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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your Information

Name	<b>Judge Lisa Paglisotti</b>
Email Address	<b>judgepaglisotti@gmail.com</b>
Phone Number	<b>425-466-0619</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>Lisa</b>
Candidate last name	<b>Paglisotti</b>
Campaign email	<b>judgepaglisotti@gmail.com</b>
Campaign phone	<b>425-466-0619</b>

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**Q4**

**Candidate for judicial position**

Is the candidate a Democrat?

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**Q5**

**King County District Court - West**

Jurisdiction

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**Q6**

**District Court Judge**

Position Sought

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**Q7**

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Position number

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**Q8**

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her)

**she/her**

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

**Q9**

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Manager first name

**Mary Ann**

Manager last name

**Ottinger**

Manager email

**judgepaglisotti@gmail.com**

Manager phone

**425-466-0619**

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**Q10**

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Treasurer first name

**Andy**

Treasurer last name

**Lo**

Treasurer email

**treasurer@andy-lo.com**

Treasurer phone

**206-335-8815**

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**Q11**

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Consultant first name

**Mary Ann**

Consultant last name

**Ottinger**

Consultant email

**judgepaglisotti@gmail.com**

Consultant phone

**425-466-0619**

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**Q12**

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

Fundraiser first name	<b>Mary Ann</b>
Fundraiser last name	<b>Ottinger</b>
Fundraiser email	<b>judgepaglisotti@gmail.com</b>
Fundraiser phone	<b>425-466-0619</b>

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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**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

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**Q16**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

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**Q17**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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>Lisa Paglisotti</b>
Date	<b>March 8, 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?	Qualified
If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?	Qualified
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?	Qualified

**Q20**

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

At this time, my campaign staff consists of a campaign consultant and a treasurer, both of whom are aware of and abide by their ethical obligations.

At this time, my campaign staff consists of a campaign consultant and a treasurer who are independent contractors. I support individuals joining a labor union if they wish to do so.

Judges and judicial candidates are required to abide by the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct in all their campaign activities. In addition, we comply with the Fair Campaign Practices Guidelines of the King County Bar Association.

I support collective bargaining and the exercise of rights associated with bargaining agreements.

**Q21**

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

I obtained a B.A. in Sociology and a B.A. in Society and Justice from the University of Washington in 1985. I obtained a J.D. from Seattle University in 1992. From 1985-1989, I was employed as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at the King County Department of Youth Services. From 1989-1994, I was employed as a Juvenile Probation Counselor at the King County Department of Youth Services. From 1986-1987, I was employed as a Program Coordinator at the Metrocenter Y.M.C.A. for "Today's Constitution and You", a statewide law-related education project. From 1994-2016, I was employed by Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons as a public defender. I have been a King County District Court Judge since May, 2016 and was the first judge to preside over our County's Community Court program. I currently preside over the King County District Court Regional Mental Health Court and Regional Veterans Court. I have been a member of A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 2084 and S.E.I.U. 925.

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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.

None, except that I have, on occasion, endorsed judicial candidates in the election and appointment process. These are non-partisan positions.

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Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

**Q23**

**Judge - District 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.

I am currently in the process of obtaining endorsements and scheduling interviews with various organizations. Thus far, I have obtained the following endorsements:

In addition to receiving the endorsements of over 65 judges, including 3 Washington State Supreme Court Justices, I have been endorsed by the National Women's Political Caucus, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County Criminal Justice Strategy and Policy Section Manager Marcus Stubblefield, former King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, and a variety of community leaders and community members. I am in the process of scheduling interviews with various labor organizations and legislative districts. A list is available upon request.

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**Q58**

Ratings and Endorsements

Bar Association ratings received to date:

**If I draw an opponent, I will be seeking updated evaluations from all of the Bar Associations. I received the following ratings in 2016 when I was first appointed: King County Bar Association, Exceptionally Well-Qualified Loren Miller Bar Association, Exceptionally Well-Qualified Joint Asian Bar Association, Exceptionally Well-Qualified Latina/o Bar Association, Exceptionally Well-Qualified QLaw, Well-Qualified**

Endorsements received to date:

**See description above. A specific list of endorsements is available upon request.**

Additional Endorsements you are seeking:

**I am seeking endorsements from all of the labor organizations in King County. I am also in the process of gathering additional judicial, lawyer, and community member endorsements.**

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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 served as a public defender for over 22 years and represented individuals charged with crimes ranging minor offenses to murder, as well as children and parents who were involved with Child Protective Services. I supervised the misdemeanor, contempt of court, and misdemeanor appeals units. I have served as a District Court Judge since 2016, during which time I have presided over the first Community Court. I currently preside over King County Regional Mental Health and Veterans Courts.

