

38TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT REQUESTS

February 2, 2017

Dear Candidate:

Whenever a candidate asks for our endorsement, we ask the campaign to fill out our short questionnaire. It's not intended to be a comprehensive assessment of all issues. Rather, our aim is to focus on a handful of issues of key importance to the 38th Legislative District Democrats. This helps us as we evaluate those that are seeking our endorsement.

Consequently, there are many important issues that don't appear on our questionnaire. This does not mean they are not important to us. To be clear: we evaluate candidates based on all available information and not just the responses to this questionnaire. Additional sources of information may include (but are not limited to), news reports, public statements, voting records, personal endorsements and contributions history, labor relations, and other endorsements received. Additionally, at the discretion of the chair of the endorsement committee, you may be invited to a meeting of the endorsement committee to answer questions from committee members.

The endorsement committee will evaluate endorsement requests and then make recommendations to the membership of the 38th Legislative District Democrats. The final decision will be voted on by the membership of the 38th Legislative District Democrats.

Please consider time constraints when planning to return your questionnaire. We must have sufficient time in advance of the regular membership meeting to deliberate your endorsement request and then publish the proposed action on our regular membership meeting agenda. We will not be able to accomplish that without having at least two weeks' notice before a regular membership meeting.

Endorsement requests will not necessarily be considered at the next general membership meeting. The endorsement committee chair may "hold" endorsement requests if that is deemed appropriate to allow other requests to be considered. On the other hand, the chair may also move to consider requests well in advance of the filing date if that is considered appropriate based on the nature and circumstances of a particular race.

When your request for an endorsement is published on our meeting agenda, you will be invited to attend the general membership meeting and you may speak to the membership regarding your request at that time. The general membership will have the opportunity to ask you any questions they might have about your candidacy.

One final note: Your answers to this questionnaire will be made available to members of the endorsement committee and to the general membership of the 38th Legislative District. You should consider this a public document open to be viewed by anyone.

Thank you for your request for an endorsement from the 38th Legislative District Democrats. We appreciate your interest and your participation.

Mary Rollins, Endorsement Committee Chairwoman
38th Legislative District Democrats; 425-487-2284

Return completed questionnaire to chair at: mfrl58@gmail.com

Please also attach a high-resolution photo (a head shot) along with your questionnaire.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: Jason Call

Office Sought: Marysville City Council Position 2

1. Why are you running for this office? *I'm running so I can serve my community as it grows. I want to be involved in ensuring tax dollars are invested wisely, that the environment is effectively managed, that union labor is used for public works projects, and that public health and safety services are well funded, and that Marysville becomes a model city for a sustainable future, both environmentally and culturally.*
2. What is your work/volunteer history in regards to public and community service? *I have been a math teacher for 18 years. I got into teaching specifically because it was a service oriented profession, and I believed I could have a positive impact on youth. I have been involved in political campaigns and social justice activist organizations for decades because those groups are integral to our growth and development as a local community and a nation.*
3. What qualifications/experience do you bring to this office? *I have a BA in Political Science from UW ('94), and have been involved actively with the 38th and 44th LDs over the last 15 years. I have most recently been elected as Snohomish County State Committeeman for the Democratic Party. My real experience is that of a citizen of my community over the last eight years.*
4. Please list any Democratic clubs and/or organizations that you are a member of, including the length of time you have been a member and any leadership positions you have held in those clubs/organizations. *I am a PCO in the 44th LD, a member of the WA Dems State Central Committee. At times, PCO coordinator. Previously a member of the 38th LD ('03-'06) but not a PCO.*
5. Who do you believe will be your main opponent(s) in the election? *I have two primary opponents, Mark James and Donna Wright (incumbent). I can't say who will be the main opponent, but I believe I'll make it through the primary as the only left leaning candidate.*
6. Please list your five most significant organizational endorsements to date and your five most significant personal endorsements to date. *38th, 39th, 44th Snohomish County Democrats, Marysville Indivisible, and the personal endorsement of 44th LD Rep John Lovick*
7. How much money has your campaign raised so far? Of that, how much of that is your own money (dollars, not percentage)? *So far in this very early stage of fundraising, I've raised \$370 from 5 contributors, and contributed about \$750 of my own money.*
8. How much money do you expect your campaign will spend? How do you plan to raise the amount above and beyond what you have raised so far? *I have switched my reporting to Full reporting, so at this point I anticipate raising over \$5000. I am seeking contributions from individuals, political groups, and labor unions.*
9. Do you plan to have any paid campaign staff or use paid consultants, and have you included paid staff and consultants in your overall costs? *Yes, campaign consultants have been considered in the overall need for funding.*
10. Crime and drug use/violence is a significant issue in our district. Describe how you view the current crime/drug problem and what steps, if any, if any, you will take in the next two years to address those problems. If this requires additional funding, from where should that funding come? *I believe drugs are primarily a health problem, not a crime problem. I support treatment and counseling over incarceration for nonviolent offenses. I support rehabilitation efforts for those who are incarcerated. It is clear that Snohomish County in general does not have enough capacity to deal effectively with the opioid and heroin addiction problem. Communities in*

partnership need to establish greater funding for treatment centers for those who cannot afford private insurance. A greater capacity for public health is the best way to support public safety.

