



## **Lucca Murdoch Howard Urbanist Questionnaire 2023**

Seattle City Council, District 5

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

5 or a potentially more extensive plan 6. Restricting housing supply through single family zoning has been one of the largest contributing factors to the housing crisis. The more we can upzone, the more we can reduce the severity of the crisis in the future. Although upzoning is just a part of the solution, there also needs to be investments into affordable housing initiatives. Ideally the SSHD.

### **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?**

I support the housing levy, and I would prefer to establish additional taxes to be allocated to the SSHD. I would like to create a vacancy tax to fund the housing developer. The goal is to raise funds for Seattle Social Housing Developer (SSHD) to create affordable housing for Seattleites who are under the city's median income so living in Seattle becomes possible for people at most income ranges.

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

As long as it's not I-5 or a freeway entrance, and if it's more than 2 lanes, adequate funding to remodel it. If it's a bus route, accommodations should be made as well. All streets that there are realistic discussions about pedestrianization in Seattle should be pedestrianized though.

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



First, a vacancy tax and a carbon tax. Once those are passed, other options must be considered.

**What is your position on impact fees?\***

I would only support this fee if it were allocated to the SSHD. Developers are irresponsible, and a city developer has the possibility to be more accountable to the people. However, if this fund is not allocated to housing construction, it will only constrain demand and exacerbate the housing crisis.

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

Bus lanes on the 40, improvements along the E to reduce the chronic reliability problems, as well as the improvements around the light rail stations in Pinehurst and the 145th station.

**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. Streetcars are cool.

**Under what circumstances are homeless encampment removals appropriate?\***

Only if everybody in the encampment can be relocated to stable housing.

**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?\***



Investing in more community policing solutions, fixing the police accountability system to reestablish trust in the policing system, as well as addressing the root causes of public safety concerns, many of which can be attributed to the housing crisis.

**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?\***

I believe that the Seattle Police Department should play a much different role in public safety, in order to make that happen, I believe the police should have a much stronger connection with the community and for me that would have to be a mandatory pillar of the next police contract. I would advocate for the reform of the police accountability system that would help law enforcement reestablish trust with the public and help foster a better, more healthy relationship between police and the community.

**How can Seattle encourage more people to ride transit?\***

By providing frequent, reliable, easy to navigate transit to the places people go to.