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**8.** In one sentence, state something you will do as a city commissioner to ease the burden on Portland's small businesses.

**LANITA DUKE:** A loan program with a 12-month repayment option, a flat tax rate based on yearly revenue and set-aside contracts from the city and state.

**MICHAEL DURROW:** Increase free recycling services.

**SHANNON ESTABROOK:** All small businesses should be given immediate tax exemptions and relief.

**CHLOE EUDALY:** The lack of affordable housing poses a triple threat to Portland's small-business owners – residential and commercial rents are going up unchecked, making it harder for small-business owners who are renters to live and do business in Portland, harder to find and retain employees who are becoming cost-burdened by rent, and harder to attract customers, many of whom now have less discretionary income – which is one of the many reasons why affordable housing and tenant protections are my top priority.

**AMANDA FRITZ:** I will continue to support increasing the “owner-exemption” tax break so that small-business owners can keep more of the money they earn.

**DAVID MORRISON:** Begin a program to offer tax credits for hiring kids out of school, a homeless person or an ex-prisoner.

**STEVE NOVICK:** I will support improved transportation infrastructure to help their customers and employees get to and from their businesses. I'm not sure what “the burden” means – what burden are we talking about?

**ANN SANDERSON:** I won't assume the solution to every problem is a new tax or fee.

**SUZANNE STAHL:** As commissioner, I would limit urban renewal plans and may do away with them completely, thus limiting rent increases.

**FRED STEWART:** I will protect the City of Portland from unnecessary taxes and fees and I will do what I can to help small business people in any way that I can.

**9.** Pair the issue with the sentiment. Use each sentiment only once:

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law
2. Public campaign finance option
3. Expanded light rail transit into Washington State
4. PPB Horse Patrol

- a. Great idea
- b. Good idea
- c. Needs work
- d. Nope

**LANITA DUKE**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – c. Needs work
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – d. Nope
4. PPB Horse Patrol – b. Good idea

**MICHAEL DURROW**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – c. Needs work
4. PPB Horse Patrol – b. Good idea

**SHANNON ESTABROOK**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – c. Needs work
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – a. Great idea

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – c. Needs work

**CHLOE EUDALY**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – c. Needs work

**AMANDA FRITZ**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – c. Needs work

**DAVID MORRISON**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – c. Needs work
4. PPB Horse Patrol – d. Nope

**STEVE NOVICK**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – d. Nope
2. Public campaign finance – b. Good idea
3. Expanded light rail – a. Great idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – c. Needs work

**ANN SANDERSON**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – c. Needs work
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – d. Nope

**SUZANNE STAHL**

1. Sit-lie sidewalk law – c. Needs work
2. Public campaign finance – a. Great idea
3. Expanded light rail – b. Good idea
4. PPB Horse Patrol – d. Nope

**FRED STEWART**

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**10.** Portland is losing significant, large trees at a rapid pace to development. In 50 words or less, what will you do to save these legacy trees?

**LANITA DUKE:** Work with the mayor to develop a policy to save the trees. Developers would need to include them in plans.

**MICHAEL DURROW:** Mandate two replacements for one tree cut, increase the administrative process, charge punitive fees, and increase neighborhood rights and appeals.

**SHANNON ESTABROOK:** No trees removed. None. If a tree is a clear and present danger to life, shall be immediately addressed. This is NOT Los Angeles. Thank you.

**CHLOE EUDALY:** The choice to destroy our urban canopy shouldn't be left up to developers. No one should be allowed to take down large, healthy, non-dangerous, steep fines (i.e. the actual value of the tree), restrictions on percentage of trees removed, and 1:1 replacement requirements.

**AMANDA FRITZ:** I will continue to be the council's primary champion on tree protection. Having helped instigate the Tree Code as a community activist, it is very frustrating to see it watered down by council, subject to development interests. I will work with community organizers and neighbors to strengthen and improve it.

**DAVID MORRISON:** Require developers to work around the trees or no permit can be issued.

**STEVE NOVICK:** I support strong measures to protect trees greater than 48 inches in

diameter, as recently proposed. I think we may need stronger protections in areas of the city which do not have good tree canopy, and should make it harder to remove trees to build McMansions than to do so to add density.

