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## Fwd: Asylum Seekers

1 message

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Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 5:22 AM

To: Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>, Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: SA GH <merben2@hotmail.com>

Date: Sat, Jun 15, 2019 at 2:28 PM

Subject: Asylum Seekers

To: [jpj@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jpj@portlandmaine.gov) <[jpj@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jpj@portlandmaine.gov)>

It may cime as a surprise to you BUT the STATE of Maine is run on TAXPAYERS MONEY - that money doesn't just fall out of the sky!!! Maine put the word out - your Ci ty is "Welcoming" any and all asylum seekers - sick, criminal ALL. Now you are getting them so stop complaining and begging! More are on the way - welcome them with open arms!!!  
*Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android device*

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## Fwd: No longer moving to Portland Maine

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Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 5:05 AM

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From: **Martin E. Millard** <martinemillard@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 16, 2019 at 7:59 PM

Subject: No longer moving to Portland Maine

To: [estrimling@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:estrimling@portlandmaine.gov) <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, [jjp@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jjp@portlandmaine.gov) <jjp@portlandmaine.gov>, [bsr@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:bsr@portlandmaine.gov) <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, [sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov) <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, [bbatson@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:bbatson@portlandmaine.gov) <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>, [jcosta@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jcosta@portlandmaine.gov) <jcosta@portlandmaine.gov>, [kcook@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:kcook@portlandmaine.gov) <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>, [pali@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:pali@portlandmaine.gov) <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, [nmm@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:nmm@portlandmaine.gov) <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, [jduson@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jduson@portlandmaine.gov) <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>

To Portland City Staff,

I just wanted to share that my family and I were in the process of moving to Portland Maine this year. Luckily for us all the recent news about your city supporting white genocide and flooding the area with illegal aliens came just in time. My wife and I have decided not to move to Portland or even the state of Maine. You lost out on a young tax paying family that would have been active in sports and your community.

In additional I'll be writing the president about stopping all federal funding to Portland and the state of Maine.

Respectfully,

Erik Millard

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## Fwd: Portland is in trouble

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From: **Nick Mavodones** <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: Sun, Jun 16, 2019 at 8:57 PM

Subject: Fwd: Portland is in trouble

To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Karen True Winslow** <kaz@maine.rr.com>

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019

Subject: Portland is in trouble

To: [estrimling@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:estrimling@portlandmaine.gov), [bsr@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:bsr@portlandmaine.gov), [sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov),  
[bbatson@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:bbatson@portlandmaine.gov), [jcosta@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jcosta@portlandmaine.gov), [kcook@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:kcook@portlandmaine.gov), [pali@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:pali@portlandmaine.gov),  
[nmm@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:nmm@portlandmaine.gov)

Cc: [jduson@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jduson@portlandmaine.gov)

I am writing to express my concern about the recent influx of people seeking Asylum.

We are already bursting at the seams and no one is focusing on our local residents who are mentally ill, homeless and without resources.

As a Portland tax payer, I am appalled at the lack of concern for our current residents. The new shelters for our local people have not even been approved. I have a homeless person on my property on Sewall street weekly, (recently setting up day camp in the bushes and last summer, using my hose to shower and wash their close on the hot days). The council is elected to serve the people of Portland. Has anyone put out a vote as to how we feel about taking in all of these refugees?

Has anyone tried to stop the message that Portland is the place to go for help?

We cannot even take care of our own residents, yet we "owe them" as Governor Mills stated. I feel very badly for them and their situation, but we OWE our own residents who are in trouble first.

Regards,

Karen True

[14 Sewall St](#)

[Portland, ME 04102](#)

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From: **Nick Mavodones** <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: Sun, Jun 16, 2019 at 9:00 PM

Subject: Fwd: Portland Community Support Fund

To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Reg** <Rmacdon2@maine.rr.com>

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Subject: Portland Community Support Fund

To: Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>, Kim Cook <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>, Nick Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to express my concern about the Council's recent decision to provide additional funding for the Portland Community Support Fund.

It is my understanding that this fund was initially established as a **temporary** measure to support migrants who arrived in Portland seeking asylum.

With the influx of asylum seekers arriving in Portland over the past week it is incumbent upon each of you to thoughtfully evaluate how much financial assistance the taxpayers of Portland can continue to provide to this fund. It is my opinion that funding of this program, with taxpayer dollars, must end in the immediate future. The citizens of Portland cannot and should not bear the financial burden of supporting a massive immigrant population when in fact there are so many basic infrastructure needs that the city has neglected during the past several years.

