

General questions for local candidates:

-- Do you agree with the National Academy of Sciences that “It is now more certain than ever, based on many lines of evidence, that humans are changing Earth’s climate”? (Link to NAS report:

<http://dels.nas.edu/resources/static-assets/exec-office-other/climate-change-full.pdf>)

-- How serious a problem do you think climate change poses for our community?

-- As an elected official or private citizen, what have you done to address climate change in our community?

-- As an elected official, please enumerate the ways in which you would you help our community do our part to reduce our carbon footprint and put the brakes on climate change. (For an example from Jefferson County, see

<http://test.co.jefferson.wa.us/WebLinkExternal/0/edoc/1727088/FINAL%20CAP%20-%20adopted%2011-14-2011.pdf>)

-- As an elected official, would you support investment in alternative energy including wind, solar power and electric vehicles to contribute to reduction of carbon emissions and build resiliency for our infrastructure?

-- What do you believe are the most serious potential impacts from climate change that we will experience here on the Olympic Peninsula, and, if elected, how will you provide leadership in adapting to these changes? (Link to local-impacts study: <http://www.noprco.org/about2>)

-- As an elected official or private citizen, what have you done to address the risks our area from proposed expansions of oil, coal, and gas exports?

-- As an elected official, what would you do to address the risk of oil spills in our area from the seven-fold increase in tanker traffic expected from the proposed Canadian tar-sands export terminal expansion?

-- As an elected official or private citizen, what have you done to promote renewable energy and protect ratepayers?

-- As an elected official, what would you do to protect electricity ratepayers, stabilize rates, and address climate impacts on our power supply, whereby lower summer flows and competition from cheap renewable energy may have a deleterious impact on our hydro system?

For PUD Commissioner candidates:

-- Why are our electricity rates increasing?

-- How can we be better prepared to provide power to customers in the event of a major power disruption?

-- Do you believe homeowners with solar power are impacting overall electric service and rates? If so, how?

For candidates for County Director of Community Development:

-- What do you see as the role of the Department of Community Development in incorporating climate mitigation and adaptation measures into revisions of the County Comprehensive Plan and other guidance documents?

For candidates to the State Legislature:

Public Lands Commissioner Hillary Franz wrote a letter to the Washington State Legislature in 2018, stating that climate change was real and imploring office holders to join her in developing a legislative approach to reducing carbon emissions and increasing carbon sequestration to avoid an even greater increase in global temperature.

1. Do you agree with Commissioner Franz's assessment?
2. What measures are you willing to take to support her initiative?
3. Do you agree with putting a price on carbon?

For candidates to U.S. Congress: See

<https://www.fcni.org/updates/climate-questions-for-candidates-1549>