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Shoreline City Council Position 1

What are your top three priorities to achieve in your term?

- 1- Develop a local economy with a daytime population - 10,000 job by 2044.
- 2- Expand housing and housing options to achieve 13,000 new homes (including family and low income) by 2044.
- 3- Support Parks, Schools, Commerce, Arts; and Neighborhood Associations.

How will you boost housing options, particularly for families of all incomes to live where they work? How will you engage the public for new shelters, transitional housing, emergency housing, permanent supportive housing? How do you weigh community objections with the housing goals for your jurisdiction, while encouraging engagement from neighbors?

-The boost to housing options is supporting more family-sized, affordable housing near transit and jobs—like townhomes and multi-bedroom apartments—so Shoreline families can live where they work.

-I'll engage the public on shelters transparent outreach, community listening sessions, and collaboration with service providers to build understanding and trust. Housing stability makes communities safer and stronger—we'll bring people into the process, not leave them out.



-To encourage engagement we need dialogue, not division. My approach is to educate, listen, and find design solutions that meet both neighborhood character and citywide housing needs. We can grow smart—protecting livability while expanding opportunity.

Do you support adding progressive revenue sources? Which ones would you support to fund your priorities? Or what cuts would you make to balance budgets facing increasing strain under Trump?

Yes. I support local tools that reduce our reliance on regressive sales and property taxes while protecting essential services.

What do you think is the most important strategy your jurisdiction can pursue to limit cost increases and make the region affordable to live in? How would you go about implementing that strategy?

Increase the number of jobs in Shoreline, and supply of housing, especially near transit and job centers. More homes at all price points—especially with ownership opportunities. Attract private and non-profit investors for independent and joint venture projects with the City. Continue improving Zoning and design standards and sharply reduce permitting time.

Traffic deaths are rising across Washington state, with pedestrians composing an increasing share statewide. What is your approach to making our streets safer for all users?



I support data-driven, equity-focused improvements that prioritize our most vulnerable users: pedestrians, cyclists, children, and seniors. Traffic calming, protected bike lanes, well-lit crosswalks, and safer routes to schools are a start. Implement mobility hubs. Map and develop "green trails," that are foot paths running east and west to get people to their destination safely and reduce cut-through routes.

What is your approach to improving public safety over the next five years? How will you actualize it?

Support data-informed policing, stronger community partnerships, and ensure Shoreline has the staffing, tools, and coordination to meet the current and near future needs. Mental health response (RCR), youth programs (YMCA latch key for example), and safe public spaces (SODA, SOAP, and activated park spaces). Trust, presence, and prevention are the overarching goals.

What have you done/will you do to increase collaboration at city hall and ensure all residents are included?

My work with Shoreline's Planning Commission, leading the Chamber of Commerce, and working across boards like ShoreLake Arts and the Community College Foundation have prepared me to connect and bring people together. Trust by way of truthfulness, following through on promises, and believing the best in each other.

What actions should the city take to address the climate crisis?

Prioritize energy-efficient housing near transit, continue expanding our tree canopy outside of the 12 to 14% commercial lands, invest in green stormwater systems, and electrifying city operations and transportation.



Promote policies that reduce emissions while supporting affordability—like incentives for solar, EV charging, and heat pumps in both new and existing buildings. Intensify density development at each light rail station to reduce the number of car trips per day.

What is your financial sustainability plan for the city?

Develop a local economy by inviting local leaders to discussions on biotech industry as it compliments and supports programs offered by Shoreline Community College and the largest clinical lab in the state located at Fircrest. Shoreline can easily expand on Bothell's Canyon Park as they are currently running out of space.

What are your top transportation goals for the city, and how will you get them done? What is your plan to improve walkability, bike safety, and accessibility in your community?

Improve sidewalk coverage, protected bike lanes, ADA access, and transit connections to light rail (mobility hubs). Begin with the areas around schools, parks, and business districts. Prioritize funding for high-impact safety projects, better street designs, and partner with regional agencies to deliver improvements faster.

Do you support camping bans or sweeps? If elected, how would you adapt or change current law/policies to protect and support our neighbors?

Sweeps alone don't solve homelessness—they just move it. I support outreach, shelter, mental health care, and permanent housing options. Any enforcement must come with realistic alternatives, not just displacement and short term responses.



In what ways could your city's comprehensive plan go further, and what would you push for to improve it during your tenure?

Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan sets a strong foundation, and I'd push for a stronger connection between zoning and economic development. Need to ensure we attract employers near housing and multi-modal transportation - light rail.

Promote adaptive re-use to offer small business owners a chance to rent at affordable rates and escape their garages and for those who can afford to purchase, build equity in affordable real estate that supports their businesses.

Develop clear strategies for job creation and commit to an industry that suits the location.