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Seattle City Council, District 5

What is your preferred Comprehensive Plan housing growth alternative and why?

Within the current alternatives, my preferred plan is Alternative 5, as it creates the greatest housing density. I also believe that Alternative 6 should be added to the Comp Plan for additional study.

What investments do we need to make to achieve our housing affordability goals, and what should those goals be? Do you support the Housing Levy?

We need to pass the Housing Levy. We need to fund the startup costs of the Social Housing Public Development Authority and issue municipal bonds for the first building projects. We need to create a Housing Growth Fund for additional affordable housing.

Under what circumstances would you support pedestrianizing streets that are currently open to cars?

To support street life such as cafes, restaurants, destination hubs like the Pike Place Market, the waterfront, smaller scale neighborhood hubs.

What is your approach to generating progressive revenue for the city?

Explore implementing the 1% income tax with concomitant reductions in sales, utility and property taxes. REET taxes. CEO compensation tax. Commercial property intentional vacancy tax.

What is your position on impact fees?

Support. Would waive for on-site affordable units 30-50% AMI.

What items do you view as essential to the next Seattle transportation levy due in 2024?



Multimodal transportation and mobility justice.

Would you vote to approve completing the streetcar network via the Center City extension and work with the mayor to prioritize funding and building it?

Yes.

Under what circumstances are homeless encampment removals appropriate?

The City should follow the Encampment Principles & Best Practices set out by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

<https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/encampment-principles-practices.pdf>

Hiring incentives haven't worked so far to attract additional police officers to the Seattle Police Department. How can the City promote public safety in such an environment?

Implement the budgeted civilian responder pilot program. Increase the number of Community Services Officers (CSO) and have them in every neighborhood, every day, interacting with the community. Allow CSOs to be dispatched independently of police officers. Upscale violence interruption programs throughout the city. Invest in the antidotes to the social determinants of gun violence. Youth outreach, family support.

Direct SPD to file more Extreme Risk Protection Order petitions. Regular gun buyback programs. Work with SPS to educate parents about safe storage of guns. Give away gun safes. Encourage more BlockWatch programs. Environmental design such as lighting of alleyways. Beautification projects. Personal safety awareness training.

Expand the Safe Plan Program. Increase awareness of the Micro-community policing process. These plans are the product of SPD working with individual neighborhoods across the city to define what public safety looks like for that particular neighborhood and then implementing that vision.

What is the appropriate role for the Seattle Police Department to play in creating public safety in Seattle? What would a police contract that encourages safety



look like? What does the next police contract need to have in order to earn your vote of approval?

Providing response to violence, dangerous situations. Visibility in neighborhoods. De-escalating dangerous situations. Investigating crime (although this should be done by civilian investigators). At a minimum, the SPOG contract must include the same terms as the SPMA contract which sets the bar as high as possible for overturning a disciplinary action and authorizing subpoena power for OPA and OIG. Agreement to divest duties to a civilian response department. Concrete steps to address on-going racial disparities in policing. Optimally, agreement to use a public appeals process rather than a private arbitration system.

How can Seattle encourage more people to ride transit?

Address the current open air drug use on transit, not through arrest but transit officers directing users off buses and trains. Increase the frequency of bus service, comprehensive east/west coverage. Keep fares affordable. Provide incentives to employers to subsidize employee use of transit to/from work.