

Appendix to Local 20/20 Community Visioning Survey Report

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW - How has this crisis affected you? What are you experiencing?

Social Isolation/Loss of Activities

The only thing affecting me is certain places being closed.

So life is not dramatically changed except for inability to travel and go to the theatre or concerts.

I miss seeing my grandchildren, but know I will see them again when there is a vaccine. I don't eat out anymore and make less frequent trips to the stores. I miss social gatherings and participation in clubs and activities. Those will return eventually.

Social isolation.

Miss doing things with friends but remaining optimistic.

I am an introvert so social isolation is great!

I have been unable to fly or drive to California to spend time with my SO.

I am staying home, my social activities have ceased; a young friend has been grocery shopping for me; I have been only to the Chimacum Corner Farmstand for car delivery, and inside once for senior hour when everyone's required to wear a mask. My church's Sunday service is being held via Youtube. I haven't seen my daughter in Edmonds since mid-February.

I do miss tropical travel though.

We terribly miss in-person contact with family members, whether they live nearby or far enough to require a plane ride and overnight stays. Otherwise, we are used to living independently and quietly and amusing ourselves with simple pleasures. We at least have each other for companionship and hugs! We do miss the mental and social stimulation of the cultural activities that are important to us--music, dance, theater, libraries, museums. We are not very "tech savvy," and don't find streamed experiences very satisfying--although we greatly appreciate the imaginative efforts many arts and educational organizations have instituted to feed peoples' minds and souls during this time. We do have Internet, but can afford only basic service that precludes the best reception for activities that are streamed or zoomed. We can't afford monthly cable fees, which eliminates many possibilities for enrichment at home. We don't expect to attend some of our favorite large audience events like opera, symphony, ballet, theater, museum exhibits or contact activities, like dancing, until an effective immunization is available. We certainly will not be traveling by any method than our own vehicle until post-immunization and we don't know how much longer we will be able to drive. We feel like we may suffer faster age-related mental decline without normal social and intellectual stimulation. Even in the best of situations, the pandemic has been very isolating.

It is challenging to meet people as a newcomer to the community.

It has greatly restricted my ability to grow a community and to become active in the community.

None of this affected me too much, except interactions with other people and abiding by masking and social distancing rules.

Unable to participate in groups such as church, choir & other meetings... although Zoom versions available it's not the same.

Too much time on Zoom, surfacing of racial issues, and loss of nourishing activities like dance and time with friends. Being a physically affectionate person, the loss of ease with touch among friends has been incredibly hard on me.

Missing hugs, spontaneous social gatherings (like at the Pourhouse), arts performances.

I rarely see live people, and I have no time to walk or enjoy nature.

Feeling isolated from social activities, friends, and actually the freedom to walk into a clothing store and look/touch material and merchandise. I don't spend much money on clothes but it was exciting to be able to walk into a store and feel comfortable looking at what was available.

I feel very cautious making sure I am socially distancing from people When I am walking and sometimes it is draining.

I am avoiding shopping except for groceries once a week and pharmacy occasionally to decrease risk. I am looking forward to trying the Farmers Market online shopping this week.

I felt so anonymous when going to the grocery or other necessary stores, like the pharmacy. When you are wearing a mask and transition lenses in your glasses, I felt like the Unabomber!

Feeling removed from what we knew, who we know, but getting an opportunity to know our neighbors with distance...a bit better.

I am staying out of all stores, anyplace inside beyond my house and my partner's house.

Though I am a not very social person, it has reduced my freedom to easily wander out now and then. It is like medicine with a side-effect of agoraphobia....

COVID-19 had negative consequences of shops closing, social distancing and our lives changed in ways we never knew or could understand.

I do miss my daughter on the East Coast. I was supposed to be visiting her now. I don't know when I will get to see her again.

We both miss the library. I miss the pool. My husband misses the athletic club. It's a little harder to manage reusing and recycling. It has increased my enjoyment of volunteering at a garden, with a mask, just for the welcome interaction for a cause!

I miss being able to get together with friends, and visit shops and bars and restaurants downtown.

Staying home, rarely seeing friends or family in person. Miss that badly.

The crisis has made me more aware of my existence as a citizen as I move about my community and beyond. I am learning to accept the current and most likely ongoing "limitations" of the freedoms and bounty that I have taken for granted for the majority of my years on this finite planet.

Missing granddaughters and book club.

I am no longer going to the pool 3-5 times/week. I've been going for a lot of walks. Time has gotten really strange: often I'll feel as if something I did yesterday happened a week ago. I feel a bit untethered. Unable to see very far into the future, or to plan. My 25-year old daughter has moved back to town, so

I'm getting to see her a couple of times a week, which I love. I'm sleeping in. I'm missing hugs, touch, and receiving bodywork. I'm having deeper conversations with friends, being on a lot of Zoom calls (trainings, family gatherings, and webinars), and experiencing more screen time than feels healthy. I've not felt bored.

What has changed is my social life - I'm not getting together with friends (in person), not going out to eat, not going to events. Also my experience with some things, like shopping, has changed - it is not the same kind of experience it was as before.

To have all systems shut down in the community has been very difficult. The Gym, or movies, or just shopping as a mental break and for physical well being was suddenly unavailable. Still trying to figure it out. Has made our household a little more resilient on itself.

The worst is the isolation from friends and family- thank god for broadband and the importance of getting it into every household- easily- affordable- so grandmothers can just call their kids and feel connection.

Feeling isolated from family and friends, desperately miss our aquatic exercise.

Lack of exercise because the pool is closed, lack of some grocery items I'd like to have but don't really need, lack of in-person contact with friends, lack of in-person cultural events, but otherwise nothing substantial.

I feel isolated and cut off from my friends and what I enjoyed doing on a daily basis.

We do garden and walk in the neighborhood and in Fort Worden but we are dying to get together with friends and family other than on zoom! We also want to do some travel but all of that is on hold.

Isolation at home.

Locked down - limited community and family contact - cancelled trips & graduations.

I miss participating in community events and entertainment, such as theater and concerts. I miss getting together with friends to socialize.

Isolation from family and friends have taken their toll on my mood.

It has limited my ability to connect with community in both a volunteer capacity and as a consumer of offerings in this community – i.e. seasonal events as well as ongoing offerings. Feeling more isolated from the community I love.

I very much miss having chances to go to restaurants, and the Rose, and to have a more easeful social life, but I mostly accept what IS, in this regard.

No travel is planned until 2021.

We are experiencing isolation, anxiety, and a sense of malaise after 3 1/2 months of self-isolation. Nevertheless, we keep busy maintaining our yard and vegetable garden, Zooming for music lessons, Nature in the Neighborhood, endless meetings, Church services, caring circles, friendship circles, happy hours, etc. We are reading books, watching movies and binging on streaming series and staying home and in our neighborhood as much as possible.

It has been very isolating, by not seeing friends, I forget to call them and have lost touch with most.

I miss seeing friends and enjoying a hot chocolate at Sunrise and a beer at Sirens. I also miss seeing my son and grandchildren in California. I don't see flying as an option until there is a vaccine. I also don't see returning to the gym or dining indoors at a restaurant before there is a vaccine.

No poker, no mahjong, no get-togethers, except the occasional porch visit, but I am walking more than ever. With different friends, and have a few pods, groups of 3, that I can be with.. so, not too bad.. I'm grateful for the quiet too....I'm out in the world, more than some, with a mask..

I am distancing myself from friends and spending more time at home. I miss attending live concerts and theater.

Restaurants and movie theatres are not available. Church services and cultural events are not available. Our hiking club hikes are shut down. We have to take precautions, i.e., hand sanitizer and face masks, social distancing.

I miss the social experiences, especially church and the occasional dining out.

I am 90 years old, live alone and am disabled. I used to volunteer every day and was on committees. Since the shut down I miss the intellectual stimulation. I miss the library most of all. I have people who care about me constantly badgering me about being safe. I am used to being independent.

I am elderly but did volunteer at least once a day, sometimes twice. Those jobs no longer exist because of their nature and exposure to the virus. I feel somewhat redundant. I am single and it can get very lonely.

I am avoiding shopping. I miss contact with friends and out of county relatives. I won't use public restrooms. I am not traveling out of county, mostly staying within five miles from my home.

I have stayed away from any groups of people, and met people in person if necessary.

I am experiencing some isolation. I miss my friends and group activities. I don't see my adult children as often as before Covid, but they do visit. We sit in the front yard and stay physically apart. My neighbors are close and we check on each other to make sure everyone is doing ok. We shop less frequently - once a month rather than every other week.

Missing community activities including attending church in person, garden club activities and book club. Especially missing the services of Jefferson County Library, book club kits, bookmobile, etc.

Grocery shopping is down to once every 2-3 weeks and no fun day trips.

Miss face-to face contact and seeing smiles.

Isolation loneliness-- loss of friends & associates, loss of library books, films, people, loss of support groups, art group and grief group.

Economics and Work

I do have a part time reflexology business so that has been definitely restricted.

I am a school teacher with two kids. I have been working mainly from home, have had to develop a distance learning curriculum. My husband has had to decline work to take care of our children, we have lost income and have been unable to collect unemployment, despite consistent effort. Now I am

working more than usual through the summer to prepare for the changes and uncertainty of the coming school year.

Employment uncertainty.

Financial insecurity and challenges.

Social distancing, gloves, face covering, disinfecting wipes, has made my task here less efficient.

it is a worry for the future that governments at all levels will be so in debt and underfunded that Social Security, veterans' benefits, government pensions and similar sources of senior income will be tapped to flush out government budgets.

Loss of work. Financial hardship.

Financially and emotionally affected.

A clear-cut directly adjacent to my garden. The forest is gone. There was no buffer honored on the nearby creek that flows into Gibb's Lake. My watershed is in danger of being sprayed with toxic chemicals, and my organic garden, and whole potential of the organic forest garden of the entirety of this forest land, full of so much potential for local abundance if it were properly managed. This all happened during COVID. Business as usual for logging. Workers start at 3:30AM, away from home, while quarantine continues. As someone devoted to eco-forestry, it has been devastating and motivating.

I am currently stuck watching it from afar, but worried about how it will affect housing and employment when I am finally able to come home this fall.

I don't personally know a single person who has been positively diagnosed with a corona virus infection. I know dozens of people who have lost their livelihood and everything they have worked and saved for because of our reaction to the fear of the corona virus. I've offered a rent holiday to my tenants, and forgone a performance bonus at work to shoulder my share of the burden. That's come at the expense of more vigorous LION participation.

I have several jobs, three of which were deemed essential (delivering food to students and working two gigs at the local paper). Our hours were affected at the bus (all of us work about three a day). My pet-sitting business was put on hold and a between-shift stint working in the school cafeterias was eliminated for the school year.

A 50% reduction in my business income. And this is the time when it should be increasing. What will winter be like? Will my business survive?

isolated from work.

The pandemic has impacted our lives as independent food producers that work on a 'mom & pop' scale of business. My husband and I are commercial fishermen. Our primary sales are to restaurants as such our business closed down overnight along with the restaurant industry. Who thought all the restaurants in the nation would shut down for months on end? We need to go back to a regionally based food system for food security and the financial well-being of farmers and fishermen and other food producers in our city, county and state. Food producers need support that sunsets after a given time, allowing them to become viable businesses. We don't need subsidies that create addiction to money handouts and create a system where people are paid not to farm or limit production when there are hungry people to feed. More needs to be said on this but for now that is my reply.

Increased work load without housekeeper, personal assistant in my home. Huge increase in stress with increased work.

We have followed the governors guidelines, although kids are asking to come to the lab.

I'm still quite busy with work.

I have three jobs and I live alone in a tiny studio apartment. I'm working from home at all 3 jobs. I am very busy and making enough money.

I have loss of income due to the lockdown and general precautions.

I am a massage practitioner and have not been seeing clients except my husband since the governor issued the Stay Home Stay Healthy order. I will probably not be seeing clients until my husband and I can receive the vaccine for COVID 19 since I am 66 and my husband is 70 and has asthma.

I have been busier than ever supporting clients that are struggling to work from home. I do computer support for them.

Access to Internet and completing taxes. PUD stopped access. Library at times limited.

I lost my job due to the pandemic, but I've secured a freelance editing gig that I'm finding rewarding.

Of course it is different for our children, hit economically.

Realizing how unimportant money is because if we all took care of each other, we wouldn't need money, and everyone would be equally provided for.

Slowing down was great, but then all of the sudden people needed me and wanted gardening services done - erratic behavior and uncertainty is the way right now. I, like many others, am thinking more about what is really important in life.

I retired to Port Townsend for the amazing boating community here — the Maritime Center and the traditional maritime tradespeople including Carol Hasse, Brion Toss, and others working at Point Hudson, Boat Haven, and all around this town. During this crisis, I have donated to the Maritime Center several times, because they are the highlight of Point Hudson and I want them to stay strong and remain the center of boating activities here in PT.

Less work, but I am very close to being at the end of my work life, no effect at all on my life other than I am not soliciting work or working with other people.

I have suspended my hands-on bodywork practice since March 20th. I've suspended my in-home AirBnB guest offering since March. I've cancelled several major events, either involving travel, or gathering groups of people. I have been receiving unemployment, which has been a huge relief. I'm finding that I'm really enjoying not "having" to go to work, or to do anything in particular at all. That said, I've offered free and by-donation Zoom calls twice a week for 15 weeks, to clients who are interested in taking a regular pause to practice ways of being grounded, centered, and at peace during this time of great uncertainty.

As an essential worker I have been under pressure to perform my work responsibilities and pressure to figure out a new way to perform the upkeep of household both physical and mental.

I am a self employed consultant. My business income is zero right now.

I have no economic worries so that has not been part of my experience.

We have lost a portion of our income.

I have been able to still work as much as I was before COVID even though my work has moved on to the phone or my computer.

Now working from home.

As I'm retired, work and income are not issues, for which I am grateful.

I work part-time and weekly at the food coop. Masks have definitely made work more challenging physically and emotionally. A sweaty, damp mask needs changing about every 2 hours for a clean one. Hard to get enough oxygen while working. Fogs up glasses regularly. Have saved a lot of money (no \$ for gas, etc.).

I have lost some income from being unable to travel to events that have been cancelled.

My work has been OK financially, but it's weird that I cannot meet with people very easily. I have been very busy, and had to do more physical work on my own, as a result as COVID.

My wife heads up the Peninsula/Sequim branch of Project Linus. She shut it down for a couple of months and went from 3 days to 1 day a week being open.

The overreaction of both government and individual citizens has significantly and detrimentally effected my small business.

I'm retired, so finances haven't been an issue for me.

Reduced income increased expenses.

My young children are essentially on screens all day so I can work from home.

Mostly Unchanged/Sheltering and Safe/Coping OK

It seems normal.

Not that much has changed for me. I am retired and have a real pension, so I am not very affected by the economic turmoil. I feel very fortunate in that respect.

I'm retired and don't go to town often, so that hasn't changed a lot.

My life hasn't changed too much, I'm still tending my garden, working on projects, life goes on, and I keep building soil, nothing stopping that. I've built a foot of soil in the last year. I made several new hugelkulturs during COVID. I planted trees and shrubs that will bear fruit and medicine. Life goes on.

Our personal daily lives are not hugely changed.

Much of my day-to-day has not changed as I worked from home before the pandemic.

Minor impact. Aside from losing some of my recreational activities, my life has not changed markedly.

I am retired and low maintenance, so minimal impact.

I live in paradise, one way to describe most of Jefferson County. I live surrounded by water and forest. The nearest neighbors are half a mile away. Other than meeting one or two friends on vacated roads,

without driving to get there, I shelter in place with my partner and pets. Every two or three weeks, one of us ventures forth masked and gloved, hand cleaner in car. We pick up pre-ordered groceries from Chimacum Farm Corner Store or Key City Fish, or stop by Midori Farm Stand for fresh vegetables.

I'm staying at home more than usual, but the surprising thing is that my neighbors are, too.

Personally I feel that I am able to control my exposure as an introverted, retired homebody who lives alone.

I am eating more comfort foods, shopping less, engaging neighbors more @ 6', reading more, driving less, and not wishing to track much news. I am making more effort to reach out to friends too.

So far, as seniors, we feel fortunate to be somewhat more economically stable than many younger people. Modest, but reliable, basic income and home ownership help.

My world has gotten smaller and less busy. I am saving more money. I am not flying across the country to visit family. I am gardening more and working less. I am paying more attention to where I am spending my time. I have more time for self-care.

The impact on our home is less because we are retired.

We are basically staying home and I am OK with that. I live in North Beach and can walk on the beach every day or walk the Cappy trails. I have my family and my dog and that's all I really need.

I am doing less and spending less, which is positive, and though it might not help the community economically. As part of a retired senior couple with only minor health conditions, the physical parts of our life have not changed much. It is an opportunity to reevaluate the activities which are not available at this time.

Less social interaction. More time to read. A feeling of uncertainty as to when it will end. More time in nature.

Experiencing a quieter lifestyle - read, garden, create, walk. Feeling safe in PT.

Working full time remotely at home, but on my own time, meetings by zoom, gardening. Picking up groceries, etc. curbside. And meals from local restaurants.

Personally, I am little burdened by the crisis. Like many retirees, I have a comfortable home and a stable and sufficient income. We live in a beautiful place where it is possible to safely enjoy the outdoors. Our community has taken the guidance seriously, and for most of the time I have felt safe.

Doing well. Restrictions can get wearying from time to time but I'm busy pursuing my interests at home: gardening, sewing, baking, walking my dog.

This crisis has been a positive experience by forcing us to slow down and be more mindful.

The covid-19 virus has made me slow down and spend more time in my garden. It has freed me from social obligations and other distractions. My life, oddly enough, has been the richer for it. (Sssh, don't tell anyone!)

Fortunately we have been retired for 18 years and have set up a good and comfortable life style.

I am spending most of my time at home, some at my community garden, and venturing out only for essential trips to buy food, occasional doctor visits, and other mostly necessary trips out into the world. I spend a LOT of time gardening as I find that being in Nature is extremely helpful to my overall well

being. I do get what exercise I can, and am focusing a lot on healthful practices of eating good food, getting adequate sleep, and getting enough exercise mostly in the form of walks, and stretching.

I'm enjoying the time to reassess my life. I'm semi-retired and not much has really changed for me. Maybe a bit too much time on my cell phone and watching TV. But I'm also walking a lot and enjoying the beauty of Port Townsend.

Little. I feel restricted by closures but being a senior with guaranteed income it removes lots of the potential stress.

To minimize my exposure to the virus, I changed to USPS delivery of most of my groceries and a new pair of shoes. Rescheduled health-related appointments to a later date. I quit my once-per-week-out restaurant meal.

I'm quite comfortable not having to be anywhere. As an artist and writer I stay at home a lot anyway, and now I fit right in. Shopping is a bit more bothersome, what with the masks and all the care that I take to use alcohol on everything, but it's nice not to have so much traffic on the streets, and when I get home I have the peace and quiet for reflection and deeper thought.

Am well. Have actually enjoyed simpler living since my needs are met already.

We are growing our own food because the grocery stores are closed due to no food available. We are making our own furniture and bicycles.

Less travel, less expenditures for entertainment (and saving more money), disappointment in school system, less leisure time due to increased work and school demands, more planning and effort required for common tasks such as food shopping, cleaning, long wait times for appointments. Less bathrooms available. Less social interactions. People are not as friendly, more cautious.

I live in a cohousing community. I'm experiencing isolation due to distancing, etc...but have lots of neighbors nearby for good company at a distance of 6 feet. So, lots of conversation but no activities together as I'm used to.

More time at home, more caution when I am out and about.

Gratitude/Positive

It has caused in me a focus of gratitude for the fortune of living in such a beautiful place on the Earth, where I have had access to nature all these months.

I feel incredibly fortunate that I have food, a roof over my head, internet, and am healthy.

Fortunately we have the luxury of enough funds so this is not a worry.

Appreciating the less polluted air and water and the animals feeling free to roam.

I am enjoying the slower pace, with time to think, and pay attention. I am enjoying the clearer skies, the uncrowded waters and beaches, the ability to hear the birds singing without the noise and interference of vehicles, and seeing all the people, families, singles, couples, walking and biking through my neighborhood.

While I'm wondering what my purpose is, and how to be of use, moving forward, I'm REALLY appreciating where I/we-all live, here in PT, and the beauty, the community, and the sense of can-do that this place IS. I've been here for 30 years.

Experiencing a wealth of warmth, consideration and generosity and am SO happy to be a part of Quimper Village senior cohousing at this moment in history.

I do enjoy getting out to walk around town especially since there is less traffic than usual. I have very much enjoyed the quiet. I have appreciated the efforts of many businesses to help to make grocery shopping safe and easy. I feel lucky that I do not have to worry about a job or having income.

I am grateful for having had only a limited interruption to my basics in life and I enjoy having a quieter existence, for the most part.

There is much less traffic in the county. People for the most part seem to be more helpful and generous.

I have enjoyed more time at home, but I am fortunate to have acres of land, financial security, relatively good health, and strong spiritual foundation to lean on. I am proud of our community and my church for their response to local needs (Community Foundation donors, church missions).

I still have a job. I still have housing. I can go to the market and get food. I am incredibly lucky and privileged.

The blessings of neighbors who step up for each other.

Enjoying less car traffic. Enjoying seeing more wild life.

Enjoying working in the garden, hiking, and biking. We're able to visit with local friends outside in nature or our yards, keeping social distancing.

More time with family.

This crisis has projected us onto a spiritual path at an exponential rate because the separation, division and distancing from humanity and nature we have all been scared into participating in, has forced us to think deeply about what it means to be a human; which for us has meant embracing life and death with trust in the divine. This has moved us into making deep connections with our inner divine self and has pushed a great desire to connect spiritually with all other divine humans (which we all are), one that is centered in authentic connection and love. We have been able to rise above the mainstream narrative that is pushing fear, division and solutions that are not authentically humane or that honor humanity's connection to nature or each other.

Thanks to the pause in the economy brought on by Covid, I've been able to reassess my entire life and how I spend my time. I'm happier than ever before.

Being more introspective, taking life more slowly, spending more time connecting with fewer people.

I enjoy less traffic, more quiet and a slower pace. We have more birds in our yard than ever. We have more time for walks, bike rides and kayak paddles. That has been fun. We have over 30 feet of windows on the south side of our house where our dining room is. We enjoy watching the birds, squirrels and deer while we eat our meals.

We're doing tons of gardening and work around the house. I'm fortunate to have a partner who I enjoy being around. Thanks to all the open space in the area, when we start to feel uncertain or adrift, we can get outdoors to re-center.

I am enjoying spending more time at home and simplifying my life. I am doing what I can to support local farmers and businesses. I am caring for my 90 year old mother. I am working in my yard and walking my neighborhood.

On the upside I am out and about more in nature. Have found new wonderful isolated places in Jeffco.

I have loved the slowing down and the opportunity to do my art work, spend time reaching out to friends and some contemplative time to re-vision Skillmation in the time of Covid and begin to re-tool to adapt to those needs.

I am getting used to having more time to work in my garden and walk at Fort Worden and not have to go to so many meetings...

I'm doing great- enjoying more canoeing and biking, sewing, and learning new skills.

Personally excellent quality of life.

Negative Emotions

Anger, confusion.

Anxiety about the future.

I am experiencing deep grief for the state of the world and a future so unknown.

In my person I have a high level of stress and despair. Thoughts of suicide, loneliness, anxiety.

Changing of routines, not being able to do anything without conscious thought, is exhausting! So is trying to make good decisions about my behavior and the impacts on myself and others. I feel scared and exhausted much of the time. I wake up with my stomach in knots most mornings and am not getting enough sleep or rest in general. There is strain on my relationship from so much time in close proximity. I am also struggling with feeling judged by various people no matter what choices I make.

Changes in my community such as the closing of Aldrich's and the Silverwater feel disheartening. Even unrelated changes are harder to take.

Stress, frustration, anger over the constantly changing guidance.

The whole thing is depressing. Masks, restaurant limitations, physical distancing, no end of pandemic in sight. Yes, we all try to stay positive and help each other, but the world is in free fall.

Stress about the future.

Childrens' lives are in upheaval for their future education. Job security and unemployment are uncertain. Our world is hurting and we need to stop it, reflect on what is going on and use our energy to make positive changes, in my opinion. So much energy is wasted and spent on feeding into the negative consequences of what is going on around us! Let's all rest, help others, be kind, gain back hope for a positive future ahead!

CoVid definitely exacerbated PTSD for me.

An overwhelming sadness that both the pandemic of COVID-19 and racism are alive and well and both busily killing my fellow Americans.

This pandemic adds additional stress to a time when our country and our earth face enormous challenges. I hope to maintain health and equilibrium so that I can meet the coming challenges.

Slight depression, anxiety.

Paralyzed by possibilities.

Ineffectual national leadership, uncertainty about the future, the shutdown of businesses, layoffs, fear of a possible major financial breakdown, concerns about contracting the Covid virus, wearing masks, keeping a six foot distance, all contribute to making this a scary and surreal time. Yeah, it has an impact! Anyone who hasn't allowed themselves to feel the impact of all this is living in a dreamworld.

I lost a former student to suicide during this pandemic. He was African-American and living in Port Townsend. The protests about police brutality were the final straw for this young man.

Vague anxiety all the time---it makes me overeat.

Grief loss of long-time partner. Things breaking down.

Fear of spread. Fear of Trump being so incompetent and causing the death of many.

Worry for Others

I worry most about my family, how it has disrupted their daily lives and working environment, and the kids, my oldest granddaughter had a virtual high school graduation.

I am experiencing sadness for our homeless, unemployed, and mentally ill citizens. Also for our shopkeepers, nursing home residents, and school children/parents. All I can do is donate to support those suffering economic deprivation.

I worry about businesses closing, people losing jobs and young people losing education and career opportunities.

I'm safe at home but worried about family members.

More people are falling into homelessness and are in distress financially.

I worry about fellow residents, local businesses and local nonprofits that will get wiped out financially. It'll be a long time before the economy recovers. How many people will lose the home they own or rent, how many more businesses and nonprofits will disappear?

Nationally, a disaster.

I am so upset about the privation and pain of so many others. We continue to contribute to the COVID fund at the Foundation to help meet local needs.

I am, of course, troubled at the financial and emotional burdens that many others are dealing with. I am concerned about whether our small businesses will fail, about what will happen in housing and homelessness, about mental health, drug use, and domestic violence.

I worry about our community - do we have enough testing and are we going to get a resurgence when the tourists start flowing in? Will our local businesses survive this?

What concerns me is how this crisis is affecting middle aged people who have children and must live pay check to pay check.

I worry a fair bit about how much of our community life will be unable to recover, economically.

I worry about children going hungry, but there seems to be little communication to the public about it. I just assume everyone is getting what they need from the Foodbank if needed. I wonder about children and their education. I wonder if it might help to create temporary tutors in each area of the county where students could get help at a social distance, but with the person actually physically near them - say in the front yard or something like that. Or they could be tutored over the phone.

I am sad for friends and clients who do not have my advantages and are suffering.

I was an ER nurse for most of my 45 yr in nursing and I was very worried about hospital staff's safety. I took it personally very seriously.

Masks/Social Distancing/Enforcement

Since when does a mask keep a human healthy? Since when do children have to now be constricted to this new term "social distancing" and have to wear masks if they are to attend any school, public or private?

Overcrowding at Safeway & customers not wearing masks.

It scares me that folks in Hadlock area won't wear masks into QFC- why is this store not enforcing this? No masks for the workers or some or most of the shoppers.

All of this has put us into uncomfortableness as we have taken this spiritual journey and it has identified a schism between our beliefs and the current mentality of the masses. Our view is not well received by the mainstream public and we are experiencing discrimination and disdain for our beliefs. So far as being labeled things like far right Republican (not popular in this community), somehow "white supremacist," anti-western medicine, selfish and disrespectful....all for having taken on a different viewpoint and belief on what is currently going on in the world. On the other hand, we are making deep connections with like-minded people. This is invaluable and worth all the discomfort of taking a stand in the face of diversity.

Being in the middle of a very serious disease outbreak and a classical mass hysteria at the same time. And these are two separate problems requiring different and sometimes contrasting solutions.

Fear that our community will be divided by judgment. Sadness that so many are shaming others that do not share their point of view.

Experiencing fear for going out in public. Those not wearing masks inside restaurants more than half the time become confrontational. What good is a law that's unenforced?

I am deeply concerned that so many people around east Jefferson County have been ignoring the dire public health warnings since February. This has escalated into another "us against them" divide based on disinformation and political manipulation. Anytime I go to the store for food or supplies I encounter a

significant number of people who are brazenly defying the recommended protocols, not wearing masks, no distancing etc. This makes me fearful because this behavior puts everyone at risk. I am experiencing a lot of anxiety.

Stress from uncertainty and businesses failing to require patrons to wear masks.

A few have been against masks which made me afraid for my and everyone's safety. I am coming to grips with my fragility.

It is imperative that everyone wears masks except for the very few acceptable exceptions. The emotionality comes in around those customers who refuse to wear a mask and the subsequent looks with daggers between folks. It is a sad state of affairs when keeping safe is seen as a political plot.

When I get out to exercise, it can be stressful because some people regularly do not wear masks or observe distancing.

I wear a mask when I go shopping, but it's irritating when others don't. Some businesses take no steps to protect staff or customers. Most businesses are trying to protect their staffs and customers.

I am tired of the corona Nazis and will not patronize any business that compels the use of masks.

Living in an apt building is extremely frustrating. My ability to exit or enter building, retrieve mail, laundry etc. is hampered by some unmasked neighbors and most frustrating are the unmasked caregivers coming and going, and sitting right next to front door unmasked, talking on their phones. Not until two days ago were there any signs requesting masks, and this new one just says "Got Mask?" My last encounter with an unmasked phone talking caregiver, I finally got assertive, hand signaling and verbally requesting "Mask or move." She dangled a mask in the air, saying she had one, don't worry, but did not either put it on or move, so I could go out the door. So how effective will it be, to simply ask folks if they have a mask?

