



East Portland Action Plan

April 6, 2016

Re: Candidate Questionnaire, May 2016 City Elections

Dear Candidate:

East Portland is a vibrant community of families and individuals, children and seniors, homeowners and renters. It's Oregon's most ethnically diverse region --a place where recent arrivals and lifelong Oregonians live side-by-side and work every day to build a better future for themselves and their families.

Compared to residents of other areas of the city, East Portlanders are more likely to:

- be a school-age child,
- be a person of color,
- be a non-English speaker,
- pay higher property taxes compared to homes of similar value elsewhere,
- live on an incomplete streets that are unsafe,
- not have a developed park within a reasonable distance from their home, and be unable to locate a family-wage job near where they live.

We are home to one-quarter of Portland's residents but, too often have received far less than our fair share of city resources. This systematic disinvestment has left our community with a unique set of challenges.

For this reason we've compiled the following questions for all the May, 2016 Mayoral and Council candidates. We hope that this dialogue will help bring our community's concerns to your attention and permit our residents to make an informed choice in the upcoming elections. Your responses will be shared with attendees at the EPAP general meeting (averaging 65 diverse members) and posted on the EPAP website, with linked reference in the EPAP announcements that sent via listserv to over 1,000 people.

We understand that your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to take a portion of it to address some of East Portland's issues. Most of all, we are grateful to you for putting yourself forward as a candidate for office. Win or lose, your participation is helping to make our city a better place.

Best Wishes,

Arlene Kimura

Jeremy O'Leary

Co-Chairs on Behalf of the East Portland Action Plan

**East Portland Action Plan
City Candidate Questionnaire - May 2016 Primary Election**

Instructions: *You may submit answers by typing into the space below and then saving this file under a new name. Or, if you prefer, you may submit your answers to us by typing or legibly hand-writing them in a separate document. We accept responses in any language and any length. Either way, please include your name in the file name. The deadline is 5:00pm on Friday, April 22. We will not edit or change your answers in any way prior to distributing them to our members and posting them on our website. Please direct any further questions to Lore Wintergreen, EPAP Advocate, at [503.823.4035](tel:503.823.4035) or lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov.*

- 1.** East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?
- 2.** East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?
- 3.** Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?
- 4.** What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?
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- 6.** Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?
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- 8.** If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Following are the responses received in the order received:

Patty Burk: Candidate for City of Portland Mayor

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East Portland Action Plan City Candidate Questionnaire - May 2016 Primary Election

1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

The operative word is **equity** and the support is Loving Kindness. I mean that quite sincerely. Our lives are in danger if, we do not awaken from the "sleeping death" that evidences the entanglements of government intrusion impuned upon our private lives. I have far more to detail, for everyone, on that score. There is more than enough funding within the "coffers" of the city to provide exponentially more than you have ever imagined being served in the history of East Portland. In my view, that insinuation is part and parcel of the so called agenda programs waiting in the wings of the darkened theatres of doom for the vast majority of We the People across the entire country. I should be emoting Vincent Price!

Quite frankly, I would encourage this entire quadrant of the city, including the county by extension; relative to intentional devolved property tax issues, real property forfeitures, social services, medical protections, public safety, significant educational constructs, protecting the frail and more. All extremely serious **tax issues** affecting the quality of life and the equity inherent in your constitutional rights as: TAX DONOR, to file a US District Tax Court Class Action on all entities involved in the intentional destruction of East Portland period. Why? Because of **tools** like the link below.

http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/tools/earlyind/imminent_default_indicator.html

How in the world, can any property owner anywhere, support a federal government mandated program, of which matrix targets the structured demise of the homeowner? Well, this does just that. This USPTO sanctioned "Imminent Default Indicator" is a Patent British Crown Rights Rule computer program that determines timed default of homeowner properties into foreclosure.

This is administrated by the Department of Justice! ALL Bar Attorneys that operate in the massive ongoing foreclosure debacle must be bonded in a very specific particular manner and pledge their allegiance; to this very day, to the British Crown Barratry. Why?

Our lives are being managed by the British Crown Barratry? Disgusting!

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/about/history.html>

The Attorney General of Illinois has always been the: Chief Attorney General for all 50 states. This history link towards the bottom of this article states quite specifically,

In considering the powers of the Attorney General, the supreme court,
in Fergus v. Russel, noted:

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*** * * Under our form of government all of the prerogatives which pertain to the crown in England under the common law are here vested in the people, and if the Attorney General is vested by the constitution with all the common law powers of that officer and it devolves upon him to perform all the common law duties which were imposed upon that officer, then he becomes the law officer of the people, as represented in the State government, and its only legal representative in the courts, unless by the constitution itself or by some constitutional statute he has been divested of some of these powers and duties.**

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(Fergus, at 337.)

Yes! We have always been under the proverbial thumb of the British Crown Rights Rule!

And so, my encouragement, whether elected or not, is to put yourselves, your sons and daughters, and your Beloveds first. Protect your private stuff, specifically secure party creditor yourselves, (the rewards are unbelievable) thereby preparing Gift and (Generation-Skipping Transfer) Taxes correctly; watch out for those wolves in nice clothes and thoroughly enjoy the fiduciary gains you never knew you had. Until now. (for those that know? Please do the right thing and help your fellow American National)

Yes. The vast majority of us are really Non resident aliens in the Internal Revenue Service tax world. We are not U.S. Citizens. That's inside the Beltway! Washington D.C. proper and the seven United States Territories. We never have been. It's been impuned upon us since 1933. When the carpetbaggers stole Our GOLD! We are their only CREDIT! Uh oh! We know!

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

There is no impoverishment. That insinuation has been perpetrated on the People since at least March 1933 and unfortunately since the beginning of the creation of the country as we have, with intricate intention, never been schooled on what is real. That saddens me greatly. I am confident it will be tearfully hurtful to those amongst us that have no clue. . . and, I can assure you, that is pretty much everybody. Obviously there are exceptions here in Portland. I think 80% of government employees and administrators live and work in Portland. Not that

many know about this though. . . Besides, they cannot even speak to these issues as their status will be compromised most likely. Everything is a bond. You name it? It has a barcode? Yes!

