Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your request for an endorsement from the 38th Legislative District Democrats. We appreciate your interest and your participation. Whenever a candidate asks for our endorsement, we ask the campaign to fill out this questionnaire. Our aim is to solicit information about the issues that are of key importance to the 38th Legislative District Democrats. This helps us as we evaluate those that are seeking our endorsement.

We evaluate candidates based on all available information- not just the responses to this questionnaire. Additional sources of information we will examine may include (but are not limited to): news reports, public statements, social media, voting records, contributions history (received and given), labor relations and labor endorsements, and other groups/organization 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 (we try to gather enough information from the questionnaire and historical information so that a candidate meeting is not required).

The endorsement committee will evaluate your endorsement request and then make recommendations to the membership of the 38th Legislative District Democrats. You will be invited to the membership meeting to make a brief statement and answer questions from members. There may be other candidates there for the same position also seeking an endorsement. The final decision for endorsement rests with the membership of the 38th Legislative District Democrats and will occur through a membership vote at the meeting.

Please consider time constraints when planning to return your questionnaire. We must have sufficient time in advance of the regular membership meeting to investigate and 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.

**We highly encourage you to submit your endorsement request as early as possible!** Our meeting schedules are set far in advance and you cannot count on a meeting occurring between the close of filing for office and the date that candidate statements are required for the voter’s pamphlet (usually a week after filing closes). When possible, the membership will consider endorsement requests early enough to allow publication in the voter’s pamphlet, but this requires your endorsement request being sent in early. Remember, the filing date is set for the purposes of getting ballots printed for elections. While we give that some consideration it is more important to us to endorse and support quality candidates that support our issues and share our concerns. Therefore, we encourage you, again, to get endorsement requests in to us as early as possible.

Endorsement requests will not necessarily be considered at the next general membership meeting or before candidate filing. The endorsement committee chair may “hold” endorsement requests if that is deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the membership.

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. It will be posted on our website. You should consider this a public document open to be viewed by anyone.

Greg Lineberry,

Endorsement Committee Chairman, 38th LD Democrats

425-354-3838

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

Candidate Name:

Office Sought:

1. Why are you running for this office?
2. What qualifications do you have and what experience to you believe you bring to the position you are seeking? Please include your work/volunteer history related to public and community service (to include membership in community/charity/service organizations, board membership, military service, previously held elected positions, etc.)?
3. 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. Please list any positions you have held in the Democratic Party (PCO, LD executive positions, etc.).
4. Please list your five most significant organizational endorsements to date and your five most significant personal endorsements to date.
5. Campaign Finance: How much money has your campaign raised so far? Of that, how much of that is your own money (dollars, not percentage)? How much money do you expect your campaign will spend, and how to you plan to raise the amount above and beyond what you have raised so far?
6. Campaign Staff and Campaign Management: 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?
7. Who do you believe will be your opponent(s) in this race?
8. We live in a very diverse community and we proudly share our district with members of the Tulalip Tribe. Our minority citizens are not fairly represented in employment, they are far behind in prosperity, they are disproportionally subjected to the criminal justice system, and they do not have the same opportunities others have. As demonstrated by the “Me Too” movement, women continue to suffer from harassment, abuse, and power/control dynamics. Members of the LGBTQQ community frequently suffer from harassment. What are your personal accomplishments regarding diversity, economic equity, justice, addressing racial bias and racial discrimination, civil rights, and equality for women and under-represented communities? What are your goals regarding these issues? How will you achieve those goals?
9. Our district has a large population of residents that are “undocumented immigrants” in the U.S. Many of them have lived here for many years, raising families and contributing to our communities. There are significant concerns about increasing enforcement of immigration violations and these concerns have caused some families to remove students from school, limit participation in the community, and effectively go into hiding. What are your thoughts about mass enforcement of immigration violations? What are your thoughts about “sanctuary cities”? How will you address these issues?
10. Our district has a large homeless population. The City of Everett has 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?
11. Opioid use and addiction is a significant and serious problem in our district. Describe what you will do to address the problem of opioid addiction and other drug abuse related issues (addiction, violence, crimes motivated by the use of drugs, treatment, safe injection sites).
12. Crime, gang activity, and violent crime are significant issues in our district. Describe how you view the current crime problems and what steps, if any, you will take in the next two years to address those problems.  If this requires additional funding, where should that funding come from?
13. What should we do, if anything, to improve firearm safety and reduce firearms violence, particularly as it relates to school shootings and mass shootings?
14. How should we respond to the health care crisis and Republican efforts to eliminate the Affordable Health Care Act or otherwise reduce/eliminate access to medical insurance coverage for all persons?
15. 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?
16. What environmental initiatives have you undertaken, what have you accomplished, and what are your immediate environmental goals if elected?
17. 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.
18. 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 the issue.
19. 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. Looking ahead, what are three goals you intend to accomplish in your next term if elected?
20. What steps, if any, do you think need to be taken to improve voter turnout in the district, increase public involvement, and reduce voter apathy? How will you better engage all residents of the district, particularly those that have traditionally not had significant engagement?
21. Finally, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US THAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD CONSIDER IN EVALUATION YOUR CANDIDACY?

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