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getting people housed and off the streets, we will decrease the demands on our fire and police, saving money, improving public health, and strengthening communities in the process. The public cost of serving people who are homeless is up to five times greater than it is to serve people in supported housing. Safe, stable and affordable housing is a basic need and human right. It needs to be the city's top priority because it is our biggest and most urgent problem. This is an emergency. Let's start acting like it.

AMANDA FRITZ

These are the decisions I've had to make every year for seven years, except that in five of the budgets I've voted on, the choices were on how to make cuts rather than how to improve services. I have already voted to allocate $10 million to housing this year, before considering any other cuts and additions. We are suffering an affordable housing crisis. All city services are important to our community, however. I make my decisions after considering broad public input, asking the questions, "Who pays, who benefits, and is that fair?" I prioritize basic services, spending taxpayers' money wisely to provide both essential and quality-of-life functions. This year, I will prioritize police accountability, affordable housing and assistance to people experiencing houselessness, and fair wages including city parks employees who for decades have been paid under $15 per hour with no benefits.

DAVID MORRISON

Well, in an emergency situation we could double up on the housing temporarily. The most important thing is basic services: roof, bathrooms, kitchen. Then work our way out of that. We could also ask landlords to lower rent and use the loss as a tax write-off.

STEVE NOVICK

The question is both vague (police and parks need money for critical services – which ones?) and unrealistic – social service agencies need a hell of a lot more than $5 million. I'll respond by referring to this budget: In ongoing money, we've committed $5 million in new money to housing, I need $1 million to help the way overworked 911 staff, the police say they absolutely need $1.8 million to do background checks, and we need $1.3 million to avoid laying off firefighters – but if we fund all those, parks will take big cuts. We're not going back on the $5 million, my top other priorities are 911 and fire, but I hope we can get more money for parks and police.

ANN SANDERSON

In this scenario, I would first ask which option has the most potential risk to the people of Portland and which has the most potential benefit. I will always try to make policy decisions that are informed by the best possible analysis of facts. Having said that, my inclination is always to say that we need to take care of people's basic needs first; housing is a basic need.

SUZANNE STAHL

I would spend $5 million on social service agencies to treat and place the houseless. Many individuals that are chronically houseless have dual diagnoses, mental health issues and drug addictions. Additionally, individuals that have recently lost their housing due to rising rent can also develop health issues, both

3. Yes or No: As commissioner, will you end the practice of contracting for military and militarized equipment for use by our police bureau?

LANITA DUKE: Yes, I would advocate to the Mayor for the abolishment of contracting for military and militarized equipment for use by our police bureau. I would advocate for bringing back Community Policing. I support the Department of Justice 2015 recommendations that, "PPB shall ensure that officers use non-force and verbal techniques to effect compliance with police orders whenever feasible, especially in the course of conducting welfare checks or effecting arrests for minor offenses or for persons whom officers have reason to believe are experiencing a mental health crisis; de-escalate the use of force at the earliest possible moment; only resort to those use of force weapons, including less-lethal weapons, as necessary; and refrain from the use of force against individuals who are already under control by officers, or who may express verbal discontent with officers but do not otherwise pose a threat to officers or others, or impede a valid law enforcement function."

MICHAEL DURROW: Yes. Having a SWAT team is prudent because some criminals and most domestic terrorists (like the KKK, White Power Movement and the Bundys) are heavily armed. However using shock troops against unarmed protesters is unethical and only escalates the violence within society and resentment towards the police.

SHANNON ESTABROOK: Depends what equipment.

CHLOE EUDALY: Yes. Intimidation doesn't lend itself to successful community policing and the increased militarization of our police can lead to more forceful and potentially deadly interventions than necessary.

AMANDA FRITZ: This is not within my power as a commissioner, since the mayor is in charge of the Police Bureau and this type of internal Standard Operating Procedure decision is not subject to council approval. I won't promise things I can't deliver.

