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Survey Report

February, 2023

OVERVIEW

Thurston County Community Planning encouraged residents to take a survey, November 1-December 31, and share their thoughts on what's most important to them over the next 20 years. This feedback is a first step in the multi-year review of the county's comprehensive plan.

The results of this survey will inform the comprehensive plan update process over the next two years.

METHODS

There are 18 questions including multiple choice, short answer, and ranking. The complete results are available by request.

Outreach for the survey included:

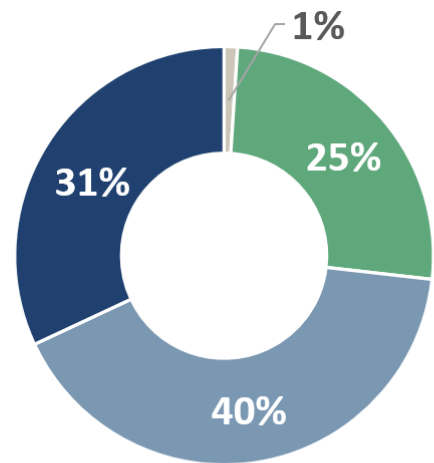
- Survey and flyer were translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.
- Flyer was posted at over 40 locations across the county.
- Over 15 social media posts in four languages.
- Direct outreach to BIPOC and multi-cultural organizations.
- News release.
- Direct emails to interested parties.

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WHO TOOK THE SURVEY

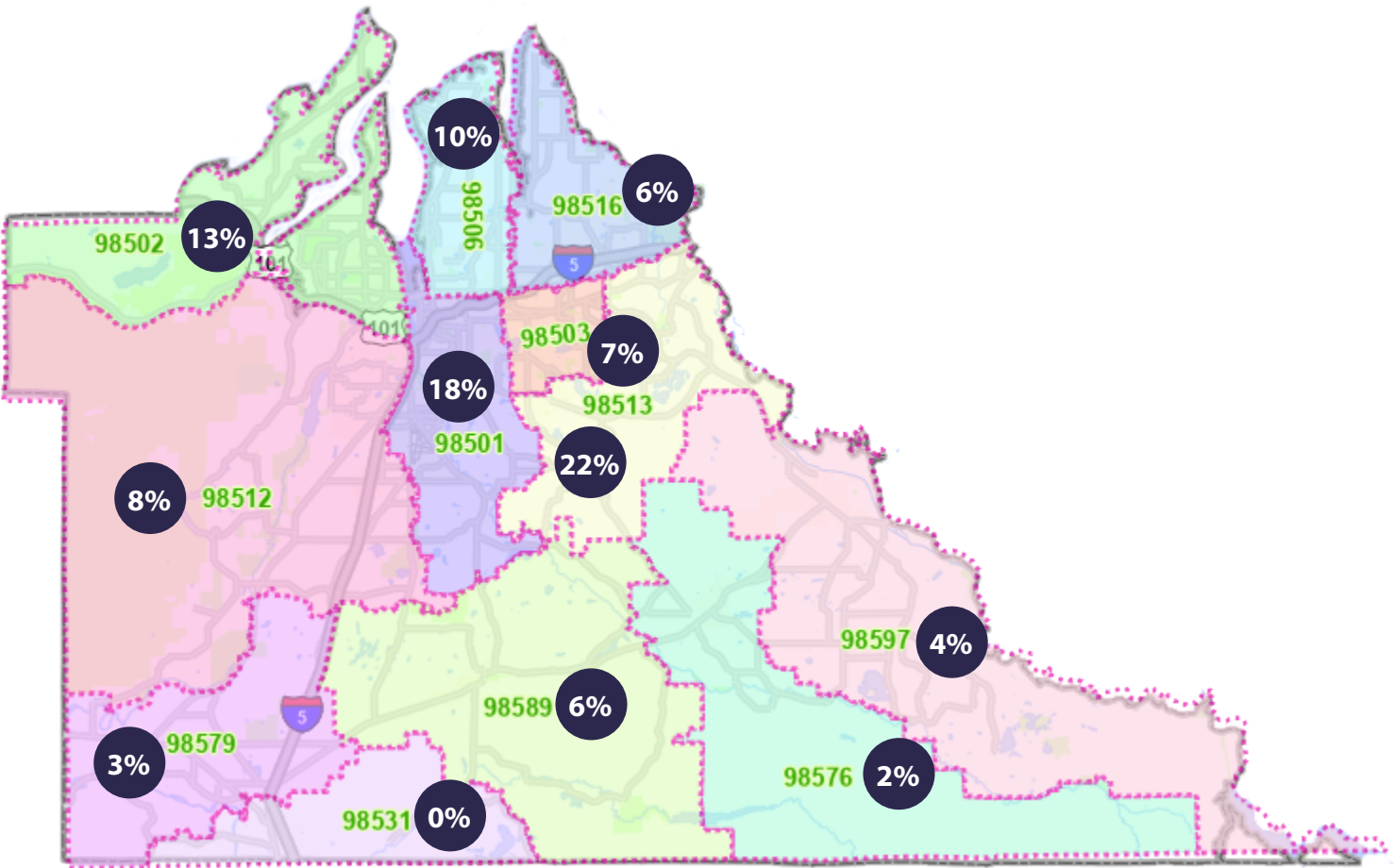
950 people submitted the survey from across the county. 98% of respondents selected English as the primary language in their household. 5 selected Spanish, 1 selected Russian, and 1 Other.

RESPONDENTS AGE



- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 44
- 45 to 64
- 65 or older

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS BY ZIP CODE



TOP FOUR TOPICS

We asked respondents to pick the topics most important to them. Here are the top four topics picked.



Protect sensitive areas like wildlife habitat, flood areas, landslide areas, and surface and ground water (57%).



Prepare for climate change and take actions towards reducing impacts (47%).



Protect agriculture (36%).



Increase availability of affordable housing (33%).

BOTTOM THREE TOPICS

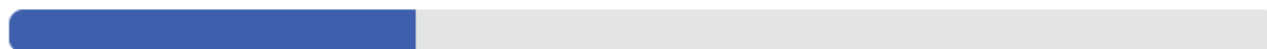
- Increase bicycle and pedestrian facilities (11%).
- Add more options and/or locations for recreation (10%).
- Increase land available for industrial or commercial development (4%).

RESULTS

Respondents were asked how important the following topics were to them.

Diversify and increase job and business opportunities.

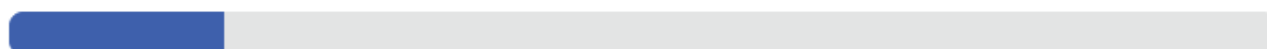
Very important 311 (32.16%)



Somewhat important 492 (50.88%)



Not important 164 (16.96%)

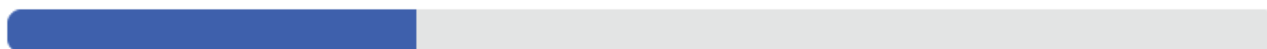


Prepare for natural hazards.

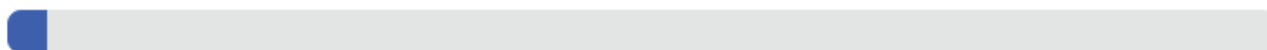
Very important 634 (64.43%)



Somewhat important 318 (32.32%)



Not important 32 (3.25%)

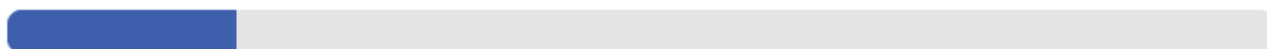


Prepare for climate change and take actions towards reducing impacts.

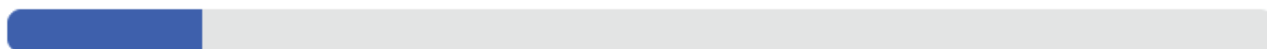
Very important 653 (66.43%)



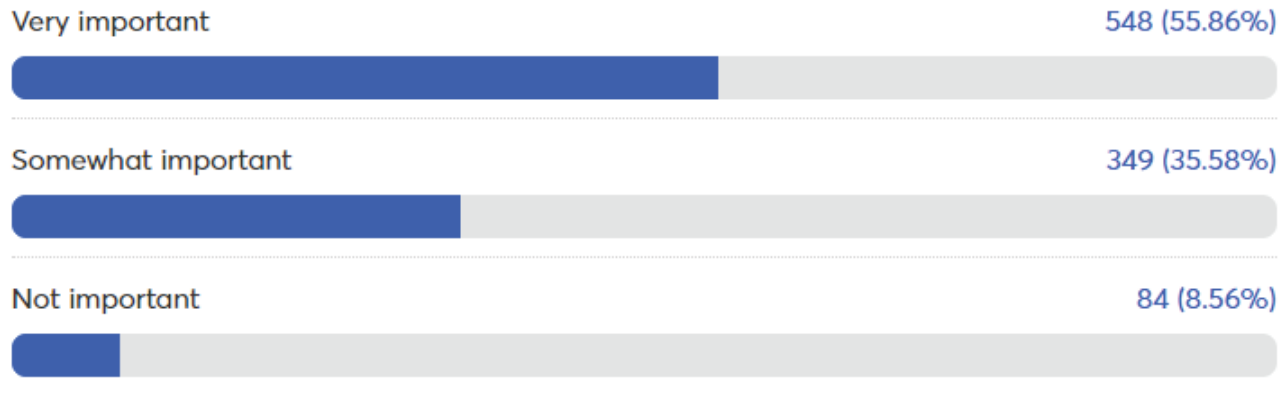
Somewhat important 178 (18.11%)



