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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

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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	Adam
Candidate last name	Eisenberg
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Q4 **Candidate for judicial position**

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5

Seattle

Jurisdiction

Q6

Municipal Court Judge

Position Sought

Q7

03

Position number

Q8

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)

he/him

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

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Manager information (optional)

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

Respondent skipped this question

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

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

Adam Eisenberg

Date

04/03/2022

Page 6: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

Q19

Yes / No Questions

Yes / No
/
Qualified

Have you ever been a member of another political party?

Qualified

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?

Qualified

If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?

Qualified

Are you willing to have yourself, your staff, or your peers participate in cultural competency, implicit bias, and anti-racism training?

Qualified

Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers participate in training to understand and combat sexual harassment?

Qualified

Do you support the rights of all workers to organize, collectively bargain, and strike without fear of retaliation?

Qualified

Do you support the right of public workers - excluding military personnel - to bargain and strike?

Qualified

Q20

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

As a judge, I am non-partisan am declining to answer questions related to prior political party affiliation. I also must decline to answer questions relating to potential legal matters such as union and bargaining issues that could possibly come before me in my role on the bench or as assistant presiding judge. Regarding questions related to campaign staff, at this time I do not have paid or unpaid campaign staff. Regarding cultural competency, implicit bias and anti-racism training, I support such trainings. In my role as a judge and as an adjunct professor at UW, I have participated in all three types of training. I also support and have participated in City of Seattle trainings about sexual harassment in the workplace as recently as last month.

Page 7: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Background and Free Response

Q21

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

I received my Juris Doctor from the University of Washington School of Law in 1992. Since then I have served as a special prosecutor for King County (1992-93), an assistant prosecutor for the City of Seattle (1993-99), and a senior trial attorney for Allstate Insurance Company (1999-2004).

In 2004, I was appointed Seattle Municipal Court Commissioner. In that capacity, I filled in for the 8 elected judges in criminal court, and also served as a judge in traffic court. In 2011, the Commissioner position was changed to a Magistrate.

In January 2017, I was confirmed as Judge on the Seattle Municipal Court bench, filling Position 3 after the Honorable Steve Rosen was elected to King County Superior Court. My current assignment is handling domestic violence criminal cases. In 2018, I was successfully ran to retain my seat on the Seattle Municipal Court.

Since June 2015, I have also served as the co-director of the Seattle Youth Traffic Court. Teenage drivers appear in Youth Traffic Court to address their traffic tickets, gain an inside look at the judicial system, and learn to be safer drivers. Students from Garfield High School serve as the judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys; Seattle University law students provide the training and manage the court. As co-director, I determine participant eligibility and provide logistical support for the program.

I have served on the board of QLaw and the District and Municipal Court Judges Association (DMCJA). From 2017-2020, I served on a state-wide work group: E2SHB 1517 Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Work Group. Convened by the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission, the work group reported findings to the State Legislature in two reports, one issued in 2018, and another in October 2020.

In addition to my work on the bench, I teach graduate level law and ethics classes at the University of Washington (2011 – Present), and am the author of the book, A Different Shade of Blue: How Women Changed the Face of Police Work (2009).

Q22

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

In 2016, I sought appointment to my current position, Seattle Municipal Court, Position No. 3. I was nominated by the Mayor in November 2016 and confirmed by the Seattle City Council in January 2017. I successfully ran to retain my seat in 2018. I am seeking re-election again this fall.

Prior to holding my current position, in 2009 I was a finalist for appointment to the King County District Court Bench. In 2010, I applied for an appointment to the King County Superior Court.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

Judge - Municipal Court

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

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q39

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q40

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q41

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Q42

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q43

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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

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

I am not aware of an opponent at this time, and I have not created a formal campaign strategy. However, should I get an opponent, I will put together a campaign team, and my goal will be explain the work I have done as a judge since being appointed in 2017, including my work on the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) and the Seattle Youth Traffic Court. In 2018, I received endorsements from a wide range of judges as well as the King County Democrats, the MLK Labor Council and the King County Young Democrats. I also received endorsements from the 11th LD, the 32nd LD, the 36th LD, the 37th LD, the 43rd LD and the 46th LD. I will be seeking new endorsements from all of these groups plus the 34th.

Q58

Ratings and Endorsements

Bar Association ratings received to date:

For my election in 2018, I received the following ratings: King County Bar Association/Exceptionally Well Qualified; Loren Miller Bar Association/Exceptionally Well Qualified; Cardozo Bar Association/Exceptionally Well Qualified; Joint Asian Bar Association/Exceptionally Well Qualified; Washington Women Lawyers/Highly Qualified; Latino/Latina Bar Association/Exceptionally Well Qualified. Should I gain an opponent, I will seek updated ratings for this election.

Endorsements received to date:

For my election in 2018, I received endorsements from a variety of justices and judges, and from the King County Democrats, the MLK Labor Council, the King County Young Democrats and the 11th, 32nd, 36th, 37th, 43rd and 46th Legislative District Democrats.

Additional Endorsements you are seeking:

I am seeking updated endorsements for the 2022 election.

Q59

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

I received my Juris Doctor from the University of Washington School of Law in 1992. I served as a special prosecutor for King County (1992-93), an assistant prosecutor for the City of Seattle (1993-99), and a senior trial attorney handling personal injury cases for Allstate Insurance Company (1999-2004).

In 2004, I was appointed Seattle Municipal Court Commissioner. In that capacity, I filled in for the elected judges in criminal court, and served as a judge in traffic court. In 2011, the Commissioner position was changed to a Magistrate with similar duties.

In January 2017, I was appointed Judge on the Seattle Municipal Court, filling Position 3 after the Honorable Steve Rosen was elected to King County Superior Court. In 2018, I was successfully ran to retain my seat. I am running again this year.

