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Mayor Katz's statement regarding proposed resolution

Advised Thursday that Commissioner Jim Francesconi was proposing a City Council resolution directing the Portland Police Bureau to pursue a variety of actions on diversity and other issues – issues the Mayor said are already being addressed by the Bureau – Mayor Vera Katz issued the following statement:

“This type of stunt is election-year politics at its worst. Since Commissioner Francesconi is not the police commissioner, he has no apparent legal standing to bring forward such a resolution. It is unprecedented for a commissioner to try and use a City Council resolution to micro-manage a City bureau not in their charge. Beyond that, this is insulting to myself and to Chief Foxworth, who is already working hard and making progress on the issues outlined in this resolution. I suggest Commissioner Francesconi pay greater attention to managing those bureaus that are in his portfolio, such as the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT), where there are key issues awaiting resolution.”

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