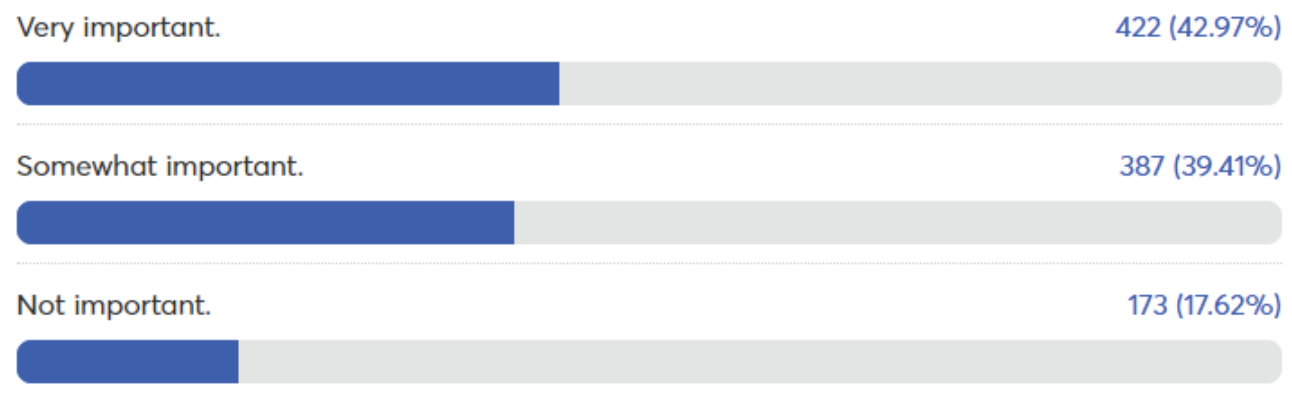
Not important 152 (15.46%)



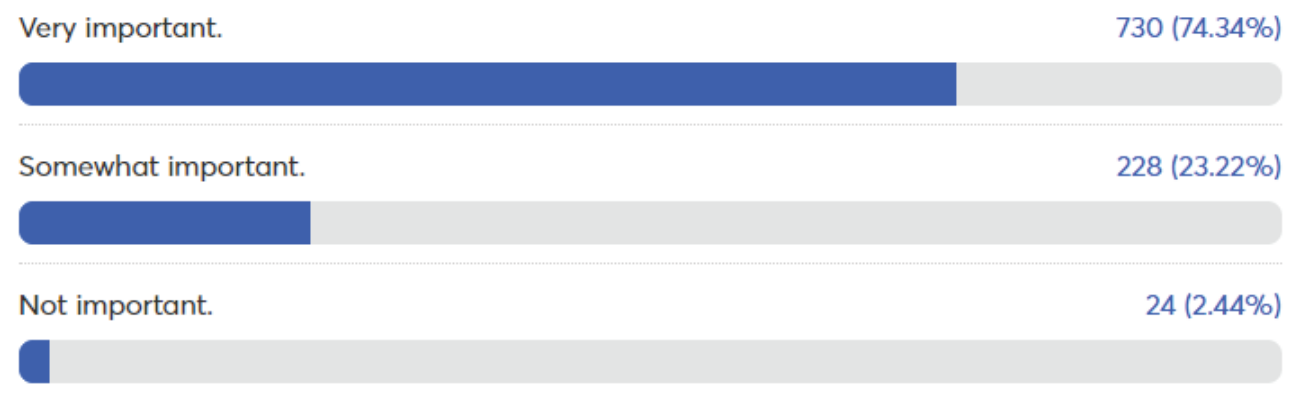
Address traffic congestion.



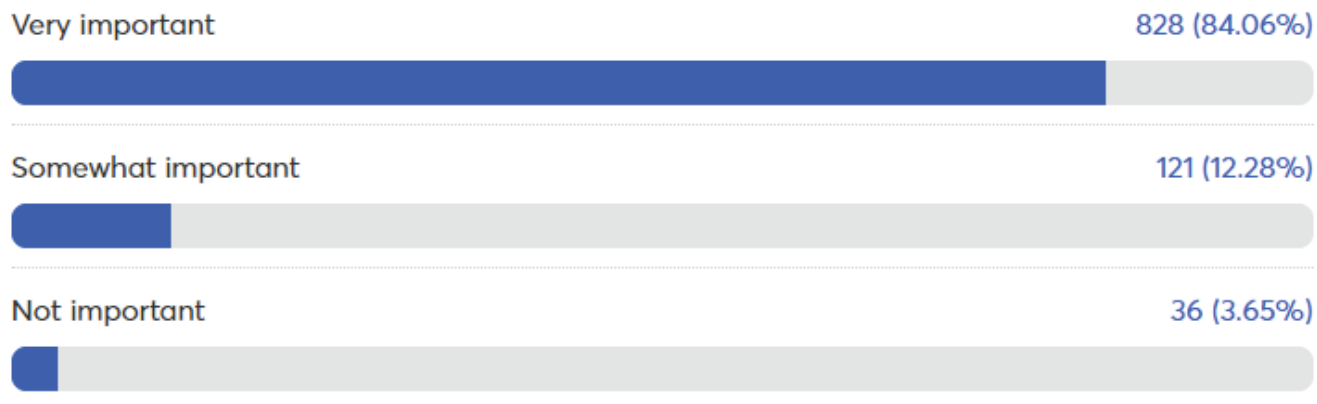
Increase bicycle and pedestrian facilities.



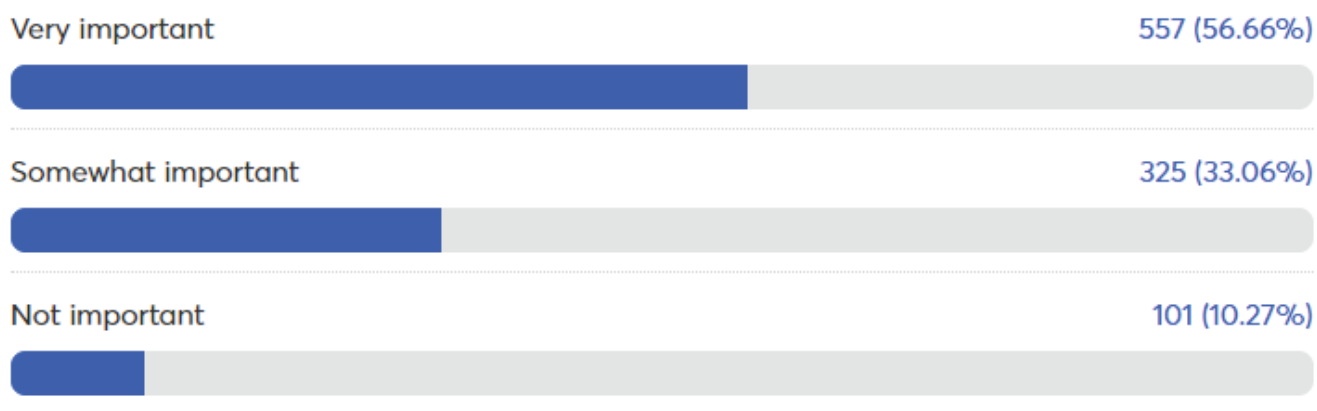
Protect agriculture.



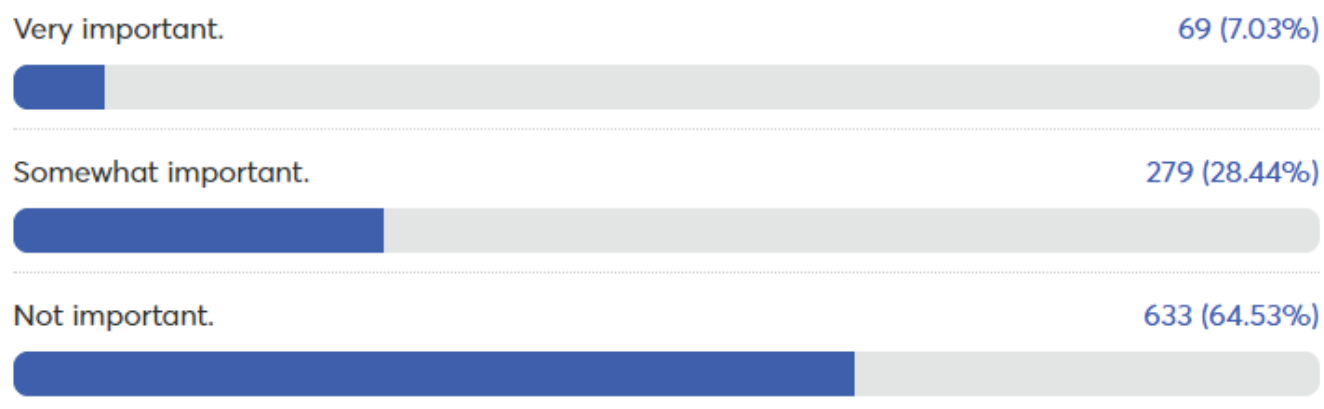
Protect sensitive areas like wildlife habitat, flood areas, landslide areas, and surface and ground water.



Increase availability of affordable housing.

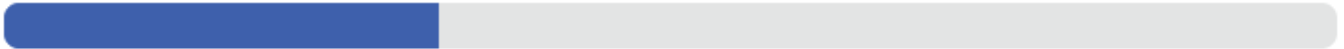


Increase land available for industrial or commercial development.



Add more options and/or locations for recreation.

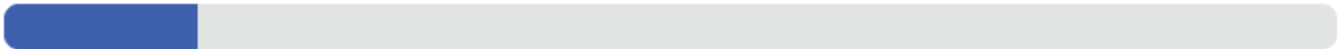
Very important 321 (32.72%)



Somewhat important 517 (52.7%)



Not important 143 (14.58%)

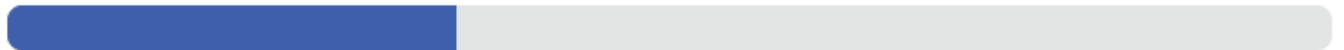


Improve access to health care.

Very important 581 (59.16%)



Somewhat important 334 (34.01%)



Not important 67 (6.82%)

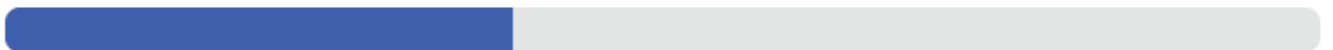


Protect cultural and historic resources.

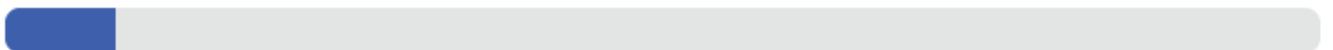
Very important 517 (52.81%)



Somewhat important 379 (38.71%)



Not important 83 (8.48%)

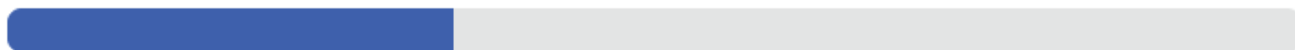


Improve equity and fairness in the community.

