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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

**Q1**

Your Information

Name	<b>Judge Rebecca Robertson</b>
Email Address	<b>judgerebeccarobertson@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>Rebecca</b>
Candidate last name	<b>Robertson</b>
Campaign email	<b>judgerebeccarobertson@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

judgerebeccarobertson@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

judgerebeccarobertson@gmail.com

Consultant phone

425-466-0619

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**Q12**

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

Fundraiser first name	Mary Ann
Fundraiser last name	Ottinger
Fundraiser email	judgerebeccarobertson@gmail.com
Fundraiser phone	425-466-0619

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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	Rebecca C. Robertson
Date	March 8, 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?	Qualified
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**

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

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

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.)

BA Political Science University of Washington, 1996, Juris Doctorate Seattle University, 2000. Judge, Federal Way Municipal Court, 2009-2021 / Prosecutor, City of Seattle, 2003-2009 / Prosecutor, City of Kent 2000-2003 . President, District and Municipal Court Judges' Assoc. (DMCJA) 2018 / Member, Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), Present. Chair, BJA Policy and Planning Committee, Present / Co-Chair, BJA Taskforce on Trial Court Security, Present / Chair, DMCJA Council on Independent Courts.

**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 was involved in Democratic party politics prior to 2009. However, once I was an elected judge, I could no longer participate in political matters because the Code of Judicial Conduct forbids such activity by judges.

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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 was unanimously appointed to this position by the King County Council in 2021. My campaign plan is to introduce myself to all relevant groups prior to May filing period and to gain their endorsements. I already have the endorsements of dozens of judges, attorneys, and elected officials, and my current endorsement list is attached.

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**Q58**

Ratings and Endorsements

Bar Association ratings received to date:

**King County Bar Assoc: Exceptionally Well Qualified.  
Washington Women Lawyers: Exceptionally Well  
Qualified Latino/Latina Bar Assoc: Exceptionally Well  
Qualified Joint Asian Bar Assoc: Exceptionally Well  
Qualified QLAW: Exceptionally Well Qualified. Cardozo  
Society: Exceptionally Well Qualified Loren Miller Bar  
Assoc: Well Qualified.**

## King County Democrats Candidate Questionnaire 2022

Endorsements received to date:

Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Steve  
González Justice Mary Yu Washington Court of Appeals  
(Div. I) Judge Bill Bowman Judge Linda Coburn Judge  
Stephen Dwyer Superior Court Judge Johanna Bender  
King County Judge Karen Donohue King County Judge  
Jennifer Forbes Kitsap County Judge Veronica Galvan  
King County Judge Kevin Hull Kitsap County Judge  
Sean O'Donnell King County Judge Patrick Oishi  
Presiding Judge King County Judge Nicole Gaines  
Phelps King County Judge Jason Poydras King County  
Judge Andrea Robertson King County Judge James  
Rogers King County Judge Steve Rosen King County  
Judge Averil Rothrock King County Judge Ketu Shah  
King County Judge Matt Williams King County Judge  
Mindy Young King County District Court King County  
Judge Marcine Anderson Judge Joe Campagna Judge  
Kuljinder Dhillon Judge Michael Finkle Judge Michelle  
Gehlsen Judge Laurel Gibson Judge Nathaniel Green  
Judge Corinna Harn Judge Gregg Hirakawa Judge Jill  
Klinge Judge Rhonda Laumann Judge Fa'amomoi  
Masaniai Judge Marcus Naylor Judge Lisa O'Toole  
Judge Lisa Paglisotti Judge Kevin Peck Judge Rania  
Rampersad Judge Kristin Shotwell Judge Leah Taguba  
Judge Brian Todd Judge Matt York Comm. Peter  
Peaquin Other District Courts Judge Tam Bui  
Snohomish County Judge Doug Fair Snohomish County  
Judge Beth Fraser Snohomish County Judge Jeffrey  
Goodwin Snohomish County Judge Anthony Howard  
Snohomish County Judge Jeff Jahns Kitsap County  
Judge Patricia Lyon Snohomish County Judge Sam  
Meyer Thurston County Judge LizAnne Padula Pierce  
County Judge Charles Short Okanogan County Judge  
Claire Sussman Pierce County Municipal Courts Judge  
Scott Ahlf Olympia Judge Andrea Beall Puyallup Judge  
Valerie Bouffiou Lynnwood Judge Andrea Chin Seattle  
Judge John Curry Orting Judge Adam Eisenberg Seattle  
Judge Thomas Ellington Roy Judge Michael Frans Kent  
Judge Pauline Freund SeaTac Judge Fred Gillings  
Marysville Judge Jessica Giner Renton Judge Anthony  
Gipe Kent Judge Jennifer Grant Lake Forest Park Judge  
Lisa Leone Des Moines Judge Deb Lev Bellingham  
Judge Lisa Mansfield Lakewood Judge Sarah  
McCullough Bainbridge Island Judge Kara Murphy  
Renton Judge Kevin Ringus Fife Judge Whitney Rivera  
Edmonds Judge Mara Rozanno Bothell Judge Scott  
Stewart Issaquah Judge Laura Van Slyck Everett Judge  
Kim Walden Tukwilla Judge Krista White-Swain Black  
Diamond Comm. Mary Lynch Seattle

