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<b>Background</b>	<i>Despite over 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 43 people, leading to 22 deaths. At least half of the people were experiencing mental health crises, and 8 of the victims were people of color.</i>	<i>The Portland Police have made national news for their violent crackdowns on political protests. The City has also paid settlements to people injured by police violence at demonstrations, totaling over \$400,000 since 2016. Partly in response to police violence at protests in 2020, state laws passed in 2021 restrict the use of certain kinds of weapons against civilians in most circumstances.</i>	<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 of speculation. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists.</i>
<b>Questions</b>	<i>Particularly after the racial justice protests of 2020, 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>Do you support local policies adopting a prohibition on police use of weapons including chemicals, mini-explosives and grenade launchers, particularly when they affect bystanders not suspected of any criminal activity?</i>	<i>What are your thoughts on the City's current policy, which allows cooperation with the JTTF on a case by case basis?</i>
<b>POSITION 2</b>	Note: Answers longer than 150 words truncated.	<b>No answers from:</b>	Avraham Cox * Michael Simpson * Sophie Sumney-Koivisto * Sandeep Bali
<b>Dan Ryan</b>	When it comes to DOJ, all Council offices are collaborating in unprecedented ways to find a path forward. I also am supporting the transition of IPR as the Police Oversight Board is brought online after its passage in 2020--which I strongly supported while running for office that year. This year's work regarding the DOJ settlement agreement has led to concrete actions--all of which will lead to the reduction of the use of deadly force as a tactic. The fact the City is actively engaged with the DOJ and several amici (including organizations that co-produced this questionnaire) in coming back into compliance with the settlement agreement shows meaningful action is being taken. Specifically, the hiring of a civilian training dean will ensure community policing is effectively taught, and that the disparities mentioned above are reduced over time. I am proud my office is working to help hire for this position.	As we have clearly seen, chemical weapons have the potential to be abused, and as such, they need to be monitored closely. I am aware the Legislature passed HB 4008, which makes significant changes to the standards by which police can deploy chemical weapons. Civil rights organizations have stated these changes may open the door to misuse of crowd control devices. I think it is wise to study the implementation of this new bill and determine its effectiveness. Should we find ourselves in a position where the Portland Police Bureau is grossly abusing the letter of the law, as stated in HB 4008, a City ordinance may be a necessity.	I was proud to work with my colleagues, Commissioner Hardesty and Commissioner Rubio, to call out the fact PPB's JTTF report did not include key information about the interaction between the FBI and PPB during the 2020 protests. This information was requested by my colleagues when last year's JTTF report was presented before Council - the same meeting where I spoke about the troubled history of the FBI with protest actions across the country. Over the past year, my staff worked closely with Commissioners Rubio and Hardesty's staff on the issue of the JTTF, and I am grateful we were able to make substantive progress on increasing the transparency of the JTTF report for the future. Depending on how well those changes are implemented, and in consultation with my colleagues, I am willing to reconsider the City's membership in the JTTF.

