



[Candidate Questionnaire](#)

Instructions

This questionnaire is fairly long. There are three sections: **Information about you and your campaign**; **general questions** that are the same for all candidates; and **jurisdiction-specific questions**.

Be sure to pick the type of race you are running in (*City, City-Seattle, County, Judicial, Port, School*) before you start answering the general questions as questions vary depending on the type of race.

Note that **you can save and return to the questionnaire** as needed. Just click the "Save and continue later" button at the bottom of the page. That will give you a link that you will need to copy. There's also a field that you can enter an email address into if you want the code emailed to you.

If you have questions or trouble with the questionnaire, please [contact us](#), and we'll get back to you within 1 business day.

Ready? Let's go!

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Jurisdiction

Be sure to answer these questions before moving on to the General questions. Answers to these questions determine questions that follow.

What type of position are you running for? *(Required)*

Pick from the following categories. City includes city council and mayoral races, and all special purpose districts (fire, park, water, etc) — everything except judicial and school board races.

City, **City - Seattle**, County, Judicial, Port, School

What position are you running for? *(Required)*

Seattle City Council

Are you a Democrat? *(Required)*

This question does not appear for judicial candidates.

Yes

No

General questions

For or any "Qualified" responses, please provide explanatory notes in the field provided at the end of this section.

Have you ever been a member of another political party? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission, or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you have a code of conduct for campaign staff and volunteers? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

If you have campaign staff, do you support them joining a labor union? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you support employees of your jurisdiction (e.g. your city's employees, the Port's employees, etc.) exercising their collective bargaining rights without fear of retaliation, including the right to bargain and strike for better working conditions and pay? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers undergo training to understand and combat institutional racism, implicit bias, and sexual harassment? *(Required)*

Yes. I have attended the City of Seattle RSJI training, the Train the Trainer program, implemented mandatory RSJI training for Seattle Human Rights Commissioners, participated in a court wide DEI training as a King County Superior Court judge, and just completed an eight-week CARW training. I want to continue to participate in training on these topics.

No

Qualified

Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate fossil fuel PACs? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate pharmaceutical PACs or corporate health insurance PACs? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will your campaign accept contributions from corporate building industry PACs, including the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) and National Association of Home Builders? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will your campaign accept contributions from law enforcement or sheriffs organizations? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you return contributions from companies or PACs who are aligned with the organizations listed above and others that conflict with Democratic party values? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Have you made any donations to Republican candidates or Republican party organizations in the last 5 years? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Have you previously participated, or will you be participating, in a candidate training program like Institute for a Democratic Future or Emerge? *(Required)*

Yes, I have just applied to attend the upcoming Emerge training.

No

Qualified

Candidate background (up to 200 words for each question)

Please describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation and political activity.) *(Required)*

Raised by a single mom, I attended Seattle Public Schools and public college before joining the Peace Corps. Later, I became a public defender, defending parents and children caught up in the child welfare system, and representing individuals in involuntary commitment hearings.

As a King County Superior Court judge, I worked on criminal legal system reform: bail reform, legal financial obligations, jury diversity, and implicit bias training. I upheld AG Ferguson's lawsuit against Pharma Purdue resulting in a landmark settlement to fund opioid treatment.

Over the course of my career, I have been dedicated to justice and equity as Chair of the Seattle Human Rights Commission advocating for constitutional policing and accountability for SPD, volunteering with Legal Voice, Refugee Women's Alliance, New Zealand Restorative Justice Services Trust, and Christchurch Crisis/Suicide Hotline. I also represented consumers against predatory lenders, managed a legal services program for domestic violence survivors, and served as a tribal court judge. I generated \$1+million for civil legal aid as a Governor of the State Bar Association.

I served as a PCO in the 34th and 46th legislative districts. Formerly a SEIU 925 member, I vocally supported a unionization effort at King County Superior Court.

Free response questions (up to 200 words for each question)

These questions will not appear for judicial candidates.

What motivated you to run for this position and how would you evaluate your success? *(Required)*

As a lifelong Seattleite, I honestly can't imagine living anywhere else. Seattle is beautiful, politically progressive, has an abundance of amenities and is quirky. But like many other cities, Seattle is facing a host of challenges - homelessness, a behavioral health and substance use crisis, insufficient affordable housing, public safety concerns, and a legacy of racism that continues to infect its policing.

