

Where do you rank climate concerns amidst your actionable priorities.

What would you rank higher?

For local (county) government purposes, Fiscal accountability (measurement of results against costs) of all programs and actions ranks first.

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

Recycling, composting, landscaping with drought tolerant native plants, reducing automobile trips. My husband is employed as a mass transit operator.

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

This depends on what would be introduced, measurement of benefits vs cost, whether cost is applied against those who are creating the cause of climate change.

I would push our legislators to introduce a push for international climate initiatives (Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Russia, Mexico) as much of the world's industrial pollution is created in these countries.

Look at the waste that Canada emits into the waters north of us, affecting the salmon runs in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, for example.

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

Better local recycling programs, investigate ways to dispose or recycle of sewage/septic tank waste.

Are you in favor of the State Climate Commitment Act [1] 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?

This act creates a burden on those who depend on gas powered transportation, so I am not. I would rather see a gradual move to electric vehicles in the future, but costs at present are excessive. I think that putting this issue to the voters is a good idea. There have been reports lately that the funds collected from gasoline taxes under this program have been used for purposes other than on climate mitigation. audits and further investigation by the State Auditor's office must be conducted, and if these reports are true, then the program needs to be halted until this is straightened out and corrected.

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?

When we have uncontrolled population growth, we have overuse of natural resources and the result can be pollution and danger of exhausting supplies of fresh water. The cost of many of these programs is levied not against the exact causes of the problems, but against those who are trying to mitigate the damage. That makes no sense. The need is to address the causes directly and in that manner, solve the problem.

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?

To determine what is best for the County - all areas, and what is achievable. Government's role is to initiate and educate, then enforce while considering financial impacts to those that any new rules or laws effect.