

**Oregon Progressive Party 10/24/2021**  
**2022 Local Level Candidate Questionnaires**

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**2022 Candidate questionnaire for PDX/ Multnomah County offices**

**Date:**

**Your name:**

**Office for which you are running:**

Here is our platform of issues from our website; please comment on any issues where you disagree with our position and explain why.

1. Real campaign finance reform, particularly in Oregon
2. Oppose "free trade" deals; support local products & services
3. End "corporate personhood" & constitutional rights for corporations
4. "Medicare for All" comprehensive health care
5. Oppose cuts in Social Security & Medicare benefits
6. Increase minimum wage to living wage (\$15 or more) now
7. Employment for all (public works projects, WPA style)
8. Increase income taxes on big corporations and the wealthy
9. Strictly regulate toxic air pollution, including diesel emissions
10. Tax emissions that cause climate change
11. Oppose Wall Street bailouts
12. Repair, improve infrastructure (transit, water systems, etc.)
13. Oppose wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria; bring troops home now
14. Slash military spending and foreign bases
15. Enable grass-roots efforts to effectively use the initiative and referendum
16. Equal rights for all; same-sex marriage
17. Establish an Oregon State Bank to provide funds for infrastructure, education, etc., without Wall Street fees
18. Clean energy; no nuclear subsidies
19. No shipping fossil fuels for export from Pacific Northwest ports, including Jordan Cove
20. Oppose offshore oil & gas drilling
21. Require labeling of genetically engineered food
22. End senate filibuster

**Campaign Finance**

1. Did you support the Honest Elections ballot measures which were approved by Portland and Multnomah County voters to limit campaign contributions in City and County races? Do you support campaign finance reform at the state level?
2. Will you be using Portland's new public funding program to finance your campaign?

## Taxation

3. Which of the following finance/tax related issues will you support? Why/ Why not?
  - a. A Tax-the-Rich tax, applied in either Portland or Multnomah County would raise much needed revenue.
  - b. Would you support the creation of a City of Portland (or county level) Municipal Public Bank?
  - c. Do you support the creation of a State Public Bank?
  - d. Would you support the creation of a City of Portland (or county level) Public Municipal fiber optic broadband internet utility?
  - e. Other options?

## Small Business

4. What measures do you believe the City of Portland should adopt to help small businesses recover from Covid?

## Parks

5. What would you do to solve the Parks budget problem?

## Rent/ Housing

6. Describe how Portland/ Multnomah County should address the issue of homelessness and affordability of housing?
7. Which of the following Housing measures will you support? Why/Why not?
  - a. If a resident of Portland is served an eviction notice, should a public attorney or other advisor be provided to represent them in court, whether they are able to pay or not?
  - b. Do you support or oppose the city's proposed infill housing ordinance? Why/Why not?
  - c. Should guests of AIRBNB and similar services pay an additional 1 to 2% fee of rental costs to support affordable housing in the City?
  - d. Other option 2, etc.
8. Which of the following policy changes towards law enforcement and public safety in the city/county will you support? Why/ why not?
  - a. Mayor Bud Clark moved the city's police toward a community policing model. That was abandoned some time after his leaving office. Should the City move toward a community policing model now?
  - b. Do you support implementation of the new police oversight board created by Portland Measure 26-217?
  - c. Should targeted cuts be made to the gang enforcement budget with the revenues released be used to provide mental health services?
  - d. Will you support Oregon state Sen. Lew Frederick's bill to carve out a loophole to the state's collective bargaining laws which will allow voter-approved community oversight boards to oversee disciplinary matters?
  - e. Do you support Portland Street Response? Should it be expanded city-wide

## Transportation

9. The State of Oregon has provided close to a 1/2 billion dollars for expansion of the I-5 freeway in the

Rose Quarter area. Should it be the city's policy to push this forward or should it oppose it? Why or why not?

10. The replacement of the Interstate bridge is back on the table. What conditions should be placed on City, County or Metro participation in this project? Should it be supported or opposed without qualification?

10. Do you support the proposal from Trimet to construct a tunnel under the Willamette River and downtown to allow the rapid movement of Max cars as well as increased numbers of Max cars to meet future needs?

### **Climate**

11. How should the City address the climate crisis?

12. The City of Berkeley recently enacted a ban on supplying natural gas to new residential construction. Would you support a similar ban in Portland?

### **Schools**

- TBD

### **Labor/ Unions**

- TBD

### **Any issues with COVID mask mandates or vaccine mandates?**

DH - PUBLIC SAFETY -

Did you support the passage of Portland Measure 26-217 that amended the Portland city charter to create a new police oversight board? Specifically, the measure:

- Amended the city's charter to establish a new police oversight board,
- Gave the board the power to subpoena witnesses and request police documents and evidence to investigate complaints made against the Portland Police Bureau,
- Allowed the board to impose disciplinary actions up to termination of law enforcement professionals, and
- Authorized the board to recommend policing policy to the Portland Police Bureau and Portland City Council.

If in Portland, will you fight for implementation of the measure in opposition to the Portland Police Union?

If not in Portland, would you support similar measures in your city?

Will you support Oregon state Sen. Lew Frederick's bill to carve out a loophole to the state's collective bargaining laws which will allow voter-approved community oversight boards to oversee disciplinary matters?

Do you support the Portland Street Response? Should it be expanded citywide?

Finish question on defund the police.