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I was born here, went away to high school and college and law school in California but I have come back to practice law and raise my family. I have three sisters and a brother and families that continue to live in Calais County. I have a heartfelt commitment to this community.

And to make Calais County the best place it can be. Personally I have a theory that if I do all I can to improve my community and make it a better place to live and everyone did that same thing, together we could make the world a better place to live. That mindset in 2000 I ran and was elected to run on the city Council. I served on the Council and the last four of which I was Mayor of Longview. Following that I ran for Cowlitz PD Commissioner. I can tell you being a lifelong Commissioner of Cowlitz County jobs are crucial. We have a higher unemployment rate generally. Historically it seems we have the first to lose jobs in the last to get them back. However weighing jobs against the environment is no question. I'm sitting here in my office looking out at the haze from the fires. There is no question that the environment takes precedent. The question for me becomes whether the plant will be built somewhere else. And has an insatiable appetite for plastic. Everything is made out of plastic. The computer case, the cell phone, what holds the windows in place is all plastic. And this will be built somewhere else and more polluting, the benefits to our county outweigh that. Thank you.