



Snohomish County Democrats

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Snohomish County Democrats and Affiliated Legislative Districts “County Council/Executive” Questionnaire

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for requesting an endorsement from the Snohomish County Democrats and other affiliated legislative districts. We appreciate your interest and your participation. When a candidate asks for our endorsement we ask the candidate to fill out this questionnaire. The endorsement committee’s desire is to collect information that is important to our constituents in Snohomish County and to gain an understanding of your Democratic values.

This questionnaire will help us evaluate those candidates that are seeking our endorsement. We will evaluate candidates based on several sources of information beyond this questionnaire. At the discretion of the chair of the endorsement committee you may be invited to an interview with the full committee.

The endorsement committee will evaluate your endorsement request and make a recommendation to our membership. You may be invited to the membership meeting to make a brief statement and possibly answer a few questions. Please consider time constraints when planning to return your questionnaire. We highly encourage you to submit your endorsement request as early as possible.

Our affiliated legislative districts may, at their discretion, use this form for their endorsement request. Please contact the legislative districts you intend to seek endorsements from and see if this questionnaire will be used or if there is another form you should submit.

Endorsement questionnaires will be shared with our members and may be posted on the Snohomish County Democrats website and on the websites of our affiliated legislative districts.

Please return the completed questionnaire to: endorsements@snocodems.org and your local LD endorsements contact.

Candidate Name:	
Candidate for what office:	
Party affiliation:	
Have you filed with the PDC?	

Campaign Address:	
Campaign Phone:	
Email address:	

Campaign Manager name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Campaign Treasurer name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Campaign Consultant name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	

Candidate Background

Political background (offices held or currently hold, offices ran for, party positions, etc.)

Office Held	Years in Office

Community or Organizational Memberships (past and present):

1.) Why are you running for this office?

2.) What qualifications do you have and what experience do you believe you bring to the position you are seeking?

3.) How long have you lived in the jurisdiction associated with the race you are running for?

4.) Please describe your involvement with and contributions towards your local Democratic party organization, if any?

5.) What are the three most important issues facing you, if elected, and how would you solve them?

6.) Why are you seeking an endorsement from the Snohomish County Democrats and LDs?

7.) List your most significant organizational endorsements and your most significant personal endorsements (maximum of 3 of each).

8.) List the milestones (up to 3) in your public service career that you feel represent Democratic ideals.

9.) 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.

10.) What steps do you think need to be taken to improve voter turnout, increase public involvement, and reduce voter apathy? How will you better engage all residents of the district particularly those that have traditionally low engagement?

Please answer the following questions.		Yes/No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?	
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission or Federal Election Commission?	

If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions above, please explain your answer:

Please respond to the following acknowledgement(s).		Agree/Disagree
1	I agree to run an ethical and honest campaign. Failure to do so could result in the rescission of my endorsement.	

If you disagree with any of the items above, please explain your answer:

The Democrats Party Platform

"1" = strongly agree

"3" = neutral

"4" = somewhat disagree

"2" = somewhat agree

"5" = strongly disagree

#	Statement	Your response (1 to 5)
	I support the platform of the local, state, and national Democratic Party Organizations.	

Feel free to expound upon any of the planks to the platform:

Short Answer Questions

#	Question	Yes/No	Qualify your response.
1	Do you support steps to build a fairer economy through tax reform and progressive taxes as wealth increases?		
2	Do you support achieving a universal, affordable, quality single payer healthcare program?		
3	Do you support criminal justice reforms: defunding police?		
4	Do you support criminal justice reform: police accountability?		
5	Do you support criminal justice reform: eliminate “money” bail?		
6	Do you support criminal justice reforms: mandatory use of body cameras for police?		
7	Do you support women’s unrestricted access to reproductive healthcare?		
8	Do you support laws to limit carbon emissions and reverse climate change?		
9	Do you support local investment to address climate change, including converting your government district to an electric fleet, where applicable?		
10	Do you support overturning “Citizens United” and imposing limits on campaign finance contributions?		
11	Do you support the right of workers to unionize and bargain, including public employees?		
12	Do you support laws regulating the purchase, ownership, and carrying of firearms?		
13	Do you support the use of public funds toward charter schools?		
14	Do you support Ranked Choice Voting?		
15	Do you support robust investment in publicly owned housing/subsidized housing and zoning changes to support such housing?		
16	Do you support housing as a human		

	right and public financing for universal housing?		
17	Do you support the establishment of a Universal Basic Income?		
18	Do you support public funding of safe-use and consumption sites for opioids?		
19	If elected, would you oppose any measures that reduce the net amount of public green space, sell public green spaces for development, or limit access to green space within your city?		
20	Developer impact fees are allowed under the Growth Management Act. Should they be increased to help pay for needed improvements to our roads, parks, and schools?		
21	Do you support building a county owned and operated broadband system in your city?		
21	Do you support housing as a human right and public financing for universal housing?		

Essay Questions

1.) What can be done to reduce the carbon footprint of your district and the county?

2.) What are your plans for public transit?

3.) What are your plans to help house the homeless and provide more affordable housing?

4.) Does the level of diversity among county employees reflect the constituents of your district or the county as a whole? If there is a disparity, how do you think it should be addressed, if at all?

3.) If funding of operations depends upon a public vote on a bond or levy, how would you best lobby your constituents to approve its passage?

6.) If prevailing sentiment on a “hot button issue” goes against your values as a Democrat, how do you reconcile the disparity between doing what you feel to be right versus representing your constituents?

7.) As an elected official, will you endorse and support other qualified democrats running for other offices, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, culture, disability, or other factors?

8.) “DINO” means “Democrat In Name Only” and refers to individuals who declare themselves as Democrats for political reasons, but that do not reflect Democratic values in their actions. Are you a DINO? How have your actions proven you a “real” Democrat?

9.) What is an issue you think has not been adequately addressed by past and present leadership in the county? What would you try to do to address it?

10.) The pandemic is shining a light on local emergency management. What would you do to

improve emergency management in the county?

11.) How would you prioritize county services in the event of an economic downturn?

12.) How should the Growth Management Act be applied to limit urban sprawl in the face of ever-increasing demands for more housing and under pressure by groups for more building and development?

13.) What are your plans for economic development in the county to offset the continued loss of family supporting jobs at Boeing?

14.) Describe your progressive vision for Snohomish County over the next 25 years. How would you help implement it?