

## 31st Legislative District Democrats Candidate Questionnaire

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4. If elected, what positive changes will you champion that will benefit the 31<sup>st</sup> LD?

I'm running for Representative in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District because I am passionate about strengthening district through economic development, creation of jobs, and building 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure. I'm a Democrat who advocates equality for all: women, minorities, and those caught in the economic downturn. If I'm elected, I will work for the 31<sup>st</sup> LD to

- Fight for Washington's workers, families, and senior citizens.
- Fight against the Republican anti-labor agenda by standing with Labor on the issues of TPP, Employee Free Choice Act, Banning Striker Replacement, Davis-Bacon, Safety Standards and Fair Trade.
- Attract manufacturing, export/import, and STEM jobs to the district.
- Work to increase federal money to build 21st century sustainable infrastructure while interest rates are at a historic low; now is the time to invest to create jobs for building the infrastructure that will increase productivity.
- Get better policy and laws that back the NIH classification of drug and alcohol addiction as a chronic disease, and improve awareness and education for our youth to stop the epidemic.
- Form policy and vote to pass laws that provide equality for all.

5. What are the three most critical issues you expect to encounter in the office you are seeking?

There are many critical issues important to the office of Representative in the 8<sup>th</sup> CD. The three most critical are

1. Increasing economic growth
2. Supporting a living wage
3. Equal rights for all

6. Please give us an example of when you had to make a critical decision that, due to its impact on others, was difficult. Tell us why you made your decision and what, if any, actions you took to mitigate any negative results.

The most recent decision that impacts others is my decision to publicly support Planned Parenthood during this time of controversy. Some have recommended I leave the topic out of campaign materials to decrease the likelihood of losing voters' support. Since I feel so strongly about others having access to reproductive healthcare I decided that win or lose, I will continue to publicly support the organization. Following is the statement in a brochure I developed and have distributed:

“Many from the other party voted to either shut down Planned Parenthood or shut down the United States Government. Its closing could jeopardize the ability for low and middle income women and men to protect themselves from the Zika virus and other serious health concerns, as well as to plan their families.”

7. What methods will you employ to communicate with your constituency on a regular basis?

Communicating with my constituency on a regular basis is crucial to representing them in Washington DC. I would employ all forms of communication to remain in contact with my constituents. My website would have a place for emailing and my email address would be readily accessible, we can talk by phone, and social media would be used to reach out to my constituents.

8. What other information would you like us to consider?

I'm bringing my private sector experience in global markets and in negotiating tough deals to our government to work hard for the people of the 31<sup>st</sup> LD in the 8<sup>th</sup> CD. I'll improve the writing of policy and passing of laws that protect our citizens and workers while supporting our ability to compete in the global economy.

I have travelled to developed and emerging economies and know our country is the best country in which to live and work. If elected, I will protect our freedom and our rights by representing the 8<sup>th</sup> CD in Washington DC as our founders, who were so wisely inspired instructed in our constitution. Separation of church and state is an important reason why our country is so strong.

In our hemisphere, the only hot spot of civil strife is due to the drug war and is focused in Colombia. In the Eastern Hemisphere, there were 16 countries with civil unrest, and there are more now. Most of the countries do not have a separation between church and state, and those that do are experiencing civil upheaval from groups that are fighting to take control to eliminate the separation.

Diversity and Innovation are two of our country's greatest assets as the leader of the free world. I will work hard in Washington DC to protect all our citizens' rights and ability to work for a living wage, and to have a good education for their children in our public schools.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at

Issaquah, WA King County

Signature

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