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Personal Information: Non-smoker, non-drinker interested in economics, shared living, and orbital colonization. Spaceship Earth is my home.

Community Involvement: Libertarian State Executive Committee Representative; President, Seattle Chapter, National Space Society; Many organizational memberships.

Personal Views: Abolish the criminal minimum wage which destroys low value jobs and the lives of less productive people and contributes to homelessness. Use free market pricing to create many new jobs for people-with-problems who can't get work at the minimum wage. Make it easier for troubled people to take care of themselves. At low pay, government (with its limited tax payers' money) should be an eager employer of unemployed citizens. Grow the movie-making industry in Washington State. Boeing and Washington companies should be involved in the coming, amazing colonization of orbital space. Reduce traffic congestion by abolishing building height restrictions so that we can build Vancouver Canada type high-rise condominiums. Make parking easier. Switch to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice, preferential voting. Increase evening utilization of colleges. Before building new libraries, increase the open hours of our current libraries.

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Personal Views: *Liberty and Justice for All.* Liberty is about choice. Consider healthcare. In a free country, who decides your medications? Politicians? Or you and your doctor? Whether it's choosing experimental medicine, not FDA approved, or importing lower cost Canadian prescriptions, shifting medical decisions from politicians to individuals will increase freedom of choice. Or consider same sex marriage. Doesn't separation of church and state mean politicians must leave holy matrimony to clergy and limit the state's interest to civil union contracts...for everyone? Or education. We spend more and more money every year, but our failing reading and math scores don't improve. We must give parents, students and teachers more choices. On every issue I ask, "Who decides?" When your choices are peaceful, you should decide what's best for you and your family. That's the way I'll lead, every issue, every time. If you want others making the important decisions in your life; how to educate your child, whom you can marry, or what medications to take, there are plenty of other candidates. But when you put your hand over your heart and pledge "... with Liberty and Justice for All," you mean it, vote for **Ruth Bennett** for Governor.

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