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If I was the Mayor of St Helens, the first issue I would address would be the homeless people in our community. For example, setting aside city land for a centralized homeless camp. To do this I would call upon The City Council, Fire Department, Police Department, Columbia County Mental Health, City Engineer and Waste Management to discuss my proposal. I would then inform the residents of St Helens in a Town Hall Meeting about my proposal. In this meeting I would get as much feedback as possible from residents and business leaders of St Helens.

### OKAY, LETS TALK TRASH...

The litter and graffiti in our community has become a problem and we need to fix it. I would do so by organizing a city clean-up day event, where volunteers such as clubs, teams, organizations, local businesses, city government people and even inmates of our local jail would come together and not only clean up but also beautify our beloved city. The people that helped clean up the city would be able to attend a community picnic and carnival.

### SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Safety is a very important aspect of any community. People want to feel safe walking in their neighborhoods and having their children play outside. Police have a huge impact on safety. I personally believe that we should have more police officers patrolling the streets of St. Helens, not just on the Highway but having officers patrol neighborhoods so they get to know the people and create a relationship with them.

### WE THE PEOPLE...

As Mayor I would try very hard to make a relationship with the people of St Helens. I would try to meet as many people as possible and take into account everyone's ideas and options. I would go about meeting people by going to different restaurants, stores, going to community events, making phone calls, going to retirement and nursing homes to parks to schools and meeting with the homeless. Hopefully meeting and hearing people's ideas of what they want in our community.

### HEY DOC...

I would set up a program to encourage Doctors, of all sorts, to work and live in our community. I would give different perks to Doctors so that they would want to live here and continue to work here. My ideas would be that the city should pay for health club membership, property tax discounts and arrange for realtor discounts when buying a home. I would also like to see a place built to make it easier for moms to have babies in St. Helens.

### PLAY TIME...

I would set up a place for kids to hang out and have fun in St. Helens. Something like a trampoline park with an arcade where kids could go in the afternoon and on weekends to socialize and build relationships. This would be a safe place with security. The facility would also have a dance floor/ roller rink. This place could even have food to buy and rooms for clubs to use for activities or parties. This would make our city a fun place for the youth and keep them active and out of trouble.

### IN CONCLUSION...

I have lived in this area all of my short life and love Oregon. St Helens is my hometown and I would love to serve my community. If I was Mayor, I would do my best to help the homeless, clean up trash and beautify the city, keep the people safe, get to know as many people as possible, encourage doctors to work and live here and make the city a fun place for children like me.

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