

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 43

Candidates

Senate:

Jamie Pedersen

Dan Harder

Representative, Position 1:

Nicole Macri

John Peeples

Representative, Position 2:

Frank Chopp

Claire Torstenbo

Candidate Profile: Jamie Pedersen

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: www.peopleforpedersen.org/

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Campaign office address:

815 1st Ave #111

Seattle, WA 98104

Campaign office phone number: (206) 832-8174

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

6/22/2017 Redmond Reporter (Regarding positions on planned gun control legislation)

<http://www.redmond-reporter.com/news/state-democrats-announce-push-for-far-stricter-gun-control-in-2018/>

6/17/2018 The Spokesman Review (Regarding supporter for bill banning Bump Stocks)

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/jan/16/bump-stock-ban-passes-committee/>

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

Issues

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

- Our Future Depends on Public Education

My mom, dad, aunt, uncle, cousins and husband have all dedicated their lives to teaching in our state's public schools. For them to succeed, our state must commit to fund education amply and provide the innovation necessary to help our next generation. That means lowering class sizes, providing all-day kindergarten and making pre-school affordable for everyone. Since I was elected, I have visited every public school in the 43rd District multiple times and have worked closely with the Seattle Public Schools on providing them the support they need in Olympia. Having two sons at Stevens Elementary and two at Thurgood Marshall Elementary gives me great appreciation for the paramount importance of funding great public schools.

- Improve Transportation and the Environment

The 43rd District is at the center of many of our transportation infrastructure challenges. I am proud to have helped pass the plan to replace the SR 99 Viaduct with a deep-bore tunnel and the plan and revenue to replace the dangerous SR 520 floating bridge that optimizes transit use and protects the neighborhoods of our district. I am thrilled to have helped pass the authorization for Sound Transit 3 that will build out the light rail system and connect the neighborhoods of our district to cities throughout the region. And, as a bike commuter for over 20 years, I have been working on bicycle safety issues as well.

- Everyone Deserves the Same Rights

As a gay man, I have faced discrimination. As a civil rights attorney, I have helped people about to lose the family home, a loved one's inheritance or custody of children because gay men and lesbians aren't treated equally under the law. But we can't and shouldn't have to protect our community one family at a time. As one of the main advocates of our LGBT civil rights in Olympia, I am proud to be hard at work on changing the law so that all families are valued and respected equally; to end discriminatory policing; to make sure that communities of color can participate equally in our elections system; to guarantee equal pay for equal work and paid family leave; and to make sure that people of limited means have access to our civil justice system.

- Public Safety

As Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and Chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee, I worked to reform and fund our mental health and involuntary commitment system. We need to make sure that our communities are safe and that people with mental illness get the treatment that they need. In the 2013 session, I was also the prime sponsor of the bill to require background checks on all firearm purchases that became I-594. In 2018, I was the prime sponsor of first-in-the nation legislation to allow the voluntary waiver of firearm rights. I will continue to fight for reasonable regulation of gun ownership to reduce suicide and other gun violence.

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

- Criminal justice reform
 - Voted Yes on HB 1298 (Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or conviction)
 - Supports 6502 (Abolish Death Penalty) ACLU supports.
 - Public quote: 2/2018 "With just minutes remaining to pass Senate bills off the floor, we took a historic vote to abolish the death penalty and replace it with life in prison without the possibility of parole. This is an emotional subject, but I believe SB 6502 is the right direction for our state. We have overwhelming evidence that the death penalty is unfairly administered, expensive, and inconsistently applied across our state."
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Sponsor 5722 (Conversion therapy) ACLU supports
 - Sponsor 6219 (Health Plan coverage of reproductive health care) ACLU supports

- Sponsor 6037 (Uniform parentage act) ACLU supports (background below)
 - Quote from sdc.wastateleg.org/Pedersen/2018/03/

“For the last three years, I have chaired a drafting committee of the national Uniform Law Commission to update the Uniform Parentage Act in light of the United States Supreme Court’s marriage equality decision. The new Parentage Act will help protect same-sex couples and their families around the country. I am proud that Washington became the first state to enact this law (with Vermont, Rhode Island, California, and Delaware working this year to follow us). ESSB 6037 will:

