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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

Name	Sharon Tomiko Santos
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Phone Number	(206) 326-9042

Q2 **Yes**

I have reviewed the instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

Q3

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	Sharon Tomiko
Candidate last name	Santos
Campaign email	Info@FriendsofSantos.com
Campaign phone	(206) 326-9042

Q4 **Yes**

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5 **WA Legislative District 37**

Jurisdiction

Q6 **State Representative**

Position Sought

Q7

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Position number

Q8

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Campaign website (start with https://)

<https://friendsofsantos.nationbuilder.com>

Candidate name pronunciation

Share-un Toe-mee-ko Sahn-toes

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)

she/her

Page 3: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Team Information (Optional)

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Q10

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Treasurer first name

Jeanne

Treasurer last name

Legault

Treasurer email

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Treasurer phone

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Q11

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Consultant first name

Tiffany

Consultant last name

Chang

Consultant email

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Consultant phone

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair
information (optional)

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Support (Optional)

Q15

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

URL to SUBSCRIBE (start with https://)	https://friendsofsantos.nationbuilder.com
URL to VOLUNTEER (start with https://)	same
URL to DONATE (start with https://)	same
URL to EVENTS CALENDAR (start with https://)	same

Q16

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	https://www.facebook.com/ReElectSantos
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Q17

Respondent skipped this question

URL to HEADSHOT (optional, used for promotion if endorsed)

Page 5: ALL CAMPAIGNS: Instructions

Q18

I have read and understand the instructions at the beginning of this questionnaire.

Full legal name	Sharon Tomiko Santos
Date	May 14, 2022

Page 6: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

Q19

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Have you ever been a member of another political party?	No
Have you ever failed to pay any taxes, court-ordered judgements, or former campaign staff salaries?	No
Have you or your staff ever been found in violation of a Federal Election Commission, Public Disclosure Commission, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, or Judicial Conduct Commission regulation?	No
Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers? If not, are you willing to implement one?	Yes
If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?	Yes
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff, or your peers participate in cultural competency, implicit bias, and anti-racism training?	Yes
Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers participate in training to understand and combat sexual harassment?	Yes
Do you support the rights of all works to organize, collectively bargain, and strike without fear of retaliation?	Yes
Do you support the right of public workers - excluding military personnel - to bargain and strike?	Yes

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q21

Please briefly describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, labor union affiliation etc.)

I am a product of the 37th Legislative District, having attending elementary and secondary schools on Beacon Hill and in the Rainier Valley. When I was young, I qualified to participate in a federal anti-poverty program under CETA and was assigned to work at CAMP under the supervision of a young Larry Gossett. As a high school student, I was recruited to participate in the Coalition for Quality Integrated Education, a community action group which aimed to develop a locally driven alternative to a federally drawn map to desegregate the Seattle Public Schools. Both of these experiences helped to shape my worldview and my core values.

Upon graduation from high school, I attended The Evergreen State College on scholarships but could not afford to continue into my second year. I started my career in the banking industry and, eventually, went back to Evergreen while continuing to work part-time at the bank. After completing my undergraduate degree, I was accepted to attend Northeastern University on a full two-year scholarship.

I have worked in the non-profit sector as an executive director for a global peace and justice think tank and as a fundraiser for a public development authority in the Seattle Chinatown International District. I also worked for the King County Executive as an executive policy analyst specializing in women- and minority-business contracting, hiring agency directors, and community relations.

I have not worked in a position that was represented by a labor union but I have been affiliated with dozens of community-based organizations throughout the past thirty plus years, from Asian Counseling and Referral Service to the King County Women's Political Caucus to the YMCA Youth and Government program.

Q22

Please describe your history of involvement (if any), in local, regional, and/or state politics with particular emphasis on the last five years.

As noted previously, my early involvement in political activism related to public education and, specifically, to community-based efforts to develop a local alternative to a federally-designed plan to desegregate Seattle Public Schools. As a youngster, I also walked picket lines with my mother to protest inadequate funding for education, actions that eventually led to the historic Dorn decisions.

As a young adult, I worked for a variety of political campaigns for local and federal candidates as well as for issues such as housing, affirmative action, and schools. This increased my participation with organizations such as the Washington State Democratic Party, in which I served on the Chair's Advisory Committee (1994), and the Women's Political Caucus, in which I served as Chair during the so-called Year of the Woman (1992).

During the past twenty-four years, I have served as a State Representative in the 37th Legislative District and have faithfully participated in my District Democratic organization. In my official capacity, I serve as Chair of the House Education Committee and as a member of the standing committees on the Capital Budget and on Consumer Protection and Business. I am currently an appointee to the state Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, the Legislative Oral History Committee, and the Public Stadium Authority Advisory Committee.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

WA State Representative

Position sought

Page 9: ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

I understand that I may be asked to update this questionnaire in the future for the campaign to be considered for endorsement.

