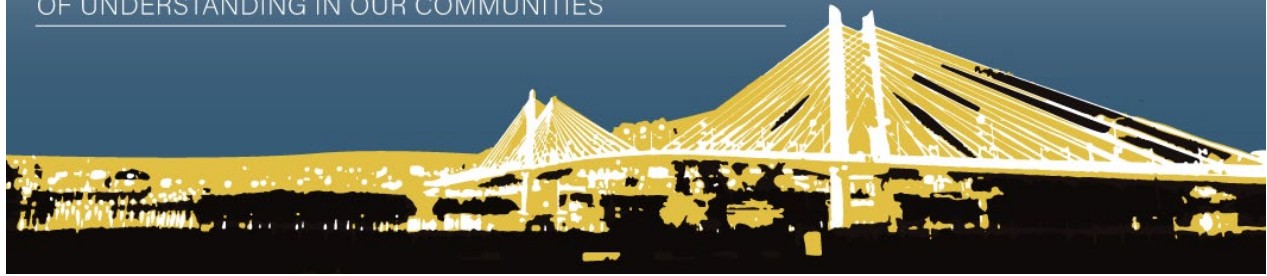


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OF UNDERSTANDING IN OUR COMMUNITIES



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COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS TO CONVENE FOR 9TH ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING IN OUR COMMUNITIES SUMMIT

HILLSBORO, Ore- Community members and law enforcement officials from across the state will convene this week for the ninth-annual Building Bridges of Understanding in Our Communities event, which will take place on October 30, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The summit is hosted by the Muslim Educational Trust (MET) in Tigard, Oregon which is located at 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Tigard. Key speakers and panelists include Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton, Multnomah County District Attorney-Elect Nathan Vasquez, and MET President and Co-Founder Wajdi Said. Members of the media are welcome to attend.

This year's theme is "Confronting Bias Through Justice, Healing and Education." Criminal justice and community leaders will share perspectives in moderated panel discussions.

For eight consecutive years, leaders from public safety and civil society organizations have come together to build and strengthen trust in one another and to cultivate trust with the communities they serve. The annual event has been held at MET since its inception in the fall of 2016. [Click here](#) to view videos of prior events. To view a list of participating organizations, [visit our website](#). Event sponsors can also be [seen here](#).

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