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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.	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-houseless 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	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?	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?

**COUNCIL SEAT #3**

Stuart Emmons	We need to give better training to our officers when they interact with a mental health crisis on the street. We are not in a war on crime and our police culture needs to reflect that. We need to get back to community policing.	I have been to 5 protests including: "Don't Shoot Portland," Portland Resistance, and DACA. I have seen these weapons used first hand and I am completely opposed to these tactics.	Yes, I support Portland being a sanctuary city.	It is not a crime to be houseless in Portland. It should be a crime to not provide safe, warm and dry shelters for our houseless.
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Jo Ann Hardesty	After a decade o[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.	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 harrass poor houseless community members. Police should be directed to have a hands off approach to houseless 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.
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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. 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>	<p>I know the current City Council has weighed this issue a few times, and it's a very important issue that I want to be fully briefed on before I would feel comfortable making a final decision to pull out. I have serious concerns about how the current Federal administration is attempting to disregard our sanctuary status and I'm not afraid to stand up to the Trump administration, loudly, proudly, and often. That's why I authored the Sanctuary County bill to make sure communities of color would feel safe using our county resources without fear of ICE. We can't be complicit while the Trump administration disregards our local and state laws, and tries to come after our people. So our status with the Joint Terrorism Task Force is something I want to learn more about on day one. I understand that there are classified briefings and meetings Council members have had access to, and I think it's important to fully understand what's come from those before making a decisive act to pull out.</p>	<p>First and foremost we should not be conducting police sweeps when we don't have an alternative placement for Portlanders. I believe that it is inhumane. And to be clear, the people living on the streets are Portlanders. They are not unknown to us and are members of our community. The way we treat them in their greatest time of need reflects our own moral values and judgement. The solution is to rapidly increase the available shelter and supportive housing we provide so that we can get people off the streets and help them get their lives back together.</p> <p>I understand the impact the rise of homeless individuals has had on our community. And I am painfully aware of the impact it has on those who are homeless. I myself was briefly without housing many years ago and it is an incredibly difficult experience to go through. I believe we need an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between all jurisdictions that own land in the City of Portland that clearly lays out a humane approach for camping communities that doesn't change depending on the political wind of the day.</p> <p>If we actually lean into the innovation behind ideas like camping communities and tiny home village instead of letting them pop up sporadically and without support/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>
Andrea Valderrama	<p>The Portland Police Bureau is in need of reform, and while some progress has been made to address their policies and procedures, significant changes are still needed. I am cautiously optimistic about the development of the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) because they could expedite needed changes through meaningful engagement and holding the Council and Mayor accountable.</p>	<p>I agree with the ACLU that "Portland's protest policy should emphasize restraint, de-escalation, and the use of force only as a last resort to ensure public health, safety, and welfare." I was very disturbed to hear from the AC[L]U that "no other police force in America uses crowd control weapons at protests with the regularity of the Portland Police Bureau." I would ask Chief Outlaw and her team to review procedures that other cities use and adopt a model that minimizes the use of force and weaponry inclusive of chemicals, mini explosives, and grenade launchers.</p>	<p>I was disappointed when the Council, by a 3-2 vote, rejoined the JTTF, over the objections of Commissioners Fritz and Novick. I was especially concerned by the message that rejoining the JTTF sends to the city's Muslim community. In the context of the Trump Administration, the argument for leaving the JTTF is even stronger. If I am elected, I am confident that there will be a Council majority for leaving the JTTF.</p>	<p>I believe that historically PBOT has acted with restraint in designating "no sit-lie" areas in the City. Recently, at the request of the police, the number of such area[s] has expanded. I believe that we need to be careful to follow the City's own ordinance providing that no-sit areas should be designated "only in response to a heightened threat to the life or safety of non-pedestrian users." I am open to the idea of restoring the oversight committee, but I think the Council itself (as a whole, not just the Transportation Commissioner or the Police Commissioner) should provide oversight on this issue.</p>
Lew Humble	Did not respond			
Felicia Williams	Did not respond			

