

King County Democrats 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire

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What type of position are you running for?
Federal
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U.S. Representative, CD7
Are you a Democrat?
Yes
Have you ever been a member of another political party?
No
Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers?
Yes
What actions will you take to protect democracy?
<p>No democracy can sustain itself without a social contract in which all people are treated with respect and dignity. The rise of income inequality and globalization have fomented discontent amongst Americans, who find themselves without dignity, purpose, and community. This has made it easier for leaders to divide us, while distracting us from the positive attributes about being an American and the wonderful freedoms we have. Democracy cannot exist without leaders who are willing to step outside of their own thinking and take on new perspectives. To protect democracy, I will be a strong leader who is pro-humanity. I will encourage others not to dehumanize those with whom they disagree. I have always been someone who questions government actions, but I will not encourage people to engage in violence. Extremism and violence has no place in our democracy.</p>
The WA State Democratic Platform states: The United States must work closely and persistently with other countries to prevent or stop genocide wherever it occurs. What will you do to uphold this principle?
<p>As a young attorney, I studied genocide and international human rights law in Amsterdam, where the perpetrators of genocide in Bosnia were on trial. I have been inspired in my career by the Nuremberg trials. My grandfather helped to liberate Europe from the Nazis, so this is part of my family history. Genocide is a crime of intent, but the actions do not have to rise to the level of genocide for the U.S. to condemn it. I saw what was happening in Ukraine, and my boyfriend and I, an EMT in Seattle, gathered donations to take to a doctor in Ukraine. In the past, I travelled to Greece to assist Syrian refugees. I am extremely passionate about peace. That being said, I am running for this position because I believe the current representative has made repeated comments that I believe support militant extremism, dehumanize Jewish victims of war crimes, and has clearly taken sides on an issue in which peace requires a much different approach. I am not</p>

pro-Israel, or pro-Palestine. I am pro-humanity. Peace and security in the Middle East require cooperation, not more vitriol or militarization.

What programs and strategies will you pursue to lift people out of poverty?

I believe in reforming the tax code and ending corporate welfare. I believe that neoliberalism has had many failures and has led to hollowing out our industrial base and growing an autocratic China, before it proved it would not abuse human rights. Income inequality is a grave threat to our democracy. We need to rebuild our industrial base to ensure we can offer young people jobs so they won't join the ranks of disaffected extremists. We also need to strengthen our supply chains and industry in general as the world becomes a more dangerous place, so that we are not caught flat-footed by our reliance on global trade.

The Inflation Reduction Act is one of the key accomplishments of the Biden Administration. How do you rate its implementation to date, and what are the next steps?

Regular people are not feeling the relief they need right now, and this is going to be a key issue for Democrats in November. However, the IRA expanded affordable health care and we need to continue the expansion of tax credits for healthcare costs. The number of uninsured Americans has fallen to 7%. Although tax credits for electric vehicles is the right idea, many blue-collar voters see this as a giveaway to already wealthy people, who consume far more electricity in their homes than many poorer people do who drive gas-powered vehicles. The act reduces dependence on foreign oil, which should be a top national security priority. The Biden administration has done a fantastic job fighting monopolies in tech and real estate. It has done a fantastic job protecting our advanced technologies from falling into China's hands. It has done a fantastic job revitalizing NATO and supporting Ukraine. But the IRA will take time to show its effectiveness; hopefully this happens sooner rather than later.

What will you do to avoid catastrophic climate collapse and the humanitarian crises that accompany it?

The only solution to avoiding catastrophe is to dramatically reduce greenhouse gases and get other countries to come into accord with this plan. The U.S. cannot do this alone. We must see beyond our global differences and work towards solutions that benefit all of humanity. I do disagree with climate envoy John Kerry and think the U.S. should do more to compensate countries with sensitive ecosystems or close to water that have seen habitat loss due to climate change. The UN has a fund to deal with this issue, but it is not enough. We need to preserve diplomatic ties with China to work on cutting greenhouse gas emissions and work hard with Brazil on reforestation. I believe climate change should be added to the list of eligible reasons for asylum in the treaties on refugees. In Sudan, as factions backed by other countries are engaged in a brutal civil war, 500,000 are at risk of starvation. This is partially a result of environmental stressors caused by climate change. Conflict will become more brutal as there are more fights over resources, especially water. As a species, we need to work harder to combat climate change together and multi-laterally.

What will you do to expand and balance the Courts, including the Supreme Court?

In my opinion, the framers of the Constitution never intended for a court of 9 to be overturning the will of the people. The bill of rights was put in place to protect civil liberties, but it has been hijacked by extremists who want to pick and choose what liberties citizens can enjoy, even within their own states. I would support expanding the Supreme Court. As an institution, however, it has been so tarnished by the current justices that it will be hard to repair public faith in it. I believe in term limits for these justices.

CERTIFICATION: The candidate hereby certifies that, to the best of their knowledge, the provided information is true and accurate.

Yes