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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your information

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**Q2**

Yes

I have read instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

**Q3**

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	Tracy
Candidate last name	Furutani
Campaign email	tracy4lfpouncil@gmail.com

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**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Candidate name pronunciation (optional)

**Q5**

Respondent skipped this question

Candidate pronouns (optional)

**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Manager information (optional)

**Q7** Respondent skipped this question  
Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

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**Q8** Respondent skipped this question  
Campaign Consultant information (optional)

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question  
Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

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**Q10** Respondent skipped this question  
Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

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**Q11** Respondent skipped this question  
Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

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**Q12** Respondent skipped this question  
URL to Headshot (optional)

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Page 3: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

**Q13** Yes  
Are you a Democrat?

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**Q14**

## Yes/No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualifie d
Have you ever been a member of another political party?	<b>No</b>
Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission, or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?	<b>No</b>
Do you have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers?	<b>Qualifie d</b>
If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?	<b>Yes</b>
Is there anything from your past that might hamper your success as a candidate?	<b>No</b>
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?	<b>Yes</b>
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers undergo training to understand and combat institutional racism and implicit bias?	<b>Yes</b>
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers undergo training to understand and combat sexual harassment?	<b>Yes</b>
Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate fossil fuel PACs?	<b>No</b>
Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate pharmaceutical PACs?	<b>No</b>
Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate health insurance PACs?	<b>No</b>
Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate building industry PACs; including the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) and National Association of Home Builders?	<b>No</b>
Will your campaign be accepting contributions from police guilds or sheriffs' organizations?	<b>No</b>
Will you denounce contributions that you don't support from companies who support your campaign anyway?	<b>Yes</b>
Have you previously participated or will you be participating in a candidate training program like Institute for a Democratic Future or Emerge?	<b>No</b>

**Q15**

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

I don't have a code of conduct currently because I have no staff or volunteers.

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Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Background and Free Response

**Q16**

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

I have a degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Washington, and have been teaching sciences at North Seattle College for the past twenty-five years. I have been a grievance officer for my local (AFT Seattle 1789) for many years. I currently sit on the Board of Shorelake Arts, and write articles for the Shoreline Area News about Lake Forest Park city government. I volunteer for Streamkeepers, a local streamwater quality monitoring organization.

**Q17**

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

I ran unsuccessfully for Lake Forest Park City Council in 2019. I did get an endorsement from the 46th LD Democrats.

**Q18**

Please describe the progress of your campaign and goals. How do you plan to win?

I am not taking any monetary contributions and am self-funding my campaign. I intend to take advantage of every free or nearly free venue to campaign, such as doorbelling, house parties, 46th LD Democrats events, and League of Women Voters forums.

**Q19**

What issues do you think deserve more attention from media or elected officials? How would you seek to remedy that through your campaign or when elected?

Climate crisis is gaining more traction, but more action needs to be taken by elected officials. For instance, percent reduction targets are set, but don't have any realistic plans on how to realize that degree of reduction. I intend to use my knowledge of different greenhouse gas reduction strategies to help craft such plans, and to ensure that any action taken by the city will result in measurable decreases in greenhouse gases.

**Q20**

How do you plan to involve all residents and engage all communities in the decision making process? How would you work with people who lack trust in our institutions?

The pandemic has resulted in the shutdown of face-to-face civic discourse, like Town Halls. At the same time, the technology that allows virtual interactions (such as Zoom or Teams) has improved and become more mainstream. I intend to slowly bring back face-to-face interactions while maintaining use of virtual technologies to be as inclusive as possible in civic engagements. All politics is retail: to gain the trust of people who lack trust in institutions, elected leaders must first demonstrate that their decision-making is transparent, and that their intentions are clear from the outset. Above all, they should demonstrate the willingness to listen to viewpoints other than their own.

**Q21**

COVID has increased existing inequities. How will you use your office to support the most vulnerable? How would you promote an equitable recovery and create opportunity for all?

As mentioned previous, I'd like to host city events (especially public hearings) that combine both in-person and virtual (and written) statements from residents. Each piece of legislation should have an equity note attached (similar to fiscal notes) in which the impact on different communities, especially BIPOC communities, is analyzed.

**Q22**

If elected, how will you use your position to address racial inequality, and advance an anti-racist agenda? How specifically would you support the Black Lives Matter movement?

I would insist on new legislation before the council come with an "equity impact note", similar to fiscal impact notes that currently exist on proposed legislation. The point of these notes would be to force legislators to realize the (especially) unintended consequences of the legislation on BIPOC communities, and other marginalized communities. I would listen to Black voices, and call out racist practices when I see them. I still have a lot to learn about being a good ally, and the idea is to keep this conversation going.

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

**Q23****City Council**

Position Sought

**Q24****Lake Forest Park**

Jurisdiction

**Q25****5**

Position number

Page 6: KING COUNTY OFFICES ONLY: Questions for King County Executive and King County Council

**Q26****Respondent skipped this question**

Yes/No Questions for King County

**Q27****Respondent skipped this question**

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

**Q28**

Respondent skipped this question

How have you worked to combat climate change and promote climate justice? How would you use your elected office to ensure King County drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050?

