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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

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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	Adam
Candidate last name	Smith
Campaign email	Arshia@electadamsmith.com
Campaign phone	2063088986

Q4 Yes

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5 Congressional District 09

Jurisdiction

Q6 U.S. Congressperson

Position Sought

Q7

09

Position number

Q8

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)

He/him

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

Q9

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Manager first name

Arshia

Manager last name

Nilchian

Manager email

Arshia@electadamsmith.com

Manager phone

2063088986

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

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

Respondent skipped this question

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

Q16

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with
<https://www.facebook.com/>)

<https://www.facebook.com/adamsmithforcongress>

Q17

Use Facebook Page picture

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

David Adam Smith

Date

04/26/2022

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:

Page 7: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Background and Free Response

Q21

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

Currently I am the US Representative for the 9th Congressional District of Washington. Prior to that, I was a Washington State Senator from the 33rd Legislative District. I attended the University of Washington Law School, and earned my undergraduate degree from Fordham University. During college, I was a Teamster working for UPS, and my father was a member of the Machinist Union, where I learned to campaign by helping alongside him while growing up.

Q22

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

I have a lifelong involvement with Washington State politics. As a child, I helped my father on many political campaigns, and as an elected official, I have been active in helping Democratic candidates up and down the ballot. I served in the Washington State Senate for the 33rd Legislative District, and currently represent the 9th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

U.S. Congressperson

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

Yes / No Questions for Federal candidates

	Yes / No / Qualified
Do you support a comprehensive immigration reform package that includes a path to citizenship?	Yes
Do you support increasing the number of immigrants who are eligible to come to this country legally?	Yes
Do you support making the immigration and citizenship process more efficient?	Yes
Do you support a bill to codify Roe v. Wade into federal law to protect women's reproductive rights in all 50 states?	Yes
Do you support the passage of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act?	Yes
Would you support a more progressive federal tax system?	Yes
Do you support making the Child Tax Credit permanent?	Yes
Do you support reversing (fully or partially) the Trump corporate tax cut for multi-billion dollar corporations?	Yes
Do you support restrictions on or increased disclosure requirements for equity trading by members of Congress?	Yes
Do you support protecting the right of K-12 students to a comprehensive education?	Yes

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q27

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

The Back Better Act is a much needed and necessary investment. It contains important measures to address the greatest existential crisis of our time — climate change — while creating good paying union jobs and building a sustainable, resilient economy. It contains the largest investment to combat climate change in our country's history that would be a crucial first step to put the United States on a path towards decarbonizing all sectors of our economy

I have long considered growing inequality to be one of the defining issues of our time. We need to grow our economy in a more equitable way and address the growing wealth disparities across the world, leveling the playing field for working families. That is why I believe the provisions to make universal pre-k and affordable child care possible, and increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy, are critical components of the Build Back Better Act. The housing investments, expanded child tax credit, and universal paid family and medical leave are also vital to promoting economic opportunity and reducing inequality.

Q28

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?

As an elected official I have and will continue to support policies that work to include more people in the democratic process. I am a cosponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act that has now passed the House of Representatives, which will institute protections to combat voter discrimination and help restore some critical protections of the Voting Rights Act. I also strongly believe in vote-by-mail elections, such as what we have here in Washington state. The COVID-19 pandemic has further demonstrated the value and importance of a universal vote-by-mail system. Increased voting accessibility is just one way that I can help support marginalized groups to have a greater voice in the political process. I will continue to encourage and support marginalized people to run for local office so that their communities feel empowered to get involved.

Q29

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?

Climate change is the greatest existential threat we face as a country. I am a proud supporter of the Green New Deal and have consistently supported legislation in the House that would reduce our carbon footprint, invest in renewable energy options, and build a green infrastructure. I firmly believe that we must pass the climate change provisions in the Build Back Better Act to transition away from fossil fuels and decarbonize all sectors of the economy.

Through my role as the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I have been able to push the Department of Defense to address the threat of climate change in both planning to mitigate its impact and reducing its own greenhouse gas emissions. This includes helping lead the passage of legislation to increase the Department's research and development on clean energy technologies such as battery storage, promote the use of renewable electricity to power DOD installations, and reduce emissions across all of the services.

Q30

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

Fighting for quality health care for everyone is a priority of mine. The Affordable Care Act was an important step in bringing health care to more Americans. We must now do more to ensure that regardless of income, job status, or location, Americans have access to affordable and reliable care. This is why I have co-sponsored legislation such as the Medicare for All Act, which would establish a universal health care system. I also voted for the House passage of the Build Back Better Act, which would improve the health care system for millions of Americans by reducing premiums, lowering drug prices, and closing the Medicaid coverage gap. We have to do better as a country to make sure that everyone who needs care can access it.

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?

Page 12: WA STATE LEGISLATURE: Position-specific questions

Q37 Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

Q38 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q39 Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q40

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q41

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Q42

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q43

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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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Q63

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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)

Adam Smith

Date

04/26/2022

Q65

Campaign Manager

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

Q66

(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.)

Full name (as signature)

Arshia Nilchian

Date

04/26/2022

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

Share with PCOs and/or Members (optional)

Democratic organizations overlapping the jurisdiction of my campaign whose rules require sharing questionnaire responses to Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) or Membership for a candidate to be eligible for endorsement may share this questionnaire with those groups.

Q70

Share with Public (optional)

Respondent skipped this question

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.