Health/Health Care

Although I believe the county acted correctly there was a huge gap in testing - I personally know 4 people in the community that should have been tested but we're refused test. This makes me doubt the county leadership.

Fear of going to dentist, getting eyeglasses, going to hair salon, basic healthcare avoidance.

Unable to go to appointments with the VA. Things that cannot be done over the phone.

I have worries about myself, friends, family and people in the community contracting a horrible disease with unknown manifestations which can lead to death, and painful, lonely hospital stays, and unknown sequelae.

I worry about losing my teeth due to no dental access. (I can't imagine how the dental office air can filter the viral aerosols adequately... for an unmasked person to feel safe.)

For many seniors, gym and swim workouts are not a luxury or an option, they are a vital and significant part of their health regime. Some are unable to do weight bearing exercise, so bikes, weight machines and swimming are it. This aspect of their health care is the only thing standing between them and exacerbated diseases and Dr. visits. We need access to our fitness facilities. Our health depends on it.

At "elderly" ages and with several "at risk" conditions, we have been reluctant to use any health care facilities during this time, even if they were open and trying to implement anti-contagion practices. I dropped physical therapy and we have postponed dental, eye, audiologist and follow-up/monitoring tests for chronic conditions.

Increased concern about health and being a vector.

The Coronavirus pandemic, the death of my life partner, my mother being one of thousands of elders sequestered away in residential care facilities in an endless quarantine and the horrific stories of others under far more dire circumstance than I merely because of the fluke of our birthplace has been a blessed opportunity for humanity to evaluate how we want to proceed into the future. It's intense, it is a gift, it is a curse. But, most of all, it is a time to act. This place in time has given us the opportunity for a new beginning. I fear if we do not take it, it shall be our last.

My husband and I got Covid-19 in March. I had a moderate case with severe bronchitis, fever, coughing, body aches, etc. but did not need oxygen or a ventilator, thankfully. My husband had a mild case. Luckily, we were already staying at home in the last half of March and of course afterwards. It took weeks for me to feel normal again due to the fatigue. I missed some work as a nurse practitioner at JCPH as a result. We did get an antibody test (Abbott) through UW and we both are positive for Covid-19 IgG antibodies. We are still wearing masks and taking precautions if we venture out to the grocery store, which is about the only place we are going!

I'm also replacing gym workouts with 2.5 mile runs at the Blue Heron School track. Given that I'm two weeks away from age 75, the discovery that I can run this far has been a blessing.

I am uncertain about having regular medical/dental care.

I had one doctor visit online - that was helpful. I need to go to the dentist for teeth cleaning, but I'm delaying it because of the virus.

Volunteering/Protesting

I started attending Black Lives Matter protests. But they're outside and people wear masks and keep a safe distance so I feel pretty comfortable. It's worth the risk.

Even as I weep for those suffering and continue my social and environmental activism from afar, I remain safe.

It has been more motivated to take personal responsibility for everything, for example, I stopped using toilet paper, because this kind of clear-cutting is totally green-washing, even then "7th generation" products come from horrific ecosystem devastation such as this. The trees they plant are a monoculture, not a forest. I use leaves from my garden. It has made me feel grateful for many other changes I have already made, not eating packaged food, only buying locally milled lumber, spending lots of time in the woods appreciating its food and medicine.... I'm getting an eBike so I don't have to drive a car as often and hope to phase out of a car in my life-time.

Our bluff neighborhood emergency team has stayed in good contact. It has almost been like a drill for us to keep up with each other and our neighbors. We will be doing our first Zoom meeting this week which will be a good exercise for us.

The protests against the death of George Floyd has erupted a volcano of disturbed attitudes and hatred that has emerged as a consequence. The protests for the most part have been peaceful, but then you have the looters that are using this platform to proceed with criminal, selfish behavior.

I've been following the news (from various sources) more consistently than ever in my life, and have been free to easily engage in the Black Lives Matter work of anti-racism and ally-ship.

I am also finding it harder to advocate for the homeless and other at risk populations because there is really no way to stay in touch with what is going on.

I have also re-tooled my charitable giving in response to Covid and now in response to George Floyd's death and the kindling of the hope of ending white silence.

It is hard to be motivated to stay engaged in my usual activism, but still play a role in the efforts of the Housing Solutions Network since affordable housing was a problem here even before the COVID shifts.

I have made many many face masks, and tried to help people stay safe.

I am appalled by the violence of the police and others against peaceful protesters...I am more fearful (and careful) when I go out into public spaces...

Currently, NCAG is limited to monthly Zoom meetings and online commenting regarding Columbia River Basin, the Chehalis River Basin and other issues we follow, so fast, reliable internet connections available to all are important for increasing virtual participation opportunities.

Sheltering At-Risk/Displaced

I'm 65 with asthma, so I've been self-isolating.

I am an "at risk" person so am still being pretty isolated....no one (except spouse) has been in our house since March....we shop only senior hours and really trust our local "Corner Market"....we are lonely for "contact" but do lots of face time and visit over the fence of our extensive garden compound.....am going to doc appointment and they are very careful about exposure....and that is the way it will be for awhile.....

I am fortunate enough to be able to stay home except for necessities. I am among the vulnerable population.

Personally, I'm ok. Spent two weeks in quarantine after getting exposed but did not get sick.

One member of the house is of very fragile health and does not go out to stores etc.

Because of my age and permanent health issues from contracting the HINI virus and bacterial pneumonia ten years ago, I'm self isolating, except for going out for groceries every few weeks.

I am in the high risk category so mostly at home. When I do go out I wear a mask and gloves, use sanitizer often, and avoid close contact with others inside. Outside I carry a mask in case it's needed when walking the trails. I have a few "safe" friends that I feel comfortable having dinner with or sitting outside physically distanced.

Given my age, I'm in the endangered category with respect to the virus. I try to be as careful as I can, but I'm worried.

I was traveling full time and stopped to visit my parents for the holidays and have been here since. I was offered and then turned down a job in Alaska due to the unsureness of the virus and not wanting to be away from my aging parents who may need my help if there was a second wave.

I am isolated without adequate support because I am too rich to get help paying for help and too poor to be able to afford it. There is no one checking on me.

Leadership/Information/Policies

It would have been nice if you would break down infections in at least zip codes like Thurston County does so we could feel more secure in our communities. This has created more fear than necessary.

I am also present to the immensity of fear and how it has and continues to be perpetuated by mainstream media sources and seems to go largely unquestioned in this county.

It can be confusing to see hair salons, tattoo parlors, liquor stores and other not-so-essentials open while we sit at home holding out for our health care necessities like exercise. Injuries, post op surgeries, illnesses, all require recovery with assistance.

Very angry at the failures of our national leadership. Angry that fundamental human services are dependent upon private donations and fees, instead of publicly funded for the greater good.

Meanwhile, federal government leaders are making thing worse not just by negligence but malice.

Hatred is rampant and controlling people's emotions and responses, especially on social media. The truths of what is going on is hard to know what and what not to believe because there are so many different opinions and facts manipulated to fit those opinions. Many friends and family are aborting their contacts on social media, myself included. I'm exhausted hearing so much negativity. It is on every TV channel, every radio station, every social media site and it saddens me horribly to see such nasty behaviors surface during a very vulnerable time.

I also worry about what the Federal government is doing under "cover" of this crisis.

I'm upset that politicians are trying to use this crisis to con us into accepting more control.

I have personally been deprived of my freedom to go to church, to go to restaurants, and for a long time, even to get a haircut. In light of the incredibly low infection rate and zero deaths in Jefferson County, I believe the regulations to have been excessively harsh and severe.

Noise

Being springtime, there is too much noise going on from lawnmowers, weed-eaters, and hedge trimmers. I wish people would just cut it out. The dump trucks go by just like always, with their huge diesel engines spewing out toxic fumes, and rattling along like it was 1930. The County is just as guilty, sending out street machines to work on the blacktop, or clear the brush at the edges of the roads...If we are to have a lockdown, let's have one that looks like it. My hair remains uncut, so let it be with the grass and shrubs.

All my life I've wished for relief from cars and planes and their pollution and noise.

Experiencing more fully, since there is less noise overlay.

Have any positive changes been made during this crisis that we may want to keep or build on

Less Travel, Less Pollution, Improved Environment

The fewer motor vehicles, the healthier our environment.

I wish there was a way to permanently reduce the amount of car traffic. It was very quiet and peaceful during the tightest part of the shutdown.

Less time in my car.

Not flying in planes or driving our cars as much has caused the skies to be a wonderful hue I have not seen since the 70s. It's rather miraculous. Nature is thriving in incredible ways because of less pollution too.

Telecommuting can help with climate change issues related to extensive commuting.

Less dependency on fossil fuel.

Less people activity is good for nature. Less buying/consuming/growth is good for the planet. Return to the basics.

Working from home, less air travel.

Less traffic! More peaceful environment.

Reduced driving/fuel consumption.

Less travel, less tourists in town!

Less tourist traffic.

Working from home. Saves carbon, but in some organizations, you can't just work via zoom, you have to cultivate effective, in-person relationships to get the whole job done.

I enjoyed the quiet and peace of Fort Worden.

I was sorry that the city decided to temporarily reduce the downtown parking. I understand it could be extended. We are an older population and there are many of us who will not be able to access our downtown if there is not adequate parking.

Less driving, more walking.

Less driving.

Telemedicine and online meetings have cut down significantly using my vehicle.

Less traffic.

I was also delighted to see that the busses continued running, although with few riders since everyone was staying at home. I would like to see more and continued mass transit services. Perhaps our Historic Downtown as a pedestrian center only.

The silence and shelter in place has given us all the chance to see, hear and feel a world outside of humans that is vibrant and loving the silence.

A reduction in my fossil fuel dependence and a greater appreciation for my home and its natural surroundings that I now work even harder to preserve.

Less tourism was the silver lining for many here. They may not admit it but everyone I asked about it expressed some sober glee.

Many things I am involved in - like a national conference - is looking at doing things very differently in the future so that more people can take part with less of a carbon footprint. That is positive.

I want the Himalayas to forever more be visible from New Delhi and the air to be breathable for children in Beijing. This would mean re-tooling how and how much we produce.

We are driving and polluting less.

We have learned we can handle much of our meetings online and greatly reduce driving to save time and carbon emissions.

I was delighted to read in the paper about the open streets plan although in going downtown to check it out I couldn't really see any differences. I am hoping that going forward this will be developed further.

It was a welcome change to see tourism being discouraged. I don't go downtown much because it is more oriented to tourists than residents.

Appreciated the lack of traffic on the streets while it lasted and the quiet it produced...

Less traffic. I hope that people will reduce driving and either walk or ride their bikes for short distances in town. I want to keep the air clean and reduce the noise from cars and trucks. I am happy to see street closures downtown. We need more space to walk as I have to step into the street from off the sidewalk to keep 6 feet from other pedestrians.

I like that more people are finding ways to work from home. I like that air travel is so limited and that the climate crisis, noise and air quality, and level of "busyness" in people's lives have noticeably eased.

I find interaction with the natural world, like so many people being out walking at Fort Worden, is a good "new habit" in many people's lives.

I love the fact that our environment is healthier.

Much quieter, less traffic and cleaner air.

Another positive change has been the chance to experience quiet while traffic and commerce were minimal, and focus more on the natural world, in keeping with indigenous values of respecting and caring for Mother Earth.

Clean air and water have re-arrived.

The environment is thriving with so much less stress put into and on Gaia.

Discovering our nature walks... gorgeous... and evening walks by the boat yard.

A lot less driving which reduces our carbon footprint and consumes less gas/oil.

The clearing of the skies following factory closures and plus far fewer cars on the road remind us that the environment could be a lot more healthy if we made some major lifestyle changes.

Much less traffic.

The reduced vehicle traffic has been a real plus. It is safer to cross the street. I have noticed less air pollution and noise on the once busy streets.

People have been driving less, and the air condition across the nation are cleaner. People are realizing that we do not need to travel as much- we can have meetings remotely. This will be positive for reducing oil use and dependence.

Less crowds.

Less driving, fewer cars on the highway, more people working from home, less air pollution fewer tourists – haha.

Less air pollution! Fewer cars on the roads.

I like the shutdown of the airports... let's shut down the roadways, too, except for necessary services. let's shut down all the meat-production, and go on a strict vegetarian diet.

Global warming is a threat worse than the pandemic, and this shutdown is a huge relief.

Less cars on the road.

Make Port Townsend a car free zone. Use non-motorized transportation.

Telemedicine

Telemedicine for routine office calls, physical therapy, counseling, and other related services should be supported and continued. Why should I or anyone drive for an hour each way to wait in a crowded waiting room to then be seen for fifteen minutes by a medical practitioner who stares into his or her screen? I know why that happens due to our faulty medical system, and I am grateful to have a high-quality rural medical system. But let's keep telemedicine ongoing.

Personally, I haven't experienced any greater access to telemedicine. More often, routine medical needs are just being ignored. Many providers just seem to be postponing appointments. This is frustrating. I finally was able to see the eye doctor last week, but still need to see an audiologist and have yet to get an appointment.

I like telemedicine, but some things you have to go in for.

Telemedicine is good for some things.

Telemedicine should be here to stay.

As a retired primary care provider, I can see the limits to telemedicine. But I'm glad most providers have a way to connect with patients... It's frustrating as a patient who lives in a region where the physician attrition rate is high, and you have to meet your new providers by smart phone. I wouldn't call this a positive experience. It may become a way to save money and make up for physician and nurse shortages.

Increasing use and insurance coverage of virtual health care in appropriate situations is a real boon to many in all age groups. It is time and cost efficient, especially in routine management of long-term conditions. It reduces exposure to contagion for both health care workers and patients. It's good for the environment in reducing unnecessary travel.

Telemedicine is great.

Telemedicine has been a good access tool.

Greater access to telemedicine.

Telemedicine.

Telemedicine.

I love the idea of accessing medical by telemedicine.

Insurers required to cover telemedicine.

Telemedicine.

Greater access to telemedicine would be excellent.

Telemedicine. It's about time. And it's convenient and it works.

Telemedicine.

Great telemedicine and tele-physical therapy appointments.

Many upsides, telemedicine being one of them.

Yes, telemedicine has been good.

Yes, telemedicine is great. I had one routine appointment. I would love that option to remain for the future, particularly for non-critical visits.

Greater access to telemedicine.

Telemedicine for sure.

I have continued working with my therapist through telemed conferencing. I was hesitant about that, since I thought emotional therapy would be best in person, but it has worked extremely well. So, yes, more access to telemed services would be beneficial in many circumstances.

I will always try to see my doctor in person, but see telemedicine as something that could be used in a pinch. I can see insurance companies jumping on the telemedicine bandwagon, and having patients run a gauntlet of tele-assessments, before seeing a doctor in person.

Telemedicine is good. Having to go to the hospital for any reason is not.

I work in the Healthcare system. The speed with which we brought up a viable telemedicine option was amazing. Building on this would be a great thing to continue now that the structure is in place. I would prefer to use telemedicine in the future.

Telemedicine is GREAT.

Yes, telemedicine.

Telemedicine is certainly one advantage.

Positive changes would include more access to telemedicine.

Telemedicine should be used more often.

Yes, telemedicine is a plus.

I had my first telemedicine appointment which works as I am in a maintenance situation and don't need to be seen in person often. This saves time and money on so many levels.

Telemedicine has real possibilities.

Telemedicine is useful, yes.

Telemedicine.

Telemedicine is great.

As a mental health provider, I'm grateful for relaxed rules around telemedicine, and have been able to serve all my clients through phone or video means...some have done better with phone sessions...would like to continue to have that choice and still get paid!

Increased use of telemedicine is the most significant benefit I am aware of.

I DO like telemedicine as MY CHOICE.

Access to telemedicine for routine appointments.

Yes prefer telemed.

Internet and Online Activities

Any gathering or meeting that can be held on-line, and any employment that can be conducted from home should transfer to that modality or maintain it. Our county needs to provide broadband with reliable access, including training as necessary, to all residents. Small businesses that relied on storefronts need help transferring to on-line service and delivery. Free high-quality website development skills should also be provided. More Jefferson County citizens should be encouraged and financially supported to create, develop and share creative products as a way to make a living without having to pay rent and insurance for brick and mortar presence.

Though the County meetings are as boring as ever, there seems to be more of them online now, and they seem more open. Has there been a stop to roadside spraying yet?

Zoom could be used for community meetings.

Will be getting better with a couple new tools for video conferencing.

I think more (than in the past) businesses will have an on-line shopping presence. I like some of the on line action, like district court.

1) Increased remote working opportunities for those whose job types and home working conditions are appropriate. Overall, this can help prevent the additional stress of hours-long commutes, leading to better work-life balance. It can help workers' budgets to not have to support a costly vehicle or buy

expensive "professional" clothing. For Jefferson County this would really help bring in younger adults and families to diversify the social and economic base.

Expanded use of virtual meetings and conferences for businesses, organizations, performances and even social groups. New opportunities for exploring "distance learning are being developed. Enough time is lapsing to learn which methods work best and how virtual and in-person methods can be integrated. Even when it is possible to have as much in-person interaction as desired, it's hopeful that some of the new techniques will be retained, especially to reduce the climate related effects of extensive travel for in-person events that could as well be produced visually, and especially on behalf of special needs and immuno-compromised people who can get additional help and stimulation from virtual opportunities. Increased/organized hubs of communication could be good.

I hope we embrace remote work as a productive counterbalance to daily job site commuting forever. Game changer for the livelihoods of people on the peninsula and the only good to come of this that I can see. Better for the community and the environment.

Telecommuting.

I also think this has taught us that so many of us can work from home.

All online meetings have been useful.

Better use of remote meetings - saving driving/traveling as well has increased participation.

Zoom meetings can be easier to attend and may lower the hurdle for public participation.

Farmers Market online shopping.

Online education.

We are showing that we can adapt to change through meeting up online.

More use of online video conferencing rather than driving all over the Olympic Peninsula.

Learned zoom.

I believe that the pandemic has finally led to something technology permitted us to do more than 20 years ago -- dispersed workplaces. We've been too slow to adapt to dispersed work, which has tremendous social and environmental benefits.

People are sending each other good posts (often humorous) which helps immensely. Increased communication with Friends and family is healthy.

I also love the flexibility of attending meetings via Zoom.

I have continued my activism via Zoom. I've found it to be an adequate, though not ideal replacement for in person meetings. It does have the potential to include more people, who wouldn't normally be able to attend an in person meeting.

I think we have to be careful of the unintended consequences of replacing in person interactions with technological ones. For example, I think many parents are currently learning that online instruction for their children does not come close to successful classroom instruction for most students.

Learned Zoom!

Access to Zoom for classes.

Gratitude for technology that gifts us with connections to our family and friends in far off places that were not afforded our ancestors in prior pandemics.

I've enjoyed the virtual (zoom-based) classes offered by the Maritime Center, and hope they continue offering these for people who cannot get to a class in person.

Greater access to tele-medicine and tele-entertainment -- it's nice not to have to go somewhere to get these services. Greater realization of the necessity of good broad-band internet connection for everyone, not just those who can afford to pay for it.

Virtual meetings turn out to be better than I would have thought, and I enjoy not having to use my car to drive to meetings.

Meetings from the office at home.

It has also made ZOOM a household feature; Nextdoor and Local 20/20 have been a boon, too.

Zoom conferences can be useful.

A positive change in the community is the free Wi-Fi hot spots provided by the PUD, library and others.

Zoom meetings work reasonably well and allowing people to work from home could be a positive result from the crisis.

Telecommunication has become vital during this time and has pushed us individually and as businesses/organizations to 'get with it'. This was just waiting for a push to implement programs that have existed and for new platforms such as Zoom.

More Zoom meetings contributes to less driving too. I'd very much like to see this trend towards more on-line gatherings continue.

Far more people are working from home and some businesses will hopefully make that permanent for some employees.

I have learned to use zoom and skype.

More events & community activities available online from home.

Taking more online classes.

I confess I even have learned to enjoy church at home. Zoom meetings have kept me connected...love zoom!

Save money. Force schools and businesses to become more tech advances and implement better cleaning requirements.

Reflection

I think more about what I buy - and also what I want for entertainment. My values are challenged and I am watching that percolate. More of my friends are calling me "just to talk."

The stresses of the pandemic and associated social/economic collapse have dramatically revealed many systemic humanitarian, social, cultural, economic, health care, governmental and other weaknesses and

gaps--in the US and worldwide. The same stresses have highlighted areas of strength. Both the weaknesses and the strengths that affected response to the major recent multiple crises need to be addressed and modified so that we can move forward stronger and with tools that unite us in our diversity.

Slowing down in general (hasn't been true for everyone, but for many).

We're spending more time on what matters... people are exercising more... able to prune unhealthy relationships...

We have learned a lot from this crisis. We learned that we need to take care of better hygiene, be able to sort our needs vs. wants, and look at new ways to do things we've always done, such as education, healthcare, and public affairs, including police protection and criminal consequences.

Greater access to a state of presence. I'm planning on never going back to living with my ego running a big portion of my life.

I have enjoyed the pause in the relentless push for economic progress and forward growth momentum for humanity. It feels like the natural world has been able to take a breath as humans stopped running around doing so much. I would like to see us build on giving the natural world more space. I also think there is benefit in the shaking up of routine behavior. Doing things differently gives us new perspective and may encourage positive change.

People have slowed down, more gardening, a sense that we'll all in this together

Personally, I have enjoyed walking more, bicycling, and spending time by myself. I miss friends but also feel that I am growing resilient and sometimes feel stronger.

We are examining our values and what has meaning in our lives.

Finding we really don't need much in the way of stuff.

Reprioritizing.

Less buying.

I think that the systemic problems of housing affordability and social inequity are more visible than they have ever been.

A closer look at schooling and perhaps a nudge to change.

Pauses in the rat-race that allow us to reflect on what truly is important in life. What brings meaning to life itself. Finding many moments in the day that are not on autopilot.

Finding we don't need more stuff.

I appreciate the increase in thoughtfulness so many have developed but am very disappointed/concerned about the selfish or belligerent attitude of some. Also very concerning is how people are getting caught up in dangerous or just plain goofy conspiracy theories. Could we have some kind of debunking education available?

A positive change to me is people thinking about and making connections to all social justice issues - like Black Lives Matter, and the food industries and the pharmaceutical industries and healthcare issues. I believe we need to TRULY expand this out beyond human centered anthropomorphic tendency and

Really look at what we humans do to dominate other animals and ecosystems along with how we continue to hold the DOMINANCE paradigm toward other humans.

If anything, this crisis has illuminated the ideological divide in our community. We have a lot of work ahead of us.

I've really liked having certain businesses closed on Sundays, or open for shorter business hours: it's allowed us to have more of a "pause" built into our weeks. That feels healthy, to me. I actually liked it when the Coop closed at 7pm. It pretty much guaranteed that I wouldn't go shopping at 8 o'clock at night.

Yes, doing less and feeling less pressure to go and do and "be active."

I think the racial inequalities and economic disparities are even more visible in this situation and that with social unrest will come permanent changes. At least I hope that is true.

Less focus on consumerism, mercantile, spending -- I actually have MORE money because every downtown business isn't trying to get me to support their family/ business.

I don't ever want to go back to my old levels of busyness.

We seem to be getting used to being less voracious as "consumers."

People are greeting each other more. All of us have slowed down and are sifting through our priorities to glean what is truly important. Kindness to each other. Consideration and respect.

I believe that many of us have slowed our lives down and become more aware of the natural world immediately around us. We have learned that we don't have to travel to have a rich life. We are more aware that we are a we.

This slower, quieter pace suits us. Too much "getting and spending" in the world, and not enough reflecting, and connecting. Would like to hold onto the undriven quality of this time.

Time to reflect - time to pay attention - time to be.

Perhaps the chance for many people to work from home allows a savings of commuting time and discovering what's really important to their lives.

Simplification and appreciation of the smaller things in life.

Finally, while the survey asks about the COVID crisis, it's becoming impossible to separate this pandemic's effects from the other crisis gripping our country, the protests arising from George Floyd's murder, and BIPOC facing centuries of racial oppression. To that end, a positive is that many people with white privilege are "waking up" to the realities that BIPOC face constantly in their daily lives, and many are willing to work for meaningful societal changes.

the benefits of an official 30 hour work week have become obvious.

Slow, quiet, outdoors, beaches, mountains, neighbors - the ingredients of the good life.

I appreciate things that I took for granted: seeing my friends, eating at a restaurant, hearing live music, going shopping, traveling and staying in hotels.

I rethought what I "need" too, so I will be buying fewer unnecessary items.

People are thinking more flexibly which is good.

Resilience

A return to a homesteading attitude.

Because of certain shortages have gone back to making things myself. Such as applesauce and facial masks.

The biggest positive change I notice is at the EOC where it is recognized that we are not prepared for non-earthquake disasters and they seem to know what they need to do to get up to speed. A well functioning ICS system is a needed priority. We have always had a strong volunteer spirit in the neighborhoods and it seems even better now. There was a good effort at public information with the SitRep (lengthier than needed) but there was little in The Leader from the EOC.

More people growing their own food.

Strengthening of immediate community connection through food production together in gardening and farming.

I have noticed a huge surge in people gardening, taking food security and local economy into their own hands and rising to the occasion of growing their own food and medicine, and taking an interest in caring for themselves and their homes in a revitalized way. We should continue to support people however we can in more home improvements, from solar power and rainwater catchment to perennial agriculture stimulus --- if lay people are given the resources to become more self-sufficient our whole community will become stronger, more resilient, and people more empowered and skilled.

Emergency preparedness awareness and maybe some action.

The crisis exposes weaknesses. This is an opportunity to make adjustments and grow stronger and more resilient for the future.

Recognition that we can no longer count on state or feds in a disaster (eg, for PPE) so we must be more self-reliant.

Neighbors helping neighbors.

I've enjoyed seeing members of City Council or City staff out in the streets, connecting with people. Likewise with the police. I've seen this happening in the Black Lives Matter protests and in the creation of the BLM mural on Water Street.

Although it's not a service that I use, personally, I wonder if the delivery-from-store-to-home services have been helpful for some people. I've seen people step up to hire young people/students, so that they have some way of creating income for themselves, during COVID. Building on that -- simple job opportunities or even internships, so that students can be earning and learning would be good for everyone involved!

How the community has helped each other - the farmers, the senior donations, thanks to 2020 with the experience of Katrina, community gardens, neighborhood emergency groups - food systems got us more prepared and I think it's been a good success.

We need to pay our first responder and our essential workers more for their work and we need to be able to support those who live closest to the edge during a crisis or have a guaranteed minimum income.

Curbside pickup is great and cuts down the grocery bill...no impulse buys. Love pickup from restaurants. Because saving money on commute to work, am tipping generously.

The Jefferson Community Foundation has emerged as a leader in looking at how our support services interact and distributing generous contributions to them swiftly and thoughtfully.

More people out walking, riding bikes etc. and neighbors helping neighbors with groceries etc.

Finding a broad array of resources in one place via the Local 2020 website.

I am happy that the Community Foundation COVID 19 fund was made such a priority by so many contributors, bringing out a real sense of generosity on the part of many in our community. It has seemed to be an unanticipated way to move the needle on some of the wealth and income inequality that exists in our community.

I particularly like that the 4 government bodies, the Port, the PUD, the City, and the County, are agreeing to "work together" to plan for post-COVID recovery efforts. Having lived here a long time, it is refreshing to see these governing bodies be more cooperative after long periods of having difficulty working cooperatively. In particular, I appreciated the call for community engagement from this intergovernmental group. It is overdue, having our elected officials be reaching out, actively, for community input and engagement after having a greater sense of isolation and separation in the past, in that regard. I hope that this survey is used, effectively, to inform this intergovernmental group of what the community both needs, and wants to contribute toward our collective recovery.

The need for a minimum income, public housing and access to schooling.

The crisis has also exposed the weaknesses of globalization and the need for resilience at a local level.

On the downside, many older folks, such as myself, find some of the apps intimidating. I think our local libraries can assist with education around technology which they are already doing so well.

I think pre-ordering and curb side services should continue for most businesses.

I am so impressed with our local and state officials for being transparent in process from the City, the Counties, The Governor.

People as a community became more aware of the need to be prepared.

Good communication thru 20/20 and public health updates. LION and JCF did a good job of fund raising and distribution.

Home delivery/phone in ordering for groceries, medicine, and pet supplies...

Food Bank opening up to everyone without need to verify being poor--removed stigma--what would happen if all essential services functioned like that?

Grocery pickup at the door is great. Restaurant pickup is also great.

We know our neighbors and they are the doctors that heal us without insurance companies getting in the way with demanding thousands of dollars. We know our neighbors and they are our weavers without needing electricity in factory sweatshops in China for our clothing.

Deliveries by co-op and farmers market for people without transportation or accessibility issues.

It seems to have heightened awareness, of compassion and caring for the welfare of the community as a whole, and rallied many to support our fragile economy, as best we can.

Built a chicken and duck coop to supply my neighbors and friends with protein - for the financial crisis to come - depression.

Community Support and Volunteering

I've enjoyed networking with members of the community, making masks for those who need them, and getting fabric donations from Brinnon neighbors I hadn't met before. The Brinnon Facebook group and Quilcene Brinnon Give Where You Live group matches people with something to give (masks, shopping trips) with those in need.

People being ready to help one another.

People have stepped up to contribute financially what they can.

More focus on local.

Guaranteed minimum income.

Stronger unemployment support.

Helping where help is needed despite receiving nothing in return.

County/city/port/chamber working together.

When goods and services, such as bus service, were free because-why not? I thought: this will help us prioritize the value of a sharing community over commerce and profit. Even the Capital Hill Occupied Protest zone showed that some commerce is okay, but people essentially want opportunities to share their skills, time, food, and other items for free.

