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It's time. Remove those park fees and do parks smarter.

If the city of Vancouver chooses to spend their park funds on out of state consultants to help them figure out how to manage their parks, more power to them. As a county commissioner, I'd rather use our taxes to care for our county parks.

If the city of Vancouver chooses to spend hundreds of thousands on a parks director, more power to them. As a county commissioner, I'd rather take a more practical approach and complement park staff with volunteer park hosts, volunteer park care takers, and volunteer park monitors.

If the city of Vancouver chooses to charge citizens parking fees to use their parks, more power to them. As a county commissioner, I'd rather restore the free use of our county parks.

I respect the city of Vancouver's freedom to manage their parks however they want, just like every other city and town in our county. But as a county commissioner, I must insist that the city of Vancouver respects our county's freedom to manage our county parks however we want, just like every other city and town does in our county.

If the city of Vancouver chooses to take additional months or years to study how to manage their parks, more power to them. As a county commissioner, I'd rather act to implement the hundreds of thousands in annual cost savings already identified by county staff without sacrificing quality or service.

As a county commissioner, I'd rather take decisive steps to improve the quality of life for our citizens without further delay. I'd rather get the job done and move on to tackle other pressing priorities including fixing our local jobs crisis and working on smarter transportation solutions. Let's get 'er done. Are you with me?