

## 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

All.

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**

**YES**

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

YES

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**

**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**

YES

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?

**YES--**On the one hand, I think it's unreasonable to say the debate has even begun. The moral claim of the ballot says the City is in a financial strength that we can decide not to turn a blind eye to human commerce. A no vote is trading on the lives of others for political gain.

It does not make practical sense. Currently there is signature campaign for a nonbinding ballot measure to make California an independent country on the ballot in 2028. As convoluted as that sounds, we're saying that Somerville is not independent from Gaza, but in a nonbinding sense.

At issue is procurement so I will author an ordinance for affirmative procurement. Out of every dollar spent by the City on contracts, 26 cents goes to the global majority. Compared to several years ago, the City increased its business with minority and women owned business to 26%. In the ordinance, I will set the goal post at 30 cents in yr one, 35 cents in year two, and finally to 50 cents on the dollar. Consider that in one year alone, the \$133,573,316 deficit not going to minority and women owned businesses for their to be parity with white and men owned businesses.

## **MAYOR: 2025 Somerville Municipal Questionnaire Addendum**

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

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

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

5. Do you support reducing 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**

6. Do you support updating 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**

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9. Will you refuse accepting donations from for-profit developers? **YES / NO**
10. 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**
11. Will you help collect signatures for the [current Homes for All's Initiative Petition for statewide rent control](#)? **YES / NO**
12. Will you commit to walk picket lines and speak at rallies in support of any and all Somerville municipal workers who are bargaining for a fair and equitable contract? **YES / NO**
13. Will you advocate to prioritize unionized municipal workers for public works projects over non-unionized private contracting? **YES / NO**
14. Will you vote for the Palestinian Solidarity ballot question to end Somerville contracts and investments with corporations that sustain Israel's apartheid, genocide and illegal occupation of Palestine? **YES / NO**
15. Will you 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**
16. Will you advocate to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SPD and the SPS to include the unmet demands of "The People's Policy for Police Interaction with Schools and Students"?\* **YES / NO**

\* Learn more about the MOU between the SPD and the SPS [here](#).