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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

Name	Javier Valdez
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Phone Number	2062516425

Q2 Yes

I have reviewed the instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

Q3

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	Javier
Candidate last name	Valdez
Campaign email	javiervaldez46senate@gmail.com
Campaign phone	2062516425

Q4 Yes

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5 WA Legislative District 46

Jurisdiction

Q6 State Senator

Position Sought

Q7

Not applicable

Position number

Q8

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Campaign website (start with https://) **<https://www.javiervaldez.com/>**

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her) **He/Him/His**

Page 3: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Team Information (Optional)

Q9

Campaign Manager information (optional)

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Manager last name **Pollet**
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Manager phone **2067083407**

Q10

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Treasurer first name **Janet**
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Treasurer phone **2066694924**

Q11

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

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Consultant last name **Nielsen**
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Consultant phone **(206) 423-0120**

Q12

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

Fundraiser first name	Chad
Fundraiser last name	Hunter
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Fundraiser phone	(580) 763-2589

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Support (Optional)

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

Q16

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	https://www.facebook.com/javiervaldezforstatesenate
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Q17

Use Facebook Page picture

URL to HEADSHOT (optional, used for promotion if endorsed)

Page 5: ALL CAMPAIGNS: Instructions

Q18

I have read and understand the instructions at the beginning of this questionnaire.

Full legal name	Javier Valdez
Date	4/12/2022

Page 6: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

Q19

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Have you ever been a member of another political party?	No
Have you ever failed to pay any taxes, court-ordered judgements, or former campaign staff salaries?	No
Have you or your staff ever been found in violation of a Federal Election Commission, Public Disclosure Commission, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, or Judicial Conduct Commission regulation?	Qualified
Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers? If not, are you willing to implement one?	Yes
If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?	Yes
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff, or your peers participate in cultural competency, implicit bias, and anti-racism training?	Yes
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers participate in training to understand and combat sexual harassment?	Yes
Do you support the rights of all works to organize, collectively bargain, and strike without fear of retaliation?	Yes
Do you support the right of public workers - excluding military personnel - to bargain and strike?	Yes

Q20

For any yes / no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

In 1996, I was a candidate in a rapidly-unfolding special election for Seattle City Council following an unexpected vacancy. The week of the Democratic National Convention, both I and my campaign treasurer were in Chicago as DNC delegates. We mailed our SEEC report for that week on time from Chicago, but the lengthy travel time caused it to be received by the SEEC one day late. Despite the mitigating circumstances, the SEEC Executive Director at the time was a stickler, and she found us in minor violation of the SEEC regulations, and fined us \$50. The PDC did not flag the report as late, conversely. This is one of the reasons I am very glad that electronic campaign finance filing exists today. Not only does the public have access to information in nearly real time, but also, the same report would not have been late under today's regulations, as it would have been filed electronically before the day due and we would not have been subject to the vagaries of the US Postal system.

Q21

Please briefly describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, labor union affiliation etc.)

I am the son and grandson of farmworkers and laborers. My mother, a Teamster, worked for 29 years in a potato processing plant in Moses Lake. I am proud of my working class background and the lessons I learned growing up as a Mexican-American in rural eastern Washington.

I am a product of public education, relying on Pell and State Need Grants, work study, and college loans to get me through college.

I have worked for the City of Seattle for over 25 years, most of them with Seattle City Light, leading their Woman and Minority Business (WMBE) Program. From 2015-2017, I worked in the Seattle Mayor's Office, where I provided executive branch oversight and served as policy lead on WMBE issues for the Mayor, and I currently am a senior equity advisor with the City of Seattle Finance and Administrative Services Department.

During my tenure at Seattle City Light, I served as President of AFSCME Council 2, Local 21-C, from 2010-2015. I was their first President and successfully bargained our first-ever contract between the union and City Light.

I have been involved in numerous civic and people of color activities over my nearly thirty years living in Seattle, including leadership roles in Hispanic Seafair and the WA State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Q22

Please describe your history of involvement (if any), in local, regional, and/or state politics with particular emphasis on the last five years.

