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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

Candidate pronouns (optional)

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Q6 Respondent skipped this question
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Q8
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Q9 Respondent skipped this question
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Q10
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Q11

Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

Facebook Page (campaign)

<https://www.facebook.com/ryanforport>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ryancalkins/>

Twitter

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Other URL 1

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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; including Puget Sound Energy and groups that provide natural gas to King County residents?	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.)

In addition to serving on the Port Commission since 2017, I have spent nearly a decade of my career working with nonprofit organizations in the United States and Latin America, working on economic justice and human rights, including my current position with Ventures, a nonprofit that supports low-income entrepreneurs to start and grow their own businesses.

For ten years, I ran an import business in South Seattle that relied on the Port of Seattle as the entry point for products we sourced from around the world. In 2007, I started a microfinance nonprofit that supported the growth of a major poverty alleviation initiative both locally and in Latin America. I have served on several nonprofit boards related to my work in Latin America.

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 was a first time candidate elected to the Seattle Port Commission in 2017. On the commission, I have worked with fellow elected officials to support small businesses, address the impacts of climate change, support the Port's workers, and advocate a greener, more equitable local economy for all.

I have served on numerous Democratic campaigns and progressive initiatives and referendums, from supporting Darcy Burner to Brady Walkinshaw, and doorbelling for R-74 (marriage equality) and I-1491 (gun safety). I have served as a PCO, was a delegate for Obama to the Washington State Convention in 2008 as a 36th District Democrat, and interned as a legislative assistant and speechwriter for Senator Chris Dodd of Connecticut.

As an elected official, I have endorsed and supported Democrats running for all levels of office, donating, fundraising, and volunteering through doorbelling and phonebanking.

Q18

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

So far my re-election campaign is off to a strong start – I have raised over \$30,000 and received prominent early endorsements from the Sierra Club, Port of Seattle Fire Fighters, fellow Commissioners Cho and Felleman, Executive Dow Constantine, King County Councilmembers Kohl-Welles, McDermott, and Zahilay, numerous State Senators and Representatives, and many community leaders.

My plan to win is to highlight our strong record of accomplishment from the last several years, as well as share elements of my bold agenda to continue improving our Port, taking action on climate change, and building a truly sustainable and equitable economy for everyone in our region. I will continue raising money and seeking endorsements to demonstrate the strength of our campaign, and will continue to introduce myself to voters through Democratic LD organizations, community groups, and field efforts.

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?

While we are beginning to see some change in Olympia, our regressive tax system remains one of the most significant challenges facing working and low-income families in our county and state. While the Port is overwhelmingly funded by fees and operational costs, we are also reliant on the current tax system for the Port's levy, as are local governments that lack the same funding mechanisms and resources as the Port. I will continue to advocate for needed reform, pushing our legislators to support tax fairness and continuing to pursue alternative funding mechanisms at the Port.

I also believe a critical issue is access to the foundational support and related pathways needed to start a business, find a good job, and grow economic opportunity. The barriers to pursuing a new job or an idea for a local business can appear overwhelming, especially those who have long been marginalized or disenfranchised. That's why as a Port Commissioner, I have worked to address this – growing jobs, making the Port more responsive to community needs, and supporting women and minority-owned businesses. We must continue to expand these efforts and think broadly about how to ensure every community member is economically empowered.

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?

As Port Commissioner, I have sought to involve stakeholders from all affected communities in our decision making processes, everyone from workers at the Port to the neighbors who live near the seaport and airport, to the small business owners who rely on our services to operate their companies.

We achieve the best policy outcomes when we collaborate from the start, developing alternative ideas and proposals, and learning about potential issues early when they can be addressed, rather than during implementation when they can be more challenging. I believe we have a responsibility as elected officials to proactively reach out to our constituents, and I'll continue to make that a priority if re-elected.

As a candidate, I'm making myself available to all neighbors, through regional town halls, accessible social media, and other forms of voter outreach. Part of this effort requires educating community members about what the Port does and how it affects them – especially for folks who may not consider themselves politically invested. By starting a dialogue and engaging, we can strengthen trust and build a relationship.

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?

Our recovery from COVID-19 gives us a critical opportunity to support those who have long faced disparate and unequal outcomes whether economically, educationally, environmentally, or in any other number of areas – further exposed and worsened by the pandemic. The Port has an incredibly important role to play in these efforts as an engine for developing economic opportunity in our region.

As flights and other trips have drastically decreased, many workers at Port locations have faced the consequences – fewer hours and less job security. We must ensure recovery is swift, especially supporting these essential workers and others who have faced challenging conditions.

The Port has created programs to provide targeted support for communities and businesses most impacted by the pandemic. We must further these efforts, ensuring projects continue growing new and good-paying jobs. Further, these jobs – in maritime, aviation, clean energy, and more – must be available and marketed toward those who have been left out in the past, especially communities of color and low-income communities. I have been closely involved in the development of the Maritime High School, and will continue working to develop innovative programs and policies that expand access for everyone to high-paying jobs.

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 Commissioner, I have supported efforts to prioritize equity, reduce racism and discrimination, and support anti-racist initiatives at the Port of Seattle. During my term, we established the Port's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and have provided it with the resources and leeway that are needed to urgently identify existing inequities, and develop strategies to address them head-on.

