

<b>MAY 2022 PRIMARY</b>	<b>QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES ABOUT THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE</b>
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<b>Portland City Council</b>	<p><i>In 2019, the City voted for a second time to remove officers from the FBI's secretive Joint Terrorism Task Force. Oregon law restricts conducting investigations with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct, while the FBI can open investigations based of speculation. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists.</i></p> <p><i>What are your thoughts on the City's current policy, which allows cooperation with the JTTF on a case by case basis?</i></p>
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<b>Position #2</b>	<b>(five respondents of nine candidates)</b>
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<b>Dan Ryan</b>	<p>I was proud to work with my colleagues, Commissioner Hardesty and Commissioner Rubio, to call out the fact PPB's JTTF report did not include key information about the interaction between the FBI and PPB during the 2020 protests. This information was requested by my colleagues when last year's JTTF report was presented before Council - the same meeting where I spoke about the troubled history of the FBI with protest actions across the country. Over the past year, my staff worked closely with Commissioners Rubio and Hardesty's staff on the issue of the JTTF, and I am grateful we were able to make substantive progress on increasing the transparency of the JTTF report for the future. Depending on how well those changes are implemented, and in consultation with my colleagues, I am willing to reconsider the City's membership in the JTTF.</p>
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<b>Alanna (AJ) McCreary</b>	<p>I haven't yet seen any compelling arguments for why we should ever be cooperating with the Joint Terrorism Task Force on any basis. Every person in Portland deserves to feel safe and to not be profiled on the basis of their country of origin, skin color, religion, or political beliefs. The evidence is clear that discrimination along all of these lines occurs in the way the FBI conducts its speculative investigations. It speaks volumes that this discrimination persists even as we are seeing a shockingly rapid escalation of far-right extremist violence and acts of terror such as the Hollywood Transit Center stabbings and February 2022's mass shooting on a group of women at the perimeter of a Justice for Patrick Kimmons march at Normandale Park. The Joint Terrorism Task Force appears to be yet another example of the failures of the so called "War on Terror."</p>
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<b>Renee Stephens</b>	<p>I do not believe in profiling, but I do understand that in order to keep our country safe from terrorism investigations must be conducted into suspicious criminal activity. However, investigations should be done in secret and engagement with suspects should only be carried out if substantial circumstantial and verifiable evidence has been obtained and reviewed by a Federal Grand Jury and a citizens review committee. This should reduce the harassment that any particular group is experiencing.</p>
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<b>Steven B. Cox</b>	<p>Clearly there needs to be a distinction between local and federal law enforcement. If federal law enforcement wants or needs the help of local law enforcement, they should have to get a warrant from the local court for that specific investigation. There should be no permanent joint task forces.</p>
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<b>Chris Brummer</b>	<p>Cooperation on the part of the City of Portland with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is currently on a case-by-case basis. I believe that before any case can be deemed worthy of cooperation with the JTTF on the part of the City, that case must first meet reasonable suspicion under Oregon law. Police officers in Portland are subject to abide by Oregon law in their professional capacities and the standard of reasonable suspicion at least for investigations should apply in determining all of their assignments and conduct with JTTF investigations.</p>
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<b>Position #3</b>	<b>(three respondents of eleven candidates)</b>
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<b>Chad Leisey</b>	I am not opposed to working with the federal government to prevent crime in our area. The officers working for the city involved in any investigation in conjunction with the federal government should still comply with local rules and laws set forth by the city. There needs to be a special set of bi-laws [sic] our officers will have to obey by or not be allowed to participate.
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<b>Karellen Stephens</b>	I think the FBI and the Portland Police Bureau both need to address Justice for Qadira and the facts of that case to help set new policies and procedures that will help govern how both agencies work. I do not believe that either agency holds the credibility at this time to be conducting any investigations without more oversight from outside public groups, media, and outside law enforcement agencies not involved in the cover-up of Justice for Qadira.
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<b>Kim Kasch</b>	A "case by case basis" sounds good but, in reality, we would need true measurements to make sure policies are followed. We also need true-accountability through quantitative dimensions. Above all else, we need to make sure our civil rights and civil liberties are protected.
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<b>Multnomah County Sheriff</b> (one respondent of three candidates)	<i>Although Portland pulled out of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2005-2011, and since 2019 has a policy only to work with them on a case-by-case basis, the MCSO has remained a full member of the JTTF. Oregon law restricts conducting investigations with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct, while the FBI can open investigations based of speculation. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists. What measures do you intend to take to either remove the Sheriff's Office from the JTTF or ensure those given clearance to work with the FBI are following all MCSO rules and state laws?</i>
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<b>Derrick Peterson</b>	It is important the Sheriff's Office work with our local, state, and federal partners to make sure the citizens of Multnomah County are being protected. Law enforcement agencies cannot afford to be siloed as this practice has resulted in lack of information sharing that are vital in linking cases across jurisdictional lines. As the top law enforcement officer in the County, I have a duty to uphold the law and protect the rights of all citizens, including our minority communities by holding federal agencies accountable. As a person of color, I have a unique perspective and view point that I will bring to the Sheriff's Office in dealing with these circumstances as I have deep roots with faith leader and organizations that help bridge relationships between police and community such as word is bond.