Representative, Washington State Legislature, 2017- current
Chair, House Members of Color Caucus, 2019-2021
Precinct Committee Officer, 1992 - present (excluding 1994-1995)
UW YD Chair, 1993
KCYD Chair (Founding) 1993-1995
43rd LD Chair (1997-2002)
43rd LD Executive Board Member, 1993-2004
46th LD Chair (2007-2009)
46th LD LD Executive Board Member, 2007-2009, 2017 - current
KCDCC Executive Boardmember, 1993-current
WSDCC State Committeemember, 2001 - current
WSDCC Executive Committeemember, 2003 - current
Democratic National Committeemember, 2020- current
Boardmember, Institute for a Democratic Future, 1997-2017 (serving as Treasurer for its first ten years)

I have volunteered time, help, or advice to countless Democratic candidates throughout the years, at the local, state, and federal levels. I have served on steering committees and informal "kitchen" cabinets.

Every year I take an active role in canvassing my precinct and others for all endorsed Democratic candidates on the ballot, and I participate in GOTV activities outside of my home district.

I have voted for every King County Democrats' and State Democrats' platform since 1994.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

WA State Senator

Position sought

Page 9: ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

I understand that I may be asked to update this questionnaire in the future for the campaign to be considered for endorsement.

Page 10: FEDERAL CANDIDATES: Position-specific questions

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions for Federal candidates

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

For any yes / no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Which elements of the Build Back Better Act do you think are the most important for our country? How would you achieve their enactment?

Q28

Respondent skipped this question

What voting rights / election practices must be available for all voters in all 50 states and what will you do to make sure those are available to all voters by the time of the 2024 Presidential Election?

Q29

Respondent skipped this question

Climate change is an urgent environmental and humanitarian crisis in the US and around the world. How would you use your office to enact aggressive measures to mitigate climate change (while ensuring climate justice) through various policy areas (e.g. environmental, transportation, land use, regulatory policy), and what specific policies have you supported?

Q30

Respondent skipped this question

How have you worked (and how will you continue to work) for broader and more equitable access to health care?

Page 11: WA SECRETARY OF STATE: Position-specific questions

Q31

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

Q32

Respondent skipped this question

For any yes / no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

We know that there has been a long-standing issue in WA state with ballots of Black and Hispanic/Latine individuals being rejected at a higher rate than White individuals. What policies should be enacted to address this issue and other barriers to voting equity for marginalized communities?

Q34

Respondent skipped this question

There are many ways to undermine elections, particularly disinformation campaigns intended to sow distrust in results. What do we need to do to make our voting process more robust against any such actions?

Q35

Respondent skipped this question

What cybersecurity system improvements need to be made to ensure that all of the information under the purview of the Secretary of State is protected from data breaches or similar threats?

Q36

Respondent skipped this question

As Secretary of State what specific steps would you take to encourage voter registration and how much of a priority would you assign to these efforts?

Page 12: WA STATE LEGISLATURE: Position-specific questions

Q37

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Do you support raising the statewide minimum wage?	Yes
Do you support increased state funding for Sound Transit and other regional transit authorities?	Yes
Do you support protecting school curriculum and school library collections from censorship?	Yes
Do you accept that there is systemic racial bias in our criminal justice system that urgently needs to be addressed?	Yes
Do you support abolition of the death penalty in WA state?	Yes
Would you support additional funds and resources being allocated to resettled immigrant and refugee populations to provide equitable access to healthcare and social services?	Yes
Do you support robust access to broadband Internet for all?	Yes
Do you support reinstating the right to vote to those who are currently incarcerated for a felony, as is done in Vermont?	Yes
Do you support charter schools or vouchers for private school education?	No
Do you support legislation that would allow WA legislative staff to collectively bargain?	Yes
Do you support legislation that would require municipal elections be held in even years, which is when there is higher voter turnout?	Yes
Do you support legislation to repeal the advisory votes implemented by Tim Eyman, which are confusing, non-binding, and contributing to voter fatigue?	Yes

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

For any yes / no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

Q39

Many individuals in WA have limited access to healthcare. What steps should the legislature take to ensure that all WA residents have meaningful and equitable access to the care and prescriptions they need for their health?