I want to bring my strong, experienced, and local leadership to the task of making meaningful progress on the challenges our city faces while securing the investments District 5 needs to get results. As a former judge, public defender, civil legal services provider, and chair of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, I have spent my career turning progressive values into action. As a council member, I will be transparent and accessible, lead with equitable and community-driven solutions, and most importantly be accountable to you. I know that my experience and message will resonate with progressive voters looking for humane and effective leadership

What are the top three issues of urgency that you will address if elected? *(Required)*

City at large: affordable housing, behavioral health and substance use disorder services, safe communities for every neighbor.

District 5: small business support especially to lift up our district's minority and women owned businesses, our fair share of infrastructure investments prioritizing pedestrian safety, and meeting the basic needs of neighbors who are too often lacking food and housing security.

How will you involve all residents and engage all communities in the decision-making process? *(Required)*

By starting from the principle, "Nothing about us without us". When legislation is proposed, I would require a stakeholder impact statement similar to a fiscal analysis or environmental impact statement. This statement would guide outreach to affected residents and communities who in turn would recommend other residents and communities to hear and learn from.

By continuing participatory budgeting. By supporting participatory research efforts such as the Black Brilliance Project.

By regularly reaching out to the residents and communities I have connected with during my campaign. By being engaged in the community. By maintaining a District 5 office open to all in the District. By producing an informative weekly newsletter for constituents that explains how to provide feedback and input.

By being accessible and transparent.

How have you promoted an enduring environment of inclusivity, diversity, and equity? *(Required)*

By working to create the first DEI staff position ever at King County Superior Court. By adding DEI goals to the Superior Court's strategic plan. By mandating RSJI training for Seattle Human Rights Commission commissioners. By helping enact a court rule prohibiting inquiring about immigration status in a civil lawsuit. By continuing my own education about institutional and systemic racism and white supremacy.

If elected, how will you address inequalities experienced among BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, or other marginalized communities and advance an agenda of equality? *(Required)*

First by codifying the city's Race and Social Justice Initiative so that every city department must comply. Second by supporting the Generational Wealth Initiative. Third by monitoring the City's Racial Equity Actions. Fourth by directing the creation of a masterplan for citywide equality.

Regarding LGBTQIA+ needs, by consulting with the city's LGBTQ Commission for policies and legislation recommendations as well as groups such as Gender Justice.

Will you commit to change zoning, permitting, and other obstacles in your city to increase housing availability for mid and lower income levels? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you commit to an increased percent of funding towards community and behavioral health services? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you actively support increased non-auto dependent transportation? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you support alternatives to the forced removal of unhoused people? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you support regulations to restrict police practices historically applied unfairly or abusively? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you support offering broadband internet access as a public utility? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you support allocating public safety budget dollars to the LEAD and CoLEAD programs of community-based intervention and diversion? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Free response questions

(up to 200 words for each question)

All municipalities are facing housing issues in their region. What changes will you make and how will you fund those changes? *(Required)*

In Seattle's current crisis of housing affordability, many workers, families, and young people, particularly in BIPOC communities, have been left behind or forced out of neighborhoods they once called home. We have the opportunity to redress these issues through the once in 10-year adoption of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plan Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 (Alternative 1 is to do nothing) in the Plan all have elements that can contribute to increasing affordable housing. District 5, however, includes areas with high risk of housing displacement, including Lake City, Bitter Lake, and Northgate. With this in mind, I will look to support the Alternative that most successfully increases the spectrum of affordable housing citywide.

I also support community land trusts as well as down payment subsidies.

I will also revisit the Mandatory Housing Affordability law.

I will extend the Multifamily Tax exemption beyond 2024.

All municipalities are facing behavioral health issues in their region. How is your community specifically affected, what changes will you make, and how will you fund them? *(Required)*

As a Superior Court Judge, I saw daily how our system fails neighbors struggling with behavioral health leaving them to cycle through emergency rooms, jails, and even homelessness.

To address these failures, I will advocate for an on-demand behavioral health Crisis Care Center in Seattle regardless of the outcome of the Behavioral Health Levy. In District 5, I will support the work of the upcoming UW Behavioral Health Treatment Facility that is creating alternative beds for 90/180 day civil commitments. I will continue

to support the collaboration between the Seattle Indian Health Board and North Helpline in providing holistic services including substance use treatment. I will support any effort to create on-demand substance use treatment for methamphetamine and alcohol use as well as opioid use.

