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Background	<i>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 34 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.</i>	<i>The Portland Police continue to make national news for their violent crackdowns on political protests. The PPB's Use of Force Reports separates force used on demonstrators from other types of force, indicating that the PPB does not consider force at protests a part of their overall use of force rate.</i>
Questions	<i>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?</i>	<i>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?</i>

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Sarah Iannarone	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 (sarah2020.com/publicsafety), 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 (I support 26-217), 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.	I unequivocally oppose the use of crowd control weapons on peaceful demonstrators. 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 the presence of riot officers escalates the tension at demonstrations and prevents the possibility of dealing with crimes on a case-by-case basis. When police rely on indiscriminate crowd control agents, it affects everyone in the area. Injuring demonstrators, members of the media/medics/legal observers, innocent bystanders, and even neighbors in their homes should never occur in the first place and secondarily exposes the City to costly lawsuits.
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COUNCIL SEAT #4	Note: Answers longer than 150 words truncated.	
Mingus Mapps	<p>We need to ban racial profiling in policing and get the Portland Police Bureau out of the business of policing poverty and mental illness. Currently, about 49% of the Portland police department's 911 calls are for homeless people undergoing a mental health crisis in a public space. Instead of sending an armed officer to respond to calls like this, let's send Street Response teams. In addition, I believe police should use less deadly tools, that's why I'm for a ban on chokeholds by the Portland police Department. We also need to continue to focus on recruiting talented people to serve in the police department and we should train them effectively. Finally, we should take an evidence based approach to setting use of force policies.</p>	<p>The police should protect the civil rights of Portlanders not violate them.</p> <p>That is why I oppose the use of tear gas, mini-explosives, rubber bullets and deadly force of all types against Portlanders who are exercising their free speech rights.</p>
Chloe Eudaly	<p>I will use my platform as Commissioner to fight for changes to state law on use of force and qualified immunity as well as broader criminal justice reform to stop mass incarceration and the school-to-prison pipeline that devastates lives, especially for BIPOC communities. We also need to stop bargaining away police accountability in our contract with the Portland Police Association. For years, we've had people on City Council who are close to the police union, and it has resulted in violence being perpetrated by people sworn to protect our community. We need Commissioners who will stand up to the police union. Commissioner Hardesty has endorsed me and we must continue to work together to make the deep, real change that 75,000 Portlanders demanded in our last budget. Meanwhile, the police union endorsed my opponent and gave him a \$15,000 gift.</p>	<p>I strongly oppose the overuse of force at these protests. Police have repeatedly used dangerous and even deadly weapons against peaceful protestors, often in instances that do not even meet their own guidelines. While police appear to have targeted protestors located nowhere near criminal activity, even if individuals are engaging in property damage or disruption, these weapons are excessive in relation to the offense. The standard for declaring a riot is incredibly low and left up to the discretion of the police. Without the ability to enforce these guidelines, we must limit these militarized weapons and to that end, I am working with Commissioner Hardesty on munitions restrictions. We should be tracking every use of force by PPB, regardless of the situation. Recent reporting in the Oregonian and Portland Mercury demonstrate deeply concerning violations of human rights, failure to meet use of force reporting guidelines, and failure to conduct crowd control and de-escalation trainings.</p>

	3) Joint Terrorism Task Force	4) Houseless persons and police
Background	<i>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.</i>	<i>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 to this revelation in part by conducting sweeps of houseless camps with threats to conduct more sweeps despite the coronavirus. Meanwhile, the pilot "Portland Street Response" project is still on hold.</i>
Questions	<i>Do you support the current request from community groups to completely stop cooperating with the JTTF*-1, and what are your thoughts on the City's current policy which allows cooperation on a case by case basis? *1-see http://www.portlandcopwatch.org/EndCooperationWithJTTF2020.pdf</i>	<i>What policies do you support that will reduce the disparities in police attention toward our houseless neighbors</i>

