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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your Information

Name	<b>Nyjat Rose-Akins</b>
Email Address	<b>nyajt45@yahoo.com</b>
Phone Number	<b>202-491-7021</b>

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**Q2** **Yes**

I have reviewed the instructions at the top of this page

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Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

**Q3**

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	<b>Nyjat</b>
Candidate last name	<b>Rose-Akins</b>
Campaign email	<b>electnyjat@gmail.com</b>
Campaign phone	<b>206-745-2010</b>

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**Q4** **Yes**

Is the candidate a Democrat?

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**Q5** **WA Legislative District 37**

Jurisdiction

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**Q6** **Municipal Court Judge**

Position Sought

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**Q7**

**07**

Position number

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**Q8**

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Campaign website (start with https://)	<b>https://electnyjat.com</b>
Candidate name pronunciation	<b>Nizhet</b>
Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)	<b>she</b>

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

**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Campaign Manager information (optional)

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**Q10**

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Treasurer first name	<b>Jason</b>
Treasurer last name	<b>Bennett</b>
Treasurer email	<b>info@argo.us</b>
Treasurer phone	<b>206-745-2010</b>

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**Q11**

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Consultant first name	<b>Dean</b>
Consultant last name	<b>Nielsen</b>
Consultant email	<b>dnielsen@cn4partners.com</b>
Consultant phone	<b>206-423-0120</b>

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**Q12**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

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**Q13**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

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**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

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Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Support (Optional)

**Q15**

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

URL to SUBSCRIBE (start with https://)	<a href="https://electnyjat.com">https://electnyjat.com</a>
URL to VOLUNTEER (start with https://)	<a href="https://electnyjat.com">https://electnyjat.com</a>
URL to DONATE (start with https://)	<a href="https://electnyjat.com">https://electnyjat.com</a>
URL to EVENTS CALENDAR (start with https://)	<a href="https://electnyjat.com">https://electnyjat.com</a>

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**Q16**

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

FACEBOOK PROFILE (person, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/nyjat.roseakins">https://www.facebook.com/nyjat.roseakins</a>
FACEBOOK PAGE (campaign, start with https://www.facebook.com/)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/electnyjat">https://www.facebook.com/electnyjat</a>
INSTAGRAM (start with https://www.instagram.com/)	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/electnyjat">https://www.instagram.com/electnyjat</a>

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**Q17**

Use URL 1

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

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Page 5: ALL CAMPAIGNS: Instructions

**Q18**

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

Full legal name	<b>Nyjat Rose-Akins</b>
Date	<b>5/21/2022</b>

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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 graduate of Howard University, a historically black university, located in Washington, DC.

I have worked for Seattle as an assistant city attorney for 12 years, including time in both the criminal and the civil divisions.

- Served as a pro bono volunteer for home foreclosure clinics where she assisted homeowners fighting to keep their home.
- As an executive board member of the Loren Miller Bar Association, planned, organized, and executed a large-scale fundraising dinner, providing scholarships for several minority law students.
- Serves as treasurer of the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation which provides young women graduating high school with college scholarships.

I was involved in forming first Prosecutor Union within the City Attorney's Office. She served as the union president and was also involved in contract negotiations with management.

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**Q22**

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

My political involvement includes voting and donating to candidates I support.

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Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

**Q23**

**Judge - Municipal Court**

Position sought

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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.

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Page 10: FEDERAL CANDIDATES: Position-specific questions

**Q25**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Yes / No Questions for Federal candidates

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**Q26**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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

**Q31**

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

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**Q32**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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Page 12: WA STATE LEGISLATURE: Position-specific questions

**Q37**

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

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**Q38**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**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?

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**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?

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**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.

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**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?

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**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?

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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.

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**Q45**

Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

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**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)

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**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?

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**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.

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**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?

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**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?

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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.

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**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).

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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**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?

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

**Q57**

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

My plan to win is to focus on the community. Boots on the ground campaigning. Educating people on the importance of Judicial Officers. I finalized my decision to run this week and am actively meeting with people to discuss why I am the best choice for the Seattle Municipal bench.

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**Q58**

Ratings and Endorsements

Bar Association ratings received to date:

**None to date**

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**Q59**

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

I have worked for Seattle as an assistant city attorney for 12 years, including time in both the criminal and the civil divisions. In the criminal division, the wide and varied duties I handled provided me with valuable firsthand knowledge of how misdemeanor crimes are handled in Seattle. I have evaluated police reports to determine any appropriate misdemeanor charges. I have handled hundreds of cases and tried over 60 jury trials in Seattle Municipal Court. I have also worked with participants in therapeutic courts, including Mental Health Court and Community Court, to efficiently and compassionately address non-violent criminal behavior while improving community livability for all. Currently, I serve in the civil division, advising and defending the City on matters involving a range of issues, including police accountability, homelessness, and neighborhood concerns.

Pro Bono, as an Assistant City Attorney I have to be very careful about Pro Bono work. Outside of providing pro bono legal advice I am an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first intercollegiate historically African American sorority, dedicated to providing support to the community through education, women's healthcare, and economic empowerment.

I also currently serve as the treasurer of the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation which provides young black women graduating from high school with college scholarships.

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**Q60**

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?

An understanding and awareness of how a criminal case impacts the lives of all those involved is an essential quality for judges. A judge must rule with respect, compassion, equity, and hope. The judge must set the tone in her Courtroom to demonstrate that all will be treated fairly, when you enter my Courtroom we are all equals.

My awareness for how a criminal case impacts all those involved has further deepened since serving regularly as a pro tem judge within King County. In this role, I am responsible for making probable cause determinations, setting pre-trial release conditions, imposing sentencing, and overall applying the law fairly while respecting the humanity of each person involved along the way.

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**Q61**

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.

Access to justice and equity means that I provide people with an opportunity. An opportunity to be heard. The legal system is confusing and judges need to take the time to educate on what is happening in their Courtrooms. As a Pro Tem I have seen people grappling to understand the proceedings taking place. I have stopped proceedings to inquire if people understand or if an interpreter is needed after one was declined or even if the individual needs more time to consult with his/her attorney. Also understanding that people have lives and responsibilities outside of Court and try to the extent possible to set hearings that may not require people to take off a full day of work.

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**Q62**

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 own privilege and/or bias or encouraged others to point out to you your own implicit biases?

I am a lawyer. The privilege is that I have been blessed with parents that have encouraged and pushed me to obtain the education necessary to progress in my life. As an immigrant, I have to remind myself that everyone does not get the same opportunities. That's why in my Courtroom I want to instill that we are all equals, no matter your background, education, or socio-economic status.

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**Q63**

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.)

Treating all people the same when they enter my Courtroom, that's how I start. People of color do not want to be othered what they want is to be treated equitably. Judges are required to review the facts and merits of each case that come before them, a focus on facts not race, gender, or socio-economic status. A human centered approach. There are multiple alternatives to incarceration that can be considered such as court funded electronic home monitoring or once a week check in with probation. Also COVID-19 has forced the Court to use technology more than ever so I can envision implementing and continuing Zoom check-ins with the Court and probation. Depending on the case and the circumstance I may also be willing to apply a clean slate for all those that come before me and not focus so heavily on their prior failure to appear history.

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**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)

**Nyjat Rose-Akins**

Date

**5/21/2022**

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**Q65**

**Candidate**

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

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**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.)

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**Q70**

Share with Public (optional)

**Democratic organizations overlapping the jurisdiction of my campaign whose rules require sharing questionnaire responses publicly may share this questionnaire publicly.**

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**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.**

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