

	1) Deadly force	2) Force at protests
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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Teressa Raiford	Did not respond	
Michael O'Callaghan	Police culture needs to more clearly reflect the community values. I support narrowing their area of responsibility. Do you know I won in the 9th circuit declaring pdx camp ord unconstitutional? I am only one on the council.	(Did not respond to questions)
Bruce Broussard	Did not respond	
Michael Burleson	(suspended campaign)	
Cash Blanco Carter	Did not respond	
Ted Wheeler	Did not respond	

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Sarah Iannarone	<p>Not only are too many community members dying at the hands of police, but the pattern of deaths point to racism, classism, and ableism within law enforcement. As Mayor, I plan to address all aspects of this crisis. As detailed in my Rethinking Public Safety policy platform (<a href="http://sarah2020.com/publicsafety">sarah2020.com/publicsafety</a>), there are many ways Council can be limiting the use of force, prioritizing de-escalation (with real consequences for not doing so), giving actual power to oversight boards, and demilitarizing our police force. As a community we must begin with putting the community supports in place to avoid unnecessary interactions with law enforcement during times of crisis and I detail several approaches in my plan. I would also expand investment in the Portland Street Response, and other tactics to make sure we are sending the right first responders, which is in most cases not an armed officer.</p>	<p>I unequivocally oppose the use of crowd control weapons on peaceful demonstrators.</p> <p>My administration would demilitarize police response to protest by removing armed officers in military-style gear and instead directing the bureau to monitor events from a distance. In my personal experience as a peaceful demonstrator, I have witnessed many times how riot officers arriving on scene escalate the tension at demonstrations and prevent the possibility of dealing with crimes on a case-by-case basis. When police rely on riot control agents, it affects everyone in a crowd, and often unrelated bystanders. Injuring innocent demonstrators and unrelated bystanders should never occur in the first place and secondarily exposes the City to costly lawsuits.</p>
Ozzie Gonzalez	<p>I recognize that there is a human being on either side of that badge and we need to begin there in order for community trust to be restored. Policing needs to be about helping the community stay safe and maintaining the peace in neighborhoods. Here's how I propose we go about it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Diversify the police presence with a variety of uniforms, levels of service, modes of transportation and demographic representation.</li> <li>* Resurrect the Youth Cadet program and train local youth for part-time assignments in their neighborhoods</li> <li>* Expand the City First Responder Program to address high volume non-violent calls</li> <li>* Review the policing contract to ensure no special protections are granted to people with badges that have not been granted to people without badges.</li> </ul>	<p>I do not support it and consider it an affront on the citizenry. I do not believe it should be the first or second line of crowd control tactics used, so I see a major need for the development of better crowd control tactics that do not harm bystanders.</p>
Willie Banks	Did not respond	
Lew Humble	Did not respond	
Floyd La Bar	Did not respond	

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Mark White	<p>I intend to keep all Bureaus and Offices under the Mayor's Office, but have the entire City Council provide oversight as a team on all Bureaus and Offices. Oversight will be conducted in Council Chambers, be open to the public, and recorded for public access. I believe this high level of transparency will help greatly with accountability on all levels.</p> <p>I will need to discuss with the City Attorney what the limitations are for dealing with officers who use violence as a first option regardless of circumstance. My preference would be to bind officers to a code of only using guns if they are fired upon first. I would also like to implement as quickly as possible mandatory continuing education for officers that emphasizes de-escalation techniques and nonviolent responses in all circumstances not involving suspects with a firearm.</p>	<p>None of the above weapons should ever be used on any suspect under any circumstances.</p> <p>The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the Right to Peaceably Assemble. Any group or individual, regardless of what end of the political spectrum they fall on, who engages in violence and places nonviolent protestors, spectators, or protestors of opposing views in danger, forfeits their right to continue to participate in that protest. Nonviolent efforts to arrest will be used and that individual or individuals will be pursued via the courts for the cost of the police to secure the event.</p> <p>As Mayor, I will pursue policy that removes violence from any police situation unless the suspect is armed with a gun and fires first or has explosives.</p>
Michael Jenkins	Did not respond	
Beryl McNair	Did not respond	
Piper Crowell	(suspended campaign)	
Sharon Joy	Did not respond	
Jarred Beprestis	Did not respond	
Daniel Hoffman	<p>I will do my best to reply to your questions as soon as I can. Please bare with me, as the first "Homeless Citizen" Portland Mayoral candidate, I will be running my campaign with nothing but my library card. However, I will always respond or do my best to respond to every email within 3 days.</p>	(Did not respond to questions)
Randy Rapaport	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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Michael O'Callaghan	(Did not respond to questions)	
Bruce Broussard	Did not respond	
Michael Burleson	(suspended campaign)	
Cash Blanco Carter	Did not respond	
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	3) Joint Terrorism Task Force	4) Houseless persons and police
Sarah Iannarone	<p>I support remaining out of the JTTF. The JTTF does not make Portlanders safer. Instead, this outdated program, a vestige of the post-9/11 war on terror, is currently run by Donald Trump's justice department and is susceptible to his influence and policies. Our proud sanctuary city has made it clear that we do not wish to be complicit in the atrocities perpetrated by President Trump, and Portland's mayor should stand in solidarity with the community in committing to never again partner with JTTF.</p> <p>If there were a scenario that required the Portland Police to work with the FBI for some (narrowly defined) reason, there are other avenues for that collaboration to occur and my administration would make sure that there was full accountability and transparency regarding the nature of the work and that Portland officers adhered to the intent of City statute and the values that underpin it.</p>	<p>This will be a critical issue for my administration. We must end the criminalization of poverty and the dangerous and pointless human suffering caused by displacing human beings from one part of our city to another. I will direct the PPB to not use any funds or other resources for arresting or citing houseless people for offenses related to their poverty and houselessness, or for engaging in actions that a houseless person might reasonably need to do outside. Complaints of violence against people experiencing houselessness will be addressed regardless of who reports.</p> <p>I will expand the Portland Street Response to make sure we dispatch the appropriate first responders, which in most cases will not be an officer with a gun. I also believe that the public needs to be engaged in keeping the city on track and will institute a streamlined and transparent public records request and community reporting process.</p>

