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of color and low-income families from our central neighborhoods. Indeed, I have been very vocal in the need to take advantage of any opportunity to transform the Memorial Coliseum to provide benefits to the African-American community that was displaced by its construction. I am hopeful about a number of steps we are taking to reverse this trend and provide for economically and socially integrated neighborhoods. I continue to champion requiring developers to include a percentage of affordable homes as part of new housing developments, and I am committed to working with Commissioner Dan Saltzman to finalize and implement this policy. I also support current work to help African-American residents move back into neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland from which they were displaced. I am a strong proponent of the November housing bond to build 1,300 new, publicly owned affordable homes across Portland. We also need to continue the work to amend zoning regulations to allow for the addition of duplexes, row houses, garden apartments, and other smaller units into existing neighborhoods - creating more affordable homes and helping better economically integrate parts of our community.

2. Oversight of short-term rental operations such as Airbnb is abysmal and undermines housing affordability. What are you going to do to enforce current laws, and what laws do you want to see put in place to prevent abuses?

Portland is struggling with a severe housing shortage, and it is distressing if some of the scarce units that we have are being taken off the market for use as short-term rentals. We need to start imposing sharp penalties on Airbnb and other hosts whenever they list a property that is not permitted by the city. We also need to step up enforcement against hosts that do not live in their homes 270 days a year, as required by law. The second part will be difficult and require resources, because right now, I don't think any mechanism other than dwelling-by-dwelling inspections is going to be entirely effective. If we do find that illegal rentals are removing affordable homes, however, it would be worth using some of the general fund that goes to the housing bureau to fund enforcement.

3. What specific policies are you going to put in place your next term to help struggling Portlanders?

In addition to investing in affordable housing and passing inclusionary zoning, we need to ban no-cause evictions. We also must

address abusive, unpredictable scheduling practices that make it impossible for workers to arrange child care, juggle multiple jobs or take classes while working, and otherwise organize their lives. We need the state to pass reciprocal licensing laws so that immigrants with professional licenses from their countries of origin do not need to wait forever to be licensed here. And we need to continue making investments that make it easier for people in lower-income areas to bike, walk and access transit.

We need city government focused on helping lift up those on the bottom - not supporting those on the top.

4. By nearly every metric, people of color are overrepresented throughout the criminal justice system. What are you going to do to correct that?

The overrepresentation of people of color and other historically marginalized groups in the criminal justice system is an epidemic, and one that needs to be addressed at every level. In 2012-13, I worked with Judge Waller, the Sheriff's Office, Lane Borg of Metropolitan Public Defenders, the DA's office and the Citizens Crime Commission to get the county's "justice reinvestment" initiative - redirecting resources from prison to prevention - off the ground. The city itself needs to establish a system to constantly review data on arrests to identify disparate treatment and

take action to prevent it. I believe the city should reduce the Portland Police Bureau "drugs and vice" division, ending our involvement in the failed "war on drugs" that has largely been fought against people of color; and in 2013, I voted against rejoining the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which we know to have serious problems with transparency and accountability, as well as disproportionately targeting people of color - specifically of Middle Eastern descent. The most powerful actors in the criminal justice system, however, are district attorneys, and we need to elect progressive DAs who prioritize criminal justice reform. I would like to join with other progressives to outline goals we want the current DA to meet; if those goals are not met, we need to find and support a progressive candidate.

5. In addition to the issues addressed above, what do you want to fix in the city?

We need to transform the police force to meet the demands of a low-crime era, trading people with guns for people (whether housed in the bureau or elsewhere) who do not carry guns and act more as community-oriented social workers. We need to ensure that the fire bureau is reimbursed by medical insurance for the medical care it provides,

which would free up funds for investment in housing and other services. We need to continue to add 911 staff to reduce the punishing workload our current staff suffers from. And we need to address climate change by investing in active transportation and transit and continuing our commitment to land use policies that make transit and active transportation more viable.

6. Why should people vote for you and not the other guy?

While Chloe and I are ideologically pretty similar, I have a long record of accomplishment in government, and as an activist - winning major cases at the Justice Department, playing a key role in defeating right-wing ballot measures, successfully advocating to increase the funding schools get from the lottery by decreasing the amount going to subsidize taverns, and making a difference for working families as a city commissioner. Admittedly, I was a little bit eager and impatient when I was first elected in 2012, and not always the easiest to work with, but I learned some very important lessons and over the past couple of years, by collaborating with community members and my fellow lawmakers, I've accomplished a good deal - including establishing a funding source to fix our streets, voting to pass paid sick leave for Portland workers, implementing our text to 911 program, and taking the lead in the fight to end abusive scheduling. I've demonstrated that I can get things done, and also that I will continue to grow and adapt to the needs of our changing city.

