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A Proposal for Everett's Future

This is not just a vision—it is a plan to build a safer, stronger, and more connected Everett. Each section of this proposal outlines specific priorities, how we will fund them, and the actions we will take in the first year.

1. Public Safety: Strong Communities, Safer Neighborhoods

Everett has the people, talent, and dedication to be one of the safest cities in Washington. My proposal is to:

- Fill open public safety positions, provide officers with modern tools, and invest in ongoing professional development.
- Strengthen community relationships through more collaborative policies and regular community forums.
- Focus on prevention: Safety improves when people's basic needs—food, housing, and healthcare—are met. We will expand youth job opportunities, behavioral health crisis response, and neighborhood connections so every resident can thrive.

Funding: Public safety staffing and equipment will be prioritized in the city budget. Behavioral health expansion will leverage county partnerships and state funding already available for co-response models.

2. Fiscal Accountability: Investing Where It Counts

Everett faces real financial constraints. We can make every dollar work harder if we:

- Focus taxpayer dollars on services and infrastructure that directly benefit residents.
- Avoid new taxes by using existing revenue wisely and holding large capital projects to strict cost controls.
- Build a stronger financial foundation by prioritizing projects with long-term value for neighborhoods and families.

It can be funded by:

- Restructuring debt where possible to reduce annual obligations.
- Improving alignment of developer impact fees with actual infrastructure needs.
- Expanding state and federal grant applications with dedicated staff support.

3. Housing That's Truly Affordable

Everett needs practical solutions to increase housing options without displacing residents. My plan is to:

- Convert empty commercial buildings into housing at far lower cost than new construction.
- Partner with nonprofit developers such as LISC, community land trusts, and local housing organizations to build and maintain affordable units.
- Expand co-housing and senior home-share programs to lower costs and foster connection.
- Protect mobile home communities from speculative displacement.
- Reform zoning to allow more housing types and require affordable units in larger developments.

Funding: Commercial-to-residential conversions and nonprofit developments will use a mix of state housing trust funds, federal HUD programs, and low-interest local bonds.

4. Neighborhood Investment: Invest In All Neighborhoods Equitably

Every neighborhood in Everett deserves the same opportunity to succeed. My proposal will ensure resources are invested equitably across all neighborhoods, not concentrated in a couple of areas. We can:

- Direct city funds to improve sidewalks, parks, and gathering spaces in every part of the city.
- Support small businesses and community centers wherever residents live.
- Prioritize investments that bring visible, lasting improvements to the areas that have historically received less attention, while continuing to support ongoing needs citywide.

Funding: Bonding authority and discretionary capital dollars will be reserved for projects that deliver direct benefits to neighborhoods across Everett, ensuring investments are balanced and fair.

5. Building for the Future: Baseball and Beyond

We all want to keep the AquaSox in Everett. But building a new stadium downtown could cost up to \$50 million more than necessary.

I propose we renovate Funko Field to meet Major League Baseball's new facility standards while preserving a location fans already love.

Why renovation is better:

- It saves \$20–50M compared to building a new stadium
- It keeps a proven location with strong attendance and parking
- It frees up city resources for sidewalks, youth programs, parks, and affordable housing

6. How We Will Fund This Proposal

We will fund these priorities by using existing resources more effectively and building strong partnerships—without raising taxes> Consider the following:

- Bonding authority will be used only for projects that deliver direct benefits to neighborhoods.
- Impact fees will be aligned so new development helps pay for the roads, utilities, and schools it depends on.
- State and federal grants will support housing initiatives, commercial conversions, and infrastructure upgrades.
- Participatory budgeting will give residents a real voice in how major capital dollars are spent.

This approach will strengthen Everett's finances and deliver visible improvements in every neighborhood.

7. Priority Actions

1. Conduct a full budget review with department heads to strengthen core services.
2. Fill open public safety positions and expand community-based response teams.
3. Launch the commercial property-to-housing conversion program with nonprofit developers, community land trusts, and co-housing partners.
4. Begin infrastructure investments in sidewalks, youth job centers, and parks in all neighborhoods equitably.
5. Establish monthly community forums in every zip code to guide implementation and build trust.

The Everett We Deserve

We have a choice:

- Build a city where every neighborhood has access to the same opportunities.
- Strengthen Everett's finances while improving services.

- Invest in projects that create lasting value for families and communities.

As Mayor, I will bring people together to make Everett a city that works for everyone—where every resident feels safe, supported, and heard.

Why I'm Running

From the Boeing factory floor to leading a regional and national organization that generated \$12 billion for entrepreneurs, I have spent my life building strong communities.

I know how to balance budgets, lead teams, and deliver results. Everett has everything it needs to thrive when we work together—and this proposal is how we get there.

Join Us

Everett's future depends on the choices we make together.

Join this grassroots campaign for a stronger, safer, and more affordable city.

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