I feel as if people are embracing (figuratively) community in a new, more genuine way.

Food delivery, marketing hours for seniors, outdoor seating for restaurants.

Working with a nonprofit to pivot to better survive and thrive in this new environment.

I was pleased to see experimental blocking of streets downtown. Pedestrian zones bring a sense of community and will also benefit our tourist trade.

I think there is an increased awareness of the imbalance in access to food, housing and healthcare and a willingness to work on changing that. As a member of JCIRA we are grateful for the contributions of community members that have enabled us to help the immigrant community on the peninsula. Initial response in giving was amazing but that seems to be tapering off. How do we keep that interest alive?

It has perhaps made me more appreciative of the essential services I once took for granted: grocery clerks, postal workers, teachers and -- yes, parents and grandparents! And of course the nationwide efforts of the medical community.

Many people have stepped up to helping others.

Even though I have known my neighbors for some time, this stay at home time has us more involved with each other, trading plants, shopping for each other. Feels connected, and good. This can be developed more. It feels as if citizens are being more aware of connection and not identifying so much as consumers.

The fact that we wear masks, not only for our own protection but for the protection of others is a positive thrust towards making us more aware that everything we do impacts others in some way.

More public courtesy.

Local grocery delivery also has real promise.

I found I have the support of many people in the community who care about me.

We have wonderful outdoor spaces and I can get out and walk almost any place in town and feel safe. My friends and I use the picnic tables put out by the city. I hope they stay there until this is resolved.

Community building, sharing experience, exploring the need to take this seriously.

Medical Care/Insurance

Medicine is one area where they have cleaned up their acts... Though there is the virus checking procedure to get through, the Jefferson Healthcare has become more caring, . . . suddenly seemed to have become more attentive, easier to access, and more sympathetic than before. Your insurance status is no longer a barrier to entry.

Jefferson Healthcare responded very professionally and responsibly.

Greater state-level focus on insurance and what it does or does not provide.

Recognition that nursing homes and similar environments are not necessarily safe or healthy as they are.

Increased infection control and prevention.

Hand washing used to be a basic and common sense practice, let's keep that up! Awareness of the inadequacy of our healthcare system needs to be addressed, not forgotten once we are able take our masks off in public. There is no shame in a national healthcare system. People who want and can afford more care can always purchase it. We pay \$1065 per month for two people to have insurance and then there is a large deductible to cover. This is insane! We are lucky that our blue color jobs allow us an income that offers us the peace of mind that we can afford this exorbitant monthly. In 2020, in the United States, the poverty threshold for a single person under 65 was an annual income of US\$12,760; the threshold for a family group of four, including two children, was US\$26,200. If you are at the poverty level are you going to be able to afford insurance? Yes there are low income plans out there but you also have to have access to the info that these plans exist and know who to connect with get signed up. It is a ridiculous and overly complex system that seems to blame people for being poor. Who wants to be

made to feel ashamed of their circumstances? What can we do locally to address lack of healthcare? Can we create a model locally, regionally that other regions would want to duplicate? Delivery of food to people who are shut in, elderly or otherwise compromised should be free or on a sliding scale. How to do the sliding scale without shaming those in need? Free for those over a certain age? Maybe if you have seen a doctor and are ill or have a condition that makes shopping difficult they provide a prescription for free grocery store deliveries? Again, so much more but that's enough for now.

I think the county commissioners, Dr. Locke, Health Department and many people who work in local government have made progress coming together and working together to keep the county healthy.

More communication with the Jefferson County Health dept. They have been silent. Only 1 or 2 posts on the Nextdoor feed.

General hygiene procedures, trail courtesy.

Better sanitation everywhere, handwashing stations.

Greater access to ALL MEDICINE AND MEDICAL CARE is of paramount importance. We need more testing for Covid-19. And we need it yesterday.

I am more informed about how our immune system works. We NEED contact with others to keep our immune system in shape. To live in isolation is not healthy for most people. People who are afraid can stay home.

I think this pandemic has showed us that we need more cushion in our medical system-- we need stockpiles of protective gear and medications so we can respond to emergencies.

Routine mask wearing, some shopping, socially distanced backyard gatherings.

The participation of the majority of people in maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. We are a sensible people. That needs to be encouraged and praised.

Easier to shopping at grocery stores with directional rows. Lines everywhere well considered and helpful.

The quick response of the community helped keep infection numbers low; there was (though waning) positive response to preventative measures

I was impressed with the rapid adoption of protective measures in our grocery stores (and other businesses) and the fluidity of our hospital in gearing up for testing and treating potential COVID patients.

Requesting people to wear face masks is good. Requiring them would be better. They only protect others from you when you wear one. What protects me from others when they are not wearing one. More education and clarity on this is needed.

Refocus Daily Activities on Home, Family, House/Yard

The positive changes have been more time at home, more time for gardening, more time with my kids.

More people spending time with their families.

It has been mostly positive for us as it has made us grow spiritually and it has brought our family more closely together. We have put a great amount of energy into fast tracking our homesteading goals, planting an orchard, huglekultur mounds, compost system, etc. Our children's' beloved preschool has been completely transformed into an unauthentic online experience and it has forced us into homeschool options; which is also becoming a gift. We are seeking ways to create new systems that don't depend on overarching government interference.

More home cooking; I've lost six pounds staying home and staying healthy.

People are walking more. Streets where I never encountered a fellow pedestrian now have a few sometimes.

More gardening and sharing.

Doing lots of cooking.

Seeing more families picnicking-bike riding.

I like that more people are realizing they can cook at home, and garden more - growing some of their own food.

People are cooking more at home, planting gardens (Pt. Townsend Garden Center had over 300% sales this spring - folks putting in gardens for the first time).

I spend more time with my hubby and dogs. That's good.

People spending time with their families and having time to take care for things, self care, get to know their kids better.

Supporting Local Businesses

Keeping with local businesses and doing things locally.

Supporting a local economy has been a positive change, buying local and farm raised meat and produce, take out meals at local restaurants, and lots of donations to the food bank.

Really liked the way our local Market reinvented the way they do business to protect their workers and their customers.....

Yes more local farmer demand!

More local food.

Forced move away from tourism and toward supporting local businesses, hopefully that will last. Prompted discussion of our choices moving forward.

Spending money locally, support our small business and farms, trading of goods and services.

Increased wages (hazard pay) for some workers providing essential services.

Increased awareness of the importance of our local food supply and natural environment.

None

None.

Can't think of anything. I appreciate the updates on COVID-19 in Jefferson County. I haven't taken advantage of take-out from local restaurants but it's a good thing to do.

Not really.

None.

Not that I'm aware of. Sick people can't even get tested in this county.

No.

Not for me.

In a large sense, little life style change--but I'm 80.

No.

I cannot think of a single change that I would consider positive.

None.

No.

Describe our community in the future as you imagine it could be

Economy

All workers need to be paid a guaranteed minimum wage of at least \$15.00/hour, provided with quality insurance and child care and local housing.

Jobs for young people that pay a living wage.

More cooperative arrangements outside of the currency-based system. more consumer direct to producer engagement. Less stores (qfc, safeway, co-op, etc.).

Abundance and prosperity are a lived experience for every being.

Art and music are supported abundantly and appreciated as much as any other form of "work."

A greater diversity of employment opportunities--both in-person and remote.

Creative and inspiring Job opportunities. Jobs are at the core of who we are. So who are we?? What do we need? What do we want to create?? Let's ask the youth. What do they want to do? Let's ask our entrepreneurs. What are the areas of growth potential? Craftsmanship - we have amazing craftspeople in our community. Let's not lose that. Let's invest in that. We have a woodworking school. We have a wooden boat school. What else??? Let's keep it up. Ultimately I see us investing in the things that make us happy and inspired and creating jobs in those areas.

More small businesses, as well as chain stores in (4-5) business parks.

I suspect quite a few retail businesses that have already moved toward online operations will continue to do so, and that we won't see their brick and mortar presence again. I think the tumult may actually open some doors for others who hope to start businesses.

A community that supports local businesses, farms, artists, and non-profits. A community that bases its economy more on services and sharing than on consuming.

Jobs for the homeless: maintenance/cleaning of public spaces, trash hauling, community beautification projects.

More jobs for young people (like small manufacturing).

Find new ways to support our artists and artisans to find or expand markets for their wares based on quality and connection to a deeply positive image of this place.

Where we continue to support the arts and make it possible for people to really make a life being an artist (not as a constant struggle).

Curbside parking for pick up is good.

Port Townsend's history is strongly tied to the boating community — "Victorian Seaport." Many of us retirees moved here for that quality of PT. I want to see the marine trades supported through and after this crisis, and I would hope PT expands on that unique aspect of our community. I would hate to see PT become more of a day-trip tourist location for Seattle residents seeking waterfront restaurants.

We could have some light industry to replace the income from so much hoo hah tourism.

We're a place that is known for its many musicians, healers and practitioners of healthful ways. We're a place known for its highly skilled marine and woodworking trades.

Success for every farmer who wants to farm. Increase their share of the current market.

More and better job prospects for Millennials.

An economy based on even more legitimization and service to artisan, crafts, creative economy.

The Marine Trades at our outstanding Port are rapidly becoming the lynch pin of the local economy and should be supported more than tourism, which is an "extractive" industry that takes more than it leaves.

Livable wages.

An economy which is less dependent on tourism and multigenerational and economically diverse.

Living-wage jobs for everyone.

Jobs and support for young families.

My ideal community would develop more cottage industries that serve residents instead of tourists. The focus is on family wage jobs and away from tourism. The community would be affordable. Lower taxes.

Promote local businesses.

Good job opportunities for young people.

A utopian epicenter for artists, scientists, and innovators.

I would like to see our community turn more toward its local sense of well being, and move away from having tourism be our economic basis.

I would imagine that 10 years from now there could be a plethora of local cottage industries, with entrepreneurs and small business owners employing the local work force from folks who live here and want to stay here.

More telecommuting, more focus on essential workers.

We could remake this community to be a great place to live and work, not just another tourist magnet. It wasn't touristy when I came here in 1973 and I don't support the model.

We could start solar and wind energy component businesses.

It would be great to have more "younger" families, but how do they make a living?

We will have fewer businesses and restaurants. Will Centrum and the NWMC, etc. survive?

There would be more local business ownership and more reliance on local farm produce for our community.

People who can should keep working from home to cut down on pollution.

Need adequate childcare for working people, maybe within apartment buildings!

More of an emphasis on local shopping.

I would like to see more reliance on locally sourced products.

Stop relying on tourist for our economy. Allow bigger stores here to generate more tax revenue and jobs for locals. We are all driving to Sequim or Poulsbo for Costco, Walmart, Home depot plus more.

More shops are geared toward local needs vs tourism.

A robust complementary currency has been implemented making the local economy more resilient to larger negative economic forces. Trade with other businesses within 100 miles has been increased by 30%, again making our area more resilient.

The local economy has become robust enough to be able to absorb all graduating High School student who want to work locally.

A makers space has been created complete with training to encourage people to think about and create local products.

Living wages for Workers.

Rich people more equitably taxed.

Continue to be aware of the importance of shopping locally.

Since our basic needs are met, people will have the option to work 4 hours a day to sustain a healthy family life. People will have the rest of the day to take time with their families, self care, homes, meals, gardens and community sharing.

Most of the goods that are produced locally, are consumed locally. We have less need for imported goods.

Everyone is paid a living wage.

Jobs and businesses are created and supported based on the skills and passions of the community members and the needs of the community. All people have equal say and value.

Community and Services

People who have needs should be able to let their neighbors know. People enjoy helping each other.

I like the way the community encourages people to help each other. I want that aspect of the community to continue.

Excellence in services for all ages--child care, education at all levels, possibly including tech school/comm. college, health care, work training/job services, recreation and natural environment, senior services.

Self-sustainment, keep it local.

A more connected community. More leadership in younger hands.

Instacart for those that cannot get out to shop. Feed those that need food.

A community that is self-reliant to the extent possible. A community that is prepared for natural and unnatural disasters through neighborhoods banding together and preparing jointly.

We are at a crossroads. We can continue to focus on "the economy \$" or we can focus on community resilience. I want a county that is self-supporting in food sourcing, healthcare, education, equity in

wages, all citizens having a home and jobs that sustain a comfortable life. With this opportunity of "pause" we have to look at all our systems and decide if they work for ALL of us, we can become a community that thrives, that lifts all of us up and shares the good fortune of this fruitful peninsula.

Where the capitalist paradigm fades away into a cooperative and compassionate paradigm of community health, connectedness and resiliency.

More love and cooperation, and less hate and divisive behavior and words. We should make helping our neighbors the most important thing in our lives. No one should be hungry or homeless, or without adequate medical care. No one. Until we can create real equality we won't have a real community.

We have a dynamic downtown AND uptown, where people like hanging with each other outdoors. We help each other out.

We connected with our neighbors through need. We know they are medically fragile and so we reached out to shop for them. Since that initial interchange we have communicated with them on other things...like the new baby deer in the neighborhood or the eagle that is sitting on their deck or....whatever the topic...we reach out to each other now. I know there are pockets of this in our community but we are very different from our neighbors and it took this for us to find a connection. I would like to keep that. More community connectedness.

I want people to buy local and stay local unless there is a real reason to go somewhere else like visiting grandkids.

A localized, regional village (think Tribal and indigenous resilience) that can feed, shelter, and take care of each other- resilience and regeneration. a place where children are feral out in the community learning, serving, connecting.

My vision is more local sustainability networks so we know how to take care of each other. I work in my neighborhood's emergency preparedness. In the beginning of the pandemic we passed around a lot of formulas for making your own disinfectants, links to information on the virus etc. Then we just hunkered down, did some shopping for neighbors, check in, asked more deeply on my walls how people were really doing. Then my focus went to JCF's emergency fund which I think was/is spectacular. But I'd also like to see neighborhoods' medical teams have protective gear available. It could be great for neighborhood gardens to have a process for incorporating non-members into the garden if we have extended periods of time shut off from food delivery. I'm sure there's more our/us emergency prep folks could brainstorm for the fall or some other quarantine.

I would like our community to NOT be a vacation haven for the wealthy but a real community with affordable housing, living wage jobs, good schools that will draw young families.

Community Foundation and PDN Helping Hand donations to both nonprofits and individuals need to happen every day. Meals and shelter to those in need increase. Mental Health resources increase. Rehab facilities and process increase.

This time has brought up many, many examples of people's thoughtfulness towards one another, from the social distancing "dance", to doing something to help others out. That is the community we'd like to see in the future.

I would hope that we would be more organized for any kind of community wide/state wide/country wide emergency. Our emergency preparedness is focused on earthquake - not pandemic or infectious

disease, fire, etc. I would envision some sort of community preparedness in the future with needed supplies, for whatever kind of emergency, would be available in various strategic locations and we would have a system in place to activate trained volunteers.

A peaceful, caring community with a commitment to the good health of the community.

Healthy, prosperous, and compassionate for those less fortunate.

I think this is a special place to live, but that there needs to be more emphasis on being the fully engaged community on the part of the people who live here and love living here, not so much by designing our community around the needs of tourists and visitors.

I would hope that most people here would contribute as volunteers "somehow" in sharing their gifts and talents as a way to strengthen and build our community back to a being a vibrant and engaged place to live.

Help for the mentally challenged and the homeless.

A place-based, self-sufficient and sustainable community with dignity and respect for all members.

We could be kind and helpful to each other.

Money is redistributed to services that help the poor. Lower income people find ways to live here in the future.

I envision our community choosing not to grow. In the 1950, "Greater Seattle" strove to make Seattle a major city; the organization succeeded with disastrous results. Growth in Jefferson county will result in greater congestion and social problems and erode the rural setting of our towns.

Have lived here for 40 years and think, for me, this is a caring community.

It would be nice to have neighborhood organizations that aren't just for emergency prep. There are positive things that can happen when neighborhoods organize and get to know each other better. We can support one another.

I would like disaster response organizing in my area but haven't been able to jump start it. Our Leland community used to have a periodic gathering. I would like to see that return so we could organize for disaster response, including Covid.

I would love to see more churches engaged in some of the very low budget, moderately labor intensive, effective mini-missions found at PH Comm. Methodist Church. People helping people in the most direct way. Like the soup meals served regularly by other churches.

Bookmobile and other library services back. Church members (of all 3 churches) and others who care continue to work together on the local things important to them. Quilcene and Brinnon folks are generous to local events and for local programs. Jefferson Foundation have more presence in South County. They have been a real force in raising funds for and responding to the great needs during the Covid crisis. Some funding reached here, but not sure all of the kind of help they funded reached here.

Tourism and residential construction have been reduced by 50% and been replaced by world-leading resilience and sustainability training.

Long range planning for tsunami.

We know and care for each other without the need of paperwork, bureaucracy and bullshit.

More aware, accepting, caring, clean, advanced, offerings for all (kids to elderly).

A meaningful, committed, useful network that ensures that every single person who is alone or needs help is checked on often and, if they need help, help is provided.

We would care about others more than ourselves. We would see the most vulnerable in our community and plan a community where they matter.

Stay aware that a community is extended family, and we all have a role to play in maintaining the well-being of that extended family.

Our community sustains resiliency by recognizing the needs of others and fulfills those needs by providing physical, mental, and spiritual resources to where the needs are. Young people, the elderly and most vulnerable are upheld and protected.

Housing

There are no more vacation rentals or second homes- all are owned or rented full time by locals.

An adequate inventory of affordable housing of various types.

Creative and affordable housing solutions. People don't all need to live in massive homes all to themselves. 2nd and 3rd home owners who don't live around here and do not rent their homes need to know the impact they are having. I support regulations and taxes that reduce this empty inventory. There is a LOT of Undeveloped rural land in the county. I am not in favor of blindly developing rural areas and generally believe in concentrating growth areas, but I do believe there is a huge need for and interest in tiny home living in rural Jefferson County. On my 10 acres of land there are currently 6 tiny homes and about 12 of us living here. People ask me all the time if we have extra spots open. The need is great and will become greater if the opportunities were to open up for more of this style of living.

More affordable housing.

A community of a wide variety of housing choices so people of all incomes can find a safe and supportive home and neighborhood.

Housing for the homeless, some type of PRICE CONTROLS on buying property, land, building costs, etc. So that we don't continue as a place where only retired rich white people live.

More affordable housing options.

We need housing for young people and people who may never be able to buy a home. We should buck up and build some 4 story apt buildings.

More low income housing.

I would like neighborhoods to be stronger and include everyone even renters. Everyone has access to an indoor place to lay their body down and store a few things - with a door that locks and a window that opens. I would like to see a return to low income housing solutions like Single Room Occupancy buildings.

Fewer 2nd homes.

First and foremost, an end to homelessness. Jefferson County should not have a homeless problem. There are too many 2nd homes in PT. We should charge those people a 2nd home tax that we can use to build affordable housing. What is more important? A community of 2nd home people or a healthy, vibrant community of people who live here all year round?

Adequate housing for everyone.

Housing. No AirBnB, all extra housing long term rentals.

Lots of available low income and medium priced housing.

Having "starter homes" available at affordable prices.

Affordable housing is a top priority.

Affordable housing.

I would also find immediate ways to make more affordable housing available and to assist young people, families, and middle income people in being able to live and work here.

Perhaps more affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Stop building fancy mansions and really go for lower income and worker housing as well as tiny houses so everyone could have a home and not just the richest.

"Middle class" housing.

We need moderate priced housing for the town to come back.

Empty, out of business stores, could be converted into housing for the local labor force.

We help our community build more housing to help with our serious shortage of housing, particularly housing for lower income families. This includes apartment buildings, Section 8 housing. City and County planning and building departments are supportive of building permits and projects. The departments think about how they respond to customers about limitations. They encourage creative and viable solutions.

Better housing access, fewer persons homeless (or none—that would be great).

Get off our high horse and make building your own home, minimally adequate standards that a poor person could meet with knowledge and skill but little money and a plot of land could meet (there are lots of those people around in our rural area)--inspectors and planners who help solve problems rather than simply deny or make even more restrictions; sliding scale for permits based on income.

Maintain the balance between farmland, forest, and development, with some increase in townhouses in PT, PL, Cape George, etc, small apartment building development in PH, Chimacum, Quilcene, Gardiner, Brinnon. We need apartments for first time renters...especially young people and service providers! That is sadly lacking in our communities. I lived in apartments for the first 11 years of my post-college life. Not always heaven, but affordable!

Second home ownership has been reduced by 50%, again making the local economy more resilient by reducing the swings in the local economy.

One of the local hotels which wasn't able to survive the COVID crisis has been converted to low-income housing.

Social Justice/Diversity

I would like to see our county host and nurture refugees. We are almost entirely white. Some residents are rude and hostile to local indigenous people and to people of diverse backgrounds in general. We need to step up on this; we can't respect what we don't know, and we can't know unless educated.

Every person has access to clean water, good quality and affordable housing, and organic foods.

More diversified in ages, cultural/ethnic backgrounds, education and training, occupations, lifestyles. More young people (teens - 50s), more children. considerably more diversity can be encouraged while maintaining current uniqueness and strengths, such as farms.

A community that welcomes all. A community that is aware of its racist history and willing to change everything related to structural racism. A community that celebrates and honors the Native Americans who were here before us.

More younger families.

Still small, but more inclusive. More people of color (maybe some type of program that helps refugees settle here?).

Hopefully the increase in awareness will result in a more compassionate connection to people of color and our indigenous groups.

A community where we actively seek and support people of color, young people and families.

We're a bit more diverse, racially and ethnically.

I'd like a community with greater acceptance for differences of views, values, opinions - where there is the willingness to engage in dialogue rather than taking a position and judgment.

More diversity.

Racial, age, gender equity.

I would like it to be less narrow minded. To know that your opinion is not the only voice out there.

Much more diversity in every dimension.

I would like to see a younger demographic. That may become more achievable if telecommuting remains high after the pandemic. We may be able to lure people from Greater Seattle, but will need to work hard on making schools stronger.

Awareness of the privilege many of us benefit from.

More baby strollers! (Not necessarily pushed by grandparents., and containing babies, not pets!) More racial and ethnic diversity.

I would like our community to welcome immigrants and expand the sense of basic diversity in the population.

A community that studies and implements anti-racism. More restorative justice work, such as NCAG work on the číčmähán Trail with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and other potential projects and in collaboration with other groups in our community. Possible examples: 1) Working with the City of PT and Jefferson County in cooperation with the Tribes to develop ways to incorporate land acknowledgements at all public meetings and additional awareness of local Native history. 2) A cooperative project to work with all interested entities to change the PT public golf course from its current use as a recreational pursuit of golf, mostly by privileged white people, that uses irrigation, herbicides, pesticides and fossil fuels for its maintenance, to a true community asset for such public goods as low-income housing, parks and open space, community gardens and forests, and restoration of the native prairie.

Economic and social barriers to progress dissolve. BIPOC feel safer living here. LGBTQ people are appreciated for the riches they bring to the community and for the uniqueness, rather than considered "just like us." Who is us, anyway? We need a major paradigm shift.

I feel sorry for the youth and want to see us accommodate their needs as much as possible.

I believe we will be more aware of what people of color here are dealing with and try to make changes.

Much more welcoming to people of color.

I would like to see more focus on families with children. We adults need to be supportive of families with children. They need our support.

A community with liberty and justice for all.

A conscious effort to reduce the average age in our area, making room for the next generation to become active members of our community.

Less divide between rich and poor.

Retain vibrancy but foster increasing diversity.

Port Townsend is built on stolen land. We must give the land back to the First People. Yes it will be a hardship for some to lose their property, but it is nothing compared to what we inflicted on the First People. Many retirees here are couples who both had professional positions and are drawing full social security benefits. They will be able to make it just fine with losing their property. Other solutions should be given for those not as financially wealthy.

Nature, Energy, and Built Environment

I'd love to see fewer cars, fewer guns, and no gun ranges.

I imagine walking/biking paths everywhere, very few cars on the road. Perhaps visitors from out of town park outside of town and walk/bike/take public transit everywhere. The streets are quiet, there are more gardens, more casual socializing as people pass each other.

All forest lands are managed by local owners, people live with the forests they manage, some of the forest land has been rezoned as rural residential. There are strict conservation regulations to ensure all land is managed in ecologically sustainable ways that benefit the entire ecosystem.

Everyone has reverence for our water, air and earth and makes decisions accordingly.

There needs to be a limit on the purchase and burning of fossil fuels. (And the burning of yard waste as well). Fuel should be severely taxed and the money used for renewable energy projects. there is a great deal of tidal energy out there just waiting to be cleanly tapped. (AN untested invention of mine is to harness wind energy from the swaying of the trees by the use of cables connected diagonally to mechanical converting systems on the ground).

Connected to conservation & restoration of natural systems.

A community where all animals are respected and not held in slavery, where we continue to preserve land and ecosystems for all beings to live healthy and safe lives.

Continued respect for the natural environment.

Bird houses and bee houses all over the place. Lawns of food for people and bees and birds.

A community which will rise to the challenge of climate change.

Much more emphasis on alternative energy for transportation and domestic and commercial operations. More open spaces and less concrete (like the "plaza" downtown next to BLTC. more access to the waterfront and less focus on Tourism.

Vigilance about clean water, clean air, clean soil. Support for organic and local.

The streets downtown would open to pedestrians.

People enjoy local activities and reduce travel, reduce carbon footprints.

Woodsier and full of nature, Development without destruction of native trees and habitat. (I would like to ask that people be required to get a license from the city or county to cut down trees, even on their own property.)

I think we need to address some infrastructure issues and be set for new residents to move here.

A community that lives in accordance with Native principles including: --Respect for all beings—people, animals, plants and responsibility for the health of Mother Earth and her lands, waters and the air we breathe. --Thinking about impacts on the 7th generation before making decisions.

Local renewable, sustainable energy sources, like community wind and solar and tidal facilities. These projects would also increase local jobs and energy reliability during disasters. Switching to local power sources would reduce/eliminate reliance on BPA, a large federal bureaucracy, which generates much of its power from large ecologically- damaging hydropower dams opposed by many Native peoples, and a nuclear plant in the Columbia Basin.

Hooded and lower kelvin street lighting and education concerning yard lighting so that night critters and darkness are able to function for all of our well-being and reduced energy use.

Enlightened bureaucrats concerning resource conservation alternatives.

Much more active regarding climate disruption. Much decreased reliance on fossil fuels. Less reliant on cars and cars predominantly being EVs. All future construction net zero energy.

I would love to see the block of the Rose Theater become pedestrian, with larger tables for eating and umbrellas. Sunrise Coffee has done a wonderful job with outside seating....a better gathering place....

Farm land is preserved and expanded. Ditto for wilderness areas and Cappy's Trails.

Accessible public bathrooms with flush toilets and showers.

Major moves to make this a truly green community. Making downtown PT (water and Washington streets) a no car zone. This needs to be a focus of city and county government.

Our community acknowledges that our natural habitat is our most valued shared asset. All laws, protocols, and policies governing the people will work around the protection, preservation, and restoration of the land.

We should stop the big gas guzzling RVs from spoiling Point Hudson and Fort Worden. Only environmentally conscious camping should be allowed.

Because we value our place and natural resources, our policies and protocols are adapted to protecting, preserving, and restoring the natural habitat to best live in harmony with it.

Food Production and Distribution

More affordable proteins, organic local farms.

Local farmers are supported abundantly on every level. It is easy for people to grow their food because there is a "Garden Growing Bank" that supplies free of charge seeds, soil and knowledge to begin and sustain.

I would like to see more people aware of and using local farms/ CSA . A healthy initiative. School or community programs to teach people how to cook and eat healthy. Less processed foodstuffs, focus on a healthy body weight.

Let's have a subsidy program for local farmers enabling them to sell their products in the local stores, not just on farmers market days. We could become 90% food self-sufficient, rather than the way it is now, where we import 90%.

I believe our community in the future will collect more around our food sources...and support local agriculture...plus have more shared meals at home. I also see many friends gardening crops to share.

Let's grow more of our own food.

Victory Gardens, more manageable deer population or reduced property taxes for putting up a garden fence and growing food.

I think we should turn the golf course and perhaps the field across from the golf course into food production and distribution centers. If we get cut off, it is going to be up to us to produce our own food supply. We need to make food sustainability central to our vision.

Where there are even more community gardens (not just for people who have time) and more food security.

#1 priority - need to meet our own local needs - implement an effective food systems to ensure soil, growth, labor, processing, storage, and delivery systems.

I would like us to develop a greater reliance on locally grown food. If we have a natural disaster and the food trucks can't get here to supply Safeway and QFC, we're screwed.

More locally grown food in all grocery stores.

Eat local food from farmers.

Access to healthy food.

I would like our county to further commit to the growing of healthy local food on our farms, and to convert our lawns to food gardens, ensuring that no one goes hungry and that people know how to well feed themselves.

I would love to see twice as many gardens where lots of food and flowers would abound.

Many more people grow their own vegetables.

People grow some of their own food, and buy other food from local farmers. More pea patches, shared food sources.

The crisis with national food processing plants has made it clear that we need to support more people trying to produce food locally or for their own families. I would like to see a stronger support for small local farmers, particularly those who raise meat. If I choose to use my property to raise cows or pigs is there a local mobile unit I can use to process them so that I can sell to my local market? Along with this, stop this STUPID CC&Rs on rural acreage that forbids livestock. Provide greater public awareness to local food production.

Land Trust (?) idea to purchase options on local farmers' output to be provided to the local Food Banks...why not use some of the funds to keep farmers solvent and not lose them after working so hard to help them get started or protect their land.

Community composting.

Friendly nonjudgmental com gardens.

Recreation

I'd like to see more horses and bicycles and open-air community gathering places.

A place for local families to hang out, perhaps a coffee shop and a swimming beach like Whitney point.

I imagine more neighborhood walking will continue.

I love the public trail system in PT and would love to see it regularly maintained.

I could see us all adapting to more experiences -- from film to theater to dining -- moving outside.

