

FALL 2022 ELECTION	QUESTION FOR GOVERNOR CANDIDATES /PARTIES ABOUT THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (published Sept. 19, 2022)
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BACKGROUND	<p><i>We are community organizations and volunteers who are concerned about our city and state's participation in the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. This agency was established in 1980 in New York City to use the federal government to fight terrorism. Their role was greatly expanded after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 in 2001. The JTTF was created in Portland in 1997.</i></p> <p><i>In 2019, the Portland City Council voted for the second time to pull its officers from ongoing participation in the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force. Over 35 community organizations and individuals supported our efforts to prevent Portland police officers from participating in the task force. We are concerned about the FBI's low threshold to conduct investigations on people, which conflict with ORS 181A.250. This statute prohibits law enforcement from collecting or maintaining information on people's social, political, or religious affiliation with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct. The FBI has a history of targeting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists.</i></p>
QUESTION	<p><i>What measures do you intend to take to either remove the Oregon State Police from the JTTF or at least to ensure those given clearance to work with the FBI are following all appropriate rules and state laws?</i></p>

(five candidates and four parties engaged, one candidate and one party responded)	
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Ron Noble (Libertarian Party)	<p>My initial reaction is one of appalled derision, mostly because I admit that I did not know it was happening. I had no idea that OSP was teamed up consistently with any Federal organization.</p> <p>There is no excuse, not even for the greater good, for the actions of the JTTF unit.</p> <p>If I am able, I would wholly eject the organization from the State of Oregon.</p> <p>This is not what a government is for. Government is supposed to prevent these abuses against the people, not be the cause.</p> <p>Further, Law Enforcement's role has been disproportionately inflated to include things it was never supposed to do. This also has to stop.</p> <p>As such, with some careful consideration, and assuming the JTTF was unable to be ejected from the State, my plan for the OSP/JTTF coordination would be one of oversight.</p> <p>--OSP would be relegated to only policing the JTTF and holding them to State standards. The JTTF would be required to operate in accordance with our Oregon Constitution and laws to be allowed to operate in our State. This is our right under the Tenth Amendment.</p> <p>--OSP would not be able or allowed to assist the JTTF in its unconstitutional mandates in any way, shape, or other form.</p> <p>--OSP itself would be restructured in a way that made them more useful to the public, with the intent to prevent them from being used as federalized bludgeons against the people; how is not yet fleshed out.</p> <p>Further, I would support laws that limit other Law Enforcement agencies in their capacity to interact with the Federal agencies.</p>
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Tina Kotek (Democratic Party)	Candidate did not respond
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Christine Drazan (Republican Party)	Candidate did not respond
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Betsy Johnson (unaffiliated)	Candidate did not respond
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Nathalie Paravincini (Pacific Green Party)	Candidate has ended their campaign.
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Oregon Progressive Party	The Oregon Progressive Party has always opposed PDX involvement in JTTF.
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Constitution Party	No response.
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Working Families Party	No response.
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Independent Party	No response.
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