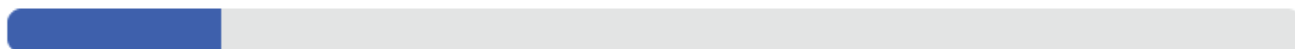
Very important. 477 (48.97%)



Somewhat important. 336 (34.5%)



Not important. 161 (16.53%)



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Respondents were asked if there were any topics we missed. There were **439** comments. Here's what they had to say:

- 211** Oppose a new airport in Thurston County.
- 46** Address homelessness.
- 36** Protect open space, habitat, wetlands, and forests.
- 26** Address crime and public safety.
- 17** Increase public transportation, including high speed/lite rail.
- 17** Create truly affordable housing for low-no income residents.
- 19** Increase access to healthcare and ensure mental healthcare is included.
- 12** Increase density.
- 11** Increase/enable police force.
- 13** Preserve rural character.
- 13** Ensure clean air and water availability.
- 10** Address environmental justice and social equity.
- 10** Reduce property taxes.

Other comments included:

- Support working lands, including agriculture and forestry.
- Address and respond to climate change.
- Increase childcare and activities for children, including low income or children with disabilities.
- Increase recreation, including public pools.
- Increase government transparency, efficiency, and accountability.
- Reduce permitting costs and wait times.
- Support small, local businesses.
- Improve infrastructure.

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Addressing homeless encampments.
Addressing crime.

Our county occupies the national common condition called failure to self-police personal behavior. Clearly, Olympia is making a concerted effort to address the homeless/camping issue. It is my sincere hope that Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey and Yelm will make a fullsome combined effort to persuade, cajole, or call-out our state government for it's failure to address statewide illegal defacement of public/private spaces. Gun violence/crime must also take center stage. Thank you for all you do!

crime, education, drug addiction/homelessness.

- 1). Reducing crime. Hold criminals accountable and ensure we have adequate staffing in the Sheriff's Office to accomplish this critical mission.
- 2). Addressing the prolific homelessness that's visible everywhere you look!
- 3). The cost for building permits is out of control! Make building permits more affordable and streamline the process for obtaining permits in a timely process!

You had no topics related to high crime, drug use, the homeless. Given recent national polls you seemed to conveniently ignore those topics of concern to many Americans and only focused on those of the left.

Something needs to be done about the homeless and crime issue in Thurston County. No one I talk to feels safe in Olympia or Lacey anymore. It is driving local business to go out of business. This is not the Thurston County I grew up in.

Addressing the homeless issue. Cleaning up the trashed up county areas and quit making it desirable to be homeless because of all the handouts and crime waivers these people are afforded.

Clean up Thurston County. Lots of crime lately, which seems to be in a direct correlation to the homeless problem.

Again, homeless camps and garbage MUST be cleaned up. crime must be addressed. Hire more police officers, don't defund the police. Thurston county is a mess. These are the FIRST things the county should complete. We have traveled many states and most do not have the level of homeless camps and garbage that we see in Washington (Thurston county)...It is a DISGRACE. I am sure the intent of this CCP update is to do many good things. However the county needs to start by cleaning things up!

It is obvious this survey was designed to reach a predetermined outcome based on the questions and the way the questions were asked. As a male 58 year old life long resident of Thurston County I see crime and homelessness as the biggest problem we have, I never thought would feel unsafe during the day in public, the housing crisis is very complex but it all starts with availability of land and a reliable process to create housing, for over 30 years the county has done just the opposite.

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crime!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Feeling safe in our community

crime

Make drugs illegal again and remove the drug addicts from our streets. Reduce crime!

Addressing the vagrants and the related crime, garbage, and safety issues that come with them.

I CERTAINLY am wondering why our concerns about crime in Thurston County, as well as drug addiction were not listed.

Improve the safety and crime rate in the areal

Increase affordability for retirees. Lower taxes so families can stay in their existing homes. Reduce school taxes for retirees over 65. Increase security and reduce crime. Reduce ineffective building codes that increase costs and add red tape.

These survey questions show just how out of touch and misdirected our planning is!

Nothing about getting more value for each tax dollar. Does not even address the windfall in tax revenues from the increased values in real-estate! What was it spent on?

Punishment for theft. Too many stores are robbed multiple times a day bc they know they can get away with it. There is no punishment or enforcement of the homeless.

Please limit rural development and increase density, support urban homelessness solutions

Address the homelessness epidemic.

Base property taxes on what current owner paid!, not what current sales are. No benefit to owner until sold!
Deal with homeless crisis!

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Clean up and get rid of the homeless/ drugs and criminals on the areeets and in the county and state. It's not safe to go to downtown Olympia, we don't use the parks and trails or lakes anymore because of the dangerous homeless population that attack people. Will not visit any shops in Downtown Olympia or go to any events in downtown Olympia until the homeless population and thh HR e criminals are cleaned up off the streets. Let the cops do their jobs. Everyone speeds on every road, dangero

Get rid of the homeless drug addicts.

I don't think your survey reflects the reality of climate change, and its potential and expected impacts over the next 20 years. We shouldn't be doing ANY roadbuilding. We shouldn't be doing any further industrial development that relies on roads and trucks.

I think you should go back to the drawing board and start again, starting with the projects impacts of climate change on our community. Have you thought about cooling centers? Have you thought about roofs NOW for homeless people?

Please address homeless shelters - more r needed

Above and beyond all, fix the drug problem. Its not a homeless problem, its a drug problem. I shouldnt have to watch people smoking crack out of tin foil leaning up against starbucks. This is sleater kinney and martin way. One block away from where i graduated highschool. The homeless and the drugs are disgusting. Kts spreads all the way into hawks prairie now which used to be nothing when i was a kid. Its disgusting to see, and i question if i should raise my children here, or just leave.

Finding solutions to the housing situation in Thurston County should be a priority. The community can not flourish or be expected to provide all the services needed when so many people are without a decent place to live. It's more cost effective to find housing solutions first, rather than have to deal with the many repercussions of homelessness, which affects both the health and safety of the community at large.

How is addressing homelessness, mental health, and addiction related impacts not on this list? Itâ€™s so incredibly tone deaf that this isnâ€™t on the list itâ€™s stunning. The county should be the lead on these issues butâ€™s absence of leadership has forced Olympia to play this role for the entire County. Shame on you for forcing this issue on the 50,000 residents of Olympia.

Push out the so called "homeless" drug attacks/criminals from our community. Quick making our courts a turnstile for repeat criminals.

Improve wheelchair access in recreational areas and include service dogs. Increase availability of Dial-a-Lift in Yelm area. Increase access to food and shelter for homeless people.

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Address the homeless problem by having outreach programs to get good jobs for those that are not drug addicts. Places to go to where they can clean up and then places to apply for jobs where there is help for them. They don't have computers, etc. Give them help and respect. We are all one step away from losing everything these days.

Improve the drug and homelessness crisis, people living in tent cities is not compassion, it's pathetic.

Get tough on homelessness and drug use to improve quality of life across the board. Elect responsible adults and promote self sufficiency and pull government back to it's rightful place in support of liberty.

Please stop catering to the homeless. Our county seems to have a disproportionate population. If they are unwilling to get help then they shouldn't be provided services. No barrier shelters and housing should NEVER be allowed in our county. Society requires rules for a healthy community. If you cannot follow rules then they shouldn't be catered to. Those who seek help should be helped with medical, psychological, and drug therapy-along with job training.

Get the homeless and their pig sty messes out of sight. Get the camps out of the parks and along I-5. It's a disservice to everyone who lives here that we have to shop and be panhandled. Openly seeing people go to the bathroom or doing drugs as I drive down Capitol, deplorable.

Make sure all homeless people have a roof. I don't care if that is part of affordable housing initiatives or not. homeless people need roofs now!

End ALL roadbuilding. Make significant cuts to the Sheriff's Office budget. Get rid of all militarized equipment.

homelessness

homeless encampments are out of hand

this survey seems does not address the issue of growth management. the county needs to stay within UBAs and protect farm and forest working lands while protecting the environment. By densifying the UBAs increased revenue will support mass transit and alternatives to transportation such as bike trails, etc. Improving equity and fairness thru affordable housing, banking, & health care is imperative while increasing jobs and minimizing homelessness.

Addressing the trauma of homelessness, and the mental/social health care needed for citizens to successfully transition is a subject I have seen little action on anywhere not just here. I suggest looking at programs such as SeekHealing in Asheville North Carolina for a social health model.

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figure out the homeless problem. absolutely ridiculous that i cannot park an rv on my own land with water and septic hook up yet the homeless can camp anywhere on public land that i support with my taxes with no sanitation and nothing is done about it

homelessness population

homelessness
Community Safety

Helping the homeless.

homelessness especially in downtown Olympia. I also feel that we need to work to improve and clean up downtown Olympia. We need better access to grocery stores.

homeless people, or more specifically, addiction is a major problem that needs to be dealt with differently than it is now. I work with it every day, they can be very violent.

You have all lost your minds with any adjustment to the Capitol Mall area. Haven't you seen it is full enough of housing? You minds do not even exist with any actual knowledge of the Capital Lake area. No matter how much dredging you employ the excessive land fill has compromised any possibility of ever avoiding flooding. Do you even know the road around the lake collapsed during the time of trying to establish it. You have no idea what affordable housing is. The rent is out of reason.

Development should be in cities and urban growth areas. Keep the rest rural and farming and forested.

Need high-speed rail to Seattle AND Portland!

prioritize the existing and create more green spaces in urban environments
stop renting out the port to Weyerhaeuser and make a solar or wind farm and public park there instead of exporting dead trees to Japan.
Stop building next to waterfront on flood plane don't add more expensive condos and stop tax breaks to developers and lower the taxes for regular people to not pay for the rich.
Stop making school levies tied to property taxes since it is the main reason it's so \$\$
Make water free

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increase land for housing. clean creeks and drain ditches of canary grass to let water get to the sound instead of flooding areas

Park(s) in Rochester! We send enough money to Thurston County that it would be great to see some of it returned to more rural areas for community enrichment.

Include mental health services in improving access to health care.

No, but thank you for thinking of my future.

Encouraging comp planners to think about child care and the 0-5 population and affordable spaces for centers and diversity of options for families and caregivers (in home/center/etc.)

Reduce fees and regulatory requirements so folks can actually build a home or start a business. Reduce the timeliness for permits from what is now a year or two down to 90 days.

Environmental Justice and Social Equity are important issues and they should be added to the Comp Plan.

You need to reach out to the marginal, BIPOC and Tribes community in listening sessions.

"Excessive Speeding" through residential neighborhoods near Yelm Highway to avoid traffic!!!

Traffic Noise

No increased air traffic!!