A center for arts & crafts, including maritime.

Visitors should have deep experiences, particularly with art, culture, and the natural world that they take home with them.

Vibrant atmosphere with our various festivals, outdoor music, Centrum events, etc.

We are the kind of place where groups of people come together to put on community celebrations, where art and music are woven into everything.

Keep the community events alive build on the Rhody festival and Community picnic.

Continued wonderful art/music.

Community gathering places with benches that encourage neighbors to visit with each other. And when we get to have events again.

Activities for teenagers and young people.

Freedom and opportunities for artistic expression.

We have a good core of restaurants/bars/music venues that should provide the basis for socializing.

Better markings and maps of trails.

Library books films, Safe cafés.

Health/Medical Care

We need professionals trained to care for elders in their own homes, which means we need to pay said workers two or three times what they earn now. If elder in-home care were funded and managed on a county-centric basis, we'd be less dependent on chain-store-model elder warehousing staffed by underpaid and overworked employees.

A place where people are free and honored in their individual choices, especially around their health. Healthcare of every modality is made available regardless of income.

A healthy initiative. School or community programs to teach people how to cook and eat healthy. Less processed foodstuffs, focus on a healthy body weight.

Haven't used telemedicine but like the idea.

Also install an exercise course for seniors like the ones for kids... but geared to seniors that can be accessed as part of social distancing.

That we apply critical thinking. The repeated emphasis on "social distancing" and a "vaccine" shows that considering other health options is intentionally being censored. There are MANY different healing systems and the Big Pharma type is profit driven and corrupt.

Hopefully people stay conscious of not spreading diseases like the flu to those it may actually kill.

Our hospital continues to be a strong resilient model of how to care for the community and their bottom line!

Better regulation of elder care facilities.

More awareness, accurate knowledge that is, about public health matters.

Medicare for all.

Covid

Follow through on the mask requirement - too many not caring including tourists.

People respectfully wearing masks, already have a good neighborhood will hope this continues.

Continue with the helpful and well thought through nature of businesses, hospital, docs, and more. Consideration leaps out as a good thing to continue.

Safety is primary. Access for all could be a concern such a quiet places, age-appropriate recreation, restaurant choices, and up-to-the-minute communication.

As the number of new cases gets smaller each week, it's time to let our people get back to work.

Open doors, more masks.

Transportation

Rebuild the old railroad tracks running along Discovery Bay and connecting us efficiently to the outside world? Make that electric.

Take advantage of Human Powered Vehicle technology and give it a boost. I see many people around Port Townsend, laboriously pedaling their wonderful two and 3-wheeled bikes up some of these difficult hills. There are also skateboarders and electric wheelchair riders out there.

Build some large escalator systems that can take people and their small HPVs uphill, and deposit them where they can freely flow downhill or on the level to so many other points of travel? One could be somewhere near the fountain, or further up, to bring you to a point near the bell tower. Another could start near Kai Tai and go up along Lawrence to the top of the hill that way. Put one by the base of the hill at Fort Worden, and another going up behind the Safeway to a point near the hospital. Rather than having everyone rely on a vehicle that carries its own motor, we have stationary motors running these escalators. Motors that run on electricity, and don't have to be carried around.

All downtown as a pedestrian mall, with outlying parking and free shuttles directly and from to downtown.

Would really love to see our roads fixed.

Much more walkable, the street in front of the Rose and other streets becoming plazas.

Buses that just keep going in circles so they are easy to use for everyone to go downtown, uptown, and to the various stores from the park and ride.

More trails and bike paths.

Less dependence on cars and much more infrastructure for walking, bicycling and better functioning transit throughout Jefferson County.

More focus on active transportation.

Better public transportation that serves more people and communities and reduces fossil fuel reliance. Consider implementing more public water transportation, such as electric ferries to other areas on the Peninsula and Puget Sound.

Improved transit with Uber-like system using EVs included in the mix.

Increased public transportation, or ability to search for ride-share opportunities.

Our county's population has stabilized reducing wear and tear on our transportation infrastructure.

A fleet of electric cars has been introduced to shuttle people locally thus reducing the greenhouse effect of transportation.

There are very few cars going up and down the main roads because people stay home a lot or walk or ride to work and to visit one another.

Government

Locking up the ones breaking into homes and businesses. Do away with the drug courts. Start locking up the tweakers.

Overthrow corporate "rights" and make them subject to local laws.

Progressive and compassionate political views/actions.

Much more participation and engagement in how we govern our community- stop the 1950s patriarchy model and get small neighborhood groups engaged in betterment and taking care of each other.

A City Council that holds regular Town Hall "Listening Sessions" that encourage people to honestly critique how the City is doing relative to the residents' needs.

Transition leadership and management to folks under 50 years of age.

Beginning to re-make our communities as a pilot for how to govern from the local to the national. The Council is made from all local areas in our region. Each city has its own local council, with one person from the council represented in the County council, then one from each county to the state level. This allows real representation from each town and county without a separation between local, state, and national. This would also prevent life-time politicians.

It's time we make all of our institutions open to such public input, and not just in words. The wider public needs to have some real power to influence decisions. When we have true democracy, the need for a widespread, and clear understanding of reality is essential. Education needs full funding. Media outlets need strong regulation. We have non-profits. We have for-profits, organized with proxy voting. We have governments which hold elections. What we don't have is public ownership of all of these. One idea is that every person (citizen or not) should be issued shares in the largest corporations doing business in his or her locality. Every employee should get additional shares, and have representation on the boards of directors. Voting should be opened up for every important issue and available through electronic means. If the wider public truly had a say in the important affairs of their country and of their world, I trust we would not allow resource-grabbing, money hoarding, and earth-destroying polluting. To take this kind of power and vest it in the people, we have to take the power. That's the problem we face. The hill we have to climb. The knot we have to untie. I don't know how we can get there, but get there we must. Perhaps it can be done in steps; First a loud and unanimous voice saying that Corporations are not people, and do not have the same inalienable rights. Next, a loud and undeniable vote to elect leaders who will do what is promised, or be removed from office. Then, unrelenting pressure on the elected officials to put real change into our Constitution. Limits on presidential power. Citizen panels empowered to fire police for misbehavior. The use of effective and quick recall when officials misbehave or do not pursue the issues they had promised during elections. And the firing of board members from corporations in a similar fashion.

Govt option socialized economy.

Education is free, and so is health care.

The way the tax dollars are spent is reassessed yearly and decided on by the diverse population.

Artisans, craftsmen and craftswomen, writers, woodworkers, musicians work to beautify place and are part of city governing process.

Return to Before COVID

Go back to what it was before this hogwash.

Once this crisis is over and restrictions ease up, I have a feeling it won't be more than 6 to 8 weeks before people will be acting like nothing ever happened.

I have no idea...If far into the future I hope no virus threat...and back as usual...i.e., Going out to movies, restaurants, our bounty of Summer events, children back at school, and retired people like me volunteering too much.

In two years after a lot of at-risk people have died, the stock market has crashed, many middle class people will be financially destroyed, the democrats will dominate state and federal politics (a pendulum swing), the vaccine will be broadly available, and everyone will get their shots (combined with the flu shot) and the new normal will look pretty much like the old normal EXCEPT people will keep extra toilet paper stocked in the basement.

I love Port Townsend as it is. I would love to get back into the galleries, restaurants and shops, and, the National Park. I moved here because I like the fact that PT does not have any big box stores. I love the small shops and supporting small businesses. I love the beauty, history and the funky people. I know there will be more building however I also know that plenty of green space will remain.

Continue to build on what we have - safe, access to good food, small businesses.

I hope there isn't much change.

It was pretty good before the crisis, so I'd say back to what it was.

As long as the socialists do not take over I am confident in less than 5 years it will be business-as-usual.

Back to what it used to be.

Actually, I am pretty happy with this community.

Reflection/Values

I would love to think that rural areas like mine might gain some insight and awareness and capability for rational thought, but I doubt that will occur in my lifetime.

Some effort to build bridges to those in the County who feel alienated from the "elites" running the show. Polarization is promoting a more adversarial position from those feeling marginalized. It's a national problem and we have a chunk of it here. Neither side has all the answers, contrary to strongly held positions.

I'd love to see us reach our fullest potential of self actualization.... but we can't do that important work until people are meeting their basic needs. I envision our high school graduates thinking to themselves.

"I love my home, my family, my elders, my community.... I can do anything with my life and I want to explore, to learn and at some point return to this epic place."

KINDNESS! It's not hard to smile, help someone, take time out of your day for someone other than yourself. HOPE! Keep positive thoughts to move forward in a positive way that benefits everyone. LOVE! Love and teach your kids what kind of world you would want them to live in and leave behind. KARMA! What goes around, comes around. Treat others the way you would like to be treated! It's contagious! Let's spread caring and kindness.

Encourage and energize this community's creativity, intelligence, and experience to collaborate on inventive solutions to key problems, such as housing and a sustainable economy. Port Townsend should be a place where people can feel a sense of possibility and hope, experience beauty and be challenged to think the world anew.

Our community would be populated with individuals more cognizant of the fragility of this wondrous peninsula and each others' presence in it as we mindfully inhabit it going forward.

There is less of a work hustle (from a place of fear or not-enoughness, though some people might still want to wear many hats), and more spaciousness for connection (whether human to human, or human to the earth & sky, or human to other sentient beings). A place that feels safe, welcoming and engaged; a place that is known for creating beauty, as well as positive, high quality, practical, and collaborative magic.

Closure. More open, serious discussion of reality. Sharing what we know.

Internet and Online Activities

Zoom community meetings and religious gatherings.

Internet access to everyone.

I would like to see less dependence on the digital tools and technology we now seemingly can't do without.

Internet for families if school. Children need it to stay involved.

High-speed 4G internet and free or low-cost access for low-income people.

Collaborative & tighter-knit through online opportunities.

Education

All schools provide equal access for all economic levels either through vouchers, charter or other creative model.

Families can choose where their children go to school and all schools are tuition free.

Safety and quality education for children and vulnerable people. Opportunities for adult education.

I would imagine that students who grew up here were welcomed to stay on, to call Jefferson County home if they wanted to, and that the average age of local residents would drop significantly for the age, 57, that it has been. I imagine that the local talent of many adults would be shared more avidly than it is

already with younger students, in the process of public education, so that the inter-generational component of community life was enhanced.

What values would you like our community to keep uppermost as we make changes for the future?

Environment

Respect for forest and seas.

Protecting our beautiful environment.

Keeping a rural atmosphere and encouraging stewardship of our natural environment.

Ecological sustainability.

We need to value Nature and view humanity as being its servant. While meeting our own needs we need to put Nature in the front seat.

Environmental awareness and action.

For forests, selective thinning ONLY, with highly diversified forests which the community interacts with for food, medicine, lumber, recreation, and connection.

Harmony with nature as our beloved partner.

Affordable living while protecting the environment, using the best of high-tech solutions to increase mobility and reduce emissions.

Environmental.

Can we please make sure that animals are neutered and spayed for free? A base line of care for animals, too. I haven't even mentioned the environment which is odd as that is where my focus usually is - on clean water and ocean health.

Care for the earth, care and respect for other species, other humans and ourselves.

Respect and compassion for the environment.

Reverence (not just lip service) for the natural world.

Green.

A clean environment.

Genuine care for the environment we treasure.

Preserving accessible outdoor areas, which are what has made this crisis comfortable.

Respect for and protection of our natural environment. Setting and reaching goals for carbon emissions. Banning single use plastics.

Preserving and restoring natural systems.

The preservation of the wild and natural ecosystems and biomes and integrating that consciousness into the fabric of the economic survival for residents and business owners who inhabit this Peninsula.

Appreciation for our public outdoor spaces.

Respect for the environment.

Seeing ourselves as stewards, of the land we are living on.

Low carbon, friendly to wildlife and eatable landscapes.

ECOLOGY- accessibility to highest quality nature systems, water, food, salmon, trails.

Remembering that we are stewards of this land for future generations.

Refocus on increased outdoor public seating, walking and green space.

Respect for the natural environment.

Conservation of all natural resources and respect for the earth that will NOT produce sub-area plans such as the one in Brinnon with its master planned resort.

Reduce carbon footprint, reduce dependency on motorized transportation.

Continuing attention to environmental protection.

Preservation of natural habitat.

Mitigation of global warming.

I would like to have the value of creating and supporting a healthy life style here that would honor ALL life - not just of all the people in Jefferson County, but also all other forms of life, including animals and plants. I would like the leadership of this community grapple, actively, with answering the question that questions capitalism, "How much is enough?" if EVERY situation. I believe we need to hold the needs and values of sustaining life on EARTH at the absolute center of our decision-making efforts. Not focus just on what do humans need, but what does the EARTH need from us! How we can better support our only home, EARTH.

Living in accordance with Native principles including: --Respect for all beings—people, animals, plants and accepting responsibility for the health of Mother Earth.

Environmental, sustainability.

Protecting and restoring forest and watershed.

Encouragement of electric vehicles by means of more charging station.

Protect the environment. Use less energy.

Changes that provide services with less impacts on our air, water, green places (near every neighborhood). Less traffic and less garbage (restrict disposable products and tax them).

Partnerships with farmers, loggers, etc. to honor sustainability in concert with our natural resources; Preservation and Creation of public spaces; Preservation of wild areas, and education on WHY they should be preserved.

Care and good stewardship of the environment.

"keep Washington green"--a slogan from my childhood to protect the forests from fires, but for me, balance on the side of forests and farmland, while helping those who live here have healthy living spaces.

Care for the earth.

Conservation and protecting the environment. Embrace growth management instead of attitudes I have heard expressed by county government and staff.

Preservation of quiet and safety re gun use. Spent the last several days listening to day long shooting by a neighbor. Also favor restriction against outdoor gun ranges in the county.

Reducing greenhouse gases becomes a community-wide project.

Protect, preserve and restore our natural habitat.

Stop polluting the environment by driving when you can walk, bike or use public transportation.

Attitude

Our community has a sense of humor. Let's keep it that way.

Kindness.

Continue to be smart, patient, and resourceful.

Should you wake, thanks your god/gods; and seek to give and receive joy for your loved ones and friends like there is no tomorrow.

Collaboration, celebration, fun.

Self-reflection, honesty,

Cooperation instead of competitiveness in everything we do.

Sustainability and progressiveness.

Respect, peace, love, grace, kindness, justice.

Freedom to express every idea, feel every feeling, think every thought without fear + freedom to assemble, commune, share, exchange and collaborate is innovation. Innovation plus capital is technology. And technology, in that original definition, is what defines quality of life. It's the thing that lets us persevere against adversity. To get there, we need to allow foundational ethics of fearlessness, adventure, resilience, expression, co-creation, responsibility, intellect, thrift, and compassion to flourish and shed our post war myth of the consumer driven world.

Common courtesy and patience.

Kindness.

Gratitude, humility, vibrant health, cooperation, connection, love.

Mutual respect, compassion for others.

Trust, engagement.

Kindness, sharing, people over profit.

People need to be treated with respect.

Compassion.

Understanding.

Truth would be nice. Facts, not opinion.

Welcoming.

Sharing. Kindness.

Open and sharing.

Kindness.

Visioning outside the box!

Communication. Compassion. Education. Understanding that we are one human family inhabiting one planet.

Progressive values.

Tolerance.

The power of health and happiness -- cultivating those states of being throughout our community.

Cooperation.

Kindness, equity, respect for each other.

Generosity.

Respect for all beings and mindful dialog.

Maintaining a healthy work/life balance, and believing that honesty is always the best policy.

Kindness, fairness.

Be kind. Be generous.

Opportunity, freedom, and respect for all. A whole re-evaluation of what "normalcy" means.

I've always felt that the Golden Rule is a good rule. There is a reason that it is golden. If we can bring that mentality across our community, we will all develop empathy for people struggling with poverty, unemployment and underemployment, addiction, mental health issues etc. We can be generous. If we are in a position to be helpful, we can extend ourselves to help others. We can go outside of our usual circles of people.

Kindness and respect, especially for personal choices predicated on knowledge from experts, say on health.

Compassion.

Those that celebrate our God and our country.

Democracy and education.

KINDNESS, OPENNESS.

Loving kindness empathy knowledge generosity honesty.

Self sacrifice, helping others, reaching out, listening.

Neighborliness and Community

Being there for your neighbor.

Support children/elders, commissioners.

Everyone doing their part and no bs.

Concern and empathy for those around us. Especially people in need.

Respect for ourselves and others, volunteerism.

Intergenerational relationships.

Supporting families in raising healthy kids, especially producing counseling for parents, as most of us were raised with a significant amount of trauma and are passing on huge emotional burdens to our kids because of the way our culture is set up. We need to turn our attention to the children and follow their needs as our lead for how to create a better world.

The value of growing a sustainable eco system built on community partnerships and collaboration is huge.

Community cohesion.

A working, livable, affordable community without so many class tensions.

Locality.

Small is beautiful, interdependence (as opposed to the myth of western independence).

Keeping local kids here.

Families are important.

Genuine care for one another.

We have a lot of climate refugees here now in PT. These are the folks who don't winter over here. This might put a bit of a ding in our Community building efforts overall. How do we get these temporary residents involved in Community building efforts?

Keep it small town.

Caring for each other.

The value of finding community from something other than the never-ending party.

The power of intergenerational connection. As adults, looking at the environmental, educational and economic legacy we are leaving for the children and young people.

The 'community' part of community. Just because new people move into the community does not mean you need to lose the thread of the community. I think sometimes that is how we look at new faces; with suspicion of fear they are here to change our place. Inclusion, keep inclusion.

Mutual support and celebration.

Livability, community.

Child friendly. And dog or pet friendly.

Add: connection- relationship- regeneration- resilience- Keep: intergenerational community- strong community leadership- reinvestment in our community- strong creative entrepreneurship!

The power of health and happiness -- cultivating those states of being throughout our community.

Compassion and care for the vulnerable.

I would like to see our community continue to be a friendly place to live.

That we're all in this together. (Which we are.....)

A sense of community.

The value of choices driven by the "common good."

I FEEL a community spirit in PT.

Focus on people and place, not peak hour traffic and speed at any and all costs.

Thinking about impacts on the 7th generation before making decisions or taking actions.

Making this place better for all who live here, not catering to tourists.

Help one another by building local communities.

Regroup to Keep It Local--Farms, retail, health, and activities.

Building relationships. Help people get to know one another.

Compassionate response to human needs.

Care for each other.

Encourage community activities.

Local first becomes the standard.

There is SO MUCH PRIVILEGE HERE! And, it's not just the people that are thought of as the wealthy retired folks or the big business and property owners here. If you live a comfortable life with a secure income and savings, and especially if you have a flexible work-from-home job or have chosen not to work - you are incredibly privileged. We need to focus on the people in our community who fall outside of these groups. People who HAVE TO WORK to put food on the table, to pay their rent or mortgage, to pay for their kids' school activity fees, to pay their utilities. People who live month to month paycheck to paycheck. These are truly the people who need our support and attention.

Understanding that community doesn't mean simply being friendly. It means helping others in the community especially those not in your circle of friends.

Social Justice and Inclusion

Equity, inclusion.

Reverence for diversity.

I would like us to learn from other communities - and bring the positive lessons here. I hope "The Leader" publishes essays on pro & con values (except political). I hope we can mix ages more so we can hear each others' dialogue about what we all wish to support.

Acceptance, equality, trust.

Equality.

Diversity....not just in skin color, but in ideas and perspectives. People are still greatly divided by politics in this town. COVID is creating a new divide in people....people that buy the narrative over people that question it. Questioning the narrative has been portrayed as dangerous and those that do are an enemy. Censorship, mandates, forced measures are becoming the norm and being used under the guise of safety and forcing many people into silence. Truth has been very difficult to discern in this current environment and a war has been waged over information. This has caused conflicting facts to divide people as it seems that for every one study, there is another one contradicting it. How do we know what we believe is true? Your source of information has really become a belief system. And that is ok, b/c we cannot control information and I don't think we should try. I think it all needs to be out there, without censorship, allowing every voice to be heard no matter what. When we do not allow every voice to be heard, including those of dissent, the collective loses an important mechanism that self regulates imbalances within the collective that cause inhumane behavior. Individual liberties must remain intact in order for this mechanism to remain intact within the collective. what we need to do is start discerning the truth of information based on how it makes us FEEL. Does it invoke fear or love? I think we need to start reconnecting with our intuitive senses that know what is truth...I realize that is a big jump for some that are completely indoctrinated in the paradigm that relies on government telling and providing them everything and western medicine providing all of their health solutions.

Diversity and resilience are two sides of one coin.

Equity.

Equality.

Racial Equity for all.

Anti-racism.

Social and economic equality.

Age diversity.

Equality and justice.

Equality for all.

Respect for everyone in the community without regard for ethnicity, skin color or personal and/or political contexts.

Inclusivity—especially with respect to local tribes.

Compassion and justice for all.

Inclusion of differing philosophical ideas.

Inclusivity.

Equality and inclusion. For everyone.

The power of cultural diversity -- deepening the connections and cooperation amongst all those who live here.

The realization that people do/say what makes sense to them given how they see the world.

That different views are allowed and not crushed.

Also to ground in the knowledge that what we enjoy and call home was built by underpaid and unrespected peoples on stolen land. To center the needs and wants of the most repressed - BIPOC, Trans and non-binary, those without homes, people with disabilities.

Justice and compassion as well as equality and respect for everyone.

Equity, inclusiveness.

Economic and age diversity.

Social justice as we navigate a new normal - listen to a variety of voices as decisions are made - be clear and open in the process.

Political and cultural diversity and tolerance. Bring the world to our doorstep, not just on cruise ships, but as integral to our community. We are just a bit too "white" and "grey."

Equality, respect and fair treatment for all people (BIPOC).

Respecting Tribal Treaty Rights and the impacts of any future land developments that degrade the quality of our natural resources and destroy native heritage sites.

Inclusiveness.

Justice and equality at all levels.

That every person is of equal value.

Diversity (racial, cultural, political & economic).

Fairness and justice for ALL.

Encourage knowledge about and good relations with local tribes and those exercise their fishing and hunting rights. I am embarrassed by how otherwise good people will spew the racist attitudes and talk about Native Americans.

Tolerance. Tolerance of different political and racial views.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIVERSITY.

Respect for all members of community.

Equity. Anti oppression.

Bring social justice and give back the stolen land.

Use tools that ensure a commitment to an intersectional lens (race, poverty/income disparity, gender) guides vision, goals & decisions.

Businesses and Economy

Celebrate women in business and in every way.

Supporting local small business.

Keep the business local. No corporate fast food chains moving in, as we have already been doing.

Equitable wealth distribution and employment opportunities.

Let's value the positive side of market economics and broaden job opportunities for working families by attracting and supporting new enterprises (OMG, a big box or two!). PDA is a good example. Need more.

Living-wage jobs.

I think it's been a problem that many of the small business's landlords are from out of town or even out of state and lower the rental boom on them from time to time. I would like us to be more autonomous somehow, so we can keep the businesses that are locally owned and enjoyed.

Never allow big box stores to take root. Safeway is fine, but that is it.

I would like to see us provide more opportunity for employment by embracing renewable energy in all forms.

Economic diversity.

Promoting local, living wage jobs for young people, so we are not so dependent on a tourist economy.

Support of the marine trades, traditional boating; the Maritime Center and Marine Science Center's school activities; encouraging boat ownership by making slips available and affordable. And keep the Uptown area alive and healthy as a community resource — e.g. rebuild Aldrich's market, expand the Farmers' Market — in addition to making Water Street more community-friendly (e.g. support the Rose Theater) vs. turning it into pure tourist draw (e.g. too many trinket shops).

ECONOMY- ongoing commitment to sustainability and green living efforts.

Growth is a result of over emphasis on Tourism as an economic development driver. We need to re-prioritize how we spend our tax money by focusing on making the community real again. The downtown was the center of community activity until Tourism took over in the 80's.

No chain stores other than what already made it in the door. Continued support of boat/maritime jobs. More delivery, fewer cars.

We should foster support for our local businesses and festivities and make PT a great place to visit as well as live.

I hope we keep stores locally owned and I hope we keep the boatyard and the maritime center the way they are. Once the local charm goes you can never get it back.

Keeping the economy local, supportive, and prosperous.

Somehow we need an economy and affordable housing that allows young people to thrive here. Too many now leave because they see no future here.

Discouraging growth and prohibition of big box stores.

Bring in some larger businesses, but in the county--not the urban area.

Stop relying on tourist for our economy. Allow bigger stores here to generate more tax revenue and jobs for locals. We are all driving to Sequim or Poulsbo for Costco, Walmart, Home depot plus more.

A tiered pricing system which allows low-income people to purchase local goods at a price in line with their income.

Tourism.

More work on getting people off welfare.

Government

Support our commissioners.

Non-corrupt political behavior.

I'd like south county to be less neglected. There's very little support for people with mental illness or addiction. There isn't much of a police presence, but maybe that's a good thing considering the state of law enforcement lately.

Constitutional rights.

More law and order.

Value input/inclusiveness from a wider range of opinions when crafting policies. It is maddeningly tedious in time needed and patience but usually has more buy in.

All this has to happen without an overwhelming top down approach. We are libertarians at heart! creative, cooperative, flexible approach to local issues and concerns.

Individual choice and liberty.

People need to realize how difficult it is to maintain what we have, even if we weren't facing climate change impacts on both public and private infrastructure. Every time we get carried away borrowing money for things that are mere wants, not needs, we make our city and county less affordable and we neglect to address some of our most pressing needs.

Safety.

Public safety and more communication.

Police training, so that we trust our law enforcement.

I would like to see us go back to the "Strong Mayor" system which truly engaged the community in electing leadership of the City. In my estimation, we have given over our future to planners and managers who don't necessarily share the values of the community. When we had a Strong (popularly elected) Mayor system the community planning process started in the neighborhoods with the Mayor and City Council holding Charrettes that asked what the community wanted BEFORE the planning process started. It seems now we have a system that doesn't include the community until the planning process is nearly over. Example: The new "Business Park" that has consumed large chunks of open space and created more pavement and roundabouts when the older business park next to it is yet unfilled after more than 35 years.

Safety and security.

Less government control.

Peace for all (de-militarize the police, community values, violence as a solution to anything).

Regulate only when absolutely necessary and then as lightly as possible.

Wise expenditure of county funds. County commissioners taking more responsibility for the decisions impacting the county. Philip Morley has been in his position way too long and acts as if he is a decision maker. His influence is not healthy and the commissioners have the power to exercise their discretion and replace him.

Safety on our roads as traffic increases again. Extend the length of 30 mph speed limit further north on 101. Signs that read oncoming cars speed limits that help make drivers aware of the speed limit and that they are exceeding it.

Garbage cleanup efforts. People dumping it beside roads has always been bad and probably worsened with economic downturn.

Follow the law. This should NOT be a safe haven for illegal aliens.

A more transparent, accessible, and elementary overview of how the local and national governments work, and what rights we as citizens have. People will be interested in policy because it will affect them directly.

Community Resources

Support our weekly print newspaper. List our public notices there.

Hope we can offer better resources for the homeless. Improved assistance for people with limited incomes.

Creating structural, systemic change so that our health and well-being is not dependent upon the largesse of the wealthy.

Feed everyone, make a warm secure home an option available to everyone. Provide a base line of humanity and care that allows people to thrive and opportunity to live up to their potential. Let people who are driven to have more do so but don't punish people who don't have the advantages some of us were just lucky enough to be born with.

A clear distinction between wealth and security.

I'd also like more free resources for low income and families that are well and reliably financed: recreation, education, the arts, summer camp, parks, an indoor playpark in the winter, marine activities etc. We can't rely solely on the non-profits who are competing much of the time for the same dollars and volunteers. We certainly can't rely of the YMCA to finally build that fabulous aquatic center--that's been in committee since 2002.

The basics: food, clothing, shelter and health care accessible to everyone.

Feed those that need the food. There is no way to know where to drop off food for the needy. Poor communication. How are we to know who is in need of goods etc. That would be helpful. Some people do not have access to internet make that available to them. Also, people need to know there are little free libraries to use in areas of the community. So they have things to do. Our Parks & Rec should put out an email or letters of things to do indoors or in the yard with children or even yourself. We have

many talented artists in the community hearing from them in a parks & rec newsletter on what simple things one can make for kids and adults would really help. Can someone donate art supplies. Etc.

I would like to see an expanded university presence on the Quimper Peninsula.

Resources for younger people.

Beautifying the town, making outdoor downtown more attractive to linger.

SOCIAL CAPITAL and Responsibility - relationships, connections, reinvestment, diversity, and philanthropy.

Understanding that it takes tax money to provide the community services that keep everyone healthy and safe, and a tax system that supports the community fairly.

Great internet availability.

For sanitation and dignity, all human beings need easily accessible built toilets and showers (not portables) and people and their animals need drinking fountains.

Tidiness. My previous town in Pennsylvania (pop 19,000) passed and enforced a law eliminating public squalor, e.g., removal of unlicensed and untabbed vehicles and junk stored on private property. Port Townsend has some major eyesore streets. I recall addressing this issue in Port Townsend some years ago. There was resistance, some calling junk cars public art.

College campus.

Support for families with children with education (tutoring) and health care.

Enough is enough--enough food, shelter, money to provide for one's family's health, health care--excess should be shared.

Encouragement of local agriculture.

Provide what is needed for those in our community living in substandard living conditions.

Health

Health is a priority

I'd like to see our hospital begin to fully embrace "alternative" medicine and never again be beholden to the pharmaceutical based model of healthcare. We need to employ natural healing modalities like our ancestors did and remember that mother nature gives us what we need to be healthy, if we are willing to listen to her carefully.

Be the leaders of mask coolness and mask art!

To stay safe until this passes.

Health.

Consideration for public health.

Healthcare that allows everyone to keep and stay healthy, and not contaminate others. Being smart about virus, health issues, germs, and be careful around others. Take measures to keep safe and healthy. Fact, not Fear!

