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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your Information

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Phone Number	206-380-4684

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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	Rebecca
Candidate last name	Saldaña
Campaign email	rebecca@rebeccasaldana.com
Campaign phone	206-380-4684

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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** State Senator

Position Sought

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**Q7** **Not applicable**

Position number

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**Q8**

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

Campaign website (start with https://) **www.rebeccasaldana.com**

Candidate name pronunciation **Rebecca**

Candidate pronouns (ex: she/her) **she/they**

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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 **Abbot**

Treasurer last name **Taylor**

Treasurer email **abbot312@mac.com**

Treasurer phone **206-218-3108**

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**Q11** **Respondent skipped this question**

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

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**Q12** **Respondent skipped this question**

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

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**Q13**

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

Other role **Campaign Support Coordination**

Other first name **Malorie**

Other last name **Toman**

Other email **malorie@senatedemocrats.org**

Other phone **206-420-3351**

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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://)

<https://www.rebeccasaldana.com/join-us>

URL to DONATE (start with https://)

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/SCCPTFxYrEC2Acw2CPE1dA2>

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**Q16**

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

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

<https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaSaldanaforLD37/>

INSTAGRAM (start with https://www.instagram.com/)

sensaldana

LINKEDIN (start with https://www.linkedin.com/)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rebecca-saldana-11336541/>

TWITTER (start with https://twitter.com/)

sensaldana

YOUTUBE or VIDEO channel (start with https://)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRdqktejpvZI5NK70zmW\\_bQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRdqktejpvZI5NK70zmW_bQ/videos)

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**Q17**

Use LinkedIn picture

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

Rebecca Jae Saldana

Date

5/19/2022

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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:

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 am a proud Chicana of Mexican and Germanic roots who grew up in the Delridge neighborhood of Seattle. I have been a tireless advocate for racial, social, and economic justice ever since I fought for farmworker housing rights in Olympia as a student. I bring 16 years of experience as an organizer with SEIU Local 6, the United Farm Workers, and Oregon's farmworker union, PCUN. I also served as the Executive Director of Puget Sound Sage, a nonprofit that works to advance equitable affordable housing, transportation policies, workers' rights, and environmental justice. Fellowships/Education: 2020 NAL Legislative Fellow, 2016 Ms. Foundation Public Voices Fellow, 2015 NELI Certificate, 2010 National Hispana Leadership Institute Fellow, and B.A.s in Humanities and Theology from Seattle University.

**Q22**

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

Acting PCO for my neighborhood, dues paying member of the 37thLD, donor to 37thLD, King County Democrats under Shasti Conrad's leadership, small monthly donor to WSDC. Democratic State Senator serving in Olympia since 2017. In the senate, I have spearheaded legislative efforts to increase equity for historically oppressed communities, protect workers' rights, encourage sustainable development, build equitable transportation solutions, and increase voter access to elections. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, and also sit on the Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs Committee and the Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committees, and Deputy Leader for the Democratic Majority Caucus.

Before my time in the Legislature, my political involvement revolved around voter registration drives and initiative campaigns, which began with the No on I-200 when I was an elected officer of political action for MEChA at Seattle University. As an LCLAA officer at the Martin Luther King Jr. County Labor Council chapter (2003-05), as a member of the Democratic Latino Vote Project, and LPAC, I helped register and increase voter turnout among the Latino and immigrant community. As a union organizer, I volunteered on campaigns for Senator Bob Hasegawa, Dwight Peltz, and Ron Sims. During my time at Puget Sound Sage, my political involvement has focused on regional politics, where I worked on Prop. 1 in Seatac, 3 local transit initiatives, the housing levy, ST3, and the Yes 1-124.

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Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

**Q23**

**WA State Senator**

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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**Q37**

Yes / No Questions

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

**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?

Right now, access to reproductive healthcare is under attack. In our state, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that all people have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare and we believe that access is a fundamental right. Because of the work we've done, Washingtonians will continue to make their own healthcare decisions. But injustice for one, is injustice for all, so we will continue to support and fight for the reproductive rights of all people. This includes our immigrant community, which faces the largest barriers to abortion access and healthcare access at large.

Access to quality health care is a human right. I co-sponsored SB 5701 to enact the Washington Apple Care Trust to provide health coverage to every resident of the state. I also supported the Health Care Transparency Board, which works to uncover the actual cost of health care, identify unreasonable costs, and make recommendations for lowering price impacts on Washington families. Recognizing that the increasing costs of essential prescriptions hit marginalized communities the hardest, we must take steps to reduce the price of drugs like insulin. We have much more to do to cap costs and negotiate lower prices at the state level.