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<b>Alanna (AJ) McCreary</b>	Portland City Council must fundamentally shift its approach to public safety by following research and data-driven evidence regarding the best ways to get at the root causes of crime and violence. This must include accountability for police brutality, an unequivocal expectation that police should de-escalate conflicts instead of intensifying them (such as with chemical weapons and so called "non-lethal" impact munitions), and changing our approach to mental health crisis response. On that final note, I am heartened to see Portland Street Response scaling up citywide -- we need to trust the encouraging early results of the program and ensure that they have everything they need to meet people's needs and stay focused on meeting people where they are at. It would be unacceptable to ask Portland Street Response to abet in forcibly moving unhoused people into mass shelters.	Absolutely. 2020 was hard enough on its own, but the indiscriminate and careless actions of the police added layers upon layers of harm to communities ranging from peaceful protesters sent to the hospital by "non-lethal" munitions, to tear gas inhaled by kids in nearby homes and unsheltered folks sleeping on the streets. We have a major crisis of our First Amendment right to free speech when we cannot trust police to exercise good judgment with crowd control weapons inspired by and sometimes directly received from the U.S. military. Portland City Council should be doing everything possible to protect all Portlanders from police use of force.	I haven't yet seen any compelling arguments for why we should ever be cooperating with the Joint Terrorism Task Force on any basis. Every person in Portland deserves to feel safe and to not be profiled on the basis of their country of origin, skin color, religion, or political beliefs. The evidence is clear that discrimination along all of these lines occurs in the way the FBI conducts its speculative investigations. It speaks volumes that this discrimination persists even as we are seeing a shockingly rapid escalation of far-right extremist violence and acts of terror such as the Hollywood Transit Center stabbings and February 2022's mass shooting on a group of women at the perimeter of a Justice for Patrick Kimmons march at Normandale Park. The Joint Terrorism Task Force appears to be yet another example of the failures of the so called "War on Terror."
<b>Renee Stephens</b>	The City Council must establish a policy that requires officers to prioritize the utilization of emerging non-lethal enforcement technologies like the BolaWrap--when responding. Officers must match the force level of suspects (i.e., an officer may only be allowed to draw their gun if they have determined that the suspect has a gun.) The bureau must allocate a R&D budget to discover and implement new effective non-lethal enforcement technologies. Officers must have a minimum of 1 year of "situational awareness" training conducted by experienced officers in the field who have already undergone such training and have proven excellent judgement in crisis before they are allowed to utilize deadly force in the field. Officers must take an oath to acknowledge that Life is the Value and respond to every encounter accordingly while wearing a conspicuous badge that conveys this understanding. This policy will reduce all deadly force casualties.	Yes.	I do not believe in profiling, but I do understand that in order to keep our country safe from terrorism investigations must be conducted into suspicious criminal activity. However, investigations should be done in secret and engagement with suspects should only be carried out if substantial circumstantial and verifiable evidence has been obtained and reviewed by a Federal Grand Jury and a citizens review committee. This should reduce the harassment that any particular group is experiencing.
<b>Steven B. Cox</b>	Two-part answer: 1) Unfortunately, we don't have a very good mental health system, and the police get stuck handling situations they aren't trained for. We need to have mental health specialist available around the clock that can arrive on scene with the police when needed. 2) We need to do comprehensive vetting of potential police recruits before we hire them. There are people that just aren't cut out to be police for any number of reasons. Vetting ends the problem before there is a problem.	I'm generally suspicious of so called 'less than lethal' options. The only exception I might make would be hand held pepper spray containers, and only in very specific circumstances.	Clearly there needs to be a distinction between local and federal law enforcement. If federal law enforcement wants or needs the help of local law enforcement, they should have to get a warrant from the local court for that specific investigation. There should be no permanent joint task forces.

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<b>Chris Brummer</b>	City Council taking steps to meaningfully reduce and eliminate deadly force as a tactic by further funding and utilizing the Portland Street Response (PSR) team, following the recommendations of the PSU Portland Street Response Six-Month Review, and ensuring that PSR remains separate from the Portland Police Bureau. Now that PSR is operating citywide, it could potentially respond to calls that would otherwise send an armed officer. Fewer armed officers sent to calls means less chance for deadly force to be used against people of color. The PSU report recommends allowing PSR to respond to calls where people pose a risk to themselves or are in traffic. Both situations currently require police response. The trained professionals of PSR say they are ready and willing to respond to these situations. We should let them. And the money PSR saves in police calls should be redirected to PSR support and response.	Yes. Police should be trained with the skills and equipment to legally apprehend or stop only those people who are suspected of criminal activity or engaged in it. Injuring bystanders, intentionally or not, is unacceptable violence and violation. At the very least police should be permanently prohibited from purchasing, storing or using weapons, chemical or otherwise, that are banned in warfare. Additionally, weapons like mini-explosives that cannot target only those people engaged in or suspected of criminal behavior, should not be allowed as they have injured and risk injury to bystanders.	Cooperation on the part of the City of Portland with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is currently on a case-by-case basis. I believe that before any case can be deemed worthy of cooperation with the JTTF on the part of the City, that case must first meet reasonable suspicion under Oregon law. Police officers in Portland are subject to abide by Oregon law in their professional capacities and the standard of reasonable suspicion at least for investigations should apply in determining all of their assignments and conduct with JTTF investigations.
<b>POSITION 3</b>	Note: Answers longer than 150 words truncated.	<b>No answers from:</b> Peggy Sue Owens * Jo Ann Hardesty * Vadim Mozyrsky *	Rene Gonzalez * Dale Hardt * Jeffrey A Wilebski * Joseph Whitcomb * Ed Baker
<b>Chad Leisey</b>	The current City Council leaders have not taken any steps to effectively find a solution. I would like to have real conversations with the members of the community, Portland's police bureau union and the local Council. First step is to bring everyone together and meet regularly (not once a year) with the purpose of sharing ideas and finding a solution the entire group can agree upon. Once there is a set guide for a solution it needs to be implemented and time lines set to achieve the goals. Again meet regularly (weekly or biweekly) not once a year. This is 2022, with advancements in technologies and mental health awareness deadly force should not even be an option in none lethal situations, and officers should not be the only factor bringing lethal force to a situation. I support never ending ongoing training and also requiring the use of none armed officers patrolling low crime areas. However, I do not support having none trained police officers patrolling the streets in any way (such as the mental health volunteers the city has tried to implement).	I 100% support banning all of these types of equipment. Government is not in place to have control over people, they are in place to protect the citizens of their communities. However, I do not find it acceptable to allow so called protesters (primarily, spoiled rich white kids) to destroy property and harm others.	I am not opposed to working with the federal government to prevent crime in our area. The officers working for the city involved in any investigation in conjunction with the federal government should still comply with local rules and laws set forth by the city. There needs to be a special set of bi-laws [sic] our officers will have to obey by or not be allowed to participate.

