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Page 1: ALL CANDIDATES: Welcome

Q1

Your Information

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Q2 **Yes**

I have reviewed the instructions at the top of this page

Page 2: ALL CANDIDATES: Campaign Contact Information

Q3

Campaign contact information

Candidate first name	Steve
Candidate last name	Hobbs
Campaign email	steve@electhobbs.com
Campaign phone	206-321-9890

Q4 **Yes**

Is the candidate a Democrat?

Q5 **WA State**

Jurisdiction

Q6 **Secretary of State**

Position Sought

Q7 **Not applicable**

Position number

Q8 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional Campaign Information (optional)

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

Q9 **Respondent skipped this question**

Campaign Manager information (optional)

Q10 **Respondent skipped this question**

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

Q11 **Respondent skipped this question**

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

Q12 **Respondent skipped this question**

Fundraiser / Fundraising Consultant / Finance Chair information (optional)

Q13 **Respondent skipped this question**

Other Campaign Contact information (optional)

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

Page 4: ALL CANDIDATES: Candidate Support (Optional)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Ways people can support your campaign (all optional)

Q16 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional campaign contact information (all optional)

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

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

Page 5: ALL CAMPAIGNS: Instructions

Q18

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

Full legal name

John Wyble

Date

3/9/2022

Page 6: ALL CANDIDATES: Yes / No Questions

Q19

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Have you ever been a member of another political party?	No
Have you ever failed to pay any taxes, court-ordered judgements, or former campaign staff salaries?	No
Have you or your staff ever been found in violation of a Federal Election Commission, Public Disclosure Commission, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, or Judicial Conduct Commission regulation?	No
Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers? If not, are you willing to implement one?	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:

-Our campaign is willing to implement a code of conduct for all staff and volunteers.

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.)

From a young age I strove to serve my community and country. At the age of 17 I enlisted in the Army, and for 33 years have served our country in uniform. I have deployed to both Kosovo and Iraq and have witnessed firsthand the fragility of democratic institutions and why we must protect ours here at home. For nearly 15 years I honorably served in the Washington state senate, and recently chaired the senate transportation committee. My education includes both undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Washington, as well as the Army Defense Information School and Command General Staff College. My roles working at the National Security Agency on active-duty orders and as a task force commander during the pandemic have reinforced my belief in competent, decisive, and compassionate leadership in times of crisis. I am a proud husband and father and raised three boys with my wife Pam: Gavin, Truman, and Winston. Truman is in public high school, while Gavin and Winston continue their studies at Everett Community College and the University of Washington.

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 first elected to the state Senate in 2006, and honorably served my constituents in the 44th legislative district for sixteen years. During my time in the legislature, I championed marriage equality, reproductive rights, housing affordability, equitable transportation, and our vote by mail election system. In 2017 I was selected to chair the senate transportation committee, a position I humbly served until November 2021. When former Secretary of State Kim Wyman announced her resignation last fall, Governor Inslee appointed me to fill the newly created vacancy. The Governor's decision was based on a desired national security background as well as my reputation as a consensus builder in the state legislature. The call to help our most vulnerable friends and neighbors is why I entered public office. It is also deeply personal to my family, as my sons Gavin and Winston both serve in the Washington National Guard.

Page 8: ALL CANDIDATES: Position-specific Questions

Q23

WA Secretary of State

Position sought

Page 9: ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

I understand that I may be asked to update this questionnaire in the future for the campaign to be considered for endorsement.

Page 10: FEDERAL CANDIDATES: Position-specific questions

Q25 Respondent skipped this question
Yes / No Questions for Federal candidates

Q26 Respondent skipped this question
For any yes / no questions you answered "qualified" please explain:

Q27 Respondent skipped this question
Which elements of the Build Back Better Act do you think are the most important for our country? How would you achieve their enactment?

Q28 Respondent skipped this question
What voting rights / election practices must be available for all voters in all 50 states and what will you do to make sure those are available to all voters by the time of the 2024 Presidential Election?

Q29 Respondent skipped this question
Climate change is an urgent environmental and humanitarian crisis in the US and around the world. How would you use your office to enact aggressive measures to mitigate climate change (while ensuring climate justice) through various policy areas (e.g. environmental, transportation, land use, regulatory policy), and what specific policies have you supported?

Q30 Respondent skipped this question
How have you worked (and how will you continue to work) for broader and more equitable access to health care?

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

Q31

Yes / No Questions

	Yes / No / Qualified
Do you support robust access to broadband Internet for all?	Yes
Do you support increasing funding to support digitizing the state archives to make it more accessible to those who historically do not have ease of access such as rural areas and those with disabilities?	Yes
Do you support reinstating the right to vote to those who are currently incarcerated for a felony, as is done in Vermont?	No
Do you support adding more ballot drop boxes on or near tribal land?	Yes
Would you support additional funds and resources being allocated to resettled immigrant, refugee, and other vulnerable populations to provide equitable access to social services?	Yes

Q32

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q33

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?

Our state has a duty to ensure equitable access to the ballot box for all Washingtonians, especially among communities of color who have faced historical barriers to voting rights. A February report published by Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy identified mixed results based on a statistical analysis of mail-in ballots cast in the 2020 General Election. While the overall ballot-rejection rate is extremely low, certain voter groups are likely to have significantly higher rates of rejection. Auditor McCarthy found no evidence of bias in any of those ballot rejection decisions; however, she is correct to state, "Disparities in rejection rates for different racial and ethnic groups are unacceptable." I could not agree more, which is why our office has formally requested the legislature fund a study, through the University of Washington, to refine and test the State Auditor's recommendations and support implementation of viable solutions to enhance and expand voter outreach, education, and participation. In addition to requesting the study, my office is immediately taking steps to provide timely election resources and information using a host of engagement tools. Data on our underserved communities will inform our outreach plans to increase eligible voter participation, including groups with higher ballot-rejection rates.

