

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 5

Candidates

Senate: position not open

Representative, Position 1:

Chad Magendanz

Bill Ramos

Representative, Position 2:

Paul Graves

Lisa Callan

Candidate Profile: Chad Magendanz

Basic Information

Running for: State House Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <http://www.vote4chad.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteForChad>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Magendanz>

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 1362

Issaquah, WA 98027

Campaign office phone number: (425) 395-4895

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

In January, 2018 the Issaquah Reporter announced Magendanz would be running for re-election to replace Jay Rodne. Magendanz served two terms from 2013-2017 in the WA House of Representatives but had chosen 2016 to instead launch a campaign for State Senate. Upon losing he has now announced his desire to return to the House. <http://www.issaquahreporter.com/news/magendanz-to-seek-election-to-rodnes-seat/>

A 2016 article listed Magendanz as the recipient of \$4822 from the NRA for independent expenditure. <https://patch.com/washington/seattle/nra-money-supports-many-washington-lawmakers>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Issaquah Chamber Candidate Forum: July 12th, 11:30am. The Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce will be hosting candidates for the U.S. Senate, Washington's 8th Congressional District, and Legislative Districts 5 & 41 at their monthly luncheon.

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- Education: Continue to improve educational institutions with a limited budget.
- Environmental protection (specifically how is very vague)
- Educate to fuel economic growth
- Promote free markets & fair business practices
- Budget based on priorities of government
- Champion fiscal responsibility
- Demand performance accountability

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

The majority Magendanz sponsored bills concerned education, student rights, and providing resources to teachers.

Magendanz sponsored bill HB2375 concerning cyber crime.

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

Served two terms in the Washington State House of Representatives, representing the 5th district.

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Was a member on the committees for Education, Higher Education, Technology and Economic Development, Rules, and Education Accountability System Oversight.

What is their professional background?

Was an officer in the U.S. Navy for a decade followed by a career at Microsoft as a manager. Has since worked as a software design consultant.

What community activities do they engage in?

He has remained very involved in the education-related committees and served as the Issaquah School Board president for several years.

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Bill Ramos

Basic Information

Running for: State House Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <http://voteramos.org/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/voteramos/>

Twitter: <https://www.facebook.com/voteramos/>

Campaign office address:

1420 NW Gilman Blvd. #2268

Issaquah, WA 98027

Campaign office phone number: (425) 208-5882

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

In January, 2018 the Issaquah Reporter wrote an article on Ramos announcing his candidacy. The article gives a brief history of Ramos's work and political background. It also lists the endorsements he's received. <http://www.issaquahreporter.com/news/issaquah-councilmember-to-run-for-5th-district-in-november/>

In February, 2015 the Seattle Times recommended Bill Ramos for a position on the Issaquah City Council. <https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-bill-ramos-for-issaquah-city-council-position-no-4/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

"Phone Bank" event for Bill Ramos and Lisa Callan invites community to join them every Wednesday night to run their call center. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1964294830257867/>

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- Addressing Traffic congestion by backing more transportation projects.
- Improving public education by supplying more resources.
- Improving transparency and accountability within the government.

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

On Immigration, Ramos posted on Facebook in June "My main motto in life is that there is more that unites us than not. Today, we are seeing widespread distrust of "the other," and many would rather close our doors than open our hearts. When it comes down to it, we have more similarities than differences. We are all one human family, and it is our duty to act as such. I want to build bridges, not walls. I want to build connections, not close doors. And I want to grow communities, not hate."

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

Member of the Issaquah City Council since 2015

What is their professional background?

Bill Ramos is currently a small business owner. His company, The Common Good, is an Issaquah-based consulting firm specializing in developing transportation and public transit projects.

From 2005 to 2013, Ramos worked for the US Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a Community Planner. Previously, Ramos was stationed with the US Forest Service in North Bend, Washington.

What community activities do they engage in?

From 1996 to 2013 Ramos owned his own dance business, Dance All Night, teaching Ballroom, Salsa, Swing and Latin dancing. He is a member of the Issaquah Rotary and the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce.

