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Position Sought: County Commissioner Dist. 3

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Do you request the endorsement of the Progressive Caucus? **YES!!**

#### Labor

Do you support raising the minimum wage in your local jurisdiction if state and federal action continues to be stalled? To what level? **Absolutely, as a shop steward and union organizer for UFCW local #21 I have fought and organized for workers' rights and raising the minimum wage to \$15 and have hourly wages indexed to the cost of living.**

#### Education

What is your opinion of high stakes testing? How would you change the way students and teachers are evaluated? **As someone who has struggled with test anxiety, I know students often underperform when it comes to high stakes testing. Evaluation of competencies should be based on multiple learning modalities. The main failure in high stakes testing is that it relies on a singular test to determine outcome. Test scores alone do not provide enough data to reliably evaluate educators.**

#### Environment

What can be accomplished at the local level to promote development of alternative energy and prevent privatization of natural resources? **I believe we must strongly advocate that our local Public Utility Districts become more energy independent. We can accomplish this by becoming less dependent on Bonneville Power Administration and producing more local renewable energy. Natural resources such as shorelines, parks, forests, and marinas must remain in the public trust. As a community we must demand that our elected Port Commissioners are aligned with this.**

## Finance/Taxation

What will you do to support public banking at the local level? I will continue to support the efforts for public banking. A Washington investment Trust will keep taxpayer dollars in our state for Washingtonians not Wall Street.

## 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've worked in the medical field for over ten years. The majority of that was spent in the Emergency Room. I can tell you from first-hand experience, we desperately need a form of universal healthcare, like single payer. Our healthcare system needs reform. Healthcare is a Right, access is not good enough.

## Security/Public Safety

How would you act to stop the militarization of local police forces and establish civilian oversight of law enforcement? In Jefferson County there is a citizen's advisory board that works directly with law enforcement officials. I believe the key is to employ officers who live within the community. Maintain transparency and citizens oversight.

## General

Do you consider yourself a Democrat? Do you consider yourself a progressive? Why? Yes, I consider myself a progressive Democrat. Because I believe in the platform that we've passed and the work that we are doing within the Democratic party.

What parts, if any, of the Washington State Democratic Party Platform (ç click link to view) do you disagree with? Why? What I disagree with the most about the State Democratic Platform is that we do not hold our elected representatives accountable to it.

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? This is my first run for elected office. I've helped with campaigns in 2015-2016 for Bernie Sanders. I was elected National Delegate. I've been involved with union campaigns as well. I attended Camp Wellstone for Candidates/Campaigns training. And plan to attend Path to Power. In these situations, I've learned how to engage and interact with people in the community.

Have you ever been a precinct committee officer or held other Democratic organization offices? Elected State Committeeman for Jefferson County Democrats

What single issue is the most important motivator for your run for office? What proposals do you have for dealing with it? The single greatest issue I want to tackle when elected is the accessibility to our local government. Particularly by the younger generation and working-class families. One of my first actions as Commissioner will be to make a motion to move general meeting times from Monday mornings at 9am to a time and day that will maximize participation.

Are there also important secondary issues? Describe your approach to implementing solutions? I want to restore and renew trust within the local government. Especially with those from within my district that feel they have been ignored and voiceless. I will implement office hours IN district so that I am available to my district.

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? The northern area of the County is very blue, while the southern parts are mixed. The district has a diverse population of individuals with differing beliefs, lifestyles and ideology. It will take someone very special who can cross social and political boundaries in order to fairly represent the entire district. I've proven that I can communicate and engage the district. In order for me to build strong and ongoing connections I plan to establish office hours within the district itself, so that I remain accessible.