Solicit participation and include the private sector and local business/home owners/property owners in the solution process to get buy in and best ideas/practices so as not to alienate the self-made hard-working locally invested private parties/taxpayers in the process to retaining the high quality of lifestyle we enjoy in the greater Olympia area.

Protect green/open spaces. Environmental justice & social equity. Air quality & quality of life concerns.

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Quality of schools and childcare.

Stop the Port of olympia new project coca-cola factory in Tumwater that will increase c02 and drain aquifers!

Protecting forests and woodlands.

Addressing housing affordability from the correct angle. Many regulations and fees exist that drive the cost of new housing higher. There must be plans made to reduce the amount of barriers in place to build new housing. Requiring or incentivizing the construction of new units dedicated solely or partially to "affordable housing" turns away a majority of builders. Increased supply of housing should yield more affordable housing. Impact Fees, over regulated critical areas, county staffing, etc.

Increase and update access to lakes, boat ramps, and shore fishing.

Safety and Security of citizens.

Affordable Housing

Increased availability and use of public transportation.

I'd like to see planning by preparing to avoiding placing structures or businesses in the way or location of hazards (floodplains, steep slopes, shoreline riparian buffer areas, etc). This type of planning, which takes a strong vision, Will be cheaper in the long run than constructing and maintaining infrastructure.

Reduce property taxes

Not industrializing the area.

Add solar to all government buildings and schools.

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Housing availability in general is an issue, not just housing that is zoned or legislated affordable for those in need. infrastructure is falling too far behind.

the survey makes it hard to communicate intent. I care about protecting sensitive areas like wetlands and landslide areas etc., but i know that we have a lot of code protecting those areas already as we have done a good job of that and so i dont feel it should be a main focus. My only option is "not important" which is misleading.

Strengthening home and family

Religious freedom

Transparency in government

Increase personal and public safety of all citizens

cut the cost of the budget!!

Create incentives for responsible management of private property. As examples of what this means:
Create a sliding tax incentive for % of property that is permeable surfaces- someone with 90% impermeable pays a higher tax rate than someone with 70%.

Provide bi-monthly garbage pick up of invasive species-create tax incentive to property owners that are reducing or have removed invasive species.

Create sliding tax incentive for apartments that provide natural/garden areas for residents.

Environmental Justice and Social Equity are important issues and they should be added.

All housing stocks need to be part of the affordability housing strategies. We have underbuilt for over a decade. Local cities have not annexed UGA growth areas fast enough which has created increased land costs, new energy codes are adopted without robust conversation on housing affordability and equity.

Healthy air and water support quality of life for all.

the pandemic may have seen an increase in government bureaucracy, unfortunately, but it also shows that these bureaucrats can "work" from home, leaving a lot of empty offices and parking lots. Turn that around. Look towards a new tax system that encourages conservation and development

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Downtown Olympia buildings are looking like there is quite a bit of deferred maintenance including vandalism.

Improvements are well overdue to downtown Olympia. Perhaps a barn raising approach? One local business helps out another business to improve the "storefront" appearance. Take pride in how our city looks. Tax on Tourism is a great source of income and can help Olympia. Make it hospitable and desirable and the money will come!

I would love to see density increase so that walking and biking are more viable as modes of transportation.

Our county needs to position itself for smart, contained growth that balances a lot of the needs above. More housing is needed, but our developed land must be centered around transportation systems that are equipped to serve it. There's a nexus between many of these issues above. The relationships among them must be acknowledged for us to be successful.

Keep rural areas rural. Limit expansion of wireless services, increase high speed wired services which are faster and more reliable. Limit industrial/commercial intrusion in rights of way.

Increase access and routes for public transportation.

I've lived in Thurston County for close to 40 years. I miss being able to enjoy downtown Olympia. Tumwater has become chaotic and Lacey has so very many temporary residents from JBLM. I miss the comfort and safety of what was. I miss long-term residents committed to making this a better place. There's so much trying to make things right for the few that the area is losing the appeal that brought us all here in the first place. Begin with the end in mind to build what it will become.

SCANDAL: Stop selling our water to Coca-Cola. Stop this give away. They should have to use the old Olympia Brewery warehouse, they must post a large bond, and they MUST pay for any water, and they MUST not be able to use unlimited water.

HEY, that water was fought over, & the cities agreed to share those wells. And any other groundwater MUST be kept for our citizens. WHO decided to do this? How much money or favors are Coca-Cola paying you under the table.

Affordable Homeownership to combat racial discrimination in housing.

Preserving the green space currently present in Thurston county will go a long way towards mitigating the effects of global warming. High density mixed rate housing in already-developed segments of the county will increase access while preserving forest and improve housing equity. Townhouse development increases surface concrete, decreasing rainwater absorption and increasing local temperature; it's not how we build ourselves out of our current needs.

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leave us alone that live in the rural areas too many rules on endangered whatever you come up with,I am really renting my property in property taxes,and the state is telling me what I can and can not do.

Increasing engagement in county policy development from underrepresented groups

Develop, improve, and complete transportation infrastructure BEFORE approving new development of industry or housing.

public transportation- create a systematic approach to public transportation that creates accessibility and effective utilization for ALL residents of the County. Work with IT to implement a county-wide system linking with adjacent counties for ease of use by all citizens. Join Sound Transit, bring light rail and Sounder to Thurston County. Investigate using the RCW on Rail Districts as needed.

Restore and protect coastal and riparian areas for wildlife, water quality and quantity, and recreation access

Improve traffic safety in south county near Tenino, specifically old highway 99 and Rich road intersection. Add more pedestrian / bike safety to Tenino (kids walk along the highway because there are no sidewalks outside the primary town area)

What is the maximum population we want that will maintain our quality of life?

More single family housing

https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/iryo-high-speed-train-spain/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3R9QSAvt75ApCCJv2pS1SERgHU6QjqKc88wBXm4jeo5AZlxvR1tO_ynNw&mibextid=Zxz2cZ

i don't see police and fire on your list isn't this the most important job for all government public safety and what about sanitation sewer and water. should not have to pay extra property tax levy for the most basic government functions these should be firs on you budget and planing

Protect agriculture AND forests

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Increase access to primary care

Awareness of population demographics. Access to higher education including access to trades.

More 55+ and over homes for the elderly.. Let Mr DeTray build his houses on 14th Ave without the huge impact fees being imposed on him and his plan fir that development. Retirees want to live here but there's nothing for them to live in. Reduce taxes on houses occupied by these sane folk. We are being taxed out of our homes.

Thurston County is uniquely and naturally beautiful. I believe the land needs to be protected and not over developed like many surrounding areas. Thurston County has developed rapidly since we have moved here in 2013 and I believe its bursting at the seams. Buisnesses are overwhelmed with all the people flocking in, the traffic is getting worse, and the rural natural look is disappearing. Focus should be on preserving what is left and protecting wildlife while staying affordable to mid class.

I support sustainable and organic farming in Thurston county. We are lucky to have the healthy food production we have. Local food production is essential to climate change preparation

We need major investment in public transportation like high speed rail and buses.

Retaining Thurston County semi-rural atmosphere. See your 1970 detailed land use map and study

Does adding more commercial and industrial lands create real local jobs, and how much money would the county get for allowing this kind of development, instead of maintaining the quality of life and natural environment?

When there are conflicting goals, Environmental Justice needs to be the highest priority.

Thurston County should plan to incorporate the Dept of Commerce model Comp Plan language for climate mitigation and resilience language into the Comp Plan.

Increase mixed residential/commercial zones.

Limit growth to within current cities boundaries.

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The area is guaranteed to grow in the next 20 years, and it would be smart for Thurston county to prepare for an influx of residents and protecting the environment /wildlife while making a Thurston County and Olympia, an attractive place to live, and do business.

Improve public transit and concentrate development to fight climate change. Build publicly-owned, mixed-income housing that can provide revenue and increase affordable stock.

Primary care physicians are not available in Thurston Co. Right now, if you needed a new PCP you would need to travel to King or Clark county to see a new PCP. If you can wait, it is still a six month wait for a Thurston County located PCP. That is too long! Even though there is a large medical presence in the county, it isn't enough, or (more likely) the number of specialists to PCP doctors is out-of-balance.

Prison reform
Destroy magat cultists

Please do not issue new building permits for land that will be under water in 2035. Reserve that land for recreation and encourage building inland. Please work to eliminate septic tanks. Growth for growth's sake does not serve quality of life. There must be a balance between growth and infrastructure - for traffic etc.

We must do everything we can to build an adequate supply of affordable housing, removing zoning restrictions on housing density in areas close to city limits; and working with the Housing Authority to build significantly more publicly owned and dense housing. The county should also form a Public Health District, which operates a distributed network of clinics capable of providing basic care, referrals, and a full range of vaccination services. Wait times for accessing health care are insane.

Preserve open space. Could be assumed in protecting ag land and wildlife areas, but not explicitly listed above.

Many of the county employees I've encountered when I've needed services or information over the last 5 years are disappointing, to put it mildly. Your documents across many departments are poorly written or outdated. Your phone trees are remarkably difficult to navigate and your wait times for a return call are embarrassing. Please consider investing in more staff and be sure they are, at a minimum, good at their jobs and can prioritize customer service.

Please protect the beauty that is Thirston County. I love the rural feel, the people, and how safe it is. Please do everything you can to keep it that way.

Promote and develop green infrastructure and low impact development practices.

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Light rail connecting north pound and start southbound.

Trees over 100-years old in Thurston County need to be protected for both wildlife habitat, our watersheds and aquifers, and the enjoyment of future generations. Vintage fruit trees (e.g., apple, pear, plum, etc.) need to be listed on a county wide historical register and not be cut down. Many of these trees are at least 80-100+ years old, or are the descendants of trees planted by Thurston County pioneers and have historical value, and nearly all of them still produce delicious fruit.

Improve condo and HOA laws for more affordable (\$250 per SF) multi-story condos with great walk-ability, shopping, high speed electric rail, parks, plazas, trails.

I didn't list equity because it should be considered in all decisions.

Protect, enhance and restore water resources and wildlife corridors. Purchase undeveloped, natural lands to preserve for future generations. Ground water is precious and needs to remain in public domain for a healthy populous. Eliminate unnecessary transportation facilities and invest in multi modal active alternatives.

Protect TREE CANOPY, legacy trees, and contiguous stands of forest.

Downtown safety

Protecting sensitive areas for wildlife and making it easier for bikes and peds will help reduce climate impacts. Improving access to Healthcare will improve equity and fairness in the community.

