

## King County Democrats 2026 Endorsement Questionnaire

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State Senate

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LD 37 Senator

**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

**Will you share a link to your code of conduct?**[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tDSq8KtP4aTrklq1PrldLdiHMComa\\_E86qKXRVpeeOA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tDSq8KtP4aTrklq1PrldLdiHMComa_E86qKXRVpeeOA/edit?usp=sharing)**Please describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation and political activity).**

I came to Seattle from Virginia, where I was raised in a tradition of multicultural organizing. Through advocating for accessible healthcare and food alongside immigrant and refugee neighbors, I learned the power of leadership that is grounded in, and accountable to, community. Since then, I've trained in anthropology, economic and environmental policy, and collaborative governance. I hold a dual Master's in Public Administration and Public Health from the University of Washington. Currently, I serve as a co-chair on the Washington Environmental Justice Council, while also working as a Collaborative Governance Strategist with the People's Economy Lab. I'm a proud member of Standing for Democracy, an alumni of Sage Leaders Community

Leadership Institute and re:power Women of Color Leadership Development Cohort, and the former Program Lead of University of Washington's Campus Sustainability Fund.

**Why are you running for this position and what differentiates you as a candidate?**

I am running because the 37th Legislative District deserves a champion—someone who will serve, prioritize, and fight for the community. With my background in community-driven policymaking, I know firsthand how to bring my neighbors' voices into decision-making, and win the solutions the 37th LD needs. I've coordinated the first government-funded community assemblies in the nation, helped implement landmark policies including the Climate Commitment and HEAL Acts, and worked deeply with the people of the 37th—from farm parties to feeding elders. This true commitment to local leadership is what makes our campaign strong. We are staffed by community leaders. Our platform is written not by a consultant, but by residents and experts in economic and environmental justice policy. Our strategy is informed not by our largest donors, but by community organizers who know what it takes to create change. When elected, I'll bring this approach to the halls of the Washington State Senate. I'll be present for my community not just during session, but every day. I will work to secure robust education for our youth, a strong local economy, a healthy environment, and well-being for all.

**According to Research Firm ECO Northwest, King County is on track to miss its affordable housing goals for the future. What policies or budget choices will you support to escalate the production of housing in King County, particularly for residents from lower and middle-income levels?**

King County must dramatically increase the scale and speed of affordable housing production. I support expanding investments in social housing, increasing funding for the Housing Trust Fund, and streamlining approvals for affordable and missing middle housing near transit and neighborhood centers.

I also support community-led development models like Brighton Communities and stronger partnerships with organizations like Housing Development Consortium that are already advancing equitable housing solutions across our region. They are meeting the need, and centering our communities in design and development.

I support preserving existing affordable housing, intergenerational housing models, and anti-displacement strategies that protect longtime residents from speculative development. In the 37th LD, we have successful examples of community-centered development through organizations like El Centro de la Raza, Africatown, the Ethiopian Community in Seattle, Brighton Development, and Jackson Co-Housing. These projects show that housing can provide more than shelter; it can preserve culture, support small businesses, and create community spaces that help neighborhoods thrive.

**Recent years have seen historic policy wins for renters in the legislature. What additional policy priorities would you advocate for to address the needs of renters?**

Washington has made important progress for renters, but we still have significant work to do. We need to build on statewide rent stabilization and address other factors that make housing expensive. Puget Sound Energy has raised utility rates in response to cover the rising costs of energy production and growing infrastructure. Utility Billing practices like RUBS are being rolled out and shifting unpredictable costs onto tenants. Data Centers are being constructed, posing greater strains on our energy systems. We need to champion policy that will prevent costs from shifting to the consumer, and enable people to stay in their homes.

I support strengthening tenant protections and advancing policies that recognize housing as a human need, not simply a commodity. In the 37th LD, we face a long legacy of gentrification and displacement. We need pathways that support elders and direct the next generation to build wealth through homeownership. I support expanding universal rental assistance so that no low-income renter is forced to pay more than 30% of their income on housing. Stable housing should not be out of reach for working families, seniors, students, or immigrants.

**In the current federal administration, marginalized communities have been under attack. How will you work to protect democracy and human rights in our state?**

I came to Washington to learn from its progressive leaders, and found my organizing home with communities of color in Seattle's South End and CID. Through Standing for Democracy, Sage Leaders, and democracy and human rights coalitions across the state, I'm already working to protect our most vulnerable communities from federal attacks. In the Senate, I'll continue this advocacy, while defending Washington's role as a democratic stronghold and policy innovator. I'll collaborate with immigrant and refugee community members to develop policies that meaningfully protect against ICE, including regulating data-sharing by state agencies. I'll oppose Brian Heywood's anti-trans ballot initiatives, and work to expand protections for queer and trans youth—both in schools and beyond. And as the federal government cuts funding for healthcare, education, and food, I'll champion progressive revenue to fully fund Apple Health, the Washington College Grant, and the State Food Assistance Program. I believe that by standing strong, and responding proactively to federal abuses, Washington and the 37th LD can build a future where our neighbors can not just survive, but thrive.