The COVID-19 crisis has proven the unworkability of health care tied to one's employer or employment status, during a public health crisis that may end up causing 30% unemployment.

A health care system that covers every individual, regardless of employer, health, wealth, status, residency status, or any other condition or situation is an imperative.

We will need to rebuild after COVID-19. Universal health care access must be part of that rebuilding. As your representative in Olympia, I will work hard to make it so, and visibly support others who are also doing this hard work.

In the last legislative session I worked on issues like eliminating surprise billing and ensuring a safe staffing standards so that as people enter the healthcare system the quality of the care they receive is higher quality and doesn't come at the cost of healthcare workers.

Q40

Even with recent policies like the Clean Fuels Standard, we know that WA state is significantly behind on hitting its carbon pollution goals for 2035. What climate action and environmental justice policies must the WA legislature adopt in order to actually make progress against these goals and address the climate crisis with the urgency needed?

I believe that we have to expand the uses of renewable energy and transform our energy system to one that is cleaner and less dependent on coal and other fossil fuels. Washington state, and Seattle in particular, is a leader in renewable energy, such as hydroelectric, solar, and wind energy, but more can be done.

We must build a clean energy economy by investing in efficient energy technologies, industries, and approaches. This will have the added benefit to our state of creating local clean energy jobs to replace some of the logging, oil, and transportation jobs lost as we change our energy priorities.

We need to continue to pursue transportation solutions which get people out of single-occupant vehicles, reduce reliance on internal combustion engines, and increase vehicle fuel efficiency and reducing carbon emissions from vehicles, machines, and electricity generation. We must also support other solutions that reduce U.S. oil use.

We must also place limits on the amount of carbon that polluters are allowed to emit. From outright prohibitions to corporate behavior modifications through carbon taxes and carbon exchanges, I support aggressively decreasing the amount of carbon emissions, with a goal of zero, particularly by our highest-polluting industries.

Q41

What steps would you take to rebalance our tax code? Please explain the current system vs. your proposal as you would to an average voter.

COVID-19 has shown the weakness in taxing sales primarily for funding, when the entire population is told to stay home, and the stores are closed to prevent spread of disease. We clearly need a state income tax.

Our state tax system is broken. Horribly so. Our state is home of five of the 10 wealthiest individuals on the planet while our poor pay an extremely disproportionately high amount of tax and billionaires pay relatively little. Even our homeless pay an extraordinarily high amount of tax relative to their incomes on their few purchases, due to our exceptionally high retail sales tax.

I fully support a state income tax. In the meantime, municipalities should be able to impose a high earners tax. We also must pursue an increase in the capital gains tax.

I support looking at all I-694 tax exemptions currently on the books and sunseting those on some type of calendar basis.

I would note that I have voted for every Democratic platform since 1994, all of which have included a call for a state income tax.

Q42

As Democrats, we strive to create a more just and equitable world for all, especially including those communities that have been historically marginalized. How will you center equity in the process of developing legislation, particularly that which impacts individuals unlike yourself?

If elected to the senate I would be the first Latino who was born and raised in eastern Washington to the Washington State Senate. My experiences, from growing up the son and grandson of farmworkers to and laborers becoming a State Representative, contextualize all of the work I do in the legislature. My first priority when looking at policy is that it uplifts people. I owe a debt to the programs that helped me become a State Representative to make sure that those pathways are bigger and offer more opportunities to the next generation that takes them.

As the Chair of the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee I have focused on making sure our government reflects these values of equity and increasing opportunity for people across the state.

Q43

In your view, what legislative change(s) would be the MOST impactful at reducing housing instability and improving affordability while avoiding gentrification in both your legislative district and across the state?

