



Magnolia Community Council

Questions for City Council District 7 Candidates

Please send your responses to MagnoliaCommunityClub@gmail.com by April 26, 2019

Magnolia Bridge

The Magnolia Bridge is reaching the end of its useful life. Do you support the replacement of the Magnolia Bridge at its current location? If so, describe the necessary steps to accomplish this goal and how you would lead the process for District 7. If not, what alternative(s) do you recommend for replacing the access by Metro, school busses and truck traffic to Magnolia and the neighborhood provided by the current bridge?

Sound Transit

Sound Transit will build a light rail line from West Seattle to Ballard. The agency currently is studying the route past Magnolia and Queen Anne. Two key issues are whether the route will create a significant loss of capacity on 15th Avenue West, both during construction and permanently; and whether the crossing of the Ship Canal will be by tunnel, high fixed bridge, or drawbridge. What are your views on this project from a Magnolia perspective?

Property Crime

Property crime is currently a low priority for the City of Seattle but an increasing problem in Magnolia, both in numbers and in residents' perceptions. What solutions do you have for dealing with increasing property crime? What is your understanding of the level and types of crime in the Magnolia neighborhood?

Accessory Dwellings

A proposal before the City Council loosens regulations for accessory dwellings on all of Seattle's single-family lots. What is your position on these changes? What methods do you propose to increase affordable housing or increase density within our district?

View Parks

Magnolia Park and Magnolia Boulevard Park are beautiful Olmstead-designed parks, well known for the iconic Seattle views they provide to the public. Unfortunately, these views are being lost to overgrowth in the parks. As a member of the Seattle City Council, what steps will you take to see that Parks has the funding necessary to see that those public views are restored and once restored, maintained and protected?

Smith Cove Park

Since 2003, the Magnolia and Queen Anne Community Councils have worked to create Smith Cove Park, obtaining the property and acquiring the funding to develop this waterfront park in the area south of the Magnolia Bridge and east of Elliott Bay Marina. The 2014 Park District levy promised a park where pedestrians can walk safely and where kayaks can be launched, yet Parks used virtually all the \$6 million funding to improve the pre-existing sports field and left the waterfront section languishing behind a cyclone fence. Will you commit to obtain the funding to complete the southeastern portion of Smith Cove Park into our promised park?