



Questions for Candidates

1. Bicycling/walking and safe enhances quality of life and affordability, equity, access, health, and the safety of our streets. In your view, what can the City/County do to actively encourage more people to bike and walk?

bike/pedestrian infrastructure addresses issues such as

Participate in studies, collaborations with CALTRANS, setting aside funds for County Roads improvements or even matching funds for bike path, walkway construction. Work on ways to help make the county permitting process easier for bike paths and walkways to be put in every community.
2. Studies from Portland and other US cities show people on bicycles spend more per month in local business districts than those arriving by other modes. Bicycling and walk also promote a “shop local” mindset (it’s difficult to get to a faraway store to shop if you are walking or biking). What steps would you take to ensure that local businesses in your shopping district are able to benefit from better access by bicyclists?

Incentives for businesses to install bike racks. Advertising support towards tourism and business accessibility.
3. Childhood obesity and chronic weight related health issues are a major problem. As an elected official how would you use your position to foster an active living agenda that will make measurable improvements in these chronic but often preventable diseases?

By supporting current county and local programs that are geared towards prevention as wells as treating these issues. Encouraging and/or helping to initiate County funding support towards diabetes prevention programs in our clinics and county groups. Working with Walk and Bike Mendocino, Diabetes Prevention programs, community gardens towards creating a healthier community in my district.
4. Forty percent of vehicle trips are less than two miles and many of us trip-hop with our cars rather than walking when we have a number of closely located errands to do. Will you commit to using your leadership position in the community to “walk the walk” by personally walking and biking whenever possible during your tenure in office?

Yes, I will commit to “walking the walk”, this is something I actively do already.
5. We are at the point now where increasing on-street infrastructure like bike lanes will require some difficult decisions, which will not please everyone. A classic example is the struggle between installing bike lanes, sometimes at the expense of on-street parking. Give us some insight into your decision-making process and how you plan to balance the opinions of residents who may be at odds.

As with any situation that requires negotiations, there must be give and take on both sides. Maybe proposing a bike lane on only 1 side of the street to allow for some on street parking. Looking at lots where a parking lot could be installed. There will be a need for necessary, convenient handicapped parking so that will be have to be considered as well. Same goes for loading and unloading zones. It will have to be reviewed by each situation as it arises. Compromise will be very important.
6. Do you have a biking or walking related story you’d like to tell?

People walk or bike for different reasons, maybe they cannot afford a vehicle or the cost associated with owning a vehicle, they might not be able to be licensed for whatever reason, or maybe they just prefer to walk/bike or use public transit, whatever the reason,

having safe dedicated routes for travel on foot or a bike is necessary. For most of my life I have lived in very rural areas, without any safe routes for pedestrians and bikers, in many places there is not even a shoulder to navigate, you are either on the roadway or in the ditch. It is difficult to encourage healthy habits in our children if doing so may lead to unnecessary risks.

Thank you for your time in answering these questions.

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