The housing crisis in Washington is a complex problem with no simple solutions. Some of the biggest steps we must take include significantly expanding the funding for the housing trust fund, increasing requirements for low income housing in new developments, and investing in supportive housing programs to ensure that as people transition out of houselessness they have access to the wraparound services that are necessary to make the transition easier.

Page 13: WA STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS: Position-specific questions

Q44

Respondent skipped this question

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. What is your plan to win? If you have received endorsements, please list them here.

Q45

Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

Q46

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your legal background and experience?
What pro bono work have you done in the last 5 years?
(please list)

Q47

Respondent skipped this question

What do you believe are the most important qualifications and qualities for justices and judges? What is your experience serving as a judge/justice, pro tem, or within the judicial system and how will this inform your perspective on the bench?

Q48

Respondent skipped this question

How would you further equity and access to justice for all in the legal system? Provide specific examples of what you have done or commit to doing to further this goal.

Q49

Respondent skipped this question

Judges are expected to fairly apply the law and perform all duties without bias or prejudice. Please provide examples when you have realized and self-checked your privilege and/or bias or encouraged others to point out to you your own implicit biases?

Q50

Respondent skipped this question

How do you balance the judicial principle of stare decisis, or adherence to precedent, with a rapidly changing society and advancements in racial, economic, social and climate justice?

Page 14: KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Position-specific questions

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. What is your plan to win? If you have received endorsements, please list them here.

Q52

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes you would make to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's (KCPAO) office? (please provide examples of current practices and specific changes, if any).

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO has helped implement a number of alternatives to traditional prosecution and incarceration in recent years. List those changes and how would you build on this work?

Q54

Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO publishes its filing and disposition standards for the public to see how the office exercises its prosecutorial discretion in criminal cases. How will you ensure that the charging decisions and case resolutions are equitable for Black, Indigenous, and communities of color, marginalized, and vulnerable communities?

Q55

Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, how would the KCPAO's pretrial detention and/or bail policies and practices change, if at all?

Q56

Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, what role would the KCPAO play in addressing the housing, homelessness and mental health crisis in King County?

Page 15: KING COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS: Position-specific questions

Q57

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58

Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

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Q63

Respondent skipped this question

How would you address the disproportionate impact of sentencing, punishment, and incarceration in the criminal legal system on Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, marginalized, and other vulnerable communities and how would you work to address it? Please provide specific examples (alternatives to incarceration, bail reform, etc.)

Page 16: ALL CANDIDATES: Submit Questionnaire

Q64

I, candidate, affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted. (Use Prev and Next buttons to review.)

Candidate full name (as signature)

Javier Valdez

Date

4/12/2022

Q65

Candidate

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

Q66

Respondent skipped this question

(If information input by someone other than candidate) I affirm that all responses were reviewed and approved by the candidate. (Use Prev and Next buttons to review.)

Q67

Share with King County Democrats (required if requesting endorsement)

King County Democrats may post this questionnaire to a password-protected folder for access by King County Democrats Endorsements Committee members, Executive Board, and anyone else required to be eligible for endorsement by the King County Democrats.

Q68

Share with LD Dems and Young Dems Endorsement Committee members (optional, may save time if your campaign is seeking LD Dems and Young Dems endorsements)

King County Democrats may share this questionnaire to a password-protected folder for access by members of the Endorsements Committees of Legislative District (LD) Democratic organizations and Young Democrats (YD) organizations.

Q69

Share with PCOs and/or Members (optional)

Democratic organizations overlapping the jurisdiction of my campaign whose rules require sharing questionnaire responses to Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) or Membership for a candidate to be eligible for endorsement may share this questionnaire with those groups.

Q70

Share with Public (optional)

Democratic organizations overlapping the jurisdiction of my campaign whose rules require sharing questionnaire responses publicly may share this questionnaire publicly.

Q71

Email PDF Copy

Please email a copy of my completed submission to the campaign email address. I understand it may take 24-72 hours (or more) for my completed submission to be emailed.