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<b>Karellen Stephens</b>	I would like to see the City Council address the use of deadly force by helping to visibly foster a community that actively works to promote the idea that life is valuable. The reduction and or elimination of deadly force as a tactic can be achieved when the intrinsic value of life is openly recognized by every individual in this city. I believe that the idea that life is what is valuable must be purposely and methodically communicated to individuals throughout the city in creative and meaningful ways to keep people engaged and focused on what truly matters. I would like to lead and encourage all council members to participate in a self-worth-building initiative that would utilize the use of t-shirts designed by my husband that read "I AM THE VALUE" on the front and "YOU ARE THE VALUE" on the back. I believe it is vitally important to communicate the idea that people matter as loudly and as visibly as we can. When people believe that other people do not matter they are more likely to harm them.	I believe that crowd dispersal during violent and chaotic protests can be extremely difficult for police. I think the best way to avoid these situations is to respond to and encourage non-violent peaceful protest by listening to and being responsive to reasonable requests from citizens for justice and accountability within the system. I do not support the prohibition of chemicals, mini explosives, and grenade launchers if that means that police have to come in closer contact with protesters during crowd dispersal. Crowds should be given ample time and warning to clear out from an area before police take any action that could affect the health, well-being, and physical safety of participants of any protest.	I think the FBI and the Portland Police Bureau both need to address Justice for Qadira and the facts of that case to help set new policies and procedures that will help govern how both agencies work. I do not believe that either agency holds the credibility at this time to be conducting any investigations without more oversight from outside public groups, media, and outside law enforcement agencies not involved in the cover-up of Justice for Qadira.
<b>Kim Kasch</b>	Graduating from Portland State University with a B.S. in psychology and having worked with at-risk youth much of my life, I offer a holistic perspective. I'll minimize encounters between police and our most vulnerable population to reduce the occurrences of escalation. I will create robust safety nets using a public/private sector approach. Utilizing united mental health programs to work between police and a citizen alliance, we'll address Portland's crime crisis. Fostering safe spaces and more transitional mental health resources/programs to assist those suffering in extreme poverty, which creates stress, exacerbating mental health issues and requiring transparency from our safety officers to include de-escalation training, we'll achieve better outcomes. Offering crisis counseling from compassionate, skilled personnel will reduce desperation and lack of hope. Including inclusive policies/practices, we'll get feedback and ideas from all Portlanders.	I will facilitate prevention-focused activities by utilizing community policing with a holistic approach. First, we need to make sure voices are not silenced. All people have a right and deserve to have their voices heard. We need to create a true buy-in for community policing within the communities to be effective.	A "case by case basis" sounds good but, in reality, we would need true measurements to make sure policies are followed. We also need true-accountability through quantitative dimensions. Above all else, we need to make sure our civil rights and civil liberties are protected.

