

- 1. How do you see Community Development Block Grant funds being used toward economic growth and job creation in Portland?**
- 2. How will you encourage job growth that does not involve more art galleries, restaurants or coffee shops?**
- 3. What do you see as the transportation challenges facing Portland and how can they be addressed?**
- 4. How will you address the perception of Portland being a 'welfare destination'?**
- 5. How would you address the problem of bicyclists who ignore traffic laws such as red lights and stop signs, ride on the sidewalks, don't signal, etc.?**
- 6. What do you see as the role of the City in supporting the cruise ship industry in Portland?**
- 7. What role can the City play in addressing unemployment, specifically the layoffs at Barber Foods and Mercy Hospital among others?**
- 8. What should be done with the Nathan Clifford School?**
- 9. What is your position on the proposed renovation of the Cumberland County Civic Center?**
- 10. Do you think it is necessary to do a nation-wide search for a new police chief and please explain the rationale for your answer.**
- 11. What do you see as Portland's greatest asset and how can that asset be further developed to benefit our community?**
- 12. What do you think is the greatest challenge facing Portland today and how would you approach finding a solution?**

13. Should the housing replacement fund be continued and should exceptions be allowed? Please explain your thinking on this issue.

14. Please explain your plan for the future of the Portland waterfront.

15. It's 2015 and your term as mayor will soon end, what have you managed to accomplish?

16. Your term as mayor is about to end, what is the property tax rate and what are the taxes on a \$200,000 home?

17. With all of the talk about making Portland more "business friendly", how will you assure the proper balance between neighborhood and business/institutional interests?

18. Assuring the integrity of vibrant neighborhoods is an equally important city objective as becoming more business friendly and tensions are sure to arise if the balance tilts too much in one direction or the other. How will you avoid this?

19. How would you address the persistent loitering found throughout Portland's downtown area and its detrimental effects on the quality of life for Portland residents and visitors to our City?

20. How are you going to support the police department's efforts to deal effectively with the negative impact on downtown Portland caused by the underserved mentally ill people and those with substance abuse problems who spend much of their time on the streets?

21. Many immigrant adults spend months or years waiting for asylum applications or requests for permission to work to make their way through the federal process or learning proficient English. How would you help make their time more productive and worthwhile for all concerned?

22. What will you do to increase opportunities for youth - both immigrant and native - to find employment?

23. Several candidates have mentioned the importance of active neighborhood associations to the success of the City. How would you support the associations in their activities and relations with the City?

24. What will you do to enable and encourage older residents to be able to live in their present homes and be active in the civic life of Portland? Please address financial issues as well as mobility challenges such as transportation, sidewalks, snow clearing and the availability of convenient access to grocery stores, etc., especially on the peninsula.

25. How would you address the problems associated with the numbers of people hanging around the area of Preble Street Resources?

26. Portland has been cited in several articles as among the top places in the US to visit or live in or retire to. If Portland is so nice, what is there that needs change?

27. How would you encourage people to recycle more and reduce the amount of trash that is produced in Portland every day?

28. As mayor what specific steps will you take to improve the planning and zoning process so more housing can be built in the city to broaden the tax base?

29. What will you do to get buildings on surface parking lots throughout the city?

30. If the civic center is not renovated, what is your vision for what else might go on at that site?

31. Do you think the Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum should be kept in Portland, why or why not? If you think it should remain here, how will you help to keep the Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum in Portland?