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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

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**Q4****Respondent skipped this question**

Candidate name pronunciation (optional)

**Q5**

Candidate pronouns (optional)

He/Him/His

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

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**Q8**  
Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Consultant first name **Northwest Passage Consulting**

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question  
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**Q10** Respondent skipped this question  
Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

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**Q11**  
Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

Facebook Page (campaign) **facebook.com/peteholmesseattle**  
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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>Qualifie d</b>
Do you have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers?	<b>Yes</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>Yes</b>

**Q15**

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

During the I-502 marijuana legalization campaign, I was sued by "No on I-502" operatives, alleging that I had violated state rules against use of City resources in ballot measure campaigns. As a result of a PDC investigation, I agreed to a finding of a minor violation with no financial penalty, due to my assistant's return calls to the I-502 campaign to schedule public speaking events. The finding with zero financial sanction precluded further civil litigation against me.

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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.)

Before my 2009 election as Seattle City Attorney, I was a civil commercial litigator with over two decades' experience. I was the Partner-in-Charge of the Insolvency & Reorganization Group at Miller Nash LLP, as well as the Seattle office Hiring Partner. I have been peer-rated by Martindale-Hubbell as "AV-Preeminent" in both legal knowledge and ethics over twenty years.

I earned my B.A. in American Studies with a concentration in Energy Policy & Environmental Sciences from Yale University in 1978, and worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., in Washington, D.C., before earning my J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984.

My wife Ann and I are the proud parents of two adult children, and have lived in the same house in South Seattle's Lakewood-Seward Park neighborhood for over 30 years.

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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.

Since I was first elected City Attorney, I have worked to protect public safety and make sure that our criminal legal system reflects our shared values of fairness, equity, and protecting the vulnerable. I'm very proud of my work changing sentencing laws to protect immigrants from deportation, vacating past marijuana possession criminal records, developing new incarceration diversion programs to help young people avoid lifelong criminal records, and redoubling the city's efforts to address gun violence.

As a champion for police reform, I was an original member of Seattle Police Department's first civilian oversight body, the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board, and served as chair for 5 years. With this perspective, I've facilitated landmark police reforms, serving as a liaison between the City and the federal judge overseeing the Department of Justice consent decree to ensure that lasting and meaningful structural changes are enacted at the Seattle Police Department.

Outside of the City Attorney's office, I'm a founding member of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence and Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration. I also serve on the state's "Sunshine Committee," where I was appointed by Governor Inslee to ensure government transparency and public access to records.

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**Q18**

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

I'm excited to share the progress I've made on behalf of the people of Seattle! I'm looking forward to a thoughtful, Democracy Voucher-financed, issues-focused campaign, with virtual events to reach constituents in neighborhoods across Seattle. My opponent is an eastside corporate attorney, and I'll outline a clear distinction between our approaches in responding to low-level offenses driven by poverty, behavioral health, or substance abuse.

The past year has brought much-needed focus to the systemic inequities and racial biases that impact so many in our city. I intend to speak to my successes advancing equity and opportunity. I'll share my record beating back Tim Eyman's disastrous measure to cut bus service, taking on the Monsanto Corporation for the toxic PCB pollution they caused in the Duwamish River, and establishing a regional firearms unit to enforce civil extreme risk gun surrender orders, including recently seizing a weapons arsenal from a white supremacist neo-Nazi group.

Further, I'll build upon the early endorsements I received, including MLK Labor and progressive leaders like Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, King County Executive Dow Constantine, County Councilmembers Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, and Zahilay, Seattle City Councilmembers Mosqueda, Herbold, Morales, and Lewis, and many community members.

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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?

We must, once and for all, tackle this State's refusal to enact progressive income taxes on high earners, and simultaneously roll back state preemption on local, common sense gun regulation, while enacting a statewide assault weapons ban. Over the next two years, we must once again take up statewide legislation to finally end the War on Drugs, in part by advancing single-payer, universal healthcare.

On taxes, increasing progressive taxes could be coupled with a rollback of our regressive high sales taxes, and State Democrats need to replicate the economic successes of Democrats at the national level--where progressive revenue sources and humane spending policies uniformly produce far better economic returns than under Republican administrations. (See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/02/opinion/sunday/democrats-economy.html>.) With such policies in place, we might finally halt, even reverse, the growing gap between haves and have-nots, with increased public safety.