I recognize that the funding for the assistance currently being provided to the asylum seekers will be significant in the short run. However, you must also realize that the potential impact on the city's school system will be even more problematic. Most likely the children of the asylum seekers, when enrolled in school, will require additional ESL staff and special programming in order to be successfully integrated into our school community. The potential costs, not included in the recently approved school department budget, will place another burden on the taxpayers of Portland.

I urge each of you to think of the citizens of Portland first as you deal with this complicated problem.

Sincerely,

Reg MacDonald  
95 Glenridge  
Portland, ME 04102

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Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 2:53 PM

To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Dennis Welch** <dwelch3@maine.rr.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 2:20 PM

Subject: Asylum Seekers

To: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

As a resident of South Portland, I am demanding that all asylum seekers remain in Portland. Portland asked for them, South Portland did not.

Dennis Welch  
Sent from my iPhone

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To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Nick Mavodones** <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 2:51 PM

Subject: Fwd: Asylum Seekers

To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **William Gribizis** <wgribizi@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Subject: Asylum Seekers

To: "nmm@portlandmaine.gov" <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Hello Nick,

How long would these people stay at the Expo and where do they go after that? What is wrong with Bangor, Yarmouth etc, taking some of them? How much more will this increase out taxes (that are sky high now)?

Don't you think our taxpayers of Portland have some say into this?

Thank you,

Bill Gribizis

[285 Clifton St](#)

[Portland ME 04103](#)

207-756-1830

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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## Fwd: Portland Community Support Fund

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**Katherine Jones** <klj@portlandmaine.gov>  
To: Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 10:01 AM

Hi Adam  
Can you please respond to this.  
Kathy  
Katherine Jones, City Clerk, CCM, CMC, Registrar  
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From: **City Clerk** <[cityclerk@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:cityclerk@portlandmaine.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 8:20 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Portland Community Support Fund  
To: Katherine Jones <[klj@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:klj@portlandmaine.gov)>

Forward to?

Donna  
City Clerk's Office  
[389 Congress St. Rm. 203](#)  
[Portland, ME 04101](#)  
P: 207-874-8610  
F: 207-874-8612

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From: **Liz Nitzel** <[rochenitzel@gmail.com](mailto:rochenitzel@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 6:50 AM  
Subject: Portland Community Support Fund  
To: <[Cityclerk@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:Cityclerk@portlandmaine.gov)>

Good Morning,

Could you please tell me how to donate to the Portland Community Support Fund?

Thank you for Welcoming New Mainers!

Sincerely,

Liz Nitzel

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## Fwd: Asylum seekers

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Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, May 7, 2019 at 5:44 PM

To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>, Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: <mdewitt@maine.rr.com>

Date: Tue, May 7, 2019 at 11:18 AM

Subject: Asylum seekers

To: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Cc: <Governor@maine.gov>, Mike and Kathy <mdewitt@maine.rr.com>

As a residents of the Greater Portland area and frequent visitors to downtown Portland my husband and I are deeply concerned about the direction the city is headed .

We have lived in this area since 1977 and in Portland itself for 10 of those years . There has always been a great deal of pride in the beauty , accessibility , diversity and safety of Portland .

Increasingly in recent years we have come to restaurants , museums stores and shows feeling very uncomfortable . In daytime and evening both we have experienced uneasiness walking the streets .

One encounters numbers of shady characters who glare and eye pocketbooks . We used to walk every sector with no fear in the past . Now we find ourselves rushing along and heading to our car as fast as possible .

All of this makes us miss our wonderful Chief Chitwood and crime free city more and more .

WE JUST DON'T FEEL SAFE ANYMORE .

I HAVE FRIENDS WHO WON'T EVEN COME TO TOWN ANYMORE .

We don't need more illegal people in Portland until we can deal with what we already have . The idea of a sanctuary city is just crazy .

We as a state are taxed to the highest degree and cannot afford to take care of more people .

NO TO PORTLAND BEING A SANCTUARY CITY .

The TOURIST TRADE that you are so fervently promoting will suffer too . ( side note ....save our working waterfront )

Why do people not see this ?

We used to offer a welcoming smile to the Somalies . Now we avoid all eye contact.

LET'S RETURN TO A LOVELY , SAFE LITTLE CITY .