As a sitting judge, I am prohibited from practicing law, and thus, pro bono work is not available to me. However, I currently serve as the Regional Director for the National Association of Women Judges. The association is engaged in projects and judicial education that address human trafficking, conditions and education for women in prison, and outreach to students interested in legal and judicial careers. I currently serve on the human trafficking committee. Pre-pandemic, I assisted in gathering volunteers and coordinating two women's conferences at the Mission Creek Women's Correctional Facility. I regularly volunteer for mock trial competitions and served as co-chair and chair of the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee.

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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?

I believe that a judge must genuinely like people and must treat all people with dignity and respect. I believe that a judge must be a good listener and be able to administer decisions in a manner that allows a litigant to understand the reason for the decision. I believe that a judge must be able identify the particular challenges, needs, and perspectives of individuals who appear for them. I believe a judge must be trauma-informed. I believe a judge must have the courage to evaluate a decision and reconsider a decision that was incorrectly decided. I believe a judge must fight for the independence of the judiciary.

I have served as a King County District Court Judge since May, 2016. I have described my experience on the bench in a previous question. I learn something new every day, and continue to self-evaluate my philosophy and approach to justice. I recognize and value the importance of working with stakeholders, and hope to continue to learn from these experiences. I am open to exploring new ways in which to expand therapeutic courts and alternatives to incarceration, while ensuring community safety, individual accountability, and increased access to justice.

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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.

I currently serve on our court's Equity and Social Justice Committee. One of our recent tasks was to identify and request approval for the translation of a variety of court forms in identified languages. We identified frequently used languages and prioritized forms most often used by pro se litigants, in order facilitate easier access to justice for individuals whose primary language is not English. Our committee has been creating and facilitate educational sessions/presentations entitled Silence=Acceptance. The presentations have focused on promoting educations and awareness of challenged faced by various communities of color. I serve on a statewide diversity committee. One of our current projects is gathering and evaluating the availability of alternatives to incarceration across the state in all jurisdictions and assessing the reasons for lack of alternatives. Our goal is to eliminate "justice by geography". Our committee also facilitated a statewide pro tem training geared toward increasing diversity on the bench.

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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?

We are all effected by our life experiences, and have biases formed by those experiences. We must open ourselves to awareness and acknowledgement that bias exists, not only within individuals but within the systems where we work. One factor that contributes to bias is fear of those who we do not understand, whether that be an individual whose experiences we have not experienced, or of a particular community to which we have not been exposed. I strive to foster an environment within my court that allows staff and litigants to express themselves without fear of retaliation. I strive to continue to educate myself about implicit biases. I have called out a prosecutor for what I viewed as disparate treatment of an individual of color. I volunteered to participate in a Harvard study aimed at evaluating my judicial decisions as they relate to racial disparity in bail decisions. We are still in the process of coordinating the feasibility of gathering data for this study. Our therapeutic court team will be participating in an equity and inclusion training.

**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.)

The expansion of alternatives to incarceration is the first step in addressing the disproportionate impact on Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, and other marginalized communities. In King County, we currently utilize the C.C.A.P. and E.H.D. programs as alternatives to incarceration. The therapeutic courts provide an evidence-based therapeutic response for individuals who have behavioral health challenges. By offering services focused on addressing treatment for behavioral health issues and a supportive court environment which holds individuals accountable for their behavior, we offer an alternative to traditional punishment-based responses to behavior. I believe the answer to bail reform would be a robust pre-trial services program that could address concerns over likelihood of failure to appear, could provide voluntary services for individuals with treatment needs, and could provide accountability pre-trial. When an individual is incarcerated, their ability to maintain a job, to participate in their community, and to maintain their dignity is interrupted and serves to perpetuate behaviors that contribute to recidivism.

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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)

**/s/ Judge Lisa Paglisotti**

Date

**March 8, 2022**

**Q65**

**Campaign Consultant**

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)

**/s/ Judge Lisa Paglisotti**

Date

**March 8, 2022**

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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)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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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