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VIA EMAIL and FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Dear Mr. Frankonis:

We represent Tim Hibbitts and are writing this letter on his behalf.

In your blogs of August 20, 2004 and August 27, 2004 you mischaracterized the statements made by Tim Hibbitts on KATU television. You wrote: *“One other item regarding the media element here. Over on KATU, allegedly independent and non-partisan Tim Hibbitts commented that Francesconi’s loss of the police union’s endorsement might be good for him because many of Portland’s liberals hate the police.”* Later in that same blog you made reference to *“police haters”, “haters of the police”, and “liberal cop-haters”*. In your blog on August 27 you made reference to *“Hibbitts-bashing”* by other blogs and by Willamette Week, including your *“favorite bit about liberals as police-haters, ...”*

Mr. Hibbitts never said anything about Portland liberals hating the police. This is what he said: *“They [the Francesconi campaign] may be thinking that the endorsement of the police union is not such a good thing to have anyway because a lot of liberal and left-wing Portland voters, of which there are large number, are not terribly enthusiastic about the police.”*

Apparently your blog was the source for the Willamette Week statement that Mr. Hibbitts characterized Portland liberals as hating the police. Willamette Week has now informed its readers of what Mr. Hibbitts actually said. We respectfully request that you do the same thing so that your readers can learn for themselves what Mr. Hibbitts said.

Mr. Hibbitts is not asking that you revise your opinion about whether he is independent and non-partisan, whether he is trying to influence the mayoral election, or whether he intended to smear liberals by his comments. You are entitled to your views no matter how ill-informed

they may be. Mr. Hibbitts only asks that you correct your factual mischaracterization so that your readers will be able to make their own informed judgments about Mr. Hibbitts.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Tim Hibbitts

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