



LET US BREATHE

Sarah Iannarone (she/her) is the progressive challenger unseating current Mayor Ted Wheeler. Sarah shows up to protest with you. She listens to you. She believes that officials need to put their money where their #BlackLivesMatter signs are.

We all know that we can't wait for Mayor Wheeler (who's also the Police Commissioner) to act, so we must demand concrete steps to reform the Portland Police Bureau immediately-- they will save lives, reduce spending, and set our city on the path to healing:

Sarah is calling for Portland to:

Ban chokeholds, carotid restrictions, and the knee-to-neck maneuver which killed George Floyd.

Currently, the Portland Police Bureau's Use of Force Policy does not prohibit or even mention chokeholds, which block oxygen flow to the brain.

Ban the use of chemical weapons at demonstrations.

The Geneva Convention bans the use of chemical weapons. Inflicting indiscriminate physical pain on demonstrators is unjust, inhumane, and escalates the situation. Our city is not a war zone.

Defund militarization of Portland police.

The response to outrage over police brutality should not be to amplify the deadly militarization of our police department; instead, we should re-allocate these funds to programs prioritized and led by community groups, specifically those led by communities of color.

Require de-escalation. Currently, unlike many other cities, there is no requirement for Portland Police Bureau officers to exhaust all non-violent means before escalating to using deadly force.





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