

VOTER GUIDE: WA 47TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: POSITION 1

This nonpartisan voter guide is intended to educate voters about where candidates stand on key issues that are facing Washington's 47th legislative district. Candidates were asked to complete a questionnaire; their responses have been shortened and paraphrased for the guide.

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THE ISSUES: CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

<p>What issue(s) would you prioritize if elected?</p>	<p>First and foremost, economic recovery efforts to uplift local businesses and lower food, housing and healthcare costs. Other priorities include making higher education more affordable, investing in high quality childcare, and ensuring first responders have the resources needed to keep communities safe.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. Priorities outlined on the campaign website include "improving public safety, advocating for responsible spending and lower taxes, and unleashing small business owners to create more family wage jobs."</p>
<p>What changes would you propose, if any, to the Washington tax system?</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of taxes paid by working class families. Consider raising revenue from investments such as non-primary residential properties, capital gains and other forms of investment wealth.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. According to the campaign website, he opposes tax increases and "would push to provide tax relief."</p>
<p>What is your position on when abortions should or should not be allowed?</p>	<p>Women should have access to abortion. The state should fund affordable abortion access and support all family planning options, including low to no cost contraceptives.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>Do you support or oppose proposed legislation like comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, firearm safety training, ban on automatic weapons, etc.?</p>	<p>Support legislation to reduce unauthorized access to firearms including background checks, red flag laws, limits on magazine sizes and banning automatic weapons. Supports funding firearm safety training and creating data to help stop illegal distribution of firearms.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>

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<p>Do you believe climate change is occurring and caused by humans? If so, what role do you see Washington State legislators playing to address the issue?</p>	<p>Yes. WA legislators should invest in low/zero carbon producing job training, build effective transportation and construction practices to promote carbon free material use, and provide investments to address the impact of environmental pollution and support a just climate transition that honors Tribal Treaty Rights.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>What do you think the WA transportation budget should prioritize?</p>	<p>Preparing our infrastructure for a growing economy and to meet needs from future climate changes. Invest in low to no carbon infrastructure and transportation systems that support constituents - especially those who are medically vulnerable, elderly and special needs people - in their everyday lives. As we build this updated transportation system, it's important to prioritize union jobs with equitable wages and fair working conditions.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. On the campaign website, transportation priorities include holding Sound Transit accountable and ensuring "taxes collected are spent on safety improvements and congestion relief."</p>
<p>What is your opinion of, and recommendations, regarding WA K-12 education funding?</p>	<p>Support antiracist investments that uplift students and school communities. Committed to increasing affordability for local educators and working families, to provide nutrition and technology security and to promote access to postsecondary learning. Also supportive of restorative justice models in schools and making school-based mental and physical health investments.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. According to the campaign website, he supports the state fully funding schools, improving transparency and accountability, decreasing college tuition costs and advocating for trade education.</p>
<p>Do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>What changes, if any, would you support making to Washington's voting laws?</p>	<p>Reform our elections to protect the right to vote, ensure fair representation, and reduce the influence of non-local money in politics. Support recommendations to have a public financing system for all elections in WA.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>What endorsements have you received for your candidacy?</p>	<p>Seattle Times, Stranger, WA Children's Campaign Fund, Washington State Labor Council, Washington Conservation Voters, National Association of Social Workers- WA, WA BUS, Planned Parenthood WA, Grandmothers Against Gun Violence, SEIU 775, WA Equality PAC, Teamsters, Public School Employees of WA, Washington State Nurses Association, and Washington Education Association, among others.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. No endorsements are listed on the candidate's website.</p>