

On Mar 16, 2021, at 1:43 PM, Anderson, Lisa A. <laanderson@cob.org> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

I agree... and take no offence by your insight and frustration.

I wanted to serve our city for a variety of reasons. I also considered myself left of center but believe in upholding the law. I also believe we should represent voices on both sides of the middle... basically our community. I support our police. My opponent (I am a first-time council member- one year in) was a local DSA leader and aligns with far far left... Seattle Council type views. I agree with some, but would and could not legislate them all. His team said I was a moderate. I guess the needle moved on me... or what was considered progressive. I cannot say he is involved with the Collective... but I know his supporters are. I only share this because frankly... I am glad I won.. not to endure this... but to try to push for levelheaded balance.

Yes... homeless has been an increasing issue. One of my concerns has been the environmental impacts on our creeks and the impacts on our parks. I am equally concerned about the people, but strongly believe we cannot have no barrier shelters nor let people take over our public lands (I do advocate this with city leadership). We have services... but they need to plug in. Some of this is on them too. I worked hard to help end the issues along Samish way six years ago (York Neighborhood President). I am proud of the new housing being built, including low income and exiting homelessness, now replacing the crime and crack ridden motels. Those are the steps we need to take to get a handle on addressing some of the homeless issues we face. We also need to bring in more partners for wrap around services so we have housing with integrated support for addiction and mental health needs. But, I also worry about being a regional magnet and draw people to us. I just brought that up in session and boy... did the letters and calls come in accusing me of being racist and exclusionary. I don't care. Someone must be logical about this. We need to do our share... but not take care of everyone north of Seattle. That is a larger issue with our state leaders we need to address... and I plan to.

I live not far from the Mac's motel. My husband and I have dealt with a lot of crime issues. I get ticked off to... and it is one of the reasons I ran. We will see if in three years if I want to do this any longer or if I deserve anyone's vote. I do want to share... I did go stand on Saturday to defend Mayor Seth's home from the BOPmutual aid/collective protest and ongoing vandalism. people come from out of town for this and are the same people who protested city hall. The video in the Herald was not the highlight by any means. I bring this up because as much as homeless is an ongoing service need we are trying to address, the protest by the far left has made it very difficult to assist some of these people. I feel it is not really about the homeless... but their push to defund and abolish the police.

I digress... I wanted to share what I sent the Mayor's team this morning. It is pasted below

Best Regards.... Lisa

Greetings Brian and Seth,

Council- please do not reply all.

As staff are aware, on Sunday some of the protesters/individuals at Geri field started to move to Port property and four tents were erected at Laurel Park. Last night, several of those at the Port property (can tell by equipment) moved to Laurel Park and in the night moving vans brought many others. Now I feel that was a bit of a ruse with the intention to take over Laurel. The collective has erected their food tent and corner to corner ringing the park are tents and belonging. This morning at 8:00, when I drove by, there was a fire with several individuals sitting around it next to the play equipment.

Being this is in Ward 5, I am getting a lot of e-mail complaints and calls ranging from safety concerns, individuals using water spickets on homes, to public viewed urination on their lawns.

I have responded to a point, but I don't know how to reply about what the city's plan is... as one person put it... will it take three months for the next round of whack a mole.

Can someone enlighten me on the plans for Laurel Park? It seemed like based on the plan for today, staff were to be posted in parks to have officers show up to prevent this, but they obviously came in sooner.

I would appreciate any idea of a timeline so I can assure neighbors this will not take three months.

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