	4) Policing of people experiencing houselessness	5) Oversight	5b) Oversight	5c) Oversight
<b>Background</b>	<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, affirmed by a Reveal podcast in December 2021. While the City has plans for more sanctioned camping areas, housing and shelters, sweeps continue to do little more than displace people from one place to another. The creation of the Portland Street Response team does not guarantee a change in Police policies toward unhoused Portlanders.</i>	<i>The US Department of Justice has laid out a three year time frame to implement the new oversight system, adopted in an overwhelming vote on Ballot Measure 26-217 in 2020. In the meantime, the existing 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. Notably, if the IPR and CRC were to go away before the new system is in place, the only investigations would be done by the Bureau's Internal Affairs unit.</i>		
<b>Questions</b>	<i>What policies do you support that will reduce the disparities in police attention?</i>	<i>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.* As a ramp-up to the more robust system, would you support changing the standard to "preponderance of the evidence," which could result in more complaints being sustained? Why or why not? * - The council split on a 3-2 vote on whether an officer retaliated against a civilian who was video-recording an armored vehicle. The two dissenting votes noted they felt they had to defer to the Bureau's earlier decision.</i>	<i>b) Also while the new system is being designed, what changes would you support for the PRB to help make the review process more transparent to the public?</i>	<i>c) What other steps would you support to make sure police are held accountable under current systems until the new system can be implemented?</i>

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<b>Dan Ryan</b>	<p>In many cases, police will be the first to say they shouldn't be the first to respond to houseless neighbors in crisis. I voted to expand Portland Street Response citywide because I know it'll have a positive impact on this issue. I led the push to fund the Street Services Coordination Center, which will help first responder agencies determine what resources are needed in these types of circumstances. I also secured funding for 20 new Navigation Team members to engage with the houseless community instead of police. I oversee the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Portland Housing Bureau and am getting at the root causes by working to get people off the streets--building Safe Rest Villages, expanding shelter capacity (JOHS projects 2,600 shelter beds will be open citywide next year), and expanding permanent supportive housing to get individuals from shelter into housing to open even more shelter space.</p>	<p>a) It is important to note that transitions can present challenges. Right now, one of my primary focuses is ensuring that over the next several months, the Independent Police Review is successfully transferred out of the Auditor's office and to ensure their staff stay in their roles while the new Police Oversight Board is implemented. Losing IPR's ability to function before a new entity is in place would leave the City with less oversight. As we "ramp up" to this new system, maintaining the integrity of our current systems, such as they are, is crucial.</p> <p>Before making a decision I'd need to know the reasons for declining "preponderance" as the standard of review, and determine if there are legitimate safety, security, or legal reasons at play. Should their reasons lack legitimacy, I would support such a change.</p>	<p>b) I am interested in finding ways to bring additional voices to the table who can bring valuable perspective and insight. Specifically, I'd like to know whether it would be feasible to bring a community member who has more direct knowledge of a given incident.</p>	<p>c) Given the current dynamics regarding the transition of IPR out of the Auditor's office, I will do all I can to ensure that the City does not lose any capacity from now to when the Police Oversight Board is brought online. Working with the imperfect tools we have, and ensuring we don't create a vacuum in the interim, will be critical in the coming months and years. At present, this means working to maximize staff retention at IPR.</p>
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<b>Alanna (AJ) McCreary</b>	On Portland City Council I will do everything in my power to stop sweeps as soon as possible. Criminalizing homelessness does nothing to solve our present housing crisis. The trauma of being forcibly moved from a place of rest and made to lose some to all of one's belongings makes it even more difficult for people to get back on their feet. We need to also double down on getting people connected with housing and supportive services. This includes resisting the push from People For Portland towards having just enough shelter beds to allow police to arrest people living outside should they not wish to go to the shelter, which itself is a highly traumatizing environment for many.	a) I would, because it is clear now that our oversight is still overly deferential to the Police Bureau. Clear patterns in evidence should matter more than prior police determinations.	b) There should be more community outreach to inform groups and networks of the role and importance of our police oversight bodies.	c) Unfortunately there is little that a single City Council member can currently do under the tight grip on the Police Bureau held by Mayor Wheeler. However I will use all of my political power to work with colleagues and members of the public to shine a bright light on investigations of police violence, use of force, and other misconduct.
<b>Renee Stephens</b>	Sweeps by the police of the "houseless" community should be outlawed. The Portland Street Response coupled with compassionate clean-up crews adorned in t-shirts identifying that Life is the Value are the crews that should be designated to make sure that campers' street sites are clean and safe while encouraging campers to seek services. People need to be met where they are and services should be provided to them there, this will help Portlanders avoid the "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" mentality and help us develop more sympathy for the plight of the "houseless."	a) Yes. There should always be a great consideration of the evidence to support a claim because that is the objective approach and considers mainly the circumstances and not so much of the reviewer's bias. A reasonable person's standard is subjective and changes with the person who is conducting the review.	b) I believe the City should develop a smartphone app that not only allows all Portland citizens to conveniently review the cases heard by the PRB, but also allows them to weigh-in on findings and outcomes. That should be a change we can make now and carry into the new system.	c) We must eliminate the Internal Affairs unit or give them recommendations level authority only because it invites corruption and stands as a buffer between the citizens and police accountability. Our police need to be accountable directly to our citizens, so complaints should go directly to the IPR and the CRC.
<b>Steven B. Cox</b>	Mohandas Gandhi said "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." That is why ending homelessness is my number one priority. If there are no beds available, it is inhumane to harass people that don't have a bed. We need to invest in a comprehensive program to get people permanently off of the streets. In the short term the police should of course continue to arrest people that are committing real crimes. However, until we provide these people a place to be; we can't harass them for being homeless.	a) I would absolutely support a change that ensures that more complaints are properly investigated. Police necessarily have an amazing amount of power. Therefor they should be subject to the highest level of public scrutiny. A preponderance of evidence of malfeasance would be more than enough to get me fired from any position I've held in the private sector. It should be at least enough to start a real investigation on a police officer.	b) All complaints, especially those that end in an official investigation should be made publicly available on the police departments website.	c) Sunshine is the antidote. All complaints and internal investigations need to be publicly available, and accessible on the internet.

