

King County Democrats

2020 Candidate Questionnaire: Federal

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Position Sought	7 th Federal Congressional District	
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Are you a Democrat?	Yes	
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Please answer the following questions.		Yes	No
1	Have you ever been a member of another political party?		x
2	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		x
3	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		x
4	Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers? If not, are you willing to implement one?	x	

Part I – Candidate Background (*maximum of 200 words per question please*)

Please briefly describe your education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience.

Graduated from Sammamish Highschool 2011
Attended University of Alaska Fairbanks from 2011 until 2014

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What campaigns, if any, have you run or worked on?

I have followed Washington Politics quite closely since moving back to the Puget sound in late 2014. I ran for Washington's 8th congressional district when I lived there in 2018 because I had an almost unhealthy amount of distain for Dino Rossi. I now live in Seattle, and will be running for the 7th.

Part II – Free Response Questions (*maximum of 200 words per question please*)

What issues do you think aren't getting enough attention from media or elected officials? How would you seek to remedy that through your campaign or when elected?

Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition with Universal Amnesty. Between the years of 2001 -2010 there were over 7.2 million arrests for only possessing marijuana, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. Minority populations are routinely discriminated against when it comes to marijuana related arrests and it is shown that current mandatory minimum sentences only make problems worse. There needs to be a bipartisan push for complete repeal of marijuana prohibition and universal amnesty for all non-violent marijuana related crimes such as cultivation and distribution. Not only do I believe the prohibition on marijuana is unconstitutionally unlawful, I feel that the implementation of marijuana prohibition has been a tool to drive apart families and communities. It is time to end this awful practice and heal the individuals impacted by these draconian laws.

Climate change is an urgent environmental and humanitarian crisis in the US, and around the world. How would you use your office to enact aggressive climate change policy, and what specific policies have you supported?

Theodore Roosevelt referred to his office as a "Bully Pulpit" from which he could bring attention to injustices both big and small. I plan on using my position as congressman to do just the same. As congressman I would have the ability to broadcast the real issues affecting climate change such as Industrial Pollution, Proactive Carbon Management, and federal conservation of our wild spaces. I support and reaffirmation and overhaul of the Clean Water Act to provide coastal and lowland communities that we know will be impacted by climate change with the long term investments they will need to provide clean drinking water to their communities even after the sea levels rise. We saw how unprepared places like Houston and New Orleans were to provide clean drinking water in the days, months, and even years after their major hurricanes and these events will only get worse and more common. Without proper response by the federal government people will die from losing their drinking water to climate change.

How will you use your office to promote universal access to healthcare?

My first goal as congressman is to introduce the idea of Universal Mental Healthcare as the first step towards a national health care service. Universal mental health care means a single payer system for major mental health services such as : Counseling, Psychiatric, In-Patient and Out Patient Detox, and Medication Coverage.

Currently mental health is the cheapest form of health coverage and one of the easiest to turn into a single payer universal system. In this system you go in with your federal card, scan it, and have all these services at your disposal in the same manner to a no copay insurance card. This program would cost less than 200 billion dollars a year based on current health care usage rates and even with a large spike in usage of these services would realistically never have more than a 350 billion dollar price tag annually at a cost of roughly \$1000 per American.

The savings in unpaid and wasted Emergency services alone will easily offset the costs of this plan, combine that with the overhead savings from a single payer tax system and we will be practically making money off ensuring our nations mental health. No one will ever have to say "I can't get counseling because I can't afford it" Ever again. This plan covers every man, woman, and child in America. There is no excuse that Americans should have to mentally suffer, we can afford that luxury with ease.

How can federal policy better advance equity in K-12 and post-secondary education systems?

I feel America should take an investment based approach to education, and start seeing educating children as an investment with a substantial return rather than tax burdens that don't contribute. The simple fact is that children literally are the future, and how well we develop that future is up to us.

Teachers and students today are under siege. In between stagnant wages, escalating cost of living, and the current political climate it is becoming almost impossible to find and retain enough good teachers for our children. Increasing teacher pay, reducing class sizes, and providing universal free breakfast and lunches to students should absolutely be bipartisan issues that are championed by both sides of the political spectrum. We must make progress in these areas, and soon.

America's current post-secondary educational system is heavily influenced by private interests and familial wealth to be more of a networking opportunity than a necessary educational tool, without changes to the Federal Application for Student Loans it will remain so. Student loans are currently a predatory market that have spawned numerous predatory services around them. This guaranteed money is fleeced off students in many awful ways who then have to pay years of interest on said loans and put them permanently behind well monied peers. Federal Student Loans should be interest free. These are tools to elevate citizens, not a new form of federal serfdom.

I 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.

Signature	Jack Hughes-Hageman	Date: 05/16/2020
Printed Name		