

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 11- 06

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO REVERSE ITS DECISION OF 2005 TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PORTLAND JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (JTTF) AND COMMIT RESOURCES TO THE CURRENT MAKEUP OF THE JTTF.

WHEREAS, in light of the recent alleged attempted bombing of the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Pioneer Square, the City of Portland is reconsidering its 2005 decision to withdraw from the Joint Terrorism Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental role of cities is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all people who reside, work, worship and recreate in their cities and neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Tigard Police Department is responsible for protecting the lives, property, and rights of all people, through collaborative partnerships with the community and other law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tigard is part of the Portland metropolitan area and recognizes that crime does not respect political boundaries and the fight against crime requires cooperation among all of our police forces; and

WHEREAS, terrorism, in particular, because of its political nature, requires close cooperation between local police forces, and national and international intelligence agencies; and

WHEREAS, large public gatherings are likely targets, and a successful terrorist attack has the potential to cause harm to persons who reside outside the political boundaries of Portland and the cities that surround Portland are impacted by decisions made by the Portland City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tigard acknowledges the legitimate concerns of the City of Portland to protect the civil rights of its citizens; however, we believe that existing safeguards are adequate, and that the risk of potential violence perpetrated by terrorists in our area are sufficient to merit the City of Portland's renewed participation in the JTTF.

WHEREAS, the City of Tigard has limited resources, which prevent participation in this task force and we rely on participation by other local law enforcement agencies to provide timely and critical investigations of acts of terrorism within the Portland Metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Tigard hereby requests the City of Portland to rejoin the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force.

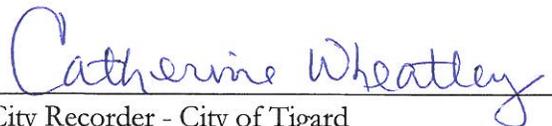
SECTION 2: This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED: This 25th day of January 2011.



Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:



City Recorder - City of Tigard