

## **CITY COUNCIL: 2025 Somerville Municipal Questionnaire Addendum**

1. Which of the following groups have you chosen to reject / would reject campaign contributions from?
  - a. For-profit developers
  - b. Fossil fuel executives or lobbyists
  - c. Charter school advocates and lobbyists
  - d. Police union

**Would reject: campaign contributions from for-profit developers**

**Would reject:: campaign contributions from fossil fuel executives**

**Would reject:: campaign contributions from any and all lobbyists (Fossil fuel, Charter school, etc.)**

**Would reject:: campaign contributions from any union or contractor with business before the Council (Police union, non-profit developer, etc.) as a conflict of interest**

2. Will you withhold your vote in favor of a zoning change until there is an agreement between the relevant Neighborhood Council and the developer for a Community Benefits Agreement and Project Labor Agreement? **YES / NO**

**To be clear, there cannot be any quid pro quo where we hold up zoning explicitly for a CBA and PLA. That said, I will strongly insist on community support for major zoning changes, and I will strongly take a CBA and PLA, negotiated by the community to their satisfaction, as an indicator that there is community support for a given zoning change.**

3. Will you help local activists collect signatures for the [current Homes for All's Initiative Petition for statewide rent control](#)? **YES / NO**

**No. As I said in my general Progressive MA questionnaire, I want a rent control measure which blocks sharp rent raises significantly above the prevailing rate; something like, no more than the rate of inflation + 2%.**

4. Will you commit to walk picket lines and speak at rallies in support of Somerville municipal workers who are bargaining for a fair and equitable contract? **YES / NO**

**Yes.**

5. Will you advocate to prioritize unionized municipal workers for public works projects over non-unionized private contracting? **YES / NO**

**Yes.**

6. Will you vote to reduce the police budget to increase funding to the Somerville Public Schools (SPS), Office of Housing Stability, and an unarmed, community-based emergency response program, separate from the Somerville Police Department (SPD)? **YES / NO**

**Reduce police budget: Yes or No; it will depend on police reform, available funds, effectiveness, and city needs.**

**Increase funding to SPS, OHS: Yes, depending on available funds, and city needs.**

**Support unarmed emergency response program separate from SPD: Yes**

7. Will you advocate to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SPD and the SPS to limit police presence in schools as laid out in the [People's Policy MOU](#)? **YES / NO**

**I have not read the entire People's Policy MOU, but I know the existing MOU is woefully outdated and includes some destructive, inhumane ideas and rules. I want any police presence in schools to always prioritize actual student safety needs.**

8. In addition to the offices on the ballot this November, Somerville voters will also see a Palestinian Solidarity ballot question. How do you plan to vote on the question? **YES / NO** And how would you work to ensure that Somerville's contracts and investments align with Somerville's values?

**I have signed the petition for the question to be on the ballot, and I plan to vote Yes. I have concerns about the feasibility of implementation, and about the precise wording of the question, but I believe we have a moral duty to stand against the bombing of civilians and to affirm that Palestinians and Israelis alike deserve safety and self-determination.**

**I'll push for clear, specific rules regarding city investments in order to align our investment choices with our city's values, in the spirit of what Medford did in their August ordinance. I am more unclear about the possibilities for contracting, where we will need to do more research around whether it is legally possible and practically feasible to attach provisions unrelated to the production of the goods or services that we are purchasing, themselves.**