

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			Chokeholds should be banned.
	Banning tear gas			Tear gas should not be used in a peaceful protest situation.
	Use of body cameras			Body cameras should be used and turned on during all police actions. Officers should be reprimanded and lose salary, if the camera is off.
2	Do you support abolishing qualified immunity for police?			Law enforcement officers should be held accountable for their actions. As I have not seen contracts for officers, I would encourage the removal of qualified immunity.
3	Do you support de-escalation standards and accountability for police?			De-escalation standards and accountability is a good start.

4	Do you support independent, civilian review of complaints of police use of force?			An ombudsman or civilian review is critical to monitor law enforcement programs.
5	Do you support eliminating investigation and discipline of use of force against civilians as topics for collective bargaining by law enforcement unions?			I believe all use of force that is called to question should be investigated by an outside civilian and law enforcement agency.
6	Do you support decertification for serious misconduct by law enforcement officers?			Law enforcement officers should be held accountable for their actions.
7	Do you support ending police use of and access to surplus military equipment?			Law enforcement agencies should have protective surplus military equipment, including access to certain vehicles. I do believe there is a limit to the armament any police organization should be allowed to have, but that should be determined by their mission. None of it should be used on peaceful protesters.

Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

Law enforcement should be available, but not intrusive in your life.

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?

No. I do not “support”, “oppose”, “commit”, or “pledge” to any issue without knowing and studying the facts and issues from all sides of the problem. I have to see a fiscal note – what it will cost the taxpayer – before making any informed decision.

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

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differentiate police unions from other labor unions so that change can happen without eroding other workers' rights?

The police unions should be held accountable to the taxpayers by city councils and county commissioners through the power of the purse. The police unions should not have any more power than any other unions in the state.

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

1. Officer assault charges cannot be brought against an individual without absolute video proof of the incident. Too many innocent individuals are charged with this "fake" crime, booked into jail, then released, just to prevent a lawsuit by the citizen for assault by the officer on the individual.
2. Non-lethal rubber bullets and bean bag rounds should be banned, as these projectiles inflict life-threatening permanent injuries and disabilities.

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	John Roskelley	Date: 10/03/2020
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