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Background	Despite almost a decade of review from the US Department of Justice, Portland Police have continued to use deadly force against people of color and people experiencing mental health crises at disproportionate rates. Since the DOJ Agreement was proposed in 2012, Portland Police officers have shot, shot at, or led to the death in custody of 33 people, with a total of 18 deaths. At least half of the people were experiencing mental health crises, and 8 of them were people of color.	The Portland Police have made national news for their violent crackdowns on political protests. The PPB's Use of Force Reports separate force used on demonstrators from other types of force.
Questions	How do you see City Council taking steps to meaningfully reduce these disparities and move towards the reduction or elimination of deadly force as a tactic?	What is your position on police use of weapons including chemicals, mini-explosives and grenade launchers, particularly when they affect bystanders not suspected of any criminal activity?

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Carmen Rubio	<p>City Council needs to lead the way on this with a united voice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continually train officers to correct for their own implicit racial biases and practices and to be reflective about areas of growth. * Less militarization of policing and more community-centered focus, hiring “Peacekeepers” who are only armed with non-lethal tools. * Update the psychological evaluation and hiring processes to ensure hires bring the mindset that Black people and people of color are valued community members, are problem solvers, and help the vulnerable navigate toward systems of care they need to stay safe (i.e. mental health, substance abuse). * Hire to reflect the diversity of backgrounds that represent Portland today. * Regular use of data to see where disparities exist, and transparent tracking on progress made on plans to end them. * Expand independence and diversity of independent review for accountability, lift up victim and community experiences through use of restorative justice practices. 	<p>I am very concerned about any use of force on demonstrators and oppose this practice. Other legal tools exist for officers when intervening in a criminal act with specific perpetrators. Our police force should be frontline in upholding our First Amendment rights, however should not endanger its citizens in order to protect them. We need ethical leadership from law enforcement in addition to transparent communication that does not favor groups. In protests with racist motivations we also need to view hate speech as violence when its clear aim and intention is to harm/provoke harm to individuals or groups of people that are nonwhite, immigrant, womxn, or LGBTQ+. When needed we should call for enforcement of the law to protect communities victimized by hate speech and acts, seek ways to hold perpetrators accountable, and work with the community on policies to prevent these from happening in the future.</p>
Candace Avalos	<p>At the core of my values, I believe people deserve to face consequences for their actions through the legal system, not by deadly force. We must hold a higher standard for the outcome of a police interaction, and we need fewer weapons in the hands of PPB and more de-escalation tactics in their place. The Citizen Review Committee must have the authority to hear deadly force cases as it is the only independent review board comprised entirely of citizens. I truly do understand the risk our officers take in doing the tough job of keeping us safe and the complexity of how to accomplish that—but without true accountability for the use of deadly force, we cannot build back trust within the community that PPB desperately needs to do their job well. One life lost at the hands of the police is one too many, and we need more accountability when officers use force.</p>	<p>As the Chair of the Citizen Review Committee Crowd Control Workgroup, I am deeply involved in addressing the use of force at public demonstrations. Last March we organized a forum to hear from people directly on their experiences with PPB during protests, and there was a concerning theme that force was being applied indiscriminately, at times leaving innocent bystanders injured. We need an audit of the tools available to officers to use on citizens during protests and replace them with de-escalation tactics. Additionally, City Hall needs to actively respond when people take to the streets to share their opinions and demonstrate the ways those voices are being heard and influencing change as a result</p>
Corinne Patel	Did not respond	
Mary Ann Schwab	Did not respond	

	3) Joint Terrorism Task Force	4) Houseless persons and police
Background	In 2019, the City voted for a second time to remove officers from the FBI's secretive Joint Terrorism Task Force. Oregon law restricts conducting investigations with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct, while the FBI can open investigations based on speculation.	Portland Police are frequently used to enforce anti-houseless policies and ordinances such as the Sidewalk Use (aka Sit/Lie) Ordinance, leading to use of force and loss of belongings. The City stopped publishing statistics about who is cited/warned/arrested under Sit/Lie in 2013. In 2017, the Oregonian reported people experiencing houselessness accounted for 52% of arrests. The City has responded in part by conducting sweeps of houseless camps, while also creating programs like the pilot "Portland Street Response" project.
Questions	Do you support staying out of the JTTF, and what are your thoughts on the City's current policy which allows cooperation on a case by case basis?	What policies do you support that will reduce the disparities in police attention?

