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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

Name	Darya Farivar
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Phone Number	(206) 218-7450

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	Darya
Candidate last name	Farivar
Campaign email	info@daryaforhouse.com
Campaign phone	(206) 218-7450

Q4 Yes

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5 WA Legislative District 46

Jurisdiction

Q6 State Representative

Position Sought

Q7

02

Position number

Q8

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Campaign website (start with https://)

<https://www.daryaforhouse.com/>

Candidate name pronunciation

DARR-ee-yuh FAH-ri-varr

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)

She/her or they/them

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

Q9

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Manager first name

Sunshine

Manager last name

Cheng

Manager email

info@daryaforhouse.com

Manager phone

(208) 571-2097

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

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

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

URL to VOLUNTEER (start with https://)	https://www.daryaforhouse.com/get-involved
URL to DONATE (start with https://)	https://secure.anedot.com/darya/donate
URL to EVENTS CALENDAR (start with https://)	https://www.daryaforhouse.com/rsvp

Q16

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PROFILE (person, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	https://www.facebook.com/darya.farivar
FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	https://www.facebook.com/DaryaForHouse
LINKEDIN (start with https://www.linkedin.com/)	https://www.linkedin.com/in/darya-farivar-52ab61103/
TWITTER (start with https://twitter.com/)	https://twitter.com/daryaforhouse?lang=en

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	Darya Farivar
Date	5/11/22

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?	No
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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q21

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

I received my BA in Communicative Disorders with a minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from the University of Redlands. There, I founded the first Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA). We organized cultural events, discussions, and after a shooting, worked with the local mosque to organize a march.

In Seattle I advocated through Open Doors for Multicultural Families (ODMF) as the Advocacy Program Coordinator, supporting immigrants and refugees with developmental disabilities' legislative advocacy. I was appointed to the OSPI Special Education Advisory Council where I advocated for communities of color to have a permanent seat at the table; I later became Policy Chair. At ODMF I saw that when individuals with disabilities don't have the services they need, mothers have to advocate and fill in the gaps. I found the Seattle Women's Commission where I served as Chair of the Violence Prevention and Justice Subcommittee, later as commission Co-Chair.

My work within the intersections led me to pursue advocacy within the criminal legal system. This brought me to Disability Rights Washington where I started as the Community and Legislative Liaison and currently as the Public Policy Director. I also serve on the board of Peyvand, an Iranian cultural non-profit.

Q22

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

1.) Open Doors for Multicultural Families- here I participated in multiple levels of advocacy. School board; writing and updating language access policies for South King County schools. County council; organizing for the Veterans Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) and successfully advocating for changes in the RFP's and levy language. Legislature; drafting and organizing for Representative Orwall's original language access legislation.

2.) Washington State Special Education Advisory Council. WAC change to create a permanent position for culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Served as liaison between legislature and council on several issues including language access, special education funding and inclusion, discipline, and more.

3.) Seattle Women's Commission. Drafting and presenting annual proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, advocating for stronger community standards for public testimony following threats made to WOC councilmembers, and contributing to the report Losing Home: The Human Cost of Eviction in Seattle.

4.) Disability Rights Washington. My entire job is to work with the state legislature, advocate for increased accessibility, and mobilize people with direct lived experience to advocate for civil rights issues including but not limited to: increasing behavioral health services and housing, voting rights, criminal legal reform, police accountability, unaffordability of healthcare, discipline and inclusion in schools.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

WA State Representative

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?

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?

In my day job, I advocate for a behavioral health system with true choice that provides help when help is needed. The problem is our care systems provide services based on what is available rather than what is needed. I will use my platform to advocate for a need based care and social services system. Washington State wastes millions of dollars and puts individuals through an unconscionable amount of trauma waiting for people to reach a crisis level of care before providing treatment. We can save money and lives by providing low-barrier accessible housing, addressing basic needs, and a full spectrum of care for our constituents.

