

## Candidate: (Viraat) Balakrishna Thammanna

Riding: Nanaimo

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- 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?**

The cost of climate change due to these giant Oil & Gas businesses are unimaginable. Yes, I will commit to put systems in place to deal with this issue along with the team of fellow Councillors if elected.

- 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?**

Honestly speaking, climate adaptation is global issue, we can do our job at city level, at the same time our province, country and remaining countries in the globe must come together. In respect of funding climate adaptation, we must discuss this in Council meeting before committing any financial figures. However as part of the individual responsibility, I am campaigning and encouraging alternative energy in every possible way for homes, transportation and businesses.

- 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?**

Sure, we can do this under the guidance of our city hall legal body.

- 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, we can press our provincial government by effective coordination and follow up.

- 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?**

As a matter of fact this question is very tricky. Yes, Fossil fuel companies are accountable for climate cost as they are majorly responsible for climate change (why we are not holding cigarettes manufacturers responsible for the expensive lung cancer treatment costs and or compensation for loss of life due to smoking as this will bring change in the health public). These facts are bitter truth and we must address these issues at which ever level possible to prevent further disaster. We as a local governments, one of the best way is to prevent further damage by discouraging the consumption, planing and implementing a wise plan of action with the support of provincial and federal government.