

Where do presidential and Portland mayoral candidates stand on racial justice?

Bernie Sanders (Democrat) -

the only campaign website with a page dedicated to racial justice

- **“Political Violence” = Voting Rights**
 - Re-enfranchise the more than two million African-Americans who have had their right to vote taken away by a felony conviction, paid their debt to society, and deserve to have their rights restored.
 - Ensure that there are sufficient polling places and poll workers to prevent long lines from forming at the polls anywhere. (In 2012, African-Americans waited twice as long to vote as whites. Some voters in minority precincts waited upwards of six or seven hours to cast a ballot.)
 - Put an end to discriminatory laws and the purging of minority-community names from voting rolls (requiring voters to show photo ID, discriminatory drawing of Congressional districts, restricting same-day registration and early voting)
- **Physical Violence**
 - Demilitarize our police forces so they don’t look and act like invading armies
 - Invest in community policing (we develop the relationships necessary to make our communities safer together. Among other things, that means increasing civilian oversight of police departments)
 - Ensure federal resources are there to crack down on the illegal activities of hate groups.
 - Require police departments and states to collect data on all police shootings and deaths that take place while in police custody and make that data public.
 - Police forces that reflect the diversity of our communities, including in the training academies and leadership.
 - Train officers so they are able to de-escalate confrontations and to humanely interact with people who have mental illnesses.
- **Legal Violence**
 - Investigate local governments that are using implicit or explicit quotas for arrests or stops.
 - Ban prisons for profit, which result in an over-incentive to arrest, jail and detain in order to keep prison beds full.
 - Stop local governments that are relying on fines, fees or asset forfeitures as a steady source of revenue.
 - Boost investments for programs that help people who have gone to jail rebuild their lives with education and job training.
- **Economic Violence**
 - Promote policies that provide opportunities for the formerly incarcerated,
 - “Ban the box” on job applications that asks if you were formerly incarcerated
 - Raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2020 (that will increase the wages of about half of African-Americans and nearly 60 percent of Latinos)
 - Ensure quality childcare for those parents who work non-traditional hours

- Make public universities free by increasing the tax on Wall Street
- **Environmental Violence**
 - Protect low income and minority communities who are the most vulnerable populations for climate change.
 - Promote cleaner manufacturing processes, renewable energy systems and safe product designs that end pollution and the use of toxic chemicals, while providing safe jobs and other economic benefits for people of color.
 - Address the inadequate environmental cleanup efforts of Superfund hazardous waste sites in communities of color.

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

- Dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline
- End mass incarceration, including the privatization of prisons.
- End violence against the transgender community, particularly women of color.
- End the epidemic of gun violence.
- Repair the Voting Rights Act, and implement automatic voter registration when people turn 18.

Donald Trump (Republican)

- “All Lives Matter”
- “Make Mexico pay for the wall”
- Triple the number of ICE officers (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)
- “Mandatory return of all criminal aliens.”
- “Defund sanctuary cities: cut off federal grants to any city which refuses to cooperate with federal law enforcement.”
- End birthright citizenship.
- “End welfare abuse: applicants for entry to the U.S. should be required to certify they can pay for their own housing, healthcare, and other needs before coming to the U.S.”
- Block-grant Medicaid to the states.

Ted Cruz (Republican)

- “Bar refugees from terrorist-ridden regions.”
- “Build a wall that works, triple border security, and put in place the surveillance and biometric tracking to secure the border.”
- pro-Israel: “the U.S. Israel alliance is once-again a strategic bedrock for the United States.”
- Accused BLM for “rabid anti-police language” and for “embracing and celebrating the murder of police officers...We are seeing in this inner cities across this country cries spiking because police officers are afraid to do their jobs because they get targeted, they get attacked, they get vilified for protecting us.”
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John Kasich (Republican)

- Infant mortality rate programs “works for white people” but blames black people that the program isn’t working for them
- Commitment to renewing military: “getting new weapon systems into the field on time and on budget”
- Renewing allies: Israel, supporting Ukraine, and standing by Egypt from terrorist insurgencies from Sinai and Libya

Portland Mayoral Candidates

David Ackerman

- “Would have to look into issues as mayor before we can do anything about it”

Jules Bailey

- Believes that Portland must do more to help minorities
- Teresa Raiford (Don’t Shoot Portland) wants Bailey to “specify the failures and demand audits bad immediate investigation into the likelihood that civil rights violations have been made against black in Oregon...he should request language that would criminalize state sanctioned discrimination.”
- Received an endorsement of the Portland Police Association (the cop’s union, the same union that has a billboard that says “Having Enough Police Matters”)
- Cops and the PPA assume that Bailey’s administration will maintain the “48 hour rule”

Bruce Broussard

- “started the Association of Minority Contractors to create construction and economic opportunities for Black people”
- “purchased the Oregon Voter’s Digest to insure a divergent voice would be heard” (Has sat down and interviewed with black activists in Portland community on *Oregon Voter Digest*)
- Focused on seniors, youth, and veterans

Patty Burkett

- focused on criticizing public housing agency Home Forward
- does not list any specific platforms on her campaign website
- On her Google Plus page, she said “teachers are “bullied” and public schools “should NOT be a warehouse to dump your children.” No race, gender, or class lens
- When emailed, she asked if I could tell her more “specific issues and/or concerns in form; i.e. Articles, books, events, etc. I can access and research a smidgen before I commence to write/speak to your needs in specificity”

Eric Calhoun

- a home care worker for the state, attended Portland State University for Molecular Biology. He does not have a campaign website.

Sean Davis

- follow through with the city’s \$227,000 plan to outfit all patrol officers with body cameras
- appoint a third party investigation team for all cases involving the use of lethal force.

Bim Ditson

- No contact info available
- Interested in affordable housing, and Portland “arts” scenes
- No race analysis

Steven Entwisle Sr.

- “Railed against police abuse” against homeless folks
- Huge environmentalist- participated in the recent anti-Shell Oil protest in Portland

Deborah Harris (have emailed)

- Was previously a “diversity consultant”

Lew Humble

- Has run for mayor for the last 4 elections, never won
- No contact information

Sarah Iannarone

- Decided to run because after months of closely watching the campaign, she’s never seen a person of color or woman enter
- Background in urban sustainability - no race analysis

Trevor Manning

- Equity and Advocacy Network Intern at Concordia University

David Schor

- self-proclaimed democratic socialist is currently an Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice
- “proposing a local tax of around 8 percent for the city’s millionaires” in order to create affordable housing options (no race analysis)

Jessie Sponberg

- “Portland has been a bastion for white privilege. The social model that we currently have in Portland does nothing but insulate and protect that privilege.” Does not offer tangible plan action on campaign website.
- Has “marched in the streets” and “organized with Teresa” before

Ted Wheeler

- Has not reached out to black organizers in Portland
- Raiford: “No candidate for Mayor of Portland, not even a candidate of Governor of Oregon has addressed it. That is inexcusable to me.”
- “I would work hard to eliminate the 48 hour time period” (the 48 hour time period is a contract provision that gives a Portland cop 48 hours after a shooting incident to come up with their story to justify the shooting - presumably, in consultation with the union and their lawyers)