

Washington State Progressive Caucus Questionnaire

Explanatory Note: Our endorsements (and sometimes donations) are generally made to people running for the state legislature, municipal and county offices, public utility commissioners, etc. If you are running for such an office, you may wonder why we are asking questions about state-wide or national issues. The reason is that local officeholders are tomorrow's senators, representatives and governors. Even if you have nothing of the sort in mind now, you may easily feel differently in a few years. We want to put people into the pipeline from, as Howard Dean once put it, "the Democratic wing of the party." We are old fashioned enough to think that the New Deal and the Great Society were good ideas and modern enough to be up to speed on all the latest organizing methods and apps. If you have reservations about answering any of these questions, please explain why.

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Do you request the endorsement of the Progressive Caucus?

Yes

Labor

Do you support raising state and federal minimum wages? To what level?

Yes I do, Our minimum wage workers are not kids looking for pocket change for the summer. It us the young and women.

Men make up a larger share of the U.S. labor force than women (53%-47%). But among those who earn the minimum wage or less, 62% are women and 38% are men, a bill backed by the White House that would raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 failed to advance in the Senate. Open dialog and common sense will come into play for me.

What legislation would you support to make organizing unions easier?

The National Labor Relations Act forbids employers from interfering with, restraining, or

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coercing employees in the exercise of rights relating to organizing, forming, ... to employees that they will lose their jobs unless they support the union. We also need to aggressively uphold the Wagner Act and support the commerce clause.

What is your opinion of high stakes testing? How would you change the way students and teachers are evaluated?

I believe we are wasting time and money passing mandates on our teachers and students. I had the time to go and sit and listen to the students at Seattle University that were protesting because the curriculum that they are being taught. The students spike about the money that their parents and themselves have paid to attend these universities that are not living up to a more effective curriculum. Are students have to be able to compete in today's world to prepare them to be productive and independent in today's society.

What is your opinion of charter schools?

Once again we get stuck in an ideal of one way is the best way. Charter schools have done wonders for the Detroit Public system where there is few or non existing schools for students to attend.

Environment

How would you promote development of alternative energy and prevent privatization of natural resources?

Natural resources has always been an access denied for the poorest of around the world. I am an avid supporter of Natural Resources I believe in alternative development. I'm looking at the things that California is doing I'm looking at the things that Washington state has been known for we are the innovators in the grass roots of Natural Resources and development of alternative energy.

What are your plans for increasing investments in renewable forms of energy production? What types of renewable energy do you favor most?

Renewable energy wind ,solar and geo termal and hydroelectric and biomass provides substantially benefits for our climate ,health and our economy. alternative energy is way past the training wheel process it has well proven that this is no more just an option renewable energy resources have to become the most important option if we plan on leaving this planet for generations to come.

Finance/Taxation

What would you do to facilitate implementation of public banking and monetary reform?

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President Franklin Roosevelt knew that this will be a problem facing our nation even today. The Emergency Banking Act the Securities Reform Act he passed through the New Deal ,so that our nation will never ever have to face the depression again.

There is no universally accepted version of monetary reform.

We have to disempower from creating bank credit money and thus only capable of acting in a truly intermediary capacity is just a small start. I express the lack of enthusiasm for this ideal of full reserve' banking, not because it is not technically possible, but because I am sceptical about the capacity of government solutions.

What do you propose to fix WA State's highly regressive tax system?

Washington's tax system is the most regressive in the nation, placing a disproportionate burden on those with the lowest incomes. A capital gain tax is a critically important measurement both economically and ethically we have to correct our state course. Enacting a modest tax on capital gain it would raise millions for our schools and other public concerns.

I will be looking for other elected officials who share the same 'reform' passion. Amending and improving Washington's tax structure will preserve the incentives that are productive and repeal tax break incentives for companies that do not provide verifiable benefits to the State.

Subjecting companies to ten-year renewals and fair taxation is essential to any growing society.

Health Care/Retirement

Explain your position (for or against) Medicare for All (aka single payer health care) in terms of the effect on local citizens, service providers, and government.

We first need to stabilize the premiums. I am supportive of affordable health care.