Q34

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?

The spreading of disinformation concerning our elections has produced dangerous rhetoric, which is only amplified by the rise and ease of access to social media in recent years. Most of us know someone by now, maybe it's a family member or friend, who has reposted or shared false content on social media. When these false messages are circulated quickly, they can potentially lead to violence such as the attack on our democracy during the January 6th insurrection. Our office has an obligation to educate Washingtonians on how our elections process works, but we must also be vigilant to falsehoods which threaten the safety of election workers and public servants. Earlier this year, our office recommended legislation to regulate the use of deep fakes used in campaign races. Unregulated deep fakes pose significant threats to our elections process given their appearance of legitimacy and credibility to ordinary viewers. In addition to requesting legislation, a priority of our office is to work closely with local law enforcement to quickly address security threats against our elections systems derived from the spreading of false content online.

Q35

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?

As your chief elections officer, the protection of our election system is my highest priority. Threats from criminals, terrorists, and nation-state actors are frequent and sophisticated. County networks that support the tabulation of ballots are under attack. Disinformation is even being used as a weapon to disarm our defenses. Safeguards against cyber warfare and swift refutation of disinformation are more critical than ever. This legislative session, I worked with state leaders to make generational advances in tools, training, collaboration and personnel required to help protect our election system. Investments were necessary in this office and each of our counties to resist enemies who are aggressively working to sow doubt in our free and fair elections to undermine our democracy. We are leaning forward by deepening our partnerships with experts in this fight, including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Administration and Washington Military Department, so we can prevent attacks and respond immediately to the barrage of thousands of attacks to our networks. I am focusing the expertise and power of my staff and partners to defend our state's 39 counties, which have become targets in an intentional campaign to weaken this democracy.

Q36

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?

Since accepting Governor Inslee's appointment to this office, my team and I have consistently identified the importance of increasing voter registration across our state. Increasing registration depends heavily on education and outreach efforts, and I am committed to providing dedicated resources that are unique to reaching every community. We will leverage proven communications by mail, text, radio, and TV to increase voter awareness of available tools like the online voter portal, Vote.WA.gov. My staff has worked closely with our legislative partners, requesting additional funding specifically for voter education and outreach commitments. In addition to higher funding, we will also increase our visibility at naturalization ceremonies and community events, and continue to ensure accurate translation services — a critical element in helping eligible voters understand the steps to registration. Voter registration is a critical step toward increasing community participation and engagement, and I will work tirelessly to ensure all Washingtonians have the resources to take this important step.

Q37

Respondent skipped this question

Yes / No Questions

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

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?

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.

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?

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?

Q44 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q45 Respondent skipped this question

Ratings and Endorsements

Q46 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q47 Respondent skipped this question

What do you believe are the most important qualifications and qualities for justices and judges? What is your experience serving as a judge/justice, pro tem, or within the judicial system and how will this inform your perspective on the bench?

Q48 Respondent skipped this question

How would you further equity and access to justice for all in the legal system? Provide specific examples of what you have done or commit to doing to further this goal.

Q49 Respondent skipped this question

Judges are expected to fairly apply the law and perform all duties without bias or prejudice. Please provide examples when you have realized and self-checked your privilege and/or bias or encouraged others to point out to you your own implicit biases?

Q50 Respondent skipped this question

How do you balance the judicial principle of stare decisis, or adherence to precedent, with a rapidly changing society and advancements in racial, economic, social and climate justice?

Q51 Respondent skipped this question

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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).

Q53 Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO has helped implement a number of alternatives to traditional prosecution and incarceration in recent years. List those changes and how would you build on this work?

Q54 Respondent skipped this question

The KCPAO publishes its filing and disposition standards for the public to see how the office exercises its prosecutorial discretion in criminal cases. How will you ensure that the charging decisions and case resolutions are equitable for Black, Indigenous, and communities of color, marginalized, and vulnerable communities?

Q55 Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, how would the KCPAO's pretrial detention and/or bail policies and practices change, if at all?

Q56 Respondent skipped this question

Under your leadership, what role would the KCPAO play in addressing the housing, homelessness and mental health crisis in King County?

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Q57 Respondent skipped this question

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Ratings and Endorsements

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Q63

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How would you address the disproportionate impact of sentencing, punishment, and incarceration in the criminal legal system on Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, marginalized, and other vulnerable communities and how would you work to address it? Please provide specific examples (alternatives to incarceration, bail reform, etc.)

Page 16: ALL CANDIDATES: Submit Questionnaire

Q64

I, candidate, affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted. (Use Prev and Next buttons to review.)

Candidate full name (as signature)

Steve Hobbs

Date

3/9/2022

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)

John Wyble

Date

3/9/2022

Q67

Share with King County Democrats (required if requesting endorsement)

King County Democrats may post this questionnaire to a password-protected folder for access by King County Democrats Endorsements Committee members, Executive Board, and anyone else required to be eligible for endorsement by the King County Democrats.

Q68

Share with LD Dems and Young Dems Endorsement Committee members (optional, may save time if your campaign is seeking LD Dems and Young Dems endorsements)

Respondent skipped this question

Q69

Share with PCOs and/or Members (optional)

Respondent skipped this question

Q70

Share with Public (optional)

Respondent skipped this question

Q71

Email PDF Copy

Please email a copy of my completed submission to the campaign email address. I understand it may take 24-72 hours (or more) for my completed submission to be emailed.