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Carmen Rubio	Yes, I support staying out of the JTTF. And while I am cautiously supportive of the case-by-case compromise, I believe we need to be vigilant in ensuring that we are using a lens that ensures the integrity of the standard used by the Chief is not abused or misapplied. I also am glad about the clear separation from ICE, although I still have concerns about de facto collaboration.	We need asset-based solutions that utilize non police responders with wraparound supports available, decriminalize houselessness, and employ restorative justice practices so we aren't just perpetuating systems that are a path to nowhere for all involved. Simply arresting and warehousing people into the criminal justice system is not a solution. Our police force has become a frontline service responder to incidents involving the vulnerable, and they are not trained or equipped for this work and misapply tactics created for criminality on those with mental health and substance issues. A few promising efforts are Commissioner Hardesty's work on the Portland Street Response program that makes the first responders to mental health crises trained social workers instead of police. The Here Together coalition and campaign also provides our region with an unprecedented opportunity to finally create a compassionate system of critical services and permanent supportive housing for our homeless neighbors.
Candace Avalos	Yes, I support the move to leave the JTTF. While I understand the intent of creating a collaborative relationship between PPB and the FBI to investigate extremist threats, I have little trust that the current Federal administration is doing this in good faith without targeting progressive activists. It is important that we continue to only cooperate and share information on a case by case basis until Portland City Council can determine that full participation is warranted and ensures the safety of all Portlanders.	First and foremost, the reported majority of arrests being from the houseless community is appalling and we need to immediately decriminalize houselessness. Using the criminal justice system to continue to traumatize vulnerable houseless people only pushes them further into cycles of poverty and prolongs their ability to find and afford housing. I am a strong supporter of the pilot Portland Street Response project to offer alternative methods of intervention that can not only address a situation immediately, but also have more of a long term impact. We need to invest money into systems that offer more frontline services for the houseless community with a case management model that connects care and resources.
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	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight
Background	The civilian oversight system, including the Independent Police Review, its Citizen Review Committee, and the Police Review Board, is not adequately holding officers accountable to community standards, and PRB hearings are closed to all but one or two community members uninvolved in the incident being considered.	
Questions	a) City Council heard an appeal in 2017 illustrating that the standard of review for the CRC which requires them to defer to the Bureau (the "reasonable person" standard asking them to consider whether the officer's commander made a reasonable decision) is not working. Would you support changing the standard to "preponderance of the evidence" (seeing if it is more likely than not that misconduct occurred, a standard used by most review boards, juries, and by the reviewing commander), which could result in more complaints being sustained? Why or why not?	b) What changes would you support to the PRB to help make the review process more transparent to the public?

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Carmen Rubio	Yes, I am supportive of changing this standard to "preponderance of evidence." Not only is it more inclusive in terminology, it also refocuses on the matter at hand using a lens of evidence, rather than a subjective standard that is often determined by one set of lived experiences of individuals that are likely devoid of a true representational standard that would include experiences of communities of color, victims of profiling or others that bear the brunt of racial, gender or any other demographic injustice.	I would support an oversight body that had a greater balance of folks with experience and also those who advocate for a just system, and ensure representation from the community. Also, to enable increased transparency of evidence and data at the appropriate and allowable level- transparency of documents and materials and community experiences that the committee can review in their deliberations. This might include biometric or facial recognition technology, tactics or equipment. Lastly, I would like to ensure broader and more equitable participation and access to information, this means specifically accommodating those whose primary language is other than English, or with different abilities, and materials prepared for them as necessary.
Candace Avalos	As the Acting Chair of the Citizen Review Committee (CRC), I am 100% supportive of changing the standard of review and am actively working towards this change. The current reasonable person standard often leaves us with the inability to challenge the commanding officer's decisions and is overly deferential to the police. In our pursuit of these changes we have been met with constant barriers and inaction by the Auditor's office and City Council, and I am determined to continue pushing for these reforms.	Ideally, the PRB would also be public like the CRC or publically available after hearings have concluded. I would support more information about how decisions get made to be available to the community to promote the highest standard of transparency.
Corinne Patel	Did not respond	
Mary Ann Schwab	Did not respond	

