

Subject: Summary of Portland/JTTF Comments and Questions

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Dear Portlanders:

I spent time over the past couple of days reading comments, blog posts, editorials, guest opinion articles and media coverage related to Portland's membership status in the local Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Afterward, I prepared a set of personal notes on the readings and have attached them here.

Please know that I am keeping an open mind and the notes are meant to move the issue forward by identifying priorities. If you believe I missed a topic that deserves further consideration, let me know by posting it on our project webpage at www.mayorsamadams.com/jtff.

Soon, we will announce the specific date, time and location of the first public hearing on the JTTF, which is scheduled to take place during the first week in January. We will use a Town Hall meeting style similar to those completed in the Sharing Public Spaces (Sidewalk Obstructions) process. We want to facilitate substantive dialogue both among residents and between residents and the City Council. My thanks go to Commissioner Amanda Fritz and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement for outlining a [Joint Terrorism Task Force Public Meeting Format](#) for the City Council.

I am proud to be part of a city that thoughtfully thinks and debates important issues like this one.

With warm regards,

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