Please pass this along to all in Portland government who are involved in this decision making .

So sincerely , K and M DeWitt

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Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 9:43 AM

To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Jon Roderick** <roderickjon6@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 6:21 AM

Subject: Asylum seekers

To: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Sent from my iPad

Time and again we're told that asylum seekers are fleeing violence or persecution at home and this is why they flock to America. You are aware that a majority of these individuals are denied asylum after being vetted by immigration judges are you not? Many simply don't show up for their hearings but instead just disappear into the the fabric of our society. This fact alone is reason for me not to welcome these people, not to mention the costs associated with their arrival. Sometimes I feel our city is more concerned with its homeless and immigrant population than its long established population, a feeling I experience more and more each day as many of our state and local leaders gush about how compassionate and welcoming Portland is. Time will tell if our neighbors really want to help us or simply want the newcomers to stay in Portland and free them of any responsibility to care for them. At any rate, know that not all Portlanders feel as welcoming as local media would have you believe. And no, I won't be sending any donation.

Jon Roderick  
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## Fwd: Asylum seeking

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Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 11:07 PM

To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Nicola Isgro** <nisgro49@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 4:21 PM

Subject: Asylum seeking

To: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear Mr. Jennings,

My name is Nicola Isgro and i am a lifelong resident of Portland. I love our city and embrace its residents as they are. I raised my lovely daughter here because of the safe, accepting atmosphere.

I am 53 years old and have seen many changes to our city. The one that concerns me most is the massive influx of refugees, many i am told, are actually being sent here from/by other states who have no resources to help them. I dont believe that Portland has the space or funds to help so many new, helpless people either. I am extremely concerned that having large numbers of people who have no jobs or anywhere to go could result in some real problems for our city.

The plight of these people is heartbreaking to say the least, that i could never deny. What i wonder is, is the city equipped to deal with this situation well? What can we citizens do to help? For the first time in my life i am fearful of what i think will happen to our city, our neighborhoods, and our longtime citizens.

Many Thanks for Your Time and Attention,

Sincerely,

Nicola Isgro

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From: **Nick Mavodones** <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 8:50 AM

Subject: Fwd: Asylum?

To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Jon Roderick** <roderickjon6@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Subject: Asylum?

To: nmm@portlandmaine.gov

Sent from my iPad.

Nick,

When is enough, enough. Bob Ganley said Portland would never turn anyone away. Do you buy that, now ? Times are certainly different. That policy simply does not apply today. When San Antonio sends asylum seekers to Portland, Maine, something's not right. A sensible approach to stop this foolishness is needed. Do you agree? I certainly hope so. If not, we're in big trouble.

Jon Roderick  
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Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 4:28 PM

To: Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>, Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>

FYI--

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From: **Gretchen Greenberg** <gretch1949@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 4:04 PM

Subject: Community Support Fund

To: Ethan Strimling <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>, <jcosta@portlandmaine.gov>, Kim Cook <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>, <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, Nicholas Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, jduson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>  
Cc: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear City Councilors

Like all of you, I am proud that our city stepped up to support the new arrivals to Portland this past month. It demonstrates the best of Portland and Maine.

I want to share my thoughts regarding the Community Support Fund that is part of the Portland budget. I understand that there is debate on how that money should be used and who should benefit. Two opinions:

- I feel strongly that Portland should be reimbursed for at least some of its costs for the use of the Expo as a temporary shelter and staff overtime. Portland responded in a way that it should but the cost should not be for Portland alone to bear. If some donations were specifically targeted for specific purposes like housing, medical care, or legal work, then reserve those monies for that purpose. There were some donations, like from the Community Foundation, were not designated. Please, the city and city taxpayers should be able to access some of that funding.
- While I believe there should be a community support fund for new arrivals, I also feel strongly that it should come under the auspices and managed by an independent organization, like the United Way or some other non-profit, and not within the city budget. Asylum seekers and refugees will settle in Portland but also in other communities.

Thank you to all of you that have worked toward making the arrival for all these people as smooth as possible. I hope the discussion of what comes next also is smooth.

Gretchen Greenberg  
165 Delaware Court  
Portland

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## Fwd: Congo

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Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 5:14 AM

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From: **Raymundo11** <rgeletka11@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 16, 2019 at 9:19 AM

Subject: Congo

To: <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Why are you letting migrants overtake Portland?

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