 - allow the non-biological mother in a lesbian couple to confirm her status as a legal parent through a one-page “acknowledgement of parentage” and avoid a costly and intrusive second-parent adoption;
 - permit compensated surrogacy arrangements, with substantial regulatory protections for women acting as surrogates, intended parents, and children born of surrogacy;
 - give children born through assisted reproduction access to information about their egg or sperm donors when they reach age 18; and
 - codify Washington’s law that protects the relationship between children and people who are not biological or adoptive parents but function as parents (“de facto parents”).
- From sdc.wastateleg.org/Pedersen/2018/03/
 - The Reproductive Parity Act: Senate Bill 5554 ensures women have access to contraceptive drugs, products and services needed for reproductive health.
 - 3D mammography coverage: Senate Bill 5912 mandates insurance that carriers cover three-dimensional mammography so women have access to potentially life-saving information about their health.
 - Breast density notification: Senate Bill 5084 requires radiologists to include information about a woman’s breast density in a post-mammogram letter. This brings our state law in line with 27 other states that share this important information.
- Immigrant rights
 - Voted Yes on E3SHB 1488 (Higher Ed opportunities) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SHB 1022 (Crime victim participation) ACLU supports
- Policing
 - Co-sponsored DWLS3 (SB 6189) ACLU supports
 - Sponsored/supported SI 940 (De-escalate WA initiative): Requires all law enforcement officers in the state receive violence de-escalation training and mental health training. Establishes the duty of all law enforcement officers to render first aid to preserve the life of persons with whom the officer comes into contact while carrying out official duties. Establishes a good faith standard, utilizing both an objective and subjective test, to determine whether a law enforcement officer is criminally liable for the use of deadly force. Also companion bill SHB 3003.
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
 - Sponsored 6408 (Regulating body worn cameras)

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

First elected in 2006 to the House, 2012 to the Senate.

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Law and Justice, Ranking Minority Member
Ways and Means, Member

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

Provides free legal services to a variety of nonprofits, such as Pride Foundation, Social Venture Partners, Seattle Girls Choir, and Lambert House.

Is the past President and current Treasurer of Central Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, where I helped to establish a nonprofit to run a community lunch program that feeds hundreds of people each week. Has taught Sunday School to elementary school kids for the last eight years.

“I chaired the board of the national civil rights organization Lambda Legal from 2003-2005, and served as Lambda's lead volunteer lawyer on our state's marriage equality case. Since 2005, I have served as chair of Lambda's National Leadership Council. I have sung in the Seattle Men's Chorus for over 20 years and helped to craft the vision of the Chorus: to create a world that values and accepts its gay and lesbian citizens. An Eagle Scout since 1984, I am proud to have returned to an inclusive scouting organization as a den leader in cub scout Pack 9, based at St. Joseph's School.”

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

General Counsel for McKinstry, a national construction firm HQ-ed in Seattle

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?

Neighborhood meeting jointly with Nicole Macri, to discuss their backgrounds and political positions in general.

Candidate Profile: Dan Harder

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: <https://voteharderforseattle.org/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/voteharderforseattle/>

<https://twitter.com/voteharderforseattle>

Campaign office address:

PO Box 20214

Seattle, WA 98102

Campaign office phone number: (206) 880-0265

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

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

Issues

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

From his website

- **Is this the Seattle you voted for?**

Something has gone wrong. Homelessness is rampant, garbage and needles litter the streets, housing and taxes are astronomical, crime is soaring, congestion is unbearable. All this in spite of billions being spent to help the needy and improve transit. **We don't need more spending, we need more accountability and rational policy in Seattle and in Olympia.**

- **We are all the same.**

What we have in common as individuals, as Seattleites, as Americans, is so much greater than any group identity that separates us.

- **The rules should be the same.**

The rules should be the same for young and old, rich and poor, or any ethnicity as best as we can make them. Having the same rules for everyone, and applying the rules or laws consistently builds mutual respect and shared experience within the community

- **Real Conversations.**

Somewhere along the line we stopped having conversations. It should be ok to disagree on how we get there - we can still get along! It's basic civil discourse, and we need more of it.

- **Real Solutions.**

Only by looking at all perspectives can you really see the extent of the problem and come to a workable solution. If we have real conversations and avoid symbolic gestures, we create policy that actually works, for Seattle and the whole state.

- **CIVIL RIGHTS**

We live in a time where understanding of basic civil rights is eroding. We see various government agencies abusing their power, using it for political gain and to silence critics instead of serving the public. The attempted silencing of the College Republicans by the UW administration is a prime example. We need to re-engage in civic education and re-energize civic discourse.

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

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Anti safe-injection sites
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

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?

Lived in Seattle for 20 years, working as a mechanical engineer.

