

## Candidate Questions

This survey, which has been distributed to all legislative candidates in your district, is meant to help educate our members and the general public impartially and on a nonpartisan basis about the policy positions of candidates for these offices. All views are welcome. Please fill out this form and return it to [cdberkowitz@charter.net](mailto:cdberkowitz@charter.net)

Thank you for your response, and for limiting your response to approximately 100 words per question.

### Candidate information

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**No campaign manager. Just me.**

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### Questions (please limit response to about 100 words):

1. Are you a member of a local, state, or national biking or walking-related club or organization?

**My husband and I are members of the PCTA, Pacific Crest Trail Association. We give an annual donation and usually give to specific projects when asked. We are avid backpackers and have the goal of completing the Pacific Crest Trail in sections. We have successfully completed over 1,300 miles of the 2,652 mile trail that extends from Mexico to Canada.**

2. What are your transportation priorities?

**I believe that transportation is a sector of our society that will see some of the most significant disruption. As a PUD Commissioner I've participated in several discussions on electrifying the transportation system. The drive (forgive the pun) behind this initiative is the possibility of self-driving vehicles. Combustion engines are not conducive to self-driving cars. Electric vehicles and self-driving technology go hand in hand. My transportation priorities will be to adapt and be responsive to new technologies. Keeping in mind that transportation includes barging, rail traffic, vehicles, cyclist, and walkers.**

3. What role, if any, should the federal and state government play in roadway safety for cyclists and pedestrians?

**The State and Federal Government can set standards of safety, provide guidelines for infrastructure, and promote livable cities with cyclists and pedestrians in mind. All of which are appropriate roles for government.**

4. What, if any, role should the federal and state governments have in encouraging Americans to engage in physical activities?

**A limited role. Encouraging physical activity is best made with influence by a peer group. For example, Benton PUD has a "safety minute" before the Commission meetings. Employees present a safety topic of their choice to the Commissioners. Recently an employee, who is close to my own age, gave a presentation on sharing the road with cyclist. She told how in the past year she became involved in cycling, how the club she joined helped her improve, and shared important safety tips for sharing the road with cyclist. I am much more likely to try cycling because of her personal connection than I am in any government program that tries to encourage me.**

5. Do you support setting safer speed limits on non-arterial streets to 20 miles per hour in your community?

**That seems a little low and could impede community productivity. A better solution for safety will most likely come with new technologies. Self-stopping cars that sense when a bicycle is near and in danger. Maybe some type of signal that comes built-in to your helmet. Technology is an area that has a lot of protentional for cyclist. I would be more inclined to use economic development funds for a PNNL Scientist to design local pilot programs that improve safety than I would to reduce speed limits.**

6. Please share any work that you've done to make your community more bike-pedestrian friendly.

**My knowledge of the need for bike safety has been increased by an entrepreneur venture of a family member My son-in-law is an avid cyclist and an electrical**

**engineer. He, along with my daughter, have completed two successful Kickstarter campaigns for improved cyclist safety with lighting that he designed and produced. Check out [www.orfos.us](http://www.orfos.us) or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH7ZFoBZGnA> to see how engrained cycling and hiking is in my family. You may be surprised to see that the safest bike light available was invented by a local cyclist!**

7. What are your suggestions for making the Tri-Cities a safer and better place for cyclists and pedestrians?

**I'm fascinated with bike share programs. Our community may not be dense enough to support this type of program, but I love the concept of visiting a city, finding a bike with an app, and leaving it for the next user.**

**Since I'm not much of a cyclists myself I would be interested to hear your ideas. My style of leadership is collaborative. I would welcome your organization in transportation discussions.**