After the County Chair primary election, on May 18, 2014, someone sent me a YouTube in anonymity. I glanced at it briefly, put it in a "look at later" file. I forgot about it. I was feeling lazy. Shame on me for not reviewing it right then and there! What I am getting at in reference to the question is quite simple. If, you knew you and everybody 18 and older, had access to **\$330,800.00 Unified Tax Credits** seeded as a negotiable instrument for banking purposes onto IRS Form 709? Plus there is a whole lot more Credit on these forms! Millions of credit dollars every year like clockwork. You do! You just did not know any of this because of the federal government managing our lives ad nauseum. Oh my! We are living in The Matrix, Oz and Alice in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass. Now.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDadfhoZdBM>

I am a "Boomer". Clearly, we are now the responsible elders as it were. This is the key! And so, I will never stop until every single natural man, woman, boy, girl live their lives according to the simplest of reminders:

"Do unto Others as you would have them do unto You."

Live your lives to the fullest and enjoy what is rightfully yours:
Rights + Remedies = Redemption.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Yes! I will impose a strict "holding companies" compact. Why? Thievery! Albeit legalese thievery. Colorable Law. Enough is enough! There are a whole lot of people that are NOT going to agree to or like that explicit intention. Well, you should have considered all ramifications. Including me! No matter what, I will create multiple venues throughout the city to help all the people regain that which has been absconded from them. Their true "birth right".

The housing crisis is intentional and I can prove that easily. That makes me sad. I found this out a few months ago. The pretense of helping is just that. Every single individual; age and/or nationality is not a constriction on this one. It's all about the "holding companies" self-proffered O.I.D. Original Issue Discount coupons. That is M.O.N.E.Y.! Or, at least the insinuation of it.

There is no money. We live in a CREDIT/DEBIT World. That's all we've got. It is **not so great** with intention on the so deemed "CHOSEN POOR". We are living a Greek tragedy. . .

No one is poor in this country! No one! Or, in any other country for that matter.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standards of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Well, that would depend on several considerations. Most importantly, the input of the real live breathing individuals that actually live in East Portland. That would be my favorite requirement.

And, so with the aforementioned opportunities I shared in the previous responses, Yes! It is my express intention to be bound to serve the People with distinction; should I be afforded the Will of the People to serve inclusively the needs of the People and their desires in toto.

Obviously, I am a longshot in this horse race of horse races. That's just fine with me. If, I am selected? I promise to serve the People with distinction and pride in efforts fulfilled! I have every confidence that the People need to be savvy about certain unfoldings of which they have never known. It is good to think smart! In this specific case? Money is most assuredly not the issue. Power is. That would be YOU! The DONOR is always in CONTROL! Exercise IT! Good!

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Well, if they're not? They should be! Again, this is a government operated enterprise. In other words? All public transportation is supposed to be FREE. That's where I will start. Yes, I will! The Tri-Met mess is just that! Enough! Every public entity is stealing YOU BLIND! Yes! You and everybody else! We are NOT supposed to have to pay for any public anything! This is from Franklin Delano Roosevelt himself and the Congress! They are your problem! They know darn well, if you do not prepare your taxes correctly? As Gift and (Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax? You are not reducing the PUBLIC DEBT and so, the government helps themselves to your tax exemptions; i.e. the \$330,800.00 Unified Tax Credits that I mentioned in a previous question above. Seriously, if you do not take care of yourself? The government entities will and do help themselves to your stuff in mili-seconds through CUSIP.

<https://www.cusip.com/cusip/index.htm>

That's only one private securities oriented business that monitors your stuff. You are the CUSIP number!

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Yes! I am most willing to support our Portland Police Bureau officers; with a caveat or two. Significant training as well as ongoing training is critical in the world we live in. As in all

sectors of employment, there are the outstanding careerists in every field of discipline. Being a PPB Officer is a very serious career step and I am personally knowledgeable about the scrutiny that applicants face. Very intense. Maybe, only for a chosen few. I sincerely appreciate the danger, the adrenalin, the courtesy, the pride in a job well performed. I want to encourage more open dialogue with all bureaus within the city. It is excellent to share their stories. We all need to avail ourselves of temerity. That is not easy. Especially in our current fractured lives. No one is immune to violence sadly.

I will, if elected, make a more than concerted effort to be at the forefront of every deadly event or unexpected death involving our officers. I would expect nothing less of myself or anyone willing to be the leader of truly one of the most Beloved cities in our vast body of a country! We are very fortunate to live in such a sacred place. I will advocate for everyone! Especially the stricken. Funding is a non issue to me. Because? It is obvious.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are most likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

In truth? This question is THE only one that is, on its face, overwhelming. My reasons are most likely not unlike yours. What do we have? Where is the game plan? Why is no one speaking to these issues? When are we going to prepare? Particularly IF anything happens. We already know we're in a serious situation. Why? Because not one top tier elected official anywhere is being honest with us! The cameras at Yellowstone have just within the past few days, been shut down. What about Us?

At this juncture, I do not have a reasonable answer other than we should have been encouraged to open this dialogue years ago. We have experienced Mt St. Helens in real time. We know the fatal force of nature. My Beloved Mother, younger sister Bonnie and me saw the second explosion on NE 33rd Drive just south of NE Marine Drive by the Armory building. My Mom pulled over and we jumped out of the car. It was shocking to see this in real time. And, yet, the most interesting aspect to our point of view was that we were so calm. Not frightened whatsoever.

That impression is still with me as if it just happened. FEMA is no help. Katrina is the stark reminder of that. My reasonable response is to state the obvious, we really need to find out if anything is set in place and to witness the warehouses with materials and or food warehouses, outdoor camping gear, clothing, medical, you name it. Regardless, if elected I will make sure those particulars, including leadership in neighborhoods, are in excellent position to protect their neighborhoods and families.

One thing I would like to enthusiastically promote is the HAM Radio Operator program conducted by the county. That is a superb consideration! We will be very well served to implement that meme.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Hard work? Not really hard but devotion comes to mind. I am a Child of the '60s Portlander. Born and bred. I attended 1st Grade at Sumner Grade School in Parkrose. Mt Tabor Grade School during 2nd - 8th and my heart belongs to Washington High School 1966 - 1970. I love my fond memories of Beloved family, friends, teachers and life in general. I love Our City! I have always promoted our home to everyone I encounter. To a person, I have yet to meet a solitary soul that thinks anything but positivity when it comes to Portland, I concur.

