

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?

Public safety is about working together and partnering with our communities and ensuring their services are only needed in true times of need. Public safety should not be about fear and intimidation, but working cohesively with our communities and neighborhoods as a team for our betterment and health.

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. Currently, for our State House Democrats, there is a small group of legislators working on numerous reforms to bring to the table in 2021. I look forward to reviewing them and am confident I will support most, if not all, of the proposed reforms.

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?

First and foremost, as a member of an organized union, I strongly support collective bargaining agreements that are negotiated in good faith and ratified by their members. That being said, we must insist that future CBA's with law enforcement must address the long standing practices of protecting repeat offenders and those who abuse their position in law enforcement. This also includes opening up records of discipline for those applicable law enforcement officers.

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

Yes, at the State Patrol. The employee makeup at our WA State Patrol, in both the executive office and the rank-and-file troopers, is extremely male and extremely white. That's why I sponsored the budget proviso in 2020 for the State Patrol to hire an outside consultant to review and provide recommendations on how the State Patrol can change its recruitment process and become more diverse, to reflect the population of our state.

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

Javier Valdez - submitted by email

Date: 10/02/2020

Printed Name

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