I will do all I can in my role to advance these efforts.

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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?

The criminal legal system disproportionately harms people of color, and for the last several years, I have worked alongside community to develop alternative community-based interventions after a misdemeanor crime has been committed. Recognizing the lifelong consequences that comes with a criminal record, I worked with Seattle's Office for Civil Rights to create a Racial Equity Toolkit when developing a new pre-filing diversion program for young people aged 18-24. That meant soliciting ideas and feedback from community and developing a program through a racial equity lens. By involving the community from the outset, we found a reputable local non-profit, CHOOSE 180, to administer a diversion program grounded in restorative justice principles to meaningfully engage young people before a criminal charge is ever filed. I had community buy-in from the outset, which led to a more thoughtful, comprehensive diversion program that has yielded remarkable results.

I learned from this success, and again used a Racial Equity Toolkit to develop a diversion program for non-intimate partner domestic violence cases in partnership with a local non-profit, and another is underway for people 25-and-older. I've tried top-down decision making in the past, and I've come to embrace the alternative.

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**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?

More people are unhoused than ever thanks to the financial ruin wrought by this pandemic, and my office has aggressively responded to prevent further devastation. I directed my attorneys to defend lawsuits against the City's eviction moratorium, the moratorium's six-month extension, Council's legislation to ban wintertime evictions, and the legislation allowing people to pay rent back in installments. No one benefits when our unsheltered population quintuples if these vital pieces of legislation were struck down.

A criminal record can absolutely enhance inequities, which is why I'm so proud of the diversion opportunities my office has developed after someone has committed a low-level offense. I've partnered with LEAD, CHOOSE 180, and Gay City to intercept a person in need of intervention before a criminal charge is ever filed. After they engage in the program, I will toss their criminal case referral in the figurative waste basket. No criminal charge. No criminal record. No jail. Further, after years of planning, Seattle's Community Court opened last summer which was developed to meet people's unmet needs. Too many in our city believe a jail cell is the first and best approach, but I disagree and am excited to develop further alternatives.

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**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've charted a new path for the City Attorney's office, rejecting the failed policies associated with the "War on Drugs." Over two years prior to statewide legalization, I ordered my office to stop prosecuting marijuana possession; I later overturned all prior marijuana possession convictions, which disproportionately targeted BIPOC residents. Today, still, I'm pushing for a smarter approach to drug criminalization following the Supreme Court's "Blake" decision.

I am directly involved in the effort to dramatically reduce incarceration through diversionary programs, and have helped countless individuals involved in low-level crime to access behavioral health services, substance abuse treatment, community support, and housing -- reducing the impact of mass incarceration, which traps far too many people of color in cycles of poverty. I continue to build on these programs' success!

I soon intend to establish an internal review board that will provide our Criminal Division staff a vehicle to flag potentially problematic arrests and evaluate whether an intervention was affected by conscious or unconscious bias or racial motivation. This concept originated from the ranks of our frontline prosecutors and will give even greater content to the sound exercise of prosecutorial discretion. I'll have more to share soon!

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

**Q23****City Attorney**

Position Sought

**Q24****Seattle (City of)**

Jurisdiction

**Q25****Not applicable**

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>Yes</b>

**Q34**

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

n/a

**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?

We must expand social services to meet the growing demand in our communities. In the past year, we've seen existing inequalities grow, while the economic engine in our region has faltered. As we look to rebuild and recover, I'm committed to using the City Attorney Office's resources to facilitate a more equitable economy, where all residents benefit from our prosperity. Austerity is not the solution.

Although the operation of most city programs falls outside the purview of the City Attorney's office, I'm proud of my work advising elected policymakers how to legally expand our social safety net. I am aggressively defending Councilmember Mosqueda's Jumpstart Tax on large employers against a lawsuit brought by the Chamber of Commerce. Those funds are essential to housing those in need and aiding immigrants and refugees sustain through the financial ruin wrought by the pandemic. Businesses help keep our economy strong, which is why I'm thankful the Jumpstart tax also includes funds to support small businesses.

And as I mentioned above, my office's defense of Seattle's eviction moratorium is truly essential to preventing further displacement. I strongly support expanding rental assistance, affordable housing, emergency shelter, and increased services for unhoused residents.

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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?