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<b>Chris Brummer</b>	Punishing people without stable housing with arrest, citation, displacement or confiscation does not meet the need for housing. Housing meets the need for housing. I support the City of Portland increasing its involvement in housing services by working with Multnomah County to make block bargaining agreements and direct payment for vacant housing that is already available in the city. This would help more people access stable housing, instead of making homes in public spaces like sidewalks. More immediately, I support the repeal of the Sidewalk Use (aka Sit/Lie) Ordinance and/or a directive given to Portland police officers to not enforce it through the Police Commissioner's office.	a) Yes, I would support changing the Citizen Review Committee's standard of review from the "reasonable person" standard to a preponderance of the evidence, because it would shift the default perspective to a more objective standard. The "reasonable person" standard appears to require viewing each incident from the perspective of the police officer in question, which precludes other perspectives and understandings from entering consideration.	b) I would support pushing for a change to allow the public access to the review process and hearings. I understand the possibility for public presence or access to proceedings will be difficult or prevented altogether with the continued inclusion of an embarrassment clause in the police contract, but the small alteration made in this recent contract to allow for the public interest may offer a way through or around that block.	c) I support making all police reports and investigation-related interviews accessible to complainants within seven days, just as they are made available to police against whom complaints are filed. I also support informing the public when an officer is disciplined, though, again, with the current contract, this may not be possible.