Black Lives Matter, and we need to ensure anyone and everyone who visits the Port and relies on our services feels safe. I was proud to help form and launch the Port's task force on Port Policing and Civil Rights, and am currently serving on the task force to review and revise our policing policies and ensure Port police act without bias.

I will continue these efforts going forward, while also seeking input from community leaders and groups, whose own experiences and perspectives are critical for making our Port a resource that everyone can count on.

Page 5: ALL CANDIDATES: Jurisdiction and Position

Q23**Port of Seattle Commissioner**

Position Sought

Q24**Port of Seattle**

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?

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

Respondent skipped this question

Yes/No Questions for municipal candidates

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q37

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

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Q39

Respondent skipped this question

Jurisdiction Check

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

Yes/No Questions for port candidates

	Yes / No / Qualified
Should the Port promote dockside rail connections to minimize truck traffic congestion and diesel emissions?	Yes
Should the Port make "Cold Iron" electrical power available to shippers to minimize diesel generator exhaust air pollution?	Yes
Do you support the Port's "Century Agenda" (Our Vision: 100,000 new jobs)?	Yes
Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?	No
Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	Yes
Do you support the efforts of SeaTac Airport workers to collectively bargain for better pay and better working conditions?	Yes

Q47

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q48

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?

The impetus behind my initial campaign for the Port of Seattle Commission was a belief that we needed to accelerate the Port's actions to address climate change. Since I was elected, I have acted on that belief, serving on the Port's Energy and Sustainability Committee and leading efforts to make the Port of Seattle the nation's most environmentally sustainable port. Our investment in sustainable aviation fuels at SEA and for complete decarbonization of the Seattle central waterfront are truly innovative. We have also become leading advocates for a statewide Low Carbon Fuel Standard, a necessary precondition for many of the most essential transportation and energy Paris Climate Agreement goals.

With regard to housing, we have expanded the Tsubota tiny house village twice since I was elected. I have personally been a vocal public advocate for policies that would reduce housing costs and insecurity such as zoning changes, public housing, and an increase in services for those experiencing homelessness in part due to behavioral health issues.

Q49

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?

Early in the pandemic, we made a strategic decision to maintain as much of our capital program as was safely possible. These projects collectively account for billions of dollars in investments in our region's infrastructure and thousands of good paying union jobs. Shortly after, Congress approved the initial CARES Act, which included funds for airports and provided us with a financial lifeline as we endured the lowest passenger levels in more than thirty years.

At the same time, there are still open questions about whether certain lines of the Port's business will return to previous levels, such as cruise and business travel. We have stopped a project at T46 that was planned based on cruise operations up through 2019. At the airport, nearly all of our major projects are based on conservative estimates of future passenger volumes, and so I'm confident that they are necessary. International seaport cargo is already eclipsing historic highs, as a surge in imports has created congestion in competitor ports and provided an opening to attract additional cargo volumes.

Q50

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.

The establishment of the Port's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion has not only provided us with the tools to measure outcomes, but also to research and implement improved practices for addressing internal exclusionary practices. The Port, with its operations on unceded lands of indigenous people, has a particular obligation to work closely with tribal leaders.

Without a doubt, the initiative I spearheaded at the Port that I am most proud of is the creation of Maritime High School. The idea was borne out of a desire to address three problems: a lack of diversity in certain maritime workforces, a "silver tsunami" of maritime workers retiring faster than new workers can be trained, and the need for an expanded maritime workforce to meet the needs of a growing blue economy. For more information about the high school and its inaugural class: <https://www.highlineschools.org/school-learning-sites/choice-schools/maritime-high-school>

As previously mentioned, supporting women and minority-owned businesses is core to both my professional and political focus. I will continue to push the Port to be more supportive and accessible for these communities.

Q51

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?

Prior to my joining the Commission, the Port opposed State efforts to consider alternative locations for commercial aviation. We now support the State Commission on the siting of a second major commercial airport. We've funded scientific studies of the impact of air and noise pollution on neighboring communities, and our advocacy federally has resulted in new money and authority for the Port to redress failed insulation systems on homes under flight paths.

Last year, the Commission passed the Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Agreement, drafted in tandem with the communities of South Park, Georgetown and surrounding neighborhoods. The agreement recognizes historical impacts and commits the Port to being a partner in a plan for shared prosperity for historically marginalized residents.

We also passed the South King County Fund, providing \$10million for community initiated projects in County areas most impacted by Port operations.

Airplanes aren't the only source of pollution around the airport, however. By many calculations, vehicle traffic on airport property and connected streets and highways is just as impactful or more so. I've spearheaded an effort to create a transportation management association that would include all 350 businesses operating at the airport to reduce commutes, incentivize transit, and limit congestion.

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?

Page 11: JUDICIAL ONLY: Questions for JUDICIAL Candidates

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)

Ryan Calkins

Date

3/22/2021**Q72****Campaign Consultant**

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

Q73

(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.)

Full name (as signature)

Jamie Housen

Date

3/22/2021**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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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

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Please email a copy of my completed submission to the campaign email address