

# PPB OUT OF JTTF

## QUESTION FOR MAY 2020 PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES on the Joint Terrorism Task Force

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MAYOR	
Teressa Raiford	Did not respond
Michael O'Callaghan	(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
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 Instead, this outdated program, a vestige of the post-9/11 war on terror, is currently run by Donald Trump's justice department and is susceptible to his influence and policies.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>
Ozzie Gonzalez	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.
Willie Banks	Did not respond
Lew Humble	Did not respond
Floyd La Bar	Did not respond
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>
Michael Jenkins	Did not respond
Beryl McNair	Did not respond
Piper Crowell	(suspended campaign)

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Sharon Joy	Did not respond
Jarred Beprestis	Did not respond
Daniel Hoffman	(Did not respond to questions)
Randy Rapaport	Did not respond

### COUNCIL SEAT #1

Philip Wolfe	Did not respond
Timothy DuBois	Did not respond
Isham Harris	Did not respond
Cullis James Autry	Did not respond
Alicia McCarthy	Did not respond
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.
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.
Corinne Patel	Did not respond
Mary Ann Schwab	Did not respond

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### COUNCIL SEAT #2

Jack Kerfoot	Did not respond
Walter Wesley	Did not respond
Diana Gutman	Did not respond
Loretta Smith	Did not respond
Terry Parker	Did not respond
Alicea Maurseth	<p>The JTTF disproportionately targets religious and ethnic minorities and political dissidents, then entraps them into crimes there is little evidence they would commit on their own. Based upon the ACLU's review of cases since 2008, they use illegal and unconstitutional methods to obtain evidence and then cover up their crime using parallel construction.</p> <p>That said, the JTTF also prevented the attack by the white supremacist militia against the Somali community in Kansas in 2016. Therefore, I believe that working with them on a case by case basis should continue, under civilian oversight.</p>
Margot Black	Yes I support staying out of the JTTF, and will publicly oppose any efforts to rejoin it. The policy of allowing cooperation on a case by case basis is difficult to oppose, assuming that such cases are rare and emblematic of special cases, such as actual terrorism. I would listen to and follow the lead of police accountability organizations with respect to that cooperation.
Julia DeGraw	<p>When I ran for this seat in 2018, one of my platforms included removing Portland from the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Thankfully, Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty has made good on her commitment to withdraw the City from the JTTF. I fully support staying out of the JTTF.</p> <p>As for the case by case basis: so long as there are ways for the City to get intel it needs regarding real potential terrorist threats without interacting with the JTTF, then, no, there's no reason the City should be cooperating with the JTTF under any circumstances.</p>
Cynthia Castro	Did not respond
Dan Ryan	Did not respond
Tera Hurst	Did not respond
Sam Chase	Did not respond
Ronault Polo Catalani	Did not respond
Rachelle Dixon	Did not respond
Jeff Lang	Did not respond
James (Jas) Davis	Did not respond
Aquiles Montas	Did not respond
Ryan Farmer	Did not respond

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Mingus Mapps	Did not respond
Robert MacKay	Did not respond
Keith Wilson	(did not respond to questions)
Kevin McKay	Did not respond
Chloe Eudaly	Did not respond
Aaron Fancher	Did not respond
Seth Woolley	I've always opposed cooperation with the federal government on investigations. I don't believe case by case support is justified either. If there is an issue where local police need to be informed, the FBI should provide information and let the local police deal with matters after having vetted the information independently. The Brandon Mayfield case as well as how the FBI entraps and pushes radicalization to meet quota should be reason enough to be skeptical of what the local FBI field office does when it comes to claims of terrorism.
Sam Adams	Yes. As police commissioner, depending on the day, I had to deal with this issue with a City Council that leaned towards rejoining. I brokered a compromise that required oversight that Portland police officers could only be brought in on a case-by-case basis when there was reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct based on Portland standards. I was sad to see Portland rejoin the JTTF after I left. I was sure that Portland voted to restore a similar policy I had pursued.

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