MAYOR

Sarah Iannarone	I support ending all cooperation with 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. 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.	This will be a critical issue tackled in the first days of my administration. We must end wasteful police spending while putting a stop to the criminalization of poverty and the dangerous and pointless human suffering caused by displacing human beings from place to place. 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. 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
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Mingus Mapps	<p>I support a case-by-case evaluation of requests for cooperation with the Joint Terrorism Task Force. I also support Oregon laws that limit criminal investigations to situations where there is reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct. That is why I will oppose cooperating with the JTTF investigations, which engage in unethical tactics.</p> <p>At the same time, I can imagine scenarios where partnering with the JTTF would serve the public interest. For example, I think the City of Portland should cooperate when, say, the Biden Administration's Justice Department asks for local help with an investigation into white nationalist violence in Portland.</p>	<p>We cannot police our way out of the homelessness. Instead, we need smarter and more humane solutions that address the myriad of challenges to our housing crisis. For example, it is time to stop using cops as the City's outreach workers to Portland's homeless population. Half of the police departments' calls basically boil down to chasing homeless people from one corner to another. This is not meaningful help to the unhoused, and doesn't increase public safety or livability, it just moves a human tragedy down the block for a few hours. Instead, sending a cop to deal with the homeless person having a crisis on the sidewalk, let's send a "Street Response Team." We must get the pilot program working and expand it to all parts of the City. By utilizing mental health and social service professionals as the first point of contact, interactions between the police and our houseless neighbors will be drastically reduced</p>
Chloe Eudaly	<p>I am aware of this request from community groups and concerned by the issues being raised. I am committed to working with Commissioner Hardesty to investigate how we can strengthen our current policy on relations with the FBI.</p>	<p>Portlanders experiencing homelessness deserve housing and services, not jail or fines that criminalize poverty. Living without shelter already causes or exacerbates trauma, and police contact and arrests increase this harm. We should implement Portland Street Response swiftly, and stop allowing the Portland Police Association to block our efforts to shift to community-based public safety responses. Prioritizing jobs for armed officers instead of those who can provide care and treatment to vulnerable community members is unacceptable. Our initial round of divestments was groundbreaking, but we have a long way to go.</p>

	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight
Background	<i>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.</i>	
Questions	<i>a) City Council has put forward a ballot initiative asking voters to institute into the charter a new board, which potentially could be empowered to investigate deadly force cases and discipline officers. Do you support the ballot initiative, and what steps would you be willing to take to ensure the existing or new system can overcome obstacles in the Police Association contract and state law?</i>	<i>b) Whether or not the measure passes, do you support a review process that is transparent to the community including public access to misconduct hearings?</i>

MAYOR

Sarah Iannarone	I support the Real Police Accountability Charter Referral (26-217) as an important avenue for improving our city's police oversight mechanisms. I respect the framework that Commissioner Hardesty and police accountability advocates have designed in a short timeframe. While I would have favored a longer and more deliberate community engagement process, should the referral pass, I look forward to engaging with the community to flesh out specifics of how the proposed board will be composed and operated. If elected, the areas where the current PPA contract and 26-217 conflict will be top negotiation priorities for the city's bargaining team. At the state level, I will be directing the City's lobbyist team to push for improvements to the state arbitration process which serves as a barrier to city discipline decisions and thwarts the city's efforts to hold officers accountable. Police accountability will be an area of emphasis in my administration.	The public has a right to know what police officers are doing while they are on duty and acting as public officials. The misconduct review process should be transparent and open to the public to the greatest extent possible. While some hearings may require a non-public portion to protect the complainant's sensitive information, the default for misconduct hearings should be that they be open to the public and meeting notes be made available afterwards. Aside from police misconduct hearings, I also have plans to implement a broader 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.
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Mingus Mapps	<p>I support the Measure 26-217. Our next city council will play a major role in figuring out how this new IPR system will work. Council will also need to work with labor and state legislators to resolve issues surrounding implementing the independent police review system. We must have a mechanism to hold officers who violate rules accountable. And if Measure 26-217, I will still push City Council, labor and the state legislature to have this conversation. We should be able to implement these changes. It is the right thing to do for Portland.</p>	
Chloe Eudaly	<p>Yes, I support the ballot initiative. We need to work together to push for reforms that limit police contract negotiations to wages and benefits, not shielding cops from accountability for their actions.</p> <p>I absolutely support full transparency with the public to hold police accountable.</p>	

