

EVERETT
LISTENING
TOUR
FEEDBACK


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Dear Mayor Carlo DeMaria and City Council Colleagues,

I love Everett. It is my hometown where I grew up on, right on Cedar street, where my mother still resides. I am happy to serve the people of my hometown, for I love to help people and get things done.

When elected on Tuesday, November 5, I wanted to ensure that the people are put first. I will repeat this continuously as this is an absolute priority of mine. Two weeks after the election, I launched my listening tour to go back and say thank you, but most importantly, to hear what type of councilor the residents of Everett wanted to see in office and what issues were impacting them.

This report will help you to see what I saw. The issues that came up included: **Cemetery, City Councilors, City Hall, City Website, Civics, Communication, Crime, Economic Growth, Education, Emergency Workers, Gentrification, Housing, Jobs, Library, Meetings, Other, Parking, Parks, Positive, Quality of life, Resources, Sidewalks, Signs, Street Lighting, Small Businesses, Streets, Taxes Traffic, Transparency, and Transportation.**

I held events, knock doors, made phone calls, sent out text messages, did a survey, advertised on Facebook and Instagram, and sent out emails. The definition of outreach to me as a Councilor is trying to reach out to the actual people who make your city in different forms of communication. I tried to do the best I could and saw the results. With the people of Everett insights, this is why I created the 10 Point Plan Vision for Everett.

Here is a quote I love: Remember, without vision, the people will perish.

For our present and future, we need the vision to ensure we are charting a new course and make sure we work on doing the impossible to better the quality of life for our residents.

Vision + Leadership + Collaboration = Progress

I look forward to working with you over the next two years.

Let's make our Everett resident a priority and put people first.

Respectfully,

Gerly Adrien

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Sent on January 5, 2020



10 Point Vision Plan for Everett

The 10 Point Vision For Everett Plan is a strategic approach to improving the quality of life for Everett families under public safety, economic development, and community relations.

1. Accountability: Check & Balance on **ALL** matters in the city
2. Affordable Housing
3. Improve City Policies & Plans
4. Improve Communication, Transparency & Efficiency
5. City Budget & the Impact of taxes
6. Support Schools, Libraries, Small Businesses & Diversity
7. Public Safety & Crime
8. More Funded Programs for Youth Development, Culture & Arts
9. Improvement on Traffic, Parking Rules, Public Transportation,
Streets, Sidewalks & Street Lighting
10. Community Involvement

Other Goals

A QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR ALL

Championing new resources for schools

- Find new school funding from current city revenue to support for public education.
- Help increase the number of guidance and social workers in schools.
- Hold school budget town halls, to help win improve our school communities and parent involvement.

Investing in quality teaching

- Improve the handling of teacher vacancies, recruitment, and diversity hires, including supporting fair investigatory hearings.

Defending our most vulnerable youth

- Find funding from our city budget (without raising taxes) to address youth homelessness.
- Hold the first ever hearings on the issue of youth homelessness, highlighting the voices and experiences of youth alongside experts.

HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Tenants' rights

- Implement a goal with raising funds for legal aid for low-income renters facing eviction.

Eviction

- Organize hearings and forums on Everett's eviction crisis and community town hall

QUALITY JOBS AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Improving wages

- Pass legislation expanding better opportunities for everyone in Everett.
- Pass legislation to require businesses that receive city subsidies to report data about economic value and job quality.

MOBILITY AND TRANSIT EQUITY

Traffic Safety

- Lead citywide plan to reduce traffic deaths and injuries by installing speed controls and other neighborhood improvements, and to increase safety for families with children commuting to school.

Sidewalk Safety

- Pass new legislation requiring stricter standards for pedestrian and sidewalk safety around construction sites.

Transit equity

- Establish a citywide planning process to ensure our transportation infrastructure equitably serves the needs of everyone, including people with disabilities, seniors, and low-income people.

