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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name:

Candidate for:

Current or anticipated opponent(s):

Current & past party affiliation(s):

Consultant/campaign manager:

E-mail contact(s):

Phone contact(s):

Website:

Campaign committee name and address (please include city and zip):

Work history including union affiliation(s):

Education:

Business and civic interests:

- **Why should Teamsters Local 117 support your candidacy vs. your opponent(s)?**
- **Would you publicly support the members of our local in a strike, organizing, or contract campaign? If so, what actions would you be willing to take?**
- **Have you ever been involved in a union-related mediation, arbitration, negotiation or labor dispute? If so, please explain.**
- **Would you support giving public sector workers in your jurisdiction the ability to voluntarily contribute to their union's political action committee through payroll deduction?**



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- **Please list the most important issues facing you if elected and how you contrast yourself with your anticipated opponent(s).**
- **What other endorsements have you received? What other endorsements are you seeking?**

REVENUE & CONTRACTING OUT

With local governments across Washington State struggling with budget shortfalls, public sector unions have given significant concessions in the form of premium increases, unpaid furlough days, and forgoing cost-of-living adjustments in the last several years.

- **If elected, would you commit to upholding the gains and protections negotiated by public sector workers at the bargaining table?**
- **How have you demonstrated this commitment in the past, and what options do you see as the most viable to address the need for revenue in your jurisdiction specifically?**
- **Do you support supplemental pension access for public sector workers within your jurisdiction? Why or why not?**

While “contracting out” is often touted as a cost-saving strategy, evidence suggests that this strategy has failed more than it has succeeded.

- **What is your position on contracting out public services and the use of temp-agencies in lieu of full-time represented employees as a “cost saving” strategy?**

Many public agencies use a small works process to award contracts for construction, maintenance, or other services under a certain cost threshold or when the agency does not have the available resources to perform the work.

- **In what circumstances do you think it is necessary for a public agency to use the small works roster? Are there circumstances where you think this would not be appropriate?**

Cities and counties have struggled because of limits on how much they are able to grow their own revenue because of policies like the artificial 1% property tax growth limit.

- **Would you support policies that would allow municipalities to factor other considerations like population growth and inflation into their growth in revenue?**



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TAXIS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

(King County Council) Currently there are about 1,200 taxicabs. A minority of those taxis are restricted to pickups inside Seattle City limits or inside County limits (excluding Seattle). This means drivers can pick up a customer in Seattle and drive them to Bellevue, but they face penalties if they take the same customer back to Seattle from Bellevue. There are no jurisdictional restrictions on the estimated 16000 Uber vehicles operating in King County.

- **Would you support allowing taxicab operators to have the same access to pick up passengers in the county as Transportation Network Companies like Uber and Lyft?**

(City of Seattle) In 2014, when the City of Seattle last regulated TNC's the meter rate for drivers on the low-cost UberX platform was \$2.35 per mile with a commission rate of 20%. Today, rates on the same platform are \$1.35 per mile with a 35% commission to the company. The City sets rates for taxis and most other forms of transit. Taxis currently charge \$2.70 per mile. In 2013 the City estimated that at \$2.60 per mile, a driver would make about \$9.83 per hour. This was before the introduction of nearly 16,000 Uber vehicles.

- **Would you support a minimum meter rate for TNC (Transportation Network Company) platforms so drivers can make a living wage and have a more level playfield?**

LABOR AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS

We support the AFL-CIO's framework for comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, secure and effective worker authorization, and improvement of temporary or seasonal worker programs.

- **Do you support immigration reform at the federal level with a road map to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living in your community? Please explain.**
- **Recently the City of Seattle declared itself a "sanctuary city." Would you support this policy in your own jurisdiction?**

Motivated by public sentiment to end government purchasing from sweatshops more than 180 states, cities, counties, and school districts in the United States have adopted "sweat-free" procurement policies, including the cities of Olympia and Seattle. These policies require contractors and their subcontractors to be accountable for safe and fair working conditions throughout their entire supply chain if they want to be awarded contracts to supply uniforms and other products to government employees.



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- **If elected, would you support a sweat-free procurement policy for all publicly purchased uniforms in your jurisdiction?**

Community Workforce Agreements have been used for decades on large public works projects and provide stability on complex construction projects. CWAs improve job opportunities for minorities, women, and low-income families through the use of apprenticeship training programs. Supported broadly by labor, community, and environmental organizations, CWAs result in better, cheaper, faster, and more environmentally sustainable construction projects.

- **Do you support the use of union contractors and CWAs for all construction and building maintenance work on public infrastructure projects within your jurisdiction?**

As income inequality – the gap between the wealthy and working class families – continues to increase, it is becoming harder and harder for working families to find affordable housing.

- **How would you address the crisis of housing affordability in your jurisdiction?**

Voters passed Initiative 1433 in 2016 to raise the statewide minimum wage to \$13.50 by 2020.

- **What effects has passing the minimum wage increase had on your community?**

Thousands of workers find that while their pay may increase, they cannot work enough hours to make ends meet. In most cases, this is not for lack of wanting additional hours. Moreover, low-wage workers' schedules are often erratic and unpredictable, making it impossible to work a second job. Many employers only give workers 3 days' notice of their upcoming schedule. Several cities have passed legislation that would address these scheduling issues.

- **Would you support a policy that would address these scheduling issues?**

State law preempts municipalities from enacting laws that limit collective bargaining rights. Increasingly, though, the Freedom Foundation and similar anti-labor groups have pushed local ordinances to limit union members' rights like "Right to Work" or "open public bargaining". These policies distract cities and counties from providing core public services.

- **Would you ever support Right to Work legislation to take away the rights of Union members to negotiate over Union security?**
- **Would you ever accept a campaign contribution from any known anti-labor groups?**
- **Would you ever support a policy to open up contract negotiations to the public in your jurisdiction, otherwise known as "open public bargaining"?**