	6) Profiling	7) Collective Bargaining and Accountability
Background	<i>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%). Before the Gun Violence Reduction Team was defunded, it had even higher stop rates of over 60%, which the Bureau compares to gang crime victimization (63% in the 2017 report).</i>	<i>In January, the City will resume the process of negotiating a new contract with the Portland Police Association. Community organizations have emphasized this as one opportunity to enhance accountability, transparency, and justice with respect to the Police Bureau.</i>
Questions	<i>What guidelines do you believe specialty teams and the Bureau as a whole should use to determine whether police are disproportionately targeting the Black community?</i>	<i>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?*-2</i> <i>*2- See the two community letters sent to Council about the Police Association Contract at: https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract_letter https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_side_letter</i>

MAYOR

Sarah Iannarone	All police statistics should be released in context, broken down by demographics with comparable demographics for the city as a whole. Portland's Black community is rightly distrustful of the police because they have disproportionately received police attention, violence, and abuse. We also need gun violence stats further broken out by cause (suicide, family violence, community violence, etc.). The city cannot begin to rebuild that trust without first recognizing the scope of the problem and being honest with the community about the steps being taken to reduce disparities.	We have never had a moment like this where the public interest and political will so strongly aligned to make changes to the PPA contract. Now is the time to make improvements that will enhance accountability and fairness. Especially if Measure 26-217 passes, the community will have a strong position entering the bargaining negotiations. We must capitalize on that position to pass a contract that truly works for the people of Portland. Last year I attended the community listening sessions and heard from Portlanders hailing from across the city on the issues that were most important in our next PPA contract. The people have spoken and have reiterated their desire for increased accountability, civilian oversight, more inclusion/transparency in the negotiation process, removing the embarrassment clause, and drug testing after uses of force. For more information on my broader strategies, see my Rethinking Public Safety policy platform (sarah2020.com/publicsafety).
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Mingus Mapps	<p>I look forward to bringing Portlanders together to think through the question: What baseline should we use to identify when people of color in Portland are over-policed?</p> <p>In my opinion, all of the measures we currently used to answer that question are flawed. I do not expect criminality or being a victim of crime to be evenly distributed across different groups of Portlanders. Nor do I see any reason to expect the number of criminals and the number of crime victims to be the same within racial groups. If Portlanders come together and think deeply about what we are trying to measure, we can develop a smarter baseline for this discussion. And when we have that discussion, I think it is important that people of color are at the table.</p> <p>The targeting of any identity group, including race, by police should not be tolerated.</p>	<p>I support rewriting the City of Portland's contract with its Police Department so that it supports a new system for independent police review, like Measure 26-217. And if Measure 26-217 fails at the ballot box in November 2020, I will still demand that the new police contract include provisions for a new, independent, and credible approach to independent police review.</p>
Chloe Eudaly	<p>We need to listen carefully to the Black community to continually assess whether Black communities are being disproportionately targeted by the police, which we know is happening nationwide and Portland is no exception. Data is important and helps us quantify disproportionate stops but crime victimization rates should not be used to shrug off the need to address and ameliorate the root causes of crime instead of over-policing BIPOC communities. Meanwhile, I am actively pursuing policies that would minimize interactions between community members and the police to reduce racial profiling, such as rethinking the way we do traffic enforcement.</p>	<p>Yes, this opportunity to push for greater accountability, transparency, and justice is vital. Writing reports before reviewing body cam footage makes sense for documenting an officer's "reasonable belief" of an incident and follows experts' recommendations. Preponderance of evidence is clearer and more understandable, and fixing the discipline matrix is important as we keep clearly seeing that police officers are not being held accountable for their actions and racially biased statements.</p>