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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

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Q2

Yes

I have read instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

Q3

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Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Candidate name pronunciation (optional)

Q5

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Q6

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Q9

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Q10

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

We have a bunch of volunteers and we'll be hiring a field organizer in the summer.

Q11

Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

URL to Headshot (optional)

Page 3: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

Q13

Yes

Are you a Democrat?

Q14

Yes/No Questions

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

Q15

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

I support and admire the work of IDF to train people to be involved in politics and I've been meaning to go through their training but have not yet. My family business, Fremont Brewing has donated beer for their events and my fundraiser, McKenna Hartman sits on their Board.

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 am a lifelong Democrat and a progressive small business owner. I'm running for City Council because I believe Seattle's going in the wrong direction and I'll bring the pragmatic, experienced leadership that's urgently right now.

I came to Seattle in 1990 to pursue a doctorate in Cultural Anthropology at UW. I got my PhD in 1997 but decided I wanted to stay in Seattle and have a more direct impact on my community through public service.

I landed a position in City Councilmember Richard Conlin's office and served as his Legislative Aide for about ten years so I know how policy is made and how local government should work.

My husband and I own Fremont Brewing. We give back to our community, lead the industry in sustainability and provide extensive benefits: paid family leave, a matching 401k plan, and excellent healthcare coverage for employees and their families. We were hit hard by COVID but we didn't lay anyone off and we even increased everyone's salaries to make up for lost tips.

I met my husband at the WTO protest in 1999 and we have two sons, aged 15 and 17. 2020 was a tough year but with crisis comes opportunity. We have the chance for a major reset in this town and it starts with electing candidates like me who will be held accountable for delivering measurable results -- not just empty rhetoric -- on the complex challenges we face today.

I view the right to collectively organize as essential to a strong economy and workers' rights. Although I have never belonged to a union as a member, I'm joining IUPAT Local 116 for political/campaign workers as an employer affiliate and encouraging my manager to join as a member.

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 served on the Board of Directors of Cascade Public Media (parent organization of Crosscut and KCTS 9) for three years because public television and independent journalism are central to building community and enabling people to be active, informed members in our democracy.

I ran for Seattle City Council Position 8 in 2017 and got the bronze in the primary. I also managed his 2009 reelection campaign. Fremont Brewing has hosted fundraisers for Inslee, Brady Walkinshaw, Rob Johnson, Joe McDermott, and Gael Tarleton. I have volunteered for many progressive initiatives including I-200, Transit Now, I-1198 for a state-wide income tax, and served as King County Volunteer Coordinator for the Biden campaign (prior to an alcohol treatment program).

The growth of the craft beer sector didn't just happen by itself. It's the result of work by people like me who defend, protect, and promote craft brewers in an industry dominated by corporate beer Goliaths like Anheuser-Busch/Miller Coors. I serve on the Board of the Brewers Association, craft beer's trade association and its Government Affairs and Political Action Committees. We lobby Congress and the Executive for the interests of the 9,000+ independent craft breweries nationwide. I do the same on the Washington Brewers Guild GAC in Olympia.

I'm a dues-paying member of organizations such as but not limited to:

- The 43rd and 36th LDs
- NARAL ProChoice Washington
- Planned Parenthood
- Washington Conservation Voters/Washington Environmental Council
- Sierra Club
- North Seattle Industrial Association (jobs!)
- Manufacturing Industrial Council (jobs!)

Q18

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

My campaign is going strong and I'm exceeding my fundraising targets. I've raised \$109,000 to date (that's more cash donations than any other candidate in my race); my goal for the primary is \$200,000 and \$215,000 for the general. I've secured key endorsements in the labor and environmental communities and I've received very positive earned media. My base of support is a wide net of small business owners; environmental, good-government, reproductive choice, and social justice advocates; current and former electeds; and unions in the building trades because they, like me, are pro-jobs and pro-smart growth.

My plan to win is to mobilize my base to spread the word about my campaign and volunteer for our ground game. We've been phone banking for over a month and we'll begin door-to-door canvassing in June. We will hire a field organizer to execute a massive voter contact campaign through the general. We are also planning sizable targeted ad placements and several mailers. I am seeking the endorsements of the King County Democrats and all Seattle Legislative Districts because my values and track record on progressive issues are aligned with the Party's and because the volunteer support of your members will help me win.

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?

