

If I were mayor of St. Helens, Oregon, my top priority would be to make the city a better place to live, work, play, and thrive. We can achieve this by addressing several key issues that affect our community.

First and foremost, I would focus on promoting sustainability and creating an environmentally friendly community. One way to do this would be to increase the daily recycling limit for cans and bottles from 144 containers per day per person to unlimited. By allowing citizens to recycle as many cans and bottles as they have, we can reduce the amount of waste in our landfills, rivers, and oceans and promote a more sustainable future for our community. Moreover, increasing the daily recycling limit can help those struggling economically. Increasing This will provide a supplemental income source for those teetering on the edge of homelessness, hunger, and even crime.

In addition to promoting sustainability, I would work to help our homeless population. I would create a program that incentivizes the homeless to clean up encampments by providing them with gift cards for local restaurants or grocery stores in exchange for bags of garbage from encampments. This program would benefit the homeless and the city, as it would reduce the amount of garbage city workers must clean up. It would also benefit local businesses by making the city cleaner, more livable, and a safer feeling for all who live, work, and travel through our community.

Another issue that I would address as the mayor is the rising cost of living. I would attract new businesses to our city that offer well-paying jobs and affordable goods and services. Doing so would create more job opportunities for our residents and stimulate our local economy while reducing the need for so many in our community to commute long distances. Additionally, I would work with local schools and community organizations to provide financial literacy for

students beyond just AVID students and job training programs for our residents. Investing in our people can help them achieve financial stability and improve their quality of life through equality means.

Furthermore, I prioritize the need for a sports recreational facility for our youth. Our youth sports would be more competitive, and more youth would be interested in sports if we could provide an indoor training facility for our sports programs. If we had a sports facility we could hold events and tournaments which would bring revenue to our community. Providing a sports training facility would be a great way to bring more jobs to our area and allow for our community as a whole to pay to play and train which financially supports the facility.

Finally, I prioritize transparency and accountability in city government. I would hold regular town hall meetings and public forums to hear our residents' concerns and ideas directly and not limit them to three minutes. Including community and listening to the concerns of the citizens is of absolute importance to growth and support within our city. We can build trust and confidence in our local government by promoting transparency and encouraging community participation.

In conclusion, as the mayor of St. Helens, Oregon, I am committed to creating a more livable and inclusive community for all residents. By promoting sustainability, helping the homeless, fighting inflation, providing a sports recreation facility, and prioritizing transparency and accountability in city government, we can build a brighter future for St. Helens. Working together can make our city a better place to live, work, play, and thrive.