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**Q29**

Respondent skipped this question

King County plays an important role in providing many health and human services, as evidenced in the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. What has King County done well in its response to COVID? What would you continue, expand, and change? Do you support increased funding for many health and human services? How would you fund those services - even after the pandemic is over?

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**Q30**

Respondent skipped this question

How would you advocate for alternatives to incarceration in the County's criminal legal system? How would you make zero youth incarceration a reality in King County?

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**Q31**

Respondent skipped this question

What would you do to ensure that businesses owned by people of color have a fair shot at County contracts?

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**Q32**

Respondent skipped this question

"Structural racism is not always caused by racist actors – it is caused by institutional arrangements overlaid on historical policies that continue to perpetuate racialized outcomes." - Stephen Menendian How would you use your position to work to dismantle these arrangements including, but not limited to, exclusionary land use policies?

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**Q33**

Yes/No Questions for municipal candidates

	Yes / No / Qualified
Do you support maintaining or increasing the minimum wage to reflect the cost of living in your city / jurisdiction?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support raising revenue at the city level to expand transit service?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support requiring bid requests to include local hiring preference or apprenticeship preference?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support development impact fees to help pay for schools, roads, and parks, as allowed under the Growth Management Act?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support building a municipally owned and operated broadband system in your city?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you agree that municipal governments should use their borrowing capacity to fund additional units of affordable housing?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support requiring police officers in your jurisdiction to wear body cameras?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support your municipality implementing a "Ban the Box" program as is already in place in Seattle and Spokane?	<b>Yes</b>
Have you made any non-trivial donations to Democratic candidates or Democratic party organizations since January 2016?	<b>Yes</b>
Have you knowingly made any donations to Republican candidates or Republican party organizations since 2000?	<b>No</b>
Do you support reduction of police budgets in favor of social services?	<b>Qualified</b>

**Q34**

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

Our city is near a minimal level of service from our police department. Any reduction of the budget would have to explain how the city does not fall below the minimal level of service. That said, I would welcome changes such as proposed by Campaign Zero or 8cantwait.org.

**Q35**

Our region is growing quickly. How will you ensure that existing residents and newcomers alike have equitable access to affordable housing, public transit, and neighborhood amenities such as parks and schools? How will you protect current residents, and especially our most vulnerable communities, from displacement caused by this growth? How will you provide for and protect those displaced?

The city council recently approved zoning code changes that would allow for (affordable) housing stock to be built at the Town Center site. That, along with the already-approved parking garage code at Town Center, will allow more people to live and work in the city. At the same time, it is not so much growth that it will contribute significantly to traffic or parking problems, or to displace current residents. There are, of course, larger county-wide issues and solutions to protecting displaced residents, especially in our most vulnerable communities, and I would explore these solutions with other municipalities' leaders. Finally, I want to ensure equitable access to the city's latest acquisition, the lakefront Lakehaven property, when it becomes a park.

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**Q36**

How have you worked to combat climate change? How would you use your elected office to ensure your region drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050?

I was honored to emcee a grass-roots Town Hall in the city of Lake Forest Park with the title "Building Climate Resiliency", in which participants attended workshops, listened to speakers and finally came together in small groups to develop "next step" plans about working on some aspect of climate crisis mitigation. I would continue to support these sorts of efforts, and direct city resources towards this problem, whether by helping draft a Climate Action Plan or authorizing a city Climate and Sustainability coordinator position.

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**Q37**

What specific actions will you take to address the homelessness crisis in King County, both in the short term and long term? How do you plan to implement these solutions?

I'd like to see an expansion of the RADAR program already in effect with the city police to include pro-active outreach to unhoused individuals. It seems to be common for such individuals to be unaware of housing and other services that the county can provide, and that having a low-stakes encounter with a mental health professional and a social worker is better than having a high-stakes encounter with a police officer.

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**Q38**

"Structural racism is not always caused by racist actors – it is caused by institutional arrangements overlaid on historical policies that continue to perpetuate racialized outcomes." - Stephen Menendian How would you use your position to work to dismantle these arrangements including, but not limited to, exclusionary land use policies?

Lake Forest Park has a long history of exclusionary practices, including racially-based housing covenants. I'd work to strike this language from our code, a symbolic move but important nevertheless. I'd also work with the Planning Commission on zoning law changes to allow greater housing density within the city, such as Accessory Dwelling Units, which will increase the affordable housing stock, which may result in increased diversity among residents.

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**Q39****Other Municipality**

Jurisdiction Check

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**Q40**

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for Seattle municipal candidates

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**Q41**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q42**

Respondent skipped this question

What actions would you take to address homelessness? Please consider addressing land use, revenue, regional collaboration, the role of social services, the role of the police and justice system.

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**Q43**

Respondent skipped this question

Seattleites are divided on how to fund and what to fund within police work and public safety. How would you help bring the community together and adjust the Seattle Police Department (SPD) budget as needed? By approximately what % would you adjust the SPD budget?

