

Dean,

Here you go. I have no expectations of an endorsement, but I am happy to meet with your group and share some of the concerns I expressed in this questionnaire if that is ever of value. Thank you for the opportunity to respond and not just writing me off.

Jill

PS. I went over the word limit on question 2. It was multi-parter!!

1. Where do you rank climate concerns amidst your actionable priorities. What would you rank higher?

A successful update of Island County's Comprehensive Plan is my highest priority. A new state requirement asks for a Climate Resiliency Element to be included as a stand-alone component of the comp plan and not simply embedded into other elements (such as Natural Resources or Land Use). This makes climate a vital component in the successful achievement of my number one priority.

My personal priorities are very focused on behavioral health. I don't like to see people hurting.

2. What have you done in your personal, professional and political life to respond to climate challenges?

Personal:

As a family, we try to avoid excessive consumption, especially of fast fashion and plastic toys (although we are failing a little regarding Barbie and all her accessories!!). We buy large quantities for lunches instead of individually wrapped items, teach the kids the difference between garbage and recycling, and discuss aquafer recharge and why rain needs to go straight into the earth, not puddles in parking lots. We bring our bags to the store, I don't use separate plastic bags for my produce, we have reusable water bottles, and I try to avoid straws. "Our" kids belong to someone else, so our carbon footprint ends with us.

Professional

Passed the Climate Resiliency Resolution, led the charge to fund a new trash compactor at the Whidbey Transfer Station to create heavier loads and reduce the number of truck hauls off-island, supported the installation of charging

stations at the Camano Administrative Building, supported the upgrade of the County's main campus associated with higher energy standards, and remain a strong and constant voice for wider-shoulders to make our roads safer for multi-model use.

Political

I am on my fourth campaign using the same 4x8 yard signs. I lend our campaign supplies (stakes) to other campaigns to avoid wasted consumption, and I use the same contribution envelopes until the old ones are gone; we typically walk in parades and do not use a car

3. Are there any climate **mitigation** initiatives which you would **endorse** or propose to address the **causes** of climate change?

I support educational programs around excess consumption and the importance of putting fewer items into the waste stream, enhanced efforts around reuse, laws that support a reduction in packaging (State level), and programs that divert more items from the waste stream, resulting in fewer trip hauls off our islands. I would support more tree coverage in urban areas, more open space in urban areas, work-from-home policies that reduce vehicle miles traveled, and aquifer recharge incentives.

4. Are there any climate **adaptation** initiatives you would support or propose to minimize the impacts of climate change mentioned above?

*I am answering this as if it means **climate resilience** as I am unsure of the difference between this question and the one above it.*

I support keeping power lines clear from trees and encourage the undergrounding of utilities where appropriate to avoid fire risk, planning and moving infrastructure back from the shoreline (roads, utilities, etc.), avoiding placing new infrastructure in flood-prone areas, incentivizing lower water consumption and aquifer recharge behaviors to preserve our healthy aquifer

levels, supporting, and financing appropriate and eligible green energy investments based on available funding, and exploring what happens to shoreline property rights once the property goes under-water.

5. Are you in favor of the State Climate Commitment Act which created a market-based cap-and-invest program to require the state's largest polluters to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and which is on the ballot this fall? Do you have an alternate proposal to reduce emissions?

I am not informed enough on this issue to answer this question confidently, and I am afraid to put something in writing, learn more, and be held to an opinion I had before I was informed enough to have one.

6. Do you have concerns about our climate crisis, not mentioned above, and what specific actions would you propose, endorse, and implement to address **your** most important climate issues?

My most important issue is consumption. I believe we need to ask more questions about how our actions impact other lands that we can't see and not just protect our shorelines while giving no thought to the environment of other countries. I also think that excessive regulation under the climate change umbrella has some equity ramifications that need to be addressed in how we are having this conversation locally. I would support discussions that are not so singularly focused and consider more diverse community needs and the ramifications of how some of our climate proposals marginalize some community members.

7. What do you think the government's responsibility should be and your desired role, as an elected public official – in addressing these climate and societal issues?

The government needs to acknowledge the issue and move the conversation toward appropriate community-based solutions. It needs to incentivize desired outcomes, regulate when incentives don't work, take time to understand the impacts on different populations in our community and lead in a way that is fundable, sustainable, enforceable, and supported by the community it serves.

Personally, I see my role as someone who listens and someone who should be listened to. I represent a different perspective on some of these issues and a population struggling with the unintended consequences of some well-intended policies. I hope to be seen as a trusted voice and conversation partner, not an enemy or someone to simply be overpowered.