

2025 Councilmember Priorities

See AB2025-277

- Budget
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Justice Project Implementation
- Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis
- Housing and Homelessness
- Healthy Children's Fund
- Whatcom County Ferry
- Food Security
- Charter review commission/charter amendments
- Large construction projects: jail, Northwest Annex, 23 hour crisis relief center
- Comprehensive plan update
- Health of the road fund
- Impact of projected state & federal funding cuts on county
- Adjudication
- County priorities for the 2025 state legislative session
- The potential impact of the pending State Supreme Court decision regarding public defender caseload standards
- Continue to strengthen the Council & legislative branch of county government
- Healthy Children's Fund
- Lummi Island ferry – summer 2025 deadline for the county to determine its financial plan
- Budget prioritization process and mid-biennium review
- Council contract review thresholds & update to contract code
- HR policies - Matrix Consulting study
- Fire/EMS study
- Cross-border economy & travel, impact on Point Roberts, Blaine, Lynden, Sumas, and county, World Cup 2026 planning & opportunity
- Birch Bay incorporation study
- Point Roberts economic study & stormwater study
- Community Health Assessment
- Board of Health structure
- Learning/sharing across local healthcare projects across the county: East Whatcom County Health Equity Zone; the Lummi Island partnership between WWU, PeaceHealth, and the Lummi Island Health and Wellness Committee; SeaMar clinic at Mount Baker High School; Nooksack Tribe health center expansion; Point Roberts clinic/public hospital district
- Ideas to reduce costs & time for permitting for housing - pull from recs from Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Housing Advisory Committee and others
- Winter 2025-26 shelter & year-round shelter