

King County Democrats

2017 Candidate Questionnaire

Port Level



Candidate Name	Brooks Salazar	
Position Sought	Port Commissioner #4	
Home Legislative District	34 th LD	
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	YES!	
Campaign Name	Brooks Salazar for Port	
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Consultant(s)	Moxie Media	

Part I – Candidate Background

Please briefly describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience. Attach a resume with more complete history.

Education: Bachelors degree from Easter Washington U.
 Employment: State Government Worker - Workers Compensation Law
 Community and Civic: Executive Board Member of the 34th Dems, Member of Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and Latino Professionals for America
 Union: Executive Board Member of the Washington State Federation of State Employees and Executive Board Member of Martin Luther King County Labor Council

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What offices have you previously sought election or appointment to? What campaigns have you worked on?

Christine Gregoire for Governor, Joe McDermott for the 7th, Labor neighbor, Labor for Bernie

What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign?

I was approached by two well established labor community political directors to run, as they liked my thought process and voting record at the King County Labor Council. If elected I would create more progressive policies that would open the door to more shared economic gains with all not just the rich elite few who have consultants and lobbyist. I would also move the commission to district elections because the voting public needs to have an equal voice, as those are true democratic values. I would also strive to change Port taxation policies and fees to less regressive taxes and fees

List the notable endorsements you have received to date. Who are you planning to ask for an endorsement?

Received WFSE local 304 (Seattle Community Colleges, Renton Tech, Green River CC and Bellevue CC, WFSE local 308 (King Co. DOC) , WFSE Local 1556 (interpreters united) President of King County Council Joe McDermot. I will be seeking endorsement from the Legislative District level Democrats groups, Labor groups, as well as environmental and Progressive groups.

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. For instance, how many doors have you knocked on? What earned media has your campaign received? How much money have you raised?

I have only just entered the race, this past week. I do have an aggressive fundraising plan, excellent consultants and the time and energy to run a successful campaign. I have already received some key endorsements, and I will be announcing more soon.

Have you ever been a member of any other political party? If so, what party? Have you ever given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, to whom and when?

No

Please answer the following questions.

		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?	X	
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		X

* If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain your answer:

Attorney Fee and disputed credit card making those whole before primary

Part II – Port Issues

#	Question	Yes	No	Qualify your response
1	Do you support amending the U.S. Constitution to lessen the influence of money in politics, and declare that corporations do not have the rights of natural persons?	X		States need to come together to change citizens united
2	Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?	X		I am a public worker and active union member
3	Do you support full implementation of SeaTac Good Jobs Proposition #1 (2013) within the Port of Seattle's jurisdiction?	X		I was very upset the Port would try to exclude themselves from \$15/min wage.

4	Should the Port promote a clean drayage truck program?	X		I do and I want the Union workers from Kenworth to build them here in King Co.
5	Should the Port promote dockside rail connections to minimize truck traffic congestion, and diesel emissions?	X		Let's get Terminal 5 going!
6	Do you support replacing trees on or off site lost during development to protect our cities' urban tree canopy?	X		I think we can find a balance of economic and environment in all ways of doing business
7	Should the Port make "Cold Iron" electrical power available to shippers to minimize diesel generator exhaust air pollution?	X		It creates jobs and helps the environment
8	Do you support the Port's "Century Agenda" (Our Vision: 100,000 new jobs)?	X		But I would like to add better worker protections on wages healthcare and retirement attached to those jobs.
9	Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?		X	I will not invest in Coal and Oil exportation. I would like the Port to focus on new Eco and Clean energy infrastructure
10	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	X		I am pro union yes
11	Do you support Chris Hansen's proposal to build a new basketball arena in SoDo now that it is fully privately funded and there are added dollars for mitigation of freight mobility issues?	X		Yes if SoDo Arena does so without the city tax dollars being spent on it. We need to use our tax dollars on infrastructure and not helping a Corporation get richer.
12	Do you support the efforts of SeaTac Airport workers to collectively bargain for better pay and better working conditions?	X		Yes I have even taken time off of work to march with them to a port meeting
13	Do you support the repeal Tim Eyman's I-747, which artificially limits property tax increases to 1% per year, regardless of population growth, inflation, and need?	x		Tim Eyman's evil and has done nothing but harm to our state. But as a public official I would take an oath to use tax dollars properly and not misspent on corporate greed!

Part III – Free Response Questions

Please review the 2016 King County Democratic Platform, approved by the delegates to the King County Convention and available from KCDCC's website. List which planks, if any, you disagree with, and why.

They are all GREAT!

What role should the Port Commission play in approving small value contracts or short-term tenant leases, such as the recent Foss Maritime/Shell Oil lease?

The Port Commission needs to keep the public interest in mind while approving leases. This county cares about its landscape and an oil rig that is not a part of that land scape.

At current growth rates, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is likely to reach its passenger capacity within a decade, what have you done or will do to deal with the growth at the airport, while being a better neighbor to people living near the airport?

We need to improve the terminals and work with transportation agencies to improve flight paths and more efficient runways. I would like to tie the jobs of these improvements with Project Labor Agreements and Priority Hire so neighboring community's receive the economic development of the airport.

Do you feel the Northwest Seaport Alliance between the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma has been successful so far, and what if any changes to the Alliance are needed?

The Northwest Seaport Alliance has been good by stopping both Ports from competing with each other in a race to the bottom. I would like to see district elections for both ports. The public has a right to a voice in the government. Our founding fathers fought against taxation without representation.

What will you do or have you done to support the selection of women and minority-owned businesses in contracting with the Port of Seattle?

This is an issue that is very important to me. One of the many things I would do, would be to use good worker agreements like Priority Hire and Project Labor agreements. Apprenticeship programs like the Iron Worker 86 have 30% women apprentices' and are a great example of how this can be done well.

What important state and local issues have you worked on (or taken an interest in) that you feel aren't getting enough attention from elected leaders and the media?

Our state tax system, Postage on ballots (poll tax), State Budget, Aerospace tax accountability

I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.

Signature	Brooks Salazar
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Printed Name	Brooks Salazar
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Date: 5/9/17