Economic Recovery Thousands of businesses have closed or moved out of Seattle. Tens of thousands -- perhaps hundreds of thousands -- of people have lost their jobs and Seattle's working families are hurting as a result. Our neighborhood business districts are struggling, our downtown core is boarded up, and we've got a lot of work to achieve a long-term, equitable economic recovery. The City must help small businesses survive the pandemic, reopen if they've temporarily closed, bring businesses and jobs to Seattle, and revive the downtown core. This will require strategic, proactive planning and significant investment. As a small business owner, I know what businesses need to survive this pandemic and thrive as we reopen. There are many steps City leadership could take right now to help -- but Council isn't acting with any urgency whatsoever.

If elected, I will suspend collecting B&O taxes from the hardest hit businesses and on federal COVID relief grants. I also will initiate a strategic planning process for downtown because simply hoping that downtown will bounce back and small businesses will be fine is not a plan. You can see more ideas on my website.

Basic City Services There are five basic service departments listed in the Charter of the City of Seattle: transportation, parks, libraries, police, and fire. They don't grab headlines often but they're like housework: nobody notices it except when it's not done. Unfortunately, Councilmembers aren't doing their job to oversee the departments adequately fund these services. This is a violation of the oath they take to uphold the Charter and it's a broken promise to Seattle residents. If elected, I will push for better monitoring of Executive Departments and I will oppose cuts to basic services.

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?

People lack trust in our institutions like local government because they don't feel heard by their leaders and because the policies those leaders put in place have negative impacts and/or unintended consequences on marginalized communities. Too often, Seattle City Council responds to pressure from agencies or individuals and rushes proposals through the legislative process without seeking or considering input from a broad range of constituents and impacted stakeholders. That's why public confidence in City Council is at an all-time low. I'm committed to rebuilding public trust in local government through transparent, honest, and responsible leadership.

I will not be a gatekeeper. I will be accessible and responsive to all my constituents and I will seek policy input from unheard voices in under-represented communities. But every politician says that. As a white person who's lived north of the Ship Canal since 1990, I know I'll have to work hard to build relationships with people in communities I'm not familiar with. I'll reach out to people in BIPOC and faith-based communities for insight and guidance on how I can elevate their needs and serve them better.

I have no silver bullet for perfecting inclusivity but I will try my hardest while leading with humility and respect.

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?

The human toll of COVID must not be lost on us. As the City rebuilds, equity issues will be in even sharper relief. The reality of this pandemic is that it has disproportionately devastated those in service and caretaking industries, and that has exacerbated the burden on women, BIPOC individuals, low-income people, and other groups who already faced systematic disadvantage. Making Seattle whole again should be done with an eye on equity concerns, both acute and longstanding and that will be my approach.

My proposals for an inclusive, equitable and long-term economic recovery will especially benefit BIPOC-owned small businesses and working families. Regarding vaccinations, too many people are falling through the cracks. Language and technology barriers are making it very difficult for seniors, and people in BIPOC and non-native English speaking neighborhoods to get appointments and show up for their vaccines and I have a long list of ideas to remedy this situation while creating jobs for people in these communities.

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 support the position statements of Washington's Black Lives Matter Alliance and will advocate for implementing them at the municipal level. As Councilmember, there are two main policy areas in which I will take direct actions to support Black lives: police reform and workforce development.

Systemic racism in policing has damaged many lives in the Black community and eroded trust that police are there to serve and protect everyone. We must accelerate POLICE REFORM efforts in order to reduce abuse of force and police misconduct and improve disciplinary protocols to ensure that bad cops are punished and bad behavior is deterred. I've learned through conversations with Reverend Harriett Walden of Mothers for Police Accountability and other leaders in the Black community that they are concerned about defunding the police by a prescribed percentage because good policing requires more investment not less. I'll take my lead from them regarding specific steps toward reform

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT is a crucial part of our economic recovery. Seattle must do a better job to prepare young people enter the workforce and provide career pathways to vulnerable people, i.e., those exiting the criminal justice system and individuals who have experienced the trauma of violence or addiction. I will seek new opportunities to partner with labor unions and organizations such as R3 Community Services, Challenge Seattle, Fare Start, and the community college network to ensure they have adequate funding for their apprenticeship programs.

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

Q23**City Council**

Position Sought

Q24**Seattle (City of)**

Jurisdiction

Q25**9**

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

Page 7: MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES ONLY: Questions for ALL Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney Candidates

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

Q34

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

Impact fees could inhibit the construction of affordable and market rate housing at a time when development is already fleeing Seattle for the Eastside. I'll want to make sure that impact fees don't make development of these projects significantly more expensive than development in other nearby cities.

