

**AFSCME Local 88 Statement Calling for the Resignation of Sheriff Dan Staton
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Last week, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 88 Executive Board met and made the decision to call for the resignation of Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton. Local 88's leadership team voted unanimously to take this critical step that will help in the attempt to bring leadership credibility back to the Sheriff's Office.

While the Oregon Department of Justice found insufficient evidence to support criminal charges against Staton, that investigation wasn't designed to address one of the most critical issues as it pertains to the sheriff: a failure of leadership.

It is common knowledge across the County that Sheriff Staton has practiced vindictiveness, disrespect and retaliation against anyone who disagrees with him. It has played out in his brash and boorish treatment of other elected officials, women, people of color, judges and others in law enforcement. The actions and statements made by Sheriff Staton are directly contrary to the values of AFSCME and Multnomah County--such as treating everyone with dignity and respect, opposing racism and discrimination, and embracing equity and inclusion.

As the list of examples and tort claims grow, the dedicated men and women of the Sheriff's Office continue to find themselves on the short end of Staton's behavior. Dan Staton must step down so that the reputation of the agency, including all the hardworking employees who protect the public, can begin to be repaired.

AFSCME Local 88, the largest Union at Multnomah County, represents roughly 3,500 workers at Multnomah County (133 of which work at the Sheriff's Office), Transition Projects Inc. and Central City Concern.

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