**POSITION 3**

<b>Chad Leisey</b>	We need a comprehensive plan for what to do with the homeless situation in Portland. Once there is a plan in place and a set place to house people I do agree with a 100% ban on homeless encampments starting with the downtown area and eventually the whole city. This will take several years to create implement a plan citywide.	a) All oversight should be made public period. Communication and transparency with the public is extremely important. Currently I am not involved in the process and cannot give a direct answer or promise.	b) As stated above, all oversight should be made public, names can be withheld at the beginning of the process. We all need to take responsibility for ever action.	c) We need a set of guidelines and make the guidelines clear to the officers and the public. We cannot expect employees to be within guidelines without first guiding them and letting them know what they are expected to do. Currently there is no guidance in place for the officers. COMMUNICATION IS KEY
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<p><b>Karellen Stephens</b></p>	<p>I firmly support the creation and implementation of a self-worth-building initiative in the city to help visibly spread the idea that life matters. I would like to partner with agencies like Neighbors Helping Neighbors, PDX Saints Love, Helping Hands, and other agencies committed to making meaningful changes to expand services to our homeless population in the form of compassionate clean up crews. Crews will participate in the self-worth-building initiative by wearing the "I AM THE VALUE" "YOU ARE THE VALUE" t-shirts or sweaters to help spread the idea that every life matters in this city. Crews should be staffed by well-paid caregivers who are interested in helping people lead happy and healthy lives.</p>	<p>a) I have personally tried to use the Independent Police Review, Citizen Review Committee, Police Review Board, and Internal Affairs. I have found all these agencies to be lacking in the courage and commitment it takes to address serious issues. I contacted and filed complaints with all of these agencies after my 8-year-old daughter became a victim of a crime on April 12th, 2007. I am still working to this day to have the crimes against my daughter investigated and those involved prosecuted. I support changing the standard to "preponderance of the evidence" along with more citizen oversight of any and all complaints filed. I found the entire process to be very unhelpful, frustrating, and dismissive of victim rights. I think the careful evaluation of all evidence is paramount to fair decision-making. After my personal experience with these systems, I believe it is reasonable to conclude that more complaints should be sustained.</p>	<p>b) I support a complete overhaul of the Police Review Board after Justice for Qadira is appropriately addressed. I also believe citizen groups of court observers and case review boards should be formed to help facilitate a more fair and complete transparent system of justice. I believe by closely examining the policies and procedures that make the cover-up of Justice for Qadira possible even as I type these words the city will be able to correctly identify and weed out corrupt individuals and backdoor systems that are impeding justice and accountability.</p>	<p>c) (not directly answered, see "a" and "b")</p>
<p><b>Kim Kasch</b></p>	<p>I will work to create programs/policies and procedures that will reduce police interactions. To do this, we need to unite the public/private sector to create more transitional shelters, showers, toilets, trash receptacles and laundry facilities. We also need to create more opportunities for meeting basic needs to help individuals move toward new pathways. But there are even simple solutions such as offering transportable cooling/heating facilities. Coordinating with community leaders and organizations to offer clothing and life skills-based education, we can achieve successful outcomes. I will create a volunteer "bag brigade" to collect trash. I'll also create food pantries, like free-libraries, coordinating with nonprofit organizations and corporations to provide locations where people can access free food -- overflows from community/private gardens in the summer, is simply one idea. We'll need a well-rounded approach to achieve success.</p>	<p>a) I believe the standard would be based on the evidence to determine whether it would require a reasonable person standard of a preponderance of the evidence standard.</p>	<p>b) I believe in transparency. I would require filming the review process so that, if the public cannot attend for whatever specific reasons, then at least the public could view it.</p>	<p>c) Body cameras, including a specific chain of custody requirement. I would also support more training and increased police/safety funding to create a cooperative approach to include mental health facilitators on lower-level calls. I believe in creating a working environment that would help avoid problems in the first place.</p>

	<b>6) Accountability and the Police Contract</b>	<b>7) Body Cameras</b>
<b>Background</b>	<p><i>The Portland Police Association contract has been in negotiations since January, 2021, with meetings closed to the public starting in July. Community members demanded that the contract reflect the values of a City that prioritizes accountability, transparency, and justice. Several of the supporters of this questionnaire also signed a letter to the City starting in December, 2020 outlining important aspects of the Contract to ensure accountability.</i> <a href="https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract">https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract</a></p>	<p><i>The USDOJ has required the City to require officers to wear body cameras. Among the policy issues that need to be determined are who will maintain/store the footage and whether officers are allowed to review footage before writing reports after using force.</i></p>
<b>Questions</b>	<p><i>The Contract has been finalized, but it is likely to come up again in the next four years. Can you describe how you will or will not advance these community goals?</i></p>	<p><i>What policy provisions would you want to see as part of this implementation?</i></p>