Page 10: FEDERAL CANDIDATES: Position-specific questions

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions for Federal candidates

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Which elements of the Build Back Better Act do you think are the most important for our country? How would you achieve their enactment?

Q28

Respondent skipped this question

What voting rights / election practices must be available for all voters in all 50 states and what will you do to make sure those are available to all voters by the time of the 2024 Presidential Election?

Q29

Respondent skipped this question

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 measures to mitigate climate change (while ensuring climate justice) through various policy areas (e.g. environmental, transportation, land use, regulatory policy), and what specific policies have you supported?

Q30

Respondent skipped this question

How have you worked (and how will you continue to work) for broader and more equitable access to health care?

Page 11: WA SECRETARY OF STATE: Position-specific questions

Q31

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

Q32

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

We know that there has been a long-standing issue in WA state with ballots of Black and Hispanic/Latine individuals being rejected at a higher rate than White individuals. What policies should be enacted to address this issue and other barriers to voting equity for marginalized communities?

Q34

Respondent skipped this question

There are many ways to undermine elections, particularly disinformation campaigns intended to sow distrust in results. What do we need to do to make our voting process more robust against any such actions?

Q35

Respondent skipped this question

What cybersecurity system improvements need to be made to ensure that all of the information under the purview of the Secretary of State is protected from data breaches or similar threats?

Q36

Respondent skipped this question

As Secretary of State what specific steps would you take to encourage voter registration and how much of a priority would you assign to these efforts?

Q37

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Do you support raising the statewide minimum wage?	Yes
Do you support increased state funding for Sound Transit and other regional transit authorities?	Yes
Do you support protecting school curriculum and school library collections from censorship?	Yes
Do you accept that there is systemic racial bias in our criminal justice system that urgently needs to be addressed?	Yes
Do you support abolition of the death penalty in WA state?	Yes
Would you support additional funds and resources being allocated to resettled immigrant and refugee populations to provide equitable access to healthcare and social services?	Yes
Do you support robust access to broadband Internet for all?	Yes
Do you support reinstating the right to vote to those who are currently incarcerated for a felony, as is done in Vermont?	Yes
Do you support charter schools or vouchers for private school education?	No
Do you support legislation that would allow WA legislative staff to collectively bargain?	Yes
Do you support legislation that would require municipal elections be held in even years, which is when there is higher voter turnout?	Yes
Do you support legislation to repeal the advisory votes implemented by Tim Eyman, which are confusing, non-binding, and contributing to voter fatigue?	Yes

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q39

Many individuals in WA have limited access to healthcare. What steps should the legislature take to ensure that all WA residents have meaningful and equitable access to the care and prescriptions they need for their health?

I support comprehensive universal healthcare for Washington state and its residents. Short of this, I support continued efforts to expand Apple Health for underserved populations such as people with mental and behavioral health issues as well as efforts to partner with the federal government to institute and/or expand federal programs modeled after Medicare to serve non-elderly patients. Finally, I think we can and should continue to work with PBMs and with pharmaceutical companies to lower the cost of common prescription drugs.

Q40

Even with recent policies like the Clean Fuels Standard, we know that WA state is significantly behind on hitting its carbon pollution goals for 2035. What climate action and environmental justice policies must the WA legislature adopt in order to actually make progress against these goals and address the climate crisis with the urgency needed?

Washington state passed a transformative transportation budget that leads the way in exemplifying how government agencies should be making spending decisions to facilitate carbon reduction. We should be adopting similar policies for all state and local agencies. We also need to pause and re-examine how our efforts in one policy arena actually contribute to greater environmental and socio-economic inequities, especially for communities of color. As an example, increased housing density in urban centers such as Seattle encourage the creation of concrete canyons which trap pollution and result in poorer health outcomes for poor urban residents. Climate change and gentrification equally important issues that must be balanced in our policy agenda.

Q41

What steps would you take to rebalance our tax code? Please explain the current system vs. your proposal as you would to an average voter.

As a former member of the House Finance Committee, I have long advocated for a graduated income tax for individuals and for businesses, including corporations. I also believe that the best general approach to taxation is to allow for many sources at low rates. I would propose as a single amendment to the constitution to provide for the general welfare of the state that Washington institute a graduated income tax AND fix (limit) the rate of the state sales tax AS WELL AS the state property tax. This would assure the voters that state elected officials may not easily raise core taxes without a vote of the People. At the same time, the state should enact a Homestead Exemption to stabilize housing affordability and stability. Finally, an most importantly, tax exemptions must be treated like expenditures from the state budget in order to increase the transparency of how much these tax breaks cost our state and what value our state receives as a result.