The value of suffering a minor inconvenience like wearing masks and distancing to help our fellows.

Our local JeffCo Commissioners and Health Officer Tom Locke, MD show zero interest in considering that there are options besides masks and a vaccine. How about encouraging people to cough or sneeze into their elbow? This prevents the need to deplete oxygen from our blood that a mask causes. I wish my fellow citizens were not so quick to believe the "authorities." Empowering one's immune system empowers the person. More healthy than encouraging people to fear each other and be isolated.

Telemedicine is an obvious feature to try to develop for future use.

Health.

Resilience

I hope we make changes that support as much independence for the community as possible. The more essential services we can base in our community rather than depending on neighboring communities for essentials would be desirable.

Resilience.

Resilience.

Local self-reliance to be able to best survive global industrial collapse should that occur.

Sustainability, resiliency.

Local resiliency.

Local sustainability and community.

We need to be better prepared for various kinds of emergencies and have a plan to assist vulnerable people during and after them.

Families, self sufficiency, food supplies in emergencies - I worry about families who live paycheck to paycheck. They don't have reserve food on supply in an emergency. Our county should have a plan to take care of families if the "big one" hits or some other emergency. Children should be our first priority.

Self-sufficiency, not depending on a government on the other side of the county made up of rich white men who have never slept on the streets in their life.

Housing

We must value the need for affordable housing vs profiting from second dwellings for tourists.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

I would like to see an effort made, perhaps in the newspaper, to highlight landlords and home sellers (anonymously?) who rent/sell homes below market value to make it possible for our young people to live here. I don't think we really want an elite population of the rich elderly who are the only folks who can afford PT. Just wrong!

I would love to see our town embrace our homeless and provide tiny home housing. We need to be a model town of how we get everyone under a roof.

A perm camp for the homeless. More tiny houses available. Tiny house villages w one central house for laundry and baking cooking etc. Have one or two people per village who get free ground for their tiny house, to keep things up, sterilizing main bathrooms daily and keeping the place up. Have the land owners come by monthly to collect rent and check on the place making sure the resident manager doesn't have to be a money cop and to make sure the resident manager is also keeping things up. Checks and balances so the place doesn't become an eye sore in the community. Yes I would like to be the resident manager.

Also that we all have access to the things we value for quality of life. Everyone has a home, regardless of status - any status.

Affordable housing.

Create affordable housing like on Lopez by teaching a group of families to build their own homes.

Real estate should not be only available to out of state/country wealthy people.

Arts and Activities

Support arts/music/theater. Continue the celebrations that make Jefferson County so awesome, somehow reconfigured with safe social distancing, revised food practices, and support for people to wear cool masks any time they are out in public and can't socially distance or even when they can.

Social engagement outside of the commercial exchange/organizations.

Art and music.

Our feeling of being a community of the arts and boating.

Promote arts and culture.

Creativity, art & culture.

Celebrating our maritime heritage, seeing ourselves as hosts, to the many guests who come to enjoy the beauty and the people of this area.

CREATIVITY and INNOVATION, support of local artists and local craft entrepreneurs.

Value local activities and entertainments.

Social interaction.

Education

Alternative education is a treasure.....that integrates the whole community...including the rich indigenous history....wild craft to e-craft.....give it all to our young people.

Let us value educating our young people for a coming future and use all of the village to teach them.

Support LEOs, school district accountability in education.

Better schools.

Coming up with something to get the school system up and running as much as possible as it was.
We have valued education but 50% of our kids get free lunch. Need to work on that.

Food

Growing your own food.

Local organic food security.

For Farms, supporting organic and restorative agriculture, doing everything we can to build soil. This gives us community resiliency in the most direct way possible. Supporting farmers to make the improvements they dream of if they only had the funding.

Our connection to the land (farms, food).

We have a good food system, from local farms to grocery stores to the food bank. I do wish the co-op was more affordable, though.

What resources would you like our community to have?

Community Services

Help for abused and neglected animals.

Elder care and activities.

An adequate safety net for those needing one and willingness to vote for taxes or whatever to support it.

Enhance the emergency and disaster preparedness for conditions for which the scenario is unknown.

"Broad Spectrum Preparedness."

Adequate, affordable day care for any age group (infant through elderly) and population that needs it.

Food, water, each other.

Thriving cooperative community network where we know and help each other out.

A forum that allows all views, expressions, opinions, beliefs, facts to be heard, debated and exchanged.

Whatever individuals gather together to have and promote.

Mental social and physical space to constantly experiment and innovate at the fringe of what is familiar and comfortable. Our resilient strength in PT comes from how "non standardized" we are. We can never have too much of that.

Continue the caring, involved community focus we have while extending it to more people. A better solution for homelessness arising from their own vision of what they need.

Support.

Anything that helps with sustainability.

There would be value in an improved aquatic center as exercise in the rainy winter is a challenge and swimming a great life skill that saves lives, both from drowning and improving health.

just like we have the voters pamphlet that goes out for elections, what about a resource pamphlet that goes in the mail to everyone? Include where to gain access to and what services are available to people - food bank hours, where to sign up for food stamps, discounted health insurance, low cost clinics, grants available and people to help complete grants for home improvements and efficient heat/water; continuing educational and life skills resources like how to grow your own garden, how to register to vote, how to get a drivers license, volunteer opportunities, art classes for all ages, library hours and programs, seasonal activities for all, social justice trainings, etc. Most important is to make this community guide of interest to all people regardless of social or economic bracket. Offer info for those in need but also offer info on opportunities that bring people together despite their differences. Make it something everyone is eagerly awaiting and will find value in. Oddly, in some ways this used to be the role of the Farmers Almanac - how about calling it the the PT/Chimalow Almanac? But don't leave out Port Hadlock and Irondale! Have it available online as well. Maybe a comprehensive edition that is updated and shared biannually with seasonally updates briefs with updates for distribution in the mail. Keep the online version updated in real time.

More support for grieving and grappling with end of life issues.

Public bathrooms/bathing facilities (esp for homeless). Better support for homeless/transient populations.

A wide variety of skills for interdependence, emotional intelligence.

I have worked and volunteered in the non-profit world here in Port Townsend so I'm aware of the offerings they provide, but I wonder how many others do, specifically busy families, those with limited English, and those living on the edge. I know Olycap does what they can to connect folks with resources, but there needs to be more support than that to get people a safe bed at night, dignified housing, food security, education, and like-minded community.

More resources to families, mental health, indoor exercise for winter.

Emergency supplies for the whole community (currently, n95 masks should be as readily available and free as public dog poop bags...) We should build up our stockpiles. Really, we can't trust the federal government. There will always be another crisis.

Training and help parents to have the ability to care for their children and help them when they need to work and support families. We should have trustworthy, affordable child care, so that parents can work and not have to go broke paying for childcare.

Counseling and other training for those that need help going through crisis and so they don't feel alone.

Sharing.

A waste management system that encourages us to use less. The smallest service we can purchase is way more than we need for our household. We participated for years in another state in a by-the-bag program. We purchased a box of garbage bags with the Western Disposal logo on them. They picked up the bags when they were on the curb. Pretty simple. It truly encouraged us to reduce waste, and that was when we were a family with children at home. That's my petty peeve.

I would like to see more community opportunities to share practical knowledge. The Repair Café this last spring was a wonderful opportunity. To become more sustainable as a community, we need to learn to take care of many more things ourselves.

We have all the resources here that we need. We are uniquely privileged right now. All we have to do is open our hearts, think and reach out to all. All the resources are here now.

An all season drop in place for the homeless where they can get breakfast and lunch or brunch like cereal etc bagels fruit..at least until all homeless are housed either in shelters or tiny houses.

More services and shelter for those in need.

(We have a pool, but we can't use it. I DEFINITELY want to have our pool back!)

I think Bareboards and Next Door are great resources for info. Maybe an online Community Bulletin board?

The Leader!

We've focused so much on earthquakes and some of that is true for a pandemic but not everything. Let's look at what worked and what didn't during this crisis--and build it for the future.

Continuing support for Dove House and like organizations that so ably assist the vulnerable people among us.

More effort into protecting children and families with difficult home lives by creating easy access to resources and more eagle eyes on poor situations. increase meals and activities for kids.

The ability to have open communication and awareness of our community's human condition - we need to hear all the stories, not just the ones we want to hear.

Community policing. Social workers in schools to assist children, families and staff with positive social and mental health.

It might be nice to have a volunteer group that would welcome new residents with useful local information. There is a subtle kind of "snobbism" that separates long-time residents from newcomers. As I write that, it sounds hokey, but PT is growing so we might as well be welcoming.

Better sewer systems.

A glossy magazine (ala Saturday Review) to promote work of local artists, scientists and innovators.

For sanitation and dignity, all human beings need easily accessible built toilets and showers (not portables). People and their animals need drinking fountains.

A more enlightened 911 emergency response capability i.e. a broader range of questions to the caller and a broader range of response able services for more appropriate and affordable public service and public well being(alternative ambulance service other than fire dept.

Re-opening Mt. View Pool.

Help for needy families.

Community tools shed for borrowing.

Seeing to the needs of our youth.

Continue age-appropriate respect.

Having more resources to work with the homeless, drug addicted and the mentally ill, giving the police more time for difficult police issues.

Volunteers are a major resource here, let's keep that intact.

Because our county is rural, we will probably never have the funding for government we need to provide services at a truly adequate level. Elevating the importance and satisfaction of volunteering and of sharing financially in guaranteeing services to those who have less is going to continue to be a mainstay. That was how people did it when all were poor but available to personally lend assistance in the past-- we just are in a new situation where the means of helping are different, as our resources are different. We still need to help in the lives of others.

Less cost for use of community centers for community activities. Timber House to come back.

Public showers for locals in substandard housing, those living off the grid, and hikers.

Free dump days and community clean up efforts.

Equal access to basic needs: housing, food, education, healthcare, recreation.

Listening skills, compassion, tolerance for fear and uncertainty.

Stop working so hard to be an upscale exclusive community. You are closing out and ignoring most of us who live here.

Social workers.

More ability to support "outside the box thinking."

Educational offerings, artistic offerings. Community caring.

Sustainable tax revenue that provides for quality public services such as libraries, investments in youth.

More funds for the homeless and unemployed.

Housing

Affordable housing.

Access to affordable housing.

Local housing for any income level with self-sufficient systems such as solar, rainwater catchment, and wells. If building permits continue to be required (and not optional, as they are in some counties in WA & CA), then making them free services in which inspectors are looking out for helping families make good decisions about the future and their investments rather than the county looking for another financial gouge, keeping home ownership out of reach for most income levels. Support of alternative structures, such as tiny homes, shared housing co-operatives, eco-villages, and specific developmental research for things such as greywater systems, and compost toilets. There are regulations that could make all of these possible and open up many creative areas of specialization, local economy, and greater sovereignty among people.

Affordable Housing.

Market rate housing for workforce - affordable to middle market income earners ranging from 80% to 120% of the Area Median Income. An adequate supply of housing is a fundamental requirement to so many other community initiatives.

Affordable housing.

Affordable and comfortable housing for a wide variety of income levels and family types.

Housing.

Housing for everyone.

More housing income that young people can afford.

Affordable housing.

Proposition 1 failed because voters nixed it. Now, some of those same voters are unstable and need housing. The law has changed. Jefferson County commissioners can act to tax property to building housing. It would be controversial, yes, but maybe overdue. The haves need to start helping the have nots in the community. There are pockets of poverty in this county that are in trouble and under represented.

And again, housing for worker bees and starter families.

Affordable housing.

More affordable housing.

Enough housing.

access to decent housing.

A tiny house village for the chronically homeless (similar to Camp Quixote in Thurston County near Olympia).

Tiny home building.

Affordable housing.

More apartments at various price ranges!!!!

More and less expensive housing.

More rental housing.

Affordable housing for people who work and live here.

More affordable housing.

Homes for all, a place for everyone.

Denser housing surrounding community green spaces.

Affordable housing.

Reasonable rents.

People shouldn't lose their homes because of being laid off because of the pandemic or any other emergency. Can banks be asked to add any unpaid mortgage onto the tail end of the mortgage? Can landlords be asked to not evict people during such a crisis.

Affordable homes for all working people.

Mixed use zoning that would allow: 1. a great mix of house and lot sizes, 2. greater numbers of dwelling units per lot, 3. home occupations and production of local goods.

Affordable housing.

Entry-level housing.

Affordable housing. Look at our property tax system. As some of us with limited incomes try to keep up as housing prices escalate at an alarming rate we will not be able to afford living here.

And what about all those summer homes in town that go empty most of the year? that seems an awful waste. Is there a big income gap in PT? I am very curious about the results of the 2020 census.

Adequate safe and affordable housing for all who want to live here.

Better use of land, especially more diverse housing, greater locational efficiency.

Housing for homeless/low-income people.

Affordable housing.

Housing for homeless.

Zoning that supports smaller dwelling units.

Housing security.

Benefits for home builders building small, energy efficient, environmentally conscience dwellings.

Affordability of housing for families and working young people.

Affordable housing.

Economy

Better access to unemployment assistance for those who are still struggling to get it.

Access to ecologically friendly jobs.

Mentor programs for youth to teach trades.

Helping the small businesses to get back to functioning safely.

Availability of post-high school training in skilled trades, para-professional, technical work and other practical employment not requiring a college degree.

Job development program promoting businesses that would offer more diversified types of employment opportunity and would promote a remote employment lifestyle.

Free or very affordable education in the trades.

Locally milled lumber.

Jobs.

Thriving sustainable local economy.

Meaningful work.

Strong networks with neighboring communities to share resources on a local level.

I hope the city and county can bear the financial brunt of what COVID has done to us, as there are many issues that need to be addressed.

Support our blue color trades and those job opportunities so we don't become the seasonal tourist town We seem on track to becoming.

Income security.

More small shops that provide casual clothing and underwear at prices that are affordable.

More living wage jobs.

Support for a creamery/dairy.

A more active recruitment of small manufacturing to our area so we have jobs for people, and more support for the small businesses that are struggling to stay alive here.

Traditional and modern boat craftspeople and businesses, foremost. PT is a “seaport” and many of us choose to live here for those boat-related resources.

Economic plans to protect our essential workers, and our businesses. Do we really want Water Street boded up? People shouldn't lose their homes because of being laid off because of the pandemic or any other emergency. Can banks be asked to add any unpaid mortgage onto the tail end of the montage? Can landlords be asked to not evict people during such a crisis.

Better wages.

Living wage jobs.

Younger entrepreneurs.

More funds for local governments to provide the required and the desired services which we will not be able to provide without revising our state's revenue structure.

Port Townsend gets by with property taxes and sales taxes. My income is fixed and I may very well be taxed out of my home at the present rate of property tax increases. I would like to see an aggressive effort to attract businesses that will generate tax revenues without harming the environment and provide the sort of jobs above fast food or entry level.

More retail options, but not big box stores.

Also we need to encourage tourism in a friendly way. Small cruise boats are great.

Employment opportunities for homeless/low-income people.

Space for businesses to expand.

More local owned business.

Encourage a diversity of businesses in Port Townsend (more locally useful, less touristy).

Stop relying on tourist for our economy. Allow bigger stores here to generate more tax revenue and jobs for locals.

Small businesses here and in Brinnon to survive and thrive.

Complementary currency.

Living wage jobs.

Don't try to grow into a version of Seattle or Tacoma. Embrace our rural economy and figure out what services we are lacking and go about increase those as job opportunities. Just like Google, Amazon and other tech companies have embraced urban centers, what sort of training centers or jobs can we have out in the Peninsula that will encourage people to come here to learn, spend money in our economy but not necessarily move here? NW Maritime Center, PT school for wooden boats, PT School of Art, and Centrum come to mind as examples. Or a cooking school such as the Pantry in Seattle?

<https://thepantryseattle.com/> I think this was a vision that Chef Arran Stark had when he moved here and look how well the Hospital food program is doing? What about a writers retreat center at the Fort? True Goddard is there but not as a draw for established writers, maybe help Copper Canyon expand its offerings? Or a Wearable Art Center? Finnriver is a great attraction for just this purpose - a destination for a meal or day trip but not to move here and push locals out of affordable house. People come to PT

and the Oly Pen because we are different and the scenery is different. We can modernize and become efficient to protect the environment without losing our own identity. I think we are creative, boot strappy, resilient, and open-minded people with a conscience but individuals who want the space to do what we do. Don't make everyone Conform to a pattern or we will lose our identity and our draw of other like-minded individuals.

Health

Healthcare.

Access to all forms of health care for all.

Equal access to healthcare during this crisis. I believe that testing was not given to people without insurance.

More dental care for everyone and more free/low cost mental health workers.

Help for the mentally ill and addicted.

Mental health counseling,

An adequate mental health infrastructure and addiction treatment system.

More affordable options for supportive care of seniors both outside and in the home.

Increased options for healthcare availability like telemedicine, online consults, home based follow up of chronic health problems to prevent hospitalizations, and on and on.

Easily available testing.

Except for medical specialists, I think we have enough.

A fully staffed and functioning hospital and better access to specialty care.

A replacement for assisted living homes that is humane and safe.

Testing for COVID for all who asked would have been nice to have. The sheer lack of it -- I know of many people who were turned away, which, in my opinion, fans distrust and anxiety. More transparency from the hospital as to testing. More detailed information about what is happening as things ease. The logic behind opening tattoo studios and not, say, airbnbs, is kind of skewed.

I'd like us to put a majority of alternative health practitioners on the board of our hospital so the hospital can be a beacon of natural health and stop relying on drugs to deal with health problems.

Health.

Healthcare for all.

Access to health care.

Stronger Community health department. More interaction with the community.

Affordable healthcare for all people.

We've done a pretty good job of offering resources but may need to step it up in mental health and substance abuse areas.

More forums for people who have a different view of the "social distancing and vaccine" approach to Covid-19.

Medicine.

Free health care for all.

Adequate funding for health.

Perhaps more medical services (e.g., more than one audiology supplier). Local coronary and neurological specialties so we don't have to travel to Bremerton or Port Angeles.

Mental and physical health.

Psychologists, social workers on call, more The rest homes need a dedicated transport ambulance (not the fire dept.).

Good healthcare.

Walk-in clinics for folks with no insurance.

Local healthcare.

Public health support, including mental health.

More free information from experts about health.

People who act upon science and data, not people virtue-signalling with their face masks.

Healthcare.

We need to direct more funding and energy toward helping people to simply survive. Food, shelter and medical services should be emphasized. And a major overhaul of the local healthcare system and the lack of psychiatric care in services, including proper and appropriate facilities for people in psychiatric crisis. Right now we are putting people with mental illness issues in the county jail. This is a very ugly situation. We have forced our police officers to become crisis intervention caregivers. We have lost all credibility as any kind of "caring community." This is the dark ages of abuse and neglect. Nothing to be proud of.

Food

Community Garden.

Support for small farms.

It would be nice if we had better options for groceries locally.

More community gardens/orchards/projects.

Local organic food and medicine.

Thriving local-based food system.

Healthy food.

Agriculture and food producers that can provide as much food for the community as the local environment supports.

Food.

City garden for Food Bank and facility to clean donated produce.

Community permaculture projects.

Food production.

Food for everyone.

Local food composting, organic food that is more affordable.

Growing fresh food is something everyone should have access to whether it be a community garden or their own garden in the backyard.

Local food.

Food for those in need.

Access to healthy nutrition.

Food sustainability.

I also would like to see local farmers supported, and our local food supply become more secure. The water rights issues that limit young farmers' aspirations need to be addressed.

Food for children.

Food

Increased gardens for food security locally.

Neighborhood "convenience" stores featuring local food, fresh from farms and prepared food options for pick up (providing more jobs).

More local food including value-added foods. Businesses based on food production and reduced carbon footprints.

Access to healthy food for all- support of our local farmers.

Access to the most robust local, healthy food supply over the long haul.

Healthy food available for all.

Community butcher shop.

Local farm food.

Food security.

Access to mobile slaughtering units for home based agriculture; Increased education for local food production and rental of equipment at the local unit.

Reserve food supplies, especially for families with children.

Food.

More healthy eating places for lower income.

Transportation and Energy

Access to safe non-motorized transportation pathways anywhere in the county.

Better bus system.

Electric Powered (or other non-emissions technology) public transport!

Free public transportation.

Great walking and biking infrastructure.

A local mini-grid that is powered with local renewable resources.

Better local transportation that is not so bus-dependent.

Walkable community.

Better transit to the rest of the Peninsula.

We're woefully behind on nonmotorized transportation because the city and county barely give it lip service.

Energy efficiency.

Rental bikes and places to park/lock them, a parking garage on the outskirts of town, free shuttles.

More resources for people (who don't have lots of money) to get and use electric cars. We have to isolate, we have to get places, but only wealthy people have the opportunity to buy an electric car. This pandemic thing might keep reoccurring? Whatever the case people have to get around.

Trails with signage so you know where you are going and can learn how to get around using them. Free and constant public transportation.

A way to really recycle everything - industries that recycle and are low carbon.

We may take a good lesson from Wildpoldshried , Bavaria in Germany. It has become energy self-sufficient by focusing on renewable energy such as wind and solar with some wood waste co-generation that provides Centralized hot water heating throughout the city. We have amazing experience and skills available in our community and we should be taking better advantage of them as a resource.

Some road repair in town would also be nice!

Transportation alternatives that do not depend on single car occupancy. Resources that include people with disabilities. Wide sidewalks. Streets closed to traffic. Events that do not include motorized transportation. Bike routes and bike lanes.

Much better network for bicycling, walking and less emphasis speedy on car travel (lower speeds on city streets); well functioning, and well used transit service with smarter, more educated and experienced management, smaller buses and 15-minute headways on the more traveled routes.

Better roads.

Public transportation with more frequent service and extension further into the county and other points (e.g., Sequim, PA, Silverdale, Seattle).

More electric vehicle charging stations.

Maybe better direct service to the airport and metro area.

Taxi service (or lyft, or something) available in rural areas - necessary for single or disabled folks with medical appts.

Public transportation. bike and walking paths could be made more and more extensive, as well as beautiful and functional. If I had a friend who lives 5 miles away, and between my house and theirs there was a "Snack Track" of delicious edibles and beautiful flowers, and other medicinal herbs, I would very much enjoy this journey, though the travel time would be greater, my life would be so enriched, and I would come to love the entire walk for its different gifts. The more we can SLOW DOWN movement, and enjoy every piece of land for the gift it has to offer us, we can realize we have PLENTY right where we are and we don't need to engage in world trade for our BASIC needs, but instead can limit our exchanges to what the community really needs, instead of an endless train of (mostly useless) physical stuff from who knows where that's designed to break and then become landfill.

More buses to Kingston, Sequim, SEATAC & Cape George.

Once weekly "no cars allowed" in town.

Education

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We need more worthwhile higher education or other kinds of classes for people of all ages to re-tool or simply learn for the joy of learning.

Access to opportunity through education.

Educational resources for parents to help their own children.

Expanded educational and vocational opportunities for learning.

A larger college or branch of university (more than Peninsula College, although they have done some wonderful things already). PT is a maritime and arts community.....how about a college town?

More educational opportunities for all citizens (love the lecture series at the county library).

Higher education locally.

Stronger schools.

Adequate funding for education.

I personally would like to have educational outreach by the fishing, maritime and boating communities. I'd love to know what different boats are called and what they do, how much of our economy depends on the water, either for recreation or commerce. What does the Port do? What's it like to repair, refurbish a gigantic crusty old ship and why do that?

Good schools.

Education on sustainable living, both in the schools and for adults.

A college campus.

A strong public education from kindergarten through adulthood.

Increased transfer of knowledge between the older generation and the younger generations.

Better schooling. They did very poorly particularly compared to other regions. They need to do better.

More offerings for kids. It was limited before 2020. Worse now.

Activities/Culture

Programs to get children and young adults more physically and socially active without the use of electronic devices. I firmly believe that we are raising a generation of socially insensitive people. They have no idea how shallow texting is as opposed to face to face interaction.

A strong senior center/organization that would not only offer basic needs support but also social/enrichment opportunities like games, hobbies/crafts, entertainment experiences, volunteer experiences, excursions.

Epic Cultural center.

Late night food and party scene.

Fun.

Resources like Olympic Discovery trail.

Safe place for kids to play in each neighborhood (pocket park with temporary school pod).

Real support for our arts and cultural organizations and people.

A serious commitment to replacing the lost "Boiler Room" program with a viable youth program and facilities.

Activities for children that are healthy and free.

Adequate funding for the arts.

More activity based things for young people to get involved in (not screen based).

Encourage formation of "clubs" or groups for clean up or service activities encourage teens to give back to the community.

A small place where seniors can walk on a track and use Exercycles or treadmills. The gyms are too expensive and the hospital is too rigid and restrictive. Also, a way to socialize with strangers like a bench where strangers can meet simply to have a conversation.

Environment

Access to nature.

Eco-forests.

Healthy environmental ecosystem.

Care for our natural world (including the soil and creatures of all kinds).

Viable and recovering fisheries, whales, and birds.

Open parks & gardens, by donations & volunteers.

A conservation center.

More open space, a more community-focused downtown, better access to the waterfront, less concrete and more greenspace (Pope Marine Park used to be a beautifully landscaped and almost hidden little gem of a park sheltered by shrubs and trees--now it is like a golf course).

Open space.

Funding for initiatives like salmon and native vegetation restoration.

Strong environmental leadership.

Plastics recycling.

Abundant accessible parks and trails.

Clean water, solar energy, most environmentally sound waste processes. Healthy soil.

Government

Bigger jail.

A widely supported juvenile justice/prevention program with activities and guidance.

Better access of information from our leaders.

Our tax money should not only be used for good streets in rich neighborhoods. We need to treat our local people like family. No one should be without food, shelter, medical care.

A more Community Service approach to our police, EMT and fire services. Having the police walking each neighborhood and getting to know the people they serve.

SMART LEADERSHIP!!! 21st century leadership rather than stuck in the 1950s!! our decision making is too patriarchal and top down- we have had to fund 300+ not for profits because our governments are stuck in basic services and haven't absorbed the new priorities e.g. Seattle's gardens- Bellevue's trails- Edmonds support of arts- it's time to start making the transition from the oldest county- which was a choice we make to keep taxes low- and to the next generation leadership/ families/ businesses!! in 5-10 years the retirees will be more internal, have moved, or no longer feel they can support the not for profit philanthropy- time to think of and invite in the young leadership and vision a community for the next 30-50 years.

Elected officials who give a damn about their constituents.

As long as we remain a capitalist society, we need the capital to make our visions a reality. This includes federal resources, which demands a complete change in leadership. Enlightened leadership is essential.

Support the PTPD with help so they don't spend time on non-criminal incidents.

Government services of any kind (including by way of example and not by way of limitation police, fire, roads, libraries, parks, cemeteries and public records) should be adequate but not lavish. President

Obama summarized Abraham Lincoln's thoughts: "government should do for people only what they cannot do better by themselves, and no more."

Internet

Broadband. Look at Patty Murray's initiatives on this. Where I live, in South County, many can't even get cell phone reception. Our internet speed is below slow and intermittent in many areas. If we're going to work at home rather than commute long distances to work, we need to have broadband. This of course applies to learning remotely as well - more classes, training, and degrees available via computer.

Better tech infrastructure, affordable to all, to take advantage of educational, economic, health care and cultural opportunities it facilitates. Free, coordinated training for those who need it to be able to take advantage of virtual opportunities. Devices available for those who cannot afford so that no student, worker or senior will be left out of communication/education/work opportunities.

More dependable and less expensive access to high-tech amenities such as solar power and internet.

Free city/county internet.

Universal broadband treated as a utility like water and electricity.

Great internet availability.

Broadband! I felt it was a real hindrance to our safety and well being that we only had limited data access. For me, many online activities were off limits due to my limited internet access which made it even more isolating.

Better internet.

There is a need for much better internet services. Being trapped to just one provider is the nuts!

What are the existing challenges in reaching this vision, either pre-existing or COVID-related?

Attitude

Enhance mindfulness and creative skills as opposed to debilitation resulting from alarmist models of impending doom and science corrupted by personal "end times" agendas.

People thinking their ideas are "right" for others. people who do not contribute community enhancing actions.

Insularity, desire to stay isolated and "safe."

Isolated people vs a united people working together.

Openness to those who have not been a part of the community for long term.

It should be people's personal choice if they do or don't want to live in community. Government should not restrict this. People being so isolated from each other has been further accentuated by COVID, and I see that the world is having a massive wake up call on how important human interaction and community is to all of us. We need more ways to make community interaction normalized. Divest from cars. Invest in people.

This liberal Mecca so easily criticizes these patterns on a national level, but when it comes to making change locally, everyone only cares about themselves. It is a whole lot of "not in my back yard."

People still identify themselves and others by their skin color, political alliance, gender and religion. It is hard to unite when we still judge people based on these outward identities. On top of that COVID has made older people afraid of children, and people afraid of each other in general. We need to find a way to transmute fear...that is really not justifiable anymore given the data we have....and unite people in a different way...a common ground way that is human based. I think we can build a strong community of healthy people where disease, even pandemics, don't have to phase us. There are real solutions out there.

Agreement on the vision will probably be a big challenge. I doubt every person will embrace my personal vision (although that'd be great!).

Communicating and developing understanding of systemic challenges and creating resulting actionable that a community under economic stress can accomplish is a challenge.

isolation. Especially people surrounding themselves with only people who agree with them. Isolation is a positive feedback loop that ends democracy, ends learning, ends compassion and the ends humanity. It's much more dangerous than any pathogenic disease and its perilous to under appreciate it.

A dichotomy in visions for the future - one more tourist-dependent and the other local-focused.

Closed minded. Fear of change. Hoarding.

Greed, fear, racism, sexism.

The myths of American exceptionalism and independence.

Prejudice.

