

King County Democrats 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire

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What type of position are you running for?

State Executive

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Attorney General

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 will be your priorities as Attorney General?

I want to be Washington's Attorney General to continue my work for equal justice under the law. I've been fortunate to have the opportunity to be appointed by President Biden to be U.S. Attorney for Western Washington, serve as General Counsel to Governor Inslee, work as both a criminal defense attorney and prosecutor, and in private practice. This has given me broad experience, including managing complex litigation and teams of attorneys, helping to end the death penalty in Washington state, fighting right-wing initiatives, and standing up for public employees against anti-union groups like the Freedom Foundation.

I want to continue that work and make Washingtonians safe from gun violence, crime, and free of discrimination. We need to ensure that the state's top lawyer is fighting for workers and those who need a place at the table, and the experience to execute on that mission on day one. I will stand up to protect workers' rights, both in government and in the private sector. The Office of the Attorney General touches on every important issue in Washington and I will not shy away from any fight. I'll stand up for abortion access, worker protections and democracy.

How will you organize your office to create a more-diverse workgroup?

There are several strategies we can implement to foster a more diverse workgroup within the AG's office. Initially, we can establish diversity-focused recruitment initiatives, actively seeking candidates from underrepresented backgrounds through targeted outreach and partnerships with diverse organizations. We can develop and empower this work force by creating mentorship and sponsorship programs within the office that provide support and guidance for diverse employees, aiding in their professional success and retention. Offering diversity training and workshops can also promote inclusivity among staff members.

Furthermore, establishing affinity groups or employee resource groups can provide spaces for employees of diverse backgrounds to connect, share experiences, and advocate for their needs within the organization. Finally, instituting regular diversity audits and surveys can help assess progress, identify areas for improvement, and hold leadership accountable for fostering a truly inclusive workplace culture.

Which issues do you foresee needing close interstate cooperation with your peers across the nation?

I anticipate issues such as protecting abortion rights, immigration policy, climate change, and defending democracy will demand close interstate cooperation with my peers across the nation.

Interstate cooperation is crucial to combat legislation restricting access to abortion and legal challenges that threaten reproductive rights. By sharing resources, legal strategies, and expertise, AG's can mount unified defenses to uphold constitutional protections and ensure access to reproductive healthcare for everyone.

Similarly, immigration policies and enforcement actions often transcend state borders, necessitating coordinated responses to support immigrant communities and challenge federal overreach. By working together, AG's can challenge discriminatory policies and protect the rights of immigrants and refugees.

Safeguarding democracy also requires collective action to combat voter suppression, defend election integrity, and uphold democratic norms. Interstate collaboration enables AG's to address threats to the electoral process, combat disinformation, and strengthen democratic institutions through litigation, advocacy, and public engagement.

What will you do to support existing laws that protect tribal sovereignty and enforce treaties?

Washington is home to 29 federally recognized tribes and three more with treaty rights in our region, 10 of which have endorsed my campaign. I will work to ensure my office engages and seeks meaningful feedback from tribal governments on all issues that affect them. Washington tribes' sovereign rights must be respected.

Every year hundreds of indigenous women go missing in our state. Without systems to collect data or ensure cases are urgently prioritized, we have no way of knowing the scale of this crisis. I will build on the work to establish a missing and murdered indigenous women cold case team, set-up an AGO tip line for reporting incidents, and implement all 10 recommendations from the MMIW taskforce.

For many tribal members and indigenous people, cultural practices, art, subsistence practices, and other traditional ways of life are sacred and essential to their livelihoods. As U.S. Attorney for Western Washington, I successfully held individuals criminally accountable for scamming customers by misrepresenting art as native-made. I will continue this important work as AG, and fight to protect the traditions of native communities from erasure and appropriation.

How will you advance police accountability?

I will work to increase police accountability in several key ways. First, I am committed to advancing improvements that provide for greater oversight, including support for independent civilian review boards with the power to investigate complaints of alleged police misconduct.

I will also work to build greater community engagement and trust-building initiatives, facilitating dialogue between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. By promoting accountability, transparency, and equitable policing practices, I will work towards rebuilding public trust in law enforcement and ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and justly under the law.

As the former U.S. Attorney, I know that effective law enforcement requires trust and credibility with the community they serve and protect. As Attorney General, I will be an active leader in this effort.

What strategy do you have for protecting consumers from predatory business practices or harmful interstate

restrictions?

Whether it's airline junk fees, skyrocketing health care and drug costs, predatory lending targeting vulnerable populations, illegal price fixing, scammers taking advantage of our seniors through robocalls, or even those annoying bots and grifters driving up concert ticket prices – consumers get a raw deal, and it breaks the bank for thousands of families in our state. During my time in the JAG Corps, I fought for military families who had fallen victim to predatory lending practices, and I've seen first-hand how devastating these types of practices can be. As Attorney General, I will stay focused on consumer protection and enforcement.

Washington leads the nation in enforcing state antitrust laws to prevent unfair competition and protect consumers and workers from anti-competitive behavior by companies, in sectors from healthcare to groceries to fast food. I will continue to build on this work, helping to ensure that companies play by the rules and that small businesses, consumers, and workers face a level playing field.

How will you work to protect the privacy of individuals?

I will work to protect the privacy of individuals through 1) proactive enforcement of privacy laws; 2) advocacy for stronger privacy regulations and consumer protections at both the state and federal levels; and 3) collaboration with lawmakers, advocacy groups, and industry stakeholders to draft and enact comprehensive privacy legislation.

Moreover, the Attorney General can engage in litigation and amicus briefs to defend privacy rights in court cases with significant implications for individual privacy, setting legal precedents and protecting privacy rights for years to come. By prioritizing privacy protection and advocating for robust privacy laws and enforcement mechanisms, the Attorney General can ensure that the privacy rights of Washington residents are respected and upheld in an increasingly digital world.

What actions will your office take to protect the environment?

Stringent and thorough enforcement of our environmental protection laws is our first line of defense, and a deterrent against future abuses. Washington state has among the strongest Environmental Protection Divisions of any attorney general's office in the country. I will build on this work to prosecute environmental crime, protect our state's clean air, water and natural resources, ensure the highest standards for energy facilities sited throughout our region, and advocate on climate and environmental issues through amicus briefs in federal cases.

I was proud to work at Governor Inslee's side as he drove state climate policy forward, and now with some of the best laws in the land, Washington must focus on implementing and enforcing those laws. Every aspect of our government must turn its attention to the climate crisis and, as Attorney General, I will be an active partner in supporting and ensuring that all state agencies embed environmental protection work in their DNA, vigorously defend our best-in-the-nation laws and use every tool at my disposal to protect future generations from the devastating impacts of climate change.

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

Yes

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