

FINAL

2023 Candidate Questionnaires

All Candidates

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the provided information is true and accurate.

ALL Candidates

1. Introductory Information

- Name and contact information of candidates, campaign manager, campaign treasurer, and other staff.
- What type of position are you running for?
 - Pick one: County, Port, Judicial, City, City of Seattle, School Board, other.
- What position are you running for?
 - Pick one: conditional list of race jurisdictions based on category
- Are you a Democrat? (*Mandatory question; exception for Judicial candidates*)

2. Yes/no/qualified questions

- Have you ever been a member of another political party? (*Exception for Judicial candidates*)
- Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission, or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?
- Do you have a code of conduct for campaign staff and volunteers?
- If you have campaign staff, do you support them joining a labor union?
- Do you support employees of your jurisdiction (e.g., your city's employees, the Port's employees, etc.) exercising their collective bargaining rights without fear of retaliation, including the right to bargain and strike for better working conditions and pay?
- Are you willing to have yourself, your staff, and your peers undergo training to understand and combat institutional racism, implicit bias, and sexual harassment?
- Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate fossil fuel PACs?
- Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate pharmaceutical PACs or corporate health insurance PACs?
- Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate building industry PACs, including the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) and the National Association of Home Builders?
- Will your campaign accept contributions from law enforcement or sheriffs' organizations?

- Will you return contributions from companies or PACs who are aligned with the organizations listed above and others that conflict with Democratic Party values?
- Have you made any donations to Republican candidates or Republican Party organizations in the last 5 years?
- Have you previously participated, or will you be participating, in a candidate training program like Institute for a Democratic Future or Emerge?

For any Yes/No questions you answered “qualified”, please explain:

3. Candidate Background (maximum 200 words each question)

- Please describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and political activity).

4. Shared Free Response questions – common to all candidates (except judicial)

maximum 200 words each question

- What motivated you to run for this position and how would you evaluate your success?
- What are the top three issues of urgency that you will address if elected?
- How will you involve all residents and engage all communities in the decision-making process?
- How have you promoted an enduring environment of inclusivity, diversity, and equity?
- If elected, how will you address inequalities experienced among BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, or other marginalized communities and advance an agenda of equality?

All Municipalities & city related offices

Yes/no/qualified

- Will you commit to change zoning, permitting, and other obstacles in your city to increase housing availability for mid and lower income levels?
- Will you commit to an increased percent of funding towards community and behavioral health services?
- Will you actively support increased non-auto dependent transportation?
- Do you support alternatives to the forced removal of unhoused people?
- Do you support regulations to restrict police practices historically applied unfairly or abusively?
- Do you support offering broadband internet access as a public utility?
- Will you support allocating public safety budget dollars to the LEAD and CoLEAD programs of community-based intervention and diversion?

- **For any Yes/No questions you answered “qualified”, please explain:**

Free response

- All municipalities are facing housing issues in their region. What changes will you make and how will you fund those changes?
- All municipalities are facing behavioral health issues in their region. How is your community specifically affected, what changes will you make, and how will you fund them?
- Ongoing inequity is an issue in King County. Other than housing, what are your immediate plans for addressing this injustice?
- Many cities have claimed a commitment to reducing carbon emissions. What specific actions will you take to ensure that your city drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050?

Seattle City Council Candidates

Yes/no/qualified

- Will you support allocating ongoing operational and future capital funding, as well as prioritizing public lands to ensure the Seattle Social Housing Developer (as enacted by I-135) is successful?
- Will you support re-funding JustCARE or a similar program to provide community-based public safety resources?
- Do you support safe consumption sites in every city council district?
- Will you introduce or support legislation to fund affordable childcare facilities, with workers paid a living wage?
- Will you support moving Seattle elections to even years to increase voter turnout?

For any Yes/No questions you answered “qualified”, please explain:

Free Response

- What specific legislation would you introduce to reform the Seattle Police Department?
- What are your policy priorities to ensure that Seattle residents are able to earn living wages?
- Do you support the taxes recommended in the 2018 Report of the Progressive Revenue Task Force? Please share your thoughts.
- Will you support a Comprehensive Plan that includes upzones that allow for multifamily housing, light industrial, and commercial uses in all residential areas, as well as allowing for high rises near all light rail stations, as described in the proposed Alternative 6 plan?