Ozzie Gonzalez	<p>Although I do not like to resolve future problems with blanket statements nor is it my nature to walk away from cooperation with an entire agency of government, I do not see the benefit to Portland of cooperation with the JTTF currently. The disruptions to our community that come from this cooperation have not demonstrated to be worth the effort for our city and have damaged the public trust.</p>	<p>I have a plan to end camping in the streets by providing an answer to "where" we can send people without shelter. This will end sweeps as we know them and empower every citizen to become part of the solution. My plan includes setting a land use policy for "Transitional Emergency Services" that will allow pop-up service sites, creating a citywide community service program for unsheltered people to participate in, and working with community organizations to designate sites throughout the city for people to go to for referrals, basic services, and self-enrichment opportunities. Details about my plan can be found on my "Housing and Homelessness" plan online at <a href="http://www.ozzie4pdx.com/ouragenda">www.ozzie4pdx.com/ouragenda</a>.</p>
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Mark White	<p>Yes, I support staying out of the JTTF.</p> <p>I would have to review the circumstances of any actions taken in the past to see if it warrants continuation. My inclination is to only authorize such use in very extreme cases, but I don't see any harm in keeping that door open, but effectively never walking thru it.</p>	<p>The Portland Street Response is an obvious common sense solution that should have been implemented decades ago and will have my full support for continuing indefinitely.</p> <p>I would rather take swift action to address homelessness than determining policies on police attention. Upon taking office, my initial effort will be to provide significant financial support to Bybee Lakes Hope Center to rapidly increase their capacity via portable structures and/or large temporary structures similar to a field hospital. Vehicles and RVs could also park onsite.</p> <p>The facility already has medical, kitchen, laundry, bathing, and hygiene facilities, but may need portable and/or mobile expansion if the amount of individuals exceeds existing capacity. Financial support will also underwrite expansion of social services case managers, ensuring social distancing practices are in place and enforced, and independent security to ensure the safety of all.</p>

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Daniel Hoffman	(Did not respond to questions)	
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Randy Rapaport	Did not respond	
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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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	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight
Sarah Iannarone	<p>I support changing the standard to a preponderance of the evidence. I believe strongly that we cannot have two systems of justice operating, where officers suspected of misconduct have special privileges not allowed to community members under investigation. We are entrusting officers with a very special role in our society and as such they should be held to a higher standard. The "reasonable person" standard holds them to a lower bar, and works to protect individuals who would have been found to have committed misconduct under the preponderance of the evidence standard. Culture change in law enforcement starts with making sure that discipline is possible, including terminating problematic officers.</p>	<p>I am interested in completely reimagining civilian oversight of police in Portland. I know that the various oversight groups have talented community members attempting to do important work, and I commend their commitment to the community. But as evidenced by a history of high turnover and dramatic exits, even commission members feel their work is often ignored or marginalized. In my Rethinking Public Safety policy platform, I have proposed devolving the groups to the greatest extent legally possible and creating new mechanisms with real enforcement power and transparency to the public so that it's clear to the community that real accountability exists within the bureau. I also have a plan for streamlining the public records fulfillment process to make sure the media and members of the public can help the city stay accountable to all Portlanders.</p>

