

Hi, my name is Sarah Rumbaugh. I'm running for Pierce County Council District 2. My district includes the Port of Tacoma, Northeast Tacoma, Dash Point, Brown's Point, Milton, Fife, Edgewood, Sumner, Pacific, Lakeland Hills, and Puyallup.

And when we talk about the issues I'm running on I really care a lot about homelessness, I care about mental and behavioral health, I care about taking care of the environmental lands and preserving them here in District 2, and I care about affordable housing.

**What do you consider the most important transportation project in Pierce County at this time, and why?**

When we talk about projects that are going on in Pierce County and what's really important as far as transportation, I would say for my district the Link, the Link Light Rail that's being finished in MLK as well as Stadium Way is really important because we have kids who attend Stadium Highschool from District 2 where I live and they have a way to get downtown with the bus that happens here in my district in Northeast Tacoma, they have their one bus but once they get to Pacific they need a way to get up the hill and so being able to catch that Link Light Rail from the Theater District to Stadium is really vital for my district.

**Do you consider multi-modal transportation an important topic in Pierce County? Why or why not?**

When we talk about affordable housing we're gonna need to fill in housing, fill in transportation links where there isn't transportation right now. So when we put in these affordable housing projects we're gonna look for areas that have transportation but it might mean like there's a bus stop a quarter mile away and we need to make sure that there's a sidewalk at it so people can get there. I also know that many of the people who live in my district leave everyday to go to work in other counties, and so they're relying on the public transportation that we have here such as the Sounder. So they are catching the bus from another area of Puyallup and getting to the Sounder and taking it to Seattle. So I think that it's really important we have several types of transportation choices in Pierce County.

**Pierce Transit has considered going to the ballot to ask voters for a sales tax increase for public transportation funding. If Pierce Transit were to go to the ballot in 2021, would you support the measure? Why or Why not?**

If Pierce County's transit system decided to go out for a sale's tax increase in the coming years it would be something that the voters would have to decide on and the last two times that we did that it didn't pass, but I think this time there might be an opportunity for that to pass and I would

want to look at what timing, what's the timing on that and definitely consider supporting transit in any way I can with funding from the state as well as from local entities here in Pierce County.

Thanks so much for your time, and this is my dog Stella, and she would love to take the bus with me if she could.