



Snohomish County Democrats

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Snohomish County Democrats and Affiliated Legislative Districts School Board Member 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:	

Website:	
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:

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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:

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The Democrats Party Platform

"1" = strongly agree
"2" = somewhat agree

"3" = neutral

"4" = somewhat disagree
"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	Justify 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 school 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 partnerships to create affordable housing for families with students in your school district that are experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless?		

16	Do you support the idea that science teachers should teach “both sides” of evolution, as in the scientific evidence and religious theories?		
17	Do you support high-stakes testing for evaluating students?		
18	Should schools be run like a business?		
19	Do you support allowing school personnel to carry firearms toward the goal of keeping students safe?		
20	Do you support the freedom for students to use school locker rooms and bathrooms that correspond to their gender identities?		
21	Should all school personnel be trained in de-escalation techniques?		
22	Do you support medically accurate and comprehensive sex education in schools, including education on healthy relationships and models of consent?		
23	Do you support providing age appropriate instruction on how to prevent, identify, and report suspected child abuse?		
24	Do you support the commercialization of school environments including food sales?		
25	Should our schools provide vocational and/or apprenticeship training to those students interested in pursuing a trade?		

Essay Questions

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

2.) Does the percentage of non-white teachers in your school district reflect the percentage of non-white students in your district? If there is a disparity, how should it be addressed, if at all?

3.) What do you consider to be the ideal class size and why?

4.) What steps need to be taken to make every student feel safe and provided for in our schools?

5.) There is a shortage of Special Education teachers and teachers of English Language Learners. How would you address this shortage?

6.) From an equity standpoint, how do you feel about the current way that public schools in Washington State are funded?

7.) What qualities do you consider most desirable in a Superintendent?

8.) Describe what measures are currently undertaken in your district to assist those students with disabilities. What, if anything, can be improved?

9.) What steps can be taken to ensure that students make the best nutritional choices both on school grounds and off school grounds?

10.) What infrastructure changes can be implemented to improve school safety?

11.) What do you plan to do to eliminate racism, homophobia, and other hate speech at school?

12.) The pandemic forced drastic alterations in how education was delivered. What “tactics” should be carried forward into the post-pandemic educational environment? What did you learn from the pandemic experience and what would you change if it occurred again?

13.) You learn that a student is homeless. What is the role of the school district in that situation? What can the school district do to address homelessness by students and/or families of students in the district?