

# PPB OUT OF JTTF

## QUESTION FOR MAY 2018 PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES on the Joint Terrorism Task Force

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### COUNCIL SEAT #3

Stuart Emmons	Yes, I support Portland being a sanctuary city.
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.
Loretta Smith	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.
Andrea Valderrama	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.
Lew Humble	(did not answer questionnaire)
Felicia Williams	(did not answer questionnaire)

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Nick Fish	<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>
Philip Wolfe	<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>
Julia DeGraw	<p>I support Portland withdrawing from the JTTF. Portland is supposed to be a sanctuary city, but Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) continue to target, terrorize, and deport members of our community. Local law enforcement and City Hall must actively pursue a policy of noncooperation with federal programs that unfairly target members of our community because of their country of origin or religion. To that end, we must immediately withdraw from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, which puts undocumented Portlanders and our Muslim neighbors at risk.</p>
Nicholas Sutton	<p>(did not answer questionnaire)</p>

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