



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:doug@moorestrategicconsulting.com).

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

Yes, please.

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

We need two general approaches to homelessness in Portland: short-term and long-term. Ending unsheltered homelessness while implementing a new governance structure will take time. It's imperative to have a long-term approach so that we truly \*end\* unsheltered homelessness, but that doesn't help folks who are unsheltered today.



Jennifer Park (District 2) and I (District 3) have discussed developing an app or website that could be used by Portland Street Response, PPB, and the public to access a filterable list of shelter beds available tonight. The app could include filters for options such as geolocation, acceptance of couples, children, or pets, sobriety requirements, group or individual sleeping arrangements, and availability of detox or rehab services, among others.

I discussed this app idea with a board member from HOME PAC, who was enthusiastic and suggested it should be accessible to all Portland police when interacting with unsheltered individuals. The idea to include a filter for detox and rehab services came from conversations with medical professionals from multiple hospitals.

This app is an example of something we might build (or encourage via policy) for short-term triage on today's streets while we design and implement more long-term solution(s). Sourcing ideas from multiple relevant sources is essential to ensure the app would be useful for a broad range of unsheltered individuals.

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?

Having lived in a few cities around the country, I've long been a fan of mixed-use multifamily housing. This type of housing will allow us to increase density closer in and minimize urban sprawl. One anticipates that increased housing availability will help keep rents in check, while proximity to downtown and hyper local retail space will encourage use of public transportation, as well as bicycle and pedestrian commuting.

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 encompasses accessible neighborhoods, swift first responders, safe schools and parks, reliable public transit, and a robust health system. As a mom and neighborhood association chair, these are priorities for me. As council, we must evaluate any policy put forth against a number of potential impacts, and these are on my list.

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

Center City is often highlighted as our economic engine, and I agree that addressing the issues facing these central neighborhoods is crucial. Simultaneously, I value Portland's diverse neighborhoods and the small businesses that help our city thrive. Supporting the growth and success of small businesses is essential for sustaining Portland's economic vitality. Creative solutions are especially important in times of budget constraints.

At the recent United for Portland event about multifamily housing, a panelist mentioned a program wherein San Francisco is offering up to 6 months of free rent for ground floor retail space. I've researched the program and found it to be quite popular with applicants (850 applicants with seventeen



vendors selected in the first cohort!). I'll be meeting with some of these proprietors as well as someone from the administrative team in early October to learn from their respective experiences and gauge the overall success of the program.

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?

As a leader, I start by finding common ground and building strong relationships within my teams, as trust is key to resolving conflicts. I plan to maintain regular communication with constituents and engage with interest groups, always focusing on what's best for my district and Portland as a whole.

Clear and transparent communication is a cornerstone of my campaign. This spring, I proposed several ways the transition advisory committee could enhance their recommendations for the new council format, specifically with regard to communications. In my experience, effective leadership relies on clear information pathways, and they included several of my suggestions in their final draft.

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

To align Portland's taxing and spending with our city's needs and values, we'll need to pursue creative solutions. The frequent approval of new tax measures demonstrates our city's commitment to addressing community needs. By carefully assessing these needs and prioritizing spending that reflects our shared values, we can ensure our resources are effectively used to support Portland's goals.

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).

Portland will face several environmental challenges in the coming years, including climate change, earthquake preparedness, and the Superfund status of the Willamette River. Addressing these issues will improve our city's attractiveness to newcomers and support economic and population growth. Moreover, the efforts required to tackle these concerns will generate job opportunities for skilled workers.