

Lightning Round Questions for City of Seattle Candidates

Do you support the bored tunnel hybrid solution that was recently approved by the legislature?

Seattle City Council Position 2

David Ginsberg - No
Richard Conlin - Yes

Seattle City Council Position 4

Sally Bagshaw - Yes
David Bloom - No
Dorsol Plants – Yes

Seattle City Council Position 6*

Jessie Israel – Yes
Marty Kaplan – Yes

Seattle City Council Position 8*

Bobby Forch– Yes
David Miller – Yes
Robert Rosencrantz – Yes
Jordan Royer – Yes
Rusty Williams – Yes

Mayor of Seattle**

Mike McGinn - No
James Donaldson - Yes
Greg Nickels - Yes
Norman Sigler - No

*Absent candidates: Nick Licata (Position 6), Mike O'Brien (Position 8)

**Candidates not yet declared for mayor: Jan Drago, Joe Mallahan

In the interest of exempting more small businesses from the B&O tax, do you support increasing the tax threshold?

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Would you agree to appeal the head tax charged on a per employee basis in 2006 to pay for roads and bridges?

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Do you support keeping utility rate increases, and I have to be clear here – those that haven't already gone up – to any more than the cost of living through at least the year 2010?

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David Miller – Yes
Jordan Royer – Yes
Robert Rosencrantz – Yes
Rusty Williams – Yes
Robert Sondheim – Yes

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Norman Sigler – Yes

Do you support incentive zoning programs that mandate an inclusion of low-income housing and development projects throughout the city?

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Do you support tolling on both Interstate 90 and Highway 520?

All candidates: Yes

Do you support moving forward with construction of the Mercer Street project as currently designed?

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Do you support expanding the Streetcar to First Hill?

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Do you support a fee on plastic bags?

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Do you support district elections for the Seattle City Council?

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Audience Questions

Do you support revisiting the industrial lands policy? ...The council basically passed the Mayor's proposal, which one-size-fits-all for the entire city. And revising it would mean taking a closer look at how it applies in different industrial areas.

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Would you support changing the current healthcare policy so that businesses no longer are responsible for managing healthcare? However, it puts responsibility back into the hands of individuals by having a reimbursement or compensation program where each person can choose their own healthcare program and then businesses can contribute to the cost of that.

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Do you support mandatory inspections of apartment units?

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Do you support revisiting the one-size-fits-all incentive zoning rules?

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Do you think it's good for the city's per capita business taxes to be twice the rate of Bellevue's?

All candidates: No

Do you think the city should share stimulus dollars with local non-profits?

All candidates: Yes

Should the city have park and rides within the City of Seattle?

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Right now, 60% or more of Seattle's land is designated for single family, would you be willing to change that ratio?

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Do you think that the Mayor's proposed low-income housing levy is about right?

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Assuming that the housing levy passes, would you consider changing city policy and permitting the use of some of those funds for vouchers for existing tenants in existing available rentals?

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