Lack of consensus and a growing red wave of bigotry, particularly in Port Townsend and in south county. We've been invaded by wealthy white men who don't give a shit.

we need the kind of outreach/interactions where people feel it's worth their time to participate...and not just be forced to sit through more power point presentations.

We need to be mindful of the things we have been doing that do not work, and embrace the possibilities associated with new approaches.

Even groovy people are selfish. Really, we need to embrace everyone like their wellbeing matters.

Unfortunately, Port Townsend does now have a bit of a reputation of being snobby. Having been around PT for 50 years or so- this makes me sad- because there is a bit of truth in that. We may need to do a community wide event to bring the heart of the community back to its giving, caring offbeat self.

Attitudes. As long as it's all about money, nothing good can happen. And the idea that only some people's opinions matter.

A VISION of what this would look like; intelligent, committed and energetic people who know the steps to take to make this vision a reality.

I think that generating change needs to include everyone, i.e., younger generations, who may feel consumed by the need to work to feed themselves and their families and have little or no time to dedicate to change. We need to devise ways in which these folks could easily have a voice, too.

Though the town has a lot of progressive people, I also find significant resistance to the changes and reinvention needed for future generations to thrive here.

Old ruts, fear of the unknown. Doing things as they have always been done.

People need to put their phones down; rely less on Amazon.com to keep their cupboards stocked and their video appetites satisfied.

We need to put more emphasis on our humanity and compassion, and focus less on being middle class and materially happy. a lack of compassion and equality is the problem.

People wanting to engage.

Status quo.

Getting past the perception of a Port Townsend and County divide.

The main challenges are the deep values the culture holds around acquiring, spending, protecting one's individualism, and separateness.

Silence and ignorance.

Misinformation and lack of trust.

Community complacency and pandemic trepidation.

I think our community has a sort of pre-COVID sense of entitlement and privilege, particularly in the City of PT, that seems to make a lot of city decision-making harder than it needs to be... we should not make our decisions with tourists in mind.

Getting a more informed community, going to political neutrality on things that matter, including health, resiliency and sustainability.

Discrimination/oppression of indigenous peoples by the dominant culture. Indigenous people in the PNW have suffered immensely from dispossession of their traditional territories and cultures, children forcibly removed to boarding schools, destruction of sacred sites, and many other forms of oppression and discrimination that continue to this day. We would like this community to become more educated about the past and present circumstances of local and regional indigenous peoples, to work together for restorative justice and to incorporate indigenous knowledge and ways for our collective future survival.

Focus on individual well-being rather than what is good for community. Unwillingness to sacrifice to help others in need.

Creating unity in our diverse counties. Bringing together varying viewpoints and, using conflict resolution, come to consensus about priorities and then the application of resources.

All political systems are outward manifestations of people's internal spiritual states. We must change how we go about our daily lives. The fundamental issue involves people refusing to take responsibility for their own lives, and instead surrendering their power to others. We must learn to accept and honor our higher selves; only then can we truly honor our neighbors. Bifurcated thinking and the us-them mentality must cede to love.

We need a clear expression of a community vision and a blueprint of how to get there.

Lack of public awareness.

Selfishness, not wanting to give up privileges.

We've become polarized, even here in PT. We need to work on that and get citizens to work together.

People have been trained to be selfish, self-centered and afraid. A bad combo. There is competition to have more, which does not allow people to be generous. Some neighbors are not good neighbors.

People who think they must assert themselves in ways that bother or even endanger others; not sure we can do much about those except keep making as many people as possible aware of good solutions and conflict de-escalation.

Lack of knowledge; disassociation between the wealth centers and the rest of the community.

Will, consensus. Lack of cultural knowledge so that our community truly cares for all its people.

Also, of people's attitude that because they are OK, "it doesn't apply to me." That applies to wearing a mask or distancing as much as it does to sharing in the needs of others for housing or food, etc. What affects one affects all.

With no local news, and sketchy radio and newspaper reporting keeping up to date is problematic. Either pushing emails to people via phone or email or sending information to a designated group of people who will then disseminate the information would be good.

It would be a sizable challenge to get the majority of the community on the same page about how the future should look.

Everyone wants to hold onto what they have. Lots of people make donations and that's really good, but at the end of the day we all have our homes, cars, groceries..... while others have no place to sleep.

Ignorance, blindness, ego, fear of our mortality.

Unwillingness to change, ignoring issues, not involved, communication.

Greedy selfish libertarians Mean selfish piggy white guys Selfish owners merchants.

Forgot to say... white supremacy a major challenge.

Too much power in too few hands, opening the probability that self interest will affect the results of discussion.

We really don't have strong resilient community dialogs and conversations!

Economy

Fossil fuel dominated economy.

Economic inequity, shortage of living wage jobs.

Re-do the tax system.

Dependence on tourism and low paying, often seasonal, service jobs.

Wealth inequality.

Job security.

Low wages. When people, families, are struggling just to make ends meet, how are we able to even appreciate the rest?

Like everyone, we are embedded in a global industrial system that makes local sustainable life more short-term expensive than living in line with the global industrial system. Seemingly, that puts local and global systems in competition and local loses.

Inequity of wealth is a current and increasing problem (although it can potentially be a resource as well if the wealth is turned to benefit entire local community).

Disparity in wealth

Dependency on tourism.

Massive immigration of retired people with means vs. a broader cross-section of folks.

Closure of businesses in the community.

Too many going to Costco or other corporate businesses.

Over-reliance on tourism.

We need to boost the local economy for all people, not just those who come from the urban center and can work from home off a computer.

Late-stage corporate capitalism, the real estate - tourism industrial complex, federal tax structure.

Economy dependent on underpaid service and non-profit jobs.

The last time Port Townsend trudged through a recession it was a difficult recovery and this one may be even harder due to the suddenness of the changes and uncertainty of its conclusion.

Capitalism culture.

There are extensive financial challenges to restart local businesses, the community needs to pull together to help them get back up and running.

Low wages.

Regressive Local taxation which is collapsing under covid.

Part of our existing property tax should be socialized.

Loss of our treasured businesses i.e. Aldrichs.

Money is the big dividing issue. And the fear of socialism. Incomes and services not equally shared.

Too much reliance on tourists coming in by car. Encourage tourism by boat, and including ferry, and bicycling; but let's not try to rebuild the economy by encouraging more car tourism.

Well, one of the things I value is spaciousness, and connection. And I've found, over the years, as the cost of housing -- and living -- has gone up, that more and more people are having to hustle to make a living, so there's less space to simply BE and to be creative together. There aren't as many spontaneous gatherings, potlucks, etc. I wonder what some sort of easeful way of moving money around more freely in the community would look like. I'm SO appreciating not having any financial pressure during this time, because of receiving unemployment. I think figuring out that piece on more of a community basis, rather than simply an individual one, would free up all kinds of energy, ease and creativity, which would make for an even more connected and generous spirit of Place.

Capitalism.

Class differences.

Well the economy as we do it clearly doesn't work to support community -- that's certainly pre-existing but not Port Townsend centered. I think just a long hard look and then whatever we can do to re-structure.

Personally I think the COVID pandemic has allowed us to live more mindfully and slow down the pace of our lurch toward climate catastrophe. I think our challenge post COVID is to get back to community basics and stop spending like a city of drunken sailors. We have some great economic models to build upon, such as the Quimper Mercantile, Food Coop, Shipwright's Coop, our locally owned power, water, community septic systems PUD, Co-Lab, small vibrant local farming, Centrum and Fort Worden, etc. These of local resources that should become our top priority and be built upon. The challenge is to resist the proverbial "shiny objects" like outside investment and make our future growth inside-out investments.

Nothing new here -- jobs. A downside of my optimism about telecommuting is that it won't increase the tax base on its own. It would cut against my hopes if it brings relatively higher income professionals who only generate more minimum-wage service jobs (restaurant workers, etc). I don't want to become Aspen, et al. But synergy among professionals might create entirely new businesses.

The entire trashing of our economic security based on many locally owned businesses now struggling to survive. Making it clear to our populace that we cannot expect to be healthy while eating convenient, cheap food, and instead that we NEED to support our local farmers so they can continue to feed us.

Lack of movement away from overly consumptive and short-term, market-oriented mindsets. too much of a focus on tourism and hospitality.

Shop keepers who do not want to reinvent themselves and marketers who sell us as destination shopping opportunities.

Convincing more community members to buy local farm food, shop in local business and use local business services.

Economic help for small businesses. And publicity for our local small businesses and encouragement to patronize.

It would be a big challenge to reduce the impact of tourism while simultaneously increasing the move to a more local economy.

Small workforce, insufficient tax base.

High cost of living.

Government/Regulations

Working with county regulations has been a problem for those wishing to develop a home on a limited income.

Certain people in positions of power not serving the welfare of the whole. People feeling powerless and disconnected.

The government leaders.

A culture where we look to and depend upon elected employees.

Personalities in key leadership roles.

Political will. People always point to the fact that budgets are not available for certain things, yet there seems to be money for other things, it's just a matter of prioritization.

Governance by litigation avoidance.

County Commissioner resistance to local sustainability ideas.

A seeming unclear vision of how to help small business by our leaders.

In terms of government, the disconnect between it (city council and the county commissioners) and the community has been widening for years. Covid has made meetings more tedious and meaningless than ever. And the local papers are no longer keeping the public adequately informed on where the town and county are drifting.

We need the kind of outreach/interactions where people feel it's worth their time to participate...and not just be forced to sit through more power point presentations.

Government overreach prior to & ongoing restricting people.

We've also had leadership challenges, particularly at Fort Worden and at the federal level.

As citizens of this community, it behooves us to be more involved and connected with who represents us in Olympia so that change can happen. The "they" we want to help us IS us.

City zoning laws.

Unresponsive and not very adaptable forms of government.

Community leadership that can hear our thoughts and align us.

The 1% limit on increases in taxes levied which mean that jurisdictions cannot provide the level of service they want and need to as the cost of providing them increases faster.

At the moment, the blows to democracy create a risk to everything we think and do.

Existing plans, ordinances and mindsets of electeds and city and county staff and lack of understanding by the populace of what constitutes good city design.

How do you join together for working on the upcoming election?

Inadequate local government budgets, and organization and collaboration with community. Local planning that doesn't provide adequate meaningful consultation, participation and respect for Tribal rights and requirements for survival. Budgets are inadequate for housing, transportation and other pressing needs.

911 system is funded through property tax and by the fire and police depts. every time they get a call. There is need for other types of responses, skills, and services.

City Council and BOCC priorities for progressive policies and to allocate funds (toilets, drinking fountains); city, county managers need to direct engineers to seek alternatives as well as conservation conscious implementation of projects.

Police, sheriff and East Jefferson Fire and Rescue take a lot of public dollars; this all needs to be reviewed with an eye to reducing unnecessary personnel and purchases and redirecting those funds to other types of responders.

Lack of vision of leaders in city council and county commissioners.

Get government out of the way.

The City and County Building and Planning departments have a culture of not being very helpful. That is a challenge.

Lack of political will.

Rigidity in thinking, rule-making. There should always be flexibility and adaptability to circumstances, with a focus on problem-solving--how can we make this work for the benefit of all concerned?

The first is the elected officials. Generally well-spoken and bright people, some are elected not for demonstrated ability to sift through incomplete data to make thoughtful and reasoned judgments and decisions, but more for their ability to say things the voters want to hear. The second challenge is the special interests. These folks ask for and get special carve outs that benefit themselves or their clients. The third challenge is the administration. The challenge is not that they do not administer laws, rules and regulations--they do that very well. The challenge is that they also write those laws, rules and regulations for the elected officials to pass. And the reason this is a challenge is that often times, those laws, rules and regulations are simply piled on higher and higher without serious regard to the costs to the citizenry or the benefit to be derived.

The Democratic Party and the media. Woke politicians and quasi-political organizations that pander to special interests with surveys like this.

Not following the law is a major problem in this county.

Politics, fake news, the president.

We've failed to develop a public infrastructure that keep us informed, checked in and helped morale. our newspaper failed us- weekly updates are not good enough when crisis and anxiety is happening. someone should tell the NEXUS system that it was a failure- I live 3 blocks from the major public announcement - tsunami alert system and none of our neighbors can understand the announcements- it was not a timely effective service.

Housing

Housing shortage.

Inadequate supply of affordable housing.

Housing.

Any of the county laws are specifically designed to restrict collaboration and co=operation on a home-scale. With anti-eviction measures in place for covid, everyone is getting a chance to experience what it is like to simply be allowed to live somewhere. Really, the idea of "rent" is left over from slavery.... "you want to live here, therefore you owe me your life." Sometimes a person is in a stage in their life where they're not ready for ownership, but many many many people really want to own, steward, and care for a place, and do not have access to land, money, or other resources which would support them, even if their vision would directly support our community. Many people want to live IN community, to be able to collaborate and work with others without having to rely on cars to bring us to and from each others' homes just to socialize or work together. Yet, many laws prevent this from happening in our county.

Affordable Housing.

Affordable housing is a big problem, absent members of the community as many don't live here year-round.

Lack of affordable housing.

Homelessness.

Very high rents for buildings on Water Street, people retiring in Port Townsend who want to make money by turning ADUs into expensive tourist accommodations.

High cost of housing.

Affordable housing.

The real estate industry has too much power and influence over government and the local economy. They've made it impossible for most ordinary people to live here.

Aesthetics will make it hard to build a 4 story apt buildings in central Port Townsend.

Homes for all--county and city need to work with the independent groups bringing together resources to find a solution. No more money needs to be spent on 'task forces or studies'. We know the problem

and we know the solution. It seems no one wants to own it and it keeps getting volleyed back and forth. Once people have a place to live they have a stable place to keep care of themselves, their families and their lives. This would be the best first step to a complete, inclusive community.

Absentee owners of housing and other resources. (Let's have a town covenant on all properties requiring habitation.)

Too much emphasis on real estate to the wealthy. We are not only a vacation destination. Jefferson County must be a community of people who make it their home.

Land and utilities are expensive here. I bought a house here 30 years ago, and the utilities and taxes are becoming scary high. Now a lot of wealthy people are purchasing houses and not living in them most of the time. This weakens neighborhoods.

Port Townsend is not a "vibrant" community. Families are suffering, while people continue to "retire" here part time in second homes. These new homeowners are also cutting down the trees and hedgerows relentlessly, with no understanding of how they are undermining the quality of the experience here.

How do you have a shelter safely? Prepare meals for a shelter safely?

Hard to find affordable rentals and first home purchase for young people starting out.

The market forces that continually drive up the cost of housing.

Money for affordable housing.

More housing.

Age-level biases will make sharing resources divide groups for basic needs such as affordability for housing.

LOTS of out of state/town/country people buying investment real estate. Laws that allow restrictive CC&Rs.

Funding for public restrooms with showers with an attendant.

Second homes and private property support the exploitative unjust capitalistic society.

Healthcare/COVID

A major challenge is the politicization of basic health and environmental protections. "My freedom means I don't have to wear a mask." Yes, I hear locals and out of towners say that as they breathe into the faces of the workers at the local post office and store. Education remains a challenge. Before Covid, few knew who Dr. Locke was. Or that our public health departments nationwide are underfunded.

We need to fund public health to provide education to all citizens. Birth onward, everyone needs access to top-quality health, dental and eye care. Non-documented people need to be able to access health care without fear they will be deported.

Too many opinions to keep up with - example are the masks. One day you have to wear them the next day they aren't healthy to wear. Maybe media control.

Healthcare and equal access.

Well now the problem is that everyone is afraid of each other because of covid.

The illusion of "us" vs "them" - now magnified by the virus as an "enemy" we are at "war" with. People reacting from fear rather than actual science.

Division of politics. Elderly folks watching Fox News thinking covid is not real, or not a threat to them. Perhaps Drs can reach these vulnerable minds.

The limitation on interaction between people expands the use of texting to stay in touch. It is a wonderful alternative but as I have already stated, I firmly believe it to be shallow and superficial.

Tourists, which we need to uplift our economy....but also can bring in infection. Would it be too much to ask for temperature and symptom checks before getting on the ferries?

I'm uncomfortable in large groups, so this COVID distancing is good for me, but I see others struggle with isolation feelings.

COVID makes it harder to have face to face discussion.

Disparity in health.

Lack of access to medical care (both insurance and providers).

We need to challenge the current dominant medical model and start learning how to heal and be healthy with natural foods, exercise, emotional openness, meditation and prayer.

The need to social distance.

Physical distancing will challenge all.

We still need social distancing & face coverings until we find a cure & vaccine. Try to obtain proper masks. We are the richest country in the world & we have to make face coverings. We all need proper masks along with the health care professionals. Hand sanitizer @ each store or public place. And when we do have a vaccine that it is available to all not just the entitled. Please.

Mental illness and drug support for the chronically homeless -i.e. support for the Recovery cafe.

Affordable healthcare. Education about the virus and ways to avoid contracting it. We hear masks are good, then we hear they are not; it is hard to know what to believe. Test results for everybody!

Knowing what precautions we should be doing to avoid this virus. Using Common Sense to the virus!! Financial support.

Another challenge is that we don't know what COVID will leave in its wake. We don't really know what we can plan for, even in the coming months. We don't know when we'll be able to walk around without masks, go to church or yoga or dance without restrictions in group size, or when the kids will be able to go back to school.

I've actually been frustrated and depressed by our cultural response to the virus: 1) the community foundation did the best to tap the good will culture and provide generous community support of the safety net 2) we wasted the three months where we could have been planning, talking, strategizing, prioritizing what we wanted to see next- even this survey comes out as we "return to normal" and how much opportunity to re-set and develop a 2020=2050 plan have we missed. 3) we don't have comfort with public dialogue and participation- we are becoming more polarized not less 4) we don't have an internet based communication strategy- No one will agree to a one stop shop calendar- even our

existing systems aren't integrated!! It was a herculean task to keep not only informed but see what others were experiencing and doing. . . we are far too siloed!!! Emotionally we were not as well supported as we were with housing and food. Our kids totally fell through the cracks, with depression and stress on their parents.

Staying safe versus staying away from or losing your job.

Despite the use of zoom and other virtual meeting resources, they are not as effective as people meeting face to face, so COVID will continue to be a "drag" to emergency preparation activities.

Jefferson Health Care pays big salaries to administrators; seems to influence a lot of redundancy with fees.

We (Port Townsend) was doing pretty well before the virus. So getting back to a normal is going to be our first priority.

Confidence in covid-related data must be secure.

Non brain piercing covid testing.

Resources

Funds.

Money, of course. It's always money.

Funding priorities. We borrowed trillion dollar infusions on the spot to try and save the economy first, individuals second. The Fed is printing money like mad and buying bonds. What is going on??? A steady flow of funding over the long haul is needed and voting in the people with some common sense rather than ideology. Surely I'm having a pipe dream!

Money.

Money.

Extreme budget stresses due to COVID that will make it even more difficult to provide for basic needs, much less creative solutions.

Money.

Matching people with skills and time to offer with needs.

The challenge is money.

People are going to point to financial resources, but the pandemic and reawakened concerns about social justice are teaching us that priorities can be re-ordered.

Finances.

Money, of course.

Funding for seeing sustainable ideas come to fruition is tight. I was pleased to learn of the fund, raising money for groups of people needing financial help, during the COVID crisis.

Parks and rec funding.

Money for infrastructure, education.

It all takes time, which we do not have anymore.

Funding is always a problem.

The financial resources that allow us to address some of the above issues.

Lack of money.

Tax support for services?

Money, in terms of supporting housing and transportation access, especially since we're kind of remote.

Lack of funding.

Funding; long distances.

Money.

Money.

Always money.

Population

Maybe not enough people to support a larger store.

Also concerned about population growth. Lived on Peninsula my entire 54 yrs of life, never seen such a population explosion, many from Red states that will vote red and take us backwards.

Population highly skewed toward elderly.

Not enough diversity in ages and race.

The age of the population. If we had better educational and employment opportunities we could host a vibrant young population.

We have trouble attracting young people and providing the housing and reasonable paying jobs that will enable them to stay.

Basically one of our problems is an older population that doesn't have the energy or drive to do the hard work. Getting our younger generations involved is very important and I see that happening with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Challenge - knowing the current demographic make-up of our community, identify what we would like to see it in the future and make a plan. Not easy.

The aging of the community.

Older population.

More people? Too many more people not desirable.

Environment

Meanwhile, our county and our town, surrounded by saltwater, have done little about climate change other than talk about it. This one issue could wipe us out financially and physically. The survivors will look back and ask what the hell were we thinking - why didn't we do more when it was more feasible to do so?

We need to have the right people with a vision for attracting energy opportunities to the peninsula, envisioning efficiency and carbon sequestering through ag and forestry.

Take the lessons of covid and expand out to see how we humans treat the bigger ecosystems - consume too much, travel with fossil fuels too much and treat other species as if they are nothing, etc (the status quo dominance paradigm). The challenge is to CHANGE the dominance paradigm so we have to go inward and challenge those learned belief systems within ourselves, as well as bring it out into the open for discussion AND make changes. There is no going back to "normal" - there is no good in normal (i.e. systemic racism is normal, cruelty to animals is normal) - the cruelty toward animals, the climate is changing, social justice is emerging again - Earth is saying WAKE UP, there will be more and more of this as we humans greedily consume the planet.

The challenge is that there is a discrepancy between understanding a problem and acting on it. Many people understand that COVID19 is part of global environmental damage but continue habits that contribute to environmental damage. We need large numbers of people to prioritize protecting the future of the planet, to operationalize that in behavior and to elect officials who will act to protect the planet.

Individual awareness of the environmental crisis.

Using tax incentives to reduce trash and driving and the use of polluting fossil fuels.

The silver lining of the Covid 19 is that the planet is having a chance to heal from our human madness. We wanted this!!! We just didn't want people to die in the process. But now that we have had the chance to finally STOP for a fuckin' second, look up and listen to the birds, plant a seed, and have a healthy conversation with your neighbor, we can begin to think in terms of when we reboot the madness, maybe we don't need to be so neurotic- maybe we can see that this slower pace is better for the greater good.

Infrastructure

Car focused transportation structure.

Bad roads.

Potential loss of the MV Coho run to Victoria. We may need that as an exit strategy.

A lot of our infrastructure is old and needs expensive restoration. Our downtown is not designed to withstand the higher water levels that are coming.

Education

Centralized school will not get behind it. Parents in denial about the severity of what is coming with corona virus this fall.

Taking public education and moving it to be all on line.

The school kids are already working on this. Let's give them more support. 50% of our kids get free lunch, let's work on that.

The schools are stuck in the 1950s with "seat time" for funding- this should have been a gap exploration and curiosity learning time for students and parents instead it exhausted the parents and failed to effectively serve the kids- short or long term trauma- congrats to the food systems that kept feeding our kids-- so we talk about 50% poverty- what were the strengths (food) and the weaknesses (no broadband, no training for teachers in distance ed techniques) no safe place, no programs for teenagers etc. etc.

What strengths or resources does our community already have that we could build on?

People

Good people to make it happen.

We have a lot of smart and creative people.

We have retired people who might want to help out but aren't sure how. Let's expand on that.

Retired folks that have time, skills, and love of the community.

Neighbors helping neighbors.

We're fortunate to have a great number of people willing to do the work to make Jefferson County better. Activists, volunteers, retirees with time and experience.

Incredible creativity, financial resources, value in community, caring for people and environment.

Community minded ethic.

This county is filled with amazing, resilient, brilliant souls who have the capacity to make life wonderful.

A strong liberal democratic base/ community engagement such as this.

I believe that most of us are kind people who are accepting and not judgmental of those who lead less traditional life styles. This is a wonderful community and has much to offer.

Our population includes giants of industry, highly educated retirees, successful entrepreneurs, common sense rural agriculturists, hardy seafarers, dedicated conservationists, peace protesters, retired military officers/enlisted, and highly opinionated folks among others. If they can't figure it out we're in trouble.

We are smart, patient, and resourceful.

A lot of retired professionals with time on their hands, guaranteed incomes, and money in the bank.

we have senior household \$\$, we are a small enough population so that we recognize each other - and often have eye contact -- so we don't feel lonely. Many of us "feel" connected to and included in the community, so we engage to become a little part of solutions.

Volunteerism in many fields; appreciation for and sharing of creativity.

Our ability to rally behind shared visions is one of the biggest.

Resourcefulness, environmental consciousness, social concern, creativity.

We can build upon the immense wealth of creativity and skill present in our arts and crafts community and uplift all the local artists and makers, including our kids and especially older kids, in valuing the skills they have and are emerging to benefit the whole of the community.

A community who, at least with their words, say they care.

Incredible talent, fairly politically aware populace.

This community is an engaged community. This community has a track record of doing wonderful things dating back to the 1800s.

We still have weird. So many people here who are happy to step out of the group think and embrace unfamiliar ideas at their own risk and live proudly with the consequences.

A strong progressive base.

Community-focused activism. Already had started working on some of these issues. Tribal/pioneer resiliency ethic.

The sheer number of people who volunteer, who come out in droves to help others. It's amazing.

Caring & creative people.

Well educated retired folks...

I think we are creative, boot strappy, resilient, and open-minded people with a conscience but individuals who want the space to do what we do.

We have a good pool of natural health practitioners who can begin to run the hospital in conjunction with current MDs, Nurses etc.

Lots of people who care about the earth and other species. Grief and Gratitude lodges. Ecovillage and Rose Wind communities.

This a supportive community that seems to really care about the community and others.

There are many well educated and experienced people in the community.

A love of this place.

Port Townsend has managed to return from some tough times, so we know we can do it. This one may ultimately be more transformative because of all the down time for personal consideration combined with social uprising.

Open-minded people.

People seem to care for others and help when needed. We are a rural community and support each other if there is a need. It seems many residents are independent and care for each other.

Community volunteers.

Community involvement in clubs and organized groups.

We need to engage the 30 and 40 year olds to take power.

Most people seem to care. And most people are somewhat informed.

Generally kind caring people who want so help the community be better.

Bright bright people.

Our community already embraces cooperation in so many ways, and that's powerful. There are not enough resources to leave room for empire building or ownership of good ideas. We have to stand together.

People have really good intentions. The Buy Nothing Community, the Gleaners, the sharing.... multiply it tenfold.

Being more close knit and caring of our neighbors.

We are a welcoming and tolerant people. We are a creative and artistic community. We have worked on local resiliency for many years and have established strong community connections. We are not age or racially/culturally diverse.

An extremely well educated population, but most of us are older and may not have the energy to push this forward. A feeling of community, and a sense of pride in who we are and where we live.

A tremendously creative and resourceful citizenry.

We have so many intelligent people here right now that know how to do this.

Dedicated folks who work on these things.

We have a fairly progressive community - many organizations, groups and individuals working toward social and environmental health. How can we make more links and work together?

Progressive political majority.

Lots of good people doing good things around here.

A positive attitude.

We have many very smart people here, and many with a diversity of talents.

We have a fairly active citizenry (I'm thinking of all the public boards/commissions). We have the whole group of people who Danny Milholland corrals, to put together large-scale, fun, community events. We have all kinds of Farm/Food connections -- relationships and resources. We have people focused on our public trail system, and preserving open space (the Land Trust and more).

PT has a lot of people who are willing to engage in making the community a better place for all.

Strength - large caring and concerned citizens who care about this community.

People who care, the skills of our neighbors.

The everyday, ordinary people who live here.

We have lots of educated people with amazing skills.

A shared commitment to be a community.

High population of retired people who volunteer and contribute, willingness to help that a small-town environment seems to engender.

Tons of smart people with good values.

Friendliness of the community.

The strengths are the resilience, inventiveness and commitment to each other that is already here that could be built on.

Many talented caring people.

Educated populace that is willing to learn more and collaborate more to create better outcomes.

Blow up the existing policies and organizations - question everything - think anew.

Caring and generous individuals.

Generous good hearted people. A commitment to this community.

Wonderful knowledge base among retirees, generally high levels of education and cultural awareness.

Great resources for gardening, farming, environmental awareness. Strong creative community spirit.

Kindness.

A strong community spirit.

Native history and knowledge of how to live sustainability in this area.

Creative, community minded spirit of volunteerism and collaboration.

We can be resilient and thrifty, but some of us need help remembering how!

Talented people.

Port Townsend and surrounding communities have a strong history of working together. There are long-established organizations that are doing a wonderful job at educating and framing actions citizens can be involved with. Outreach and programs to more rural areas for education purposes to narrow our perceived gaps. Our citizens are great volunteers which shows a concern and dedication to our communities. We have strong collaboration between the schools, marine and boat education. Building on these seems realistic and successful.

Incredible resolve, vision, and brilliance on the part of young people, and equal resolve and brilliance on the part of seniors, as well as experience and wisdom that can and must be shared.

Educated and socially responsible individuals, including retirees. There is a huge pool of talent that is not being utilized.

Bright, interesting population.

We (Port Townsend) has a strong community which has taken a big hit.

Port Townsend's liberal and humanitarian population is a strength, although not necessarily all wealthy.

Well educated citizens.

Many trained volunteers, well educated people with lots of skills.

Volunteers often turn up, hurray. A high level of education among many.

Strong knowledge base and political awareness.

Public interest.

Generally caring attitude.

People here take care of one another.

The biggest resource is our citizenry. Talent, of course, is not equally distributed in the population, but given a chance, the citizenry will find opportunities to create jobs and wealth. While some regulation is clearly necessary, excessive regulation only weighs down the creative genius of the citizenry.

We are folks that care about and that help others. Organizing for and funding for things beyond one on one help is needed.

Our area has a much larger proportion of highly talented people than most communities. Overall the community is more progressive than most.

One thing you might focus on is hardworking people who don't want everything about their lives to be a woke political statement.

Civic pride.

We have everything that we need already! PT is especially gifted with artists and intelligent people.

there are several people with great ideas that make things happen.

Lots of experience and expertise.

Majority of people are healthy minded, majority of people are educated, majority of people are kind, majority of people are generous. Non indigenous people acknowledge the legacy of colonization of the land and the trauma it brought to the indigenous population.

