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issues that I believe are really important for Portland. — Mary Ann Seidler Gordon, India Street neighborhood resident

I love the Progressive Portland scorecard! It always answers the questions on each councilor that I am looking for. It's a great tool. It saves me a lot of time and helps me understand who supports



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eliminating firefighter positions and increasing response time, they decommissioned Munjoy Hill's Engine 1, in education funding in more than a decade. At the same n public schools, the largest single service provided by the city, the council passed the biggest increase

ranked choice voting for city elections, a proposed ban on Other major issues voted on by the council included using

In the November 2019 election, Progressive Portland and the future of Porltand's working waterfront. racially biased facial recognition surveillance technology,

defeat by the Chamber of Commerce, the Portland -Mayor Strimling was successfully targeted for —a remarkable achievement for an at-large incumbent re-election. While Councilor Ali faced no opposition Councilor Pious Ali and Mayor Ethan Strimling for issued our first-ever candidate endorsements, supporting



city councilors' votes makes that possible. Being an educated voter is essential, and having easy access to

Marcques Houston, and Timmi Sellers)

public health, immigration, and more.

by a Republican political operative.

wealthy and well-connected.

James Cradock, John Eder, Abigail Fuller, Andy Graham,

a City Hall that serves the least among us, not just the

we look forward to working with her as we continue to

Our new mayor, Kate Snyder, now leads the council, and

workers' rights, ranked choice voting, energy efficiency, of policy achievements on education, pesticides, housing,

However, Mayor Strimling's term saw an impressive series

and a negative PAC funded by wealthy developers and run Press-Herald editorial page, City Manager Jon Jennings,

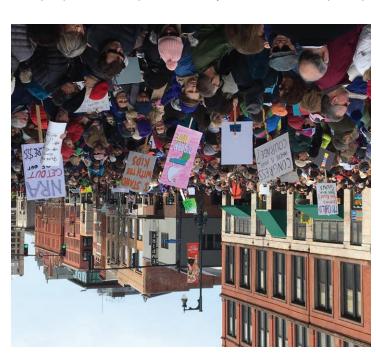
advocate for great schools, a clean environment, and

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— Abigail Fuller, North Deering resident and USM professor

campaigns. I save and refer to mine year after year. public can hold our elected officials accountable to the promises they make during their us: making councilor votes transparent, accessible, and easy to compare, so the voting The scorecard has tremendous civic value. It does what our city staff should be doing for

— Kate Sykes, Deering Center resident



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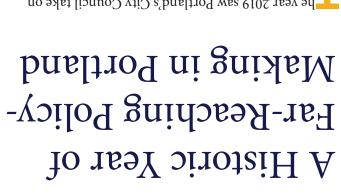
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under Mayor Mike Brennan's mayoralty. are required to under the inclusionary zoning law passed they build new hotel units, just like market-rate developers hotels to contribute to the city's housing trust fund when outbreak of coronavirus, the city council voted to require On housing, the biggest issue facing the city before the

miles from downtown. themselves, at the corner of Riverside and Forest Ave., six location actively opposed by the homeless community after a contentious debate, the council selected the only and overcrowded Oxford Street Shelter. Unfortunately, debated new homeless shelter to replace the dilapidated housing. The council also selected a site for the longcommitment to never turning away anyone in need of shelter cap that would have reversed the city's 30-year On homelessness, the council rejected a homeless

asylum-seekers. Jon Jennings to phase out housing and food assistance for council unanimously rejected a proposal by City Manager As immigration dominated national headlines, the



some of the most consequential issues in the city and he year 2019 saw Portland's City Council take on

in the country.

last chance to provide protections to workers left out by days, the council's vote against universal sick days was our state law preempted any future local action on paid sick estimated 8,000-10,000 Portland workers. Because the statewide paid sick days legislation that exempted an ordinance was defeated, Gov. Janet Mills signed days ordinance by a single vote. Shortly after Portland's deliberation, the council defeated a universal paid sick pandemic and after two years of careful committee Just months before the outbreak of the coronavirus

However, the council voted to deny ballot access to the enough to force a vote on the November 2019 city ballot. 9,000 signatures from registered voters in Portland, grassroots effort, Fair Elections Portland collected nearly like Maine has for state legislative races. After a massive create a system of public financing in city elections, just Fair Elections Portland led a ballot initiative campaign to In response to the corrosive influence of money in politics,





