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

My comprehensive plan for housing growth is to create all kinds of alternative housing options. Our neighbors experiencing displacement came here with the same hopes and dreams we did for work and a better family life. We need a plan that fires on all levels of housing needs. It is a basic human service to have shelter. More affordable public housing so that the working (families) houseless fully 30% (AMI) which is \$23,000 can find something for their \$600 a month. How does one live on that? We need ADU's and DADU's such as mother-in-law apartments and tiny homes, parking lots for those who prefer it, and land to pitch a tent. In a comprehensive plan all the options are supported. We need provide options for folks living single, with partners, with kids, with elders etc. All the possibilities if this is comprehensive. People get to decide from options not this savior syndrome of we know what is best for you. We do not know what is best for another human. But dignity and respect is required for their life circumstances. Why do why not provide another basic human need "Bathrooms"? In my field work I see availability in comfortable neighborhoods but when I get to the struggling communities there is no place to relieve oneself. That is inhumane.

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 investment at every level. And yes the housing levy is essential to any success for our goals. It is intended to fund affordable housing and has been around since the late 1980's. This program works with the JumpStart program and other mandatory housing programs to help address needs across the entire housing



ecosystem. The need for affordable housing in 2018 was around 14,000 now we are pushing upwards of 50,000. We need affordable and available homes for shelter is a basic need; if so desired. The Housing Levy is set to expire in late 2023; we will need to make planned investments to reach our housing affordability goals.

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

We need to work toward making Seattle a "15 minute city" where residents can get their basic needs met within 15 minutes of their housing. The challenge will be work/home life and how many corridors can be created for us to move easily around the city when we have to by walking, biking, and eco friendly other means. We need to study patterns of movement and include tourists and create corridors of movement around the city.

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

Income inequality is why things do not get done in Seattle. Status quo is advantaged, privileged and comfortable so when things do not change some are very happy. But it is not fair and we have to raise revenue from places that are excessive like imposing a billionaire minimum tax. Also continue efforts like our capital gains tax and institute a top income tax rate. Corporations and Trump-like organizations are not paying taxes and the burden is on the middle class. Progressive revenue lifts the bottom up while taking from the top that literally has much more than anyone needs in a lifetime.

What is your position on impact fees?*

Impact fees can support funding schools, fire protection, parks and transportation infrastructure. While some say they raise construction costs and adversely impact



new development I do not believe that is the case. I see property developers able to absorb the one-time payment by working it into their costs for doing business. New developments impact public infrastructure and should not be allowed a free ride when we are all impacted by their development and their future profits.

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

It is essential that it does the job it is created to do such as provide everyone with safe access to transportation. To provide residents with affordable options to reach places for work and other desired amenities. We are now paying for public transportation and I would like to see it made more desirable with additional possibilities for bikes etc. We must keep a high level of customer service and that will increase use by elders and those who do not want to drive and have to deal with it or just the problems of parking.

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?*

I would like to see a common sense path created around our city for workers and tourists. Since District 1 now includes Pioneer Square I would like to think hard about how it might be advantaged by such a streetcar. Also since Alaska junction is the center of West Seattle it needs to be included; as well as other city highlights and showcase locations.

Under what circumstances are homeless encampment removals appropriate?*

NEVER it is cruel and many have lost their only valuables by these sweeps. The fact of the matter is that it is very short-sided as folks just move on to the next location solving no sustainable problems.



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?*

Expand the concept of public safety which would include community service patrols with social workers and DCR's (Designated Crisis Responders) and give them all the support they need. What I am hearing from them is their hands are tied. We need more help on the streets as they do not have enough people. We have to pay for the intense work they are providing us to help move folks to safety and other life options. They need to be paid comparable to any trained professional. SPD needs more training infrastructure and it could include professionals from other disciplines including those mentioned above but also Behavioral Health and Mental Health Out-treatment experts like the people from Health 1 that ride along with the Fire Department.

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?*

SPD needs to be called upon when we are in the most challenging of circumstances. We need to create a similar system that hospitals have with Triage determinations. Right now SPD does not make many residents feel safe so we need a new relationship created with Police and Community. We need to see SPC as partners in our most disturbing circumstances and that is not the case now. I would like to see professionally trained, next level navigators, to help determine what are best steps to be taken to de-escalate situations. Police are not always the best responders in these situations. We need some new ways to assess emerging situations and determine who is best to respond.



How can Seattle encourage more people to ride transit?*

I have long imagined a "Bus Stop Project"! First of all, notice for yourself how everyone stands at a bus stop, not engaging or talking or meeting each other even though these are most likely your neighbors because they are at the same bus stop repeatedly. I would love to create a way for these neighbors to meet and dialogue with a goal in mind. Perhaps a game of sorts or a challenge of some kind that working together you won FREE PASSES or something. What a wasted opportunity to know your neighbors standing there with your head down never engaging with each other...well unless something weird or off is occurring...that seems to cause conversation. My vision is for something fun and intriguing to be happening and then one inadvertently makes a friend. The bus stop could meet more than transportation needs it could meet another human need to know our neighbors and to find friendships.