In closing, I want to thank you for inviting me to express my intentions with regards to the essence of what it means to continue to grow and learn and share exquisite important information with you. Thank you very much for including me in your prescient questionnaire! I learned a lot. That's good!

Yours sincerely, Patty
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Lanita Duke: City of Portland Commissioner No. 1 Position

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1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer:

East Portland needs parity. There are reports after reports already written about the disparity in funding, treatment and city resources between East Portland and the rest of the city. If we implement fifty percent of the recommendations that already exist this resource gap would have closed years ago.

Therefore, I propose for every dollar spent on infrastructure in other communities in Portland, an equal and corresponding dollar be spent on roads, sidewalks and lights in East County.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer:

I will implement the East Portland Action Plan which calls for an increase and promotion of workforce training and employment opportunities for East Portland residents. Additionally, I will promote and work with the Portland Development Commission to recruit and develop an industrial district in East Portland paying middlewage jobs that don't require college degrees. I will create a retraining program for older adults and an apprenticeship job program for youth.

I will redirect the Portland Housing Bureau to set up a pilot program for homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage to add an extra bedroom and bath to rent out. This will address two issues: increase rental capacity and provide income to homeowners to pay their mortgages.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer:

I do not believe in rent control!

I believe in rent sustainability! I will bring together landlords to determine what the city could do to convince landlords not to increase the rent too high or too frequently to cause a rental disruption. I would advocate for some of the tools in the Involuntary Displacement Prevention Action Tool-Kit developed by the East Portland Action Plan to be implemented.

Before each development is approved in East County it must undergo an *Anti-Displacement Impact Analysis*. This impact analysis is a tool that requires multi-family and commercial developments to provide a pre-build assessment of the effect such development will have on displacement. Additionally, I would advocate for *Housing Acquisition Rehabilitation to Insure Affordability, No Net Loss/Affordable Housing Preservation Ordinance*, and broadening *homeownership and cooperative ownership* combined with some inclusionary zoning. I will support the goals of the East Portland Action Plan.

Lisa Bates, a Portland State University assistant professor, is an expert on Portland's displacement and gentrification. She advocates using tax subsidies or exemptions to help older, poorer homeowners stay in neighborhoods that become more affluent. Offering financial incentives to developers who include some moderate or affordable housing in new condos and apartment buildings, or who hire a certain percentage of local residents on construction projects. Also, I will require regulators who approve new projects to conduct more detailed studies of potential demographic impacts.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer:

Yes-with more street lights for nighttime visibility on side streets. My strategy for increasing East Portland's street infrastructure is no more street infrastructure improvement until parity is achieved in East County.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer:

I support Transit equity. There should be a study to ensure that changes in route, fares and public transportation placement do not disproportionately hurt East Portland and I will instruct Tri-Met to identify gaps in service for transit-dependent people in East County.

Youth in the Reynolds and David Douglas School had every right to protest the fact that they did not receive a free or low cost Youth Bus Pass. I would limit free or low-cost youth bus passes to school days only for all youth in high school. I would distribute Youth Passes based on attendance and academic performance in school. This would increase the number of passes available.

I would not support an expansion of Tri-Met bus or Max routes until transportation parity in East County is achieved.

There should be sidewalks to wait on busses, and an increase in bus service and routes for East County. Fare increases, service cuts and an increase reliance on technology to distribute bus fare should be reconsidered. Not everyone has a phone with internet connection.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer:

Yes, I support increasing the number Portland Police Bureau officers. However, I would deploy them differently. BRING BACK COMMUNITY POLICING!

Traditionally, police organizations have responded to crime after it occurs by engaging in routine patrol, response to 911, arrests, and follow-up investigation. Community policing calls for a more strategic and thoughtful incorporation of these aspects into an advanced and updated police mission focusing on the proactive prevention of crime and disorder. Routine patrol should be part of comprehensive problem-reduction and community outreach strategies.

For police activity to bring about long-term solutions to crime and disorder , a wider variety of responses that limit criminal opportunities and access to victims. There should be an increased police presence in high crime areas. We had success with this approach in North and Northeast Portland through a combination of criminal justice and social service.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer:

The City of Portland-through lack of leadership and consistency –have not kept up to date on disaster planning for all neighborhoods. As a City Commissioner who represents all Portlanders I know that disasters come in many forms, including severe weather-related events, earthquakes, large-scale attacks on civilian populations, technological catastrophes, and influenza pandemics. The impact of Hurricane Katrina on people with chronic illnesses made it clear that treating chronic diseases after a natural disaster should be a public health and medical priority. I would direct a quarterly public service and awareness campaign to ensure communities have shelter information and build-in disaster kits located in throughout the community and in homes.

I have experience with disaster preparation in low-income and vulnerable communities when I assisted the Portland Fire Bureau during their Smoke Detector Campaign in the late 1980s. This campaign brought smoke detector to Portland elderly and low-income population. We successfully reduced fire deaths in North and Northeast Portland. This campaign will occur quarterly.

I will work with the CDC and other successful Departments who have experience supporting vulnerable populations during a disaster. I will lead and initiated a neighbor-to-

neighbor program, in-home program, school based program and in-facility program to increase communication, education and training.

Thus, emergency management will be able to identify potential communications challenges, and then work with either translators or other subject-matter experts to create messages that can be easily understood. Furthermore, specific instructions that differ from those sent to the entire population can be sent to portions of the population with particular needs. Examples are shelter locations that can accommodate household pets or medical shelters that can provide the level of care required by an individual's needs.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer:

I support and will push for the goals of Portland Community Equality Act. My platform calls for geographically elected single member districts as a way to better plan for our cities present and future- Portland has outgrown the four council person representations. The Portland Community Equality Act, would split the city into 7 large neighborhoods, expand the city council to a nine member board, and elect seven people to represent each neighborhood district. Only two members of the board, plus the mayor, would be elected by the entire city.

This change will ensure that East County is protected from displacement and gentrification. Also, this change in representation will reallocate the City's budget so a representative from East County is always at the table for East County investments in transportation, housing and economic development.

