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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	Andrew
Candidate last name	Ashiofu
Campaign email	mrlangsolutions@gmail.com
Campaign phone	4254993476

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://www.andrewfor37.org/
Candidate name pronunciation	Ash-ee-off-oo
Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)	he/him

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

Q9

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Manager first name	Matthew
Manager last name	Lang
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Q10

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Treasurer first name	Jeanne
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Q11

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

Q13

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

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Q14

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

Tallis Moore, Campaign Assistant
Jackson Pincus, Social Media

Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Support (Optional)

Q15

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

URL to VOLUNTEER (start with https://)	https://www.andrewfor37.org/volunteer
URL to DONATE (start with https://)	https://app.fastercampaigns.com/0ae1b7a2-fd8a-494a-8d30-483756114aaf/
URL to EVENTS CALENDAR (start with https://)	https://www.andrewfor37.org/events

Q16

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	https://www.facebook.com/Andrewfor37
INSTAGRAM (start with https://www.instagram.com/)	https://www.instagram.com/andrewfor37/
TWITTER (start with https://twitter.com/)	https://twitter.com/andrewfor37

Q17

Use Facebook Profile 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 **Andrew Ashiofu**
 Date **5/20/2022**

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.)

I'm a proud second-generation Nigerian-American and proud member of our LGBTQ+ community. I have my Bachelor of Sciences from Igbinedion University, and I have worked as a flight attendant for the past eight years. Recently, I have been struggling to unionize in this hostile industry, and I am proud to say that I just re-signed my authorization card. I work with a number of organizations on immigrant, worker, and LGBTQ+ rights and advocacy.

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 am the Co-Chair of both the DEI Committee for King County Democrats and of the Seattle LGBTQ+ Commission. I am also the 1st Vice Chair of the 37th LD Democrats, a board member of POCAAN, and I also work with Umu Igbo Unite and the HIV Planning Council.

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?

Page 12: WA STATE LEGISLATURE: Position-specific questions

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? **Yes**

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?

We cannot remain a country where people fear to go to the hospital, where people in crisis beg their friends to call an Uber instead of an ambulance, where divorces happen on deathbeds so that those left behind are not saddled with debt. Soaring healthcare costs are at the foundation of all of our healthcare troubles, and these issues must be addressed at the root. I support a single-payer approach that allows the federal government to bargain for better prices across the board, and allow equitable access to all our citizens. In the meantime, I will advocate for price ceilings on life-saving, cheap-to produce medications like insulin and PrEP.

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?

I believe that investments in green energy and infrastructure will not only protect future generations, but will also create jobs and build up our economy. Investing in green technology such as solar panels contributes to a virtuous cycle in which prices drop and adoption expands all over the globe.

However, it is vitally important that people of color and other disadvantaged communities are the first to benefit from these opportunities. This effort will require deep communication between unions, businesses, and the communities that stand to lose the most if we do not move forward thoughtfully and equitably. The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition is an excellent example of this sort of community-driven movement, making sure that the families on the ground are leading these efforts, rather than being subject to them. I look forward to building a better, greener city in dialogue with everyone who would be affected.

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.

Economies do not prosper when wealth is concentrated in the hands of the few. The fact that Washington has the most regressive tax structure in the nation is a moral scandal, and I would legislate towards a budget that asks less of our working families. A backward state constitution prevents us from adopting many taxes that would allow our state to fulfill its progressive promise, and I look forward to joining to legislative movement to amend this injustice.

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?

My work as Co-Chair of the DEI Committee has addressed these issues directly, and this experience will inform my work in office. The most important lesson I've learned has been from the practice of designating local leaders within workplaces that can advocate for themselves with the sort of specificity and nuance that only they could provide. As an elected official, I know it will be vitally important to listen to the voices of those I intend to serve. Serving the community means listening to the community.

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?

Housing is a passion of mine - too much of our wages are lost to rent. With fewer and fewer of us able to invest in a permanent home, entire generations lose the ability to build wealth for their families. I see my community being fractured by the predatory effects of gentrification, and I believe no one should have to work multiple jobs out of fear of being evicted. In order to remedy these gaps, I plan to champion policies that would build our capacity of affordable housing, push back against exclusionary zoning, and increase tenant protections for our renters.

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

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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)

Andrew Ashiofu

Date

05/20/2022

Q65

Other Campaign Contact (from campaign contact list)

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)

Tallis Moore

Date

05/20/2022

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)

Respondent skipped this question

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.