As City Attorney, I have always stood up for environmental justice, never hesitating to hold accountable the corporations that pollute our air and water. My prior work for the Natural Resources Defense Council ingrained that ethic in me. I believe that environmental justice is integral to our response to climate change -- if we don't correct historic injustices, then the new "green economy" will only benefit the privileged, while leaving everyone else behind.

I filed suit against the Monsanto Corporation, seeking compensation for the damage caused by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), industrial products banned because of their impacts on human and environmental health. Unlike other jurisdictions, I refused to settle unless the money offered is commensurate with the damage caused to Seattle's Duwamish River, so the case remains ongoing.

Further, while not widely known, I have begun exploration of a lawsuit against fossil fuel companies for their contributions to climate change. I hope to have more to share later this year. Their damage to Seattle is particularly troubling, given our dependence upon hydroelectric power, due to diminished snowpack. This is the type of creative, problem-solving litigation I have and will continue to champion as Seattle City Attorney.

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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?

This question is nearly identical to the one asked below, so please consider that response as well.

Although the Mayor and Council set policy, I've strongly supported every past effort to shelter and house those without homes. My attorneys successfully defended 3 separate lawsuits challenging the creation of the South Lake Union tiny house village, in which the Freedom Foundation and the Facebook group "Safe Seattle" were plaintiffs, for example. It's ridiculous that my attorneys have to spend time defending common sense solutions in the face of conservative opposition, but I'll continue to do so.

Seattle isn't resourced enough to support our unhoused population on our own, so it'll take working in partnership with the newly established Regional Homelessness Authority to aid people county-wide. My office provides quality guidance regarding the transfer of operations and programs from city agencies to the new authority -- a complex process that requires experienced leadership. I'm hopeful that as a region, we will more effectively address the homelessness crisis. A person living unsheltered one block outside Seattle is just as tragic as someone living within Seattle city limits, and a city boundary shouldn't be the limit of our society's assistance.

**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?

There is no doubt that structural racism negatively impacts countless individuals and communities. The legacy of redlining and restrictive covenants still affects Seattle when BIPOC communities are disproportionately exposed to pollution, housing instability, and crumbling public infrastructure. There is only so much land in our city, and it's long past time to revisit regulations tied to our single family zoning. Not only would additional in-city housing provide more opportunities for homeownership, we would simultaneously limit urban sprawl which endangers critical habitat and drives energy consumption. Those with the least means will suffer the most when climate change impacts become more concretely realized.

My office's lawsuit efforts defending "first in time" for rental housing applicants and "ban the box" restrictions will no doubt aid in further restorative legislation to address housing inequities in Seattle. Further, my office has played a leading role in addressing these injustices by updating city land use policies to reflect Seattle's current needs, including assisting with the implementation of landmark programs to build affordable housing, and also the Seattle Housing Levy's implementation, which has created thousands of affordable units. I'll gladly continue supporting policymakers who envision a new path away from exclusionary zoning.

**Q39****City of Seattle**

Jurisdiction Check

**Q40**

Yes/No Questions for Seattle municipal candidates

	Yes / No / Qualified
Are you participating in the Democracy Voucher program?	<b>Yes</b>
Would you support the placement of Community Health Engagement Locations (CHELs) (sometimes referred to as supervised injection facilities) in your district?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support the forced removal of unauthorized homeless encampments ("sweeps") in your district?	<b>Qualified</b>
Would you support the construction of a 10 or more unit permanent supportive housing building on your street?	<b>Yes</b>
Would you support the construction of an affordable housing building on your street?	<b>Yes</b>
Would you support a "congestion price" on downtown drivers in order to relieve traffic congestion and fund public transit improvements?	<b>Qualified</b>
Do you support the installation of more protected bike lanes on arterial streets?	<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 made any non-trivial donations to Republican candidates or Republican party organizations since January 2016?	<b>No</b>
Do you support reduction of police budgets in favor of social services?	<b>Yes</b>
Do you support the proposed "Clean Campaigns Act" from 2019?	<b>Yes</b>
Are you supportive of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program?	<b>Yes</b>
(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?	<b>Yes</b>

**Q41**

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

Encampment removals - These decisions fall to the Mayor and City Council, and the City Attorney is obligated to defend their lawful policies and operations. I do not personally support forced removal of unauthorized encampments unless a meaningful housing alternative is offered to those living outside, with due notice, or the location poses a significant safety risk. I believe a meaningful alternative does not equal a foam mat on the floor.