Equally important, I will add to the next budget a significant increase to the real wages (cost of living adjustments are separate) of frontline mental health workers, social workers, and counselors without whom service delivery is impossible. I will support expanding the addition of mental health counselors to all our public schools. I will also support educational subsidies to train more mental health counselors, particularly from Black, Brown and Indigenous communities.

Ongoing inequity is an issue in King County. Other than housing, what are your immediate plans for addressing this injustice? *(Required)*

First by codifying the city's Race and Social Justice Initiative so that every city department must comply. Second by supporting the Generational Wealth Initiative. Third by monitoring the City's Racial Equity Actions. Fourth by establishing a Comprehensive Plan for Equity that will serve as masterplan for citywide equity goals and actions.

Many cities have claimed a commitment to reducing carbon emissions. What specific actions will you take to ensure that your city drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050? *(Required)*

Add Building Performance Standards for buildings over 20,000 square feet for consideration in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Continue to work to reduce vehicle emissions. I support the BlueGreen Alliance's Buy Clean and Buy Fair Washington Act.

Seattle City Council questions

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Will you support allocating ongoing operational and future capital funding, as well as prioritizing public lands to ensure the Seattle Social Housing Developer (as enacted by I-135) is successful? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you support re-funding JustCARE or a similar program to provide community-based public safety resources? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Do you support safe consumption sites in every city council district? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified: I support creating SSPs sites that replicate the wrap-around model of SCSs in every council district.

Will you introduce or support legislation to fund affordable childcare facilities, with workers paid a living wage? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Will you support moving Seattle elections to even years to increase voter turnout? *(Required)*

Yes

No

Qualified

Free response questions

(up to 200 words for each question)

What specific legislation would you introduce to reform the Seattle Police Department? *(Required)*

As chair of the Seattle Human Rights Commission when the consent decree was adopted, one of my fundamental concerns was creating an effective disciplinary structure for SPD. In 2017 the Council passed landmark police accountability legislation that was later significantly weakened during collective bargaining negotiations. The SPOG contract is now up for renewal and we have a critical opportunity to get it right this time. At a minimum, the terms of the SPOG contract must be the same as the recently agreed SPMA contract. (I would push for adoption of all of the terms of the 2017 Police Accountability ordinance. One in particular - the exclusive use of the Civil Service Commission process for appeals.)

Additionally, it is critical that the Council ensures OIG has the capacity, authority and independence to assume the monitoring responsibility for SPD continued compliance

with reforms achieved under the consent decree. SPD must also achieve more equitable policing through the recommendations made in the Monitor's 2022 Assessment.

And, very importantly, agreement by SPOG that the creation of a civilian response program and the transfer of current police duties to that program does not need to be bargained.

What are your policy priorities to ensure that Seattle residents are able to earn living wages? *(Required)*

Investment in job training and skills. Support union apprenticeships. Increase access to union membership to rebuild our middle class. Small business support with emphasis on BIPOC and immigrant communities and individuals with disabilities. Look to foster a more resilient economy by growing the number of mid-size businesses. Support expanded affordable child care. Require nonprofits contracting with the city to pay living wages and correspondingly increase city contract amounts.

Do you support the taxes recommended in the 2018 Report of the Progressive Revenue Task Force? Please share your thoughts. *(Required)*

If needed, you can find the 2018 Report of the Progressive Revenue Taskforce on Housing and Homelessness at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Council/Issues/ProgressiveRevenueTaskforce/Report-of-the-Progressive-Revenue-Taskforce-03-09-2018.pdf>

I am a strong advocate for progressive revenue and fixing Washington's upside-down regressive tax system. I also support looking at ways to implement the 1% income tax by creating sales, utility, and property tax exemptions/credits. I would also consider upward adjustments to JumpStart.

Will you support a Comprehensive Plan which upzones to allow multifamily housing, light industrial and commercial uses in all residential areas as well as allowing high rises near all light rail stations as described in Alternative 6? *(Required)*

If needed, you can find Seattle's 2035 Comprehensive Plan at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/ongoing-initiatives/seattle-2035-comprehensive-plan>

Ending single-family zoning is a priority of mine because it is the only way that we will be able to adequately address the ongoing housing shortage and begin to address the legacy of racist housing policy . District 5 is getting a new light rail station, and I support the mandated density that will soon be built, while mindful of the need to proactively address displacement. For the purpose of further study, I support adding Alternative 6 to the Comprehensive Plan.