Engineer: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineer 1995

Employment: Engineer at Boeing, 1998-Present

What community activities do they engage in?

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: Nicole Macri

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

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

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Twitter: @votenicolemacri

<https://www.facebook.com/votenicolemacri/>

Campaign office address:

PO Box 9100

Seattle, WA 98109

Campaign office phone number: (206) 313-3751

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

<http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/04/20/25083423/guest-editorial-dont-let-statewide-funding-for-homelessness-expire>

<http://realchangenews.org/2017/06/28/advocate-lawmaker-real-change-vendor-lisa-sawyer-interviews-rep-nicole-macri>

<https://www.seattlemet.com/articles/2016/12/30/appropriately-seattle-voters-are-sending-an-unflappable-advocate-for-people-experiencing-homelessness-to-olympia-in-2017>

www.capitolhillseattle.com/2016/11/meet-your-new-43rd-district-rep-capitol-hills-nicole-macri/

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

Don't see any as of 6/16/2018

Issues

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

- **Expand accessible and affordable housing** options that address the structural changes we need to protect our state's low income residents and our most vulnerable

- **Integrate primary and behavioral healthcare** in the places where people are most likely to live and to go, to improve their health outcomes and reduce costs.
- **Create a sustainable and equitable transportation system** that expands infrastructure for transit, bikes, sidewalks and other options.
- **Fully fund our schools** to comply with the Supreme Court's McCleary decision.
- **Close the opportunity gap** in our educational system, beginning with early learning and including our schools, so that where kids live isn't the primary factor in determining their success and whether they go to college or to prison.
- **Ensure LGBTQ people are free from discrimination** and have safe access to spaces and services.
- **Expand alternative sentencing and diversion programs** for nonviolent offenders to address the legacy of racial bias and disparate impact in our criminal justice system.
- **Close the gender pay gap** by ensuring equal pay for equal work and establishing paid parental leave.
- **Reduce carbon emissions** and promote investment in renewable energy sources.

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

- Criminal justice reform
 - Voted Yes on E2SSB 6160 (Exclusive adult jurisdiction) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on ESSB 6550 (Juvenile offense diversion) ACLU supports
 - Endorses De-escalate Washington
 - Voted Yes on HI 940 (Law enforcement) ACLU supports
 - Co-Sponsor HB 1260 (Vacation of misdemeanor marijuana offense convictions)
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Voted Yes on SB 5722(Conversion therapy) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SB 6219 Requires State Insurer Coverage of Abortion and Contraception ACLU supports
 - Sponsor HB 2482 (Limitation on health care provider services imposed by health care entities) ACLU supports
- Immigrant rights
 - Voted Yes on E3SHB 1488 (Higher Ed opportunities) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SHB 1022 (Crime victim participation) ACLU supports
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
 - Voted Yes on 6408 (Regulating body worn cameras)

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

First elected to WA House of Representatives in 2016

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

Currently:

Vice Chair of Healthcare and Wellness Committee

Vice Chair of Community Development, Housing, and Tribal Affairs Committee

Appointed by the City Council to serve successive terms as a member of the Housing Levy Oversight Committee

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Capital Budget Committee (currently)

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

Board of Directors of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

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

Deputy Director for the Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) in Seattle, where she has worked since 2002

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?

Yes, with a neighborhood group. Wide ranging discussion of Macri's background.

Other information:

Of interest: <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/nicole-macri/macri-chopp-pedersen-joint-end-of-session-newsletter/>

Candidate Profile: John Peeples

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <https://www.johnpeeplesfor43ld.org>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

No Twitter for campaign; FB account is personal, not public.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/john-peeples-77945813/>

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 45835
Seattle, WA 98145

Campaign office phone number: (206) 552-0872

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

In a June 2018 post on [Capitol Hill Seattle Blog](#), John Peeples is only mentioned in that the writer notes that he is listed as Republican by King County Elections but nowhere on his website is the word Republican used (however, after that post was written a July 3 endorsement from the local GOP central committee is listed)

In a July 10, 2017 Seattle Times article, Peeples was cited as being one of the only attendants against a Seattle income tax at a town hall (He is referred to as a 45-year old Green Lake resident).

The same event was written about in the Economic Opportunity Institute, which quoted Peeples more fully as saying “Yes means yes and no means no,” he said. “How many times do the targets of your undue attention and envy need to say no before you respect their wishes? As with any threatened act that does not enjoy mutual consent, I can assure you that the non-consenting party will simply refuse to take it lying down and will not comply.” The Progressive Voter Guide named this as the same John Peeples the candidate.

