



Victoria Hunt Urbanist Questionnaire 2025

State Senate, LD5

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

affordable housing, strong k-12 schools, environmental protection

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?

As a former Affiliate Faculty member of UW Urban Design and Planning, addressing the state's housing crisis is one of my top priorities and one of my main motivators for running for office in the first place. My priorities revolve around housing justice, focusing on affordability and promoting diverse housing options. I'm committed to collaborating with cities to introduce 'missing middle' housing types and smaller units, crucial for meeting our region's housing needs. I understand the challenges faced by both homeless families and working families struggling with rising costs, which is why I strongly advocate for tenant protections and support initiatives like those proposed by ARCH. My track record as a State Legislator in the House of Representatives and on Issaquah City Council speaks to my dedication to tenant rights and affordable housing, earning support from organizations like FUSE in my prior campaigns. Additionally, I push for state-level actions such as direct investments in the Housing Trust Fund and land use regulations that encourage



housing diversity and affordability. It's essential to update our land use laws to diversify housing stock beyond only allowing single-family homes, acknowledging the adverse effects of such zoning on equity, opportunity, and the environment. I believe in having transparent conversations with the community about the ways supportive housing and housing for all income levels strengthens entire communities.

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 do support progressive revenue for example Capital Gains tax and believe this is extremely important especially in the face of federal threats to critical 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?

Increasing housing supply by working with cities to reduce burdensome regulations and retn stabilization, which I supported this last legislative session.

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 shared streets legislation and other investments in complete streets that have separate facilities for those using our streets not in cars. I advocate for budgeting towards multi-modal transportation and alternatives to cars, such as transit, biking, and pedestrian infrastructure. Allocating resources to such infrastructure reflects my commitment to promoting sustainable and accessible transportation options that reduce congestion, improve air quality, and enhance mobility for all residents. While specific percentages may vary depending on evolving needs and priorities, I prioritize investments in transit expansion, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other non-motorized infrastructure to create safer and more connected communities, and have done this previously as a city councilmember through my city's Master Mobility Plan.

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

I believe in flexible funding for jurisdictions to use on law enforcement but also co-response and behavioral and mental health support staff. An important step towards actualizing this was HB 2015.

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 believe the 1% cap on property tax increases in Washington State should be rescinded. This cap severely restricts local governments' ability to adequately fund essential services, forcing them to rely on ballot measures for funding. I support



granting local governments greater flexibility in obtaining the revenue needed to meet community's needs, implementing and expanding progressive revenue measures, or exploring innovative financing mechanisms. I also believe in advocating for connectivity and transit across the district using a regional approach.