I agree that shifting the social service-type tasks that police sometimes find themselves performing when responding to people in crisis is better left to social service providers themselves. This and increasing funding for civilian community patrols improves public safety. But due to staffing shortages and cuts to SPD overtime, the average response time for Priority One 911 calls is 14 minutes right now which is absolutely unacceptable. I'm concerned that blanket reductions in the police budget, without broad community support and without a concrete strategy for keeping people safe, is likely to increase response times and further undermine public safety. When Councilmembers are sworn in, they take an oath to uphold the Charter of the City of Seattle which states in Art. VI, Sec. 1: "There shall be maintained adequate police protection in each district of the City." So it would be irresponsible for me to answer this question in the affirmative without a lot more information about how reducing the police budget will impact public safety.

I agree with the letter Mothers for Police Accountability sent to Council on March 15th which I am paying below in full:

"STOP DRASTIC POLICE CUTS THAT VIOLATE THE CITY CHARTER AND THE CONSTITUTION

March 15, 2021

TO: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Lewis, Mosqueda, Morales, Juarez, Pedersen, Sawant, Herbold, Strauss AND TO: Mayor Jenny Durkan

[T]he People of the City of Seattle enact this Charter ... for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the health, safety, environment, and general welfare of the people ...

-- Preamble to Charter of the City of Seattle

There shall be maintained adequate police protection in each district of the City. -- Seattle City Charter Art. VI, Sec. 1

As part of its "defunding" efforts, the Seattle City Council has cut the Police Department's budget by \$69 million and is poised to cut another \$5.4 million. Almost 200 officers have left SPD without being replaced. The sworn officers who remain must somehow provide police protection to a world class city with a rapidly rising crime rate. Because of these drastic cuts, specially trained officers who previously worked as Community Police Officers, in domestic violence, narcotics or the DUI unit now only handle crimes in progress. They are no longer available to create and foster community trust or to do the time consuming follow up needed in many domestic violence, narcotics and traffic cases.

Mothers objects to these drastic cuts. Nothing makes us confident that the police services being cut have been replaced by other city agencies or private non-profits. Moreover, who is caring about crime victims now? Who is caring about the many mothers who are losing children to gun violence in Seattle? Not the City Council. Crisis intervention is one of the specialty units subject to cuts. That cut is a clear violation of the Consent Decree entered into in 2012 between the City and the DOJ requiring that Seattle's policing complies with the U.S. Constitution. It has real world consequences and creates real suffering for heartbroken families who lose their loved ones.

All Councilmembers and the Mayor took oaths of office to put their duties under the City Charter and the US Constitution first before any political or personal interests. We demand that they live up to their oaths. Those who live and work in our beloved City deserve no less. We agree with Judge James Robart who recently warned the City Council that if it continues to simply charge ahead making drastic cuts without having "plans in place to replace essential services currently being provided by the police," the City Council will be in violation of the DOJ Consent Decree and thus the US Constitution. It will also be intentionally and seriously harming the "general welfare" of our beloved city."

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?

In order to ensure equitable access to more affordable housing, public transit, and other necessary amenities, I support reworking current zoning laws which would open development of affordable housing in close proximity to existing light rail stations, transit centers, and bus stops. It's an economic issue, as well as an environmental issue in terms of sprawl damage, and so we need to build up not out. More affordable housing units within walking distance of existing public transit centers will help residents and newcomers get to work faster and get home to their families earlier. It is possible to provide this sort of strategic growth in a way that minimizes the displacement of the vulnerable. As neighborhoods grow in Seattle, they should be adding working people, not losing them: that's part of my vision for the City.

We also need to encourage growth that preserves housing and amenities in our predominantly ethnic neighborhoods like Little Saigon for the people who live there now. The Chinatown/International District in particular is experiencing rapid development that threatens to price out the elderly and low-income people who have called the neighborhood home for generations.

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'm a life-long environmentalist and I've been endorsed by Denis Hayes, First Organizer of Earth Day and President of the Bullitt Foundation; Ken Lederman, Board Chair of WCV/WEC; and many other prominent environmental leaders because I'm the only candidate in this race with a track record of work to advance environmental justice and combat climate change. On Council, I will prioritize implementing and accelerating Seattle's Climate Action Plan for carbon neutrality by 2050 (see my website for specifics!). Here's what I've done:

- In Councilmember Richard Conlin's office, I was the lead staffer on all climate and sustainability legislation including the expansion of the Living Building pilot project; establishing zero waste, recycling and composting requirements; and prohibiting styrofoam and plastic bags. And a bunch of other stuff I'm happy to detail in my interview.
- I run Fremont Brewing's sustainability program and we're recognized in the craft beer sector as a national leader in sustainability for our energy and water conservation and significant investments in green technologies such steam instead of natural gas and biodigesters that turn food "waste" into energy through anaerobic digestion
- I support the policy goals of the BlueGreen Alliance of Washington and have donated to their work. In particular, I support their Buy Clean and Buy Fair Washington Act which promotes spending taxpayer dollars on building materials that are manufactured with high environmental and labor standards by cutting embodied carbon and eliminating polluting and exploitative manufacturers' unfair advantage. If elected I will implement this and other BGA policy priorities.
- I took the pledge to support Washington Conservation Voters' Evergreen Future campaign which will hold my feet to the fire to support its climate protection policies.
- I took the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge not to accept donations over \$200 from fossil fuel manufacturers --which is pretty easy because I won't accept donations of any amount from them.

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?

What's going on in Seattle and King County is more than a political failure – it's also a humanitarian failure. Our homeless neighbors are not a monolithic block, these are individuals who have become homeless for many different reasons and therefore have very specific needs – which aren't being met.

I believe in the "Housing First" approach to providing any form of housing needed. In the short term, that means providing safer, stabler housing (hotel rooms, tiny homes, etc.) to people living in encampments as we increase capacity for permanent placement.

In the longer-term, we need more permanent supportive housing. I support the objective of the Third Door Coalition to bring PSH units on line faster by reducing construction costs through land use and regulatory changes.

I support the formation of the Regional Homelessness Authority because most resources related to homelessness are at the county, state, and even federal level and Seattle can't go it alone. Cities in King County must step up to the plate to pay for services in their own jurisdictions and stop passing laws prohibiting people from sleeping on public property because they don't provide shelter or other housing solutions.

To make a dent in the chronic homelessness of people residing in encampments, we need to exponentially increase capacity and funding for mental illness and drug addiction treatment especially. Whether those resources come from the Compassion Seattle initiative if it passes or revenues generated by the Regional Homelessness Authority, I don't care -- just focus on that already!

MORE SPECIFICS ON MY WEBSITE

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?

I recently read an article on the history of exclusionary zoning in Seattle and other cities. I was struck (although not surprised) to learn that several judges remarked early on that modern zoning would not only be used for explicitly discriminatory purposes, but would likely come to be insidious sources, too. As one judge wrote: "the result to be accomplished is to classify the population and segregate them according to their income or situation in life." While we may have grappled with many explicitly racist practices like red-lining, the racist legacy of the past is still implicitly echoed in today's zoning code. The result is that working people, immigrants, and BIPOC individuals are oftentimes excluded from Seattle neighborhoods, especially those zoned single-family.

I believe that our best approach to fix this starts with distributing growth citywide based on a neutral analysis of need, transit accessibility, and walkshed, not one that gives disproportionate advantage to wealthy communities. We must align land use policy with transit-oriented development priorities to steer growth and affordability along transit lines. That means incentivizing growth within our urban centers and villages within 5-minute walksheds of frequent transit. That will increase affordability by adding units and decreasing household expenses on vehicular transportation.

Q39**City of Seattle**Jurisdiction Check

Page 8: SEATTLE-ONLY: Questions for SEATTLE-ONLY municipal candidates

Q40

Yes/No Questions for Seattle municipal candidates

	Yes / No / Qualified
Are you participating in the Democracy Voucher program?	No
Would you support the placement of Community Health Engagement Locations (CHELs) (sometimes referred to as supervised injection facilities) in your district?	Qualified
Do you support the forced removal of unauthorized homeless encampments ("sweeps") in your district?	Qualified
Would you support the construction of a 10 or more unit permanent supportive housing building on your street?	Yes
Would you support the construction of an affordable housing building on your street?	Yes
Would you support a "congestion price" on downtown drivers in order to relieve traffic congestion and fund public transit improvements?	Yes
Do you support the installation of more protected bike lanes on arterial streets?	Yes
Have you made any non-trivial donations to Democratic candidates or Democratic party organizations since January 2016?	Yes
Have you made any non-trivial donations to Republican candidates or Republican party organizations since January 2016?	No
Do you support reduction of police budgets in favor of social services?	Qualified
Do you support the proposed "Clean Campaigns Act" from 2019?	Yes
Are you supportive of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program?	Yes
(Question removed)	
Will you commit to ending the ban on apartments and condos on Seattle's residential land, thereby allowing more housing types, such as triplexes, town homes, and small apartment buildings, to be built across the city?	Yes

Q41

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

I generally favor a harm reduction approach and I'm fine with CHELs in principle because they can save lives by avoiding overdoses. However, as I noted elsewhere, funding drug and alcohol treatment is of paramount importance -- and should be our very topmost priority -- to get people off drugs and also help reduce the numbers of chronically unsheltered people. We don't have unlimited resources and one facility is estimated to require \$6 million to site and staff. Multiply that by the number of facilities that would be necessary so that people can access them close to where they live, that's a lot of money that won't be going to treatment.