Q42

As Democrats, we strive to create a more just and equitable world for all, especially including those communities that have been historically marginalized. How will you center equity in the process of developing legislation, particularly that which impacts individuals unlike yourself?

As a Representative of the most diverse district in the State of Washington and as a person of color, my worldview and policy outlook is unavoidably centered on remediating the negative impacts experienced by historically marginalized groups and on restoring equitable opportunities for them. In truth, I could use a great deal more assistance in these efforts from others, including Democrats.

Q43

In your view, what legislative change(s) would be the MOST impactful at reducing housing instability and improving affordability while avoiding gentrification in both your legislative district and across the state?

My District has had the dubious distinction of having some of the most gentrified neighborhoods in the United States. This has displaced, dispossessed, and destroyed many culturally significant community-based institutions in the Central District, the Pioneer Square, and the International District. I believe that two of the most important changes we can make to alleviate housing instability and counteracting the forces of gentrification is to: 1) amend the Growth Management Act in such a way as to protect culturally significant communities through requiring their approval of major projects, especially public projects; and, 2) restore the original intent of the Washington State Land Trust to discourage public entities from contributing to rising prices through real estate speculation and requiring these entities to transfer property to the Trust or a portion of the sales price on surplus public lands to the Housing Trust Fund. Properties transferred to the Land Trust would be used to support the development of affordable housing through long-term lease arrangements to non-profit and public developers.

Page 13: WA STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS: Position-specific questions

Q44

Respondent skipped this question

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. What is your plan to win? If you have received endorsements, please list them here.

Q45

Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

Q46

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your legal background and experience? What pro bono work have you done in the last 5 years? (please list)

Q47

Respondent skipped this question

What do you believe are the most important qualifications and qualities for justices and judges? What is your experience serving as a judge/justice, pro tem, or within the judicial system and how will this inform your perspective on the bench?

Q48

Respondent skipped this question

How would you further equity and access to justice for all in the legal system? Provide specific examples of what you have done or commit to doing to further this goal.

Q49

Respondent skipped this question

Judges are expected to fairly apply the law and perform all duties without bias or prejudice. Please provide examples when you have realized and self-checked your privilege and/or bias or encouraged others to point out to you your own implicit biases?

Q50

Respondent skipped this question

How do you balance the judicial principle of stare decisis, or adherence to precedent, with a rapidly changing society and advancements in racial, economic, social and climate justice?

Page 14: KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Position-specific questions

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. What is your plan to win? If you have received endorsements, please list them here.

Q52

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes you would make to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's (KCPAO) office? (please provide examples of current practices and specific changes, if any).

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO has helped implement a number of alternatives to traditional prosecution and incarceration in recent years. List those changes and how would you build on this work?

Q54

Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO publishes its filing and disposition standards for the public to see how the office exercises its prosecutorial discretion in criminal cases. How will you ensure that the charging decisions and case resolutions are equitable for Black, Indigenous, and communities of color, marginalized, and vulnerable communities?

Q55

Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, how would the KCPAO's pretrial detention and/or bail policies and practices change, if at all?

Q56

Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, what role would the KCPAO play in addressing the housing, homelessness and mental health crisis in King County?

Page 15: KING COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS: Position-specific questions

Q57

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58

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Q63

Respondent skipped this question

How would you address the disproportionate impact of sentencing, punishment, and incarceration in the criminal legal system on Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, marginalized, and other vulnerable communities and how would you work to address it? Please provide specific examples (alternatives to incarceration, bail reform, etc.)

Page 16: ALL CANDIDATES: Submit Questionnaire

Q64

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)

Sharon Tomiko Santos

Date

22 May 2022

Q65

Candidate

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

Q66

Respondent skipped this question

(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.)

Q67

Share with King County Democrats (required if requesting endorsement)

King County Democrats may post this questionnaire to a password-protected folder for access by King County Democrats Endorsements Committee members, Executive Board, and anyone else required to be eligible for endorsement by the King County Democrats.

Q68

Share with LD Dems and Young Dems Endorsement Committee members (optional, may save time if your campaign is seeking LD Dems and Young Dems endorsements)

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.

Q69

Respondent skipped this question

Share with PCOs and/or Members (optional)

Q70

Respondent skipped this question

Share with Public (optional)

Q71

Email PDF Copy

Please email a copy of my completed submission to the campaign email address. I understand it may take 24-72 hours (or more) for my completed submission to be emailed.