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<b>Oregon Governor</b>	<i>In 2019, Portland City Council voted for the second time* to pull its officers from ongoing participation in the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Part of the reason is the FBI's low threshold to conduct investigations on people, which conflict with ORS 181A.250. That statute prohibits law enforcement from collecting or maintaining information on people's social, political or religious affiliation with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists. *- the first time being in 2005</i>
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<b>Democrats</b>	<b>(four respondents of eighteen candidates)</b>
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<b>Keisha Lanell Merchant (Coach Kay)</b>	It is time to appoint and give authority to more populations, communities to build new agencies that become checks and balances to all our entities as quality assurance standards to an egalitarian humanitarian society in Oregon and if possible Influence national transformation. It begins with innovation, inventing and the invitation of more communities at the table of resources, decision making and providing the support that will build an empowerment culture to be successful. Creating green zone conduct, societies are the common ground goals. We are all in need of Environmental Justice, good Stewardship commitments, and healthy and fitness for interdependency with the environment and with each other.
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<b>Patrick E Starnes</b>	I would remove the Oregon State Police from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The city of Portland was correct when they determined that the JTTF, 's policies are against Oregon State law. The FBI has an institutional history of violating Oregon, 's strong civil rights statutes. It is not constrained by state law, and can therefore gather information which would be illegal for Oregon law enforcement to gather and then share it with state police. As was demonstrated in the racial equity protests that took place throughout the summer of 2020, federal law enforcement collected information on, and targeted individuals based upon their political and social views as well as their associations with or targeted groups.
<b>John Sweeney</b>	(response does not directly answer question) We need to clean house in the federal government [sic] in 2022 & 2024.
<b>Julian Bell</b>	I will work to ensure the State Police are occupied with other duties and not available for participation with JTTF activities.
<b>Republicans</b>	<b>(four respondents of eighteen candidates)</b>
<b>Brandon C Merritt</b>	I will strictly hold the FBI accountable for following Oregon state laws.
<b>Marc Thielman</b>	I would work to strengthen the partnership between the Oregon State Police, other law enforcement agencies and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. I watched for over 100 days as the terrorist organization of Antifah burned our Portland City streets and buildings, assaulted Oregon citizens, police officers, and private businesses. This being said, we have much bigger issues of concern than any alleged conduct from the FBI. We need to get our own house in order first, so we can then have the moral and ethical authority to call out the FBI and Federal Government. As for ORS 181, all State Police Officers are obligated to follow the law. If one is found to have violated this statute, processes exist to hold said officer accountable. Reasonable and appropriate accountability should be applied to all those who violate the law. Without agreed upon limitations, boundaries, and consequences we cannot maintain a civil society.
<b>Tim McCloud</b>	As Oregonians, we call on Oregon law enforcement agencies to practice accountability and public stewardship; in accordance with all civil rights laws of the United States of America. Aggregate, non-identifying investigatory case data must be reported to ODOJ for periodic activity review and case-by-case constitutional analysis.
<b>Raymond Baldwin</b>	In 2017 I sued Governor Brown in Federal Court, (case # 16;CV00109PK), for Title 18 Section 4 violation of the First Amendment (Access to The Record). I believe Gov. Brown used her authoritative position to send State Police officer "Diamond", who was in charge of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, along with an unnamed FBI agent, to my home, my sons home, and a friends house, looking for my chief legal assistant. Later when officer Diamond called and asked me what kind of person he was, I replied "ask your commandant, he knows him." At which point, he promptly hung up on me. As Governor, I would never abuse the authority of the office of governor by using law enforcement to hinder or interfere with investigations, civil or criminal, in order to cover up a crime. Kate Brown, in her whistle-blower retaliation and hate crime, violated ORS 181A.250
	This questionnaire prepared by Peace and Justice Works (PJW)/Portland Copwatch (PCW)_ from multi-question surveys cosponsored by_ (city council) PCW, Portland's Resistance, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)-Portland,_ Ainsworth United Church of Christ, Black and Beyond the Binary Collective, Some Members of_ the Jewish Community of Portland, OR and Mental Health Association of Portland (MHAP) full council questionnaire on police issues: <a href="http://portlandcopwatch.org/candidatequestionnaire0522.html">portlandcopwatch.org/candidatequestionnaire0522.html</a> _ (sheriff) PCW, Portland's Resistance, JVP-Portland and MHAP_ full questionnaire on sheriff issues: <a href="http://portlandcopwatch.org/candidatequestionnaire0522.html">portlandcopwatch.org/candidatequestionnaire0522.html</a> _ (governor) PJW Iraq Affinity Group, Albany Peace Seekers, Veterans For Peace Chapter 72 (Portland)_ VFP Linus Pauling Chapter 132 (mid valley), JVP-Portland and WILPF- Corvallis Branch_ full questionnaire on governor peace issues: <a href="http://pjw.info/peacequestionnaire2022.html">pjw.info/peacequestionnaire2022.html</a> _ For more info on the JTTF: <a href="http://portlandcopwatch.org/pjtff.html">portlandcopwatch.org/pjtff.html</a> _