

Brittany Miles Urbanist Questionnaire 2025

Bothell City Council Position 5

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

As a mother of a child living with schizophrenia, Brittany is a fierce advocate for youth mental health. Her writing has been featured in Newsweek, Business Insider, The Seattle Times, PubliCola, and Seattle's Child, and she's currently writing a memoir about her family's experience with childhood mental illness. She is also co-developing a mental health forum with The Seattle Times, scheduled for fall 2025.

Brittany believes Bothell deserves leaders who listen. Her vision includes building a more livable, inclusive city for all—where families can thrive, mental health needs are met, and young adults have access to housing and opportunity. She supports the development of crisis care centers and diverse housing options, including middle housing, to ensure Bothell remains a place where everyone can belong.

With a deep commitment to service and a passion for equity, Brittany Miles is ready to bring compassionate, community-centered leadership to the Bothell City Council.

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?

To boost housing options for families of all incomes, I will support mixed-income developments, streamline zoning regulations for affordable housing, and incentivize developers to include affordable units in new projects. I'll engage the public through open forums, town halls, and surveys to gather input on shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, ensuring the community feels involved in the process. While addressing community objections, I will prioritize transparent communication and collaborative discussions, emphasizing the long-term benefits of affordable housing.

Balancing these concerns with the need for diverse, accessible housing will be key to maintaining Bothell's growth and inclusivity.

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 need more information on this issue; however, I do support taxing the wealthiest 1% and corporations to have them pay their fair share. The burden shouldn't be on the working class.

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?

The most important strategy to limit cost increases and make Bothell more affordable is to prioritize the development of affordable housing and promote mixed-income communities. By streamlining zoning regulations, offering incentives for developers to include affordable units in new projects, and utilizing state and federal funding for housing, we can increase the supply of affordable housing. By making affordable housing a priority, we can help ensure that Bothell remains accessible to all residents, regardless of income.

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?

To make Bothell's streets safer for all users, I will focus on improving pedestrian infrastructure, expanding bike and pedestrian networks, and implementing traffic-calming measures. This includes adding

high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian flags, and flashing beacons at key intersections. I will also advocate for safe routes like shared-use paths and reduced speed limits in residential areas. Additionally, I will promote public education campaigns to raise awareness about pedestrian and cyclist safety, encouraging drivers to be more attentive. These efforts will help create safer, more accessible streets for everyone.

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

My approach to improving public safety in Bothell over the next five years focuses on a holistic approach that combines community engagement, prevention, and responsive law enforcement. I will work to strengthen community policing efforts, ensuring officers build trust and connections within neighborhoods. Expanding mental health crisis response teams, improving youth outreach programs, and providing more resources for domestic violence prevention will be key priorities. I will advocate for data-driven solutions to identify areas of concern and allocate resources effectively. By fostering collaboration between law enforcement, community organizations, and residents, we can create a safer, more connected Bothell for everyone.

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

To increase collaboration at City Hall and ensure all residents are included, I will prioritize transparent communication, regular town halls, and open forums to actively engage the community in decision-making. I will work to build stronger relationships between city officials, local organizations, and residents, ensuring diverse voices are heard, especially from historically underrepresented groups. By creating more accessible platforms for feedback, such as digital surveys and multilingual outreach, I will ensure that everyone, regardless of background, feels welcome to participate in shaping the future of Bothell. I am committed to fostering a culture of collaboration, where all residents' needs and ideas are valued.

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

To address the climate crisis, Bothell should expand green infrastructure by planting more trees and creating green spaces, promote renewable energy through citywide transitions and incentives, and improve public transit and bike infrastructure to reduce car dependency. The city should also strengthen building codes for energy-efficient construction and retrofit existing buildings while expanding recycling programs and promoting zero-waste initiatives. These actions will help create a sustainable, climate-resilient future for Bothell.

What is your financial sustainability plan for the city?

My financial sustainability plan for Bothell focuses on diversifying revenue streams through state and federal grants, business partnerships, and strategic economic development. By reducing reliance on property taxes and fostering growth in underdeveloped areas, we can bring in new businesses, create jobs, and strengthen the local economy. I'll prioritize responsible investments in infrastructure and public services that align with the city's growth while ensuring transparency and regular community updates on financial decisions. This approach will create a stable financial base while preparing for future challenges like population growth and climate change.

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?

My top transportation goals for Bothell include improving walkability, enhancing bike safety, and increasing accessibility. I will focus on expanding pedestrian infrastructure, building more sidewalks, and ensuring safer crossings to key areas. To improve bike safety, I'll advocate for dedicated bike lanes and bike-friendly streets. Additionally, I'll work to enhance public transit connectivity by pushing for better routes and more frequent service, particularly to underserved areas. Ensuring accessibility for all residents, including those with disabilities, will be a priority through ADA-compliant infrastructure. I'll

collaborate with regional agencies and engage the community to ensure Bothell's transportation system is safe, connected, and sustainable.

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 a candidate, I would focus on policies that prioritize compassion, safety, and long-term solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness. While camping bans or sweeps may temporarily clear areas, they often fail to address the underlying causes of homelessness and can exacerbate the trauma experienced by vulnerable individuals. Instead, I would advocate for a more comprehensive approach, such as increasing access to emergency shelter, affordable 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?

To strengthen Bothell's Comprehensive Plan, several areas could be improved. These include prioritizing extremely low-income housing, expanding permanent supportive and emergency housing, and completing a more detailed housing inventory. The plan could also address racial disparities in homeownership and affordability, revise assumptions about the affordability of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and ensure that residential zones accommodate affordable housing for households earning 0-80% of the area median income. These changes would better align Bothell with regional goals, promote equity, and improve housing options for vulnerable populations.

