



2024 Questionnaire Packet 1

Approved at the January 23, 2024 KCDCC meeting

Questionnaires included:

[King Conservation District](#)
[U.S. Representative & U.S. Senator](#)
[State Representative & State Senator](#)
[Attorney General](#)
[Lieutenant Governor](#)
[Governor](#)

2024 Questionnaire Packet 2

Approved at the February 27, 2024 KCDCC meeting

Questionnaires included:

[Judicial \(Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Superior Court\)](#)
[Auditor](#)
[Insurance Commissioner](#)
[Public Lands](#)
[Secretary of State](#)
[Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)
[Treasurer](#)

Common Questions*

* Judicial questionnaires have different common questions

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King Conservation District

1. How have you prepared for this position?
Some things you could include: are you engaged with community organizations? Have you 'knocked on doors' to campaign and meet with constituents? Are you fundraising? Do you hold environmental certifications that prepare you for this role?
2. What specific challenges do you see for King Conservation District in the coming three year term?



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U.S. Representative / U.S. Senator

Note: Responses are limited to 1200 characters

1. What actions will you take to protect democracy?
2. The WA State Democratic Platform states: The United States must work closely and persistently with other countries to prevent or stop genocide wherever it occurs. What will you do to uphold this principle?
3. What programs and strategies will you pursue to lift people out of poverty?
4. The Inflation Reduction Act is one of the key accomplishments of the Biden Administration. How do you rate its implementation to date, and what are the next steps?
5. What will you do to avoid catastrophic climate collapse and the humanitarian crises that accompany it?
6. What will you do to expand and balance the Courts, including the Supreme Court?



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State Representative / State Senator

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1. What policies and actions do you support to reform Washington's regressive tax structure?
2. How will you support high quality public education?
3. How will you increase the supply of affordable housing in the state?
4. What actions will you take to reduce discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, historically marginalized groups, and other vulnerable populations?
5. How will you seek to eliminate privately run prisons and detention centers?
6. What will you do to promote equitable access to quality healthcare for all?
7. What will you bring to the Washington Legislature that would not otherwise be there?



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Attorney General

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1. What will be your priorities as Attorney General?
2. How will you organize your office to create a more-diverse workgroup?
3. Which issues do you foresee needing close interstate cooperation with your peers across the nation?
4. What will you do to support existing laws that protect tribal sovereignty and enforce treaties?
5. How will you advance police accountability?
6. What strategy do you have for protecting consumers from predatory business practices or harmful interstate restrictions?
7. How will you work to protect the privacy of individuals?
8. What actions will your office take to protect the environment?



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Lieutenant Governor

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1. What are your top three legislative priorities to advance to the floor for debate?
2. As Lieutenant Governor you will have the power to make appointments to over forty boards and commissions. What principles will guide your process and what do you look for in candidates?
3. How will you use the position of Lieutenant Governor to improve economic equity for all Washingtonians?
4. What will you do to advance legislation to provide quality mental healthcare facilities to meet the growing needs across Washington state?
5. It was reported that nearly half of the hospital beds in Washington are controlled by religiously affiliated healthcare systems. What will you do to ensure access to all legally allowed healthcare options, including reproductive care and gender affirming care?



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Governor

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1. What top priorities will you advance with your budget?
2. How will you generate more revenue more progressively?
3. What factors will primarily influence your selection of appointments to Washington's Courts?
4. What will you do to place Washington last in gun-related deaths?
5. How will you address the state's housing crisis?
6. How will you mitigate climate change and preserve clean air and water?
7. What infrastructure additions and improvements will you initiate and maintain?



Common Judicial Questions

1. How does your lived experience inform your understanding of justice?
2. What role do you see for the judiciary in addressing injustices from the criminal justice system?
3. How do you balance adherence to precedents against changes in society?
4. How will you make sure racial, sexual, gender, and other implicit and explicit forms of discrimination are not responsible for guilty pleas or excessive sentences in criminal cases in your jurisdiction?
5. How will you ensure people have equal access to the law, considering the prohibitive cost of civil litigation?
6. What public interest work have you done in the last five years?
7. As a member of the legal profession, what accomplishments are you most proud of?

