



Questions for City Council District 7 Candidates

Please send your responses to queenannecc@gmail.com (cc: bethbunnell@hotmail.com) by **June 30, 2019**. We will publish all responses on our web site and circulate to our members. Thank you in advance for your participation and commitment to serving the community.

1. Given that our city government has become polarized and contentious, how will you restore and foster positive relationships with the other council members and the mayor?

In order to foster a more nonpartisan City government, I will focus on actual ideas that serve as nonpartisan solutions to nonpartisan problems. I have both the insiders understanding of how our City Government works and an outside perspective of what is wrong it. We need to work together to get things done and we definitely need to work at getting along better.

2. What changes will you make to develop a more respectful and comprehensive relationship between the city council and the neighborhoods you represent?

I will ensure neighborhood community councils are included in conversations and fully aware of potential plans before they actually happen. I would also definitely put a poll online so people could freely express their opinion without having to drive downtown for a City Council hearing.

3. In addressing population growth and density, how do you plan to represent the diverse perspectives in District 7 (age, income,

minorities, renters/owners, etc.), and how can we ensure that affordable housing is available for everyone, without compromising the character of the neighborhoods? What solutions do you propose that would balance the needs of Seattle residents with the interests of business and developers? How will you make Seattle a great place to build, work AND live?

I believe zoning should be left up to the neighborhoods. I do not feel the City has any business policing zoning unless the City actually own the land, in which case it should be used for public causes.

Additionally, we need to start fining these vacant building owners the maximum amount until they fill their vacant buildings. If they do not respond for 90 days, I think the City of Seattle should seize their property, occupy and manage it at the owner's until action is taken.

I also think we need to redo the ADU legislation. It should not be this complicated to build something in your backyard. Obviously something bigger is in the works. I find it strange we call this an affordable housing crisis but are trying to get rid of houses and single family zoning at the same time. Land ownership is very important. Property taxes are too high and we are not spending our City budget responsibly.

I think ADU's are a great potential income source for retired individuals on a fixed income who own land but I think the law is too complicated in some ways and too flexible in others. For example, those who live on their property for less than 50% of the year should not have to pay or wait for permit fees. These situations should be treated the exact same way as an RPZ permit. If you get 60% of residents on your block to sign a petition or contract allowing you to build on your property, you should

automatically be able to do so as long as it can be done quickly with minimal disruption.

I do believe developers who do not live on-site should have to pay all permit fees and wait the necessary time.

4. Homelessness is a complex and layered problem. Specifically, what are your plans to address the homeless issues in District 7? Additionally, how will you educate yourself about the causes and effects of homelessness and leverage resources and expertise to solve the crisis?

We will temporarily use 23 vacant empty plots of City-Owned land. Each site will have 22-25 Cargo Containers 40 x 8 ft. These containers will be renovated to include windows, dividers, insulation and electricity. Cargo containers are moveable, earthquake proof, already have an emergency ladder so are up to fire code. They are very abundant in our area and often end up in the waste stream.

The containers will be modeled into dorm-like units that unlock with a magnetic card. There will be 8-16 campers per container depending on each individual' situation and size. Each unit inside the container will be 75-80 square feet. Two to five of the containers at each site will be used for showering, portable toilets, and cooking. Campers that are swept by the Navigation Team will take a drug test and complete a digital questionnaire that will be streamlined into a database and paired with an algorithm to determine which site best matches the issues they are dealing with. For example, we will not put the severely drug-addicted near the non-drug addicted and severely mentally ill.

There will be 8 employees at each site during the day to administer medical and job-training services earning an average

annual salary of \$60,000. Individuals will have 3-8 months (circumstantial) to live in the renovated container for free while also having a multitude of options to earn money. They can help build the containers for other sites, help clean the City's mess that camping has caused and work other odd jobs.

Funds earned will be deposited into their own account. However, individuals cannot access these funds until they exit the program with a job and enough money saved to afford the upfront cost needed to attain long-term housing.

We will use the Washington State Apprenticeship program to train and pair campers with jobs they are capable of or are interested in. This will help meet the increased need for skilled workers that many industries are struggling with. In lieu of a future head tax or another business tax, we will ask for their help and cooperation to set up the technological infrastructure, databases and analytics to support training and job placement for these individuals. We could also invite businesses to sponsor the program in return for free advertising by either naming a site after the business or advertising their name on the outside of a container like a billboard. We could also give them a tax credit to show our gratitude for their cooperation. The projected cost is less than \$40 million and would immediately house up to 10,000 campers.

The sites will not be in parks. The sites will be contained within a fence. Sites will be freely accessible to those in that specific site during open hours. Roommates would be either randomly selected or chosen upon individual preference. The units will have windows and doors that are magnetically accessible with a key card. This way we do not need to worry about keys getting lost or stolen and we will not have to change locks. Former campers will

swipe in and swipe out, leaving a record of the exact time that they entered and exited to deter crime or abuse of the program.

This is not the four seasons. It is more of a college, trade school, or rehab for campers that will fill the gap of current supplies and demands. This is an URGENT solution to a very long-standing EMERGENCY. I have spoken to hundreds of campers and they are ready when we are. It is very easy to be 'for or against' a policy. However, it is not easy to be against an idea unless there is a better one. I do not believe there is a better solution to this City's homelessness crisis. Here are the LEGO Prototypes!



5. In what ways do you support Seattle's effort to reduce carbon emissions? Do you support adding a fee to vehicles driving into the city, for example?

I think first we need to take focus quickly on our trash problem. Only 10-30% of what Seattle puts in recycling bins is actually recycled. I have invented a color-coded solution to this problem. Here it is!

NECESSARY STEPS

1. Pass a policy requiring package manufactures to print a colored dot on their packaging or place a colored sticker.
2. The color of each dot will correspond entirely with the section the item must be disposed in.
3. Seattle could receive utility credits for the number of pounds adequately recycled.
4. No need to replace existing waste bins or collection trucks.
5. Each bin and collection truck receives a three-part divider.
6. The lid for the small bins, large collection bins, and collection trucks is a sliding and rotating lid—meaning the user can turn or shift it and dump proper materials into each corresponding section.

EXAMPLES & APPLICATION

Red	→	Hazardous Waste
Orange	→	Paper - Cardboard
Yellow	→	Plastics - Tape
Green	→	Compost
Cyan	→	Glass
Blue	→	Metals



6. Much of what identifies Seattle is its parks, green spaces, and lush urban neighborhoods. How will you address funding and resources within the Parks Department to ensure that we remain conscientious and vigilant stewards of one of the most important and valuable reasons people love to live here, our connection to nature?

Solving the camping crisis would definitely help. Further, we could also use some of the money we currently spend on homelessness in conjunction with the Cargo Container Solution to employ individuals interested in working to maintain the parks.

Further, as I have previously mentioned—the gravel ‘Urban Oasis’ parks have not been very successful. There is something very unappealing about a gravel park.

I propose we add grass, P-Patches, commission local artists to paint murals on available walls, have chalk-art competitions for local artists every month with prizes that could include a city-commissioned project.