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District 4

Q1: Yes. I'd like to increase funding for our city's arborist so we can visit trees more than once every seven years. I'd like us to educate homeowners, particularly new ones about the city's heritage and exceptional tree designations.

Q2: Yes. Particularly in SE Seattle where we have a noticeable lack of tree canopy, we must do what we can to keep what we have.

Q3: Yes. One of the benefits to the recent pilot program launched downtown regarding activation of public spaces could be an increase in the maintenance of our downtown trees through public/private partnerships, which would in turn allow greater resources to be spent out in our neighborhoods. We should also be ensuring appropriate funding from the recent parks levy will be designated to support tree maintenance, green space, and parklands.

Q4: Yes. Though that is only possible if we have a proper plan for enforcement, which would require an increase in the city's budget.

Q5: Absolutely.

Q6: I'm a big proponent of density and would like to see the city continue to grow to meet our population and job estimates. In the 90's and 00's our city grew by 8-9% each decade. We've already grown that much in the first 5 years of the 10's. It's imperative that we're creating enough density to meet the demand - and the best place for us to maximize the environmental benefit of those investments is to make sure we are focus new housing and up zones in areas that are going to have frequent and reliable transit service. This will help to reduce our environmental footprint and preserve more of our single family neighborhoods.

Q7: Multiple articles have been written recently highlighting the economic, health, and environmental benefits of living in green tree filled streets. I'd like us to redevelop many of our surplus lands for more open space and for more housing (where appropriate). I also believe we should be exploring increasing the city's public spaces advertising and using the revenues to increase street furniture and traffic calming in our neighborhoods. We should be making it easier for neighborhoods to shut down streets for block parties, play streets, and to create permanent parklets, which are easy and very low cost solutions to creating more open space.

Q8: Yes

Q9: Yes

Q10: As a 5th generation Seattlite I've always felt a strong connection to our natural environment. Though I don't come from a family that did a lot of outdoor recreation, I was a very sporty kid growing up. I have many fond memories of playing soccer on Dahl Field from my six years at University Prep and am proud to see the increased investment that we have made as a city to make that park more accessible, particularly for young families in the neighborhood.

I'm proud to have a diverse group of Environmental community leaders have endorsing me including Sara Patton, Laurie Valeriano, Joanna Grist, Hilary Franz, Amy Solomon, Neelima Shah, Lisa Quinn, Blake Trask, Shefali Ranganathan, Cary Moon, Barb Culp, Barbara Wright, Todd Vogel, and Denis Hayes.