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1. Waste is often an overlooked source of GHG emissions. Many communities have adopted zero-waste goals that seek to divert recyclables and compostables from landfills and redirect them to appropriate facilities. Would you like to see Sonoma adopt a zero-waste goal, and if so what steps would you take to help Sonoma achieve that Goal?

For the nine years I served on the City of Sonoma City Services and Environment Commission (CSEC) we worked on waste reduction for the events in the City of Sonoma. We implemented a ban on polystyrene products, required garbage sorters to pull out recyclable products, implemented a waste reduction policy and waste tracking sheets, encouraged reduction in consumption of single use products and ultimately banned single use plastics. Scaling this up to City or even Countywide would be a great use of time on the Sonoma City Council and with the implementation lessons learned on the CSEC a goal well within reach. There is already excellent model legislation the City of Sonoma can adopt.

2. A measure supporting bicycle transportation was adopted by the City of Sonoma as part of its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Increasing the number of trips made by bicycle or on foot will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and also decreases congestion and helps alleviate parking problems. What actions can the City Council take to make Sonoma residents of all ages feel safe while biking and walking to and from destinations within the City, including schools, parks, the library, restaurants, and shops?

Working on the Bicycle Master Plan was one of the 1st things I worked on when I became Commissioner. Throughout my years on the CSEC I also worked on Bike to Work Day, Safe Routes to School programs including Walk-n-Roll, helmet fittings and bicycle skill classes at local schools. Currently, a few of us local parents are forming a Sonoma Valley Composite Cycling Team for valley tweens and teens, last year we had four riders in the State Mountain Bike Championships, this year we are working to recruit more kids and have more fall in love with cycling. I think this work will encourage new generations of confident cyclists.

The 1st thing I think the City of Sonoma can do to help pedestrians and cyclist fees safer is a citywide maximum speed of 25 mph with school zones reduced to 15 mph when children are present. Next there are a few intersection and bike lanes that are particularly troublesome despite bicycle lane striping, 5th Street West and Napa Road, which I think would benefit from more substantial separation, like permanent mount delineator cones in a few spots.

I also think the City of Sonoma should be engaging with the County on safe bicycle routes out of Sonoma to other cities like Petaluma to connect with the SMART Train, to Santa Rosa via the Sonoma Valley Bicycle Trail and to Napa.

3. An increase in the availability of affordable housing would help lower greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the need for our workers to commute into Sonoma from out of town. What steps can the City Council take to help Sonoma meet its housing needs?

The City of Sonoma needs to be steadfast in requiring inclusionary units in all development and require development of that is not so autocratic, but rather encourages walking, cycling and public transit. The City should be encouraging multi-family development and reconfiguring the

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development code to not box in or discriminate against those living in more dense development and make the quality of life in more densely developed areas more enjoyable and open.

Would you support allowing the development of housing outside of the Urban Growth Boundary or do you support the renewal of the UGB before it expires in 2020?

I strongly support the renewal of the UGB and think that that any growth should be done in the population centers with the carrying capacity of our resources and infrastructure being carefully considered.