Congestion pricing - We need better all-hours transit service, and we should absolutely consider congestion pricing to fund it. I support the principle, but I await seeing how the program would actually be implemented in practice before lending my full throated support. Congestion pricing should not exacerbate the income gap and disproportionately cause people with limited means to stay away from our downtown. This is ultimately a Mayor/Council decision that voters will likely need to weigh in on, with a program informed by transportation engineers and those with expertise in community equity.

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**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.

Plain and simple: we're not going to move more people inside without more resources to house and support them.

I am aggressively defending Council's Jumpstart Tax on large employers against a lawsuit brought by the Chamber of Commerce. Those funds are essential to housing those in need and investing in homelessness prevention programs so people won't become homeless in the first place. While the State Supreme Court declined to hear my arguments to impose a local income tax on high earners, the battle for progressive revenues is not over. The burden of helping the unhoused can't fall on those who are bordering on housing instability themselves.

And I can definitively say the solution to homelessness is not found in a jail cell. I will continue to invest in alternative interventions like LEAD, CHOOSE 180 and Community Court, so there is a meaningful connection to provide for the person's basic needs to help minimize chances of future offenses.

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**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?

The conversation to reimagine policing in Seattle has only just begun. Police officers are the first to say they aren't the most effective response to certain distress calls, and I believe in setting up effective alternative options. No one can deny that the current system still disproportionately affects BIPOC communities, unhoused people, and other vulnerable groups -- that's unacceptable. As we look to reimagine policing, I will advocate for alternatives to law enforcement that can better address public safety challenges, while working with communities impacted by policing, as well as the new Mayor, Police Chief, and Councilmembers.

Although the City Attorney does not control the SPD budget, I'm a strong proponent of decreasing funding for militarization and excessive surveillance, and increasing funding for diversionary programs, therapeutic courts, and other measures which help people recover and rehabilitate. In cases where overly broad criminal statutes have allowed police to engage in racial profiling and other abuses, I have worked with the Council to revise the city code. We need to set our vision and concrete goals, then work backwards from there to achieve the policing system we hope to realize and reinvest accordingly.

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**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?

I am so proud to have been part of the coalition to beat back Tim Eyman's unconstitutional Initiative 976, which would have decimated transit service in Seattle. We need more revenue options, not fewer, and thanks to our coalition's efforts, a tool has been preserved for our policymakers' use. We should encourage the use of public transportation in Seattle by having public transit at the center of our communities and land use planning decisions.

Throughout the pandemic, my attorneys provided legal advice allowing SDOT to open Seattle streets to pedestrians, bicyclists, kids, and families, providing a socially-distant place to get outside. My office continues to support the "Stay Healthy Streets" and "School Streets" initiatives, which are the biggest expansion of streetspace for pedestrians and cyclists in many years.

Going forward, I support Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan to expand safe routes in the city. Every Seattle neighborhood should be accessible to people walking, biking, and rolling through protected bike lanes and trails. I strongly support Seattle's Vision Zero goals, and will continue working to achieve them by supporting safe biking routes, complete sidewalks, and frequent public transit service for all Seattleites.

**Q45**

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

Washington's Court of Appeals granted cities the authority to impose a flat income tax thanks to my office's defense of the lawsuit challenging the proposed Seattle income tax on high earners. The ordinance sought to tax income earned over \$250,000. After the appeals court's flat tax decision, I was disappointed the State Supreme Court declined to hear arguments why antiquated case law should be overturned to instead grant cities a progressive form of taxation. Our state's tax system is incredibly regressive, the worst in the nation, so I'm proud of this incremental gain.

I'd only support a 1% flat tax if there were a legally viable exemption for income earned below a certain amount. To tax the entirety of a person's \$40,000 per year earnings at 1% is far more burdensome on them than it is on someone who makes \$500,000. People earning lower incomes pay more than their fair share under our state's current sales and property taxes. I'm committed to making further inroads to reverse old and poorly reasoned precedent in support of progressive taxation. There is no shortage of needs, including housing the unsheltered, but solutions should not be placed on the backs of those most vulnerable.

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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?

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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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**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)

**Peter S. Holmes**

Date

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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

Democratic organizations overlapping the jurisdiction of my campaign whose rules require sharing questionnaire responses publicly may share this questionnaire publicly.

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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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