



Magnolia Chamber of Commerce City Council Questionnaire

Seattle City Council Candidate Name:

Seattle City-Wide City Council District:

Contact information:

Hello City-Wide City Council Candidates: To serve our members and the Magnolia community effectively, the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce requests information about your candidacy for the Seattle City Council, specifically for the two city-wide seats, positions 8 and 9. Your brief answers to the following questions will help our members and other engaged community residents make informed decisions about your candidacy. As a reminder, the Magnolia Chamber does not endorse candidates, offer financial support, or provide campaign assistance beyond sharing information. Your answers will be posted on our website, discovermagnolia.org, unedited and publicly accessible to visitors.

1. Coordination with the Mayor's office, departments, and commissions to support small businesses

What do you see as your role in working with the mayor's office and related administrative departments and commissions to help increase the competitiveness of small businesses? Consider issues such as high commercial rent and labor costs, public safety concerns, navigating complex regulations, and challenges with obtaining permits and licenses. What role, if any, does the city council have in addressing the rising costs of goods and labor shortages partly caused by constantly changing federal policies? How might the council offer incentives for small businesses to grow and succeed in Seattle?

2. Public Safety

How do you evaluate the current level of public safety in neighborhoods, parks, and commercial areas like Magnolia Village, the Ballard-Interbay Northend Industrial Area, North Magnolia, and/or the Thorndyke Corridor, as examples? What measures would you implement to improve public safety, and how would you collaborate with and support the Seattle Police and Fire Departments, community groups, and other stakeholders to achieve these objectives?

3. Infrastructure

Seattle neighborhoods face serious infrastructure issues, including aging utilities, transportation funding shortages, and deteriorating sidewalks, roads, and bridges. Moreover, much of the city lacks the necessary infrastructure to support the new housing proposals outlined in the proposed Comprehensive Plan, and many bridges, such as the Magnolia Bridge, are in poor condition, requiring seismic retrofits and replacement. Funding for these essential repairs and upgrades is a major concern, despite strong public support for transportation levies. How do you suggest the council can address these challenges?

4. What defines your Desired Future Condition for Seattle Neighborhoods?

Imagine it is halfway through your term in office. What three things will you be most proud to point to as evidence of your representation of Seattle's vast array of neighborhood and their interests?

Please respond to this questionnaire by July 25, 2025, by emailing a .pdf file of your replies to Jason Thibeaux, Executive Director, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce, at Jason@discovermagnolia.org.

In addition, if you have questions or concerns, please get in touch with Jason at 206.618.1589 or Ann Goos, Magnolia Chamber Board President and Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, at agoos@seanet.com or 206.465.5136.

The questions and your unedited answers will be featured on the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce website and in a newsletter to the more than 500 Chamber members representing businesses and residents. So again, if possible, please send your replies in a .pdf document so our members can easily access your campaign's positions.

Thank you for your participation and your candidacy.