

VOTER GUIDE: WA 47TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: STATE SENATE

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>Housing affordability and public safety.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. According to the campaign website, priorities include lowering regressive taxes, repealing the long-term care tax, housing affordability and police reform that invests in more officers and better training.</p>
<p>What changes would you propose, if any, to the Washington Tax system?</p>	<p>Believes that everyone needs to pay their fair share of taxes.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. On the campaign website, he supports lowering regressive taxes that “target middle class and low-income families.” He has also expressed support for reducing the gas tax, sales tax, property tax and long-term care tax.</p>
<p>What is your position on when abortions should or should not be allowed?</p>	<p>Supports access to quality health care. Believes women should have the freedom to make their own health care decisions without restrictions.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. Though the campaign website does not mention abortion, he has said that he “has no intentions of making any changes to state abortion laws.”</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>Believes the state legislature has “achieved some great movement on this topic” and hopes to strengthen and preserve those policies.</p>	<p>The candidate’s campaign declined to answer this question. Reducing crime is a top priority.</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>Believes that climate change is an ongoing issue and that it will take a lifelong commitment to make change in government, businesses, and individuals.</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>Public transportation options, services, safety, and quality. Supports looking at the environmental impact that the current roadway system has on communities of color. Also supports policies to address air pollution and noise pollution that many communities suffer from.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. On the campaign website, his plan to "give working families a break" includes the creation of a gas tax holiday and cutting the sales tax.</p>
<p>What is your opinion of, and recommendations, regarding WA K-12 education funding?</p>	<p>Supports legislation to address needs of mental, social and emotional health. Supportive of leadership opportunities, creative arts, inclusion of culture, history and traditions, languages, and reducing punitive actions and increasing opportunities for all children to succeed.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. Supports public education and served on the Kent School Board for 16 years.</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>Increase the number and locations of ballot drop boxes so that all communities have access and increase participation.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question.</p>
<p>What endorsements have you received for your candidacy?</p>	<p>WA State Labor Council, SEIU 1199, Machinists 751, Washington Education Association, and other organizations that represent both workers and those that represent social and racial justice issues. Also has support from a number of elected officials and community leaders.</p>	<p>The candidate's campaign declined to answer this question. The endorsement page on the candidate's website lists WACops, Kent Regional Fire Authority, Seattle Building Trade, KCGOP Election Integrity Committee, Boiler Maker Union, Kent Police, Former Washington State Attorney General Rob Mckenna, and a number of local elected officials.</p>