

Angelita Morillo

1-The next Portland City Council will be unlike any that we've ever experienced in the past. How should Council operate and what will Council need to accomplish in the next two years to make the new form of government as effective and respected as it can be?

More than anything, the new City Council will need to hit the ground running and be able to work together to approve the new City Manager and many of the new aspects of the practical functionality of the new system of government in order to be as effective and respected as possible. I look forward to working together with my fellow City Councilors--many of whom I've built amazing relationships with on the campaign trail thanks to the incentives against negative campaigning inherent in our new voting system--to prove that this system of government is the welcome change that the vast majority of Portlanders believe in.

2-Current City Council members have suggested that we need to relax environmental and natural resource regulations in order to address the housing crisis. What is your perspective on this issue? What is your top natural resource and environmental priority?

We are absolutely in a housing crisis as a city, as a state, and as a country, and there are many ways to begin to solve this issue. However, relaxing environmental regulations is not something we should look at as a long-term solution. While there are aspects of regulations that can be looked at to streamline development, much of the overall issue lies with zoning and permitting reform as well as using multi-pronged and innovative solutions to get more housing built in our city. Community land trusts, land value taxes, and elimination of parking requirements are a few ways that we can make this happen without compromising on our environmental goals.

3-Vehicles are Portland's largest source of emissions and continue to climb. For example, a number of cities have restricted downtown vehicle use. How should Council address this issue?

As someone who has never owned a car, I absolutely believe that a city's priorities are defined by which mode of transport they incentivize in their infrastructure. In Portland, even though we are leaders in the US in biking and transit infrastructure,

our priorities still continue to be dominated by automobiles as the default. In order to see real change in our city's carbon emissions, we **must** invest in more transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure, such as creating protected bike lanes on major thoroughfares, hiking parking rates within a quarter mile of MAX, streetcar, and bus rapid transit lines, collaborating with TriMet to create more bus rapid transit routes with accompanying infrastructure, and making it safer for pedestrians to walk on high-crash corridors. This is the only way that we will reduce car use and the nearly 50% of the greenhouse gas emissions it contributes out of Portland's overall total: by moving away from cars as the default and incentivizing green and person-centered forms of transportation.

4-There are a number of new and recently built market rate apartment buildings listed for sale for under \$250,000 per unit. The Portland Housing Bureau is financing a number of affordable housing projects that are costing more than \$500,000 per unit. There are some extra costs associated with affordable housing financing and with building more 2BR and 3BR units, but not nearly enough to explain the difference. What specifically would you do to more effectively use our limited resources for affordable housing?

Collaborating more heavily with Multnomah County to ensure that our resources are spent more efficiently in creating affordable housing absolutely should be the goal; the more efficiently that money is spent, the more people we can house. Purchasing existing apartment buildings and hotels absolutely should be an option that is on the table to create these spaces, although follow up work to ensure that folks housed in these spaces have access to any resources they need to succeed, such as drug treatment programs, job training, and/or child care, is critical to make sure that our aid to people does not begin and end at simply housing. Housing first is a proven model for combating housing insecurity and homelessness, but it cannot be housing only.

5-Ireland used Citizen Assemblies to deal with difficult issues such as Abortion.

Please watch this two minute video and let us know if you think Citizen Assemblies could help Portland come together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKSgPtnN0s0>

I believe that community engagement is an invaluable tool for dealing with difficult issues and coming to broadly acceptable compromises. That's why I support the Community Budgeting for All initiative, a similar measure to that shown above

where the community comes together and decides on how to spend 2% of the city's budget in a way that will bring the most impactful benefit to their communities.