

# Lara Hansen

## **Mitigation plan goals and overarching principles**

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## **Priorities**

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## **Mitigation fund allocations**

I think this allocation mix is a good one.

## **Disproportionately impacted communities**

Actions concentrated in the central Puget Sound region (ferries, buses) will benefit this disproportionately impacted. Additionally getting our private car fleet to all electric would be a fantastic improvement to local health (improved air quality) and quality of life (added noise reduction). Imagine if you lived in a community abutting or bisected by a highway but the vehicles on that road were electric rather than gas and diesel. It would still be horrible to have the highway there but at least it would not be literally killing you.

## **General comments**

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