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

Issues

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

Three main priorities listed on campaign website’s splash page: **Transportation** (Focused on the rights/interests of drivers: public transit not mentioned), **Fiscal responsibility** (“rain day fund”), and **Education** (charter schools, home schooling, and public libraries).

On the issues page he elaborates on each of these planks and includes a fourth: **Free Speech** (“civil, civic discourse”).

His Transportation plank includes being **anti-surveillance, although it’s unclear whether this is limited to the idea of levying a “per mile” tax on cars.**

Separately, it can be found on the internet that he has spoken out against an income tax.

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

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
 - He is opposed to government surveillance of cars for the purpose of a levying a per-mile road tax.

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

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

What is their professional background?

The candidate says on his campaign page that he “arrived in Seattle 9 years ago to make air planes.” There is a John Peeples on LinkedIn who is an engineer and moved from California to Seattle 9 years ago to work for Boeing. He went to school at Purdue.

His candidate statement confirms that he went to Purdue.

What community activities do they engage in?

He says on campaign page that he enjoys the outdoors and volunteers for a youth organization.

His candidate statement on the 2018 Primary Voters Guide says he volunteers for the Boy Scouts.

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: Frank Chopp

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <http://frankchopp.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Campaign office address:

4209 Sunnyside Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103

Campaign office phone number: (206) 381-1220

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

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/qa-state-house-speaker-on-taxes-death-penalty-harassment/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/subscribe/signup-offers/?pw=redirect&subsource=paywall>

<https://washingtonstatewire.com/prediction-3-frank-chopp-will-announce-retirement/>

<http://nwnewsnetwork.org/post/seiu-looms-large-fight-control-washington-legislature>

<https://kcts9.org/programs/in-close/government/affordable-housing-crusader>

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

Does not seem to be speaking at any public events as of 6/17/2018

Issues

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

<https://frankchopp.com/the-issues/>

Fund basic education, health care for all, affordable housing, funding mental health treatment, protecting the environment

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

- Criminal justice reform
 - Voted Yes on E2SSB 6160 (Exclusive adult jurisdiction) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on ESSB 6550(Juvenile offense diversion) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on HI 940 (Law enforcement) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on HB 2679 (Pretrial Release programs) ACLU opposes
 - Voted Yes on SB 5037 Classifies 4th DUI as a Felony
 - Voted Yes on HB 2136 Amends Regulations Regarding Recreational Marijuana

- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Voted Yes on SB 5722 (Conversion therapy) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SB 6219 Requires State Insurer Coverage of Abortion and Contraception ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SB 6037 Authorizes Financial Compensation of Surrogates
 - Voted Yes on HB 1647 Requires Maternity Health Plans to Cover Abortion
 - Voted Yes on HB 1356 Requires Employers to Offer Paid Sick Leave
- Immigrant rights
 - Voted Yes on E3SHB 1488 (Expanding Higher ed opportunities] ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on SHB 1022 (Crime victim participation) ACLU supports
- Policing
 - Voted yes on HB 3003 (Amending Police 'Use of Force' Laws)
 - Voted Yes on HB 2362 Amends Police Body Camera Regulations
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
 - Voted Yes on SB 6408 (Body worn cameras) ACLU supports
 - Voted Yes on HB 2789 Establishes Usage Policy for Extraordinary Sensing Devices 2014 (Ultimately vetoed by Inslee)

Death penalty:

Apparently did not bring bill to the floor for a vote: "This is something that is controversial, and the numbers are so divided that it may not be something that Speaker Chopp would want to fall on his sword on behalf of his caucus members," Walsh said, referring to state Rep. Frank Chopp, a Democrat from Seattle and speaker of the house. - from <http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/politics-government/article204222859.html>

Here's the bill's history with the house (it looks like they're sitting on it):

<http://apps2.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=6052&Year=2017&BillNumber=6052&Year=2017#billhistorytitle>

Chopp has avoided saying anything one way or the other:

"Q: Does eliminating the death penalty fall under the list of "other ones"?"