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2024 Supreme Court Questions

1. One of the criteria for accepting a case is that it concerns a matter of substantial public importance. What issues meet that bar for you?
2. As a Supreme Court Justice, how will you decide when and how to change the law or create new law?

2024 Appellate Court Questions

1. How will you supervise the lower courts in your district?
2. What ideas do you have to make our judicial system more open, transparent, and responsive?

2024 Superior Court Questions (also applies to District Court)

1. What conditions compel you to sentence below the minimum standard?
2. Fines and fees present an obstacle for many people seeking justice. How can you address that issue?



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State Auditor

1. In 2022 it was found that state agencies failed to document the dispersal of ~\$1B of the \$37B in federal aid that was reviewed. Going forward, how will you address and elevate internal controls for greater accountability?
2. How does the State Auditor's Office remain efficient and effective in this constantly evolving technological landscape?
3. How do you prioritize the order and degree to which agencies receive an audit?
4. What was learned in the first in the nation challenge to review and audit use of deadly force?
5. What do you see as the role of the State Auditor's Office in addressing crimes involving human trafficking or sexual exploitation?
6. How effective has the office been in reducing or eliminating cyber security threats for state agencies and local governments?



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Insurance Commissioner

1. A large burden lies with those on Apple Health and Cascade Care to gain access to preventative care. How will you remove barriers to access?
2. What will you do to ensure access to all legally allowed healthcare options including reproductive care and gender affirming care?
3. How will you make the cost of health insurance more competitive for individuals and companies with one to 50 employees?
4. What regulatory and legislative changes will you advocate to provide quality mental and behavioral healthcare to meet the growing needs across Washington state?
5. How will you move the state to provide universal healthcare?
6. What will you pursue to contain costs of emergency-related insurance—such as fire, earthquake, flood, and landslide—in the face of climate change?



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Public Lands

1. What are your top three policy priorities?
2. Climate change has increased the portion of the year at high-risk for wildfires from three months to nearly six months. Outside of the requirements of HB1578, passed in 2023, how will you approach wildfire control and prevention?
3. How will you build and strengthen relationships with other departments to ensure that Washington is taking a comprehensive, sustainable approach to preserving our natural resources?
4. How will you prioritize addressing pollution?
5. We value understanding of, respect for, and maintenance of Tribal rights and treaties. How will you coordinate with our state's Tribes and collaborate towards the restoration and preservation of our natural environment?
6. What opportunities do you see as the Commissioner of Public Lands to pursue environmental justice for communities harmed by historical practices?



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Secretary of State

1. What will you do to increase voting among underserved communities, in particular communities of color and young voters?
2. What are your top legislative priorities for the next term?
3. How will you protect election workers and facilities from threats?
4. What actions will you take to correct misinformation about the voting process, election integrity, accusations of fraud and cybersecurity threats?
5. How will you help underserved communities gain greater access to the full range of state services, such as the registration of businesses and other legal entities, and doing business with the state?
6. What opportunities do you see for greater transparency and easier access to public information?



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Superintendent of Public Instruction

1. How do you propose we fix the special education funding gap?
2. How will your office develop a funding formula for public schools and capital projects that distributes funds equitably across districts regardless of tax base?
3. What are your thoughts about how OSPI manages student and parent concerns regarding civil rights?
4. What oversight will you bring to homeschooling?
5. What will your office do about student absenteeism?
6. How will you address the lingering effects of the pandemic on students' learning loss and social skills?
7. Who are your primary advisors on public education issues?
8. How will you support collective bargaining?



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Treasurer

1. In light of the newly assigned positive credit rating, what are your priorities to strengthen Washington's human services and climate adaptation infrastructure?
2. What legislation would the OST request in the coming 4 year term?
3. How will you advocate for the Safer Banking Act designed to ensure safety, accountability, and fairness for the cannabis industry?
4. How can the OST ensure that those without a relationship with traditional financial institutions be served?