

	1) Deadly force	2) Force at protests
Background	Since the US Department of Justice Agreement was signed in November 2012, Portland Police have shot or shot at 20 people, killing 10 [as of March 7, 2018]. At least half of them were experiencing mental health crises, and five 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 fulfill the Agreement by ensuring deadly force is reduced or eliminated as a tactic?	What is your position on police use of weapons including chemicals, mini-explosives and grenade launchers?
Jo Ann Hardesty	After a decade of[f] work, I've had the recent opportunity to work with Department of Public Safety Standards Training in Salem to create a 'train the trainer' program where police and community members co-facilitate trainings, which has been very successful. This training is where all police officers in Oregon complete their first 16 weeks of training. It would be my goal to create more interdepartmental trainings so that officers would have more opportunities to learn from other officers as well as community members.	I have been extremely disappointed in city leadership that they have not been able to tell the difference between free speech and hate speech. I have also been appalled to see Portland Police protecting white nationalist[s] at the expense of unarmed protesters. I believe we need our elected officials to be loud and clear that hate speech will not be tolerated in Portland, in Oregon or wherever and that we will prosecute those who spread violent hate throughout our community to the fullest extent of the law.
Loretta Smith	<p>I am greatly concerned about the over policing of our black and brown communities, as well as the pattern of officer-involved shootings with people of color and those with a mental disability. Deadly force should always be a last resort, and when it is implemented we need to review the situation with real scrutiny, holding people accountable when it is improperly brought out. We need accountability and oversight and a shift to a community policing model to make the bureau successful. It's critical that we have leaders at the city willing to ask the tough questions and pushing for policies to improve community policing and building a bridge between the bureau and the community.</p> <p>I'm hopeful because I believe that Chief Outlaw is bringing a new perspective to the bureau, but I want to work with the Chief and the bureau to best understand what they need to move forward with a community policing model that will move us forward in the future. I also think we need to make more of an effort to go after the systemic racism that has lead us to such a troubled place.</p> <p>Without addressing those foundational issues we can't expect to make any real change to the overall system, so that will be a major priority for me as a City Commissioner, just as it has been at the County.</p>	<p>People's right to engage in peaceful protest should be respected. But even beyond that, without question, chemicals, mini-explosives and grenade launchers shouldn't be used on civilians. And the use of such tactics should be investigated and stopped. As I stated previously, I believe we need more oversight and accountability, especially in reviewing the use of force. We also need to ensure we are holding outside public agencies accountable, like federal agents, or privately contracted security when they act outside of the law.</p>

	3) Joint Terrorism Task Force	4) Houseless persons and police
Background	Portland was not part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2005-2011, partly because the FBI will not grant the same security clearance to the Police Commissioner/Mayor as to the officers participating.	Portland Police are frequently used to enforce anti-homeless policies and ordinances such as the Sidewalk Use (aka Sit/Lie) Ordinance, leading to use of force and loss of belongings. The oversight committee for the Sidewalk Ordinance was disbanded in late 2012.
Questions	Now that federal agencies are threatening immigrants and others' civil liberties, do you support getting Portland's two officers back out of the JTTF, and why or why not?	What is your position on reinstating oversight of this law and examining ways to make the law less discriminatory?
Jo Ann Hardesty	We need to end our city's participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which has only increased police aggressiveness. No information is available regarding this partnership, but I believe our participation limits our ability to require local police to refuse cooperation with ICE, which is an important part of truly becoming a Sanctuary City. I want being a Sanctuary City to mean more than words on paper. Currently the city has had an opportunity to create specific policy recommendations through a task force, but that work has not yet been done.	I have noticed a re-establishment of locations where poor people are no longer able to sit or stand that seems to be focused around the business community. I believe we should review all policies to ensure they aren't discriminating against community members or just used to harass poor homeless community members. Police should be directed to have a hands off approach to homeless persons unless they are committing a crime or about to commit a crime. I don't know if a new committee is necessary as we have a human rights commission that should be reviewing city policies to remove discriminatory practices throughout the city.
Loretta Smith	<p>We must protect all Portlanders, especially immigrants and communities of color. That's why I led the effort in Multnomah County to become one of the first Sanctuary Counties in the nation. I strongly oppose having any immigrant status shared with the FBI or ICE. It's also critical that we find out more about the role Portland police officers are playing in providing information to the FBI. After meeting with the ACLU a few weeks ago, I have real concerns about having Portland Police report directly to federal agents about the activities of our neighbors. I want to be fully briefed by our federal partners before I would feel comfortable making a final decision to pull out.</p> <p>I'm still getting additional information, but given that, it's time to re-evaluate our involvement. Our sanctuary status has to be prioritized.</p> <p>[Note: this answer updated September 28, 2018]</p>	<p>We have a homeless crisis and conducting police sweeps isn't the way to address this crisis. We need to do everything in our power to expand housing options. That means more transitional shelter, using some of these funds to buy up multi-plexes for longer term housing options, finding and opening more emergency shelter and opening Wapato. We could house and serve up to 1,000 people inside Wapato, and for those who want to continue to camp, there's 22 acres while being able to use the facility, and access social and medical services.</p> <p>If we actually lean into the innovation behind ideas like camping communities and tiny home villages instead of letting them pop up without support and planning, then we may see another tool to solve the crisis our community faces today. I don't think increased sweeps will address the problem. People are simply displaced to another part of the city with significant hardship when they lose their possessions. Instead, we should be focused on providing permanent housing and supportive housing for all those who will take advantage of it. That is the long-term solution.</p> <p>I understand the frustration of camping and trash throughout the community. We can't criminalize homelessness, at the same time we need to support our residents while we work toward short and long-term solutions.</p> <p>[Note: this answer updated September 28, 2018]</p>

