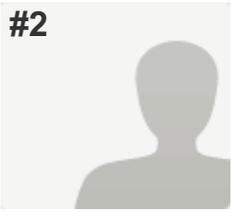


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Q10: What single issue is the most important motivator for your run for office? What proposals do you have for dealing with it?

Homeless

Identifying that there are 3 main areas of this not just one large issue. To identify which of the three areas a person fits under and what is the best way to address their issues instead of handling homelessness (true homeless, substance abuse and mental illness) all the same.

Q11: Is Seattle divided politically between renters and homeowners? What are the issues?

No,

Please explain

Housing is expensive for everyone. Not all renters wish to become homeowners. The property tax is enormous on home owners and rents are too much for your average hard working person to afford in the city. We need to stabilize things by having some sort of rent control as many cities comparable to ours have implemented.

Q12: Is Seattle divided politically between neighborhoods and developers? What are the issues?

Yes,

Please explain

One of my biggest issues in the campaign. Our city leaders and developers have forgotten about communities and just want to build new and expensive buildings. This displaces many of the people who live in unique communities (i.e. International District, Central District). These neighborhoods helped make Seattle unique and full of diversity. The developers don't seem to care about the communities.

Q13: Do you support restoring the role of neighborhood community councils in the planning and zoning process vs "one size fits all" upzones? What is that role?

Yes,

Please explain

To actively work with city leaders to come up with a plan to preserve the culture established while also understanding some growth and change is necessary.

Q14: Do you support the HALA Grand Bargain? Why?

No,

Please explain

It's not a good plan. It will target a small group of people and we will still be in the same place we are now. Developers have got to give more back to the city and understand that they are part of this community. Unfortunately a lot if developers are from other areas and they clog up our streets and destroy threads and then they leave their aftermath when they are finished. This is not a good solution in my eyes.

Q15: Seattle is one of the few cities that does not charge one-time developer impact fee (e.g., 5%) to pay for infrastructure (schools, parks, streets) so that growth pays for growth, as provided in the Growth Management Act. Do you support developer impact fees for Seattle?

Yes

Q16: Most cities in our region use developer impact fees to pay for school construction caused by growth. What should Seattle do to relieve Seattle's school capacity crisis (growing 1,000 students per year since 2010; short 600 classrooms)?

I think impact fees are a start but think Seattle needs to understand why this is happening. Are so many families moving into the area that there are not enough schools? Are we having to bus children farther and farther away because there are less schools? I think alleviating the classroom size/capacity might be done by having a school campus type facility where the schools own the land and if need be they can build on as classroom sizes increase. I know this takes money but I really believe it's time to make sure we invest in the cities future with people not just businesses.

Q17: Do you support increased city funds for the preservation of older, more affordable rental apartment buildings?

Yes

Q18: Does building more housing supply create more affordable housing? What should the city do to create more affordable housing?

No,

Please explain

As I stated some sort of rent control/management has to become part of the rental housing market.

Q19: In the context of HALA, how do you define affordable housing? Low income housing?

Affordable housing is an every person issue, low income housing is a group of people in the community. What appears to be offered by HALA only serves a small percentage of low income people. It fails on both ends. How do you choose the select few that get that housing.

Q20: The HALA is virtually silent on livability. How do you define livability and what should Seattle do to increase it?

Livability is when your average person has the ability to earn a decent wage for their job and is not spending all their earnings on their rent/mortgage. It also is about being able to have a decent lifestyle where you live, being able to park your vehicle safely and provide for yourself & family.

I think many of the things mentioned above along with revisiting bike lanes, I see some used and I see many unused. Let's make the used ones safer and take away the unsee ones and give the back to vehicle commuters. Rent Control. Impact Fees. There are many ways to make Seattle livable for everyone who actually lives here.

Q21: Is parking part of livability? Yes

Q22: Would you sponsor a citywide conversation to establish a shared definition of livability? Yes

Q23: Rents have been rising over 7% per year, despite tens of thousands of new units being built or permitted. In order to retain working class service-sector renters would you support a workable plan for rent stabilization (limiting rent increases), and/or would you lobby for changing the state law that prohibits it? Yes

Q24: Seattle lacks 11,600 block-fronts of sidewalks, two-thirds of them north of 85th, dating to when the area was annexed in 1954. The Move Seattle Levy provides for 230 additional blocks of sidewalks over nine years.

Are sidewalks an element of livability? Yes

Are sidewalks necessary for ADA accessibility? Yes

Are you willing to make accessible, safe sidewalks for all a higher priority than in the Move Seattle Levy? Yes

Q25: The city has been allowing greater building lot coverage and our tree canopy has shrunk to 28%. Would you restore a 40% tree canopy goal in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and make sure the goal is reflected in the Municipal Code? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q26: Do you support open space goals (per thousand residents) for Urban Villages which were removed from the 2035 Comprehensive Plan? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q27: Would you support prohibiting RPZ passes to residents living in small efficiency dwelling units (e.g., micro-housing) designed for a car-free life (i.e., without parking and near public transportation)? No

Q28: Would you support requiring some off-street parking for new development in Urban Villages? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q29: The Mayor recently defunded Neighborhood and District Councils. Would you support re-establishing a role in city decision-making for these groups? Yes

Q30: Describe your understanding of the causes of homelessness.

Out of work people, substance abuse and mental health or any combination of any of them I work with all three groups on a daily basis as a police officer.

Q31: Name two steps you would take to address the homeless crisis.

As I said early identifying which group each individual falls under and address the needs for that person.

I would make it a priority for our city to bolster its mental health professional staffing.

Q32: If this is not your first election, what other offices have you run for? If it is your first campaign, what other campaigns (candidate or issue) have you participated in? What did you learn from those campaigns?

N/A
