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Kent City Council, Position 6

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

1) Make sure people are trained in Trauma informed care and a wellness lens. 2) Remove the SODA Ordinance. 3) Housing for the low income and homeless.

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?

Working within the communities to get their feedback and ideas how to find the money or make the money to invest in the city to provide the housing that is needed. Making sure everyone is properly informed to make an educated decision.

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 we should absolutely tax the rich and the corporations that have been reaping the rewards of tax cuts for years.



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?

I feel that we should make apartments affordable for people by using their income and what is considered reasonable. It should not take two adults working full time jobs making over \$23 hourly to "survive" people should be living and thriving.

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?

Improve pedestrian walk ways, Making sure to update cross walks and signals. Change speed limits in certain zones as well.

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

We need to create a Peer led team that will work as the first responders to mental health and drug related things. Leaving the police to focus on more severe offenses. Make sure that the Police force are also learning more about the law in which they are upholding. Also verifying their current training practices and curriculum.

How have federal funding cuts impacted your jurisdiction and how do you plan to address those impacts?



Kent along with many Washington State cities are facing a drug crisis, homeless crisis and a mental health crisis. In most cases they are interconnected. Working on all the things at the same time with the Wellness lens will help move us past this. It should be standard practice for all businesses to have access to naproxone.

What are your views on the SeaTac Sustainable Airport Master Plan and how will it impact your jurisdiction? What plans do you have to address the impacts of the airport on your community?

My community needs housing before it needs an airport. I am sure many of the Cities and communities do. SeaTac Sustainable Airport needs more time in order to take in consideration what will happen to the people and communities. It's much bigger then just an airport. It will undoubtably change the whatever area it ends up in. It needs to further away for populated areas. Even the fuel from the planes will effect the surrounding areas, wildlife, and people.

King County has good policies and codes designed to protect agricultural, forest and rural lands, including our natural areas, waterways, and small rural communities. However, these policies and codes are too often not upheld and enforced. How will you ensure that rural lands are protected, and that violators are subject to enforcement?



Making sure that the rules are enforced to the highest level possible. Stricter fines and or penalties for violators. We need to protect Turtle Island she provides what we need and if we don't we will die out.

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

I do not approve of camping bans or sweeps. If the city is going to insist then there should be land dedicated to providing safe space for these people. I know that the government has its own definition of homelessness which sadly includes tiny homes and campers/trailers. Revisiting that seems like a really good idea. That way more people are housed in a clean safe space that allows them the dignity they deserve.

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

We need to find other funding options as well as sustainability. Help move Kent forward. If we don't work on helping those who need it the most then we are failing as a community, a city, and as human beings.