	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 which illustrated that the standard of review for the CRC which requires them to defer to the Bureau (the "reasonable person" standard) is not working. What standard do you recommend for a civilian oversight body?	b) What changes would you support to the PRB to help make the review process more transparent to the public?
Jo Ann Hardesty	<p>I would be interested in working with [community groups] to determine a better standard of accountability. I had believed that the reasonable person standard would be an appropriate measure as it doesn't require law-enforcement thinking to reach a conclusion. If this standard isn't working as intended, I am open to hearing of a better standard that provides transparency and clarity in the investigative process. As you may know I have been involved in trying to strengthen community oversight of police for over two-decades. It is apparent from the latest DOJ investigation into Portland Police it will take the community to demand an appropriate oversight system.</p> <p>The DOJ committed to spending 10's of millions of dollars inside the police bureau which hasn't improved community confidence and has exacerbated the us vs them mentality that erodes trust.</p> <p>I look forward to working with [community groups] to strengthen community oversight of Portland Police. I also have confidence in Chief Outlaw if she is allowed to fully implement her vision for 21st Century policing which relies more on community relationships rather than over militarized armed invasion by our local police force. Any civilian oversight body should be allowed to work autonomously from the department or entity that it has been designated to review. While I am optimistic about Police Chief Outlaw's community engagement approach and her recent decision to side with CRC's appeal, the community needs to trust when police act inappropriately and out of policy that discipline will be implemented in a fair, impartial and transparent way.</p>	<p>The Police Review Board is made up of only 5-7 members, of which only one is a citizen member. It is clear from the 2017 CRC appeal case that police and citizens often have different interpretations of an incident. I would want to see PRB expanded to be more balanced in its membership[,] include more community members and to make their meetings and/or transcripts available to the public.</p>
Loretta Smith	<p>I understand the concerns around the 'Reasonable Person' standard and believe that we should look at what other standards might be better suited. When I am on Portland City Council I want to work with members of the reform community as well as Chief Outlaw and the bureau to talk about how we change the overall ecosystem of our public safety departments to ensure there is more transparency and accountability. As I've stated before I believe that moving to a real Community Policing model is the first step to addressing the issues we're facing.</p>	<p>I'd like to see more regular public communications from the PRB, and perhaps more collaboration between the PRB, CRC, and IPR. I think it would also be beneficial to have all of those groups connect with our reform advocates in the community like Albina Ministerial Alliance and others. There isn't one easy answer to solve any of the issues we face. Community Policing and increasing transparency, accountability, and oversight are all steps to move us ahead with Criminal Justice reform, but unless we make more of an effort to go after the systemic racism that has lead us to where we are, we will continue to have these troubles.</p> <p>Addressing those foundational issues to the overall system will be a major priority for me as a City Commissioner, just as it has been at the County.</p>