Amanda Fritz: City of Portland Commissioner No. 1

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1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city’s population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer:

I will continue to prioritize allocations for projects in East Portland, within my assigned bureaus and in all City budget decisions. Since being appointed the Parks Commissioner in the summer of 2013, I have allocated over \$36 million in funding for parks in East Portland. I will also continue publicizing the needs in East Portland, and inviting East Portland residents and business owners to serve on City boards, commissions and advisory committees.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer:

I will continue to support funding for the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative districts, East Portland Action Plan, and Venture Portland’s focus on expanding services to East Portlanders. In my assigned bureaus, I seek opportunities for transformational projects such as Gateway Discovery Park. I hope it will be a catalyst for new investment in Gateway.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer:

I support A Home For Everyone, the plan coordinated with Multnomah County and Home Forward to address houselessness, displacement, and permanently affordable housing. I will support new revenue sources for government-owned and community non-profit housing that will remain affordable for at least 60 years. I will continue to be guided by the Welcome Home coalition on whether removing the State pre-emption on rent control is the best use of political effort in the Legislature.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland’s street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland’s transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer:

I won support for Binding City Policy directing half of all “surplus” money in the City’s budget to be spent on infrastructure maintenance in transportation, parks and emergency management. While East Portland has fewer improved streets than any other area of the city except Southwest, there

are many streets that need maintenance. I will continue to support funding allocations for streets in East Portland, particularly for safety improvements including sidewalks. I support the new Local Transportation Improvement Charge to make sure new development pays its fair share of improving problem streets lacking curbs and/or pavement. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the East Portland In Motion plan.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer:

I wish I could promise to “ensure” TriMet service anywhere. Since TriMet decisions are overseen by a board appointed by the Governor, I have almost no input into their funding and service choices. Tri-Met is often unresponsive to community concerns. I will support EPAP in partnering with Portlanders citywide to press TriMet to meet the needs of transit riders. Both my daughter and I usually commute by bus. We live seven miles from the center of Portland. Bus service to my neighborhood ends early in the evening and is infrequent or non-existent on weekends. Now that the Orange Line is completed, TriMet should focus on improving bus service in areas of the city not served by light rail. I will also continue to explore alternative funding mechanisms for transit service, with the goal of reducing or eliminating rider fares.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer:

Yes, we need more police officers. There are many vacant positions in the bureau, so recruiting and hiring qualified applicants is the urgent issue rather than funding for positions. I will support new positions for recruitment and the hiring process, and incentives for young people seeking a career in police work to choose Portland. We must recruit applicants who reflect the demographics of the communities they will serve. The Mayor should be the Police Commissioner, and I trust Chief O’Dea to allocate his staff appropriately. There are many important programs within the bureau so I’m reluctant to call out which of many important services I particularly value.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer:

We have made progress in planning for disaster recovery with the construction and staffing of the Emergency Operations Center in East Portland, and with increased awareness of the need to prepare. If I continue to be the Commissioner in Charge of Neighborhood Involvement (an honor for which I will strenuously lobby the new Mayor), I will encourage greater focus on disaster preparedness as a community-building strategy. EPAP, the Diversity and Civic Leadership partners, and the New Portlanders network must be key participants in this crucial work.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer:

In 2026, I hope Portlanders will look back on the adoption of the East Portland Action Plan in 2009 as the turning point in bringing East Portland the attention and resources East Portlanders deserve. I was proud to vote for the Plan, and I have been a key champion in securing ongoing funding to support East Portlanders for community engagement and practical improvements in the neighborhoods. In 2026, I hope Gateway is a thriving regional center for employment and mixed-income housing, with improvements spurred by the catalyst of Gateway Discovery Park and smart development of the PDC property adjacent to the Park. I hope to see parks all over East Portland improved and becoming the centers of community life, including an outdoor aquatics center and regional sports fields. I hope to see Leach Botanical Garden has become an international tourist attraction, as well as a hub for school students' environmental education programs. I hope to be able to walk on many new sidewalks on arterial streets. I hope families who live in East Portland now are still in East Portland, with many having become homeowners. EPAP has identified many strategies to get us to this vision, and I will continue to be guided by EPAP if elected to another term. To see more of my priorities and plans, please visit my campaign web site, www.Amanda2016.com

Ann Sanderson: City of Portland Commissioner No. 1 Position

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1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer:

I have lived in Southeast Portland for almost 23 years. When I go shopping, I head east. My son moved out last year and lives past 122nd & Powell, so my heart is east, too. I am fully committed to making sure that East Portland is safe and it's infrastructure well-funded. For too long East Portland has given more in taxes than it has received in service and that needs to stop. We need to provide basic services to all of Portland before fulfilling the expensive wish list for just some.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer:

I grew up in this area, so I remember the economic dependence on the timber industry and what happened when that market dried up. We have fallen under the spell of the Silicon Forest and while our innovative startup community is to be valued, we must diversify our economy to create jobs for everyone no matter their education level. The PDC has been active in supporting some industries, but not others. I would encourage City Council to direct the PDC to create matching grants for small businesses who are makers and light industrial manufacturers. Matching grants require a plan and a commitment from the business owner and would be much more successful than blanket grants. I would also create a micro-loan system for small startups that focus on creating family-wage jobs for people of all education levels.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer:

I wish rent control was the answer. It seems like a very easy magic wand to freeze rents and make this problem go away. Unfortunately, there are almost no examples of rent control working and few economists who support it. In the time it would take to lobby the state for a local rent control option, and craft and pass an ordinance, landlords across the city would raise rents as high as possible and more -- not less -- people would be forced out of their homes. Once implemented, it would decrease the available housing stock and make it impossible for people who face eviction through no fault of their own, to find new housing.

That being said, something must be done quickly. By some estimates, we are short 40,000 housing units. The best way to ease the housing shortage is to bring on new housing stock as quickly as possible. However, this doesn't have to mean large apartment complexes. I have been exploring a plan that would use incentives to bring on numerous tiny house/ADU's quickly and efficiently. The Bureau of Planning & Sustainability could pre-approve several sets of tiny house plans that could be permitted for low cost to homeowners who agree to rent to people with less than 80% MFI for a specific period of time. Tiny houses could be built quickly, and pre-approved plans could streamline the process. I would work with the county to abate any increased tax assessment for the time that the homeowner rents to low-income residents. After the contracted time, the homeowner could rent the ADU/tiny house for the full market value, but receive the tax abatement for a full year as an incentive to enter the program. In addition, the PDC could work with small companies to help hire and train local workers to construct the tiny houses, creating jobs and additional tax revenue.

