

ACLU People Power Washington

2020 Police Reform

Candidate Questionnaire



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Part I – Yes/No Questions

Please answer the following questions		Yes	No	Additional Comments
1	Do you support statewide policy for:			
	Banning chokeholds	Yes		It would even help to define chokeholds as “Deadly force”, if we can’t get to an outright ban
	Banning tear gas	Yes		
	Use of body cameras		No	Rather than a statewide policy, I think that each jurisdiction needs to decide if they want to make this large increase in police spending. For example, the city of Spokane spends \$400,000 per year just to store the footage. In addition evidence suggests that body

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				cams do not cause a change in behavior, oftentimes because the bad behavior currently has no real consequences.
2	Do you support abolishing qualified immunity for police?	yes		The argument is that an officer could be bankrupted if he or she did not have this immunity, but the reality is that it is rare that a law enforcement agency does not have insurance that covers this for their officers.
3	Do you support de-escalation standards and accountability for police?	yes		
4	Do you support independent, civilian review of complaints of police use of force?	yes		
5	Do you support eliminating investigation and discipline of use of force against civilians as topics for collective bargaining by law enforcement unions?	yes		
6	Do you support decertification for serious misconduct by law enforcement officers?	yes		
7	Do you support ending police use of and access to surplus military equipment?	yes		

Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

I recently listened to Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff, a psychologist and Yale professor known for his research on the relationship between race and policing in the United States, and something he said resonated with me. I am paraphrasing here, but I envision a public safety system that is less about imposing order and more about establishing justice. We need to stop disinvesting in social services like those that address homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders, then sending police into these situations to respond to problems that they are not equipped to solve. We have seen communities launch successful, effective strategies like Mental Health Field Response programs that pair behavioral health specialists and social workers with law enforcement to go out on certain calls, and we need to make them more universally adopted. Additionally, we need to establish strong transparency and accountability measures so that bad behavior by law enforcement officers can be dealt with and community trust can be restored.

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Have you taken the [#ElectedsForJustice pledge](#)? If so, what actions do you intend to take to support the 5-part plan? If not, what points are barriers to your support, and why?

Yes, I have taken that pledge. I think that we need to begin with restricting the use of excessive or deadly force by law enforcement officers.

Under current state labor law, Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) with law enforcement unions are often a barrier for meaningful police reform. What efforts do you support that differentiate police unions from other labor unions so that change can happen without eroding other workers' rights?

I agree that worker's rights need to be retained while adopting the various reforms. I have not as yet heard any suggestions of how to differentiate the various unions, and will be open to hearing ideas.

Are there police reform/accountability measures that are not addressed here that you think would be productive to pursue?

Pursue accreditation as well as requiring departments to undergo Best Practice Audits, and give meaningful supports so that they are motivated to do this work..

I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete, and correct to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.

Signature Shelley Kloba

Printed Name Shelley Kloba

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