Add more rules about leaving some trees on land that is going to be developed, also more soil protection regulations. Require developers to protect the native trees, plants and leave more wildlife habitat. Fewer sidewalks and more green belts. Also protect the Sound and the waterways from any more degradation. I would love to see traffic solutions and common sense used in planning when buildings are placed. Don't Zone single family homes next to skyscrapers and skyscrapers next to industrial area

Invest in development of high speed rail.
Increase production of alternative power: wind, solar, wave.
Close the Centralia coal power station.

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Preserve farmers so they can stay on the land and farm.
Tax breaks for anyone who can grown enough food and sell to others.

Environmental Justice and Social Justice

Bicycle and pedestrian facilities should exist to connect rural SW Thurston County (little rock, delphi, maytown) to Olympia. Similar to the Chehalis Western Trail that serves SE and NE Thurston. We need to stop converting open space and working lands to planned housing developments. Instead, focus on LAMIRDs around town centers. Overall growth patterns of Thurston county with the random mcmansion developments and spider webbing roads and cul de sacs is unattractive and doesnt foster community.

EV DC-fast charging stations should be under cover (solar panels over parking and charging areas) and should include pull-through spaces for towing and long vehicles. Gas stations should be converted to biofuels for supporting legacy ICE vehicles. Global warming is caused by FOSSIL fuel use. Fossil fuels MUST be phased out!

getting people to work.

Protect private forests and sustainable forest management.

Please prevent Seatac #2 from being approved and developed in Thurston County.

Dump this equity crap!

Fully implement the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan it covers many of these areas of concern.

The continuing issue w/the unhoused and mentally ill, addicted members of our communities need addressed. I'm always concerned that govt decision makers implement new policy without a solid and long term funding commitment and plan. We can't have it all.

Create programs for autistic children.

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Grow job and business opportunities that do not require increased conversion of land from vacant or agricultural to industrial or commercial. Consider water supply and availability when promoting any changes in land use. Plan for how to accommodate growth through density while maintaining quality of life. Create a vision for the County that gets at local values - not conversion to box stores like so much of the I-5 corridor. Make this a Desirable place to live and do business.

Reduce regulatory requirements and zoning that impede construction of affordable housing.

Would love to see more recreational outdoor spaces that bring the community together, similar to Point Ruston development.

We need to protect the rural beauty of Thurston countyâ€ the wetlandsâ€ the aquifersâ€ all of it.

More small business centers in neighborhoods.
Walkable to grocery and coffee, neighborhood hubs.

Preserving open space for wildlife, hiking trails, natural habitat.

The US population is set to begin declining, as fertility has been below 2.1 for more than a decade now. We need to begin planning as though our local and state population is at or near a peak.

It will not be as sharp a decline as Japan or Korea, which are likely to shrink by 30% over the balance of this century. But this notion of needing to "build more things" will come to an end. Our focus should be on the quality of life for those who remain.

The roads are increasingly deteriorating as traffic is increasing. Little patches are not doing the job.

Law Enforcement increase!!!

Stop the Green New Deal!

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Addressing air quality issues, including preparing for increasing episodes of wildfire smoke in our region. (This ties into both addressing climate change and preparing for impacts, as well as increased access to health care and public health options).

Address public Safety

Yes to affordable housing but needs to be truly affordable for people not just a set aside if a couple units in a big fancy market priced apartments.

Improve governmental transparency, efficiency and accountability

dense development, pedestrian focused urban design. Urban incentives for tree canopy retention, water conservation, lawn reduction

Large industrial projects in unincorporated county areas - please stop.

Support local businesses and endeavors. Avoid large developments in sensitive areas or agricultural lands.

Quit approving more and more commercial enterprises together with more and more housing. Our communities are rapidly losing their quality of life as the population density and traffic are becoming just grotesque.

I would like a public indoor pool to be built for the community

Hire more deputies,

Community support services for low income children - wrap around services -medical, recreation, emotional support services

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Very poor maintenance , people driving around in brand new 4x4 trucks. SUVs , why ? Nothing getting done but burning gas and labor hrs . Totally unacceptable with no accountability and a terrible attitude . It seems like everybody hates their job ,and it shows .

No leadership

I encourage the county to invest increasingly in habitat and ecological restoration and do all we can to safeguard our local wildlife and lands. And please make ample green space in town. Thank you for your great work!

Yes. Restore watersheds. Some choices offered are beyond the purview of the county.

Thurston County seems to be protecting big business at the expense of its citizens. Quality of life is important.

Improve access to mental health care; increase sidewalks for walking; provide quality early childhood education/care and parenting resources; make community sports/activities/arts available for all children regardless of ability to pay

Quality of life due to noise and air/land pollution.

Improve scale and timeliness of public transportation.

Affordable housing is also critical, but we need to direct growth into the areas that are already urban; I am unclear if this plan involves the municipal jurisdictions or is just for unincorporated Thurston County. Sensitive areas, especially water resources, and our remaining farmland, are top priorities that the County has significant capacity to protect/preserve (and protecting these places that define our County also helps mitigate climate change).

This survey is not helpful. What are cultural and historic resources? What do you mean by "prepare for climate change"? What do you mean by "increasing the availability of affordable housing"? In the case of the latter, I think what you mean is "shall we continue to encourage and permit the construction of a gazillion apartments in Tumwater. That is certainly not where we should be going. Thurston County is not obligated to accommodate exponential growth.

Support of encouraging tourism

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Reduce property tax in rural areas

Not now

Olympia keeps building in high traffic areas that face flood threats. The throughways cannot accommodate the current volume of traffic much less adding. I live at 31st and Boulevard. Our cul-de-sac is used for school drop off. Cars use Boulevard as a raceway. There is new construction all up and down Boulevard and on 18th. It is impacting everything traffic, flooding, rats, unhoused people. The roundabouts have NOT slowed drivers, it has just made them angrier.

Provide more opportunities for people to support themselves

Increase affordable housing for those of the lowest income, or no income, levels. This should include increasing opportunities for housing ownership. Take into consideration increasing social equity, especially access to transportation. Incorporate the goals and strategies of the Thurston Climate Action Plan (2020).

Highway safety

eliminate open carry of firearms.
insure that when district boundaries are drawn they represent a fair and balanced population.

More police protection on the street

In the prior 20-year plan till now we've already lost a third of our agricultural land to housing development I want to know what the county is going to do about offsetting the carbon footprint that they are creating by allowing all this housing.

Access to health care needs to include comprehensive mental health services.

Law and justiceâ€”address mismanagement by Sheriff Snaza.

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There is a long term need to improve efficient, all-weatherland transportation between Vancouver B.C., points in California, Oregon and Eastern Washington.

We need to keep and preserve our agriculture, forests and wetlands. We don't need more concrete, blacktop, rooftops and roads. The forests and wetlands will help fight climate change. More concrete will cause temps in our area to rise.

Working towards environmental justice and social equity.

I have been living here since 1980 and feel that the local government entities need to collaborate and coordinate on each and every issue, decision, plan, and development. I feel like we continue to see decisions based only on dollars and quantities versus quality of life impacts. And, that competing with neighboring cities is too costly for each community.

increase monitoring/inspection of septic installations at waterfront homes

We need more dense housing, cheap apartments, walkable downtowns, bike lanes, etc

I don't know how to solve the problem, but the number of people on the streets asking for money, but seemingly unwilling to get drug/alcohol or psychological assistance is hurting business and lowering the quality of life in general. This is one of the biggest problems Olympia has.

Increase availability of resources for senior citizens, including transportation in rural areas.

Thurston County has so many unique natural features from Puget Sound to Capital Forest, the Mima Mounds to Millersylvania, all the lakes, rivers and streams. These areas need to be protected to maintain what makes living here special or else we become just another ubiquitous city scape. Our farmland needs to be protected and supported to maintain a local food economy. Please limit huge industrial complexes and warehouses. Housing developments should have green spaces and trees should be left.

Just a note that by affordable housing, we mean apartments or small dwellings that people can afford on a lower income salary but they need to be well managed. We don't need more \$2000 per month luxury units until that is addressed.

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Thurston County needs more entertainment such as quality restaurants and fun things to do. Remodel the brewery into shops, bars and restaurants make Capitol lake worth visiting such as boating, fishing. Turn Tumwater from a sleepy town to a fun, energetic town. Lower the taxes so small businesses can make Tumwater more profitable and a town to visit.

none

Protect sustainable forest management. Emphasize community and urban forestry.

Maintain the rural nature of Thurston County. Enforce wetlands and endangered species laws.

Improve public safety, remove drug camps

We need to increase the minimum wage rather than providing more financial assistance.

Diversity for minorities & more small diverse businesses

Improved water connectivity, linking up with bicycle/pedestrian pathways, end-of-road micro-parks, etc.

I hope MENTAL health care is included in health care.

I also hope that by "affordable" housing, you mean truly affordable for those who are without houses now and/or very few resources. We should be building subsidized housing with grants from the Federal Gov't. We

Environmental justice and social equity.

Address air pollution,

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Do not let taxes increase.

Who put this survey together? Talk about blinders, are there any issues our County might face besides the "woke" ideologies of those who developed the options? Maybe the County ought to consider the basics, like: infrastructure - fix and maintain our existing roads, etc. and law enforcement, etc. Your survey is so far skewed towards environmentalism and woke politics that it won't yield an accurate reflection of the public's opinions..

Stop crowding everything in Tumwater, you can move farther out. Allow land division further out to Littlerock area. My property is zoned 1/5.

As above

With the increasing number of apartment complexes being developed, a like number of outdoor recreational facilities need to be planned. People who live in close proximity to one another should have places to relax and play. That being said, sidewalks and bike paths need to connect people to these parks and playgrounds, and additionally to their schools.

Increase mental health/rehab facility capacity and reduce trash on public lands.

Improved traffic corridor to Tacoma/Seattle and Portland and south. Chiefly by rail to ease I-5 in both directions. Link Thurston county's future health to that corridor's improvement; don't look solely at improvements within the county.

Listen to needs of rural Thurston County citizens. Urban solutions don't necessarily help rural residents

Stop filling people's heads with ideas that don't work.