**POSITION 2**

<b>Dan Ryan</b>	<p>I want to start by stating the new discipline guide, which was ratified in the PPA contract, is historic in providing real accountability within the Portland Police Bureau. The fact the contract was supported so strongly by all five members of Council reflects this fact. While there is still much to be done, I believe this new discipline guide will make headway on accountability for excessive force and biased based policing. When it comes to civilian oversight, considering the fact that Measure 26-217's passage will give a civilian body the ability to discipline and terminate officers' employment, I believe including this in the contract would be unnecessary--In four years, the Police Oversight Board should be up and running. In the future, I will do my best to ensure a transparent process while continuing to fight for accountability and a transformation of our community safety system.</p>	<p>There are two policies I believe are important related to body camera implementation. First, it is important that body camera data be housed and owned independently from the Portland Police Bureau. The second policy pertains to when officers can watch body camera footage after a use of force incident. I believe that for type 2 uses of force, and for anything more serious than type 2 uses of force, officers should not be able to watch body camera footage until after filing their initial report.</p>
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<b>Alanna (AJ) McCreary</b>	I will be a champion for meaningful authority for independent civilian oversight over police use of deadly force, public accountability, and fairness in investigations of police misconduct. Police should be given the same level of rights during an investigation of their conduct as people the police investigate. We need to eliminate deeply entrenched hurdles to consequences for violent and harmful actions by the police so that officers do not feel that they can act with impunity and face no serious or lasting repercussions. Police should also not be able to review body camera footage before writing their report of an incident of suspected misconduct.	Maintenance and storage of police body camera footage should not be performed by the Police Bureau, which is incapable of impartiality when it comes to footage that may make the difference between indictment and exoneration in a police misconduct trial. Police show bias against left-wing protesters over right-wing protesters in the line of their work so frequently that it goes to show that we need independent handling of sensitive materials like these. Also, police should not be allowed to scrutinize the way that an incident appeared to take place on camera before writing their report of events, so that those reviewing the footage and the police's accounting of events can be fairly checked for corroboration.
<b>Renee Stephens</b>	I support every issue raised by the Citizens in that contract review and will make sure the City Council upholds every point.	I would like to submit the police to other forms of surveillance in addition to the body cams. Such as gun holsters that unlock only when certain vital sensor criteria are met, and AR goggles that help them ascertain threat level. I believe we need more than just the camera, but it is a good start.
<b>Steven B. Cox</b>	There should be no such thing as a closed-door meeting. These meetings need to be filmed and posted online so that the public can review what happened. No more backroom deals!	At first glance I would think that the Portland Archives and Records Management Division would be a logical place to maintain and store any official video and/or audio recordings. Police should have the same access to the archives as the alleged perpetrator/victim in said recording. Given that it would likely take a matter of days for the recording to be properly archived and documented; the initial report would have to be written without access to the recording.

	<b>6) Accountability and the Police Contract</b>	<b>7) Body Cameras</b>
<b>Chris Brummer</b>	Some of the most important community goals in the Community Letter on the PPA Contract ( <a href="https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract">https://www.uniteoregon.org/ppa_contract</a> ) that I would seek to advance include: the elimination of any kind of embarrassment clause in a new police contract by not supporting a contract that includes it; fully empowering tandem citizen oversight and investigation of all police misconduct, deadly and/or excessive use of force and bias-based policing complaints; granting that independent civilian agency to compel police testimony, and recommend and impose discipline; and protect complainants' from retaliation by preserving their anonymity where needed.	I would like to see policy that ensures body camera materials are kept by the City Attorney's office and only released on identical timelines to the involved parties after police reports have been filed.

**POSITION 3**

<b>Chad Leisey</b>	I will make sure there is public access to every meeting that does not involve the discussion of employees by name period. I want to require cameras in the room for every meeting to post on line. The city cannot continue to hide everything from the public, especially the tuff issues.	Body cameras should be worn at all times and actively recording from the moment of every call. Officers should be able to review the videos while writing reports to ensure the accuracy of their reports (we are all human and cannot recall everything exactly). The body camera footage should be controlled by the commissioners solely, the Unions should have zero say on the footage period. The Police department should be responsible for storage and maintenance of the footage, with the strict enforcement of termination and criminal charges for any missing footage to the heads of the department.
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	6) Accountability and the Police Contract	7) Body Cameras
<p><b>Karellen Stephens</b></p>	<p>I can't take any finalized contract regarding police accountability seriously until Justice for Qadira is addressed. I would work very hard to advance the ideas in the contract once I could get some confirmation that those who have signed on to such measures are actually committed to such lofty goals. The crime against my daughter has been ignored for 15 years so the idea of accountability is not something I believe the Portland Police Bureau or Portland city officials can claim to be committed to. How can a contract for accountability have been written without a serious investigation into Justice for Qadira?</p>	<p>I think body cameras are a good idea. I do believe officers should be able to view camera footage before and after the writing of reports. I also believe crime victims and oversight committees should have the same rights. I think both sides should be able to offer reports and recommendations. Footage should be stored in a mutually agreed-upon neutral location independent of law enforcement.</p>
<p><b>Kim Kasch</b></p>	<p>I will always prioritize accountability, transparency, and justice. I believe the meetings should be open to the public and recorded for future viewings. We need a transparent city and crystal clear negotiations in all contracts in the city.</p>	<p>In all cases, chain of custody is most important in issues involving evidence. I will have specific storage guidelines/policies/procedures and requirements outlined so that no questions/issues could arise after the fact.</p>