11. We live in a very diverse community. Our minority citizens are not fairly represented in employment and are far behind in prosperity. What are your accomplishments regarding diversity and economic equity and what are your goals regarding diversity, economic equity, and civil rights? How will you achieve those goals? *I don't know that I have "accomplishments" in regards to diversity. Anyone who knows me in a social or professional capacity knows that I have a passion for equity. My M.Ed work focused heavily on multicultural education, and as a white male I like to think of myself as one of the more enlightened individuals in regards to civil rights and white male privilege. I'll never be able to shed the privilege afforded me by my ethnicity and gender. But I can use it for good and to uplift others. One of my goals is to establish Council districts for Marysville. Greater geographical diversity of representation will ultimately lead to a more effective voice for everyone in the community. I'm willing to redistrict myself out of a seat in the future if it means better representation for the community.*

12. What steps, if any, do you think need to be taken to improve voter turnout in the district, increase public involvement, and to reduce voter apathy? *Good communication between government and citizenry should be the bedrock of effective communities. If voter turnout is low, we must look to how information about elections and government functioning in general is conveyed to the voters.*

13. What is your position on Charter Schools in Washington State? What changes would you advocate for in the public education system? How have you demonstrated leadership in public education policy and how will you do so if elected? *As a public school teacher and member of the WEA and Edmonds EA, and as a former Executive Board member of the Marysville EA, I think it's pretty safe to say that I oppose Charter Schools 100%. Changes in the education system? How much time do you have? (No, seriously...) I have spent a lot of time in Olympia with WEA lobbying groups over the last 18 years. I considered running for SPI this year, and may consider it again in the future. I have a lot of activist friends in education, and a lot of input on how our schools could better serve our communities. I'll be happy to talk with anyone about that, and in particular math education.*

14. What environmental initiatives have you undertaken, what have you accomplished, and what are your immediate environmental goals if elected? *Personally, I have solar panels on my roof, and a hybrid vehicle. I eat organically as much as possible, and I am strongly considering a transition to vegetarianism as I am aware of the huge impact that a meat based diet has on our planet. I have always supported candidates with strong environmental records. I would like to see Marysville implement Green Building codes and guidelines for any new construction - materials produced sustainably, architecture and design that makes maximum use of the environment, installation of solar energy and battery storage for municipal buildings and schools. All of this is an investment in the future. I would also like to encourage manufacturing in Marysville that produces the products needed for an environmentally sustainable future. I purchased my own solar panels and inverter specifically from a company based in Marysville. We need more of those kinds of business to remain locally, providing good union jobs at a family wage to people who live in the community.*

15. Do you believe you lean more toward labor or more toward management? Do you have a history of union membership/union service? Describe your relations with labor and past labor related accomplishments. *Labor. My union history is strong. I've been a member of the WEA since '99, and often an active building rep. 3 years elected to Marysville EA Executive Board, and 4 years elected to the WEA Representative Assembly (3 for Marysville, 1 for Everett). I have co-sponsored successful NBIs at the WEA RA dealing with corporate personhood and state mandated testing.*

16. List the milestones in your public service career that demonstrate Democratic ideals. List any actions or issues supported by Democrats that you did not support and explain your position on those issues that caused you to oppose. *I have worked on campaigns, been an elected PCO, and now an elected representative for Snohomish County on the WADSCC. I have long been critical of the centrist wing of the Democratic party. I want the Democratic Party to support Campaign Finance Reform as a central issue. I have long been critical of the Democratic Party's deference to the military industrial complex. I have long been critical of the Democratic Party's relationship to the big money of health insurance and pharmaceutical industry, and I full support a single payer health care system. Those are the "big 3" for me.*

17. List three of your most significant accomplishments that you made in your most recent term as an elected official or, if never elected, your three most significant accomplishments in public service. *The three most important accomplishments in my public service are: my students, my students, and my students. Additionally, despite my disdain for state mandated testing, I was integral in Totem Middle School (Marysville) being awarded a School of Distinction Award for 7th grade math in 2010. That was me. I'm not shy about it, it's truly a source of pride to have helped that class of students grow so much over the course of a year.*

18. Describe the three "stretch goal" accomplishments you intend to achieve in your next term if elected. *Marysville has a huge traffic project underway, so I wouldn't be able to claim any victory for any success that project might bring, but I'd like to see it through and ensure that the work is done with union labor and under union guidelines for wages, benefits, and working conditions. I would like to connect with surrounding communities (Granite Falls, Arlington, Lake Stevens) and ensure that the local area has an inpatient drug treatment center. I would like to see a revitalization of the face of Marysville, which is State street from 4th to Smokey Point Blvd. That means encouraging new businesses that provide valuable service to the community so that they don't go out of business. Too many empty store fronts.*

19. The district has a large homeless population. The City of Everett has the third lowest rate of home ownership in the state at 55.5% renter occupied (state average is 37.2%). Per capita income is one of the lowest in Snohomish County, and slightly above the state median (Everett \$25,102, state median \$22,632). Everett has the highest percentage of low-income residents in Snohomish County. With these facts in mind, what measures do you propose to balance the scales and bring greater opportunity for housing, home ownership and economic equity to Everett residents, particularly to minority citizens? *Affordable low income housing and increased opportunity for home ownership are things that, due to the fast growing area, must be tackled quickly. I've been in Marysville for 8 years. I bought at the height of the bubble, and quickly lost value. I've regained that value and then some, but property prices are increasing rapidly, and I envision many being priced out of the community. People being able to live and work in the same community is a valuable asset to the overall health of the community and should be encouraged by local government, most effectively by seeking family wage paying employers. This is an area that I would certainly take common sense input from various groups in terms of suggesting research based initiatives to increase economic equity.*

20. What do you consider the major issue facing our community today, and how do you intend to address it? *Apathy. An informed and compassionate citizenry is vital to effective democracy. People need to see that government can be good, and can work for them, even though it feels often that government and citizens are on opposing sides. When people see that government can do good, it is up to government to do better. We need a positive feedback loop, which means we need transparency, open lines of respectful communication, and constant feedback. If we don't have these goals as a local government, we can't expect more than apathy and limited progress.*