

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 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?	x		

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Part II – Free Response Questions

What is your idea of public safety?

I feel that public safety means that you should be able to walk through the streets of your community and not feel threatened by any one. And if you do, you should not have any reservation to calling your local police as you feel confident that they will stand up for your well being and who would be delivering fair and equal treatment of all citizens under the law.

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 read it and I love it. But I could not quite figure out how to take the pledge. Is it only for elected officials? If I am elected, I will certainly take the pledge.

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?

No, that is wrong. I have been a strong union supporter and a union steward. The union should not be any type of a shield for officers who do not uphold the laws in our community. It is the Union's responsibility to be sure that the officer is not disciplined unfairly, but they can't protect an officer who is not following even policy and certainly not following the laws of our state.

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

Dammit, I am sick and tired of police using lethal force when no lethal force appeared to be necessary. Our police forces need to do a lot of work to try and earn the trust and respect of their community members again.

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	<i>Kathryn A. Lewandowsky</i>	Date: 9/27/2020
Printed Name	Kathryn A. Lewandowsky	

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