

DAVE REICHERT 9-1-1 BLUEPRINT: COST OF LIVING

As Governor, I will:

- One. Housing Affordability.** Our housing costs are now the sixth highest in the country as home ownership is less affordable and available. Streamline zoning laws, speed up permitting, and use tax credits to incentivize rent relief. Require or incentivize developers to include a certain percentage of affordable housing in new developments.
- Two. Address Rising Food Prices.** With the fourth highest food prices in America, we must do more for everyone who is struggling to put food on the table. We start by reducing the cost of transportation, driven by rising fuel prices that inevitably get passed along to the consumer.
- Three. Productive Government Spending.** More effectively fund priorities, eliminate waste, and help reduce the financial burdens on everyone.
- Four. Transparency and Accountability.** We deserve to know where government is working and where it's not. To do that, we will audit all state government programs, and share information directly with the public.
- Five. Tax Relief.** Lower property taxes and reduce or completely eliminate the carbon tax, allow for the opt-out of the long-term care tax, and empower people to make the call on any new tax.
- Six. Childcare Affordability.** Pass stalled legislation that would make childcare more affordable with tax credits or subsidies. If we care for our children in the classroom, why would we not continue the effort after the bell rings?
- Seven. A Business-friendly Government.** Repeal unnecessary regulations that increase business costs, restrict supply, and sends a message that government always knows best. Small businesses create more jobs than government, and always will.
- Eight. Reverse the Energy Ban.** The new law mandating the transition to a natural gas-less state will punish every business, every family, and every consumer.
- Nine. Healthcare Costs.** Address high healthcare costs, promote competition, reduce regulatory burdens, and allow Washingtonians the ability to opt-out of the long-term care tax that many may never use.

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