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## Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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I don't use social media. I will be using it for my campaign post-launch.

## Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

### Tell us about yourself.

**I am a data scientist and software developer with almost 4 decades' experience mostly in the private sector solving problems and making life better for people. Currently, I work in health care, but also have experience in commercial software development, manufacturing, energy, government, and military applications. I was elected twice to serve as chairman for the Legislative District 39 committee and once as county chairman in Snohomish County. I am a born-again Christian, live with my wife of 25 years, and have 4 children with 2 teenagers still living at home. When I ran in 2022 for Secretary of State in that crowded race, I came in second among Republicans. I also challenged long-term a long-term Democrat incumbent for County Executive in Snohomish County. In both races our current state chairman said I beat expectations. This time I intend to win by building a broad coalition of supporters, left, right, and center, with my focus upon fixing what is broken and restoring public confidence in our election system.**

### **List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.**

I was elected three times to lead Republicans in Snohomish County. For over 30 years, I have been a business owner and team leader in the information technology and data analytics fields.

### **Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.**

I will implement the principles of our platform and draw upon my success in the private sector service commercial and government clients and customers to restore a sense of public service the the office of Secretary of State. Complete transparency is needed if we are going to have elections we all can trust and results we can embrace. This will be no easy task, but it is an essential one if we are going to save our American civilization.

### **What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?**

Success will be defined first by opening elections up so the public can have a complete end-to-end view of the process and be able to audit it. There are many other aspects of the office, but elections are top priority. In this year's presidential primary, the first for this incumbent, the office of Secretary of State release false election results and left them posted online for almost half an hour before taking corrective action. This can never happen again.

### **What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?**

I am a volunteer at a local maker space where people from the community come together to do science, engineering, and art projects, combining many disciplines. We provide STEM and arts training and mentorship to the community, focused primarily upon kids. In the past, I was a troop committee chairman and trained as a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts, serving kids in my adopted home town of Granite Falls.

## **Your Political Beliefs**

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

### **Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?**

Our rights comes from our Creator and the government can only suspend them as explicitly allowed in the Constitution. The courts have expanded the government's ability to infringe upon a multitude of our God-given rights. While I respect the courts, I do not accept these infringements as legitimate and feel it is our duty as citizens to take corrective action as provided for under the Constitution. Recently, we have seen government claim the right to restrict our rights to assemble peacefully, as one example, using a virus as justification. That was never legal and must never be allowed to happen again.

### **Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.**

I believe the Constitution speaks for itself and is not a living document, subject to reinterpretation for the purpose of bending it to fit into whatever is trending in society. It is intended to be a solid foundation that is unchanging and must be considered to mean what it says no matter which way the political or societal winds are blowing at any given time.

### **What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"**

The purpose of government is to protect our individual liberties. The Washington State Constitution is actually more explicit in that respect than the United States Constitution. As a citizen I follow this rock-solid principle. As an elected servant of the people, I will implement it in everything I do. It is essential. Government was created to serve, not rule over, the people.

### **When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?**

Human life begins at conception and it is the duty of government to protect the individual liberties of all of our people, born and not yet born. The laws of our state are at odds with the Washington State

Constitution in this respect and the people are divided on the issue of abortion and the Dobbs decision by the Supreme Court. As both a Christian and citizen, it is my responsibility to advocate for society to change to the point that the law can be successfully realigned with the constitutional mandate to protect the individual liberties, life itself, for unborn children just as we also need to be on guard against an effort to erode the rights of the elderly to live their lives until they naturally pass into God's hands.

**Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?**

No.

**Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.**

I intend to make myself available very frequently via video conferencing to reach the widest possible group of people in our state as well as travel as widely as possible around our state to be available in person to our people. There will be a balance between needed to be in Olympia guiding and mentoring people under the Secretary of State's leadership and the need to be available to the public. Initially, I will need to spend a lot of time in Olympia, probably working some very long hours, implementing needed changes and increasing transparency and the ability for the public to audit elections within the laws that currently exist. Once professionalism and a strong sense of public serving is re-established where leadership has recently failed, I will shift more toward public outreach and engagement with the people whom I will be serving.

**Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.**

I very much enjoyed the opportunity to answer your questions and, while I cannot possibly make it to Spokane this week to meet in person, I will gladly spend plenty of time talking with you and seeing you in person in the weeks ahead.

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