

CANDIDATE PROFILE 2019



NAME OF CANDIDATE: Michael Cathcart

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Personal Info (source: [campaign website](#))

- **Family:** Married 18 years to wife, Shannon; 3 children
- **Age:**
- **Education:** BA, Montana State University
- **Work Experience** (source: [campaign website](#))
 - Executive Director, Better Spokane
 - Spokane Association of Realtors Community Partner of the Year, 2016
 - Director of Government Affairs, Spokane Home Builders Association
- **Political Experience:** (source: [campaign website](#))
 - Fmr. Neighborhood Council Chair/Vice-Chair/Community Assembly Rep
 - Member, City of Spokane In-Fill Housing Steering Committee, 2016
 - Member, City of Spokane Mayor's Quality and Affordable Housing Taskforce, 2016
 - Member, City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Update - Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Workgroups, 2013-14
 - Legislative Aide, Washington State Senate
- **Participation in Associations/organizations:** Better Spokane; Spokane Home Builders Association; Spokane Association of Realtors (source: [campaign website](#))
- **Endorsements/donors:** None
- **Financial contributions**, from the Public Disclosure Commission website (www.pdc.wa.gov); as of June 7, 2019: \$595.19
- **Public Record/news information/other notes:**
 - "During their Monday meeting, Spokane City Council will hear two initiatives submitted by Better Spokane, a fiscally conservative group that supports business-friendly political candidates. Better Spokane Director Michael Cathcart, who submitted the two initiatives and will gather signatures once they go through the process, argued that a law banning local income tax could act as an insurance policy in case a future state Supreme Court allows a tax. He also said collective bargaining between the city and unions should be public because personnel is one of the city's biggest expenses and taxpayers should be able to see the process. (source: [Spokesman Review article](#), April 8, 2019)
 - "Michael advised and has been involved in numerous public outreach and advocacy campaigns, including work to require a more thoughtful approach to taxation by requiring a supermajority vote of the Spokane City Council or a simple majority vote of the people. He also successfully worked to defeat multiple ballot initiatives sponsored by East Coast activists that threatened our community's economic climate. "(source: [campaign website](#))