THE PROGRESSIVE PORTLAND 2019 CITY COUNCIL SCORECARD



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	< MORE PROGRESSIVE OVERALL					LESS PROGRESSIVE OVERALL >			
VOTE KEY = cast progressive vote	MAYOR								
= opposed progressive vote 2018 Score	Ethan Strimling 100%	Pious Ali 93%	Brian Batson 87 %	Justin Costa 67 %	Belinda Ray 67 %	Spencer Thibodeau 60%	Jill Duson	Nick Mavodones 47 %	Kim Cook 40%
= absent Lifetime Score	94%	89%	80%	58%	51%	63%	53%	48%	41%
Affordable Housing Fee for Hotel Developers Progressive Vote = YES The council voted to require hotel developers to build one affordable housing unit for every 28 new hotel rooms or else pay a fee of \$3,806 per hotel room into the housing trust fund, which is used to fund affordable housing. (Market-rate housing developers were previously required to pay a similar fee under the city's inclusionary zoning law.) <i>Motion passed 9-0 (January 23, 2019)</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	+
Cook Budget Cut Amendments Progressive Vote = NO Councilor Kimberly Cook proposed a series of amendments to cut \$1.02 million from the city budget, including funding playground equipment at Riverton Elementary School, public art, separated bike lanes, upgraded traffic lights, and the Fort Allen Gazebo. <i>Motions failed 1-7 (February 20, 2020)</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	A	
Stop Drive-Throughs and Suburban Style Development on Forest Ave Progressive Vote = YES The council voted to ban drive-throughs, large parking lots, and other suburban-style car-based development on a small stretch of Forest Avenue north of I-295. Motion passed 9-0 (March 4, 2020)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Paid Sick Days Ordinance Progressive Vote = YES After two years of committee deliberation, the council defeated an ordinance sponsored by Mayor Strimling, crafted by Health Committee Chair Belinda Ray, and backed by the Maine Women's Lobby and Southern Maine Workers Center to require earned paid sick days for all workers. State legislation signed by Gov. Janet Mills shortly after this vote exempted approximately 8,000 workers in Portland and banned local governments from extending protections to exempted workers. Motion failed 4-5 (May 6, 2020)	•	•	•		•			•	
Restore Funding for Munjoy Hill Fire Engine 1 Progressive Vote = YES Despite fierce opposition from Portland firefighters, City Manager Jon Jennings proposed decommissioning Engine 1 on Munjoy Hill, leading to slower response times to fires across the city. Mayor Ethan Strimling proposed restoring \$400,000 in funding to keep Engine 1 in service. Motion failed 3-6 (May 20, 2020)	•	•	•	•		•			
Reject Phase-Out of Asylum-Seeker General Assistance and Homeless Shelter Cap Progressive Vote = YES City Manager Jon Jennings's budget phased out housing and food aid for asylum-seekers and imposed a cap on homeless shelter capacity, ending the city's 30-year commitment to never turning away anyone in need of shelter. A successful grassroots campaign for a "moral budget," led by the immigrant community, homeless advocates, and progressive advocates, called on the council to reject these cuts by restoring \$95,000 to the city's social services budget. These restorations of funding were sponsored by Councilor Costa. Motion passed 9-0 (May 20, 2020)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
School Budget Final Passage Progressive Vote = YES The Portland School Board unanimously passed the strongest school budget in more than a decade to begin implementation of the "Portland Promise." The budget increased school funding by 6 percent to expand pre-K, add support staff for at-risk students, and close the achievement gap. The school board's budget was passed by the council after a reduction of \$450,000. Motion passed 8-1 (May 20, 2020)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Transition City Athletic Fields to Organic Pesticides Progressive Vote = YES City Manager Jon Jennings did not include funding in his proposed budget to fully implement the City's pesticide ban. The Council added \$51,864 to the city budget to fund an additional city staff position in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities to transition the city's athletic fields to organic standards as required by the pesticide ban passed by the council in 2018. <i>Motion passed 7-2 (May 20, 2020)</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Riverside Homeless Shelter Progressive Vote = NO The council selected 654 Riverside St., six miles from downtown, as the site for a 200-bed homeless shelter to replace the overcrowded Oxford Street Shelter. The council had previously considered sites including the Barron Center, Angelo's Acre near the Casco Bay Bridge, and County Way next to the Cumberland County Sheriff's office. 654 Riverside St. was the only site opposed by Preble Street and Homeless Voices for Justice, due to its inaccessibility to people without a car. <i>Motion passed 5-4 (June 17, 2019)</i>	•	•		•					•
Protect Portland's Working Waterfront Progressive Vote = YES Following a grassroots effort to collect signatures for a ballot initiative limiting non-marine development on Portland's working waterfront, the Council voted to reduce space allowed for non-marine from 150 to 125 feet from Commercial Street. In response, the organizers of the working waterfront ballot initiative elected not take their initiative to the ballot. <i>Motion passed 9-0 (June 17, 2020)</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Clean Elections for Portland City Council Races Progressive Vote = YES The council voted to block a ballot initiative led by Fair Elections Portland to enact a system of public financing for city council and school board races, despite a sufficient number of signatures to qualify for a referendum. The council majority claimed that clean elections could only be enacted through a charter revision, the city-level equivalent of a constitutional amendment. Fair Elections Portland has sued the city for illegally denying ballot access. Motion failed 2-6 (September 16, 2020)	•	•		•		•		A	
Clean Elections for Portland City Council Races (Charter Revision) Progressive Vote = YES After the council voted to block the ballot initiative to create a public financing system for city council and school board races, an alternative option was presented to create a charter commission, the city-level equivalent of a constitutional convention, that could re-open the charter and potentially create a clean elections program. Motion failed 3-5 (September 16, 2020)	•	•	•					A	
Plastic Straw Ban Progressive Vote = YES Eight million tons of plastic flow into the ocean every year, polluting the ocean and ending up in the tissue of fish. Starting in Seattle in 2018, cities across the country have voted to ban single-use plastic straws to reduce plastic pollution. Portland's ban, sponsored by Councilor Batson, will go into effect next year. <i>Motion passed 8-0 (October 21, 2020)</i>	•	A	•	•	•	•	+	•	+
Moratorium on Racially Biased Facial Recognition Surveillance Progressive Vote = YES Facial recognition is a racially biased surveillance technology that gives law enforcement the ability to scan photos taken in public without probable cause or judicial review against government databases in violation of the Fourth Amendment. Facial recognition is inaccurate up to 90 percent of the time, especially for people of color. This ban, sponsored by Councilors Ali and Batson, would have banned any use of facial recognition without the express consent of the elected council. <i>Motion failed 3-5 (November 18, 2020)</i>	•	•	•						A
Ranked Choice Voting for City Council and School Board Races Progressive Vote = YES The council voted to advance the charter amendment proposed by Fair Elections Portland to use ranked choice voting in all city council and school board races. Ranked choice voting, listed as Amendment A on the March ballot, passed with 81 percent of the vote. Motion passed 8-0 (November 18, 2020)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	A