

46th District Democrats Federal Questionnaire

Candidate Information

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you read the Washington State Democrats 2014 Platform? Yes , No
(See the web link - <http://www.wa-democrats.org/about/documents> - and click "Platform".)

Why are you running for this office?

I believe that my 37 plus years experience in the area of activism and advisor to elected officials and enforcement Clergy and the community it has allow me to have complete understanding of what it means to be culturally competent We need a person that will not forget the purpose and that's to bring forth our concerns on a National level. Sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, corporate and media reform, fair taxation and income equality. Developing more higher learning programs such as College Bound that provide tuition and books for students for any two year college or learning institution in Washington State. Upholding the Washington state constitution and champion the goals of the Progressive Democratic Party. Connecting community businesses and really focusing on Washington economic climate. Accountability for carbon cleaning these are just a few reasons why I feel the urgency to truly represent the people of Washington State and our. Party's fight to preserve the beauty and integrity of this great state of innovators. Changes have been made because we do have some great leaders that are fighting a good fight but we can do better.

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

I have been a community activists for a long time its my passion to always create a dialog to solve an unsolvable resolution. I have had many opportunity to work with bridging the gap between law enforcement and our communities. I am a constant fighter for veterans wounded warrior programs. Avid supporter of the Tree House Foundation who stands for social justice . I will continue to work with Union Gospel Mission and the country's homeless epidemic. These are just a few of my life long fights and I plan to fight for more imperative issues that our nation face today climate change, agricultural demise reforming and accountability from big banking. These are just a few and many to come.

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?

I am going to win by simply getting the people involved to care again about our progressive democratic party and implementing social change. I have young and seasoned citizens volunteers that believe that together we can do better. I believe that transparency is what the voters of Washington State expect from their public servant and that's what I plan on giving them and a grassroot candidate that the citizens of Washington State can count on.

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?

I believe that some of the most important functions of this position is to represent truly what the citizens of Washington State and this country really expect from our leaders someone to listen and to accomplish the goals get the job done. I know that I am the best progress candidate for this position. We cannot afford to keep adopting legislation that waste taxpayers money. I have an open dialog train of thought with an a no nonsense attitude I believe in the changes that the Democrat Party is trying to make with the forward moving drive to set the tone to leave a healthy planet for generations to come. My mother would say "Son don't ever forget the past live in the present and plan for the future".

If elected what would your top three priorities be? Climate change and reforming corporate legislation that allows them to move offshore to avoid taxes. Education funding.

What are your ideas for combating climate change? I agree with the Progressive Democratic Party to Enacting the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy, including accounting for the cost of carbon, embracing clean energy, and implementing low-carbon fuel standards.

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?

Yes, I am in support of both. There have been a history of phenomenal leaders that have evolved and became cultivating and essential elements to help shape this great nation of ours. President Obama came from a single family home. Bill Clinton, his father died before he was born. Thomas Jefferson father died when he was 14. Single family homes is as old as America itself. As a Progressive Party member I see nothing but an opportunity promote changes.

How will you work to address racial equity?

Using an open dialect to address these issues that have haunted our great nation thru its history.

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

Giving our nations hero a proper and dignified burial regardless of being able to financially pay. Burying our honorable veterans that have died indigent deserves this act if atonement.

What are the United States' essential security interests and needed outcomes in the Middle East? How will you decide what should be pursued with force and which left to diplomacy?

Stopping Isis will most definitely be one of the things that I will be determined to use Force upon and I believe diplomacy is essential for furthering opportunity to develop World Peace.

Congress has huge responsibility on many, many issues. How will you prioritize between those most important to you? For example, how will you prioritize funding for mental health services, veteran affairs, education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, homelessness, etc.? I will look for opportunities to develop task forces with knowledgeable and capable advisors. To establish a game plan that will develop a workable format to engage in finding resolution and monitoring the success of our outcome.

Question	Support	Oppose	Qualify, if needed
Do you support or oppose adopting Pres. Obama's proposal for raising the national minimum wage to \$10.50?	X		
Do you support or oppose access to safe and legal abortion?	X		
Do you support or oppose requiring a two-thirds vote to raise revenue?	X		
Do you support or oppose allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?	X		I feel that we are in need of finding safer ways to allow oil and coal trains to be monitored transported and not add more harm to our environment.
Do you support or oppose making two years of community college or technical school tuition-free?	X		Strong education is fundamental to our economy growth.
Do you support or oppose requiring paid vacation and sick/safe leave?	X		

Do you support automatic voter registration?	X		
Do you support or oppose the death penalty?		X	
Do you support or oppose barring employers from asking criminal history questions in job applications?	X		I believe they should be asked but I also believe that they should not be denied the opportunity to work.
Do you support or oppose legislation to fix "three strikes" law?	X		