Multnomah County Commission POSITION 4 Lori Stegmann



1. By nearly every metric, people of color are overrepresented throughout the criminal justice system. What are you going to do to correct that?

First, I want to start by acknowledging that many of the flaws in our criminal justice system are fueled by our society's implicit and explicit biases. These biases have created significant structural barriers to education and economic opportunity for many Americans, particularly in communities of color.

Many of us understand that fear is what drives bias, and it's imperative that as a community we examine our fears, acknowledge our biases and work to move beyond them. We need to give each other the benefit of the doubt. We must look at other cultures and embrace their uniqueness and customs not with fear but with interest and respect. To do that, we have to create a space where it is safe to express ourselves according to our individual cultures and not be judged and punished.

As a Multnomah County commissioner, here's what I will do to get racial bias out of our criminal justice system:

- Advocate for more active audits and specify targets for improvement to check for racial disparities at every major point in the criminal justice pipeline.
- Focus more on prevention and intervention, like increased investment in

SUN schools (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) and other school-based programs.

- Seek a leadership position on the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- Have more direct contact and connections with communities of color so more people have access to decision makers.

2. Across the county, there is a massive imbalance of resources for people in need, with services concentrated in Portland. How do you see the county's role in getting its various municipalities to step up with dedicated resources to what is a regional need?

It has to be acknowledged that communities in District 4 - East Multnomah County - are bearing a disproportionate burden in the region. Gentrification in Portland has pushed more and more vulnerable people east, but the resources have not followed.

While the socio-economic status has improved for many in Multnomah County, it has had an inverse relationship in East County. High poverty, high crime, lack of available housing, an insufficient transportation system and low graduation rates have come home to roost here. Not only do we need our "fair share" of resources and investment, but we need more. I will be relentless in fighting for those resources.

My role as a commissioner is to represent the folks in my district from Southeast Portland, Corbett, Wood Village, Fairview, Troutdale, Gresham and the unincorporated areas. With so many different jurisdictions in District 4, I will have a unique opportunity to use my skills as a consensus builder to create a coalition that addresses the needs of East County. To do that, I will work closely with those individual jurisdictions on a regular and frequent basis. By having a direct link with those communities, I hope to leverage their individual contributions and challenges to garner support for more regional dollars.

We are seeing the fruits of a more collaborative approach to serving people in need. From the Joint Office of Homeless Services to A Home for Everyone Coalition to the work of East County Cares. But we must do more.

3. According to county statistics, ambulances responded to more than a dozen opiate overdoses each week in 2014, prompting steps to limit dosing. But one OHSU doctor even said, "We cannot emphasize enough the importance of expanding addiction treatment as well. We cannot decrease the access to opioids without having effective treatments available to patients." What are you going to do to curb opiate deaths and addiction?

Many folks did not realize that the week of Sept. 18-24 was National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week. I think we missed a huge opportunity to educate the public. When I am on the Commission, I will make this a priority by promoting funding for education, prevention and treatment.

According to Walgreens, 4 out of 5 new heroin users start by misusing prescription opioids. I



Actress Margaret Vale Howe participates in the women's suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., in March 1913.

had the honor of attending Walgreens' launch of its Safe Medication Disposal Kiosk Program here in Gresham a few weeks ago. As a Gresham city councilor, I am proud to say that we have had a kiosk for some time at our Gresham Police Department. People don't realize the danger of leaving those leftover medications in their medicine cabinets. Now they have a safe and convenient way to dispose of those unwanted, unused or expired prescriptions.

As a member of Multnomah County's Mental Health Department's County Budget Advisory Committee, I had the opportunity to make recommendations to fund the use of naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses. As you know, people who are at-risk of experiencing or witnessing an overdose often cannot access this lifesaving drug.

Also, I am pleased to see that Congress passed the landmark opioid bill, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). This act will promote the expansion of diversion programs that will divert low level drug violations away from the criminal justice system and into treatment.



A group of African-Americans picket for voting rights and civil rights in Washington, D.C., in the 1960s.

4. In addition to the issues addressed above, what do you want to fix in the county?

As the county is responsible for public health, it is incumbent upon us to take a leadership role to educate the public about mental health. First, we need to work on destigmatizing mental illness. This is challenging because you can't always see when someone is experiencing a mental health crisis. They may look fine on the outside. We have to send the message that mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of.