Ozzie Gonzalez	<p>I am open to it, but I would like to see where this has been applied and if it has yielded the results that were expected. I believe accountability is key and transparency is the foundation of accountability, so I support greater transparency in the review process as well as greater accountability by the reviewing body. I am aware that unconscious bias and institutional racism make it difficult for the "reasonable person" argument to get very far since it is considered very reasonable to act based on unconscious bias today. Yet it exists; and what we see today is considered reasonable. From my perspective, reasonable is not acceptable in this case. We need a different outcome. I have a plan to address this and have provided some additional details on it in response #1.</p>	<p>I would support Daily Press Briefings, access to the families of all parties directly named in the principal case file, and independent audits of the review by community members so that reviews have some community accountability as well.</p>
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	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight
Mark White	<p>First, I would speak with the City Attorney for an explanation of why we are doing things the way we do. As Mayor, I would be given information not generally provided to the public, which would help inform my actions on transparency with public reviews.</p> <p>However, I would prefer to legally weed out unqualified police officers and make the need for reviews extremely rare. Qualified officers would have the skills noted above -- does not shoot unless is shot at first, has a wide variety of options she/he will utilize before using a gun, does not exhibit violent or racist attitudes, among other personal, technical, and professional skills.</p> <p>I would also like to pursue an aggressive recruiting campaign to basically steal qualified officers from other police departments around the country. Signing bonuses have a way of attracting people who might not otherwise consider moving to a new location.</p>	<p>For starters, the hearings held by the Police Review Board should be made public. The Independent Police Review and Citizen Review Committees also need to be able to hold hearings on cases involving deadly force. Given the incredible limitations placed on the IPR as it currently stands, a case could be made to completely rework the Independent and Citizen Review Committees so the oversight process has more teeth and leads to more accountability and increased transparency. We need to engage the communities and community groups that have been working on these issues for years to decide what that process should look like. We also need a Portland Police Contract that improves the system of civilian oversight. A civilian oversight commission should be able to evaluate whether an officer has violated bureau policies when using excessive or deadly force, as well as be able to recommend disciplinary actions.</p>
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	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 <a href="https://www.portlandpeoplescoalition.org/pmpc-2020-platform-candidates-survey">https://www.portlandpeoplescoalition.org/pmpc-2020-platform-candidates-survey</a>
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: <a href="https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract_letter">https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract_letter</a> and <a href="https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_side_letter">https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_side_letter</a>

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Sarah Iannarone	<p>I do not believe that we should have a rebranded version of the former Gang Enforcement Team as part of our police force. I would dissolve this misguided attempt to allocate special resources dedicating to policing black and brown members of our community. The increased policing of marginalized communities only works to deteriorate trust between groups and thus makes both civilians and police less safe. Police should investigate and charge crimes on an individual basis rather than treating community members differently simply based on their appearance. All police statistics should be released in context, broken down by demographics with comparable demographics for the city as a whole.</p> <p>Unlike the current administration’s rebranding efforts, my administration will take reducing gun violence seriously using proven programs like red flag registries and gun buybacks to get dangerous weapons out of our communities and will support safe storage requirements for responsible ownership.</p>	<p>I attended the police contract community listening sessions last year and heard from Portlanders hailing from across the city on the issues that were most important in our next PPA contract. The people of Portland have spoken and have reiterated their desire for increased accountability, civilian oversight, more inclusion and transparency in the negotiation process, and drug testing after uses of force. Over the last several months I have participated wherever possible in advancing these goals including attending several PCCEP meetings and using my platform to advocate for a community centered contract. Although the contract will almost certainly be signed before my inauguration, I am following the process closely and am cautiously optimistic about the community activism and national sentiment working together to make big improvements in the next contract. As Mayor I will work to build upon gains in this contract when negotiating the next one, justice is iterative.</p>

Ozzie Gonzalez	<p>There are basic statistics about our current demographics, the population of gun owners, and the historical statistics of gun violence incidents in our city that will let us see exactly how much of a disparity there is. The demographics of the GVRT is another major indicator of a disparity potential--my objective is to have a diverse team so that all forms of bias are neutralized by having other biases represented. I believe the time spent in various parts of the city is another indicator for disparity potential--I would want to see the GVRT covering the city evenly or at least following the concentration of guns in the city.</p> <p>There are other possible metrics and my approach will be to work with black leaders in our community to ensure the metrics are telling us what we want and, most importantly, that the outcomes are what we want to see.</p>	<p>Yes, I will. The strategy I will have the most control over and which I believe will have the greatest impact is in ensuring we get representation in the bureau. There are many open positions in the bureau and filling them with diverse people that are invested in the well-being of our communities will make a lasting impact in the efforts towards eliminating the disproportionate amount of violence against our black and brown communities.</p>
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Mark White	I would rather focus on legally getting rid of racist officers than trying to figure out how racist they are.	<p>Yes. We will never see changes of substance if we don't change our pattern of electing people connected to money and power instead of being connected to the community.</p> <p>The upcoming Charter Commission is the best mechanism for creating the change we need. As co-Chair of the 2011 Charter Commission, I am the only candidate with direct experience with it and efforts of City Council to undermine its success. Portlanders can take issues directly to voters via the Charter Commission. Issues would be thoroughly vetted with the public. Those deemed having overwhelming support would be presented to voters as a Charter Amendment for approval or rejection.</p> <p>I encourage you to read about it on my campaign site, <a href="http://www.southofholgate.com/?page_id=144">http://www.southofholgate.com/?page_id=144</a>. I also have a number of community-based models addressing college tuition, City-level Reparations, food insecurity, campaign financing, district elections, and others.</p>
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