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State Senator, 46th LD

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

1. Protect WA from Trump and federal overreach; 2) Prohibit weapons in parks and county fairgrounds, and 3) continuing fighting for our immigrant and underserved communities

What policy changes will you pursue to ensure mobility for all road users and reduce car dependence?

More investments in transit. As a frequent user of light rail and public transportation, it's critical we support our transit infrastructure for all Washingtonians.

What will you do to address our homelessness crisis and to fund deeply affordable housing?

I continue to support finding solutions to reduce homelessness in our city, county, and state. The Housing Trust Fund is a proven resource to help our partners build affordable housing.

Which reforms to zoning, building codes, permitting, and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) are needed and how far should state preemption go to increase housing production?

HB 1110, which I supported, was a great step in that direction. It's an example where the state needed to step in because of inaction by local cities.



Do you think the state's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths by 2030 is achievable and what steps will you take to support the goal, especially in light of pedestrian deaths increasing in many areas of the state?

Traffic deaths are down, but still more work to do. I continue to support programs to reduce traffic and pedestrian deaths as a member of the Senate Transportation Committee.

Washington State has made progress on making its tax code fairer to the working class, but it still ranks as the second most regressive tax code in the country behind only Florida. Are there additional progressive revenue options you support and would fight to pass at the state legislature?

Lifting the cap for our cities and counties.

What community safety investments should the legislature prioritize? (e.g. police departments, co-responders, addiction or mental health treatment programs, jails and prisons, education, public defenders, prosecutors)

We have come a long way in recent years to invest in our communities. But our budget issues will continue to endanger these programs. Cuts at the federal level does not help.

The proliferation of AI and big data is straining power grids and threatens to make electricity prices unaffordable and exacerbate the climate crisis. What policy solutions would you pursue to this problem?



Seattle and WA State is very dependent on hydro power and the demand for data centers compromises our power grid and the ability to deliver clean, hydro power. We must continue to ensure that protecting this incredible resource remains.

Do you support universal healthcare in Washington State?

Yes

To what extent should automated enforcement be used for public safety, and in what areas or contexts?

Construction zones and school zones are acceptable uses of this policy.

Did you use a generative artificial intelligence (AI) platform to craft some or all of your responses? What was the extent of your use?

Nope. I refuse to use AI.