officers ordered individuals to leave the area, and the individuals complied with those orders. Except as expressly admitted herein, defendants otherwise deny all allegations set forth in paragraph 32 of the Complaint.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

33. Defendants deny that class certification under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is appropriate in this case.

34. Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 34 of the Complaint.

35. Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

36. Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 36 of the Complaint.

37. Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

38. Paragraph 38 states a legal conclusion to which defendants need not respond. Defendants otherwise deny any allegations set forth in paragraph 38 of the Complaint.

39. Paragraph 39 states a legal conclusion to which defendants need not respond. Defendants otherwise deny any allegations set forth in paragraph 39 of the Complaint.

40. Paragraph 40 states a legal conclusion to which defendants need not respond. Defendants otherwise deny any allegations set forth in paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

41. Paragraph 41 states a legal conclusion to which defendants need not respond. Defendants otherwise deny any allegations set forth in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or complete information at this time to admit or deny what plaintiffs know or do not know regarding the management of any purported class action, and therefore deny those allegations. In any event, the allegations set forth in paragraph 42 are a legal conclusion to which defendants need not respond.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(AGAINST DEFEDANTS PPB OFFICERS AND WHEELER)**

**Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United
States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

43. Defendants reassert and incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-42 above.

44. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 44 of the Complaint.

45. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 45 of the Complaint.

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(AGAINST DEFEDANTS PPB OFFICERS AND WHEELER)**

Article I, Section 9, or Oregon Constitution

46. Defendants reassert and incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-45 above.

47. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.

**THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(AGAINST DEFENDANT CITY)**

**Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United
States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

48. Defendants reassert and incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-47 above.

49. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 49 of the Complaint.

**FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(AGAINST DEFEDANT CITY)**

Article I, Section 9, or Oregon Constitution

50. Defendants reassert and incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-49 above.

51. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

52. The allegation contained in paragraph 52 of the Complaint is not directed at defendants.

Defendants deny plaintiffs are entitled to any relief of any kind from defendants — either declaratory relief or damages. Defendants further deny that plaintiffs are entitled to attorney fees, costs, and disbursements.

BY WAY OF FURTHER ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, Defendants allege as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to State a Claim)

Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Qualified Immunity)

Defendants PPB officers, DiMatteo, Lindsey, Christensen, Pool, Raphael, Ottoman and Mayor Wheeler are entitled to qualified immunity from liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 because they acted in good faith and a reasonable police officer or police or elected official in their position would not have known that any of their actions or inactions would have violated a clearly established, federally protected right of plaintiffs.

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THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Reasonable Suspicion)

Any detention of plaintiffs by defendants on June 4, 2017 was based on reasonable suspicion.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Probable Cause)

Any arrest of or any initiation of criminal prosecution against plaintiffs by defendants on June 4, 2017 was supported by probable cause.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Reasonableness)

The detention or arrests of plaintiffs by defendants on June 4, 2017 was reasonable under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Good Faith)

The actions by PPB officer Defendants and Mayor Wheeler were taken in good faith.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Standing)

Plaintiffs lack standing under federal or state law to seek prospective relief against Defendants.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Right to Amend)

Defendants reserve the right to amend their Answer and Affirmative Defenses through and after discovery.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered plaintiffs' Complaint, defendants asks for the following relief:

- A. That judgment be entered in favor of defendants and against plaintiffs;
- B. That defendants be awarded their reasonable costs incurred herein; and
- C. That defendants be awarded such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

Dated: January 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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