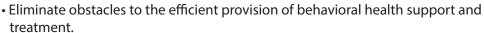


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TOP PRIORITIES

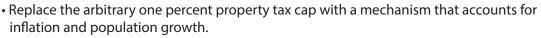
Strengthen Access to Behavioral Health Care





• Provide immediate crisis services and behavioral health treatment by investing in behavioral health workforce, community-based behavioral health capital facilities and operations.

Local Government Funding and Tax Reform





- Provide local governments with needed flexibility and tools to help implement a more progressive tax system and to preserve and maintain local roads.
- Simplify property tax exemption programs for our senior and disabled residents.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Housing and Homelessness

 Fund additional robust capital and operating investments in lowincome and supportive housing.



- Adopt policies and incentives to advance development and construction of missing middle housing.
- Adopt policies and funding to support individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders.

Public Safety and Justice System

 Maintain the intent of previous law enforcement accountability reforms while seeking improvements for operational implementation.



- Invest in public safety staffing.
- Address gun violence through prevention and expand innovative diversion efforts that address root causes.
- Improve conditions for juveniles in detention.

Maintain and Expand Pro-Equity and Anti-Racist Policies

 Increase community-based resources that address hate and bias crimes and incidents.



- Address the expiring Blake decision response legislation and maintain resentencing funds for local governments.
- Pursue legislation that provides equity for people with disabilities.

Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change

- Emphasize outcome-based water quality benefits necessary to promote long-term resilience for Puget Sound.
- Continue to enhance and grow product stewardship programs to make products safer for people and the planet, from design to disposal.
- Invest in transit, building decarbonization, vehicle electrification, clean energy supplies, and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- Support updates to land use planning and permitting that align policies with state emission reduction goals and establish greenhouse reduction goals at the regional and county level and a framework for implementation via reasonable regional, county, and local efforts.

Ensure Access to Complete Health Care

- Ensure providers can treat patients seeking reproductive health care without repercussion and residents can access those providers despite increased demand and decreased capacity.
- Provide necessary resources for Monkeypox vaccines.
- Support policy and budget efforts that address challenges with discharging patients who no longer need acute hospital-level care to settings that provide the appropriate level of care, particularly for patients with significant medical and behavioral complexity.