Most importantly, we have to make resources available to help heal people. We have urgent care clinics for our physical health; why can't we have urgent care clinics staffed with mental health care providers and have walk-in care, 24 hours a day, spread throughout the county?

Secondly, we need to give kids and families the tools they need to improve their mental health. I volunteered at a "Challenge Day" in the Reynolds School District last year. The program is based on my favorite quote by Mahatma Gandhi, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." Throughout this

one-day class, I witnessed firsthand the recognition of the trauma too many of our kids have experienced.

A space was created where both kids and adults felt safe, loved and celebrated. We learned how to be more compassionate, empathetic and kind toward one another. We learned that we had more in common with each than we thought. And that much of the cruelty we experienced was an expression of the inner pain that we all sometimes felt.

5. Why should people vote for you and not the other guy?

Even though my family

struggled at times, I got a good education and was able to find a good job. I want everyone in our community to have those same opportunities.

I have a track record of getting real results and have the experience to be effective on day one. My community service includes six years as a Gresham city councilor and redevelopment commissioner, 14 years as a Soroptimist working to improve the lives of women and girls, and countless volunteer hours on school bonds and other community projects.

That's why I've earned the endorsement of every major newspaper and bipartisan leaders, including Portland Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler, County Chair Deborah Kafoury, county commissioners Diane McKeel and Loretta Smith, Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis, the OLCV, Basic Rights Equality PAC, the Portland Business Alliance and many more (for a complete list, go to voteloristegmann.com).

I believe that when our public officials reflect the complexion of our community, we get better outcomes for all. When I take office, I will be the sixth person of color to serve on the commission in 162 years. And I will be the first Asian American ever to serve. This is a major milestone that is long overdue.

Amanda Schroeder

1. By nearly every metric, people of color are overrepresented throughout the criminal justice system. What are you going to do to correct that?

I will continue to support strong oversight of the criminal justice system. In order for a symptom to be cured, the disease has to be named and an agreed treatment

program accepted. White privilege is an incredibly difficult concept to wrap one's brain around since it challenges the systemic

and intrinsic construct of white supremacy. People in power do not wish to see that systemic racism has placed them in any sort of advantage. It is time to ensure that people of color are part of the conversation that steers policy. I would invite community leaders, both secular and faith-based, to the table to determine policy, to promote empowerment and to deconstruct the system of privilege that is currently in place.

2. Across the county, there is a massive imbalance of resources for people in need, with services concentrated in Portland. How do you see the county's role in getting its various municipalities to step up with dedicated resources to what is a regional need?

As a resident of East County, I find this question to be quite interesting. Living on the East Side - with only a tiny bit of Portland municipality on the inside of our borders to the west, it is often felt that we are left completely out of the realm of consideration and special prioritizations.

I think what is critical, when looking at the imbalance of resources and involving municipalities to share dedicated resources for a regional good, is securing and maintaining good working relationships with the relevant levels of government, being proactive with work across perceived boundaries with various nonprofit and non-government organizations, and recognition of absolute and immediate need.

What I always compare this particular resource allocation concern with is when my daughter needed braces, we did not pay our son (who did not need braces) \$3,500 to be equitable, because he did not have that need.

3. What are you going to do to curb opiate deaths and addiction?

I would like to review the allocation of resources countywide to ensure that we get more funding to assist those struggling with addiction. I would like to see more facilities that can case manage both mental health and addiction services. We need to invest in long-term addiction treatment facilities that provide not only immediate rehabilitation services, but also reintegration services with emphasis on sponsor/sponsee relationships and continuing support - both with physical and mental obstacles upon completion of such a difficult program.

4. In addition to the issues addressed above, what do you want to fix in the city?

I want attrition to go down and opportunity to increase; I want to augment the SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) programs with additional funding. My goal is to connect SUN school curriculum with Oregon Food Bank's program "Cooking Matters" as early as fifth grade to facilitate a healthier, more nourished and empowered childhood for many of our most vulnerable residents of Multnomah County.

5. Why should people vote for you and not the other guy?

I have lived a life of service. I help people, individually and anonymously - those who I know and those who I don't. I have mobilized and organized, at a grassroots level, people around issues such as voters' rights, women's rights, domestic violence awareness and prevention, sexual violence awareness and protection, workers' rights.

I believe that we should pass Measure 97, and have single-payer health care, a Tenant's Bill of Rights and an end to "no cause"