

Washington State Progressive Caucus Questionnaire 2019

Submission Note: The submission deadline for this questionnaire is ten days prior to the membership meeting where the candidate's endorsement will be considered. Please refer to the questionnaire deadline and meeting date here: <https://waprogressives.org/endorsements/endorsement-policy-and-timeline/>.

- This questionnaire must be submitted to waprogressives@gmail.com to be considered.

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.

Other Social Media: Facebook @Elect Corina Pfeil For Kenmore; Twitter: Elect Corina @Corina Elect; Instagram: @Corina4Kenmore



Questions:

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Labor

Do you support raising the minimum wage in your local jurisdiction if state and federal action continue to be stalled? To what level? **Yes, \$15. Per hour.**

Education

What is your opinion of high stakes testing? How would you change the way students and teachers are evaluated? **We need to put an end to high stakes testing, its anxiety-provoking, linked to suicidal ideation. The good news for WA State - this last legislative session high stakes testing was de-linked from the requirements for a High School Diploma.**

Teacher Evaluation & Performance Evaluation – can be measured on assignment completion and understanding of the material, and little incidence of in-classroom issues in relation to discipline.

Environment

What can be accomplished at the local level to promote the development of alternative energy and prevent privatization of natural resources? **Incentive programs for solar energy, and wind turbines for homes and businesses.**

Finance/Taxation

What will you do to support public banking at the local level? **Encourage our city leaders to work with our state elected to pass state-level legislation for public banks.**

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'm pro-Universal Health Care or Medicare for all and an endorser of WA State Whole Health. The only issues I see with the program are the lacking support for hearing aids, dental partials and dentures and glasses. When our citizens don't have to choose between paying for the roof over their heads or medication lives across our state and America if adopted would be better off. The impact would be felt in the global market, business and health care. With more people back to work, productive and engaged when they have full access to affordable health care.**

Security/Public Safety

How would you act to stop the militarization of local police forces and establish civilian oversight of law enforcement? **Unfortunately, militarization is a protected element under presidential order to protect the integrity of the union. However there are abuses of militarization by local or regional**

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officials – this must stop. We can not have communities be converted to prison zones.

General

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

Yes, and Yes. Not only am I a progressive democrat – yet I'm also a humanitarian. I'm willing to stand up to fight for others, ensure health care is a human right & civil right. Stand up for immigrants and those visiting our country and fight xenophobia, bias and hate with most all the work I do from a local to state pathway, and when I can – I vote racest pigs out.

- What parts, if any, of the [Washington State Democratic Party Platform](#) (← click link to view) do you disagree with? Why?
- Frankly there is so much to love about this platform – as it resignates with the 46th LD Platform I worked together with a team to create and have voted through.
 - **Economic Social Justice and Tax Reform;** *Increasing the minimum wage, jobs, and transparency;
 - **Immigration** – I support all the issues & living in my Title 1 pathway – its important to ensure the safety and welfare of all people working, living and residing in America. We need an Imagrnts Bill of Rights.
 - **Health Care** – I believe we need greater access to affordable health care, heath care equity, reproductive health care equality -family planning and abortion, and dental. People should not have to choose between managing a home over their heads and health.
 - **Education** – A free college education or tech. college education; closing the opportunity gaps, education is a right for everyone, de-linking testing from the graduation certificate just happened in WA State, reducing or eliminating high stakes testing and increasing access to mental health care in schools. *I have done much to improve local and state outcomes by amending policy language in Northshore School District to providing testimony on behalf of the WA State PTA meeting and talking to legislators.
 - **Environmental Energy** – There Is so much to love about this platform – we have to save our earth, end fracking, work to sustain and improve renewable energy and conserve water. We must protect our communities from the harm of corporate and big business not doing their part.
- 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 office to run for.
 - I also am an Elected PCO.

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- I've volunteered to phone bank and put up signs for U.S Senator Maria Cantwell, U.S. Congresswoman Suzan Delbene and Senators Patty Kruger and Manka Dhingra; I learned balance and taking healthy breaks – and volunteer networking is the best for keeping a campaign healthy & energized.
- Kenmore City Council Race – Debra Srebrink – I knocked 5 Prinstincts for her, and learned how to master the door and get people talking, also in the community creating the buzz and keeping it going.
- Have you ever been a precinct committee officer or held other Democratic organization offices?

Yes, and yes. In the 46th District Democrats - I'm An Elected PCO for 2019, and prior Acting/ Appointed PCO 2017-2018.

I've been involved at a local level with our 46th District Democrats and serve on the

- Executive Board of the 46th District Democrats, as the
 - Sitting Legislative Committee Chair, 2018, and Present
 - Served on the 2018 Platform Committee,
 - Resolutions Committee 2018-Present,
 - Served as the 46th LD KCDCC LAC Committee Chair 2017-2018, 2019. Now reorganized and renamed.
 - Delegate to our State Democratic Convention.
- What single issue is the most important motivator for your run for office? What proposals do you have for dealing with it?
 - I want to ensure a progressive democrat wins the seat and prevent losing the Democratic majority to a Republican.
 - Affordable Workforce Housing at 40 – 60% of the mean: I plan to work with the other council members to ensure we can develop workforce housing – as part of the plan for Kenmore by ensuring we utilize targeted universal approaches to meeting the middle – that means public & private partnerships to develop affordable housing in a mixed-use space, and building it with improved access to community resources.

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

Much building construction is being done in Kenmore, we need a connected walkable Kenmore, connecting to our downtown and transit. Safe bike routes – so our student youth can bike safely to school in Kenmore. We can do this by partnering city programs with Complete Streets and Safe Routes to Schools and improve our city ordinance on building in neighborhoods to complete the sidewalk construction vs suddenly dropping off. By applying for state and federal grants we can reduce the cost burden to the city and improve our walkable corridors at a quicker pace.

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- 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?
 - We live in a purple zone. That promptly votes for Democrats. I stand a good chance to win, and with my strong list of endorsements, it makes it more likely that I'll win.
 - I am the only progressive Democrat running for election for Kenmore City Council, seat 7 against an ultra-conservative republican candidate Van Sperry, is much like a mini-Trump.
 - I'm well connected to my community – yet I'm getting out to meet and greet at events, and will be sitting up coffee events to meet the community.