

# VOTER GUIDE: WA 47<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: POSITION 2

This nonpartisan voter guide is intended to educate voters about where candidates stand on key issues that are facing Washington's 47th legislative district. Both 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>Building up our capacity for affordable housing opportunities in our state. Also eager to take lessons from working in education to Olympia to “ensure that every child has the tools they need to thrive.”</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. Priorities identified on the <a href="#">campaign website</a> include housing affordability, behavioral health and supporting small businesses.</p>
<p>What changes would you propose, if any, to the Washington Tax system?</p>	<p>Correct the regressive tax structure in favor of more progressive taxes. Pursue audits of corporate tax breaks to ensure every tax break is creating jobs or building the economy.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>What is your position on when abortions should or should not be allowed?</p>	<p>Committed to protecting reproductive rights, in WA as well as neighboring states. Will work to ensure that reproductive healthcare remains comprehensive and accessible.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. On <a href="#">Twitter</a>, he has expressed support for abortion access and “women’s right of choice over their own bodies.”</p>
<p>Do you support or oppose proposed legislation like comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, firearm safety training, ban on automatic weapons, limits on magazine sizes, etc.?</p>	<p>Supports more legislation to promote firearm safety. Would focus on addressing the roots of violence by empowering at-risk youth, through increasing funding for afterschool programs and public health responses.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<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. Committed to investing in green infrastructure and research, as well as ensuring a just transition for workers.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. In the past, he has <a href="#">expressed support</a> for mitigating human activities that contribute to climate change.</p>

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<p><b>What do you think the WA transportation budget should prioritize?</b></p>	<p>Prioritize public transit, rather than funding additional highway construction.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. <a href="#">He has previously supported</a> public transportation, and applying a racial justice or equity lens to transportation policy.</p>
<p><b>What is your opinion of, and recommendations, regarding WA K-12 education funding?</b></p>	<p>Reinvigorate our educational system and fix problems that have been holding us back, such as underpaid and overworked teachers, unequal funding across districts, and disadvantaged students falling between the cracks.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. He <a href="#">expressed support</a> for more equitable school funding, as well as <a href="#">introducing students</a> to the sciences, technical education and apprenticeship programs.</p>
<p><b>Do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Believes the attempt to delegitimize elections is “one of the most damaging and dangerous events in the history of the United States.”</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p><b>What changes, if any, would you support making to Washington’s voting laws?</b></p>	<p>Empower the voices of low-income and disenfranchised residents. Expand Democracy Vouchers to all of Washington state. Also supportive of ranked-choice voting.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. On <a href="#">Twitter</a>, he has shared news of President Biden seeking changes at the state and local level to ensure Native Americans have equal access to voting, and <a href="#">other concerns</a> regarding voting rights and access.</p>
<p><b>What endorsements have you received for your candidacy?</b></p>	<p>Washington State Labor Council, AFSCME, SEIU 925, the American Federation of Teachers, the Stranger, the Transit Riders Union, Win with Women PAC, King County Young Democrats, the WEA, Sage Leaders, State Rep Debra Entenman, State Rep Jamila Taylor, King County Councilmember Girmay Zihlilay, Seatac Mayor Jake Simpson, State Senator Joe Nguyen, State Senator Rebecca Saldaña, and others.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. The <a href="#">endorsement page</a> on the candidate’s website lists the Seattle Times, AWB, 47<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, King County Democrats, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Ironworkers Local 86, LiUNA! Local 242, One America Votes, Washington Conservation Voters, Washington Building Trades, Humane Voters of Washington, Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Washington State Labor Council – AFL-CIO, and a number of elected officials and community leaders.</p>