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**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?

We must take stronger action to ensure environmental justice that is fair and meaningful for all people regardless of race, national origin, or income.

Our science-based statutes require our state to reach net zero emissions by 2050, but we have been on a trajectory that would only reduce them to 60 million metric tons by 2050. I supported the Clean Fuels Standard, 100% Clean Energy, the Climate Commitment Act, and the greenest transportation package ever passed in our state. I also sponsored the HEAL Act to address the disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards suffered by BIPOC and low-income communities. The Act implements recommendations from the Environmental Justice Task Force and directs state agencies to incorporate environmental justice principles to reduce health disparities. Agencies are now putting plans together for the implementation of the HEAL Act. Because of the pandemic and delays, the EJ Council had its first meeting this year, but the timeline for the CCA rule making has not been delayed. There must oversight and strong community engagement to ensure that CCA incorporates EJ principles, process, and outcomes.

There is still much work to be done. I was disappointed to see a few impactful environmental initiatives fail last session. To take true action on climate change, we need stronger emissions standards in the transportation sector, which makes up 45% of carbon emissions in Washington. I will continue to lead on this issue and work relentlessly to advance equitable climate solutions.

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**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.

For many years we've known that our Washington tax code is broken, it's upside down. Enough is enough. It's time for those at the top - the wealthiest 1% and large corporations - to pay their fair share.

Washington's tax system is one of the most regressive in the nation. Our wealthiest residents spend roughly 3% of their annual income on taxes while low-income families spend almost 18% of their income on taxes. By asking the wealthiest members of our state to contribute slightly more, we can significantly reduce the tax burden on low-income and middle-class Washingtonians.

In the 2021 session, I was proud to support the capital gains tax on the ultra-wealthy. Now, Washington can and should join the 41 states that have closed the capital gains loophole. Taxing the extraordinary profits of the super-rich is an important step in kickstarting Washington state's economy. Now more than ever, we must keep money flowing to our state's people, small businesses, and communities so we can all come back stronger from the pandemic. I was also proud that we finally funded the Working Families Tax Rebates. We need to make sure both of these policies get fully realized. Then, we can take up the Wealth Tax to further right size our tax code.

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**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?

Almost every bill I have prime sponsored has been a result of centering voices and experiences of community members living on the margins. I start always by listening to the needs and leadership of BIPOC, immigrant, young people and essential frontline workers, and people with disabilities. I try to show humility and build trust by showing up in community and doing the work to be an accomplice in their priorities.

By electing more BIPOC and community based leaders to the state legislature, we can make sure our state government works for everyone – for the members of our community who are often left on the margins. I will continue to meet with and listen to BIPOC leaders and advocates championing inclusive housing, behavioral health centers and economic wealth creation.

Documented and undocumented immigrants continue to face discrimination in numerous settings within our state such as education, housing, public accommodations and employment. Washingtonians should feel safe and welcome regardless of their citizenship status and country of origin. This is why I sponsored SB 5165 to prohibit discrimination based on citizenship or immigration status into law, which was signed by Governor Inslee in 2020.

We must also fight against any practices that weaken the voting rights of our communities of color and prevent ethnically diverse voters from being able to elect a candidate of their choice. I will continue to address institutional racism of all forms that affects communities of color and immigrants who make up a majority of my district.

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**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?

Taking the advice of organizations like Puget Sound Sage, Rainier Beach Action Coalition, Homestead Land Trust, King County Equity Now, Byrd Barr, and more that include:

Build BIPOC communities' power and resilience by passing policies that promote community stewardship of land and housing;

Directly address the housing-related symptoms of the pandemic crisis; and

Deter developers and outside investors from taking advantage of vulnerabilities in our communities.

This requires a combination of policies and capital budget investments. Since the Democrats took over the Senate, and we created a Housing Committee--we made gains in renter protections and increased funding in Housing Trust Fund and investments in BIPOC led development, housing first, and surplus lands for affordable housing.

The Legislature succeeded in funding more affordable housing and rental assistance this year, but failed to advance more sweeping housing reform measures such as zoning reform and greater tenant protections. The new funding is not enough to bridge the massive affordable housing gap on its own. I will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that there is community oversight of how Housing Trust Fund dollars are spent to ensure equity and geographic balance. We must also reform our zoning laws to allow for a greater variety of dense and affordable housing options near major transit stops and allow for mothers-in-law and backyard cottages statewide.

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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.

**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.

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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**

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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**Q58**

Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

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**Q59**

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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**Q60**

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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**Q61**

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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**Q62**

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

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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.)

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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)

**Rebecca Jae Saldaña**

Date

**05/19/2022**

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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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