

KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS

2012 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – CONGRESS, SENATE, LEGISLATURE

Candidate Name	Jim McIntire
Position sought	State Treasurer
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th LD, 2 nd KCCD, 7 th Congressional
Do you publicly declare to be a Democrat?	Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Citizens for Jim McIntire
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.

Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, Union affiliation and other relevant experience.

Jim McIntire was elected as Washington's 22nd State Treasurer in 2008. He is the current Chair of the Washington State Investment Board, the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission, and the Democratic State Treasurers; and is the past President of the Western State Treasurers Association.

Before his election in 2008, Jim served five terms (10 years) in the Washington State House of Representatives, representing the 46th Legislative District in North Seattle.

As a State Representative Jim as served as Chair of: the Finance Committee, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, and the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee. He also served as Vice Chair of: the Finance Committee, the Capital Budget Committee, and the Financial Institutions

and Insurance Committee. He was a member of the Washington State Tax Structure Study Committee, commonly known as the "Gates Commission," and was a key member of the Appropriations Committee.

In his first term, Jim sponsored the first legislation making identity theft a crime, and worked closely with then Attorney General Chris Gregoire on legislation to protect financial privacy.

As a legislator, Jim was instrumental in several fiscal policy initiatives. He sponsored the constitutional "Rainy Day Account," performance audits, priorities of government budgeting, and the Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences. He also helped enact tax incentives to create jobs for research and development and the manufacturing of aerospace, forest products, biotech, aluminum, and silicon products - all with strong accountability requirements. During a downturn in revenues, Jim helped to re-enact the estate tax and raise cigarette taxes to pay for schools and children's health care.

Prior to his election as Treasurer, Jim maintained a private economic consulting practice with a national company and served on the faculty of the UW's Evans School of Public Affairs for 25 years, where he taught economics and government. Before his election to the State House, he was director of the Fiscal Policy Center at the UW, and was appointed by Governors Lowry and Locke to Chair the Community Economic Revitalization Board, where he served for four years. Jim also served as Board Chair for Common Ground, a statewide non-profit developer of affordable housing.

Jim began his career working for Hubert Humphrey in the U.S. Senate, and worked for several other Congressional Committee Chairs. During the 1980s, he served as a public finance advisor to Governor Gardner. Jim earned his Ph.D. in economics at the UW, is married and lives in Seattle. He and his wife have five adult children.

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Democratic Organizations	Not yet.
Labor	AFSCME Council 2
Municipal League	NA
Other Endorsements (LGBT, Women, Chambers, Ethnic, Environmental, etc.)	Not yet.

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

State Dems and all Democratic LD and County organizations. All labor unions. WCV & NARAL.

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No	Qualified
1	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	Y		
2	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	Y		
3	Do you support government funding of family planning services, including abortion and contraception?	Y		
4	Do you support super majorities (i.e. 2/3 majorities) for revenue increases at the legislative level?		N	
5	Do you support area standards of wages and benefits?	Y		
6	Do you support a woman’s right to choose?	Y		
7	Do you support Federal and State regulation of greenhouse gases?	Y		
8	Do you support a constitutional amendment to overturn <i>Citizens United</i> ?	Y		
9	Do you support marriage equality?	Y		
10	Do you support re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall Act?	Y		
11	Do you support Charter Schools and/or School Vouchers?		N	
12	Do you support equal pay for women?	Y		

* If you answered “Yes” or “Qualified” please explain your answer:

Please answer the following questions *		Yes	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		N
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		N
3	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		N

* If you answered “Yes” or “Qualified” please explain your answer:

Have you ever been a member of any other political party?

No

Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom and when?

No

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Organization? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer or held a Party position? When/Where?

Yes. PCO 32nd LD 1983-89, PCO 46th LD 2002-2008, DNC 2010-current (as Co-Chair of the Democratic State Treasurers).

Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization?

46th LD, KC Dems, WA Dems, WA Dem Caucuses House/Senate

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. **Ensure the safety and security of public funds.**
2. **Better capital planning to ensure job-creating investments in schools and transportation necessary to keep our economy growing and moving forward.**
3. **Improve funding for public pensions.**

With respect to how you plan on getting your message to voters:

- **How many doors have you and/or your volunteers knocked to date? Do you have a goal, and, if so, what is it?**
- **How much money have you raised to date, and from approximately how many donors?**
- **What is your fundraising goal, and how do you plan to reach that goal?**

Goal: \$400,000. Two radio ads, internet campaign, and yard signs.

If you are running against another Democrat –
Why should the County or LD organizations support you over your opponent? (hint: make this about you, not your opponent)

What are the top three *most* pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? How would you address these issues if elected?

On my third day as State Treasurer, a small bank failed and \$14 million in public funds were lost – and had to be made up by the rest of the banks in the state. Since then we've lost another 18 banks, but no public funds were lost or put at risk after I required them to insure or post collateral for all public deposits. I am working with community banks in the state to ensure that the state and local governments continue to have safe and effective alternatives to the national banks for banking services.

Gyrations in the state constitutional debt limit have made capital planning difficult and limited our ability to support job creation during recessions without threatening the state's credit rating. I am currently working with the Legislature on an amendment to the debt limit that would smooth out the gyrations, improve our ability to plan capital projects and support our construction industry during future recessions. I am also working to use state backing to help local governments secure lower cost financing for public infrastructure projects.

Last Session, the Legislature funded the minimum required contribution to public pensions for the first time in over 10 years after I proposed a constitutional amendment that would require them to do so. I intend to continue to press the Legislature to fully fund our public pension obligations to maintain our status as the 3rd best funded pension system in the country.

If you are running against another Democrat –
If your opponent makes it out of the primary, and you do not, is there any reason you would not be supportive of their candidacy?

Explain your positions on affordable housing, low income housing, density, and ending homelessness in your community.

Prior to elective office, I conducted extensive research at the UW in support of affordable housing and ending homelessness, and served as Board Chair of Common Ground, a statewide, non-profit developer of affordable housing. As Treasurer, I serve as Secretary of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, which is a major source of funding for affordable housing.

How do you believe the government could help improve the health care delivery system in our country and state?

National single-payer health care. Washington’s Basic Health Care program provides a good model for transitioning to the reforms enacted under President Obama, if the Legislature can find a way to keep it alive until 2014.

Will you be a champion for civil rights for all people, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability?

Absolutely.

What specific changes in the tax system do you believe are needed?

We need an income-based tax system that treats all individuals and businesses fairly, gets rid of the B&O tax, and lowers our regressive property and sales taxes.

What do you believe can be done to cure our State’s budget problems, and fully fund the multiple progressive programs (e.g.: Basic Health, Home Health Care Worker Advanced Training, Apple Health for Kids, Early Childhood Education), along with other programs (e.g., basic education, higher education, public safety)? Please include *how* you would be effective in enacting your proposed solution.

I have publically called for the Legislature to raise taxes as part of their work to close the current budget gap, noting that this would be the most “credit positive” thing they could do to preserve the state’s credit rating.

What elements of education reform do you support, not support, and how would you work to improve education in Washington State?

I support full funding for K-12 basic education. This will require more revenue at the state level, which I am willing to support.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Jim McIntire	Date 2/17/12
Signature		