Listening Tour Feedback

Topic	Comment
Cemetery	Our cemetery should offer green burial
City Councilors	Lack of responses from City Councilors
City Councilors	Lack of responses from City Hall
City Councilors	No idea who my city councilors are
City Councilors	Few of the City Councilors are condescending.
City Councilors	A new city councilor has been responding very well.
City Councilors	City council members who listen to what the citizens want
City Councilors	Electing officials who understand what it's like to live in difficult circumstances.
City Councilors	Officials who live like others and aren't exorbitantly rich.
City Councilors	Independent from the Mayor wants
City Councilors	Electing people that actually want to do something.
City Councilors	Hypocrisy in Voting
City Councilors	Elected city officials need to be approachable
City Councilors	everyone seems to be having each other's backs but not really listening to the people.
City Councilors	listen to concerns.
City councilors	same people, doing things the same way
City Councilors	Having wealthy politicians in city hall is not an accurate representation of the population of Everett. Everett is an extremely diverse community and the leaders should represent that. I am glad that the previous election voted in new fresh faces and wonderful people. However, we have a little bit more to go!
City Councilors	A voice in city hall. We need someone to advocate for us and someone that genuinely understands the struggle.
City Councilors	Responsive city council
City Councilors	Vote for the best thing for the city and be your own voice.
City Councilors	Politicians too busy lining their pockets.
City councilors	showing up more often
City councilors	visit often
City councilors	voting for what the people want
City Hall	Invite fresh, new voices to hold these positions.
City Hall	City services and code enforcement
City Hall	Communication from ISD
City Hall	Less bullying by many in city government
City Hall	Removing the high school culture of city hall.

Topic	Comment
City Website	Update the city website
Civics	Civic improvements
Communication	Be responsive (specifically cemetery board and parks), but never hear back.
Communication	Communication
Communication	communicating
Crime	Crime.
Crime	safety
Crime	city safety
Crime	Safety
Crime	Safer streets
Crime	Crime
Crime	Crime rate
Crime	We need to rid this city of drugs and gangs!
Crime	violence is on the rise
Economic Growth	Downtown redevelopment and bringing in better restaurants etc. to the walkable parts of the city
Economic Growth	I would like to see Everett become "a place to be" but it won't happen without more offerings for food and drink that are enjoyable and easily accessible. Look at Charlestown in the last 15 years.
Economic Growth	Downtown revitalization
Education	Education.
Education	I care about schools
Education	Schools.
Education	A better education system
Education	Education
Education	Everett needs a strong school system that is well funded and has small class sizes.
Education	The schools
Education	School and loans
Education	Schools
Education	Schools.
Education	Improvements to the schools.
Education	Better school
Education	Education
Education	Better schools.
Education	schools
Emergency Workers	First responders.
Gentrification	Too many high buildings,
Housing	Housing Senior Citizens

Topic	Comment
Housing	Affordable rent.
Housing	Rent hikes. My rent went up from \$1300 to \$1800 then now \$2000. This is in a span of 5 months. We need help and soon before we become Homeless.
Housing	Elderly Housing Conditions.
Housing	The housing market needs to be affordable.
Housing	Affordable housing
Housing	Build affordable. Houses before we all go to the streets.
Housing	Housing
Housing	Affordable rent
Housing	The lack of affordable housing.
Housing	Rent is going to. Finish us. From \$1300 to \$2000 in a span of 5 months. We really need help.
Housing	Housing for low income
Housing	Senior Housing
Housing	no more affordable housing
Housing	I would like to see more housing for the elderly
Housing	Need more affordable housing.
Housing	bed bugs in housing
Jobs	Not understanding how people are picked for city hall jobs.
Jobs	Jobs
Library	The library
Library	Libraries.
Meetings	No notification of when the City Council meetings
Meetings	When are the committee meetings are?
Meetings	I never know when the meetings are or if they are public
Meetings	Call for Community meetings at times when it's convenient for everyone.
Meetings	Make meeting minutes available within 24-48 hrs.
Other	City is overcrowded.
Parking	Parking.
Parking	The Parking ban on commercial vehicles is a huge problem
Parking	Crack down on illegal parking by some of the business owners. They park vehicles on the sidewalk and obstruct views.
Parking	Need to stop the casino parking on Broadway between 336 n Sweeney circle parking control isn't doing there job its there employees casino workers watch them park every day
Parking	People who park at bus stops on Main Street, particularly delivery drivers! They should be fined.