Protection police need more training but also need to be able to protect us at this point alot of us don't feel safe anymore. Truthfully it seems as if the violent criminals have more rights than the average citizens

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The margins if industrial areas and housing are too abrupt. Examp:93rd Ave is becoming an industrial corridor. But housing is right against it. New housing and industrial land in the same neighborhood:The Preserve.There needs to be buffers. Hopkins ditch needs to be maintained!Don't blame those trying to help.Use storm water funds to help the ditch commission maintaine the ditch.Use common sense to prevent flooding in the area. Industrial land in Hopkins drainage will create floods bec of pavmen

The yelm bypass needs to be finished ASAP

Preparing for climate change and taking actions toward reducing impacts should mean most of the other topics are covered: i.e., preparing for natural hazards, addressing congestion, protecting ag, increasing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, protecting wildlife habitat and flood and landslide areas and surface and ground water.

Improving equity and fairness should result in increasing availability of affordable housing, improving healthcare

Judicial system needs racial Equity and implicit bias trainings

Olympia is the STATE CAPITAL! Puget Sound & the Deschutes River meet here! Mother Nature will keep them beautiful! We have international visitors frequently. Our Capital grounds are beautiful! Let's keep them that way. And let's beautify downtown.

Protecting our land, natural resources and wildlife should be our TOP concern! No farms, no food. Stop clearing land for development!

Instead, give huge cash credits for revitalizing run down/older buildings.

90% of single use plastic is not recyclable, even though some stores take single use plastic, after talking with them, they told me that most is discarded in landfills.

We should implement a ban on single use plastic packaging. We somehow managed without this packaging back in the mid 1990s, we can do it again. It is choking out parks and forests, it is a travesty.

Ensuring law enforcement focuses resources on training in nonviolent solutions to resolve conflict.

Prohibiting outdoor burning and fireworks to reduce air and water pollution.

Incentives for reducing gas-powered yard tools to reduce air and water pollution.

These last two also affect all animals and ecosystems.

Enforce CAO & protect wetlands!

No, all areas of interest were covered,

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This survey needs to be specific in its questions. For example you asked about addressing traffic congestion but didn't ask how this could be resolved. To me, traffic can be solved by working to remove personal vehicles from the roads and push for transit and mico mobility. Others might see the problem by adding more lanes via induced demand, which I find to be insane.

Our principal focus should be on climate justice, and specifically taking the actions necessary to achieve the GHG reduction targets cited in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, while ensuring that the most vulnerable of our community members thrive.

Need another hospital. It's always full at St Pete's.

Air quality

Use tax money for what it's pulled for you fucks

Safety of our transportation system, particular for people traveling outside of an automobile.

Extend light rail to connect with Sound Transit--especially through JBLM. Enhance Amtrak service. Jobs and the economy are important, but also cause environmental decline and hasten climate change. It is essential to get people out of their cars and onto mass transit. That should be a primary focus and not economic development until climate change action is the No. 1 priority.

Why is there no mention of protecting working forest lands, only protecting agriculture? Both are important functions of rural land and need to be addressed.

No matter how hard we work to electrify everything possible, ICE engines will be with us for many decades. We need to transition the fuel for these engines to compatible biofuels. Currently available biodiesel is suitable for most diesel engines and Flex Fuel (with 50-80% bio ethanol) is compatible with many gasoline-powered vehicles. Other bio-sourced gasoline substitutes are rapidly being developed. Follow California's lead and support the transition to biofuels at our local gas stations!

Provide for basic needs (food, water, clean air, shelter, medicine, transportation, internet, and phone service) free at point of service.

Give land back to the people our settler colonial overlay stole it from who had been stewarding it to provide abundance since time immemorial.

Cease support for the military industrial complex.

Ban fossil fuel expansion and prohibit repair of failing fossil fuel facilities

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Increasing affordable homeownership opportunities

Washington growth management act needs to be overturned. It's a social experiment that has failed. It is antiquated and rural area CITIZENS are done with urban elites lack of representation for ALL citizens. The golpher issue is a money grab scam. We all know it. Tye knows it. It's there to pay for Romero and Wolfes pension. S.T.O.P. validates the lunacy of the democrats utter corruption. Have the courage to debate. Have the courage to say you're wrong. Have the courage to change for better.

Clean up downtown and make it attractive for business and community investment.

The golpher issue is a money grab farce. Have some pride. Have some dignity. Have some courage. Have some integrity. End it. Stop the strangle hold. Debate with actual experts if you dare.

Mass transit options

This community needs a LOT more public swimming pools!

Ensure and provide for protection of saltwater bodies of water
Enforce and promote policies to both protect and reforest native trees

Please put cap on how much landlord can raise rent.how landlord accountable to fixing things that are wrong with their unit.

Just a "thank you" for asking. And asking fairly without pushing the answers to comfortable conclusions.

In my mind, "Improve equity and fairness in the community" includes "Increase availability of affordable housing". If I had a choice for a fourth, I would include both. The same is true for "Prepare for climate change and take actions towards reducing impacts," which includes "Protect sensitive areas like wildlife habitat, flood areas, landslide areas, and surface and ground water" and "Increase bicycle and pedestrian facilities."

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In the spirit of the Growth Management Act, public and private projects within urban growth areas of the associated cities (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater) should be developed under the established municipal standards/requirements of the associated city. Otherwise, the county should either (a) enact a development moratorium within the UGAs or (b) promote "bulk" annexations of the UGAs to the cities prior to projects occurring.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment.

Limit or decrease the large corporation footprint and help small/diverse businesses be successful. Help others create and grow their businesses, particularly homeowners looking to rent their properties or build ADUs. I looked at all the items on the list provided, and many of them can be addressed by investing in small/diverse businesses and existing property owners. All of this will improve equity and fairness. A community involved will protect its history and resources.

Provide for habitat connectivity across busy roads like I-5 via wildlife crossing structures.

We desperately need to increase public transportation options, like a light rail that would go to tacoma or portland!

Ensure regulations protect and reinstate individual property rights. For instance, allow property owners to use their natural resources (trees etc) in ways that benefit their family. Also, allow property owners to create new agricultural uses on their land by removing the necessary amount of trees and vegetation and replacing it with crops, gardens, or pasture for small farming practices.

Implementing Climate change mitigation actions needs to be the main priority! Help residence make changes in their home by way of financial incentives.

Our community continues to grow rapidly and quite a few areas our infrastructure is not keeping pace to handle the growth. For example, 93rd Ave bridge over I5 is not ready to handle the traffic that is going to be created by the Costco Distribution center and the other warehouses across the street next to Pilot Truck stop. Tumwater is exploding with growth, traffic congestion on Trosper/Capital BLVD/Littlerock rd, all around the area, Fred Meyer/Costco/Home Depot/Toyota of Olympia, is challengi

We need to protect our fragile wet lands.

We need to protect our shorelines,

our habitat for other animals, our trees.

We have enough warehouses!

We have enough stores, enough population, enough roads.

The next generation will appreciate us for protecting

water and habitat for the next generation.

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The proposed mega airport being built in Thurston county. It would displace thousands of people and with already a lack of affordable housing there will be even less. We will have pollution and crime, lose wildlife, the natural beauty of our county and safe drinking water.

I was born in Thurston County. I am against the mega airport. It will destroy life as we know it here. The airport will create traffic problems, noise issues, destroy wildlife habitat, create more opportunity for crime, increase our population. Keep Thurston County as rural as possible. We are becoming a suburb of Seattle fast enough as it is. Don't encourage it!

Absolutely NO airport in SE Olympia! Bad for health, the environment, climate change, and will ruin wetlands, communities, wildlife, not to mention decrease home values while increasing crime and urban blight.

Please enact practices that protect citizens from having any new airport built in Thurston County. The proposed mega Thurston County Central airport will destroy our County and make it worse than SeaTac with enormous pollution, noise, traffic congestion, and crime. We can never get back the natural resources and critical wildlife corridors that would be destroyed by this very destructive process. John and Cindy Price, Olympia WA

We don't want or need a new airport. Traffic is horrible. Get rid of homeless camps and their filth. Keep criminals in jail or utilize "chain gangs" to fix potholes.

Prevent the new mega airport from locating anywhere in Thurston County
Deal with community impact of mass homelessness
Improve access to mental health care
Improve access to drug treatment
Reduce sexual violence
Reduce domestic violence
Reduce car thefts, car prowls, and catalytic converter thefts
Reduce home robberies
Support and expand Animal Services

Stop the airport and mass population growth which will ruin/pollute lacey/olympia and will turn us into the next seattle.

would destroy sensitive areas and cause increased pollution, traffic, theft, vandalism, homelessness, etc, etc, etc.

No airport development, clean up homeless encampments, stop homesteading on public property, enable police to effectively ensure public safety

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Finish the Yelm bypass to fix the significant traffic issues through Yelm/@McKenna
 Do not build an international airport in Thurston County
 Fund initiatives to solve homelessness--mental health care, housing, shelters--@and restore higher hygiene and safety standards to city areas
 -@ Stop raising property values/@taxes so drastically
 -@ Support farmers and the equestrian community that comprise the rural areas of Thurston County

I am very opposed to locating a mega airport in Thurston County. I would like to see the rural character of much of the county preserved.

Putting a new large airport in our community will change/ruin so much of this community. Many of us live here because of the quality of life that is available to us in this area. The airport would create a totally different quality to the area.

No airport in Thurston county

There should be no airport!! That would ruin the whole area! If we wanted that type of city, we would move to Seattle. No one wants that environment HERE!

We need to protect the rural feel. Protect the environment and nature. NO MAJOR airport!

No airport in Thurston County

Please preserve the southsound by finding another area for an airport.

No mega airport

Invest in rail, not airport

Another airport in Thurston County is exactly the wrong direction if anyone takes climate change goals seriously. The 'airport of the future' is just pie in the sky like the flying cars we were promised. We need to invest in better choices if we want our children and grandchildren to be able to even survive the future.

The proposed airport would destroy a huge part of the natural, rural environment that makes this county appealing. If I wanted a city lifestyle, I would have stayed in NYC. I want my baby girl to have the option of growing up as I did in my rural hometown.

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I do not support an airport built in Thurston county over the largest aquafer in this area.

I would like to maintain the rural, natural character of the county and avoid urban sprawl. I enjoy the small-town feel to the area and would like to see more small locally-owned retail shops and family farms for gifts, local products, and home decor. Areas for hiking, kayaking, and opportunities to see wildlife are important to me. I frequent state and city parks and natural areas. I do not want an international airport in the county.

No thurston county mega airport

stop the airport

Please donâ€™t build an airport

No airport in Thurston County!

Keep the Regional airport out of Thurston County - the majority of residents in Washington will not benefit from a new regional airport. We do not want to be like King County with all the noise and traffic from a major airport.

Prevent future airport development or expansion in Thurston County.