DAVID MORRISON: The militarization of our police forces is a "psy-op" or psychological tactic to raise the bar on what we perceive is "normal" for the police. It is disgusting and should be abandoned. It serves no purpose other than to remind the public that there is a "terrorist" around each corner. YES.

STEVE NOVICK: I'd like a definition of militarized equipment, but instinctively, yes.

ANN SANDERSON: See above about the danger of Yes/No answers. A police force is not an army and should not look like one. I am in favor of a sincere, effective community policing model which makes officers a part of the community they serve. That said, I also want to make sure officers have the equipment they need to be safe.

SUZANNE STAHL: Using the military and its equipment is unfounded and not necessary. As commissioner I would end this practice.

FRED STEWART: There is some equipment that I would not support the City of Portland purchasing or owning. Some equipment, I would, of course, support. I will look at each item and deem the value of that item based on the needs of the Portland Police, the values and civil rights of the people of Portland, and the cost to purchase and train officers to use said items.

4. Please place the following items in order of priority as commissioner. Note with 1, 2 and 3: Increase parking / Bike infrastructure / Low- or no-fare public transit

LANITA DUKE
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Increase parking
3. Bike infrastructure

MICHAEL DURROW
1. Bike infrastructure
2. Low- or no-fare public transit
3. Increase parking

SHANNON ESTABROOK
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Bike infrastructure
3. Increase parking

CHLOE EUDALY
1. Low- or no-fare public transit (plus greater ADA accessibility)
2. Bike infrastructure (coupled with curb cuts and other ADA improvements)
3. More neighborhood parking permit zones to encourage visitors to walk, bike or bus.

AMANDA FRITZ
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Bike infrastructure
3. Increase parking

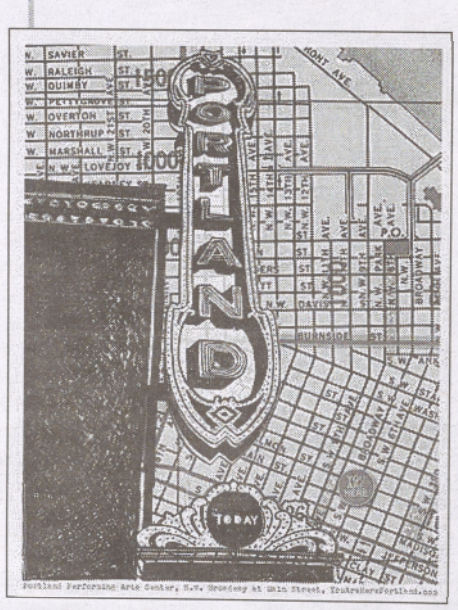
DAVID MORRISON
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Bike infrastructure
3. Increase parking

STEVE NOVICK
1. Bike infrastructure
2. Low- or no-fare public transit (note: Tri-Met is the responsible government entity)
3. Increase parking

ANN SANDERSON
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Increase parking
3. Bike infrastructure

SUZANNE STAHL
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Increase parking
3. Bike infrastructure
(I want services to be as equitable as possible. I and the disability community and other communities cannot ride bikes, but can take public transit.)

FRED STEWART
1. Low- or no-fare public transit
2. Bike infrastructure
3. Increase parking



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Portland painter and cultural icon Charlotte Lewis, who died in 1999, gave Lanita Duke this card on her birthday. "It captures the spirit and love of a mother and daughter," Duke says.

5. Complete this sentence: I smoke marijuana _____

a. For medicinal purposes only.
b. To decompress after a stressful day.
c. Recreationally. Hey, it's legal.
d. Rarely.
e. Never.

LANITA DUKE: Back in the day, recreationally but now rarely. d.

MICHAEL DURROW: d. Rarely.

SHANNON ESTABROOK: I smoke marijuana never, as in ever.

CHLOE EUDALY: I smoke marijuana rarely. I prefer cocktails and remaining coherent.

AMANDA FRITZ: e. Never.

DAVID MORRISON: e. Never.

STEVE NOVICK: d. Rarely.

ANN SANDERSON: A long, long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

SUZANNE STAHL: d. Rarely.

FRED STEWART: e. Never.