Care for a just society.

We in PT are progressive and connected - blessed.

Land, Farms, and Environment

We have a beautiful physical environment and amazing farms and home-based industries that are safe for the environment.

Great farms.

We have verdant farms and devoted organic growers/eaters. We have a school on a working 80 acre farm! (Sunfield).

Great farming area.

Healthy agricultural resources.

Environmental awareness and activism.

Farms, natural resources.

We have food bank gardens which could be expanded both in their size but also their scope -- with more opportunities for diversified perennial agriculture (fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs) that provide longevity and security into the system.

Open space.

Both land and culture, natural beauty.

This community has an amazing environment. This community is on lands that sustained indigenous peoples for 1000s of years.

Natural environment, healthy food & water sources.

Lots of great local, organic farms.

There is also a pretty strong environmental ethic. A beautiful environment.

Food production and community support for it.

I ride my bike a lot around town by choice. It seems others ride because it slows down carbon in the air etc.

Space to build more affordable housing.

More parks & trail, by donations & tax incentives.

Small farms need continued support.

Exceedingly beautiful natural surroundings.

The robust farming community that surrounds us.

A natural environment beyond compare if we steward it thoughtfully.

The beautiful combination of sea, trees and mountains that make this area so attractive.

Natural environment.

Scenic beauty.

Local farmers a gift.

We have wonderful farm land surrounding our communities. We need to make our farms a valued community resource and asset in every way possible.

We are so connected to nature here.

Good climate, water resources.

Restoration work (NOSC, Jefferson Land Trust, Northwest Watershed Institute, A base of local organic sustainable farms and community gardens. Temperate climate for people to live in and excellent for growing food. Proximity to water (beauty, transportation, restoring marine food resources like salmon and shellfish).

Many of us moved here in part for clean air, vast waters and mountains, and up close natural systems of trees, contours, and rural nature of the place; all we have to do is take care of it - these functions enhance its values and all of our well being.

Geography.

A beautiful environment.

We have wonderful natural resources in and around our area. This has drawn much educated talent and experienced persons from outside. Our resource strengths include the climate, the soils of our farms, the scenery, the access to public places, and the increasing appreciation of where and how we live here in Jefferson County.

Land.

Clean air beautiful beaches woods trails.

Space.

Organic farms We have an abundance of foods for survival, we have access to the waterways, We value the land.

A clean environment.

Organizations

The JCSO is doing a great job but their hands are tied.

Lots of great organizations.

Emergency Preparedness neighborhood organization, and Skillmation.

Farmers Market, Jefferson Health Care, Marine Trades.

We have some good organizations like 2020 but of course any organization only attracts a fraction of the population. We have to leverage as much participation as we can to build a genuine and useful consensus.

We have health educators, I think it is time for them to reach out to the public. We do have some people that need simple education that is not over their heads so they understand what a pandemic is. I belong to PT Sangha and not once in their email have they sent out a survey of how the members are doing if they need a phone call or food etc. I was deeply saddened to see this missing in the PT sangha. Maybe some of the churches are reaching out to their congregations this would be a good time. Some people that live in HOA areas are they reaching out to see is everyone is doing ok. Checking on each other.

Testing is more available. Hospitals did the right thing by closing until more was known. Need to have more resources available if this happens again.

2020 has been part of that, particularly in disaster planning.

We have a world-renowned resource living right here, the inventor of Worldwide Wisdom Councils and Dynamic Facilitation, which are citizen-based governance forums currently used very successfully in Austria, Germany, and parts of California. These bring together people with diverse opinions and facilitate them to create win-win ideas, solutions and plans. Contact Jim Rough.

Lots of local organizations concerned with environmental issues and a fairly progressive city government.

The Main Street Program for downtown businesses. Jefferson Healthcare with its classes and exercise programs.

We have L2020 - which has an opportunity to make connections between all social justice issues.

Local 20/20. Land Trust.

A strong homeless advocacy. Several groups meet already. Tap their ideas.

The Maritime Center is amazing and a huge part of Port Townsend's community.

We have high functioning groups for running large events (Film Festival, Race to Alaska, Wooden Boat, The Rhody Festival, Wearable Art, Centrum, and on and on.) We have the mentoring group, for high school students (Skillmation?) Our churches and other spiritual bodies.

We have an active Chamber of Commerce, which encourages Young Professionals to grow and develop.

Many of us chose to live here because of the community and natural setting. L2020 and other grassroots community groups. JCF, Landtrust, COAST, etc.

Our non-profits.

Community gardens, community center, food coop, quimper mercantile, arts and music.

We have a lot of non-profits that are dedicated to this community. We have some elected officials and a city manager who understand the real meaning of sustainability.

Good accountability on the part of our community leaders (small town, local elections and a weekly paper help make that possible).

(1) Wooden Boat School to develop computerized sails for trans-Pacific freighters, (2) Film Festival to include a screenwriting contest, (3) Kinetic Sculpture Race to include a solar-powered division, (4) Shakespeare in the Park to be a state-wide competition, (5) Renaissance Faire with ethnic contests & foods, (5) Centrum to audition and start local music groups, (6) Wooden Boat Festival to include a Tall Ships Regatta.

We have Local 2020 as an organization that can utilize the veritable wealth in this community - a wealth of knowledge and intellectual depth that can be better tapped for collaborative and cooperative participation for solving some of the bigger problems we have to face. Much in the way of creative entrepreneurship. We need to open up avenues for community voices to be heard by, and worked with, the elected leadership of Jefferson. Use it!

Many agencies already in place like Dove House, OlyCap, food bank, homeless shelter.

There has been a continuous effort to build our community, and our communication systems. This could be stronger.

The Land Trust, Conservation District, community gardens and Farm to School projects, our amazing Food Banks, church service work, hospital and increase in availability of primary care and specialist medical personnel, a relatively large number of mental health professionals in the community, our artists and arts organizations, marine , environmental, and robotics programs in the schools.

The Food Bank - I volunteer there every Wed. Will continue to feed people and give assistance.

Community Amenities

Food bank, community center, beaches, great fire dept.

Additional swimming pool.

Strong rural health care system.

Bike paths and walking paths that are completely separate from car paths.

Safe & modern hospital and clinics.

Arts.

Fairly responsive local gov't.

Education is a resource available.

An attractive historic built environment.

A positive reputation in the region.

Services for the elderly and how those who are financially challenged can still participate in what this community has to offer.

We also have a wonderful trail system for hiking and casual walking, linking Point Hudson to the shoreline and Fort Worden. Let's encourage usage, build on and expand these incredible and unique resources.

Current resources are in place.

Our really decent hospital could figure out a way to make health care available to all.

Staffing, buildings, homes, and built environment.

Street lighting (city, county, PUD, planning regulations), 911 exists, the pool exists and works well; private ambulance services and other types of responders exist but are not called by 911; due to novocorona virus and covid 19 symptoms we know that mobile health units and telecommunications with various health providers is possible and preferable to people collecting at a central hospital facility; Centrum, the Maritime Center, Wooden Boat Festival, the Film Festival and the Adventuress have had to cancel all their activities for the summer and fall. This is a tragedy. We need to rebuild our community to restore these activities.

Good schools for such a small community.

Library and JeffCo website are good resources.

Funds/Resources

Financial resources.

Wealth that could be put to good use.

We are so blessed in having so many ways to make ourselves self-reliant in all of our basic needs of food, water, energy, shelter, medicine, education. We have beautiful abundant farms, talented artisans and craftspeople that know how to build thriving energy and housing systems, so many talented people that know how to truly educate our children and healers who really know how to provide intrinsic, longevity and health. We really have it all. The limitation is really just this centralized overarching government holding it all back from coming together and being accessible to all and really flourishing. This crisis is an opportunity to realize the shortcomings of big government and this "downed grid" should motivate us into thinking of our own solutions...not looking for a hand out from the government that failed us.

Some wealth.

Lots of wealth and white privilege.

People with money.

Retirees' money.

A lot of wealth for many people here.

We have a population that cares about our town. So, put our money where our mouths are!

We also have a lot of people with money here and the combination of the two is a worthy goal. Maybe we could find people to fund some light industry for young people to start up.

There is money here; if you have a project that can outline a clear goal, plan and outcome there is money in this community to support it. People will not give resources when the outcome or initiative is murky or if the leaders do not agree.

Right now, in a back of the envelope calculation, we get 6-10 million dollars per month in transfer payments (soc sec, pensions, etc.). The is an advantage now but won't be in the future.

An economic base that should be asked and willing to give more. Perhaps our non-profits need to work together to raise that money from our wealthy especially for affordable housing.

We also increasingly have wealth among us. We should ask people buying extra homes to pay for leaving them empty.

We have many people with money. What is now lacking is a vision and a plan that will encourage them to invest in our future.

Some persons with enough means to support arts and small businesses.

Money.

The huge outpouring of financial support to the COVID initiative of the Community Foundation--Ask and ye shall receive! We CAN BE a truly generous people when the need is obvious.

Businesses

Many small businesses which can be flexible and adapt.

Many local businesses, successful existing ventures (PUD, LION, much with food).

Small business mentality - local support, independent thought, plans for what is best for them.

So many small businesses and farms. Creative innovative minds.

Embrace our rural economy and figure out what services we are lacking and go about increase those as job opportunities.

Boat building & repair.

We have a strong community of arts, entertainment, small shop keepers, construction and boat building/maintenance. Strengthen these.

Keep the Leader alive. Keep Dons Pharmacy alive.

We have a good focus on a tourism economy but less focus on attracting new types of businesses that support any other type of work. We have the paper mill, which I am all in favor of retaining, and healthcare - we need more. We need to diversify and attract new - become a mecca for something else - tiny home experts, alternative energy, hemp homes... something that fits our uniqueness and care for our environment.

Our outstanding arts & crafts, maritime, and environmental nonprofits that are well-supported by the community.

The desire by many to keep the Victorian seaport flavor of our town that draws in needed tourist related income. Centrum and Fort Worden. The marine trades.

We have probably the highest number of massage practitioners and other healers, per capita, of any place in the state. We have an outstanding working waterfront.

I don't know much about boat building, but suspect that there's room for expansion. There's lots of competition for conferences, etc., but Fort Worden should play a strong role. Bringing people to town helps both in the short run (restaurants) and long run (inspiring new arrivals). Downtown is a truly charming place; more pedestrian zones would help a great deal.

An active business community (with a little prayer for its survival).

I feel the community has a lot of local businesses that would eagerly engage in efforts to expand their customer base.

What is the FIRST thing you would like the people to focus on?

Housing

Affordable housing seems to be the big issue.

Safe Affordable Housing - helping low income people buy property and find rentals.

We need some flagship projects for housing solutions that can include lots of participants and community energy.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing for everyone.

Get Cherry Street apartments built. It's an embarrassment.

Low to middle income housing.

Affordable housing. Let's stop the handwringing and platitudes. This is a huge challenge that can't be met without lots of money and meaningful plans.

Housing.

Housing the homeless.

Affordable housing and jobs. (the two go together)

Housing and not cute little shack mansions build on irreplaceable farm land. If we are going to use farm land then put up an apartment building. Building on and not maximizing farm land use is like killing an animal and wasting a large part of it.

Homes for all.

Housing for every single person that has a lockable door, and openable window.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing. So many people who work in PT, for instance, can't live here. Too expensive. And NOBODY deserves to be homeless.

Housing.

Changes in zoning to allow low and middle income housing to be integrated into existing neighborhoods with a greater number of dwelling units per lot.

Increasing the availability of entry-level purchased housing, so we could free up rental housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing -- development that is responsive to both the community and nature.

Affordability for our youth to continue to live and work in the community.

Middle class housing.

We HAVE to solve our housing problem for low income people! Re-vamping and re-funding DCD, along with adding flexibility to rules around dwelling construction that allow for a variety of safe and effective construction methods that do not add pollution to the environment and meet minimal safety standards.

Help to those with substandard housing. Better their structures (even if not able to bring to code).

Work on defining the road blocks to progress. the "housing crisis" is littered with changeable regulations. preventing individual choice for details of living is wrong and a huge reason why many are living homeless. could we work on dissecting the uniform building code for errors and expensive redundancies inappropriate to our climate and individual preferences?

Communication/Connection/Planning

Civility. Respect. Courtesy. Listening skills. Effective communication. Non-violent communication. Bake this into all levels of education, role modeling, and training beginning at birth.

We need a good forum where people can share their struggles and opportunities.

Try to set aside fear and begin exploring what it truly means to be human. What is authentic interconnectivity to each other and to nature? How important are both the human individual and collective? What does it look like (and what are the consequences) to oppress one or the other and what does it look like to balance both of these aspects of what makes us human? What role do fear and love have in shaping humanity? Is our current state of fear justified anymore? How can we heal the fear and trauma we just experienced?

Community forums to answer questions like this together, as groups, in conversation.

Clearer information.

An optimal way of communicating to the demographic of the elderly as mentioned above.

Get the message out of all the good that is happening, that many people are already working hard every day to make our town and world a better place. There's way too much focus in media around us that gives people an anxious, unsettled feeling on a day to day basis. It's disempowering and contributes to the polarization in our country. Many people just pull into their shell and feel there is nothing they can do to change things. We need people engaged at a variety of levels.

A group that would meet to identify the issues that come from this survey, and from other sources in the community, and prioritize and publicize them.

Set up public events where people with differing views can explain their views and answer questions from attendees.

Doing what this is doing - taking stock of community views.

Civility.

Improved communications between individuals.

Openness to viewpoints of all types, not just "save the world" issues like the environment, progressive values, and the next crisis generated by the Democrats in Washington, DC. Port Townsend has become a community of lemmings. How about simply understanding and acknowledging that day-to-day life is sometimes challenging regardless of one's political opinions?

Connecting across age, race, gender, abilities and sexual identity.

Communicating and doing something now to make a visible change soon. People need to see forward movement.

Building a sustainable movement for civic engagement to expand the capacity, interest and abilities of our community members to engage in local government and local issues that impact us all.

Realizing we all want the same goals we just need to work together.

Perhaps we could build up a volunteer / paid stipends to help people unite behind collaborative projects.

Vision. Getting the vision and plan in place and agreed upon so we're all rowing together in the same direction.

Promoting collaborative, creative problem-solving around core problems such as housing and arts-and-culture-based economic development.

I hope before we move forward on any development that we consider the long term ramifications.

Develop an informed public and power up the comprehensive plan.

Formulate and clarify a vision for the future.

Community charrettes.

Economy

Equitable wealth distribution.

Economic recovery for all....

What is our direction? Tourism and wealth immigration or supporting local resilience and existing residents/businesses (or some workable combination we haven't found yet).

Wind down the tourist industry.

Creating a larger local economy (including building a much larger member base, both individuals and business and professional services). Creating a much larger member base for a time bank type of economy.

Economic fallout.

Removing restrictions, regulations, anti-business sentiment, establishing better business parks.

Rebuilding opportunities for people returning to or entering the job market.

Our community being self-sustaining. Not a tourism economy. that can be manana.

Remember that PT is a "Victorian Seaport", with 'seaport' being the primary quality — the noun! — and 'Victorian' simply the modifier. Let's focus on keeping the marine trades healthy and thriving in our waterfront town.

Development of new economic and educational opportunities based in our community. (Examples include boat trades, farming, food preservation and processing, restoration of

streams/wetlands/forests/prairies, permaculture; local resources like Boat Haven, Wooden Boat School, Finnriver Orchard & Cidery, Global Earth Repair Foundation/Friends of Trees, Jefferson Land Trust, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Northwest Watershed Institute and local Tribes.)

Providing employment for younger families.

Regroup local businesses and farmers for a comprehensive benefit to all.

That becoming aware that by supporting local producers we stand stronger against future global and even state wide crisis, pandemics, and economies.

Building job streams and revenue sources not dependent on tourism.

Local businesses.

Stop relying on tourist for our economy. Allow bigger stores here to generate more tax revenue and jobs for locals.

Allowing businesses to start up throughout the county and provide jobs for American citizens.

Living wages for workers.

Taxing the rich.

Healthcare/COVID

Healthcare.

Health.

Rejecting cowardice and taking this disease head on. The medical industry isn't going help anyone end Covid. Economic decoupling theory guarantees that the best we could hope for from them is a lifetime of expensive drugs, hospital visits and routine exploitation of patients who never get better. Look at diabetes or AIDs if you want to know Covid's future in the hands of commercial medicine. We're under attack, the way out is to fight back. Most of us are almost certainly going to survive covid, protect the few that aren't for just long enough to move it through and get it over with as quickly as possible. Immunity can be spread faster than disease if the immunity is spread deliberately and the disease spreads naturally.

Trauma recovery and mental health.

How to be healthy without (or with at least 90% less) pharmaceuticals.

Changing our attitudes about death - facing our mortality.

Health.

Safety during covid.

true understanding of what a pandemic is and why we are doing social distancing & wearing masks & limiting contact. I think until it affects you or your family some just don't understand.

Honest Public Health (that covers medical care, food and shelter).

Taking care to be vigilant to do all we can as individuals to avoid spreading the disease.

Healthcare for all.

Future enforcement of public health regulations such as mask wearing or whatever else is decided for the health of the entire community. Worthless isn't it if all do not comply?

Preparing ourselves for the second round of the Corona 19 virus.

Following the directions of Dr Locke regarding the pandemic - wear a mask in public, wash your hands and keep your distance for now.

Stemming the spread of this virus is first and foremost, essential so businesses can open up again without fear of spreading the virus more.

Telemedicine.

Medicare for all & not w these heavy add one copays supplemental insurances.

Community Services

Becoming more aware of the needs of others. Finding ways to make sure those alone are not forgotten and checked on regularly.

Perhaps forming groups, under ONE umbrella, to get the things done that need to be done. We don't need five agencies handing out, say, money, food or more pertinently, volunteer activities.

Supporting the needs of homeless people.

Equity of resources for the most vulnerable and marginalized.

Safety net for most vulnerable and affected by covid.

Better care and support for people in need at all levels.

Children and families in need.

Children and the homeless.

Internet access.

Provide public bathrooms with showers that can also be used by those living off the grid and hikers.

Start a group, a fund, a project that raises \$ to provide financial assistance, educational resources, community gardens, etc. for people who are low-income and/or homeless.

Libraries even take-out windows books films.

Community gardens.

Food systems- we were lucky this time. the disaster happened in spring planting- abundant food- able to expand local production -- but I always thought that the earthquake would come in the winter- no local produce, in 15 years we have known about but had no success in storage space , cold space and freezer storage, , community canning or processing, Look at Jim Buck in Sekiu who has bought containers, generators, and made storage for his entire community for 3 months--look at the abandoned underground storage, the ship hulls in 50 degree water, the empty buildings around town including Lincoln building- we lucked out this time- maybe not next time- need to learn the lessons and take

action. besides food brings us together socially and politically- it's an immediate success hands on- doesn't require big money or big government and honors our shared value of rural resilience.

Community Character

Keeping Brinnon rural.

Local sustainability.

Things that clearly outline the health of the community for the long run such as sovereignty for water, power, housing, food.

Coming together as community without fear of each other. Removing all of the mandates that have been placed on us by government.

Helping young families succeed here.

Personal generosity. How can I share what I have with my neighbors? In terms of money and stuff sure - but even more my time, energy, enthusiasm, and attention.

Compassion and kindness.

Kindness.

Re-configuring community representation as described above. Define community, what is prosperous? What is smart growth?

Opening our hearts to ourselves and each other.

What each individual could contribute. People seldom come forward on their own, but are often affirmed and honored to be asked to contribute the talents, experience, knowledge and time.

Get to know your neighbors. Understand who they are. Is there a way that you can help them?

Creating a more aware community able to welcome people and be patient, to reduce selfishness and violence.

Environment

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy self-reliance through the PUD and local solar power providers. The Colorado River Dam system is going dry, because of climate change. Water and power from that system is already being critically challenged. The same is beginning to happen with our centralized Columbia River power and irrigation systems. We need to become locally energy resilient. We also must protect our farmlands and our ocean resources as self-reliant sources of food security. The Land Trust and Local20/20 have achieved great momentum toward these goals. We need to get our local and state governments more involved in supporting these efforts.

Environmental awareness: plastic use and disposal, herbicide use that impacts marine life, disposal of toxic wastes, habitat for bees and birds.

Despite all the new crises, we need to understand that climate change is an existential threat to everyone on earth, and I would like everyone, working at every level, to focus on that.

Preservation of natural habitat.

Alternative energy projects with apprenticeships for graduating students.

Climate disruption and what each of us can do to reduce carbon footprint.

How we deal with the coming growth and reduce its impact on the natural values that most of us highly value.

Making a statement that the land is the most valued. Everything else evolves around that statement.

Personal Reflection

What truly brings you joy?

Individuality.

Examine your own priorities and conscience.

Being present in your own body.

To not be afraid.

Individual personal responsibility. It matters little what the government does if the people do not take responsibility for their own actions.

Face the facts.

Politics

Recognizing this was political.

Stop worrying about hurting feelings of the liberals.

Get a life. Your biggest problem is not Donald J. Trump.

Getting Trump out office.

Elect people to offices who will work to improve our economy.

For people to get involved and run for office or join committees, come together to work on issues and be civil to everyone.

Ejection of illegal aliens who are a drag on resources.

Social Justice and Diversity

Diversity.

Social Justice and Equality for All - we cannot lose this momentum. COVID-19 will continue to be addressed but Social Justice needs constant vigilance and all the focus we can offer. In our mostly white community, it is easy to forget the challenges other face in other places. #BlackLivesMatter

We all must ask - How am I (How are YOU) hitched to the current paradigm of animal cruelty/enslaving other species AND how is this related to bigger issues of white supremacy, consumerism and personal comfort? I believe that humans will not be able to get beyond racism, over-consumption and greed until we address our enslavement of other species and their ecosystems. As Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way animals are treated." He is also quoted as saying "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." - Well animals are the most vulnerable and with the least voice. Until we see the interconnectedness and oneness in our relationship to other beings, then start treating them with kindness, compassion and respect, I doubt we will fully address and solve the problems inherent in the current status quo paradigm of dominance.

Each one of us is as important as every other.

Give your private property back to the First People.

Transportation

Car-free transportation routes.

Decreasing our transportation carbon footprint.

Active transportation corridors that actually work well for safe active transportation (that means turning many streets into bicycle boulevards, where all motorized traffic yields to people walking or on bicycle.

Reduced transportation.

Safety/Emergency Prep

Safety.

Seeing if the funding is accessible still. Meeting with the emergency prep group and library and city to see feasibility.

Continued preparation for earthquake and other significant catastrophes.

911 Emergency Response will continue, maybe increase in activity so realigning it's policies and practices to better meet the community needs - an advisory committee formed by city council and BOCC.

Activities

Once it's safe, return to music and getting together.

Restoring the events that the community is known for.

I think the youth have suffered the most. So finding a way to re-integrate their activities is paramount.

Education

Education.

Getting Back to Normal

Supporting local government, health care, businesses, trades, agricultural and other job opportunities in getting back to a "new normal" in a safe and scientific manner.

In your opinion, what are the other 3 to 5 highest priorities to work on?

Economy

Sustainable community-based business leaving behind the box-store retail model.

Support for workers and businesses hurt by the pandemic.

Local economy.

Working on expanding and diversifying employment opportunities that will encourage working age people to remain in the county or to relocate here. This must include expanding and upgrading technical infrastructure to facilitate remote working.

Jobs.

Wages/Job Opportunities.

Restarting the economy.

Diversifying the economy.

Business growth.

Meaningful work.

Building dispersed robust wealth in the community.

Financial.

Closing the wealth gap.

Sustainable businesses.

Building local businesses that can support local young people living here.

Ensuring Ft Worden is viable.

Income security.

Local manufacturing.

Employment.

Promoting new businesses to locate here, help locals create new businesses.

Economic development.

High cost of living here.

Local business and self-employed recovery.

Removing restrictions, regulations, anti-business sentiment, establishing better business parks.

Jobs. Support for local production of everything possible, tax breaks for doing so. (offset by the fact that things aren't trucked in and the associated cost for doing so).

Financial.

Supporting small businesses, including farmers.

Companies that are progressive and unique to our environment.

Employing the homeless in civic/community-sponsored jobs.

Arts-focused economic development.

Living wage jobs.

An alternative to a tourist economy.

Looking at what we've learned from the pandemic to better support our community for the next round: see what shape folks, non-profits, and businesses are in after this first round and support those needs.

Money.

Jobs that provide a living wage. Support the trades as commercial enterprise and trade training opportunities in our schools.

Remembering that people do not exist to make other people wealthy.

Economic self-reliance.

Living wages.

Building our entrepreneur culture and supporting system.

Non-polluting employment.

Promote local businesses that do not pollute and that protect the planet.

Identifying existing businesses that could be expanded/repurposed.

Incentives for film production, sponsor NW research conferences.

Strengthening the local economic basis by moving it away from tourism and focusing on cottage industries by entrepreneurs.

Protecting the boating industry.

Different economic base...not tourist dependent.

Job creation that pays decent wages.

Jobs.

Economic justice.

Larger businesses, jobs.

Help small businesses.

Buying from local business and using locally owned services.

Help restart our local economy as we re-open businesses.

Economic opportunities with more community support.

Facilitating, and incentivizing local producers.

Jobs

Local business.

Stop relying on tourist for our economy. Allow bigger stores here to generate more tax revenue and jobs for locals. We are all driving to Sequim or Poulsbo for Costco, Walmart, Home depot plus more.

Complimentary currency.

Jobs, customer service.

Make our commissioners aware that there are areas other than Port Townsend that could grow new jobs and opportunities.

Grow opportunities in the form of jobs for our youth and others throughout the county.

Housing

Affordable rents for workers/families.

Ending 2nd home ownership and vacation rentals of homes that could house people long-term in our county.

Housing for workforce.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing!

Affordable housing.

Rent control to prevent low income people losing their housing.

Better alternatives for housing for the homeless.

Affordable housing.

Addressing the issues around experiencing homelessness with both short-term and long-term programs to develop both emergency/transitional housing and affordable permanent housing.

Housing.

Housing.

Housing growth.

Affordable housing without subsidy.

Provide housing for all income levels.

Loosening of restrictions to enable people to build.

Beginning to put local buildings of all kinds into a brilliantly managed community land trust to stop housing costs from constantly rising which leads to only wealthy people buying in PT.

More affordable housing; stop residential sprawl into rural areas.

Housing security.

More accommodations for homeless people.

Housing.

Housing.

Affordable housing.

Lower taxes for lower income folks trying to stay in their homes.

Housing.

A more enlightened approach to housing that's not exclusively market driven.

Homelessness.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing for locally employed people.

Housing,

More affordable housing.

Housing,

Affordable housing (rent control?).

Affordable housing.

Housing homeless.

Rent control.

Affordable housing. We don't need to build tenements. We don't need to create ghettos. We need to get rid of the real estate people and their disproportionate influence in our government. We need to work for equality.

Housing for all.

Housing.

Housing.

Housing for each of us and all housing occupied.

Stop talking about "affordable housing" which triggers all sorts of feelings of inequality, risk, vulnerability, breaking the myth of "private property" as a safety net for retirement. . .talk about "shelter." Our houses are too big for old people to maintain, tiny houses are not suited for families and friends- in the 1960s-70s we didn't have a comprehensive planning policy so too many substandard houses were built without good foundations, air movement, and ability to expand with new families and new businesses- we need to rethink entirely what "shelter" can look like- shared housing- co-housing- small enough and big enough- alternative building materials- self help- community trust- with space for business, growing food and dividing it up. Hire high school kids and train them to do a housing census- door to door- what spaces do we have that for \$5000+ could be turned into a rental-- 2) rezone so more houses AIRBnB and old houses can support co-housing-- 2) then add second and third floor housing in commercial areas/Water Street/Sims Way/where you have infrastructure-- 3) move the fairgrounds out

to the county and invite in a developer to rebuild the fairgrounds as shared co-multigenerational housing - walkable to schools and parks. . bring the people in where the infrastructure and ability to walk and bike everywhere already exists. . .etc.

Affordable housing that is paid for probably through a conglomeration of non-profits of local money, plus state & federal \$.

Affordable housing.

Housing.

Housing.

Low cost housing.

Affordable rental housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing, drop all policies that currently make housing unaffordable, greater diversity of housing stock and more focus on locational efficiency to achieve walkable scale; greater support of multi-family residential, and less focus on single family residential.

Housing (Consider group housing with childcare on PT golf course).

Cheaper housing so that people who work here can afford to live here.

Affordable housing.

Homelessness.

Housing access.

Housing.

Middle income/low income housing.

Tax penalties for "investment" real estate purchases, and overly restrictive CC&Rs.

Housing.

A septic system for Quilcene so we can build affordable housing, as well as reasonable development guidelines (grey water, tiny houses, etc.).

Improve infrastructure, particularly sewer or waste management systems in our rural communities, so that small apartment buildings are possible, and re-zone sufficiently to allow them at some reasonable level.

Lighten the regulatory load. In particular, delete huge portions of Jefferson County Code Chapter 18 Land Use. That Chapter seriously over regulates land use and without a doubt discourages development of affordable housing.

Environment

Keeping our environment clean.

Environmental protection.

Clean environment.

Ending clear-cutting, transitioning forest land to locally owned and operated eco-forestry businesses and rural residential to provide more opportunity for people to live land-based lifestyles.

Recycling education and access, including addressing food waste/ composting.

Protecting our unique and special natural environment.

Honoring all waterways, lakes, wetlands, no clearcutting or spraying ANY of these.

Divest from all infrastructure in high risk areas such as downtown Port Townsend and begin to orient toward safer areas such as Uptown, anticipating rise in ocean levels and storms. Deconstruct buildings and re-use the materials. Start rebuilding somewhere else. Make downtown into a park that will not litter the ocean so terribly when it does rise. It's a decade long endeavour at least. Take responsibility. Start. PT will be even more well known for its tourist if it caters to TOURISTS and not cars, and tourists for the long run, not just today.

