

## Public Comment *(received via email)*

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To the Lane County Commissioners:

I'm concerned that year after year, we see that Black Oregonians are jailed and imprisoned at much higher rates than others, including people from Lane County, but we don't see in our county budget any information about this problem. We should be able to find out who is being stopped, arrested, charged, convicted, and sentenced in our county. I think the district attorney should take some responsibility for making sure we get this information by working with our law enforcement partners and the County Sheriff to put this information together in a report to the public regularly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelley Edwards

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To whom it may concern—It has come to my attention that leadership in the Lane County District Attorney's office is skeptical about whether or not there is systemic racism in Lane County's criminal justice system. I and many others in Lane County see evidence that systemic racism does exist here. I recently learned that a proposal has been submitted to the Lane County Board of Commissioners to require the District Attorney's office to collect and make public race and ethnicity data for members of the public involved in police encounters, citations, arrests, cases filed and convictions. I strongly urge the Lane County Board of Commissioners to do the right thing, and approve this proposal. Let's not rely on the opinions of individual leaders—let's collect data to document what is happening with accuracy and completeness. Even though the component of Lane County's population that is non-white is small, the impacts to that portion of the population are not small. Let's follow the lead of other effective and clear-sighted local and county governments in Oregon and around the country, that are making changes to ensure that we stop race-based incarceration of people of color. Taking this action is squarely in line with your recent resolution to acknowledge racism as a public health crisis.

Please take immediate action to require the District Attorney's office to collect and make publicly available data on race and ethnicity for members of the public involved in police encounters, citations, arrests, cases filed and convictions. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you,

Neil Bjorklund  
Eugene, Oregon