New affordable housing brought online quickly combined with job creation: Win-Win

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer:

The answer is to make equity a priority, and the strategy is this: We need to decide the baseline of infrastructure that every area of Portland is entitled to and fund that first. Period. There cannot be fancy crosswalks in the Pearl when there are not even sidewalks in East Portland.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer:

While the city council does not direct Tri-Met, true leaders are able to collaborate with other agencies for desired outcomes. It is here where the temperament and leadership style of council members come into play. My background as a small business owner gives me the right temperament to build relationships and collaborate across agencies and jurisdictions.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer:

I support filling the open officer positions in the Bureau first. I especially support the Bureau's current efforts to streamline its hiring process -including background checks - and to ensure that they recruit a diverse force which is sensitive to the unique needs of every area of Portland. A continued emphasis on community policing, foot and bike patrols could help this. Of course, these approaches are resource intensive. I support a careful analysis of needs for every bureau – especially the ones I might be assigned by the Mayor – and then a collaborative approach among my Council colleagues to prioritize the City's needs as a whole.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer:

We need to act quickly to make sure the city is ready for disaster. If elected and if assigned the Office of Emergency Management, I would ensure that OEM has equitable, workable plans for all areas of Portland. Further, I would work to make sure that OEM is testing their plans, training based on those plans, updating them, and regularly assessing its emergency planning against national best practices. I would collaborate with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to engage and activate neighborhood associations to help provide a basic framework of preparedness and to make sure that all neighborhoods in Portland have what they need to survive.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer:

Affordable. Diverse. Livable. I see East Portland as a growing center of art and music in this city, drawing on the rich culture of immigrant populations to expand and inspire all of us, and bringing patrons to the edges of Portland on a regular basis, followed by new restaurants and services. The city should encourage development that creates affordable spaces for artists and musicians as well as residents.

Steve Novick: City of Portland Commissioner No. 4 Position

(Pages 18 – 22)

East Portland Action Plan City Candidate Questionnaire - May 2016 Primary Election

1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer:

In my first term one thing I did to support the communities in East Portland was to dedicate a staffer specifically to East Portland. I sought out a bi-lingual staff member who was familiar with the communities in East Portland and could regularly connect with the people who are too often overlooked. I believe at present I am the only commissioner who has such a person.

As our city continues to grow, we must ensure that we do it equitably, and that we are investing in all of our neighborhoods, not just the close in areas and downtown. I've focused a good amount of time working on transportation and safety projects in East Portland. For the last 30 years City Council had been avoiding these issues. I recognized that we can't continue to put off these needed improvements and maintenance projects. From vision zero to a number of traffic safety and road improvement projects laid out in the gas tax proposal, I've often put East Portland in a prime position when considering what projects we should move forward on.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer:

We need to support educational institutions that provide training for family wage jobs. As you know, we have been working on a bus rapid transit project that would serve the PCC Southeast campus. Although that project has encountered bumps in the road, I hope we can achieve it (along with measures to avoid rampant gentrification along the line).

I am currently deeply involved in discussions about Southwest Corridor high capacity transit, and one of the main questions is what level of service will be provided to PCC Sylvania. I have insisted that high quality service is worthy of significant investment, because we need to make it easier for all Portlanders to access the training that PCC can provide.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a few key strategies that will support family wage jobs. For example, the Plan identifies brownfield clean up as a significant strategy to ensure the city has needed available industrial land. The city will need to leverage incentives to encourage private landowners to redevelop brownfields. Second, the plan expands the use of the Employment Opportunity Subarea (EOS) in the Central Eastside to make land available for the small-scale and light manufacturing, which is often a family wage jobs engine.

We also need to develop strategies to improve transportation to the family wage jobs that already exist in Portland. For example, we must improve public transportation from East Portland to the Columbia Corridor, where many of these jobs are already located.

One of my proudest accomplishments as a City Commissioner was working out an agreement with Trimet to add frequent bus service on East 122nd Ave., a major route from the southern part of East Portland where so many people live to the northern part of the district where jobs are located. This is just the first step in improving transportation to family wage jobs.

In addition to developing strategies for more middle income jobs, we need to protect the ones we already have. That is why I have pushed EPA to be careful about requiring a hugely expensive Portland Harbor cleanup without seriously thinking about what the actual human health and environmental benefits of a higher price tag. (We know there will be a cleanup but the cost of various options ranges from \$600 million to \$2 billion.) Many of the businesses on the hook for Portland Harbor provide good family wage jobs.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer:

It is impossible to deny that we are in the midst of a housing crisis. I recognize the need to use regulation to promote equity in development, and to protect Portlanders who are finding it difficult as housing prices and rents are climbing. I'm glad the state legislature removed the restriction on inclusionary zoning, and I think we on City Council now need to begin looking into best practices from around the country, like Montgomery County MD, who are often held up as a somewhere that got inclusionary zoning right. Council should be diligent and thoughtful in implementing this important tool for housing affordability.

I don't think we can just regulate this problem away however, we need to recognize that a portion of this problem does come to simple supply and demand. Portland is a popular place for people to move, and overall our housing affordability problems are emblematic of wider income inequality issues across these United States. That is one of the reasons I have endorsed Bernie Sanders for President, and I have encouraged people to vote for him so he can begin to address overall income inequality. But, as there is an overwhelming growth in demand, we need to address our housing supply. But, we also need to do it in a thoughtful and equitable way. This is why I have been promoting looking at zoning restrictions that have stopped us from being able to build more "middle housing", like duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and garden apartments. What I don't want to see is Portland becoming a place where the only options are excessively expensive single family homes or giant high rise apartments. We need to promote the development of more middle housing that can be affordable to working Portlanders.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer:

As the commissioner in charge of the Transportation Bureau obtaining adequate funding has been a top priority of my first term. Over the last three and half years I've sought out various revenue streams to get PBOT the funding necessary to address our backlog of road maintenance projects. I worked with my fellow commissioners to craft a temporary 10 cent gas tax proposal which will be on the ballot this May. This four year gas tax would bring a fraction of the revenue necessary to address our road maintenance and safety needs. I'm also working on a proposal to ensure that the heavy trucks that cause so much wear and tear to our street pay their fair share as well. I will also continue to urge the legislature in Salem to pass a statewide transportation funding package.

