

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

I will not accept campaign contributions from any of these groups. (It has been brought to my attention that I received a \$30 donation from someone who works in housing development, which I was not aware of. I am returning the contribution.)

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**
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 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**
5. Will you advocate to prioritize unionized municipal workers for public works projects over non-unionized private contracting? **YES / NO**
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**
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**
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.** I am not in support of the question because I believe the language of it is divisive and the city solicitor has determined that implementing it would likely be illegal. I do condemn the destruction and killing in Gaza, supported by the US government.

9. And how would you work to ensure that Somerville's contracts and investments align with Somerville's values?

I support and would welcome opportunities for Somerville to align our contracts and investments more closely with our values as a city. In deciding what actions to take in this regard, I would weigh any potential action from the perspective of expected desired outcome and also local impacts, both positive and negative.

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**

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

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10. Will you refuse accepting donations from for-profit developers? **YES / NO**
11. 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**
12. Will you help collect signatures for the [current Homes for All's Initiative Petition for statewide rent control](#)? **YES / NO**
13. 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**
14. Will you advocate to prioritize unionized municipal workers for public works projects over non-unionized private contracting? **YES / NO**
15. 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**
16. 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**
17. 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](#).