

SURJ PDX Police Accountability and Abolition Action Group

2026 PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Candidate Comparison Guide



Who is SURJ PDX?

SURJ PDX (Showing Up for Racial Justice, Portland) is an all-volunteer group focused on educating, organizing, and mobilizing white people in the Portland Metropolitan Area to do racial justice work in partnership with BIPOC-led organizations in the fight for collective liberation.

What is this guide for?

This candidate comparison guide focuses specifically on issues of police accountability, funding, union contract, roles, and alternatives to help voters make decisions about who to support.

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FUNDING

POLICE

Systems of policing and incarceration use a huge amount of public resources while making many problems worse.

We want a city council that will decrease funding to the Portland Police Bureau and restore funding to beneficial City services like parks and community centers, day care, housing assistance, and Portland Street Response. More info [here](#).

PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND (PCEF)

PCEF was created to fund environmental justice projects.

We want a city council that will protect this voter-approved funding source from being used to fund police. More info [here](#).

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-BASED POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY (OCPA)

The City Charter grants the OCPA guaranteed funding and independent decision-making power.

We want a city council that will protect the funding and independence of this voter-approved, community-led police accountability body. More info [here](#).

POLICE UNION CONTRACT

Police union contracts are often used to shield police from accountability.

We want a city council that will create a publicly transparent process for negotiating the Portland Police Association contract that includes giving the community power to help shape changes to the contract. More info [here](#).

POLICE ROLE

HOUSELESSNESS

The criminal legal system makes the housing crisis worse.

We want a city council that does not support Portland Police officers arresting and/or fining people if they decline shelter. More info [here](#).

DRUGS

Drug law enforcement boosts mass incarceration.

We want a city council that does not support Portland Police officers arresting and/or fining people for possession of drugs for personal use. More info [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH

Police have a long history of harming and killing people with mental health issues.

We want a city council that will stop using Portland Police as a primary response for people experiencing mental health issues. More info [here](#).

IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Oregon is a sanctuary state, where it is illegal for local police to help federal immigration enforcement.

We want a city council that will hold the Portland police accountable if they help federal immigration enforcement in any way. More info [here](#).

PORTLAND STREET RESPONSE

We need systems to support people in need of help that don't involve sending police.

We want a city council who will fully fund and expand Portland Street Response to cover all of Portland, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week—and who will maintain its independence from the Portland Police Bureau. More info [here](#).

What do the colors mean?

GREEN

The candidate is aligned or mostly aligned with our positions on this issue

YELLOW

The candidate is somewhat aligned with our positions on this issue

RED

The candidate is not aligned or mostly not aligned with our positions on this issue

GREY

The candidate chose not to answer our questionnaire and we were not able to determine their positions on this issue

-  The candidate pledged not to take campaign contributions from police
-  The candidate was endorsed by the Portland Police Association (PPA)

DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCIL

	Funding			Police Union Contract	Police Role				Portland Street Response
	Police	PCEF	OCPA		Houselessness	Drugs	Mental Health	Immigration	
Ali Beaudoin									
Joel Corcoran									
Guy Frankenstein									
Matthias Hallett									
Patrick Hilton									
Larry Kelly									
Kent R Landgraver III									
● Tiffany Koyama Lane									
Keir Legree									
● Esther León									
Darren McCormick									
● Angelita Morillo									
Steve Novick									
Cristal Otero									
Terry Parker									
Heart Free Pham									
Tom Sollitt									
John Sweeny									
Kimberly Tucker									
Kellie Torres									
Martin Ward									

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCIL

	Funding			Police Union Contract	Police Role				Portland Street Response
	Police	PCEF	OCPA		House-lessness	Drugs	Mental Health	Immigration	
<u>Timothy (TJ) Anderson</u>									
Eli Arnold									
 <u>Jeremy Beausoleil Smith</u>									
 Olivia Clark									
Jayne Cronlund									
<u>Jamey Evenstar</u>									
<u>John J Goldsmith</u>									
 <u>Mitch Green</u>									
<u>Josh Leake</u>									
<u>John McDonald</u>									
<u>Matt Schulte</u>									
 Eric Zimmerman									