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As a black Oregonian from portland, lived here my whole life. I have experience and black people who are from portland be discarded disenfranchised and discriminated against. There is never any addressing the 20000 black people in portland that have been removed via gentrification, the racist criminal justice system and lack of affordable food. From the years of injustices if feel that there is a status quo of maintaining. There is always talk of affordable housing, but all there are 1 300sqf apartments not houses or land.

We need to make a effort to make urban farming a real possibility and real houses with yards and proper educational programing and there needs to be a route to college not work force development, we need black people in STEM as well not just workforce development