Just stating my vehement objection to CACC-WSDOT Greenfield site recommendation due Jun 2023 - Building a new international airport in Thurston Co would be an irresponsible stewardship of our water resources and foment the destruction of hundreds homes, many businesses, schools, churches, irreplaceable agricultural lands and important wildlife migration corridors. #StopTheairport

1)Stop efforts to add cargo and passenger service at the Olympia Regional airport. The airport is too close to major population centers/hubs, schools, libraries, etc. for both Tumwater and Olympia. Noise and air pollution would drastically alter our community. We donâ€™t want to be the next Paine Field! 2) Protect local water resources by preventing the sale of public water to large National and international bottling corporations. This giveaway of a precious resource has to stop!

No new airport!!!!

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Please do not bring a large airport to Thurston County. Every item on the above list won't matter at all. The building of an airport and the surrounding roads and support business will wipe out any protection of this area. Look at SeaTac for an idea of what the airport would bring.

It's not a picture that shows protection of Thurston County. What an airport would provide is the destruction of the county, it's history, and a way of life.

Yes. We absolutely do not need an airport in Thurston County or in Pierce County for that matter. It would devastate natural resources and cause more traffic and pollution.

The coming decades are likely going to be full of challenges. Climate change and political unrest will likely continue disrupting supply lines and displacing people internationally and within the U.S. It will be important for WA and Thurston County to protect our land, our energy capabilities, our food sources. And we DONT need an airport.

No airport!

No airport!!!

Thurston County is beautiful. I'd like to see it remain that way with rural areas with access to town. It's important to me that we don't become an extension of King County, nor become like Seattle. Bringing a mega airport or a lot of industry will change both the look and culture of Thurston county in a negative way. Please preserve the beauty of our county.

Stop the airport.

NO MEGA airport IN THURSTON COUNTY!!!

No new airport in Thurston county!

I don't want a new airport in SE Olympia!

Fend off attempts to locate a large capacity airport!

NO NEW airport IN THURSTON COUNTY

NO TO THE "GREENFIELD" airport

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Stop the commercial airport plans

Stoptheairport.com

Absolutely no large commercial airport! That would be a very expensive mistake and destroy the natural wetlands of the area.

NO airport...we live between 2 hours airports, SeaTac (International) and Portland. There is no room for an airport the size of, or larger than SeaTac. We need to keep what rural land we have rural!! This *was* The Evergreen State, lets not make it less so.

The proposed commercial airport would negatively effect every aspect of this plan. It would ruin the environment, increase the carbon footprint, increase traffic, decrease bike and pedestrian facilities, decrease affordable housing, decrease recreation options, cause more health issues, destroy cultural and historic resources, and decrease equity and fairness. It would definitely not provide diverse business opportunities. All businesses would be owned by corporations.

No new airport!

NO NEW airport or expansion of activities at the current airport. Stop trying to turn Thurston County into a logistics hub.

Thurston county has many protected plants and animals. We donâ€™t need an airport to destroy these. Address this now before it is too late.

Absolutely against an a new airport in Thurston County. Would move if this happened.

No mega airport in Thurston County!!!

No new airport in thurston county.
We canâ€™t say we care about the environment and wildlife and then bulldoze and concrete over the land. What about global warming? We need trees.

No new big airport! TC cannot withstand that size of infrastructure and maintain its hometown charm. A new big airport will completely change TC and not for the better.

No new Thurston County Central airport!!

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Absolutely NO airport in or around Thurston county! We are going to be vigilant about who votes in this issue and how they voted.
Say no to a new airport.
DO NOT ALLOW a new airport in Thurston County. This will destroy much of what we love about being here.
Protect the rural and agricultural areas from big business and expansion - NO COMMERCIAL airport IN THURSTON COUNTY!
Prepare and protect vital habitats for endangered species. Protect the ground water, and reduce pollution in local water ways, and the Puget Sound. FIGHT AGAINST THE PROPOSED THURSTON COUNTY airport!!!
NO MEGA airport! EVER!!!
No option for opinion on proposed possible airport-just no. Too many important elements of the county would be lost forever.
No airport
Please support all us in Thurston County who are against construction of an airport the size of SEATAC in our County.
Prevent WA Legislature from replacing one of our rural communities with an intl airport larger than SEA. stoptheairport.com
Stop the building of a new airport!
No new mega airport in Thurston county ever.
Protect the environment! Reduce sprawl both commercial and residentialâ€”-require infill development!!! NO NEW airport!!!
No airport development

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I am opposed to the "Greenfield" airport in Thurston Co. A large scale airport would cause destruction of natural habitat and wetlands, cause air and noise pollution and increase traffic.

Stop the airport in Olympia\Lacey. We don't need our land taken and our houses ripped from us for pennies on the dollar. There is plenty of land off I-5 south around Chehalis and Centralia that can be a good area for the airport and it allows fast access as I-5 is right there.

No major airport! Keep our county rural.

No airport, it would ruin our community, properties and way of life.

NO new or expanded airports in Thurston County. This is VERY important.

No new airport

No mega airport!! Develop a fast train from Vancouver BC to Portland and beyond. Move away from air travel.

Please no to airport in thurston county.

NO airport IN THURSTON CENTRAL! It would destroy habitats & environment, infringe on tribal resources, hurt endangered species, industrialize the entire area with pollution, congestion and irreparable climate damage for our population.

The importance of protecting our natural environment and fighting against large projects that would wipe out habitats. For example, an international airport. That can not be built in our county, especially not in the location that's been suggested. No to the airport!

NO airport

We do NOT need a mega airport here, it would hurt all the areas that matter and almost everything on this list.

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We need rapid rail transport to Seattle and Portland. We do not need an airport here.

We are bilingual English and Spanish in my home. We are native Washingtonians. I'm very upset about how all of Yelm Highway and Boulevard have been developing, just raping the woods, creating buildings without leaving any trees. The beauty of Thurston county is rapidly disappearing and we're starting to look like manicured movie scenes.

No new airport.

I do not want an airport going in at the end of Ruddel road in Lacey!

Stop the mega airport! If it's built, we're moving!

Regarding the proposed site for a Thurston County airport I would hope you would try to consider those whose homes you will take from them with no guarantee they could find a new home in a quality location and cost as they had when they purchased it. Please also consider the businesses as well as the neighborhood values you would compromise should an airport be built at the potential site. Pollution would sky rocket, property values would drop, and business would be shut down when some are new.

Do not let a commercial airport be developed in central Thurston County (East Olympia area).

My neighborhood is in the center of the proposed airport. I'm strongly against destroying our homes, rural land, habitats for wildlife and taking away the open spaces that make Thurston County a wonderful place to live.

No to commercial service at Olympia airport! Commercial service harms community health & environment (worst is 10 mile airport zone - much of Tumwater/Oly). Cargo/freight is in highest demand - flights all hours of day/night. FAA rules control, with goal to maximize # flights in/out - no consideration for community, no local control. Amazon's ATR turboprop freighters are being used at airports like ours. Noise! Pollution! Not airplanes/airport of the future. Also oppose CACC's greenfield site.

I'm worried about clear cutting forests near the airport to build warehouses for California firms.

We say NO to mega airports as well as a NO to increased air traffic in Thurston County.

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The proposal of huge airport. If Thurston County is chosen, I will lose my home! I live within the airport proposal. If this site is chosen, my home will be demolished, and I will have to find another county to live in. I will not choose to live in Thurston County around a big airport.

No new airport.
Look into rail access .

I am strongly opposed to adding an airport in Thurston County. We need to be focused on rail as it is much better for the environment.

No new airport.

No airport. I don't want to see our gorgeous county turned into another Seatac or Renton. We have an amazing, beautiful and unique community. We moved here to raise our family here. Please keep the airport out.

No airport!

Please, no new airport!

Take Thurston County off the State DOT list as one of three proposed sites for a mega airport, so that the aquifer providing clean drinking water for a large percentage of the county population is protected.

NO airport

Absolutely do NOT want a mega airport in Thurston County!!!

I don't support an international airport being constructed in Thurston County. I do support keeping agricultural land in Thurston County. Local sustainable sources of food is a fundamental need and a security, economic and environmental issue. Foreign made plastic toys, junk and Knick knacks filling up warehouses around the county is not the kind of economic activity I think our county should base its future on.

No airports or expansion of them in the future for commercial use.

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No regional airport in Thurston County! We are not near a mountain pass, the proposal is right next to JBLM artillery range/air traffic, has numerous wetlands and other ecological issues, there is no current access to I5 and all political entities including the Nisqually Tribe are opposed.

The PR firm handling the project for DOT has done & continues to do a piss poor job in notifying the affected public & answering any relevant questions. Their attitude: We don't care, we don't have to!

I believe it is very important to avoid massive development like the proposed airport and associated infrastructure. Our natural resources, heritage, and protection of endangered species is much more important than human development. The reason we are drawn here is because of the beauty and access to our natural places. We must do everything we can to preserve Thurston County for future generations.

No new mega airport in Thurston County. It would completely destroy our community.

No new airport in Thurston county. Please share how you are helping to stop the airport planning.

Stop the international airport from coming to Thurston County and say no to expanding the current Olympia airport!

No airport! Will impact too many homes. Surely there is a less habitated area to put one. Somewhere between Chehalis and here. Does it have to be more convenient for trucks than humans?

Don't build a large airport in Thurston County. Protect the rural aspects of our county. Don't pave it for parking.

Stop A Mega airport from locating in Thurston County!

No commercial airport in our county! This would completely deviate the rural life, wetlands, watershed, endangered species, and add a ridiculous amount of congestion to our beautiful county. East Oly is my home and it'd lose everything to an airport. Everyone in the county would be affected by the noise, congestion, pollution, and unnecessary commercial/industrial changes to our rural areas. This airport is a sick joke right?

I moved to Olympia to go to college here. I stayed because I like the small community, educated population, connected to the environment feel. What we have here is special. NO to the mega airport! I have spent a lot of time in the proposed area. The environmental damage would be too great. My two nephews work completely online. Many of the jobs of the future will be online. The infrastructure needs will be much different.

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I moved here to raise my family in a small town. Putting that airport will ruin everything that I've worked for to my family in the wonderful spot there in

No new airport in Thurston County!

NO airport in Thurston County!

No sea-tac sized airport in Thurston County! This huge project would destroy our community and everything of value here. It is not in alignment with stopping our carbon footprint! It will ruin McAllister well grounds! Do not increase the operations at the local regional Oly airport. We do not need more air traffic over Olympia, the lead and emissions are problems that contribute to many major health problems from polluted air, water and soil.
Support arts & cultural activity, stay human!

