

## 2017 CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS STATE LEGISLATURE

[See Endnotes below for internet references on issues.]

### CANDIDATE PREPARATION

1. Briefly explain your **reasons for seeking election** (or re-election) to this office.
2. What are your **priorities** if elected to this position?
3. What **knowledge or experience** can you draw on to accomplish your priorities?
4. Concerning the **viability** of your campaign,
  - a) Briefly explain your campaign structure. Do you have a campaign manager and/or team and their responsibilities?
  - b) What sites or features will you use on social media, if any? (Facebook, web site)
  - c) What endorsements do you have? Are they posted on line? Where?
  - d) What is your strategy for raising money for your campaign? How much do you hope to have raised by the Primary? How much more for the General Election? What have you raised so far?
5. Have you read your party's County/State **Platform**? If so, are there areas of disagreement? What areas are most important to you?
6. Are you a **member of a church** or other religious assembly? If so, please describe your involvement in that assembly.

### GOVERNMENT

7. Agree or Disagree?  
Lower taxes, the elimination of ineffective government agencies (determined through auditing/transparency), and less burdensome government regulation of business are the long-term answers to many of our **local and state budget problems**.<sup>i</sup>
8. Agree or Disagree?  
Concerning **healthcare**, the State of Washington should limit its role to assuring a broad selection of health insurance options is available to its citizens. Just as with car or home insurance, individuals should retain the right to choose the policy and coverage of their choice.<sup>ii</sup>
9. Agree or Disagree?  
Governor Inslee has proposed a **Cap and Trade energy policy** or a **carbon tax** to address environmental concerns and raise revenue. This policy would reduce

greenhouse gases, improve manufacturing, and make WA State competitive with California and Oregon efforts to improve ecology.<sup>iii</sup>

10. Agree or Disagree?

**Government employee unions** are unnecessary to improve working conditions or maintain competitive wages and benefits. Transitioning to a “Right-to-Work” state would be in the best interest of employees and citizens.<sup>iv</sup>

11. When government implements broad policies such as the **Growth Management Act**, existing private property rights are sometimes adversely impacted. What is your position when public policy results in the loss of currently existing private property rights?<sup>v</sup>

12. Which statement best expresses your position on permit-exemption for **private wells**?<sup>vi</sup>

- a) I support the State Supreme Court Hirst decision which requires counties to ensure underground water meets the Dept. of Ecology standard for instream flows for fish and water quality.
- b) If the DOE believes hydro-geologic studies are necessary in specific communities, that burden should fall on the DOE, not on the individual county’s or municipalities or property owners.
- c) Counties should offer water banking to buy and sell water, or use other mitigating options to satisfy the Dept. of Ecology standards.
- d) I support legislation that would exempt permits for wells to restore water rights to private property owners.

13. Which statement best aligns with your position on **immigration** reform and Governor Inslee’s Executive Order declaring WA a Sanctuary State, which prohibits police officers from inquiring about immigration status unless required by law or a court order?<sup>vii</sup>

- a) We are a land of immigrants. I believe we should welcome anyone without restrictions and ignore Federal Law.
- b) Control our borders and offer a pathway to legal status for those working and without criminal backgrounds. Ignore Federal Law until the law is changed.
- c) Control our borders, improve the Visa-worker program, require all employers to use an e-verify program, and support federal legislation to defund “Sanctuary Cities/States”.
- d) Control our borders, arraign all illegal aliens according to Federal laws, but provide a pathway to legal status for undocumented minors.

## **COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

14. Which statement best describes your position on a rule created by the WA State Human Rights Commission banning **changing room/bathroom gender segregation** for transgender people.<sup>viii</sup>

- a) Gender segregated bathrooms are discriminatory toward transgendered citizens and should not be allowed in public places, including schools.

- b) While I sympathize with individuals who struggle with gender dysphoria, it isn't appropriate or safe to deny anyone their right to privacy by requiring an "open door" policy of gender-neutral facilities.
  - c) Public places, including businesses, should allow self-identified transgendered people access to bathrooms, etc. Schools, however, should have the freedom to work out a plan that might be agreeable to everyone involved.
  - d) All public places, including schools, should be encouraged, but not required, to provide a separate gender neutral bathroom, shower, locker room for anyone uncomfortable with gender appropriate facilities.
15. In your opinion, which statement best describes the role of Government (local and/or state) regarding the **expansion of commercial gambling, sexually oriented businesses, and semi-nude retail businesses?**<sup>ix</sup>
- a) Government has no business limiting the commercial purposes of these retail entertainment businesses.
  - b) It is not the role of government to encourage self-destructive addictions that are detrimental to the community, instead it should increasingly regulate and limit commercial gambling and Sexually Oriented Businesses to eventually remove them from the public.
  - c) These types of businesses should be zoned away from schools and parks, but they have a recreational, employment, tax revenue value to the community.
  - d) Federal obscenity laws, along with strict zoning and regulatory ordinances, should be enforced to prevent human trafficking, and websites like Backpage.com that profit by advertising the selling of sex.
16. Which statement best describes your position on regulating **marijuana businesses?**<sup>x</sup>
- a) I would not ban sales, but would support increasing the taxes and fees associated with cannabis to pay for enforcement of the regulations.
  - b) While marijuana is still a controlled substance under Federal law, I would advocate banning marijuana sales within my jurisdiction, or at least vote to issue long-running moratoriums.
  - c) I think the current level of regulations and enforcement is adequate.
  - d) I believe marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco, so current taxes and regulations should be more relaxed.

### LIFE/SAFETY & LIBERTY

17. Which statement best describes your position on **conscience exemptions** for local, state or federal mandated laws (i.e. non-discrimination, healthcare that includes contraception, etc.)?<sup>xi</sup>
- a) Conscience exemptions must be allowed so that these laws will not be forced on business owners or non-profits who offer, sponsor, or purchase benefits/service on behalf of their employees or "clients".

- b) Exemptions should be offered only to bona fide non-profit religious organizations that provide services for the general public, i.e. Catholic Charities, Samaritans Purse,
- c) In order to safeguard all of the protected classes in antidiscrimination laws, there should be no exemptions.
- d) Exemptions should be offered to churches only.

18. Which statement best aligns with your position on a **woman's right to choose abortion**?<sup>xii</sup>

- a) I am 100% pro-life from conception until natural death, and would advocate for legislation that promotes life.
- b) I am pro-life except in the event of rape or incest.
- c) I am personally pro-life but would enforce current laws protecting a woman's choice.
- d) I am 100% pro-choice.

19. Which statement best aligns with your position on taxpayer **funding of Planned Parenthood**?<sup>xiii</sup>

- a) I believe PP provides critical services for women's health issues, including abortion, and deserves taxpayer support.
- b) Only federally-qualified, low-cost, high quality healthcare clinics, *not associated with abortion services*, should receive public money.
- c) As long as PP does not use taxpayer money for abortions it should be funded on the same level as other health care organizations that receive public funds.
- d) PP provides comprehensive education that includes counseling regarding healthy relationships, sexually transmitted diseases and their consequences (including infertility and HIV) as well as contraception, but should not receive public funding because of their association with abortion services.

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