

City Elections Questionnaire

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

Yes.

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

Unhoused people need homes. That's a tall order for every city in America, including Portland. I will be laser focused on finding ways to create deeply affordable housing with wraparound services for people making less than \$40,000 per year, people without social supports, and people whose addictions and mental illness prevent them from working much.

Until we find pathways for unhoused people to get jobs, recover, and be healthier, we need to deal with the vast, painful crisis of humans living on our streets. We must open more day and night shelters, especially tiny home villages and safe rest villages. We should expand hygiene and clean-up programs across the city, and build pathways for people to stay in their homes when they are in economic distress or no longer able to work due to disability or age. The elderly are the most rapidly growing population of people living outside. We need to make sure seniors can age with dignity and security in our city.

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?

The future mix of housing looks like the Pearl District, Slabtown, and the Alphabet District, but on the eastside. I want the city to build on the momentum of major projects like the OMSI development, which will include First Nation-led access points on the river next to new housing, and the Albina Vision Trust project, which features plans for Black-led development and river access areas around the Broadway Bridge. When we prioritize letting the community lead on pushing the city to meet our housing and infrastructure objectives, the success can and will be contagious.

Our city council members should be ambassadors for development while maintaining strong environmental protections, not naysayers and Debbie Downers. I will be a voice for more investment, working with public and private partners who want to see Portland as a great success in the future. When we consider who should be hired to be our first City Manager, I will look for a person who has a track record of creating housing. The Portland Housing Bureau Director must be empowered within the executive branch of the city to take actions that remove barriers to production.

In 2025, I will work efficiently and effectively with my colleagues on the city council to improve zoning and permitting to create more housing. Here are some of the ideas I support:

- Allowing four-floors and corner stores throughout close-in neighborhoods;
- Increasing the bonuses for projects in mixed-use zones that meet inclusionary zoning standards;
- Simplification of rules in low-density zones during the next round of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's code streamlining; and
- Immediately assigning a single point of contact for incoming development proposals and guaranteeing a response to initial inquiries within a development-friendly timeframe (hours, not weeks).

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?

I've worked on gun safety, and I'm a cyclist and black belt martial artist - there's no way an elected official can ensure safety. However, people deserve to feel safe from gunshots, safe crossing a street with a walker, safe when they need to have an ambulance or first responder, safe from bullying at school, and safe going to work. I have promised to have Portland Street Response operated 24/7 so we have the right resource for the right moment. I want 911 and ambulance wait times down. Public safety should be holistically planned and operated at the city level, not owned by any specific bureau. I want people housed and safe from the trauma of unsheltered living. I want our built infrastructure and personnel to be available so those who need behavioral health support and recovery opportunities can get them.

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

Whether in manufacturing, education, or the arts, I want city businesses, our investments, and our revenues to flourish. As a candidate from District 2, I believe that every Portland neighborhood needs to be part of the engine driving our local economy. When I've spoken to manufacturers, arts directors, home builders, school board members, there's a feeling that the City of Portland is not helping them be successful.

My vision for the future is that Portland's reputation does a 180 turnaround. We need strong manufacturing output, a strong bio-sciences economy, and a thriving arts scene. We need to welcome more tourists, and encourage people with good union jobs to move here, organize here, drive our economy here, and stay here. Our forests, mountains, and the Willamette River are precious natural resources. Our commitment to equity and addressing inequality will raise the ceiling on our economy, by bringing more people through our public education institutions, increasing the number of skilled workers in Portland, and by diversifying our successful businesses.

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.

Throughout my campaign, I have been thinking a lot about Mayor of Portland Vera Katz's first run for office in 1972. In spite of the fact the Oregonian dubbed her a "militant housewife," Vera Katz won election to the House of Representatives and later served three terms as Mayor from 1993 to 2005.

Like Vera, I have tenacity, focus, and a vision for Portland's future. I'm the right woman for this job while we reboot our city government. I am a feminist, GenX mom and stepmom who raised three children. I have the legal and political skills to set up a brand new council of 12 and bring people together to address inevitable disagreements.

My thirty-year career demonstrates that I can work steadily and collaboratively to get big policy changes successfully across the finish line. I have the professional experience to fulfill this promise amidst the high strains and competing interests of this job, and can stay centered and focused on this core value for four years. I can listen well to constituents, private sector leaders, community leaders, and partners at the national, state, metro, and county levels. I can discern when and where my intervention is generative. I do not ultimately default back to the status quo, and I can recruit others to my side to get good things done.

Progressive means neither left nor right, but forward. That's what we need in our city, steady, forward progress. My endorsements show that I have earned the support of people across the political spectrum. We share the commitment to make Portland a better place for everyone to live, work, and enjoy the outdoors together.

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

This city values children getting a good education, people being able to stay sheltered, and families being able to afford food, health care, and

childcare while having good jobs in Portland. We value clean drinking water on tap, safe streets, and shade trees.

I know it's a time when revenue is stagnant and our population is declining. At the same time, our gas tax revenue is declining due to electric vehicles. We are building the city's largest ever infrastructure project, the Bull Run Water Filtration plan with a ballooning \$2.1 billion budget. We have billions of dollars of deferred maintenance on our streets and in our parks.

We have to keep all options on the table and make difficult decisions because we can't let children, the elderly, and neglected communities go without investment. As a former school board member, I am one of the only candidates in District 2 who has experience managing a public budget. I know how to bring people together from the public and private sectors to have conversations about what is best for all Portlanders.

I understand that facing Portland's budget problems is the number one priority for the new city council. That's precisely why I'm not making any promises about taxes. The new council needs to come together quickly, listen to all Portlanders, and build a budget together that is grounded in economic reality, funds our immediate needs, and at the same time is future-focused. The new council's first budget is a historic opportunity to steer our city towards a brighter future. We need to elect serious people with extraordinary experiences to make these critical decisions.

8. Is there an issue, topic, or policy we didn't ask about, but is very important to you?

Good government is one of my top three priorities. That means transparency, accountability, responsiveness, and excellent constituent services. These steps are critical as we rebuild some trust between Portlanders and elected public servants.