No new airport in Thurston County

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE THOUGHT OF A NEW airport BEING SHOVED DOWN OUR THROATS IN THURSTON COUNTY. I LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIX MILE RADIUS AND COULD POTENTIALLY LOSE MY HOME THAT TOOK ME 20 YEARS TO GET INTO. PLEASE REJECT THE IDEA OF THIS airport AND PLACE IT WHERE IT IS WANTED...YAKIMA HAS ACTUALLY REQUESTED AN airport. KEEP THURSTON COUNTY RURAL-THAT IS WHY WE LIVE HERE. THANK YOU.

Stop the airport!

Fight the Green Field proposal for an airport in Thurston County. Do not let an airport be developed in our rural lands.

Retain natural beauty, natural resources, preserve rural quality of life for those who desire that. No International airport.

Thrusting County doesn't and shouldn't have a massive airport. It would have lasting and devastatingly negative impacts on the environment, traffic, and land availability for better use for the community.

Stop the airport

Absolutely do NOT put an airport in Thurston County!!!

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Do not allow an airport. The state completely ignores the mid/east side of the state where there is a lack of access. Somewhere out there like Yakima/Ellensburg area would be far better for such a project.

Yes, we absolutely do not need a mega airport in Thurston County. This would destroy natural habitats for salmon and other animal species. We do not have the resources to support a huge airport. Whether it be 20 or 50 years from now, we do not need it down here. People need to stop being lazy and commute to the airport in Portland or SeaTac.

NO airport

DO NOT build an international airport that will adversely impact almost all of the above.

The airport that would destroy Thurston County.

Absolutely no airport. That would devastate the natural environment in this area.

Do not build a new airport and destroy Thurston County

Protect Thurston County from land grabs for a Mega airport!!! People first!!!

No airport! It would destroy Thurston County. Once those wild spaces are gone they are gone.

Don't support the building of an airport anywhere. We should not be building another international airport. We need to look into more environmentally conscious alternatives. We also will need to make changes in our habits to ensure we have an Earth / home to live on in the future.

Do not let the port of Olympia expand flights out of the Olympia regional airport! This will destroy the new neighborhoods surrounding it and add pollution, traffic, and danger to all of Thurston county but especially Tumwater. It will destroy the property values in the community and severely impact the quality of life. We have to stop this. Also no new mega airport.

Keeping Thurston county a rural area is very important to quality of life and why we chose to live here. Any addition of an airport would destroy this community and displace thousands of families, endanger wildlife/critical habitats, and increase traffic, noise, and pollution.

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NO airport!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FIX AMTRAK! INVEST IN IT! The traffic issues could be ameliorated if Amtrak was fixed! It is shameful that the aviation industry and lobbyists are PREVENTING this from happening!

The most significant issue facing Thurston County is the potential construction of a new international airport in the county. This would forever change our community by eliminating our farmlands, ranches, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and the rural character we value most about Thurston County.

Where there is good agricultural land and natural habitat for wildlife, it should be protected, not developed. We should definitely not add more pollutant producing businesses, airports, etc. Not everyone wants to live in a massive cityscape full of pollutants and people. It is not sustainable or healthy. Encourage backyard sustainability in the community to reduce pollution, traffic, and urban growth.

I am against the development of an international airport in Thurston County. There are already several airports in close enough proximity to the area, and I do not see the value in adding another one to further congest traffic and destroy our beautiful land.

Stop the airport. I will not move.

Keep the airport out!

There needs to be a new hospital built in the south Puget Sound region.

There should not be a mega airport built in Thurston County - it is hubris to believe you can simply "create" wetlands somewhere else when you want to build on natural wetland areas. If people are truly wanting to reduce emissions, then building a new huge airport will have the opposite affect. Anyone who agrees to the huge new airport cannot claim that the environment is their top concern.

Re-consider the location of the next major airport. Perhaps expanding Olympia Regional (current footprint that has been there since 1930) is a better option. Port of Olympia is not running this airport well. Thurston county continues to allow growth to develop around this airport which is a dumb idea (these are the same idiots who complain about airport noise).

Please never allow our small Olympia airport to turn into a monstrous airport like Sea Tac or Portland's or LAX etc.

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NO airport in Thurston county, this will not be the future we want for the county. Instead improve transit to SEA or PDX or improve train connections.

Implement policies to prohibit airport expansion; Improve tree protection policies; protecting shorelines and ESA species habitat

NO airport! We have to find a way to stop the airport. It will destroy Thurston County.

Do not put an airport in Thurston county!!

No mega airport in thurston county. How can we say that we care about the environment and wildlife and then even CONSIDER all the pollution and traffic and destruction of our aquifer and wildlife and air quality with an airport ?

What about the endangered species and the trees that clean air?

It's unconscionable for our legislators to even consider this. Why not high speed rail?

Please Stop The Proposed New airport

I live in the area where they are proposing to put a large airport. I do not support this at all. Keeping my house is important to me, but it just doesn't make sense. We don't have the infrastructure; it would impact wildlife and just our way of life out here. I can't even imagine how disruptive just putting the roads would be, just to get to an airport, let alone the cost. Also, we don't even have a sewer system. For so many reasons, please don't allow that to happen.

NO mega airport. We moved to Thurston County to get away from the I5 corridor. There is already too much traffic and increasing housing and businesses are only going to add the daily stress. Focus on maintaining the rural aspect of the county. If Thurston County continues to build and reduce the natural beauty of the county, we will move.

NO NEW MEGA airport!!!!!!

Thurston County will cease to exist if the airport is built. Period. You will have nothing but one big ugly, polluting, giant death trap that will be responsible for lost homes, lost livelihoods, and the loss of essential protected woodlands and wetlands. You will be responsible for the loss of countless endangered species. There will be no clean air or clean water. Please, we are all begging you. STOP THE airport!

Thurston county does not need an international airport, it would ruin this area and our livelihood here.

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Please do not allow a mega airport to be built in Thurston county. The impact to the environment, especially in our ground water protection area, would be disastrous. The impact to the wildlife and the community would be devastating as well. Having the airport in Pierce county would be just as bad! Our rural areas need to stay the way they are!

Stop the airport!

NO airport

I would like to see traffic improve, but am directly opposed to having a new airport or expanding any airports in Thurston county. Would like to see Thurston county retain its rural areas.

Potential Thurston county regional airport is a horrible idea.

Stop the mega airport!

We do NOT need a large commercial airport here that will negatively impact our environment, water and community

No new airport!

Do not allow airport, protect the natural resource of rural life we already have.

Please NO airport. Encourage better access to and efficiency at exiting airports in SeaTac and Portland.

No new airport in Thurston County!!!! More support for our local schools.

No mega airport

Don't build a mega airport or expand the Olympia airport. The pollution and noise are hazardous to the thousands of homes that surround where the airport would be and around the Olympia airport. Protect our county and it's people and don't allow this to move forward in any capacity.

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NO NEW airport!!!!

NO to the International airport

There is no reason to build another airport.

I feel that we should not have a new airport here or all the above topics will be for naught.

I'm not for future airport in my area I love the peace and quiet we have and don't appreciate the fumes and traffic.

No airport!

No mega airport in Thurston County!

Thurston county does not need a new Mega airport, it would disrupt established wetlands and poison a huge water aquifer, traffic would get even more congested and businesses and individuals would lose their land. The Greenfield site would also affect the Nisqually tribe and would disrupt military air space above Ft. Lewis. It would not be good for Olympia homeowners, home values would decrease considerably and noise and air pollution would increase.

No international airport in Thurston County. Too high of price in impacts to the land and private property rights.

No commercial international airport! It would cause too much displacement of families and ruin this county's community/neighborhood feel.

No new airport!!

Please work to stop the new mega airport planned in east Olympia.

NO NEW airport. NO NEW airport. NO NEW airport. NO NEW airport. NO NEW airport.

NO NEW airport IN THURSTON COUNTY!!!!

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Protecting the environment is critical. Promote infill construction only--both residential and commercial. Promote green spaces. And, NO airport!!!! It would destroy the environment

Stop the airport. The airport will impact our ability to manage climate change. It will impact our water sheds, our wildlife corridors, it will take away housing in an areas that is short on housing. It will hurt agriculture, increase pollution and increase health issues for the area.

Wa large the airport at Harris Field, south of Sea Tac and north of Portland. Away from JBLM training areas. Where a runaway already exists.

Develop policies to protect & preserve rural areas of the County from any proposal to develop a major commercial airport.

Suggest stopping any progress toward building a major airport in Thurston County. The entire county would be based on what's best for the airport. Everything in the county would be low in priority to that one organization.

Your survey is based on a county without a major air terminal. So, you will need to redo anything that you find people want and need after the airport decision has been made. If Thurston County is selected, your survey would be about only what's good for the airport.

A new airport is not something I want to see in Thurston county. It would be detrimental to our community.

PLEASE STOP any additional airport traffic at existing airport, and please prevent the building of a soda bottling facility near the Oly airport and also please do not allow a mega-airport to be built in Thurston County.

No major airport in Thurston County. This must be stopped. The environment and wildlife and climate need to be protected and any major development in the county will kill it all. Please stop this from happening.

I would like to again state I am completely against Thurston County as a location for the new airport they were discussing. We moved here to get away from all the congestion and crap thatâ€™s up north. Keep it up there you can find somewhere to expand your airports and leave Thurston County alone.

No large airports.

NO NEW airport!!!

No to a mega airport in Thurston county!!

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No SeaTac sized airport!!									
Holding the line on ANY aviation expansion. And "enhancement." This means the Oly Regional airport, too. Noise, pollution and traffic are NOT what you and we want to see in this county over the next 20 years.									
Protect old growth trees. Prevent increase air traffic by avoiding airport expansion.									
We need more forested park land for reservation and recreation									
We don't need any more huge warehouses.									
We should be looking toward a future with more local farms and fewer big box stores, fewer cars and more pedestrian and bicycle pathways, Local is the way of the future.									
Please ensure there is not a mega airport in our county. It will decimate Lacey and bring noise, pollution, health, and safety issues as well as destroying several important environmental protections. Please consider implementing high speed rail for long distance travel and light rail for local travel.									
No commercial airport!									
I want to make sure mega airport is not built in Thurston County.									
stop the airport in Thurston and in Pierce counties									
No mega airport for Thurston County									
Please NO airport in Thurston county!									
No new airport in Thurston County.									