

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		
	Banning tear gas	Yes		
	Use of body cameras	Yes		
2	Do you support abolishing qualified immunity for police?	Yes		
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		

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Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

Public safety means that the public is and feels safe. It means that anyone can walk into any neighborhood without worrying about being profiled by the police, or mugged. It means that anyone can look at a law enforcement officer and feel more secure rather than afraid. Public safety is in essence an absence of public fear, persecution and crime.

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 intend to take the pledge (I was unaware of it before this time), and I will support these points by supporting legislation that furthers the goal of eliminating injustice and police brutality.

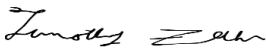
Under current state labor law, Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) with law enforcement unions are often a barrier for meaningful police reform. What efforts do you support that differentiate police unions from other labor unions so that change can happen without eroding other workers' rights?

I do not, at this time, have a satisfactory answer for this question, and I would rely on organizations such as the ACLU to formulate responses to this issue. I believe in honesty in lawmakers and admitting when we do not know, or have an answer, is an important part of this. I will work with those who are more experienced, and lend my logical mind and unique perspective to craft a solution that allows us to move forward with police reform and maintain workers rights.

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

Law enforcement in my district is somewhat different from the country at large. Much of it relies on the Sheriffs and their deputies. While I sincerely agree that law enforcement in the United States is broken the issues that face my district are different.

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: 9/30/2020
Printed Name	Timothy Zahn	

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