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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your information

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Phone Number	<b>2068508816</b>

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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	<b>Semra</b>
Candidate last name	<b>Riddle</b>
Campaign email	<b>semra@semraforLFP.com</b>
Campaign phone (optional)	<b>2068508816</b>

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**Q4** Respondent skipped this question

Candidate name pronunciation (optional)

**Q5**

Candidate pronouns (optional)

her/she

**Q6** Respondent skipped this question  
Campaign Manager information (optional)

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

**Q15**

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

I don't have campaign staff/volunteers at this time so I will address a need for a code of conduct, labor unions, etc. if I need to. My prior election was unopposed so I am hoping for the same this year.

I have no concerns about support coming from my own LFP police as they have been very open to reforms and have met many of the suggested reforms prior to the George Floyd murder.

I have no concern participating in a candidate training and will if needed.

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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.)

UW Bachelor of Architecture grad, medical architectural designer for 16 years, and now a Visualization Coordinator for a general contractor. Current LFP council member, governing board member for HealthierHere, alternate member for the Joint Recommendations Committee, Chair for the Washington Community Forestry Council, and member on the North King County Coalition on Homelessness that is currently being formed.

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**Q17**

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

Member of the LFP planning commission for 2 years before being appointed to the LFP City Council. Been on council since June 2016. This is my second election. I was endorsed for my first election.

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**Q18**

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

I plan to be myself, rely on my voting record on council, and lay out a plan to bring equity protocols to the city as well as improving and formalizing our art city program. I plan to win by staying relevant to the needs and desires of my city.

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**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?

I feel that my campaign should stay focused on city level issues - equity, art, roads/sidewalks, parks, stream restoration, etc. I don't see my campaign being the best path to addressing regional issues at this time.

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**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?

Lake Forest Park is typically very active in engaging with their elected officials. I aim to continue engaging with folks in LFP through email, virtual events, candidate forums, and when safe, small group Q and A sessions.

I hope my council record and existing relationships in the community will find some trust in me in those who find it hard to trust.

**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?

In the coming years I hope to address housing options in LFP, equity and access to government, and outside of council, support the medicaid transformation project, affordable housing, and homelessness through my roles on other councils and boards.

**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?

As an elected of a medium sized city, I hope to use my position to identify systemic racism and work at resolving the underlying policies that lead to such inequities.

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

**Q23****City Council**

Position Sought

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

Jurisdiction

**Q25****1**

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>Qualified</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>Qualified</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>No</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:

LFP needs funds to increase sidewalks, etc. and with the ST3 parking garage we may not need to put forth additional funds into transit at this time. In the future I can foresee some transit needs that could be supported by increasing our TBD charges.

With the limited opportunities for development, impact fees have afforded limited possibilities for added revenue to support schools, etc.

LFP has a good police department that runs rather trim. We do not buy military surplus or similar. Our police department was instrumental in the creation and success of the North Sound Radar program. A reduction in funding to our police would impact our ability to support the Radar program.

**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?

I am committed to providing adequate funding for parks, schools, transit, and affordable housing. I support a housing survey to identify housing inequities and appropriate policies to address those inequities.

**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 part of strengthening the LFP tree canopy ordinance to ensure more tree canopy remains through development to improve stormwater run off and reduce heat island effect. I intend to enhance this ordinance to preserve more of the ecosystem, like the understory, to improve wildlife health, stormwater run off, etc. I am committed to supporting policies that reduce the speed and significance of climate change that can be instituted in my city or in a coalition of neighboring cities to increase our impact.

**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?

Outside of supporting the Radar program within LFP, my roles on the Joint Recommendation Committee and the North King County Coalition for Homelessness (currently being formed) show my commitment to reducing homelessness and stemming the flow of those into homelessness.

**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?

Within LFP, we face a challenge that the majority of our housing is single family and expensive. Policies like accessory dwelling units may offer access to housing at a cost the disadvantaged can afford, but the rent goes to building the wealth of the land owner and not the disadvantaged. Through careful policies we can create land use regulations that allow for lower cost housing but we also need to address those that want to enter home ownership/wealth building as well.

Additionally, HealthierHere is the ACH overseeing King Counties Medicaid Transformation Project. As a sitting board member it is my goal, along with all on the board, to ensure that the work being done improves the lives, health, and well being of those who find themselves at a disadvantage due to structural racism in our healthcare system. We have already seen improvements in some of our target areas and continue to work towards revamping the system to remove racist policies and procedures.

**Q39****Other Municipality**

Jurisdiction Check



**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)

**Semra Riddle**

Date

**5/12/2021****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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