46th District Democrats Legislative & Statewide Questionnaire

Candidate Information

Candidate Name

Office sought

Mailing address:

Phone:

Email:

Campaign Manager Name:

Consultant(s):

Website:

Facebook:

Have you read the 46th LD Democrats Draft 2016 Platform? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Go to <http://www.46dems.org/2016_ld_caucus> and click “Draft Platform”)

Why are you running for this office?

Please briefly describe your qualifications for this office and your personal and professional background.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat? Have you ever been a member of another party? Have you been actively involved with the Democratic Party?

What’s your plan to win?

What do you see as the most important functions of the position you are running for? What qualities do you possess that make you the candidate best suited to this role?

If elected what would your top three priorities be?

How will you support women and families’ economic opportunities? Would you support legislation closing the wage gap, funding childcare options, and requiring paid family leave?

How will you work to address racial equity?

Describe your stance on Washington’s tax structure. What needs to be changed? What should stay the same?

Are there issues that you’ve worked on or are excited to work on that are not receiving much media attention?

How will you combat climate change?

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| Question | Support | Oppose | Qualify, if needed |
| Do you support or oppose Raise up Washington’s initiative to increase the minimum wage? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose access to safe and legal abortion? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose amending Washington’s Constitution to require a two-thirds vote to raise revenue? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State’s ports? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose making two years of community college or technical school tuition-free? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose requiring paid vacation and sick/safe leave? |  |  |  |
| Do you support automatic voter registration? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose the death penalty? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose barring employers from asking criminal history questions in job applications? |  |  |  |
| Do you support or oppose legislation to fix Washington’s “three strikes” law? |  |  |  |

The following questions are position specific. You only need to complete the questions for the position that you’re running for.

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**

How will you work to address the achievement gap in our public schools?

Please describe your position on standardized testing.

Given the *McCleary* decision, what legislation do you support or propose to fully fund education and maintain funding for other basic services? Do you support increasing revenue? Given existing public needs and the state of the economy, should such legislation include increasing revenue?

Do you support or oppose charter schools? Why or why not?

**Secretary of State**

How will you work to increase voter enfranchisement?

**Legislature (House and Senate), Governor, Lt Governor**

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**Lt Governor**

How would you use your office to promote international economic development that benefits our state?

When the Governor is out of state or otherwise incapacitated, the Lt. Governor becomes the acting Governor. How would you handle that responsibility? What kind of actions would you take?

**Commissioner of Public Lands**

In 2015, Washington faced the largest and most destructive forest fires in history. What will you do as Lands Commissioner to prevent or respond to wildfires?

Timber, many parts of the state, is a hot button issue. While some want to protect our forest canopy, others see jobs and resources for building schools as more important. Where do you land in this debate? How will you use your position to find compromise?

**Treasurer**

What role does the Treasurer hold in maintaining a healthy credit and bond ratings for the state of Washington? Do you see room for improvement?

**Auditor**

How will you restore confidence in the office of Auditor as a successor to Troy Kelley?

How will you prioritize agency and organizational audits?

**Attorney General**

What accomplishment from your tenure are most proud of?

**Insurance Commissioner**

What accomplishment from your tenure are most proud of?