## King County Democrats Candidate Questionnaire 2022

Additional Endorsements you are seeking:

**All Democratic Legislative District organizations in  
Seattle Carpenters Union Machinist Union (IAM 751)  
Building Trades Union (IUPAT-DC5) Teamsters Union (JC  
28) NW Women's Political Caucus**

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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)

Prosecutor – City of Kent 2000-2003

Prosecutor – City of Seattle 2003-2009

Pro Tem Judge – King County, Kirkland, Issaquah 2007-2009

Judge – City of Federal Way 2009-2022

Judge – King County District Court 2022-Present

As a judge, I cannot do pro bono work. However, I have been significantly involved in statewide judicial organizations that seek to improve the justice system. I am most proud to have been a founding member and Chair of the Council on Independent Courts, which seeks to assist courts maintain independence from the executive and legislative branches.

- Board Member, Board for Judicial Administration, 2017-Present
  - Immediate Past-President, District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA), 2019-2020
  - Co-Chair, Board for Judicial Administration's Trial Court Security Taskforce, 2018-Present
  - President, DMCJA, 2018-2019
  - Chair, Board for Judicial Administration Policy and Procedures Committee, 2017-2019
  - Member, Civil Litigation Rules Drafting Task Force, 2017-2018
  - Founding Member and past Co-Chair, Council on Independent Courts, 2017-Present
  - President Elect, DMCJA, 2017-2018
  - Vice President, DMCJA, 2016-2017
  - Secretary/Treasurer, DMCJA, 2016
  - Board Member, DMCJA, 2013-Present
  - Chair, Trial Court Advocacy Board's Joint Security Committee, 2014-2015
  - Member, Office of Public Defense Interim Public Defense Workgroup, 2014
  - Member, DMCJA's Court Rules and Procedures Committee, 2012-2017
  - DMCJA Liaison, Washington State Bar Association's Court Rules and Procedures Cmte., 2012-2018
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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 patience, empathy, humility, kindness, and willingness to learn are the most important qualities for a justice or judge. A judge must realize that she should consider all factors when analyzing a case, including systemic racism and sexism, and be willing to learn from the attorneys before her. Everyone is human, and everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

I served as a Municipal Court Judge in Federal Way for 12 years after winning a 6-person contested election. Prior to that I served as a Judge Pro Tem for 2 years in various jurisdictions around King County. I learned that kindness and patience is essential for a judge, and that the most important qualifications for judges is the ability to see each person before them as an individual, with a lifetime of experiences that have led them to this point. With that knowledge, a judge should treat everyone with dignity, respect, and understanding.

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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 believe it is essential that judges not only treat everyone with equity but advocate for that outside of court as well. Judges have an important voice in the racial and social justice movements, and we should use that voice. I would continue to advocate for equity and justice through my work on statewide and local boards, write or support legislation which addresses these issues, and will testify before the County Council or Legislature on bills that address these issues – all within the restrictions of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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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?

Everyone has biases, and the most important thing to realize is that you do, and that you can recognize it and counteract that bias. I see examples every day of my privilege, both economically and as a cis-gendered white person. I try to understand in every instance how someone's background or lack of privilege has informed their behavior. I used to be surprised that people had no respect for the system and did not respect a judge's orders. However, I came to learn that the system had never treated them with respect, and thus had no credibility in their eyes. I have encouraged public defenders to tell me how I could do better in interacting with their clients and sought out advice from the BIPOC community on how best to do so as well.

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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.)

First, I recognize that it exists and that there are many factors that contribute to this disproportionality. Only some of those factors are within my ability to control or influence, so a simple understanding of history is critical. Secondly, I would look at each individual and the totality of their circumstances to determine what is appropriate in their case. People should be held accountable for their actions, but a judge should be looking at the whole person, not just their one act. And thirdly, I have advocated for, created, and used jail alternatives throughout my twelve-year career on the bench, including Electronic Home Monitoring, Day Reporting, and Community Services, allowing people to keep their jobs and stay in treatment and not continue the cycle of incarceration.

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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 Rebecca Robertson**

Date

**March 8, 2022**

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**Q65**

**Campaign Consultant**

Information in this questionnaire was input by:

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**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 Rebecca Robertson**

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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