Currently, I preside over a domestic violence caseload. I also serve as Assistant Presiding Judge for Seattle Municipal Court, and am co-director of the Seattle Youth Traffic Court. In Youth Court, teenage drivers appear to address their traffic tickets, gain an inside look at the judicial system, and learn to be safer drivers. Students from Garfield High School serve as the judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys; Seattle University law students provide the training and manage the court; and Seattle Police Officers volunteer their time to serve as "expert witness" and teach safety tips.

As a judge, I am not allowed to do pro bono legal work. However, I have served on two boards – the District and Municipal Judges Association (2007-2011) and Q Law Bar Association of Washington (2013-2017). For the latter, I served as co-chair of the Law Student Outreach Committee and coordinated the mentorship program, connecting LGBTQ law students and new attorneys with veteran lawyers.

Also, from 2017-2020, I served on a state-wide work group: E2SHB 1517 Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Work Group. Convened by the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission, the group reported findings to the State Legislature on the current state of domestic violence programs in Washington, and offered suggestions on how to improve the state's response to intimate partner violence.

Q60

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?

I believe a judge has three roles:

The first is in the courtroom, where defendants, victims, civil litigants and attorneys have the right to present their cases before a well prepared, neutral and fair judge. Judges must listen to all of the views presented, weigh the competing concerns, research the relevant law, and always strive to reach a just decision. I am committed to treating every person who comes before me with fairness, respect and compassion.

Second, judges need to be actively working with other judicial officers, court administrators and staff to improve access to justice and the quality of our court system. With this in mind, I have served on the board of the District and Municipal Court Judge's Association (DMCJA), and I am the co-director of Seattle Youth Traffic Court where teenage drivers address their tickets and learn to be safer drivers.

I also serve on the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) steering committee. In October 2021, I wrote an op-ed for The Seattle Times that advocated for state funding to pay the costs for participants of court-ordered domestic violence intervention programs. Please see question 30 for more details about DVIP.

Third, outside the courtroom, judges need to be involved in volunteer work and other non-legal activities, so they will stay in touch with the greater community in which they live. To this end, I teach graduate level law and ethics courses at the University of Washington, and have sat on the boards of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association and the Q Law Bar Association. I also study the martial art of aikido at a Seattle dojo.

Q61

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.

One important key to better access to justice is to ensure individuals have access to language interpreters. This has been a passion of mine for many years, in part because I have studied Japanese and have experienced being in areas of Japan where my limited language abilities proved problematic. As a result, I have been involved in several projects to create better language access.

In 1995, for example, when I was a criminal prosecutor for the City of Seattle, I served as co-coordinator on a project to revise Seattle Police Department's Spanish Miranda rights and DUI Implied Consent Warnings forms.

In 2010, during my tenure on the board of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association, I served on the curriculum committee for "Attorney Training for Service as a Pro Tempore Judge." Co-sponsored by the WSBA and the DMCJA, the training was designed to encourage women and minority attorneys to consider becoming members of the judiciary. I was a presenter and faculty member alongside the Hon. Mary Yu, the Hon. Veronica Alicea-Galvan, the Hon. Patricia Connolly Walker, Chach Duarte White, Mark Sideman, the Hon. Steve Shelton and others. To help perspective judges better understand the need for interpreters, we presented a criminal arraignment entirely in Spanish.

Another way I work to further equity and access to justice is in my role as a judge handling a full-time domestic violence (DV) caseload. In October 2021, I wrote an op-ed for The Seattle Times, advocating for the state legislature to provide funding to pay for DV intervention. Unlike chemical dependency and mental health treatments, DV treatment is not covered by medical insurance. Consequently, many offenders feel the burden of paying for intervention, and it often financially impacts family members and victims who may stay in the relationship. State funding would alleviate this financial burden and enable more individuals to take advantage of restorative justice programs like DVIP (please see question 30).

Q62

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 own privilege and/or bias or encouraged others to point out to you your own implicit biases?

As a Jewish and gay person, I am a member of two marginalized communities that are regularly impacted by bias and prejudice. Even so, I recognize I have considerable privilege in America because I am male and perceived to be white. My privilege has come up most often in the various trainings I have participated as a judge in Seattle Municipal Court and as an adjunct professor at the University of Washington. In addition, for my UW classes and my daily work as a judge, I continue to read extensively about how a person's race, gender, economic disadvantage, ethnicity and sexual orientation can lead to a disproportionate impact in the America legal system. While I cannot provide a specific example where I've self-checked my privilege and/or bias, I repeatedly evaluate my position every day.

Q63

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.)

One way I work to address disproportional impact is as a member of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) steering committee. DVIP provides individualized treatment to address the root causes of a person's violence. In addition to assessing them for domestic violence, participants are screened for substance-abuse and mental-health disorders. Their cases are monitored by a multidisciplinary team that includes the treatment providers, a probation counselor, and an advocate to provide a victim perspective.

The intervention project is a collaborative effort involving criminal legal system members, community-based programs and experts. Partners include Refugee Women's Alliance, Salvation Army, Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence, YWCA, Anger Counseling Treatment & Therapies, Asian Counseling & Referral Service, the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Seattle City Attorney's Office, Harborview Medical Center and Seattle Municipal Court.

DVIP is an alternative to jail, and is often offered as a pre-conviction diversion program so defendants can avoid having a DV conviction on their record. It is an example of a restorative justice program that holds individuals accountable while giving them the tools they need to have healthy relationships. This is what many victims want.

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)

Adam Eisenberg

Date

April 4, 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)

Respondent skipped this question

Q70

Share with Public (optional)

Respondent skipped this question

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.