	6) Profiling	7) Collective Bargaining and Accountability
Background	State law prohibits profiling based on a number of characteristics including but not limited to race, gender identity and housing status. Of all agencies reporting to the state, analysts found the Police Bureau's stops and searches of African Americans to be the most disproportionate. While the PPB acknowledges some disparity in searches, they insist the stops of African American Portlanders should be compared to crime victimization rates (18.4%) rather than either population (6%) or driver accident rates (11%). The Gun Violence Reduction Team, formerly known as the Gang Enforcement Team, has even higher stop rates of over 60%, which the Bureau compares to gang crime victimization (63% in the 2017 report).	We will be referencing answers to the Portland Metro People's Coalition question regarding the Portland Police Association Contract,* as the City is in the process of negotiating a new contract with the PPA. Community organizations have emphasized this as one opportunity to enhance accountability, transparency, and justice with respect to the Police Bureau. *-Question 2: "For a Fair Police Contract that Serves the Public" at https://www.portlandpeoplescoalition.org/pmpc-2020-platform-candidates-survey
Questions	What guidelines do you believe the Gun Violence Reduction Team and the Bureau as a whole should use to determine whether police are disproportionately targeting the black community?	Will you support these goals in the current contract and what other strategies will you pursue to advance these values in our city's criminal justice system?*** **- See the two community letters sent to the Council about the Police Association Contract at: https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract_letter and https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_side_letter

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Carmen Rubio	It should be replaced and recalibrated with a more community-responsive mission, a racial equity lens, and using community and data informed practices. We need more transparent use of data and we need to end the reliance on profiling and outdated practices that move us further away from safety and trust. The Black community, and communities of color in Portland, have suffered both from gun violence and disproportionate impacts of over-policing. For a new program to be successful and trusted by the community we need transparency, accountability, and a mindset that Black people and people of color are valued community members. The focus must continue to be on changing the system. The City must set an expectation of officers to be community-centered, see the value in oversight, have capacity to be reflective, and validate the lived experiences of fearful community members. They will help drive the culture change we need at the bureau.	Yes, I support the goals for the current contract. I will also bring my experience and relationships with the immigrant and Latinx community and organizations to inform this work to be more reflective of undocumented immigrants, as we face complex challenges and relationships with law enforcement and ICE in particular. We have been hyper-focused on responsiveness and trauma in our communities under this oppressive administration, and we need to strengthen the work among these two important areas, as much is being done legally and through community response in both.
Candace Avalos	I agree that the data reported must be analyzed alongside general population statistics to put into context which communities are being disproportionately affected. This will give us a better picture of the impact of PPB stops and searches on different communities so we can be more intentional in finding solutions to stop unnecessarily burdening communities of color.	I support all of the Portland Police Reform Network's suggested necessary changes for the Portland Police contract, and as commissioner I will work toward these reforms as soon as I enter office. As Acting Chair of the Citizen Review Committee, I am also currently pushing the Mayor's office to consider our standard of review change, as we have been repeatedly told that we cannot change it outside of the contract negotiation process. The lack of support for these reforms from the City Council and Auditor's office, despite having community-wide support, is what led me to run for office and what I will continue to fight for as a Commissioner.
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