

Kenmore People for Climate Action, questions for city council candidates 2021*

Name: Joe Marshall

1. Do you accept that there's a Climate Crisis, and what's your plan to deal with it?

Yes. The plan is to keep advancing Kenmore's first Climate Action Plan and advocate for green growth – trying to preserve as much of our trees, woodlands, shorelines, wetlands and natural habitat as possible as opposed to paving and developing as much space as possible.

2. If you win, you would be taking office when the city is starting to implement its first Climate Action Plan. The next decade is pivotal in solving the climate crisis. Are you familiar with the city's plans and goals, and how would you help the city do that?

Yes, and I would keep the updates from staff as active agenda items so the public and council can make sure we are implementing the Plan.

3. Could you discuss how the U.S. and local governments should address climate justice? What opportunities do you see for this in Kenmore?

Ensure healthy air quality with enforcement and reform of air-impacting industries, as well as backyard burning during heat waves and stagnant air periods.

4. What do you think the potential could be for financial partnerships with federal and state and county governments to work on climate solutions?

Continue lobbying for funds to address our Action Plan.

5. What are your ideas about affordable housing in Kenmore?

We need more, but never at the expense of destroying our trees and backyard habitats. Packing in ADUs and triplexes into existing single family neighborhoods will result in habitat loss and loss of our natural character. Hilltop treelines that we now enjoy will fade irretrievably into the past. Build affordable housing units in already dense neighborhoods and near larger streets and public parks and resources.

6. Do you support actions at the city level to reduce GHG emissions by adopting energy performance standards for new and existing buildings, eliminating new "natural" gas connections?

I'm open to the subject, I need to learn more about it. Natural gas was touted as "clean" energy for a number of decades. There are also equity issues to look at, for instance, could an apartment complex run entirely on electricity with sufficient back up for outages?

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