**ANN SANDERSON:** Good policy analysis takes time and a lot of listening. I would work to modify the tree ordinance to create incentives for keeping trees with the goal to maintain or even increase our urban canopy. A critical first step would include looking at the city's own commitment to trees to find ways to avoid devastating losses to our canopy like the beautiful trees on Southwest Lincoln taken down for the light rail expansion.

**SUZANNE STAHL:** As commissioner, I will enforce more fees when contractors or the city removes trees. This is a deterrent. I would increase the community's voice at City Council, and have different bureaus collaborate on ways to keep trees in place.

**FRED STEWART:** I do realize that many of the legacy trees we enjoy today will need to be cut down if we are going to develop the housing we need. We are a growing city and we need room for people to live and work, and that means we will need to cut down some trees as well as tear down some homes and buildings. Sensible, affordable density is a goal of mine. We will not needlessly cut down trees if it can be avoided.

**11.** Yes or No: Understanding we're going to have street homelessness, do you support tent cities?

**LANITA DUKE:** I support tent cities in certain areas. I respect and admire what Dignity Village has accomplished. The village's five rules cultivate a sense of community: no violence, no theft, no alcohol or drugs within a one-block radius, no constant disruptive behavior, and all residents must contribute at least 10 hours per week of work for village upkeep. Due to income inequality, lack of affordable housing and jail servicing as residential mental health facilities there are currently a large number of Portlanders experiencing homelessness. However, I do not support tent cities in residential neighbors populated by schools and small businesses.

**MICHAEL DURROW:** I prefer small tent communities in non-residential areas to having tents everywhere. They should be provided with security fencing and honey-pots, too.

**SHANNON ESTABROOK:** Absolutely NOT. The homeless need dignity and care. Please put politicians and millionaires in tents. Thank you.

**CHLOE EUDALY:** Yes. We have to meet people where they are in this crisis and right now thousands of people are on the streets. If we cannot immediately provide adequate shelter space or permanent affordable housing, supporting safe and stable areas for tent cities is the next best option.

**AMANDA FRITZ:** No. As the chief proponent of a permitted, improved site for Right 2 Dream Too, obviously I do support this wonderful organization, and other gatherings of people sheltering and forming communities living temporarily in tents. The word “cities” implies large bureaucratically organized encampments where thousands of people live permanently. I reject the implication that some people must live outside for long

periods in huge impersonal settlements. We must find funding to provide permanent supportive housing as the primary mechanism of moving people living on the streets into better options. When insufficient affordable housing is available, shelter inside in well-managed safe spaces is the next best option for many folks waiting for services. Tents in small connected communities are better than isolated tents, and better than tarps/no shelter.

**DAVID MORRISON:** I think entire parks should be dedicated and programs that were initiated during the Occupy movement that engaged the homeless would be a positive step. Art programs, a library, etc. Of course the “homeless” need to be individualized rather than referred to as one aggregate group.

**STEVE NOVICK:** I'm not sure anyone “supports” tent cities except as a last resort, but we have seen that there are models that work like R2D2 and Hazelnut Grove. While still looking for solid long-term solutions to our homelessness problem, we should also support those in the homeless community that are working within the law to make a safe place with minimal negative community impacts.

**ANN SANDERSON:** No, and I believe “understanding we're going to have street homelessness” is the first sign of failure. If we can have a “Vision Zero” for transportation, it is even more imperative that we have a goal of zero homelessness. Anything else is unacceptable.

**SUZANNE STAHL:** Yes! The city should use Right 2 Dream Too as a model.

**FRED STEWART:** No, I feel we can do better. I want to develop shelters for homeless people. There are other options that we can immediately implement to shelter our homeless, such as building squad bays in warehouses.



This housing poster is displayed on the wall of Amanda Fritz's office space in City Hall. "It shows attractive housing, beautiful art and words, and engagement by a student in addressing an important issue," Fritz says.