Climate Change.

Low carbon community.

Preparing for climate impacts.

Water quality protection - we are nothing without water.

Beauty.

Climate change.

Climate change.

Lessen pollution. Lessen polluting resource uses. Lessen clearcut logging.

Preserving our natural ecosystem.

Assuring that we are using our resources and brainpower to address climate change through mitigation and adaptation - again, becoming an expert in ag and forestry efforts to address climate change.

Safeguarding our natural resources.

Natural resources.

Climate change.

Consumption/ ecological health.

Smell from the mill. Growler noise.

Ending spraying by timber companies.

Energy.

Subsidies for household & community solar power.

More protection of the environment.

Reduce our joint carbon footprint (based on the 2018 carbon inventory).

Use of native plants in municipal landscape, especially for native pollinators.

Local Renewable Energy.

Lighting can be adjusted by city council, BOCC and PUD being informed about the need for policies and ordinances to accommodate safety, dark sky, and overall well being of the community and its plants and animals (this is not a new topic but it needs a gose from the public to get them to act).

Planning department regs concerning trees and bull dozing - the scraping away of habitat and air filtration due to increasing real estate development.

Preserving the environment.

Climate change.

We need to reduce our fossil fuel use throw away waste. We need to prepare for rising sea levels and increased summer fire risk.

More emphasis on energy alternatives (local solar or wind reaping?) to help deal with the regular power outages.

Land protection. Protecting rural areas from becoming shooting ranges or grow farms.

The environment.

Logging dumping chemicals(fertilizer and herbicides) that drain into our watersheds are a bigger concern than the 'failing septic' systems I hear being blamed instead.

Conservation and protecting the environment.

Land use, restoration, protection, climate change action.

Health/Healthcare

Health care.

Equal access to all forms of health care for all.

Healthcare choices (other than mainstream model).

Mental health.

Mental and physical/dental health.

"Physician Heal thyself": "Comfort Foods" (sugary food and drink, smoking, excessive alcohol and excessive TV/Smartphones/computers, fried and processed foods) are killing you. Knock it off. Even though you're old and rightly depressed, "snap out of it", chose life not death. Get healthy and lose weight; eat better and exercise more. You can't now just be a little faster than the slowest in the herd.

Mental health.

Emotional healing for all.

Access to health promoting services.

Access to medicine (in all ways/levels).

Health.

Health as a human right.

Health/wellness activities.

Healthcare.

Supporting aging folks in home exercise. I have a couple neighbors now who can barely walk because all their exercise classes were canceled and arthritis has set in. We need to have local TV activated for home exercise classes.

Access to healthcare.

Health care for all.

Clearer information on how to open, real actions the community can share in to help, better understanding from OUR medical community of testing and prevention.

Access to mental health (DBH is at capacity).

Health.

Mental health services.

Development of a health care system devoted to fostering health rather than treating disease.

Public safety via education for all. More transparency from Jefferson Public Health.

Mental health, drug addiction.

Staying Healthy, Being Healthy using Protection Staying out of Harm's Way, Stay Home, Social Distancing if in a crowd...stay out of crowds! Take care of families.

Affordable, local health care.

Medical access.

Health care inequities.

Outdoor exercise for seniors.

Community health.

Helping our businesses in town and keep up with testing and contact tracing so we truly know where we are with coronavirus BEFORE we open up more.

Decentralized health care (mobile units something like the book mobile).

Mental health issues.

Making health care free for all.

Confident data, no Corona virus (like New Zealand).

Be conscious of public health constraints.

Mental health resources.

Telemedicine.

Food

Community gardens.

Healthier food and drink options in the store.

Raising animals together.

Food Security.

Food system.

Healthy food and water.

Our ability to feed ourselves.

Local food resiliency.

Learning how to feed and care for ourselves in ways that also nourish the land and biodiversity.

Food security.

Nutrition.

Locally grown food.

Feeding the homeless.

Farmers.

Local food supply.

Feeding everyone.

Food resiliency; Covid taught us we need to be self sustaining. We need to support our local farmers so they can continue to grow for us.

Helping the farmers.

Food.

Supporting local farmers.

Encourage more local food gardening on appropriate public lands and right-of-ways.

Promote food production and local food consumption.

Access to food.

increasing our access to local food.

Food Sustainability and Security.

Invigorating the local food shed.

Innovative ways to eat.

Be sure everyone has access to food.

Promoting spending our money on locally produced food.

Growing food.

Financial security for our farmers, including work force protections like on-site housing and restraint in harassing immigrant farm workers.

Encourage local agriculture.

How we can strengthen the farming community now and in the future.

Community Character

Being good neighbors.

Rich helping the poor.

Families sitting down each day to share a meal together.

Supporting local government, health care, businesses, trades, agricultural and other job opportunities in getting back to a "new normal" in a safe and scientific manner.

Strengthening our connections and relationships with neighboring communities; tribal and non-tribal.

Becoming more aware of our history so we know who we are and where we come from. Strengthening our sense of identity and clarifying the trauma and healing needed to move forward together.

Learning how to live in community in ways that honor individual gifts and autonomy.

Communal spaces.

Reaching Out to Others & Helping.

Youth.

You wanted "upscale." You got it. If our city and county governments, and chambers of commerce, business associations etc., had worked as hard at affordability and equality, and supported creating jobs for the working class, instead of hyping tourism and the best place for rich people to retire here, we would have an equitable, livable, real community. "Fine words butter no parsnips." Our highest aim should be for humility, equality and a truly caring and sharing community.

Help Uptown remain a community resource, rather than another tourist resource, by supporting a new "Aldrich's" grocery store.

Resources for children which include homes, food, schools, healthcare and recreation. If we do not have a great environment to bring up children we will not have new families moving into our area. We need to keep our systems strong to attract new and keep the old really functional.

To be a true sanctuary city for anyone who needs sanctuary.

Identify the makeup of the community - demographics and economics.

Neighborhood parks/gathering places.

Making it possible for younger people to live and work here.

Preserving the small town feel.

More support for young people's creativity.

Encourage more neighborhood congeniality, social interaction and neighborliness.

Addressing the essential needs of our youth.

Keeping the town local.

Finding ways for teenagers to be fully involved citizens...most feel unwanted, unseen, and non-productive.

Sharing resources.

Volunteer or become active in the community.

Supporting kids and parents.

How we can use this opportunity to make the community more resilient.

Traditional American values.

Find a way to see that we already have enough, but others don't; Work with local organizations who know and understand the communities who are in the most need of support; Develop the resources to help.

Indigenous knowledge of Native Americans and our own ethnic roots.

Know the needs of the community.

Stop any building on the corner of F and San Juan - any building will dramatically change the community for the worse.

Transportation

Public transportation.

Better/more useful transportation.

Car-free vision --- what will cars be used for when no more fossil fuels? recycle parts? used as little greenhouses? how do they not become mass litter, let's start to think about it now. Parking lots? make plans - back to forests. in phases. Car-free downtown? start with large parking areas, slowly fade out of personal vehicle transport, phase out of all vehicle transport.

Roads.

Discourage car transport and really support bike use.

Less expensive gas prices.

Create better transit to the rest of the peninsula.

Transportation.

Terrible pot-holed streets.

Converting Water Street and adjoining streets into a pedestrian mall. Building a parking structure on the outskirts of town and providing free shuttle service to downtown.

Minimizing car traffic into town; making Water Street more pedestrian-friendly (close some side streets to car traffic; encourage tourists to park at the bus terminal near Safeway and take (free) shuttles into downtown and uptown.

Public transportation.

Better and more well managed transit service than actually meets the needs of all people living in area towns (Pt. Hadlock, Chimacum and PT) and includes students going to school, people going to work and people shopping, dining out or going to places for recreation.

Reduce driving in the city and promote walking and biking.

Pedestrianized areas.

Some way to enhance revenues so that some rubbly residential streets could be paved. (Do all those vacant summer homes pay property taxes?).

Fast ferries to San Juan Islands and Seattle.

Car-proof bike/pedicab lanes.

Transform all downtown streets to managed, metered parking; reduced speeds on all local streets (20 is plenty).

Public Transportation.

Getting people out of cars.

Better transportation and safer walking paths (gravel or paving, some lighting if possible) throughout town and even beyond (including safe walkways to Fort Worden).

Transportation.

Tax all car rides in city limits - for example anyone driving to downtown would pay five dollars each time.

Do not put a through street from discovery through Hamilton Heights to Hastings.

Education

Access to educational and training opportunities, on-line and/or in safe socially-distanced spaces, for all.

Youth education programs; trade mentoring programs.

More educational opportunities.

Getting children back to school safely.

Develop programs for specialized post-high school work training/certification/apprenticeship.

Re-imagining our educational / school systems to become much more community based.

High quality education.

Maintaining skill craft and knowledge in our education.

Education.

Access to education.

Education.

Extending opportunities for relevant education.

Education.

Expanding educational opportunities.

Education.

Demand better educational system for our kids- there will be more pressure for home school, disillusionment with school district- peninsula college is non-existent- figure out how to move to a competency local accreditation certificate that serves our own community and may attract more young innovative, curious artisans to our economy.

Support schools.

Getting schools going.

We should work to see every child supported in their public education, including nutrition and tutoring.

Social Justice and Diversity

Access to justice.

Reparations for BIPOC in our county, or anyone coming into our county (to encourage diversity).

Social justice for POC. All lives can't matter until black lives matter. What does this mean for our primarily white community?? How can we become a truest welcoming and safe community?? We need more discussion, focus and work in this area.

Developing a diverse community.

Equality.

Social Justice.

More diversity in our population, ie. BIPOC and age distribution.

Becoming more diverse culturally, racially, socioeconomically, and in terms of age.

Inclusivity.

Raising the awareness of diversity in our community.

Animal slavery.

Racism.

Centering BIPOC etc.

More diversity.

Listen to the voices of Black lives matter.

Honoring diversity.

Welcoming atmosphere for people of color.

Services

Support for families/children.

Support for people with addictions.

Help for those affected by covid and re-building.

Public bathing facilities.

Everyone have access to internet.

Shoring up critical infrastructure.

More affordable pubic services, i.e. public utilities, disposal services, telecommunications.

Access to internet for all families.

Help for homeless and those with mental health challenges.

Child Services.

Young families.

Working with homeless/ drug addiction.

Sewer system in Hadlock and Quilcene so there's more available places to live.

Figure out how to provide more child-care to all workers.

Aiding the weakest among us.

Garbage cleanup.

Planning

Work on finding "in house" solutions to our basic needs and eliminate the top down government barriers that limit our ability to grow and make these solutions in abundance.

It really depends on the cohesive plan, but I think working in a way that puts whole SYSTEMS in place rather than isolated projects is import even if it's one piece at a time.

Identifying our assets and how to address our weaknesses.

Developing a resiliency plan to address catastrophic events in the future.

Emergency preparedness.

Identify goals and develop plan. Identify best way to proceed which will include as diverse a group of locals as possible.

Challenge the elected officials and community leadership for once and for all to commit to a community collaboration process where we develop a real plan to engage the diverse interests in our community - develop priority grants with multi party benefits- and figure out our 5 year priority plan.

Adopt an innovative community development plan that includes economy, ecological regeneration, and community strengths- embrace a creative, innovative maker culture over tourism which as seen its time and we're now increasingly dealing with more negative unintended consequences than positive outcomes. Embrace our culture economy and value of creative hands on small manufacturing and value added- protect our natural strength e.g. soil, shoreline access, diverse habitat for salmon and other wildlife.

Figure out what's important to the high quality of life here- and protect it from being urbanized by the next cycle of wealthy urban climate refugees- otherwise we become suburbia before we know it and there will be lots of tax revenue pressures to do that quickly in the next 18-24 months. have a plan now and commitment to saving what we value.

Preparation for the next disaster.

Increasing the number of people involved with their neighborhood planning.

Get clear on what we want this community to become. Pull in the movers and shakers who will make this happen. Formulate a Vision and figure out how to get the community on board with it. Develop of plan, 2 year, 5 year, 10 year.

Emergency preparation.

Community planning regarding how we will exit COVID with the least damage.

Figuring out the priorities IS a priority- good question!

Communication/Connection

Controlling the media.

Exercise your mind not your mouth. Your global outlook is molded, if not driven by which media outlets you have ceased upon. Force yourself out of your comfort zone and listen.

Seek unadulterated facts and truth. Begin to discern the truth by using the intuitive sense of what is love verses what is fear and embracing the love. When we find truth, we have confidence in letting go of fear and moving forward without fear into the unknown of seeking real solutions.

Breaking from isolation and censorship.

An inspiring mission statement for our town that is published every week in the Leader.

Training citizens in non violent communication perhaps have open training at community center.

Forums for sharing a wider range of views.

Continuing community dialogues about where we are and where we want to be.

Mindful listening - open dialog - question everything.

Social awareness of what our problems are and what we can contribute to improve.

Improved communications with elected officials. We have gotten no emails from our elected official since Covid started. This is extremely disappointing.

Involve everyone. Need innovation. Create new goals. Involve other communities.

Educate Port Townsend that they are not the only place that matters in this county.

Vote, connect, be involved.

Government

Following laws.

Civil Liberties.

Defunding military.

Regulation removal.

Changing our federal leadership.

Create a better policing system in P.T./Jefferson County.

Getting the navy to cut back on the growler noise.

County Commissioners who are more friendly toward local sustainability ideas.

Get PT and Jefferson County on the same page.

Education for our police force regarding home health checks, deescalation in confrontations, race relations, and their own mental health. They need our support in order to keep doing a difficult job.

Making the building dept user friendly.

Limiting access to the United States Navy.

An in depth review of police, sheriff, fire departs. funding, salaries, redundancies, and purchases with an eye to a more appropriate and efficient array of responders.

Activities

Continued support for the marine trades, arts, music, crazy-fun events - with revised guidelines for health.

Youth activities, community dances?

Education or social groups.

Activities encouraging more social interaction between young children and adults.

Carnival - how we celebrate and come together.

Supporting our Artistic Community by creating permanent arts focused easements which dedicate 50% of downtown retail spaces to arts uses - Galleries, Art School, Music Venues, Dance, Handcrafts, Local artisanal food vendors etc...

Art.

Youth activities, restoring the activities of the Maritime Center and Centrum.

Personal Reflection

NO DRAMA.

Connecting to understanding what it means to be human....this requires a little bit of a study into spirituality and the humanities and nature for each individual...every individual in the collective needs to experience their own spiritual evolution. When we reconnect to this and trust in our connection to nature and each other, true and authentic healthy solutions arise and frivolous identities dissolve and people unite under this common ground.

Learning how to hold ourselves and each other through challenging emotions like grief.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OR COMMENT ON?

Local Area

I love it here :-)

I am worried that PT will become another Sausalito (where I used to live, on a sailboat) — geared primarily towards encouraging day-trip tourism, and neglecting local residents. This would be a sad devolution of our seaport town.

I'd also like more opportunity for the community and youth to engage with each other in playful ways. We have an army of grandparents. I would also wish that as a community we look at our resources and prioritize how they are used - examples: the Fair Grounds, the golf course, Kah Tai Park, and our streets. Oh and please lets rename our streets after people who we know and admire, and make it an ongoing process of renewal.

I think we could be on the cusp of real success-

- 1) Alignment of Govt leadership- we have a number of new very talented leaders in the community- they bring a different culture/ skill set re: community engagement.
- 2) Strong not for profits- most of our quality of life issues are dealt with by a network of NGS- rather than government- food bank, youth education, arts and culture.
- 3) Realignment- we're in the midst of moving from one wealthy retired generation with assets to another with potential and energy- - we've been more successful than we dared wish in our goal 10 years ago of attracting and keeping a new generation of young entrepreneurs/ and there is a new generation (with talents and wealth) that see this as a good place to raise kids- appreciate the farm/ outdoor quality of life to live at lower income. a place they want to live.
- 4) Our branding- we're internationally known for creativity, innovation, craftsmanship and an artistic place to live (Richard Florida's Civic Index of the 1980s).

Challenges:

- 1) We are not practically a community that works well together- there are too many silos, too many individual initiatives and organizations and not a tradition of "we" we need more turnover in leadership so people can better see opportunity of complexity and new approaches.
- 2) The stories we tell ourselves- we are NOT a community of old people any more than Italy, Austria, most of the East Coast- this is a demographic phenomenon of population decline that started in the 1960s. .. get over it- if we don't we'll become not only a dying people but a dying community--- celebrate intergenerational-- some 80 year olds are more active than 30 years olds.
- 3) We don't have enough high paying jobs- thank goodness for the mill! working 2-3 low income wage jobs doesn't serve anyone! the businesses, the workers or the community- the ability of the young to bring their skills to volunteerism or community service much less our events!
- 4) Can we seize the virus impacts and inventory what are essential businesses that we want to do everything we can to sustain? - how can some be consolidated? can we strengthen some to

be sustained as employee owned cooperatives? (many now have older owners and there won't be money available to buy them so how do we keep the maritime, the bakeries, the arts? what small spaces can be turned into niche high value, low impact businesses (e.g. the bowmakers story-- the music writing, recording performance industry we have here that no mentions etc.)

I have seen tourism change the face of the community away from self reliance and manageable growth, to become one of the three fastest growing counties in the state. The population has more than tripled in the 46 years since I came here. That has been both a blessing and a curse. I hope we can organize our community so that it becomes more a blessing.

I think Port Townsend is unique with its location on the North Olympic Peninsula. At the end of the Quimper Peninsula, one has to want to come here and not arrive by accident. They come here because of the recreation and dining and lodging opportunities offered.

It is essential to preserve the beauty, goodness, and agrarian spirit of Port Townsend and JeffCo, and strengthen our communal conviction to equality, justice, freedom, peace, and resources for all.

I am so glad to live in Port Townsend.

How lucky I am to live here.

I love this town!

Be grateful for where we live - our governor - commissioners & active/involved positive people. Act out. Speak up.

Attitudes/Values

It's a shame that there's such a divide between Port Townsend and rural areas. Different attitudes about so many things.

As a person raised with faith. I would like to see return to religious values.

PT has a great chance of persevering, as long as we are willing to do things differently and not apologize for any of it. Things can't turn out better for us if we do the same thing everyone else does. And everyone else is facing a grim prospect. We have nothing to lose being different.

Covid shows us we can work together like nothing else has. Let's bring this dynamic into a new vision for Port Townsend.

We have so much room for improvement.

I think this is bigger than any comments that I have shared. We are all in this together and we need to take care of each other through caring and kindness and focus on what is really important and not get caught up in all the opinionated social media negative comments.

I love it here. But we've got some serious problems. This epidemic has uncovered some of this. And we're far from through it yet. We need to protect each other. We didn't do this. We protected the bankers and financial institutions and markets first. The people got the crumbs. So we shouldn't be waiting for the federal government and state government to rescue us. We should be rescuing each other. We need to create a master list of people who are willing to help others. List their skills and resources etc. Help them connect with each other and with those in need. More sharing and caring. Less

posturing and posing. The middle class is dead. Let's stop pretending that we are going to create more wealth and stature. It's only at the expense of the less fortunate that we do this. "Lifestyle" ambitions are really a curse.

Politics. We need to do a better job of listening to those we disagree with. We are getting dangerously close to violence between the left and the right. We need to be willing to listen. There really is a serious divide between the Democrats and the Republicans, and rural vs urban communities. The time is ripe for more communication. And more compromise. Without this we are doomed.

Some desires are "conflicting" and would need careful management.

Government

I'm optimistic about our future, but I feel we need leaders who can help us better work together to create it.

I watched our city council Monday eve, June 15. I was so impressed by every single solitary individual that spoke - from our council members, City manager to the public to the email commenters. Everyone came with equanimity and vision. While there were expressed hurdles, everyone wanted to resolve those hurdles as quickly as possible. I came away with great hope for our county.

Local governments need to get better at informing the public about what is going on (in detail) in all departments, figuring out how they can collaborate with community members to develop better plans and outcomes, and more information about everyone who is doing the work in our city and county. We need LOTS more transparency from local governments and way less agenda-driven actions without meaningful public consultation.

We need to a new vision, new leadership, and with folks that are 50 years old or younger.

We moved to Port Townsend to help preserve and protect its historic qualities, to celebrate its trails and open space, and in appreciation of its high levels of volunteerism. The specific steps made by earlier administrators, supported by elected leaders, to dampen volunteerism is a sad loss and must become a priority restoration.

The closed-road and incomplete public projects just seem foolish. I wish for a city council etc. that can finish what is begun, for public safety and nicer living areas for all. I am glad when things like fire department improvements occur—that's encouraging.

There are many of us in the greater county area that feel we are not represented by our commissioners. I know people who tried to start businesses and were told by the commissioners that "after Port Townsend was built out to capacity, they would consider giving out permits to those not in the city limits". This is so counterproductive to growth. We must be able to provide something for our youth or they will all leave the county.

COVID-19

Recognizing that staying at home indefinitely can be detrimental- there was no reason to close national parks where people could get out and breathe fresh air.

I would like to see access to testing like New York is doing in Jefferson County to control hot spots.

I would like to see people move into tolerance about the CHOICE to wear masks or NOT. Not everyone who chooses to be unmasked is "right-wing" or "doesn't care." It is a personal choice, not a choice to be made for us by government.

I am upset about the lack of masks & people making fun of this pandemic & acting like children. It should be enforced. Our local McDonalds workers not wearing masks at the take out window. It is a shame. QFC in Hadlock workers not wearing masks but it has gotten better. Kroger family should be ashamed.

I wish there was some enforcement of mask wearing. It would make it a lot easier to support our local businesses if us oldsters didn't feel so unsafe in the stores, many of which have narrow aisles. Better signage at entryways and employees that are empowered to request mask wearing by patrons.

I am surprised at the point blank acceptance of the conventional narrative regarding options as to how to deal with Covid 19. We are being misled by the conventional narrative.

I wonder if you understand how many people in the community feel the way I do. I believe that 99% of the people like me who receive this survey will simply ignore it because they understand the biased source of the survey. In the end, you will receive a bunch of responses that are supportive of the corona panic which you seek to extend. You will believe that this is indicative of "our community's" point of view. You will believe you are serving the entire community, not just your polarizing constituency. I fully expect you will disregard this input and wonder why I spent time providing it. As info, here is a partial list of local businesses who will not receive another dollar of my money because they continue to promote a coronavirus pandemic that doesn't exist: The Coop, the Chimacum Corner Market, Schold Landscape, the gas station across from QFC in Port Hadlock, the Farmers' Market. There are other people in the community who will no longer patronize these places, either.

Environment

Changes should be made with the looming climate crisis in mind.

I would like the right to silence - to listen to nature without gunfire or war planes. Peace is a very important value to me.

We need to cherish our communities and the people who live here and treat the environment as if our lives depended on it. Because they do.

Well I forgot to mention it until now, but I fear that the tourist thoroughfare that is Water street will have to be moved uptown if the predictions about rising seas are accurate. More retail uptown? Hard to imagine, but it may be essential...

Our community and many communities are recycling, encouraging energy conservation, and reducing waste of food, clothing, and resources. In spite of these efforts, our planet is not sustainable: it will continue to degrade until it will no longer be livable. Right now, most of us are living comfortably, but we are still approaching the time when life will be "nasty, brutish and short." Commodious living will be a memory.

Activities

Monthly Free movie nights out in the open down town like during the film festival and outside at the County Library.

More fun & playfulness, but NOT more festivals.

When I say "communal spaces" I am reminded of the Boiler Room--a meeting place without the necessity of commerce.

We appreciated the effort that went into the Cake Picnic. Just knowing there was a Cake Picnic made the day a celebration. We actually baked our own cake and had our Rhody barbeque. Even though we could not be with others just knowing we were all celebrating the same thing at the same time was fun and a needed break.

The county fair has withered on the old tired vines. Too bad. It could be so wonderful.

Equity/Inclusion/Privilege

I mean to include racial and economic justice INHERENT in all of these things, because we all have EARTH in common and as quickly as we are realizing we need racial justice, we need to see we need forest gardens, we need to build soil, we need to protect water, we need to stop stop stop stop stop stop raping Earth and do everything we can to support people in following their dreams, because each person has a piece of this puzzle. Let our community's creativity shine by letting people have more sovereignty! Consult local indigenous tribes and ask for their consult directly. Move at their speed, not yours. Ask them in a format that works for them, not just this online sheet. Ask them what they think will help. Listen to what they say. Let them lead. Let people who have been oppressed, lead.

I hope Jefferson County wakes up and asks, "Who can't, because I can?". What is your privilege keeping from someone else?

BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, People of Color.

Know we have a significant immigrant community who stays in the background for good reason.

Transportation/Infrastructure

An idea to get money for roads. We did this in the community I came from, which was a VERY tax-averse town. The city did tons of outreach and education and convinced them to add a 4-cent gas tax (you never notice, with prices fluctuating every week.) To get these folks to agree (by vote), they eliminated a roads fee on our water bill and noted that there were X\$ million worth of work that needed to be done (we were 10 years behind) and that if the tax generated more than \$300K a year, the money would be refunded to them. That appealed to the taxpayers/voters and it was approved and reapproved when it sunsetted three years later. The city was good at getting news out to people when certain roads were being repaired using money from the gas tax, showing them helped a lot.

Build the Hadlock Sewer and housing and retail will come.

The water and utility bill is outrageous. Allow us to opt out of DM Disposal, or put in a bigger container and let us go with once a month. No more add on cost to water. OH and don't charge us Sewer rates for

water used that is obviously going to water gardens. Use an avg, add a little more for summer and call it good. But don't charge me Summer sewer rates on 5000 gals when my yearly avg is less than 3000.

Media

EVERYONE needs to stop listening to the fear tactics of the media. Go out meet your neighbors. Be good to your planet.

I noticed a recommendation to join Next Door. I would warn against it. I joined at the beginning of this crisis to connect with my neighbors. I discovered that 75% of the posts and comments were incredibly upsetting, judgmental, antagonistic, closed minded, privileged. It showed me a side of this community that I did not think was here. I had to unsubscribe it made me so angry and sad.

Housing

Housing is very important to me.

Port Townsend is special - do not let it be destroyed by building on F and San Juan.

Economy

The loss of innovation this pandemic has caused is mind boggling. It is estimated 40% of small businesses will not come back. I've heard that the silver lining is different businesses can now be grown. I have no idea what this means but if our county could find this out and nurture it we may again have a solid tax base.

We need to break the NIMBY attitude. This is a very environmentally conscious community and that is one reason we live here but we cannot push out all industry. We can entertain the discussion and be open to entrepreneurs and trades that are interested in our community. We have a better chance of doing something for the environment and our local waterways if we invite industry into our yard where we have an opportunity to help them be good stewards.

Food

Perhaps we could also tax food coming from outside the county to encourage and grow the local food economy?

Thanks

Thank you for asking us.

Thanks for your effort to get feedback. Hope you get it from all segments.

Thank you for the opportunity to share. It's great to have an organization like this that cares about the people's opinions.

Thank you!

Thanks for doing this. Hope a lot of people participate.

Thanks for seeking input.

Thank you so much for taking the time to ask these questions. I feel like my immediate responses are just the tip of the ice berg.

Thanks!

Thank you for doing this survey. It feels good to be able to share some of my thoughts.

Thank you for all you do!

Thanks for this opportunity, your weekly newsletter is awesome, please keep it up!

I look forward to survey results.

Thanks for doing this.

Thanks for doing this comprehensive survey.

Thanks for your great work!

Thank you for doing this survey! Keep up the good work.

I'm pretty shared out. :) Thanks for the opportunity, though!

2020 has done a great job in emergency preparation.

Keep working on it.

This is an inspirational and aspirational project. I am looking forward to receiving the final report.

I applaud your efforts

Thank you for asking. I hope my input helps.

Thank you for your work on this and the opportunity to share a way out of this chaos and suffering.

Thanks for asking.

So appreciate all of the work of 2020. Know that putting out a survey like this is a lot of work

Survey Feedback

The entire idea of this survey is dripping with unearned privilege. No individual could possibly answer such huge questions for the whole community, and anyone who is arrogant enough to do so is blind to his or her privilege. I know you think you're being open to input, but the format and presentation of this survey as an online fill-in form will skew the input you get to people who can only speak, overconfidently, from one narrow perspective. There are many tools for communities to co-create visions of the future, based on conversation, appreciative inquiry, and non-violent communication. I understand that some of that feels difficult during the pandemic, but I assure you, bureaucratic forms play a role in precisely zero of those tools. Yes, you may get some "good" responses to this survey—but you will not get inclusive, comprehensive, or even representative responses. This tool cannot possibly deliver those results.

Since I did this survey on my lunch hour at work, I have run out of time to continue.

I was unsure if this "vision" was supposed to be connected to Covid-19 or not. So I tried to use my passions to envision a community immune to ANY wider disaster.

When thinking about the citizenry, there can be no single issue analyses--all analysis must be multi-variable. Examples:

- Keep COVID-19 from spreading. If drastic measures are taken to protect health, what effect will that have on the lives, jobs, and economic well-being of the citizenry? What are the costs to the citizenry? What are the costs to government in terms of lost tax revenue? How are these (and other things) to be weighed?
- Preserve the rural character of the county. How will that affect affordable housing or job development? Who wins? Who loses?
- Save the fish. What will be required of the citizenry to save the fish? Who wins? Who loses?
- Save the trees. How will that affect future economic development that will provide jobs for the citizens? How will that affect property taxes? Who wins? Who loses?
- Justice: Fair and equitable administration of laws, rules and regulations is essential for justice. The County has failed in this regard when it moved the goalposts for marijuana farming and for shooting ranges. Frankly, I am no fan of either, but I find it reprehensible that people who complied with rules in effect at the time of application had the rules changed to thwart their projects.

And, some hopefully constructive feedback - next time I suggest you do a check-box, multiple choice format. I found this one to be overwhelming, which is why there are not too many questions answered.