

## 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 **REJECT**
  - b. Fossil fuel executives or lobbyists **REJECT**
  - c. Charter school advocates and lobbyists **REJECT**
  - d. Police union **REJECT**

**I've rejected, and plan to continue not to accept contributions from ALL of these sources.** I'll be especially conscious to reject donations from any person having business set to come before me if in office. Additionally I have rejected corporate PAC donations and have not requested the support of any groups' SuperPAC; I am one of the few candidates in this race who has a similarly clean fundraising record. I have run a campaign funded primarily by Somerville residents having one of the lowest average contributions of any campaign.

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,** I strongly support CBAs and PLAs and was the only candidate to pledge to withhold my vote if any project requiring special planning permission came before me without a sufficiently strong CBA or PLA on a recent forum with *Somerville Stands Together* at time 16:35 here:

<https://youtu.be/wx9lykmVOfs?si=bQQowTHQpGtI2ekH8&t=997>

I also want to go beyond PLAs and seek developers to establish building staffing agreements that mandate union jobs in the future of the buildings' administration and maintenance as well.

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

**YES,** I support holding a referendum on rent control, including this specific proposal.

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,** I'll continue to walk picket lines like I have before, but if elected as a Councilor, I will also use that role to vote to fully fund our obligations and agreements and

enable the Mayor to properly fund fair agreements with our municipal workers by ensuring the proper funding is available. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Somerville Firefighters Local 76 and remain committed to their and all municipal workers receiving a fair contract from the city.

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

**YES**, this is a particular issue in Somerville and one I will be focused on remedying by binding ordinance.

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** I support funding OHS and a separate unarmed emergency response over additional police funding. These programs are important and deserve to be properly funded regardless. I do not believe they could be funded from police cuts alone.

I am committed to making reforms and cuts where needed. I don't believe the Somerville Police department is substantially overfunded presently, unlike many other militarized and bloated departments elsewhere, especially after the Council passed large cuts in 2021.

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**, and I am committed to continuing to actually center the voice of students in this discussion. While our School Committee made some reforms several years ago, I would like to see a clear standard codified in an MOU and will help enable such a result in coordination with the School Committee.

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 plan to vote **NO** on Ballot Question 3. I am wholly committed to the City of Somerville standing in solidarity with human rights and against the oppression of marginalized people throughout the world, including specifically in Palestine;

however, I do not believe the language of this ballot question achieves that goal. The language of question 3 fails to differentiate between innocent civilians and bad actors in a way that leaves the effect of the question vague and legally unenforceable.

I don't believe this question should be the end of the discussion of how we properly stand in solidarity with oppressed peoples and if elected I am committed to continuing the discussion and efforts to change city policy to align Somerville's strong record of inclusive and justice oriented values into our economic decision making.

I would support an ordinance which better aligned our investment and contracting procedures with our shared values—especially including those opposed to companies that profit from human suffering of any kind.