Not incidentally, I am grateful to the East Portland legislators who have secured \$17 million to begin work on the Outer Powell conceptual design plan. We are hoping that we will be able to get a Federal TIGER grant to supplement that funding.

With regard specifically to the "East Portland in Motion" plan, we have and will continue to prioritize EPIM projects within available funds. The proposed gas tax would fund some key EPIM priorities. I certainly support full funding of the plan, but we don't have the resources to get there immediately. Unfortunately we are looking at a 30 year backlog of unaddressed road maintenance, and the prospect of a tight budget for 2017. I am committed to implementing the East Portland in Motion plan, and it is something that consistently is considered as new revenue becomes available.

We can fix our streets. We can make our city a place where it is safe for kids to walk and bike to schools, where seniors can walk to bus stops, but it's going to take persistence and strong support from communities like the people of East Portland. I can commit to staying persistent in seeking out solutions, as I did for the people on 122nd street who wanted increased bus service.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer:

This is something that has been a priority of mine since I first ran for City Council in 2012. When I was campaigning many East Portlanders stressed the importance of more frequent bus service on 122nd. When I took office I made that a top priority for my first term.

When I spoke to Tri-Met, they told me that it would take millions of dollars, and they just didn't see how they could do it. But a year or so later, they came back and suggested that if the City could make some safety improvements to the surrounding area, building new sidewalks and making safer crossings at nearby intersections, it would make sense for them to improve the bus service on 122nd. They identified about \$8 million in safety improvements.

Last April, when the Mayor told me we would have more money than we expected in the 2015-16 budget, I told him my highest priority was to make those investments. We allocated \$4 million in this year's budget. The gas tax proposal includes another \$2.2 million. Tri-Met has said that, based on those commitments, they should begin upgrading the service at 122nd later this year.

I hope to do more advocacy for underserved neighborhoods in my next term, finding new areas where the City can work with Tri-Met to increase service and accessibility to people in East Portland.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer:

I do believe the current staffing levels are too low, I've offered some suggestions of my own as to how we could move officers around to better serve the city. I've proposed reducing the size of the Drugs and Vice unit (based on my conviction that the war on drugs is an expensive failure. We can crack down on neighborhood crack houses, open-air drug markets, and use every tool available to go after drug dealers engaged in violence. But chasing mid-level drug dealers just because they are drug dealers, in a fruitless effort to interrupt the overall drug supply, is wasteful). But the savings would be small, and I would probably simply reallocate those officers to other areas, like foot patrols in areas where the minority of the homeless population engaged in threatening behavior are prevalent, and expanding our commitment to addressing gang violence.

Unfortunately, without a major tax increase, we do not have the resources to dramatically increase the police force.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer:

The first step to address the issues we might face when a large scale earthquake occurs is to be prepared for when it happens. On earthquake preparedness, I have had four priorities: educating and assisting Portlanders on what they can do personally to prepare; developing regulations (which need to be combined with financial incentives) requiring building owners to address the safety risk posed by unreinforced masonry buildings; working to ensure the city make the investments in infrastructure necessary for it to function after the earthquake; and reaching out to the companies that own the fuel tanks on the Willamette, and to our state and federal partners, to call for a strategy to ensure that the state still has a fuel supply after the earthquake hits.

One education issue I have focused on is encouraging people to bolt their homes to their foundations. One way we have created opportunities to deliver that message is to seek FEMA funds to assist in retrofits. We got a small amount of money for that

purpose in 2013, and we received another grant this year. Although FEMA funds for pre-disaster mitigation are pitifully small, every little bit helps, and when we get a grant that can help a few people, we can generate publicity about the issue that encourages other people to take action on their own.

On unreinforced masonry buildings, the Bureau of Emergency Management has convened groups of stakeholders (including building owners) to develop retrofit requirements and identify incentives that can be offered to assist building owners with this expensive proposition.

On city investments, I have supported Commissioner Fish's and the Water Bureau's work to ensure that the city have a water supply after the earthquake, such as the "Willamette River Crossing" that will ensure that the West Side will have water.

On energy infrastructure, I have met with the fuel companies to discuss the problem, but the City lacks regulatory authority, so I have reached out to Senator Wyden in particular to ask for his assistance, and have suggested to my regional partners that we try to engage Governor Brown.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer:

I envision an East Portland that has a robust and easily accessible public transportation system. Where there are safe routes for kids to bike and walk to school, and where seniors and families can walk to bus stops and public parks. A diverse and reasonably dense area that isn't just split between million dollar single family homes and giant high rise apartments, but instead has a range of housing including more housing that is affordable for working Portlanders.

I've been working on this strategy throughout my first three and a half years in office. It is one of the reasons I didn't give up on finding a solution to our transportation funding problems, and why I wanted to make sure there was a traffic safety component to the gas tax revenue we anticipate if the measure passes in May.

Stuart Emmons: City of Portland Commissioner No. 4 Position

(Pages 23 – 26)

1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer: Since the mid 1980's when much of East Portland was annexed, Portland has allocated a inequitable share of city resources to the area, despite assurance to the contrary in that time period. Promises of streets, sidewalks and other improvements were not upheld for the most part. That will change with me on City Council. I am absolutely in favor of equity for investments in transportation, housing and economic development for East Portland. One of my primary goals in the next 4 years for Portland is making significant improvements on equity, and East Portland is a primary focus of mine. I will be a strong advocate on City Council for investments East Portland. My background and experiences in planning/infrastructure, housing and economic development bring a new level of expertise to City Council, and my expertise in listening, hearing, caring, collaborating and getting to community based solutions will get far more done for East Portland than the last four years.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer: I am very concerned about the income levels in north and east Portland, and see it as a challenge that needs action now.

Schools: an investment in our next generation and our city's future. I will be a strong advocate for much higher school outcomes, many more kids graduating and going on to college. Education will help tremendously increasing family-wage jobs on the future.

I am a big advocate for job growth,

Home-grown new businesses: I support our many wonderful programs that help people learn about how to start businesses that pay family-wage jobs and find capital.

Existing businesses: will work hard to help our existing small and larger businesses that pay family-wage jobs grow by advocacy, exposure, and listening to the needs of our existing business owners and employees.

Relocating businesses: I will work to encourage businesses to relocate to Portland or have a branch of their business in Portland.