Topic	Comment
Parks	Continue to improve the parks.
Positive	What I do like is that the city does have many events spread throughout the year that really do bring the people together.
Quality of Life	Affordability in Everett.
Quality of Life	Affordability is a large issue for many residents. Rent is becoming too expensive.
Quality of Life	Have a meet the people tour to get the real picture of what we are going through.
Quality of Life	Affordable living circumstances
Quality of Life	Affordability
Resources	Resources for families / children.
Resources	City amenities
Resources	Improvements that benefit the taxpayers.
Resources	Elderly and lower income residents need more assistance.
Resources	Children need programs to foster independence, assist with health & nutrition, etc.
Resources	More activities for kids.
Resources	Art programs, housing programs.
Resources	Parks, education (beyond the schools - adult education, ESL, mentor programs for kids)
Resources	Arts program
Resources	Children's & Seniors programs year round.
Resources	School supply donation site for low income
Resources	Sports and Olympic gymnastics
Resources	Funding of the Everett Elderly Glendale Towers. That building is not maintained properly. The building is cleaned when visitors or politicians visit. Then, after the building remains disgusting and dirty until again important visitors come. The handicap buttons don't work. The lack of security is frightening. People come and go into that building as they please and sleep in the corridors, stairs, or even the lobby! Trash is left in the lobby as well as liquor bottles. People that rely on wheelchairs or walkers can't get into the building without struggling or potentially hurting themselves. They must move and wiggle around in attempts to open the door themselves because the handicap button doesn't work. It's a shame we allow our elders to live in these conditions. Unfortunately, no one knows because the building is cleaned for important guests then not cleaned for months on end.
Resources	ac at Glendale towers
Resources	Wi-Fi in the Whittier community room

Topic	Comment
Sidewalks	Revere Beach parkway is a very unpleasant walk.
Sidewalks	Better sidewalks
Sidewalks	all of the sidewalks in the square should be handicapper accessible especially on Norwood street
Signs	School zones need to light up near Madeline English school
Signs	I live up by the Hidden , and so many people park on our street not knowing that parking in the garage is free , they need a BIG sign saying free parking
Signs & Lighting	More lit up signs near Madeline English
Small Businesses	Support of small businesses.
Small Businesses	Small Businesses.
Small Businesses	we need more support for small business and getting storefronts occupied.
Street Lighting	Everett side has no lights on entire Belmont St.
Streets	Road repair
Streets	Speed bumps or any help on Belmont St.
Streets	Belmont street has the most speeding and broken car mirrors from speeders, no slow sign or speedbumps.
Taxes	Tax breaks for residents especially for updating homes
Taxes	taxes
Taxes	Put our taxes dollars to good use.
Taxes	I didn't understand the lowering of our water bills but the raise in our property taxes....like that made no sense and with the casino here I would think we would get a decrease in our property taxes.....
Taxes	Property & business tax is too High
Taxes	Taxes too high
Taxes	I am saying the wasted tax monies this city spends and pays it's employees from top to bottom, a lot of waste in between and all over the place.
Traffic	Traffic is horrible and it's mostly single people in cars.
Traffic	traffic
Traffic	Traffic is a huge problem.
Traffic	traffic
Traffic	Could we find a way to improve the flow of traffic at the Sweeney circle during the morning commute?
Traffic	The flow on Broadway in general a better traffic pattern with the lights would be a great help
Traffic	traffic it's a nightmare

Topic	Comment
Traffic	Do something about the traffic!!
Traffic	It would be great to have the bus lane only all the way to Sullivan ; the congestion at the rotary on Alford Street between 7:45 and 9 is horrible .
Transparency	They don't tell us everything that the law abiding tax payers need to know, that is not right!
Transportation	Transportation - the MBTA needs to step up and we need to put less emphasis on vehicles.
Transportation	Everett needs better access the MBTA.
Transportation	Public transportation.
Transportation	Better public transportation / access to the T.
Transportation	Public transportation
Transportation	Bus transportation too slow. Have to wait too long.
Transportation	bus stop shelter