To create meaningful access and treatment options, we need leaders who understand how individuals accessing resources interact with, and rely on, public service systems. We need to understand the connection between lack of care, emergency systems, and the criminal legal system. I will work for a system that supports individuals with a variety of healthcare and service needs, including culturally relevant and LGBTQIA+ responsive services, school-based therapy, outpatient services, disability specific care, and permanent supportive housing with wraparound supports. I will work for a system that provides care as soon as care is needed.

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?

In pursuing policies to meet our goals, we must center the experiences of those most impacted by the climate crisis, and be proactive in preventing BIPOC and low-income communities from experiencing disproportionate environmental harm. I'm interested in building upon the Climate Commitment Act to hold corporations and major emitters accountable in a more meaningful way, and increase reinvestment of funds into minoritized communities, such as the Nations and Tribes of Washington State.

It's not enough to say that we need more housing, transit, or to be more environmentally friendly- we must be thoughtful about the solutions we put forward. Density is a large environmental justice issue in the 46th. Transportation is the largest source of pollution in Washington and we need to get as many cars off the road as possible by increasing access to mass transit. While increasing density in our neighborhoods we must be mindful of how we are doing it and who we are doing it for. My focus is to create affordable housing for the individuals who need it the most, have been the victims of our pollution and environmental degradation, and rely on mass transit for transportation while also encouraging drivers to opt for transit.

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.

Washington state has the most regressive tax code in the country - those with the least pay the most in taxes, this is entirely unacceptable. We need reliable, progressive streams of revenue. We cannot have individuals relying on our social services paying the most. Sales tax is inequitable because low-income families spend a higher share of their funds than high-income individuals. The pandemic also demonstrated that it's unreliable revenue. Property tax is inequitable because the cost is shouldered by renters while landlords enjoy the benefits of ownership. Additionally, we've been trying to plug the holes in our school funding system by passing levies every few years. This revenue is dependent on local property value, disadvantaging schools in lower-income communities. We must search for other options until we can address the barriers in our state constitution preventing an income tax.

I would like to see a diversified tax code which reflects our state's progressive values. This means finding a way to create a state income tax, reducing our sales tax at least in half, increasing tax on real estate transactions and big business. We need a system where those who have the most pay their fair share to help those furthest from opportunity.

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?

I have demonstrated success advocating in alignment with racial and disability justice movements throughout my career. Racial and disability justice understand that movements are stronger together, we are multidimensional people, and we must take direction from those most impacted. My entire career has been focused on these three values, my campaign is no different, and these are the values that would guide my advocacy as a legislator.

The job of an elected official is to listen to our marginalized constituents who have direct lived experience with the issue at hand and advocate for them. At all tables I search for who isn't speaking up and who isn't at the table, then I seek out those communities. Legislators have a responsibility to create space and increase accessibility so that our underrepresented constituents can access rooms of power and speak for themselves. This is what I do everyday at DRW. While I've had many experiences in my life I also know that I haven't had them all. Centering equity in legislative advocacy starts with meaningfully engaging people with direct lived experience in decision-making conversations. This doesn't mean being a voice for the voiceless, it means passing the mic and lifting every voice.

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 first thing we need to do is bolster supports that keep individuals in their homes. It's much easier to help individuals stay in their homes than it is to put them into homes from homelessness. Eviction is one of the leading causes of homelessness and there are a number of reasons why someone may experience it, our response should be just as individualized as the people experiencing it. That response must include: bolstering tenant rights, providing opportunities for debt forgiveness and suspension, providing funding for rental assistance, investing in acquisition and preservation funds, and passing a Tenant/Community Opportunity to Purchase Act. Additionally, in the process of producing more housing, it is vital to consider who we are creating it for and who will benefit the most. We must employ proactive approaches to combating harm and assess the equity impacts of new policies.

I'm interested in policy solutions like HB 1264 which would require equity impact statements on legislative proposals and institutionalize these conversations. Passing legislation like this would shift power dynamics in the legislative process and require legislators to directly confront the impacts of gentrification on marginalized communities.

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

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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)

Darya Farivar

Date

5/11/22

Q65

Campaign Manager

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

Q66

(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.)

Full name (as signature)

Sunshine Cheng

Date

5/11/22

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.