I am an urban planner, I know a lot about zoning and land acquisition. I will work to find locations in East Portland for clean businesses that provide family-wage jobs, so East Portland residents have more options for places to work with reduced commute times.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer: I am a renter now, having been forced to sell my home due to the Great Recession. I get displacement and renters issues in a very real way.

I was also active in rights of owners who were having their homes foreclosed on during the Great Recession.

And, I'm an architect and urban designer. I have designed many affordable housing projects, and understand affordable housing well. This will bring a unique expertise to City Council that will be a tremendous help in getting to action on affordable housing.

I support renters' rights, rent stabilization, end to no-cause evictions and other ideas that will give tenants additional rights. I also support a moratorium on rents for a set period while we get renter protections in place. I am open to some form of rent control, however it needs to be done Portland style, with all parties involved and in some form of agreement, so we can avoid some of the pitfalls experienced in NYC and SF.

I would like to find ways to reduce involuntary displacement through rent stabilization, renter's rights, low-mid income home ownership programs (like NAYA), and other ideas brought about through collaboration with the community.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer: The Street Fee disaster should alone, aside from all the other issues, warrant a change of Council Position 4 Commissioner this election.

My strategy is to rebuild the trust with the community, PBA, and other groups critical to a solution for a street fee (or whatever we will end up calling it), and reconvene the original groups with new leadership at City Council. PBA/business was close to an agreement before, we need to work from what was working before and build a strategy for residential users that is fair. Then, go to the voters asap if that is what everyone agrees to. We have a \$2b street problem, and a good percentage of that is for East Portland, and it will only get worse if we wait longer. A personal story: my car has now blown through two axles due to streets being in such terrible shape. I want action on streets and I know how to collaborate with the community, build bridges, and get results.

I support full funding for East Portland in Motion. It is time to get East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city, and make East Portland much safer for walking, bikes, and transit.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer: Excellent transit in East Portland is extremely important, and I will coordinate with TriMet to keep making progress on better service. Better Tri-Met service in East Portland is an all Portland issue, and I will make that case on Council.

I am aware of the improvements on 122nd, and that's great. But, it was slow and not enough. At that pace, it will take eons to improve transit that impacts as many East Portlanders as possible.

I will collaborate with the community as well as Tri-Met to determine the desires and needs, prioritize, and figure out a plan to get improvements to happen in a timely way, and faster than the current slow pace.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer: Yes, we absolutely need more police officers.

I will not get the Police Bureau assignment, that will be probably kept in the Mayor's office, but my vote will count.

We need to demilitarize the police force and get back to more community policing. Police officers should be from, and look like the communities they police as much as possible, and far more than we have today.

Programs that I will assign new police officers:

I will ask the community and police first what they see as the top assignment priorities, but preliminarily:

General neighborhood patrol, with an emphasis on community policing.
Portland Police Gang Enforcement Team

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer: The current state of emergency management in Portland is woefully inadequate, and we need a commissioner in charge who can make progress fast in getting us ready for an earthquake. A commissioner who has a deep knowledge of earthquakes who can help set the right priorities. Change is needed on city council right way.

I went through the Northridge earthquake, a 6.7, and saw what a 6.7 can do. Imagine a 7 or 8 on the Richter scale in Portland. I have, and as someone who has gone through an earthquake, and someone who has worked on buildings for his whole career, and studied earthquakes, I have a high level of knowledge. And I am concerned, very concerned that the current City Council is not acting quickly enough or with the correct priorities. People who are unknowledgeable about earthquakes and who don't listen and hear experts and community members many times have the wrong priorities – and that certainly is the case right now with our City Council.

Before addressing recovery, I want to address being more prepared and minimizing loss of life.

Buildings that will probably collapse in an earthquake (unreinforced masonry buildings), especially those that hold large numbers of people, especially children, should take first priority after essential service buildings and schools.

We should prepare essential service buildings (hospitals, fire, police, communication, etc.) shelters, infrastructure, ASAP. I was appalled that the commissioner in charge of emergency management was unaware that the new schools being constructed were not designed to be emergency shelters for seismic events. Any time we build a new school – they should absolutely be designed as emergency shelters.

We should ramp up a program to bolt down house foundations and other measures to help insure that the most residences possible will be habitable after an earthquake.

We should have every neighborhood group have an emergency plan that is coordinated with the City and other neighborhoods. There should be some form of large scale 'buddy' system, so we can account for as many people as possible.

Recovery.

Implement the revised Portland earthquake plan.

Get people who have been injured or are trapped attended to STAT. Attend to those who lost their lives.

Get people who have lost their homes into basic warm, safe dry shelter immediately, with provisions for first aid, food, water, sleeping accommodations.

Clear roads coming into Portland, and the airports to allow emergency services and supplies to have access to Portland.

Help the Coastal communities who may well be far worse hit if possible.

Get basic services up and running asap.

Keep order and communicate, so people feel safe, property is safe, and people know what is going on and what to expect.

Prioritize supply vendors, workplaces, roads, utilities, with whole city interests as a criteria, and work to get high priority items addressed immediately.

Provide the Council, city bureaus, and all others with an ability to act with a sense of urgency.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer: I am very optimistic about Portland if I get on City Council. My strategy is to listen to the needs of the East Portland community, collaborate with the East Portland community members, collaborate with other community members, leaders and city bureaus, and other governments. Hear the needs and figure out ways to implement them. My vision for East Portland: far better infrastructure, far less crime, far more hope. Walkable neighborhoods with grocery stores and services, safe walks to schools. As little displacement as possible. No gangs. 95% of kids graduating from high school. More youth programs, more good housing. Many more working family wage jobs. Far less poverty. Far less meth, far less heroin. As many people as possible having hope for the future and glad they are living in Portland.

I am passionate, I am not motivated by politics, I am not looking to higher office, I am a collaborator, I am a doer, I care about Portland, and I care about East Portland.

Thank you again for your questionnaire.

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Chloe Eudaly: City of Portland Commissioner No. 1 Position

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East Portland Action Plan City Candidate Questionnaire - May 2016 Primary Election

1. East Portland is home to approximately 25% of the city's population, yet receives a disproportionately small share of city resources. How will you support equity for East Portland in city investments in transportation, housing and economic development?

