

# 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	x		
	Banning tear gas	x		
	Use of body cameras	x		
2	Do you support abolishing qualified immunity for police?	x		
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?	x		
5	Do you support eliminating investigation and discipline of use of force against	x		

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	civilians as topics for collective bargaining by law enforcement unions?			
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?	x		

## Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

Public safety is about ensuring communities have the resources they need. When people are able to afford housing, put food on their table and have access to health care, crime drops significantly. We need to make sure these are not a matter of class, but a right for everyone in our society. Public safety officers should be there to respond to and support the needs of their communities, rather than criminalizing and harassing 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?

Yes I have. I would actively support legislation that supports all 5 of the points. Additionally, I will champion community led alternatives, especially those that call to re-invest in our school system and systematically address the opportunity gaps that have been created by the divestment in schools serving Black, Indigenous and other Students of Color. As a career educator, I can speak to the specific steps necessary to support our schools in closing these opportunity gaps and am excited to amplify the voices of the parents, teachers, and administrators in these schools who know what their students need the best.

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?

We need to pass state laws that dictate what will lead to the decertification of police officers and the steps departments must take in that process. This should not be a discussion happening in each department, it must be statewide and come before any collective bargaining can begin. Just like there are state laws about what requirements a teacher or nurse must possess and their process for maintaining good standing, that are not negotiated in CBAs, we need at the bare minimum the same level of oversight for our police officers.

Are there police reform/accountability measures that are not addressed here that you think would


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be productive to pursue?

It is the start of the pledge, but it needs re-stating. We must work to demilitarize our police forces. It only adds to the adversarial stance of police if their own departments, state government and federal governments are working to give them war zone style equipment. Police must be trained and equipped to protect and serve, not control and dominate.

**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		Date: 09/28/2020
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