A: It could. People have really strong feelings about that. It was voted on by the people. Look, the core issues are education, health care, jobs and then related issues like housing, for example." From <https://www.bing.com/search?q=washington%20state%20house%20vote%20on%20death%20penalty&qs=n&form=QBRE&sp=-1&pq=washington%20state%20house%20vote%20on%20death%20penalty&sc=0-44&sk=&cvid=7B74DD080CBB40939DFF5924111B3936>

Teen Sexting:

No public comments. Bill failed to get a vote in the House

DWLS3:

No public comments

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

“He has served in office since 1995. Chopp was co-speaker with his Republican counterpart Clyde Ballard from 1999 to 2002 when the state House was tied 49-49. He became the sole Speaker in 2002 following a Democratic victory in the 21st LD special election.” From <https://washingtonstatewire.com/prediction-3-frank-chopp-will-announce-retirement/>

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

Speaker, Washington State House of Representatives – 2002-present
Co-Speaker, Washington State House of Representatives – 1999-2001
Chair of Rules Committee since 2017

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Rules (Chair) currently

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

See below

Incumbent (Speaker of the House since 2002

“...it’s been Chopp that has arguably been the most important figure in state politics over the last generation. Where the Senate has often been unwieldy, the House has been a tight ship. Where governors come and go, and even legislators ebb and flow [sic], Chopp has remained.” From <https://washingtonstatewire.com/prediction-3-frank-chopp-will-announce-retirement/>

What community activities do they engage in?

Senior Advisor, Solid Ground (formerly the FPA) – 2006-present

See extensive resume (public service) here: <https://frankchopp.com/meet-frank/franks-biography/>

Includes long history in the House, as well as President, Fremont Public Association (FPA) – 1999-2006 and Executive Director, Fremont Public Association – 1983-1998

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?

10 years ago: school reform.

Other information:

Page of legislative accomplishments: <https://frankchopp.com/the-issues/legislative-accomplishments/>

Awards: <https://frankchopp.com/meet-frank/awards/>

Candidate Profile: Claire Torstenbo

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <https://www.claire4house43.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/claire-torstenbo-280ab98a>

Campaign office address:

Campaign office phone number:

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

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Issues

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From her web-site:

Homelessness

There are over 12,000 people living on the streets of Seattle. Progress does not look like people sleeping on the sidewalk or in tents on the side of I-5. Our policies must address the root causes of homelessness, not the symptoms. We must prioritize government spending on agencies and non-profits with a proven track record. Compassionate policies require results and we should enforce the laws that create a safe community and get people off the streets.

Taxes

Seattle is not facing a revenue crisis. We are spending millions on issues that are not improving. This indicates mismanagement in how our government allocates and spends. As your representative, I will support policies with measurable outcomes to prove that government works for the taxpayers and the vulnerable in our communities.

I oppose a state income tax. Washington's status as one of seven states without an income tax has helped us to be prosperous and competitive. The addition of a personal income tax will put us at a disadvantage-individually and statewide.

Transportation

We're spending more time than ever in traffic and yet we continue to pump millions of dollars with no additional capacity. To accommodate our region's growth, transportation projects should add vehicle capacity, not restrict lanes for bicycles or HOV/Toll Lanes. We need to reign in the unaccountable transit authorities who don't fix immediate transportation needs and defer to investing billions in underutilized mass transit. The future is driverless cars. As a leader in tech, culture and much more, Washington needs to be ready for these transportation advances or it will fall behind.

Opioids

There's no getting around it. We are facing an opioid epidemic. Supervised injection sites are inconsistent with maintaining safe communities and helping drug addicts. We must encourage treatment and rehabilitation, not taxpayer subsidized drug consumption.

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

- [Criminal justice reform](#)
- [Healthcare access](#) (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- [Immigrant rights](#)
- [Policing](#)
- [Student discipline](#)
- [Surveillance](#)

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?

Education

Seattle Pacific University, 2014 graduated, Political Science and Government

Current Employment

Senior Consultant, Spur Group

Creates project management structure around complex projects with multiple workstreams. Executes project management functions including meeting management and logistics and deliverable creation. Drives insight from multiple data sources and presents compelling visuals to key stakeholders.

What community activities do they engage in?

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?

Other information:

Overall statement

Seattle is a city of limitless potential. I moved here to be part of a dynamic city that produces the best in technology, healthcare, and culture.

But we're at risk of losing our momentum. Although Olympia and Seattle are seeing historic tax revenues and are spending more than ever, our problems aren't getting any better. We must demand accountable policies with measurable outcomes to prove that government works for *everyone* in our communities.

This community has had the same representation in Olympia since 1995. A fresh perspective, innovative ideas and a commitment to smart, accountable spending will be key to ensuring Seattle remains a city of boundless opportunity.