**At the same time the risk of climate catastrophes is increasing, federal funding and infrastructure support is being cut to address growing climate needs. What policies do you support to improve Washington's climate resiliency, recognizing that marginalized communities are disproportionately impacted?**

Community well-being is inextricably tied to the health of our environment. As a Senator, I'll be a voice and vote for climate justice in the 37th LD, and across the state.

Through my work as a community organizer, I've seen the impacts of environmental injustice in the form of food deserts, pollution, extreme weather, and more. My experiences as a student of public administration and public health, Program Lead of the University of Washington's Campus Sustainability Fund, and co-chair on the WA Environmental Justice Council have given me the tools to develop—and win—solutions to these crises. Our platform includes commitments to prioritize community health, protect investments for environmental justice, and hold polluters accountable. I'll champion regulations for data centers and protect working families from rising utility costs. I'll pass worker protections from extreme heat, fund the Extreme Weather Response Grant Program, and expand the School Climate & Indoor Air Quality Grant Program. I'll be on the frontlines preserving HEAL Act funding, and maintaining Climate Commitment Act revenue for its original, justice-centered, purpose.

**Across the state, small businesses are the backbone of the state's economy. What policies would you support to improve the environment for small, local businesses?**

Small businesses are the backbone of the 37th LD, both culturally and economically. We are home to countless immigrant-owned businesses that make up the fabric of our neighborhoods. Our businesses have made history, been recognized as some of the longest-standing minority-owned businesses in the country (e.g., Maneki, Tai Tung, Toshio's Teriyaki), and serve our communities each and every day.

My policy platform fights for reinvestment in our district, protection of our cultural legacy, and creating an environment where community-driven development can thrive. It is my job as Senator of this amazing district to reduce permitting requirements and cut the red tape, expand zoning and invite small businesses into residential zones, direct investment into legacy businesses and establish them as cultural heritage sites. I will work to ensure our small businesses are not bought out by larger corporations, and lead alongside our community to advocate for both development and opportunity. I will look to the countless examples in our district of successful small business, and champion a local and regenerative economy that keeps investment in our communities.

**For citizens to function in today's world, everyone needs affordable access to technology and the necessary skills and supportive resources to succeed in the digital age. What policies will you support to ensure rural and marginalized communities are not left behind?**

I support expanding public investment in broadband infrastructure and implementing Washington's digital equity policies established through HB 1503. That includes expanding affordable broadband access, supporting digital literacy programs, and ensuring communities have access to devices and multilingual technical assistance.

Digital equity is an economic justice issue. With no internet access, community

members can not easily access jobs, online classes, healthcare or democratic participation as most of this information is only accessible online or in person. In the age of ICE attacking our communities, and families being afraid to leave their homes – we need to offer digital learning for our community. No child should have to choose between their safety and their education. We must work directly with schools, libraries, tribal governments, and community organisations to make sure people have trusted places where they can safely access technology and learn digital skills. The residents of the 37th will fully participate in this digital era, and I will work to support policy that puts them first.

**It is our paramount duty to make ample provisions for the education of all children in our state. What two top education policy priorities will you work to address in the next legislative session?**

I believe that empowering youth—our future leaders—is not just a priority, it is a responsibility. The 37th Legislative District is home to two public school districts, each serving thousands of students, who deserve to be supported in realizing their potential. As one of the youngest members of the Senate, I would honor this obligation by defending accessibility of higher education, and supporting youth well-being both in and beyond the classroom. In the upcoming session, I'd fight threats to state programs, including the Washington College Grant, Running Start, and career and technical education, which allow young people to pursue higher education without crushing debt. Secondly, I would support policies to secure safe, healthy spaces for young people to grow in. I'd oppose any attempts to target queer and trans youth, champion bills that protect students from ICE such as the SAFE Act, and be a leader on legislation like SB 5870 to defend the well-being of children in the age of AI. Finally, I will strengthen investments in physical and mental health, building on wins such as the Millionaires' Tax and HB 2429 for meals, mental, and behavioral health resources in WA K-12 schools.

**Attestation**

- The candidate hereby attests that, to the best of their knowledge, the provided information is true and accurate.

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*Build Different.*