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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your information

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Q2**Yes**

I have read instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

Q3

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	Jon
Candidate last name	Culver
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Campaign phone (optional)	502-807-1976
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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)

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

Q11

Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

Facebook Profile (person)

<https://www.facebook.com/jon.culver>

Facebook Page (campaign)

<https://www.facebook.com/Jon-Culver-for-Kenmore-103665881913481>

Other URL 1

https://assets.mycampaign.website/media/images/Jon_9210_8x10.max-1000x1000.jpg

Q12 Use Other URL 1

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?	No

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q16

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

I'm a Dad, technologist, and advocate working tirelessly to advance and enact progressive change.

I earned my Bachelor's of Science in Information Systems Management from Auburn University, graduating Cum Laude in 2008.

I've worked as a technologist my entire adult life, and more recently began applying those skills to the political and organizing world to create change.

From 2015-2017, I served on the Lake Forest Park PTA Executive Board as Legislative Co-Chair.

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 have been extensively involved at many levels. My involvement began with the 2016 cycle, where I worked on the National Distributed Organizing Team for a major Democratic Presidential candidate, launching technology tools to activate the campaign's supporter base.

I also applied those learnings locally, and launched tools to explain the 2016 precinct caucus (and delegate selection process) step by step. Over 30,000 voters used those tools and mobilized en masse: we had a massive statewide swell of over 250,000 voters turnout at the March 26th precinct caucus.

In May of that year, I launched FileForPCO.com, aimed at recruiting new candidates for Precinct Committee Officer. We successfully recruited over 750 PCOs across the state that cycle. I also went on to be elected Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2016.

My involvement has taken many forms in the years since. In early 2017 I launched Filepalooza!, an ambitious effort to surface every opportunity to run for office, and put a Democrat in every seat. I just recently relaunched that effort with a decidedly more progressive orientation, called Under New Management. Other success stories include DidIF**kUpMyBallot.com, aimed at helping Democratic primary voters cure their ballots that may have been rejected with the changes the 2020 cycle brought in, which was used by over 100,000 voters.

I was honored to receive King County Democrat's Innovative Leader of the Year Award in winter of 2017, the first of its kind, and Snohomish County Democrats Honorary Star Award, also the first of its kind, given to non-residents in late 2020. I was also re-elected as a Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Q18

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

We're just three days in, and our campaign is off to an incredible start. We are thrilled to have earned endorsements from local elected officials, including two sitting Kenmore City Councilmembers, as well as members of the Kenmore Planning Commission and the Northshore Fire District, PCOs and other prominent community leaders. We have raised over \$1,300 already, average contribution \$27. We're thrilled with our early momentum, and, while we're not going to divulge all of our plans just yet ;) we do feel well equipped to mount a winning campaign this cycle.

Q19

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

Climate is one of the widest-felt pain points in the community. It's understood and recognized, but folks feel disconnected from tangible solutions to these problems. 70% of greenhouse gases come from cities. We have to use our full platform and capacity to fight it. Whether that's rallying residents to put more pressure on our elected, or partnering with other government leaders in the region, we are out of time and we have to fight hard on this issue.

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?

Excellent question, as this is a cornerstone of my campaign, and really my personal involvement in politics. We need to create new avenues for involvement from the community. Public comment at Council meetings is great, and voting is essential, but we need to do more to meet folks directly where they're at. For years, I've built and launched tools and services aimed at empowering voters and citizen activists to participate in a more proactive and engaged manner. By taking a next step and running for City Council, I want to bring that innovative experience and dogged determination directly into local government.

Honestly I think two of the biggest barriers are disaffection and competition for attention. We have to excite our residents to participate more proactively, and show them how their voice and efforts can create positive change. This is squarely in my wheelhouse.

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?

Housing will be an immediate priority. I will use my office to work with regional partners to procure and allocate funding to keep folks in their homes, and create safe and accessible housing opportunities for our houseless neighbors.

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?

This issue is strongly held for me. The protests in Ferguson, Missouri — and worldwide — after the killing of Michael Brown in 2014 was a personal turning point for me. It played a huge role in convincing me that I had to come off of the sidelines and lend my voice and skills to try and right some of the many, egregious wrongs in this world, in particular standing up for our black and brown sisters and brothers against the many injustices they continue to face.

I'll be candid — much of this work is softer and more cultural. We (e.g. white allies) have to help advance these ideas in OUR communities (of e.g. white friends, family members, etc.) through conversations. The tide of national public opinion has by and large turned, particularly in the past year in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, but we really need to put in the work to further normalize and drive home acceptance of where we are, and how far we still have to go in being actively anti-racist.

Helping defang the pushback from more resistant corners of the community will make it easier to get legislation passed, but we absolutely need more than just talk. I will be working with local social justice groups to hash out a plan for change to center an anti-racist agenda through legislative and organized action.

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

Q23**City Council**

Position Sought

Q24**Kenmore**

Jurisdiction

Q25**6**

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?	Yes
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?	Yes

Q34

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q35

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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've worked extensively to support climate champion candidates in their campaigns, from Presidential and Federal races down to PCO races. I've launched programs to recruit thousands of progressive candidates to run on these issues and help get more climate hawks into elected office across the country. I've protested under the threat of arrest to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline (a long-fought slog that activists ultimately, finally, won). My goal is to bring this relentless orientation of activism to elected office, and to mobilize our community to work aggressively toward hitting (and accelerating) our climate goals. It will take a village to succeed, and I intend to use the full power of my office to accomplish it.

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?

It's multifaceted, and we'll have to enact different measures at different levels. We need temporary housing options to ensure all of our houseless neighbors have a safe place to sleep at night. We need housing first policies to support folks getting back on their feet. We need to prioritize affordable housing to protect residents from the worst effects of the runaway housing market. And we can't give the farm away when developers come to us with wild prospects of new development ideas. Our decisions must prioritize our residents.

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 think there's more we can do by way of helping people understand these issues. Graphics, visualizations, and maps can really go a long way in helping identify and highlight these problems. I will use my background in technology and Geographic Information Systems to illustrate these disparities to help raise awareness and better inform the public conversation, and determine the proper path forward for eradicating these racist legacies from our society.

Q39**Other Municipality**Jurisdiction Check

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

Q40**Respondent skipped this question**Yes/No Questions for Seattle municipal candidates

Q41**Respondent skipped this question**For any yes/no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

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.

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?

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?

Q45**Respondent skipped this question**Do you support utilizing Seattle's newly granted authority to implement a 1% flat income tax?

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?

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

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?

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)

Jon Culver

Date

May 21st, 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

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.

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.

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.

Q77

(OPTIONAL) Share with Public

Respondent skipped this question

Q78

Email Copy

Respondent skipped this question