County Offices

(Assessor, Elections, 4x King Co. Council positions)

Yes/no/qualified

- Do you support the Growth Management Act's goals of focusing development and population growth in existing urban centers to protect rural land use in rural King County?
- Do you support increased funding for the King County District Court Regional Mental Health Court?
- Do you support shifting law enforcement budgets in support of social and behavioral health services?
- Will you advocate for the use of harm reduction models in the county's legal system?
- Will you support allocating public safety budget dollars to the LEAD and CoLEAD programs of community-based intervention and diversion?

If you answered qualified in Yes/no please answer in 200 words or less

Free response

- King County's 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP)¹ lays out a path to 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and an 80% reduction by 2050. How will you use new funding and incentives from the federal 2022 Inflation Reduction Act to improve results, and how will you update the SCAP in 2025?
- The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated and highlighted the economic and mental health disparities across our communities. How will you expand access to services to reduce these disparities and what is your plan for funding?
- King County has committed to pro-equity contracting with minority- and women-owned businesses (MWBs) and reported that 7% of total 2021 contracting dollars went to MWBs. What actions will you take to reduce systemic discrimination against MWBs and expand the participation of MWBs in county contracts of all sizes and across our communities?

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<https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/climate/documents/scap-2020-approved/2020-king-county-strategic-climate-action-plan.pdf>

Judicial Offices

Yes/no/qualified

- Have you served full-time or pro-tem as a judge or justice?
- Do you advocate and/or allow telepresence in courtroom proceedings?
- Will you promote systemic change away from the monetary bail system?

For any Yes/No questions you answered “qualified”, please explain:

Free response - ALL JUDICIAL

- How would you further equity and access to justice for all in the legal system? Provide specific examples of what you have done or commit to doing to further this goal.
- Judges are expected to fairly apply the law and perform all duties without bias or prejudice. Please provide an example when you have realized and self-checked your own privilege and/or bias.
- As a Judge or Justice, how would you advocate for equity, ease of access, and responsiveness?

Free response - SUPERIOR COURT ONLY

- Evidence has proven that youth incarceration fails to rehabilitate delinquent behavior and does not improve public safety. What are your thoughts on this matter and what alternatives to confinement would you implement in your courtroom?

Port of Seattle

Yes/no/qualified

- Should the Port promote dockside/rail connection to minimize truck traffic congestion and diesel emissions?
- Should the Port make “Cold Iron” electrical power required of shippers, including cruise ships, to minimize diesel generator exhaust air pollution?
- Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State’s ports?
- Do you support the collective bargaining efforts of SeaTac Airport workers for better pay and better working conditions?
- Will you be an advocate for alternative methods of transportation including electric rail and high speed, electric, interstate rail?

For any Yes/no questions you answered “qualified”, please explain:

Free response

- As the Port recovers from the economic impact of the pandemic, how will you use your position to ensure that future growth and activity among tenant operations minimize climate impact and practice environmental stewardship?
- How will you use your position to elevate Indigenous people and encourage more equity and opportunity for BIPOC communities? Please offer specific examples of your plans.
- Airport activity affects the health and socio-economic circumstances of the many people living in nearby neighborhoods. How will you balance the future growth of SeaTac airport with the interests of the residents of airport-adjacent communities?

School Board

Yes/no/qualified

- Do you support charter schools and/or vouchers for private/religious school education?
- Do you support supplemental funding for International Baccalaureate & Advanced Placement testing for low-income students?
- Do you support salary increases for teachers and paraprofessionals?
- Do you support continuing and expanding art, music, physical education, and library classes?
- Do you support enhancing awareness of the option for parents to 'opt out' their students from military recruitment activities?

For any Yes/no questions you answered "qualified", please explain:

Free response

- What policies or changes will you seek to ensure that all students receive an education that enables them to reach their fullest potential?
- How will you address equity in discipline, particularly regarding school resource officers?
- What will you do to advocate for ample and equitable funding for K-12 education including special education, school nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, and paraeducators?
- Nation-wide, we have seen examples of parents objecting to books in school libraries with subjects that include racial injustice, the experience of BIPOC communities, and LGBTQIA+ perspectives. How will you address the concerns of these parents and uphold your district's policies?
- Environmental concerns impact students differently depending on the location of their homes and the maintenance of their school buildings. Provide examples of your climate justice actions to date and your specific plans for school-related environmental equity for all enrolled students.

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