Getting to Know the Candidate

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Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Paul Graves

Basic Information

Running for: State House Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <https://www.paulgraveswa.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/paulgraveswa/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/paulgraveswa?lang=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMgrdr55hAr-0NZe-0JiuU3EnWnUtntxT>

Campaign office address:

55 1st Pl. NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Campaign office phone number: (425) 295-7444

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

2017 article in Seattle Weekly discussing Graves bill to amend the state's 40-year-old Public Records Act by removing a 1995 exemption for state legislators. <http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/state-representative-paul-graves-wants-to-make-the-legislatures-records-public/>

2016 Seattle Times brief article introducing Graves, discusses some issues he focused on. <https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/paul-graves-for-5th-legislative-district-house-position-no-2/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

No future events listed at this time.

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- Education reform
- Traffic issues

- Growth of local businesses
- Monitoring government spending
- Rights, resources, and representation for Foster Care youth.

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

Primary Sponsor for SB6189/HB2481 (DWLS3)

Voted 'Do Not Pass' on SB6052 on the Judiciary House Committee. From the video of the 02/22 committee vote Graves said that he felt "incredibly conflicted" and "looks forward to potential amendments that may well be able to get [him] to a yes." Attached is a link to the video, Graves statement/vote begins at 01:52:30. <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2018021300>

Secondary Sponsor for HB2200 which addresses internet privacy and security.

Voted 'nay' on HB 3003 which amends various police 'Use of Force' Laws.

Voted 'nay' on SB 6219 which requires state insurer coverage of abortion and contraception

Has sponsored and supported several bills addressing the Foster Care System, including HB2256 (concerning the online availability of foster parent preservice training) , HB1808 (Providing support for foster youth in obtaining drivers' licenses and automobile liability insurance), HB1867 (Improving transitions in extended foster care to increase housing stability for foster youth), AND HB2330 (Concerning expansion of extended foster care eligibility).

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

2 years

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Healthcare and Wellness Committee - assistant ranking member

Judiciary Committee - assistant ranking member

Appropriations Committee

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

Served as the founding board member of one of the state's first public charter schools, is active in Snoqualmie Rotary, the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce, and both the state and King County bar associations.

What employment, if any does the candidate have outside the legislature?

"Paul now serves as general counsel to a family-owned trucking company in Auburn, and maintains a substantial pro bono practice representing foster kids in trial courts."

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

No

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Lisa Callan

Basic Information

Running for: State House Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <http://lisacallan.org/lisa-callan-for-state-representative/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lisa.callan.5>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/electlisacallan>

Campaign office address:

PO Box 2095

Issaquah, WA 98027

Campaign office phone number: (425) 260-4878

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Article in the Issaquah-Sammamish Report announcing Callan's candidacy, giving brief background and description of her main issues. "We have so many challenges with school-to-workforce pipelines, small-business opportunity, our public schools and traffic that need to be addressed."

<http://www.issaquahreporter.com/news/issaquah-school-boards-callan-to-run-for-5th-ld/>

Highlighted in an article from 2015 written by Issaquah Highlands that looks at balancing career and motherhood indicates how invested she is in her son and specifically discusses how social media has such a big role in their lives. <https://www.issaquahhighlands.com/balancing-and-the-art-of-motherhood/>

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Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- Improving education by increasing funding, resources for teachers, and bringing more technology and business education to schools.
- Improving traffic
- Growth management

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

Regarding immigrant rights, Callan endorse the Washington Voting Rights Act.

<https://oavotes.org/2018/06/26/the-story-of-2018-immigrants-and-refugees-organize-to-defend-our-families-and-advance-democracy-at-the-ballot-box/>

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

No

What is their professional background?

Lisa Callan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Sciences from Northern Arizona University. Ms. Callan worked for Boeing Commercial Airplanes as a lead engineer, and Project Manager in simulation software integration and engineering simulator design, build, and operation to validate the designs of Boeing's commercial airplane fleet. She was also a software consultant with Cambridge Technology Partners working as a Project / Program Manager for large, full life cycle, software development programs.

What community activities do they engage in?

She has been an active classroom and PTSA volunteer at her son's school, and has served in numerous PTSA leadership roles. She has served on a Levy Advisory Committee, district budget review committee, and state financial audit reviews. She is active with the Volunteers for Issaquah Schools, a supporter of the Issaquah Schools Foundation, a member of Kiwanis and the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce and has served as a Loaned Executive to the United Way of King County. She has served as the Board Legislative Representative and represents the District on the Eastside Human Services Forum Board.

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Not at this time.

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

No.