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**Q44**

Respondent skipped this question

How will you prioritize transportation infrastructure for biking, pedestrians, transit, commercial vehicles, and cars? Which do you view as most important to prioritize funds for?

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**Q45**

Respondent skipped this question

Do you support utilizing Seattle's newly granted authority to implement a 1% flat income tax?

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Page 9: PORT ONLY: Questions for PORT Candidates

**Q46**

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for port candidates

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**Q47**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q48**

Respondent skipped this question

As the Port recovers from the economic impact of the pandemic, how will you use your position to ensure that future growth and activity among tenant operations is inline with limiting climate impacts and encourage environmental stewardship to be a good neighbor and steward of our environment? How would help alleviate today's present and real issues, specifically homelessness?

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**Q49**

Respondent skipped this question

Since the pandemic and recent trade tariffs, the Seaport and Airport revenue and user statistics have plummeted. However, their capital investment was based on previous growth trends. As Port Commissioner, how will you help the Port to address these new economic realities?

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**Q50**

Respondent skipped this question

The Port has operations and activities on tribal and indigenous land. How would you use your position to elevate indigenous people and encourage more equity and opportunity for BIPOC Communities? Give us some specific examples of your plans in this aspect. How would you handle your approach to women-and minority-owned businesses.

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**Q51**

Respondent skipped this question

Considering the health impacts and socio-economic ramifications of increased airport activity, how would you balance the future growth of SeaTac airport with the interests of the residents of airport-adjacent communities?

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Page 10: SCHOOL BOARD ONLY: Questions for SCHOOL BOARD Candidates

**Q52**

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for school board candidates

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**Q53**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q54**

Respondent skipped this question

How has the pandemic changed your perspective on educational equity? What will you propose to address the educational consequences of the COVID pandemic? What specific policies will you seek to ensure that all staff and students can safely return to in-person school safely during the COVID pandemic? How will you work to bridge the digital divide both now and after return to in-person education?

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**Q55**

Respondent skipped this question

What policies or changes will you seek to ensure that all students— regardless of their gender, race, class, disability, or ethnicity—receive an education that enables them to reach their fullest potential? What would you do to advance anti-racist and indigenous curriculum? What do you see as your role in disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline?

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**Q56**

Respondent skipped this question

What should schools and school districts do to support the physical and mental health of all students; including LGBTQ+ students and students with disabilities? Please provide specific examples. Also, what actions would you take to remedy student access to and pay inequity among school nurses, paraeducators, and school office staff?

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**Q57**

Respondent skipped this question

What would you do to advocate for ample and equitable funding for k-12 education including special education, school nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, and paraeducators?

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**Q58**

Respondent skipped this question

Has the disruption of regular schooling and introduction of distance learning in the last year caused you to re-evaluate any aspect of traditional instruction and the structure of schooling? Are there changes you would like to see implemented?

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**Q59**

Respondent skipped this question

Have you served full-time or pro-tem as a judge or justice?  
What did you learn from that experience and how will you use that learning to help improve equity and fairness in the justice system?

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**Q60**

Respondent skipped this question

How have you helped tackle climate change issues from within your courtroom daily activities to an overall sustainable plan?

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**Q61**

Respondent skipped this question

How has COVID-19 experience changed your perspective/behavior/actions on access to justice within your courtroom?

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**Q62**

Respondent skipped this question

How would you advocate for more equity in our State's justice system? How can we make it more open, transparent and responsive?

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**Q63**

Respondent skipped this question

How are you going to make sure you don't allow bias (including, but not limited to, racial bias) while serving on the bench and/or in the courtroom?

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**Q64**

Respondent skipped this question

Do you believe judges can be biased and if so in what ways, please provide examples?

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**Q65**

Respondent skipped this question

Do you see addressing bias and racial disparity in the court system as activism? Why or why not?

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**Q66**

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think that judicial training focused on racial competency is activism? Why or why not?

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**Q67**

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think racial disparity exists in the court system and more specifically on the bench?

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**Q68**

Respondent skipped this question

What will you do as a judge to eliminate and mitigate bias on the bench?

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**Q69**

Respondent skipped this question

What committees, commissions, workgroups do you currently or have previously served on?

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**Q70**

Respondent skipped this question

Have you received or are you seeking political or financial support from any police officer, police guild/union or elected law enforcement official?

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Page 12: ALL CANDIDATES: Submit Questionnaire

**Q71**

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)

Tracy Furutani

Date

May 12, 2021

**Q72**

Candidate

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

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**Q73**

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.)

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**Q74**

Share with King County Democrats

King County Democrats may post this questionnaire to a password-protected folder for access by King County Democrats Endorsements Committee members and Executive Board.

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**Q75**

Share with LD Dems and YD Endorsement Committee members

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.

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**Q76**

(OPTIONAL) Share with PCOs and/or Members

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

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**Q77**

(OPTIONAL) Share with Public

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q78**

Email Copy

**Please email a copy of my completed submission to the campaign email address. I understand it may take 24-48 hours (or more) for my completed submission to be emailed.**

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