



## **Ruth Perez Urbanist Questionnaire 2025**

Renton City Council Position 6

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

Housing, Transportation, and Public Safety

**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 Renton Housing Action Plan that I approved as a Renton Councilmember, is action-oriented and focuses on near-term solutions to increase housing availability and affordability. Please find more details please visit <https://www.rentonwa.gov/Projects-Development/Community-and-Economic-Development-Projects/Planning-and-Programming/Comprehensive-Plan>

**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 support adding progressive revenue sources. Priorities: Housing, Transportation.



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?

Renton is the heart of the working people of our region and it is a privilege to serve the families who are building their lives here. From bringing good jobs to our city, to addressing public safety concerns, increasing affordable housing and our transportation options, I am committed to lead Renton with steady, well-informed leadership as we search for responsible ways to pare the budget and find long-term revenue solutions to improve our economy, infrastructure, housing, and public transportation.

**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?**

One traffic death is one too many, which is why as a Renton Councilmember I am committed to reducing traffic-related fatalities and creating safer streets for everyone – whether you walk, bike, drive, ride transit, or use other various mobility options throughout the city. Through funded partnership with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission, the City of Renton Department of Public Works has developed a pilot program for students in grades 8-12. What is the SAND Program? Safer Streets for Walking and ... Join the SAND Academy! We Wa One traffic death is one too many, which is why a Renton Councilmember I am committed to reducing traffic-related fatalities and creating safer streets for everyone – whether you walk, bike, drive, ride transit, or use other various mobility options throughout the city. Through funded partnership with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission,



the City of Renton Department of Public Works has developed a pilot program for students in grades 8-12. The Safer Access to Neighborhood Destination (SAND) program is an educational and civic engagement campaign focused on the prevention of fatal and serious roadway-related injuries by providing young adults and aspiring drivers with tools and knowledge to empower safe and confident travel choices & behavior. Our Safer Streets for Walking and Rolling strives to improve the safety of our roadways and infrastructure for walking, bicycling, and rolling.

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

Public safety goes beyond law enforcement; it is a shared priority across all city departments. An example of that is Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). This practice involves designing natural environments and amenities, such as shrubs and lighting, in a way to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. This is something the city has started to implement throughout all projects. I am committed to partnering with our diverse community to enhance the quality of life and reduce crime. I am commitment to building strong, trusting relationships with our community. Through open dialogue and collaboration to address key issues of equity, transparency, and accountability, I believe we can improve Public Safety. We need to improve our civil engagement programs to give the opportunity to our residents to provide valuable insight and recommendations on ways to strengthen community-police relations and enhance public service. Together, the Council and the Police Department will identify public safety concerns and work alongside community leaders, local organizations, and stakeholders to develop practical, effective solutions and promote equitable policing practices. Aligned with the city's Business Plan to foster a safe, healthy, and thriving community—as well as the



Renton Police Department's mission to provide fair and unbiased law enforcement services I believe we can be more accountable.

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

We do not know yet.

**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?**

I live in Renton, We are definitely paying close attention to the environmental and social impacts.

**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?**

I am very committed to ensure rural lands are protected. Renton's vision as well as our comprehensive plan are very specific to make sure we keep our natural areas and waterways protected.



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

Helping communities in need is my number one priority. We are currently working on solutions to protect and support our neighbors by increasing housing and mental health services.

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

Our Comprehensive Plan is a long-term framework for Renton's growth, guided by Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA), which aims to reduce urban sprawl, promote efficient transportation, ensure affordable housing, preserve open space, and protect environmental quality.