At an annual cost of \$260 billion, Medicare is one of the largest health insurance programs in the world. Providing nearly universal health insurance to the elderly as well as many disabled, Medicare accounts for about 17 percent of U.S. health expenditures, one-eighth of the federal budget, and 2 percent of gross domestic production. Nobody can get everything right the first time. President Obama has admitted to that. He's willing to adjust the Obama care for the needs of the people.

What policies do you oppose and what polices would you promote with respect to Social Security and Medicare?

I am against any policies that makes an effort to privatize Medicare and Social Security. I am for lowering prescription costs for any senior citizens that is on Medicare.

I am committed to preserving and protecting Medicare and Social Security.

Security/Public Safety

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How would you act to stop the militarization of local police forces and establish civilian oversight of law enforcement?

President Obama had said that he is no longer going to allow local police to have heavy military equipment such as grenade rocket launchers, tanks. "And if they want other, less-imposing military equipment, local law enforcement agencies will have to submit to stringent federal oversight and restrictions, according to the White House." I quote. We have to have police data initiatives such as 873 John T Williams bill here in Washington State. To establish civilian oversight of law enforcement.

How would you preserve national security while protecting American's right to privacy?

"Among the many objects to which a wise and free people find it necessary to direct their attention, that of providing for their safety seems to be first." John Jay
America must find a balance between security and civil liberties.

General

Do you consider yourself a Democrat? Do you consider yourself a progressive? Why?

I consider myself to be both I did not wait to have an elected official office to feel the urgency to be involved with my country and community social and economical injustices . I have always been a community activist and advisor for over 37 plus years.

What parts, if any, of the [Washington State Democratic Party Platform](#) ((click link to view) do you disagree with? Why?disagree

I am a loyalist to the Democratic party platform of course there's always room for improvement but I agree with its coral values.

If this is not your first election, what other offices have you run for? If it is your first campaign, what other campaigns (candidate or issue) have you participated in? What did you learn from those campaigns?

I have been a candidate. For District 7, 2008,2010,2012,2014 using my own Financial Resources. Council member for City of Kent, 1997 Community Outreach Leader for Mayor Norman B. Rice Campaign, 1989 Advisor to Martha Choe for Seattle City because Council position 2 . I have been honored to work with some of Washington State's great leaders the one thing I can honestly say that I've learned is to always keep an open dialogue.

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Have you ever been a precinct committee officer or held other Democratic organization offices?

I been a delegate for President Obama.

What single issue is the most important motivator for your run for office? What proposals do you have for dealing with it?

If only there was one single issue that inspires myself and all the young and seasoned citizens that volunteers to give their time to work on a real grass root campaign then it would be just simple. I propose to use all my years of experience with people of different cultures I've learned to embrace using straight on approach. Taking advantage of greatest economy experts with scientific consensus on global science change. Replacing non-renewable sources is very important to me along with education. Healthcare and tax reform especially here in Washington State, protecting Social Security the list goes on and on so it's impossible for me to list one single issue that America face that is the most important motivator for me running for office.

Are there also important secondary issues? Describe your approach to implementing solutions?

No not at this present time, once I am congressman I will move forward with a plan of action including task force.

If you are running in a heavily Republican area, do you have a reasonable chance at winning? If not, how do you plan to use your candidacy to build ongoing connections among local people who share progressive values?

There is not another candidate that can honestly say that they have funded their own campaigns for years of trying to pursue a seat. When I speak to the public they know that I'm not being fake and I'm not being dishonest and I don't have a hidden agenda. I am the only candidate that actually have formed policy and Humanity tolerance experience I've been to Japan North Korea South Korea on a peace summit Amman Jordan, Israel, Gaza Strip, West Africa, Russia, Nigeria Benni, Ghana, Ivory Coast, London. As far as the my community is concerned my record speaks for itself I go and I sit down and I listen to the local businesses and find out their concerns I find out why the people the businesses in the world want to preserve Aurora and find out why our students are protesting decided not to go to class I find out why are honorable Veterans who died Indigent are not receiving proper burials I find out why are teachers are not starting off at a base pay for \$52,000 and how I'm going to make a difference and make it a change in approach these causes and many more with the progressive democratic agenda but I'll always remember to keep an open dialogue and know how to communicate with culturally different people these are just a few of the reasons why I know I will win against the Republicans running in my district. I've declared a revolution on the status quo mindset changes have been made but we can do better.