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1-The next Portland City Council will be unlike any that we've ever experienced in the past. How should Council operate and what will Council need to accomplish in the next two years to make the new form of government as effective and respected as it can be?

2-Current City Council members have suggested that we need to relax environmental and natural resource regulations in order to address the housing crisis. What is your perspective on this issue? What is your top natural resource and environmental priority?

3-Vehicles are Portland's largest source of emissions and continue to climb. For example, a number of cities have restricted downtown vehicle use. How should Council address this issue?

4-There are a number of new and recently built market rate apartment buildings listed for sale for under \$250,000 per unit. The Portland Housing Bureau is financing a number of affordable housing projects that are costing more than \$500,000 per unit. There are some extra costs associated with affordable housing financing and with building more 2BR and 3BR units, but not nearly enough to explain the difference. What specifically would you do to more effectively use our limited resources for affordable housing?

5-Ireland used Citizen Assemblies to deal with difficult issues such as Abortion.

Please watch this two minute video and let us know if you think Citizen Assemblies could help Portland come together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKSgPtnN0s0>

6-What is another City doing that Portland should replicate?

My campaign has maintained a relentless focus on helping those in need in our community, homelessness, addressing Portland's addiction crisis (I work in this

policy area by day) and how our failure to address climate change will preclude lasting solutions to each. I've also extended my care for the working class in town to be a huge advocate for even working musicians.

Unfortunately, with the city council's refusal to fund small donor elections, I don't get to hire staff. I still have a day job, I have to fundraise (ick). I attend a lot of events and plan to hit no less than 10,000 doors personally. I also have a personal life that gets short shrift.

I will admit that a majority of your questions are outside the extensive policy areas I have had the opportunity to work on during my career, which is not to diminish their importance. When I speak directly to voters, the issues below don't come up, lest I shift the conversation and that's specifically on housing only. I wish I had a policy director or large team to help me cover every area, but that's not the reality I exist in today. We are small, we are mighty, and we are focused on field.

These questions could be considered a final exam for content never covered in the course materials or lectures throughout the semester. Instead of taking a test I'd surely fail, I would look forward to meeting you or your community in person for dialogue if that would be a suitable alternative. I'd love for you to inform me. None of us will come to the table informed on all issues. The more you take the time with us, the stronger we are. Either way, I'm deeply grateful for your existence and your advocacy. Please feel free to share any of the above with your list.