



## **My-Linh Thai Urbanist Questionnaire 2024**

State Representative, LD41, Position 2

**Do you think Washington state should have an income tax (yes/no)? If yes, what is the legislative path? If not, what forms of progressive revenue would you champion?\***

I'm championing #WealthTax

**How would you vote on a transit-oriented development bill without an explicit affordability mandate and why?**

It's not only an opportunity but critically important to ensure availability of public transportation for people. This is one of many solutions necessary to address our housing shortage and cost. I support TOD with affordability component policy.

**Do you support the rent stabilization and renter protection bill (HB 2114) that made it through the State House last year? If so, how would you approach ensuring its passage in both chambers?**

Yes

**What are the highest priority items on your housing agenda?**

Stabilizing Housing and Protecting tenants from illegal evictions



**What's your roadmap to fixing educational inequities in Washington state? How can Washington state comply with its constitutional duties regarding education, especially in light of several school districts including Seattle's contemplating school closures to grapple with deficits?**

This is rather a complicated question. I'd prefer a conversation vs. a few rhetoric statements.

**What share of the state's transportation budget should be for alternatives to cars, such as transit, biking, and pedestrian infrastructure?**

We need to reshape our principles and philosophical mindset when it comes to vision and building a portfolio for our state transportation.

**Do you support permitting jurisdictions to choose to hold elections in even years? What other election reforms excite you?**

Yes. And make state and congressional representative races every 4 years and senate races every 6 years.

**Due to the interventions of ballot-initiative-monger Tim Eyman and a state legislature that caved to him even after a lawsuit overturned the measure in 2007, Washington State has a 1% cap on property tax increases, greatly tying the hands of local governments and forcing them to use ballot measures to fund basic services. Do you think this cap should remain? If so, what tools will you give local governments to deal with the [fiscal cliff they're facing](#)?**



This cap should not remain. At the same time, state has the responsibility to reform our repressive tax code.