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Nick Fish	<p>One death is too many. I voted to enter into the Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice. Prior to that, I supported funding for a new police training facility, for the Unity Center, and for expanding access to street-level mental health and addiction services to reduce the frequency that police are asked to intervene with people in mental health crisis.</p> <p>Since 2012, the Portland Police Bureau has made progress reforming its policies and practices. But more work remains. In 2017, I worked with Mayor Wheeler to remove the controversial 48-hour rule. Looking forward, I will continue to advocate for better de-escalation policies, the introduction of community service officers to our force, and a return to community policing.</p>	<p>De-escalation must be our overarching strategy for managing large-scale demonstrations. I have spoken out about our obligation to protect the First Amendment right of people to assemble peaceably. Our job is to protect both the right of people to protest and the right of others to be safe in their community.</p>	<p>I believe we are safer when we share information about domestic and foreign terrorists with our federal law enforcement partners. But I also believe in the concept of "trust but verify."</p> <p>The Mayor and the Police Chief are responsible for regularly monitoring the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the FBI. In addition, I have asked for, and participated in, two formal briefings with the FBI, U.S. Attorney and Police Bureau to review our compliance with Oregon law (ORS 181A.250 and 181.850) and Portland Police Bureau policies and rules.</p> <p>In light of Attorney General Jeff Sessions abysmal record on civil liberties, we may need to reconsider our participation in the JTTF in the future. For now, I believe it is better to know what the federal government is doing in our community - and what security threats they've identified - than to not know.</p>	<p>I have an extensive record of standing up for people who are experiencing homelessness. That includes expanding services for thousands of people, so they have options other than living in public places; record funding for the Joint Office of Homeless Services; pushing for 2000 new units of permanent supportive housing; and developing the first severe weather emergency plan to save lives during winter storms.</p> <p>In all our policies that address the needs of unsheltered homeless people and other users of public spaces, we must lead with compassion and ensure we are not criminalizing someone because of her or his status. And we should never accept sidewalks (or campgrounds) as an acceptable alternative to a safe and decent home.</p> <p>In 2012, I played a key role in settling the Anderson lawsuit, which established protections for people living in encampments -- including notice of any clean-up and proper storage of possessions.</p> <p>The original Sit/Lie ordinance was invalidated by a Circuit Court Judge, who held that it was preempted by state law. Currently, the City has declared certain sidewalks to be "high pedestrian" sidewalks, thus limiting the right of anyone from sitting or storing belongings on the sidewalk from 7 am to 9 pm. I support its limited use, provided it does not effectively become "Sit/Lie 2.0."</p> <p>We currently have a reasonable level of transparency for camp clean-up activities. For example, many of the camps are posted on the City's website, giving those living in the camps, service providers, and the public advance notice of any action. I would support additional reporting of public space management activities to the Office of Equity and Human Rights.</p>
Philip Wolfe	<p>There are aspects where change is required however, no matter where change happens, [the] cycle happens and [the] problem continues. I strongly believe that changes will happen once the DPSST trainers are wiped out and replace[d] with trainers who are not retired officers. Trainers need to be diverse with representations of our community. Right now, trainers are a representation of the oppressive system and police culture. They teach new officers that it is okay to be racist. I know that because I worked with DPSST last year for 6 months and have seen enough to know the real problem. Training needs improving, for sure. We do not need more police. We need to demilitarize. We need police to do more walking and interact with people on street. Use of force needs to be treated as last option. I am concerned about target practice where they train police to shoot for the heart because this way, police are trained to kill people. This doesn't sit well with me.</p>	<p>I have had personal experience witnessing police showing up in riot gear. Crowd control policy needs to be reviewed and revised. Chemicals, mini-explosives and grenade launchers need to be banned. These are military weapons and police shall not have access to them.</p>	<p>Contract by the City with JTTF shall be terminated, period. This absolutely do[es] not support the meaning of a Sanctuary City. I have seen how they treat civilians which [is] unacceptable. So with that said, I do support getting Portland police officers back out of the JTTF immediately.</p>	<p>I absolutely oppose anti-houseless laws: Sweeps, street signs banning people sitting/lying/whatever, using of force against houseless people. This must end now. This is unlawful, actually, in my opinion. This makes the stigma against houseless [people] much worse. This is a war against houseless, people experiencing mental health issues and people struggling [with] addiction. This shall be treated as health care, not criminal.</p>
Julia DeGraw	Did not respond			
Nicholas Sutton	Did not respond			

	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?

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Stuart Emmons	City Council should be more actively involved in these review committees and the public should have fair presence in these reviews.	Listening to the community is so important and there needs to be a space and a time for dialogue on these reviews. And these dialogues should be accessible to the public.
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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.</p> <p>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>
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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. 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>
Andrea Valderrama	<p>In order to make a recommendation, I will need to learn more about both the "reasonable person" standard as well as the "preponderance of the evidence" standard. I'd also be interested to hear about the implications of the changes on not just officers but also complainants, and what their perspectives would be on any alternative standards.</p>	<p>First, hearings should be open and accessible to the public. Accessibility means sufficient notice, providing translation and interpretation services, and hosting at a location central to those most directly impacted, so that community input can be received.</p>
Lew Humble	Did not respond	
Felicia Williams	Did not respond	

COUNCIL SEAT #2	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight
Nick Fish	I voted to overturn the CRC decision when the 2017 appeal came to Council. While I recognize the difficulty of judging split-second decisions after the fact, I have questions and concerns with the "reasonable person" standard. I am open to moving to a "preponderance of evidence" standard.	(Did not answer this question)
Philip Wolfe	We do need a true independent civilian oversight body. Mayor shall not be a police commissioner. It shall be someone who has no [affiliation] with the City or the P[P]B.	We need to hire a court monitor. The process shall be open to the public and welcome inputs. The process shall have at least more than half run by our people (civilians).
Julia DeGraw	Did not respond	
Nicholas Sutton	Did not respond	