

	1) Money for Human Needs Not War	2) Climate Change and the Military
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>*-http://www.pjw.info/wardollars_city_final.html</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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Aaron Fancher	Did not respond	
Seth Woolley	Did not respond	
Sam Adams	<p>As City Commissioner, I supported or co-sponsored resolutions that opposed the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I was also a co-sponsor of the 2012 resolution mentioned in your question. However, 8 years is a long time for the City Council to be silent on wasteful Pentagon spending and ineffective military actions.</p> <p>Working with Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, Veterans For Peace Chapter 72, and City Council, I would update and strengthen the City's stance on this issue with a new resolution. One additional way to add impactful to change called for by the City Council would be to prioritize these issues in the City's annual federal priority agenda. The federal priority agenda is a council-approved document that guides the work of City lobbyists in Washington.</p>	<p>Building on my previous answer, I would include on the City's federal priority agenda lobbying of congressional representatives to require clean energy, technologies, equipment, and services to replace any of the military's carbon-intensive practices. For example, related to aircraft, as a piece of the CORONA Virus stimulus package, the U.S. House of Representatives many Democrats sought to tie "green" requirements to stimulus funds for airlines. I believe that similar requirements in military funds will also help deliver the local results we need to meet our climate goals.</p>

	3) City Council Foreign Policy Resolutions	4) City Investments
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>*-https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13358256</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>*-https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/12538558</p>

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Sam Adams	<p>I fully support the passing of resolutions like the 2007 policy to oppose the war with Iran. However, when City Council passes a resolution without including it in their federal legislative priorities it is a missed an opportunity to put real teeth and muscle behind the City Council's effort. It's important to elevate urgent issues and priorities like these up through our levels of government so we can reaffirm our commitment to national leaders and decision-makers.</p>	<p>I believe the City's investment list should undergo at least a bi-annual review, and be considered through a lense of peace, equity, and sustainability. In cases where the City's independent investment board insists on keeping objectionable companies on the list, and there is not council support to remove them, I would encourage the City to also officially join and support efforts in advocating for these companies to improve their standing on issues of peace, equity, and sustainability.</p>