

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, \$15 w/ COLA

What legislation would you support to make organizing unions easier?

Card check neutrality, expand bargaining for community and technical college faculty, ensure binding interest arbitration in public sector

Education

What is your opinion of high stakes testing? **Opposed**

How would you change the way students and teachers are evaluated?

Delink standardized tests from graduation requirements, grade promotion, and teacher evaluations - let teachers teach

What is your opinion of charter schools? **Opposed, voted AGAINST Charter school bill in House this year**

Environment

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

Create economic incentives and revise tax code for corporations to lessen their impact on the environment and reduce their dependence on fossil fuels,

What are your plans for increasing investments in renewable forms of energy production?

Tax incentives and simplify laws to move utilities faster to renewables.

What types of renewable energy do you favor most?

Solar and wind

Finance/Taxation

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

I have supported formation of a state bank for public sector financing, P3 (Public Private Partnerships) and pension funds where lawful & practicable

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

Capital gains tax, lower sales tax and shift our tax system to high earner income tax. Modify B&O tax from gross receipts to profit

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.

I support a universal single-payer system: greater access to healthcare, lower overall prices, eliminate rip-off insurance providers

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

Single-payer Medicare. Remove the cap on Social Security.

Security/Public Safety

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

I support Civilian Oversight Boards. While on the House Public Safety Committee conducted a Work Session, "Fostering Constructive Relationships between Police and the Community" in 2015 where we outlined a number of issues related to police training, tactics, weapons, etc. That led to my bill this year, HB 2907 "Addressing the use of deadly force by a public officer or peace officer"

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

Strictly follow the Federal Constitution protection laws. Don't make software vendors

disclose private data.

General

Do you consider yourself a Democrat? **Yes**

Do you consider yourself a progressive? Why? **Yes, I've been active in Democratic politics for 40 years. I believe in the ultra progressive values of the New Deal especially as promoted by former VP Henry Wallace (a fellow lowan) who ran for President in the Progressive Party in 1948! Democrats were drug to the middle and beyond by the DLC in the '80s and continue to stay far to the "right" of where we need to be. I want to be part of the Progressive Movement that is restoring the Party to its commitment to Working People and under-represented populations.**

What parts, if any, of the HYPERLINK "<http://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/documents/Washington%20State%20Democrats%20-%202014%20Platform.pdf>" [Washington State Democratic Party Platform](#) (← click link to view) do you disagree with? Why?

I have no disagreements

If this is not your first election, what other offices have you run for? **State Rep, 2010, 2012 & 2014**

If it is your first campaign, what other campaigns (candidate or issue) have you participated in? What did you learn from those campaigns?

Engage the people and the electorate "in person" - make human contact to show how civic engagement is a right and a privilege we all should take seriously by knowing the issues and VOTING!

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

YES: PCO & State Party Secretary

What single issue is the most important motivator for your run for office?

Civic engagement as a Citizen Legislator: to understand and address the significant issues of my district and the state. Education, Transportation/Infrastructure, and Public Safety

What proposals do you have for dealing with it?

Education: Fully fund Basic Education as well as Early Learning, Higher Ed, CTC/CTE

Transportation: Create a sustainable revenue source that is equitable for all. Promote "green" solutions to commuter and freight mobility.

Public Safety: Restorative Justice programs to remove disproportionality in sentencing and incarceration. No Private Prisons! Improve Police/Community relations. “Guardians not Warriors” training for all law enforcement.

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

I think there are enough sub-issues to the above, especially as they all relate to disadvantaged populations (Social Justice & Civil Rights) that I won't go into further details here.

If you are running in a heavily Republican area, do you have a reasonable chance at winning?

The 1st LD has been considered a “swing district” though Dems have won since the mid 1990s. Open seats, like mine this year, can be fiercely contested with Dems eaking out 1%-2% wins with first-time candidates. I also have a “pro-charter school” DINO challenging me with a lot of Bezos, Charter School supporter \$\$.

If not, how do you plan to use your candidacy to build ongoing connections among local people who share progressive values?

I have been well connected to a growing progressive community in the 1st LD and Snohomish County. We are well on our way to demonstrating that our values will work best for the suburban concerns in this area.

Washington State Progressive Caucus Questionnaire