

King County Democrats 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire

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What type of position are you running for?
State House of Representatives
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LD37 Representative, Position 2
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?

No

What policies and actions do you support to reform Washington's regressive tax structure?

Washington State has the 49th most regressive tax codes in the country and it needs to be fixed so that everyone pays their fair share. I'm proud to be the vice chair of the Finance Committee so that I can try to change this.

The biggest thing we can do is implement an income tax, unfortunately it will take a change to the constitution to implement a progressive income tax. I support keeping our capital gains tax. I sponsored a bill to make the estate tax more progressive (HB 1795). I also cosponsored the wealth tax (HB 1473) and bills which made the real estate excise tax more progressive (HB 1628 & HB2276).

How will you support high quality public education?

I support increasing funding for early education so that our kids come to the k-12 education system ready to learn from day one. This is especially important to help close the achievement gap for children from BIPOC and immigrant communities.

Once in the public k-12 system, we should make sure our teachers and support staff have a living wage. Furthermore, the state has a cap on funding for special education. I've been proud to continually vote to increase the funding for these students who need the most attention.

Public post high school education is important and thought of too narrowly. While free 4-year college is a great aspirational goal, we should start by providing free tuition to 2 year and technical colleges. This can start people on the path to a 4-year degree and helps communities that have been disproportionately underserved by our existing educational system.

How will you increase the supply of affordable housing in the state?

Our neighbors are often pushed out due to the rising cost of living in our community, elders are forced to sell their homes due to increasing property taxes, and renters have few protections. I have firsthand experiences with the problems in the housing market and power imbalance between owners and renters. During my time in Olympia I have fought to ensure tenants have the proper protections, fix the forces which have created the current housing crisis, protect our current residents and homeowners, and strengthen our safety net so that temporary hardships do not end in people losing their homes. Examples:

- Protect tenants by co-sponsoring rent stabilization (HB 2114)
- Expand housing supply by co-sponsoring the missing middle bill (HB1110) to increase density minimums across the state and sponsoring a bill to make sure all non-profit low-income housing providers get preferential tax treatment (HB2012)
- Continue state investment in affordable housing by supporting our biennial budget which included a historic investment in the housing trust fund and cosponsoring bills which raised more revenue for affordable housing (HB 1628 & HB2276).

What actions will you take to reduce discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, historically marginalized groups, and other vulnerable populations?

The Trump administration played a large role in eroding our democratic institutions and social norms. One of the outcomes of this has been a spike in hate crimes and extremism. I cosponsored HB1333, to establish the domestic violent extremism commission to establish a comprehensive public health and community-based framework for responding to domestic violent extremism. Unfortunately, the legislation did not move out of Rules.

How will you seek to eliminate privately run prisons and detention centers?

Thankfully Governor Inslee signed HB1090 which bans the operation of a private detention facility or prison by any person, business, state or local government entity. Not only should we make sure this is fully implemented, we should also work to reduce the number of people in our state run prisons.

What will you do to promote equitable access to quality healthcare for all?

A single payer system, like Medicare, should be available to all Washington residents. Until we get there, I'm proud of the work we've done to provide funding in the budget so that our undocumented neighbors can access WA Apple Health.

What will you bring to the Washington Legislature that would not otherwise be there?

The legislature is full of landlords, which I am as well. The most vocal landlord voices are opposed renter protections. I support renters in my votes, speeches, and the way I run my rental business. Rep. Alvarado did an amazing job sponsoring the rent stabilization bill and put together a diverse coalition of supporters. I was proud to join this alliance as a landlord. I think it's important to have voices from that community who can provide a counter narrative. That is one of the unique experiences I campaigned on in 2022 and I was proud to bring this to bear on the rent stabilization debate.

Another unique quality that sets me apart is my 16 years in the tech industry. This is a skill set that's almost non-existent in the legislature, yet critical given our times. Tech is changing our lives. We need it to open doors for everyone, as opposed to limiting our rights. I used this expertise to co-sponsor the My Health My Data Act (HB 1155) to strengthen reproductive rights and ensure that our healthcare data cannot be used against us.

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

Yes

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