

	<b>1) Money for Human Needs Not War</b>	<b>2) Climate Change and the Military</b>
Questions	<p>The city of Portland is suffering from a lack of funding for basic services. Just a fraction of the Pentagon's \$700 Billion a year budget could provide housing, education, health care and infrastructure needs. In 2012, the City passed a war dollars home resolution calling for the money being spent on the military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan to be used instead for human needs.* Given that the wars are still going on eight years later, do you plan to take further steps to redirect crucial tax dollars for local use?</p> <p>*-<a href="http://www.pjw.info/wardollars_city_final.html">http://www.pjw.info/wardollars_city_final.html</a></p>	<p>Analysts call the US military the single largest entity which is not a country in terms of its carbon footprint. Given the connection between militarism and climate change, what steps will you take to meet Portland's climate goals in terms of influencing US military policies? Might that include limiting National Guard aircraft flights and recreational military flights like the Rose Festival Air Show and Fleet Week?</p>

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Margot Black	<p>I'm unaware of any further steps that could be taken in this direction, though am very interested in what options may exist, and am willing to meet with any group making such proposals. In general I am an enthusiastic proponent of clawing back, reallocating and redistributing resources in order to fund an expanded public sector, social services, and meeting the basic needs of people. If Portland has a way of capturing federal dollars earmarked for the military, I would be a strong and outspoken champion for making this happen.</p>	<p>I am very open to proposals and resolutions that limit city support for military-related events, including the Rose Festival Air Show and Fleet Week. I don't believe it's the city's place to be promoting any events that essentially give positive press to the U.S. military and US war machine, especially while the Commander and Chief of the military is Donald Trump.</p> <p>To the extent that the city is able to limit national guard aircraft flights, I would be a strong proponent. These flights are not only a huge use of fossil fuels and public resources, but they are often disruptive and frightening for the people below.</p> <p>Portland is known for being a very green and progressive city, it should absolutely be doing its part--which includes using its bully pulpit and pushing the envelope on what's possible-- to reduce carbon emissions and disinvest in military activity, recreational or otherwise.</p>
Julia DeGraw	<p>I wholeheartedly support redirecting military spending, including parts of the Pentagon budget, toward domestic priorities like clean water, housing, education, healthcare, and responsible transportation infrastructure. We need real action from the Federal government to redirect military funding toward meeting the needs of the American people. This means pushing for full funding for the Clean Water Trust Fund, investing in public schools, healthcare for all, affordable housing, and reinvestment in the transportation budget with incentives for local transit hubs and light and high-speed rail. I support the resolution the City passed in 2012, but, frankly, it seems too weak for what we really need. I'm not sure how we can demand more from the Federal government in a way that gets results, but I am committed to working with community groups and my fellow Commissioners and the Mayor to investigate those options once I am elected.</p>	<p>I'm certainly willing to explore limiting National Guard aircraft flights and recreational military flights during the Rose Festival and Fleet Week. I also believe the climate crisis calls for so much more than symbolic gestures. We need definitive action from the United States military to dramatically reduce its fossil fuel footprint. This means a Green New Deal-style overhaul of how the US military operates. As a Portland City Commissioner, I will always use my bully-pulpit and influence to push for a decrease in military spending and an overhaul of the US military to dramatically reduce its fossil fuel/carbon footprint. If we don't get to carbon neutral by 2035, having the most powerful military in the world (multiple times over) won't count for much, as the world's climate will no longer be able to sustain human civilization as we know it at that point.</p>
James (Jas) Davis	<p>I will do everything in my power to redirect those funds toward meeting real human needs here at home and across our country. Thank you for continuing to lead the charge on this important issue.</p>	<p>I support taking bold measures to further reduce our carbon footprint here in Portland and around the world. While we have dropped carbon emissions 20-40% in most categories since 1990, our transportation emissions have only dropped around 5%. We must redouble our effort in this area, including eliminating unnecessary military flights.</p>
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	<b>3) City Council Foreign Policy Resolutions</b>	<b>4) City Investments</b>
Questions	<p>In November 2019, Council passed a resolution recommitting a policy from 2007 to oppose war with Iran.*                      What effects do you think it has when cities pass resolutions against unnecessary wars?</p> <p>*-<a href="https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13358256">https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13358256</a></p>	<p>Investing in companies tied to warfare does not produce good jobs. The City currently has a list of just 12 companies it is allowed to invest in.* Some of these companies thrive from military contracts. In the interest of peace, describe how you feel about creating criteria limiting investments in other companies such as military contractors, and even ending investments in some of the 12 companies on the current list.</p> <p>*-<a href="https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/12538558">https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/12538558</a></p>

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Margot Black	<p>City resolutions against war are important, not only because people need to know where their officials stand on such matters, but because taking a stand has both symbolic and material effects, especially when other cities adopt similar resolutions inspired by our city. The cumulative effect can equal a strong, national protest against the war machine.</p> <p>However, without continued action and attention from elected leaders, the effect can also be minimal if any at all. The question is whether or not we simply mean to assert our position, or take action to bring about change. When we pass these resolutions we should make it a big deal and provide engaging information to the public with calls to action. We should be engaging with other cities and organizations to call on the state to follow suit, and to build a strong coalition standing united against unnecessary wars.</p>	<p>Using city tax dollars to invest in warmaking should be explicitly forbidden, which I'm more than happy to work with others to make happen. It's important to have these conversations in partnership with labor so that they do not oppose these efforts when they represent the workers employed by military-involved vendors.</p>
Julia DeGraw	<p>I think the effectiveness of these resolutions depends, in large part, on who is the President of the United States. Unfortunately, under the current administration (I don't like naming the current president), I don't think cities passing resolutions are going to be particularly effective. With a Republican-led Senate that is standing in lock-step with a corrupt and immoral presidential administration, we don't stand a chance at having an effect on Congress either. However, these actions taken by cities will matter once we get to a more functional Federal government, and we must continue to do what we can at the municipal level to be prepared to turn things around once we flip the Senate and elect a new President. In a functional democracy, cities and states can and should have a healthy influence on federal level decision-making, and I am committed to restoring our democracy in America.</p>	<p>Just as the City isn't allowed to invest in fossil fuel related industries, it should not be able to huge polluter contributing greatly to climate change--divesting from companies that profit from war is in alignment with the climate divestment priority as well. I'm interested in finding out what other mutual funds and companies the City could invest in to ensure it has a diverse enough portfolio, so long as we're going to be operating in an economic system that requires such investments. I would wrap-up by stating my strong support and leadership on the creation of a municipal bank in Portland. A municipal bank would enable us to make investments based on Portland values and to reinvest profits locally, rather than lining the pockets of Wall Street investors and big bank executives.</p>
James (Jas) Davis	<p>The impact may be negligible, particularly depending on the administration, however these resolutions are important signals to local citizens and the wider world about where the people of this city stand in relation to these wars.</p>	<p>I would support finding replacements for all the companies that profit from war, and would prioritize supporting local and regional companies as much as possible</p>
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