Answer: As the tide of gentrification and displacement rolls East, investments in housing, transportation and economic development need to be designed to help improve the lives and livelihoods of existing residents. Investments that pave the path for developers to profit from public improvements without true community benefit -- which is what we've been largely allowing to happen throughout the city -- will not help most East Portland residents.

As a small business owner, I support amending the city's economic development strategy to recognize the importance of local businesses to our economy. Promoting local entrepreneurship is the surest way to a more sustainable and equitable future.

I support inclusionary zoning and will insist that city policy deliver real benefits to citizens of East Portland as well as the rest of the city.

I support investments in transportation in East Portland that will implement Vision Zero which aims to eliminate traffic related fatalities. As the mother of a child with a disability and a disability advocate, I support investments in transportation that will make streets and sidewalks accessible to all.

2. East Portland also lags behind the rest of the city in personal incomes and job opportunities. What will you do to increase the number of family-wage jobs in East Portland?

Answer: First of all, I support lifting the statewide preemption on cities and municipalities setting their own minimum wages. The recent minimum wage bill passed in Salem is too little, too late and needs to be revisited next session. Oregon has one of the healthiest economies in the country yet too many of our residents are low income or living below the poverty line. Portlanders need a minimum wage of \$15 an hour and they can't wait seven years for it.

Because East Portland lags behind the rest of the city in personal income, it stands to gain the most from raising the minimum wage. As I mentioned previously, I also support amending the city's economic development strategy to focus it on promoting local businesses. I would also like to see Community Benefit Agreements required from developers who are using public dollars, which can include job creation for local residents among other things.

3. Portland is experiencing a severe housing crisis, and East Portland residents are particularly vulnerable to displacement. What tools will you implement to prevent involuntary displacement of low-income people from East Portland? Will you actively pursue legal reforms necessary to bring rent control to Portland?

Answer: I was inspired to run for City Council as a direct result of my involvement in advocacy around affordable housing and tenants' rights. I've been a vocal supporter of adopting the 11 anti-displacement measures developed by Anti-Displacement PDX in our Comprehensive Plan, which includes increased emphasis on equity, mitigating anticipated displacement, use of community benefit agreements, landbanking, the creation of permanently affordable models for home ownership and rentals, and increased tenant protections to name a few.

I absolutely support overturning the bans on rent control and mandatory inclusionary zoning (the bill passed in this year's short session did not go far enough) at the state level -- two anti-progressive laws that were passed to benefit corporate interests not the people of Oregon -- as well as ending no cause evictions. I also support licensing landlords and the development of a vigorous housing inspection program designed to prevent all Portland residents from living in unsafe and sub-standard rental units. I will also push for better enforcement of rules and laws around short-term rentals, such as AirBnB, the flagrant disregard of which is significantly contributing to our housing crisis.

We can create new revenue streams for affordable housing by adding access and linkage fees to new market rate developments. Finally, I will support the anticipated upcoming housing bond to raise around \$375M for affordable housing citywide.

4. What is your strategy to bring East Portland's street infrastructure up to the standard of the rest of the city? Do you support full funding of East Portland's transportation plan, *East Portland in Motion*?

Answer: When it comes to street infrastructure we need to triage our city and set priorities based on where our most dangerous areas and give extra weight to historically neglected and underserved areas. East Portlanders are paying more than their fair share of property taxes and they deserve to have safe streets for all residents whether they're pedestrians, cyclists, or drivers.

As mentioned above, I support implementing Vision Zero throughout the city with a particular focus on areas where the most traffic fatalities have occurred and making sure that all investments create infrastructure that is accessible to all.

Frankly, I haven't had time to analyze how East Portland in Motion intersects (or doesn't) with Vision Zero. I'm committed to working with East Portland leaders to understand the issues better and advocate for their interests.

5. How will you ensure that Tri-Met provides reliable and affordable transit service to East Portland?

Answer: Although I'm running for Steve Novick's seat on the City Council, I recognize that Commissioner Novick deserves credit for his advocacy for better Tri-Met service (including significant street improvements on 122nd Ave.) in East Portland. If elected, I will continue to support the work that Commissioner Novick has done to secure better Tri-Met service for residents of East Portland.

I support reduced fares for youth, and I'm also very interested in the "sliding scale" fare system that Seattle just instituted for low income riders. At a time when low income residents, who make up a

significant portion of our workforce, are being pushed to the edges of the city, we need to make public transportation more affordable and accessible citywide.

6. Do you support increasing the number of Portland Police Bureau officers? If new positions are funded, to what programs would you assign these new police officers?

Answer: Adequate police staffing is vital, but I do not support increasing the number of officers beyond our current targets at this time. Portland is a very safe city relative to other comparable metropolitan areas. We need to be smarter about how we use our existing resources and we need to prioritize our most urgent issues, such as our housing and homeless crisis, which is burdening our emergency service providers.

I would support additional staffing if it was explicitly designed to help the city comply with US Department of Justice's consent decree and/or implement recommendations of the Independent Police Review committee.

7. What is your plan for recovering Portland after a large scale disaster such as an earthquake? How would you support the vulnerable and populations who are mostly likely to be displaced by a large-scale disaster in Portland?

Answer: It's going to take a multipronged plan to prepare our city for an earthquake or other large scale disaster. A few of the most urgent issues are -- seismic retrofitting of our most vulnerable and dangerous buildings, i.e. unreinforced masonry buildings, reducing major vulnerabilities of our Willamette River energy hub, and making sure that every Portlander has the information and resources they need in order to be prepared. One way to achieve the latter is to expand our Neighborhood Emergency Teams program to ensure that we have a critical mass of residents across the city who are trained to save lives and property in the event of a large scale emergency, since we know that it could take days or even weeks for emergency responders to reach all residents.

8. If you are elected, what is your vision of East Portland a decade from now? What is your strategy to get us there?

Answer: My vision for East Portland a decade from now requires significant input from existing residents and communities, but for now I feel comfortable saying that I want to bring greater equity to an area of our city that despite being home to 25% of our residents has been neglected in many ways. Equity means that all Portland residents get to enjoy comparable amenities, access, and opportunities, such as affordable housing, living wage jobs, good schools, transportation, health care, healthy foods, parks and natural areas, and public spaces. In East Portland that would include significant investment in our transportation infrastructure, affordable housing, parks and recreation, and economic development.