

Candidate: Andy Chiang

Riding: Richmond

- 1. Many communities don't know how much climate change is costing them at present, and will cost in the future. Will you commit to putting systems in place to identify and track those costs?**

Yes - understanding climate change in dollars and cents is the easiest way to help residents understand the exact impact this has on their daily lives.

- 2. Will you work to develop and implement climate adaptation plans to reduce the harm that climate change causes in your community? How will you fund climate adaptation?**

Yes - funding can be done through fees on companies that harm the environment, additional gas guzzler taxes on new vehicles to encourage shifts to fuel efficient or electric vehicles,

- 3. Will you commit to protecting taxpayers by seeking to recover a fair share of climate costs from the fossil fuel companies who profit from selling products that result in greenhouse gases? Specifically, if elected, would you ask your Council to:**

- a. Send Climate Accountability letters from your community to major fossil fuel producers demanding that they pay their fair share of local climate costs caused by their activities and products?**

Yes.

- b. Press the province of BC to enact Liability for Climate-related Harms laws to give municipalities and others greater legal certainty, lower costs and timely resolutions if they sue to recover climate damages from fossil fuel companies?**

Yes.

- c. Explore legal action against fossil fuel companies to recover a share of local climate costs?**

No Answer.

- 4. In your view, why is it important (or not) to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for your community's climate costs?**

I believe it is important to hold fossil fuel companies accountable, but to a certain extent. We cannot just create a blanket affair on this as we need to analyze the current

situation fairly. Richmond has already shut down many gas stations over the years and an additional blanket tax will encourage more to leave - which would hurt our commuters which are still predominantly gas driven. We can, however, look for long-term solutions that help transfer residents to electric or fuel efficient vehicles, then eventually moving away from the reliance of fossil fuels.