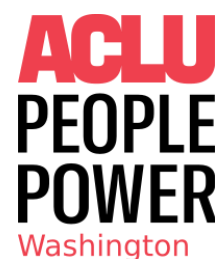


ACLU People Power Washington

2020 Police Reform

Candidate Questionnaire



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Part I – Yes/No Questions

| Please answer the following questions | | Yes | No | Additional Comments |
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| 1 | Do you support statewide policy for: | | | |
| | Banning chokeholds | X | | |
| | Banning tear gas | X | | |
| | Use of body cameras | X | | |
| 2 | Do you support abolishing qualified immunity for police? | | | If not abolished, then specifically limited. |
| 3 | Do you support de-escalation standards and accountability for police? | X | | |
| 4 | Do you support independent, civilian review of complaints of police use of force? | | | Communities need policy on the consequences of review outcomes. |
| 5 | Do you support eliminating investigation and discipline of use of force against civilians as topics for collective bargaining by law enforcement unions? | X | | |
| 6 | Do you support decertification for serious misconduct by law enforcement officers? | X | | |
| 7 | Do you support ending police use of and access to surplus military equipment? | | | Use of military communication equipment should be treated differently than military weaponry. |

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Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

All people, regardless of race, gender, sexual preference, religious affiliation or immigrant status should be confident that the same laws and law enforcement protection applies to them.

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?

I have been endorsed by Fuse Votes.

Additional investments are necessary to meet the community-based public safety needs, particularly in smaller jurisdictions. As an Island County Commissioner, I collaborated with law enforcement to develop an addiction support program that has kept individuals struggling with substance abuse out of jail. Our community policing approach has engaged law enforcement with residents, especially young people, and the outcomes are very positive. We must be doing more to shift the workload of police to support services and programs which are specifically focused to address mental health needs.

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?

CBAs with law enforcement need to include fair processes for police development, discipline and removal.

In talking with law enforcement, the current process does not allow for the "bad actors," to be developed, disciplined or removed. Bad actors are often given other duties or assigned to training positions as "role models" which is the situation of the officer who killed George Floyd. Keeping "bad actors" in any law enforcement unit endangers all of the other workers.

With fair standards and investigative processes, this would not erode the rights of every worker who also deserves a safe working environment.

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

The lack of a national database of officers who have been removed for “cause” allows for some to move from one community to another. This keeps some officer candidates certified and eligible to be hired in a different location. The hiring process is supposed to “vet” the applicant. A standard of vetting would not be any different than a doctor or lawyer who is not able to practice because of previous loss of certification.

People in all neighborhoods want law enforcement that they can count on for fair and equitable policing. And law enforcement officers want the same. There are many great ideas and outcomes in communities that can be applied.

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.

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| Signature | Helen Price Johnson | Date: 9/22/2020 |
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