



2024 Portland City Elections Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to fill out United for Portland's candidate questionnaire. Any candidate seeking our endorsement or support must fill out this questionnaire.

The endorsement process and all responses will be made public on our website.

Please return this questionnaire via email to doug@moorestrategicconsulting.com. Please return it as a Microsoft Word document or as a PDF file by 8/30/24.

All questions are open-ended, and an opportunity to tell us about your thoughts on key issues facing our city, as well as discuss your leadership style. This will be shared on our website, and we ask that you take the time to tell us what you really think and what voters should know about you. There are no right answers to these questions, and we don't want you simply telling us what you think we want to hear.

If you need further information about any of the items covered in the questionnaire, please give United for Portland Executive Director Doug Moore a call at 503-729-5175 or email doug@moorestrategicconsulting.com.

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(can be electronic or signed).

1. Do you want United for Portland's endorsement and support?

Yes, absolutely. I feel my platform aligns with United for Portland's priorities.

2. What's your approach to ending unsheltered homelessness in Portland?

Addressing the drug crisis head-on. Addiction is obviously directly related to homelessness, and we have to start speaking more openly about this truth. We need more shelter beds and sanctioned campsites as soon as possible in the interim to put an end to dangerous and unhealthy unsanctioned street camping.

3. How do we create housing sufficient to meet future needs, not just current needs? What mix of housing does that look like to you?



We need more housing at all price levels to bring everyone's cost of housing down, not just low-income. Most homeowners in Portland could not afford to buy a home at today's current prices, and that's not ok. We obviously need to speed up permitting processes and make Portland development-friendly again. We also need more recovery housing, and I'd like to look into the idea of converting office buildings into dormitory-style housing for recovery and youth aging out of the foster system, groups that both need support communities.

4. When you think of public safety, what does that mean to you? What will you do to ensure public safety for all Portlanders as a member of the city council?

Public safety means a fully-staffed and accountable police force, a fully-staffed fire department, and investment in community-based organizations keeping youth away from gang violence. We need to stand up the 24/7 drop-off sobering center immediately to help our first responders remove those who are a danger to themselves or others off of the street until they are sobered up.

5. What do you see as Portland's economic engine, and what do you believe it should be for the future?

Revitalizing downtown, incentivizing every type of industry to do business in Portland, and making Portland a sports event destination. We need to create a city that businesses, film and sports players desire as a place to be.

6. Tell us about your leadership style. How will you work with constituents and interest groups? How are you going to address the inevitable disagreements in a brand new council of 12?

Having served on several committees and in my work mentoring inmates and those involved in gang violence, I have learned to listen, learn, and find a path forward to a solution. No matter what situation you are dealing with, you must understand where the other party is coming from, in order to forge a path forward. I am a great communicator and feel I can work well with any personality or personal beliefs if I just listen and try to truly see where they are coming from.

7. What would you do to align Portland's taxing and spending with our city's needs and values?

I read that Commissioner Gonzalez is proposing a tax study to look at all the various local taxes and bond measures to see if there is a better way to legislate the intent of the bond measures but essentially rewrite them into city code so that the money moves around the systems better. I haven't fully studied it yet, but I imagine this is akin to what the proposal to combine the Parks & Arts tax is about. I believe I read that the Parks bond money is strictly for new parks and that we have quite the fund built up, while our existing parks are in a huge amount of debt. If I have all of this right, it doesn't make sense, and I hope this new law is trying to fix that. We need more of this type of legislating to reduce the tax burden on residents and get a better return on investment via government services that benefit said taxpayers.

8. Is there an issue, topic, or policy we didn't ask about, but is very important to you? If so, feel free to ask and answer your own question(s).

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Expanding on the public safety issue, I am a huge proponent of creating more job pathways, particularly for BIPOC youth to stop them from entering gang life to begin with. Obviously, this bleeds into the homelessness issue, as we help people move forward we will need to create more job pathways to keep them housed. I own a graffiti removal company, and I specifically only hire former felons and pay them a living wage to ensure they do not return to a life of crime, and so far, none have. We need to create jobs that pay people enough to keep them housed and crime-free.