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Bellevue City Council, Seat 6

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

More housing, more affordable housing, more TOD

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?

I have a proven track record of supporting shelters and supportive housing, regardless of opposition. I was able to take a volatile issue and garner unanimous votes for both thus removing politics from basic needs. I was instrumental in creating an affordable housing strategy that we have been implementing since 2020 and that has so far doubled our AH stock. I will continue to implement recommended strategies to make AH easier to create and retain. I am excited about implementing HB1110 and creating more opportunities for housing of all affordabilities in our neighborhoods and I am adamant about creating substantial amounts of AH in Wilburton, BelRed and all our growth areas.

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?



I don't know yet, to be honest. Most taxes hurt the very people we are trying to help and I do not support targeting taxation on the companies that are helping our communities thrive. I would love to exempt businesses of med/large sizes (not super large like Amazon) from B&O taxes if they pay living wages. I prefer to create opportunity for all workers to receive living wages and increase housing options so that everyone can live where they work. Our tourism benefit district that we created with Redmond has been highly effective generating \$1.9B in a year, and creating about \$1500 in tax revenue per capita. This money has paid for circuit rides which are free to everyone. I would love to see how we might do more programs like that to tax our visitors for amenities that serve all.

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?

Living wages for all workers and high community health that minimizes long term health problems: excellent public ed, access to parks and green spaces, clean water and air, high public safety, access to healthcare, stable housing, food security. Free childcare.

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?

IMPLEMENT VISION ZERO! We must put in infrastructure that protects our non-motorized vehicles and peds. We need to prioritize unsafe corridors and create safe E/W and N/S options NOW.



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

Crime rates are down 23% since last year. We continue to invest in public safety. Much of that is with prevention. I appreciate our video analytics program that flags unsafe intersections before we have crashes so we can create appropriate fixes.

The Eastside faces unique challenges when it comes to affordability, transit connectivity, and suburban versus city identity. What are your thoughts on how we can envision the future of urbanism on the Eastside?

I want to be a regional player but in order for Bellevue to become more than just a suburb, we need to create solutions to our own programs. We are good regional partners and rely on collaboration between other cities, county and state for long term solutions, but Bellevue is a city of its own unique solutions. I would love to implement pyrolysis in all our new neighborhoods to treat waste water and solid waste. I would like to have our own energy district with redundancy. Our circuit transportation program has been highly effective for downtown users, so I would love to expand that. Our HB 1590 \$\$ has been put to good use creating and preserving 0-30% AMI housing. I want to be a regional player but in order for Bellevue to become more than just a suburb, we need to create solutions to our own programs.

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

As counterintuitive as it sounds, our camping bans have created access opportunities for outreach to our hardest to reach individuals. The only reason many people agree to shelter and supportive services is because they cannot camp



outside here. We have homeless outreach coordinators, our police and firefighters are supportive partners, we use CARES and CCAT as needed. I would like to put more programs in place that help prevent homelessness. We already do rental assistance and support programs through our human services funding. Last year we housed over 100 BSD families who were unstably housed, and our safe parking program has housed over 30 families so far.

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

I would put tree codes in our comp plan. I had to push hard to include AH in the earlier edition. We need to envision a multi-modal community with complete safe routes. That should be well-outlined in our comp plan.