Re: "sweeps": I think the question could be asked in the reverse: if elected, would you support abnegating your responsibility to offer housing options to people living in tents in the cold and rain? That seems to be what the Council is doing: turning their backs on suffering people because they've shown themselves incapable of addressing the root causes of homelessness and coming up with ways to get people into stable housing. I support offering housing to people living in encampments and making sure everyone can use our parks and open spaces -- especially people who don't have backyards, like renters in apartments.

Q42

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.

City spending on our homelessness crisis has doubled in the past three years, and the problem has only gotten worse. Homelessness should be treated as any other public health crisis -- with compassion and resolve. To make any meaningful progress on the homelessness crisis in Seattle, the City must make some fundamental structural changes:

- We must quantify the number of people experiencing homelessness, understand why they became homeless, identify their specific needs, and determine the cost to deliver those services.
- We must track individuals who need services or who have received services to ensure continuity of care.
- To that end, we must ensure information sharing between the Human Services Department and service providers and among those providers themselves in order to eliminate redundancies and fill in service gaps -- particularly in mental health and substance abuse disorder services. Right now, none of this is happening.
- Seattle officials must ensure they're funding truly effective social service organizations and programs, including enforcing the standards it already has.
- To tackle this difficult problem, Seattle should only partner with organizations with a proven track record of delivering results and implementing metrics to hold them to it. Unfortunately, the city has a poor record on both monitoring and accountability.

If elected, I will support the Regional Homelessness Authority and I will work to ensure clear, evidence-based benchmarks and end the practice of allowing providers to repeatedly miss basic benchmarks without consequences.

Q43

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?

Public safety is a central policy issue in my campaign because it lies at the heart of a well-functioning city, and it's clear the current Council is failing on this front. I commit to analyzing any bargaining proposals brought to me by law enforcement through a social and racial justice lens, because I firmly believe we can invest in both community safety and accountable law enforcement at the same time. That's what Chief Carmen Best meant when she said, "we can walk and chew gum at the same time." I'll fight for increased funding toward a community policing model, as well as anti-bias and de-escalation training, in order to reduce misconduct and ensure that officers are accountable to the communities they've sworn to serve.

Good policing tends to require more investment, not less, so I will not commit to a particular % of adjustments to SPD's budget because the real question should be: what do we need to do to keep communities safe?

Q44

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?

Today, I believe investments in Seattle's transportation infrastructure are most pressing, and City leadership has done a poor job of ensuring that revenues generated by the Move Seattle Levy and other sources of public dollars are adequately funding the maintenance of our roads and bridges. The maintenance backlog grows every year and new capital projects are postponed or canceled, such as the First Avenue streetcar. Repairs to the West Seattle and Magnolia Bridges are the most obvious examples but many other bridges are on the brink of failing. On March 16th, there was an article in the Times describing \$10.2million of work needed to fix or maintain the Ballard, Fremont, University, and Spokane Street Bridges. Seattle must do a better job of costing out infrastructure projects, investing in them, and ensuring that local dollars are matched with state and federal funds in order to complete these and other transportation infrastructure projects on time and on budget.

Q45

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

In spirit, I support it as a much-needed, progressive new source of revenue but I want to know more about what it would fund and I am concerned about the cost of defending against a prolonged legal challenge. Currently, Washington State has the most regressive tax system in the country, and Seattle's potential implementation of a 1 percent income tax could take a much needed load off of working families.

Page 9: PORT ONLY: Questions for PORT Candidates

Q46

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for port candidates

Q47

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

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?

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.

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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Q52

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for school board candidates

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

Q60

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q61

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

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?

Q64

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q65

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q66

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q67

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q68

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q69

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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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)

Sara Nelson

Date

April 25, 2021**Q72**

Candidate

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

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.)

Q74

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Q75

Share with LD Dems and YD Endorsement Committee members

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Q76

Respondent skipped this question

(OPTIONAL) Share with PCOs and/or Members

Q77

Respondent skipped this question

(OPTIONAL) Share with Public

Q78

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