

State Representative and Senators

1. If you are an incumbent, what legislation did you sponsor that you regard as a significant accomplishment?

N/A

2. What legislation should be enacted to combat climate change?

Major legislation to not only curb and limit the amount of pollution that is being emitted currently, but also to fund, build, and incentivize a greener and more sustainable economy for the future so we can return back to living in harmony with the world has it is rather than destroy it for our own gain.

3. In your opinion, is Washington's Apple Health working well? Are any changes needed?

While Apple Health has made more strides than the rest of the country to provide accessible and equitable healthcare to all, I firmly stand that anything short of universal and state supported health care as too little. Healthcare is a right and we must seek to ensure that right through a medicare for all or single payer approach for *everyone*.

4. Do you believe that Washington should be a sanctuary state for undocumented immigrants?

Yes, absolutely. I will always support the safety and support of immigrants, documented or otherwise, because our communities welcome anyone and everyone, period.

5. Do you believe that women have a right to control their personal healthcare needs including contraception and abortion?

Yes, full stop.

6. Do you believe that laws should be passed to regulate sales or ownership of firearms?

Yes. My homeland has been stricken by the evils of gun violence and we are complicit in preventing good laws that provide an extra barrier from it. Said laws don't even need to be directly pertaining to common sense gun restrictions (such as an assault rifle ban), but to community based crime and violence prevention policy. We must do better, especially as suicide remains among the top reasons for gun death and communities of color are disproportionately affected by gun homicide.

7. How would you support the growth of small businesses in rural areas of the state?

Given the current circumstances, I can think of three general avenues: 1) Providing grants/loans for strictly local and small businesses (say one to three locations with under 50

employees) to help them keep their people employed. This is probably the most overarching approach. 2) We spend and invest in infrastructure development to upstarting and local green technology companies both in research and in manufacturing. 3) We invest heavily into our community and technical colleges so they can either retrain for another job or get the tools they need to start their own business.

8. What do you believe needs to be done to improve public education in Washington?

One major area of improvement I believe is expanding the definition of basic education to include colleges and universities. We all know that a High School Diploma is not enough and as much as the state has done to make higher education more accessible, we must ensure that education is expanded fundamentally beyond k-12 to at least k-AA.

9. Do you support public funding of private schools?

Absolutely not.

10. What programs do you support to help the homeless?

Permanent supportive housing. We must find and fund programs that give our homeless simply what they lack: housing. It is really that simple. With their humanly deserved sheltering, we can provide the services that they need to help them get back on their feet at their pace, like everyone else does who is not homeless. Systematically, we must also build our homes for sustainable living and long term dwelling rather than for investor speculation. Our housing music should be rapidly moved out of the hands of the wealthy and to the those who actually occupy the homes.

11. Washington has one of the most regressive state and local tax systems in the country. How should this be addressed? What is your opinion on a state capital gains and/or a state income tax?

One of the first places to start is outlined in the question: a capital gains and income tax. I firmly stand by both of these and I will back legislation to establish a capital gains tax (as the income tax has had a rocky road). It has been proposed in the last two years at the capitol, and I will make sure to help keep proposing to move our system to be progressive. Fundamentally though, we must address the with the lense of no comprises the people, our system must work for the bottom up and not the over way around. Trickle down has never worked and never will, we must seek to establish a "trickle up".

12. What is your position on replacing all or part of the gas tax with a road usage tax?

I think this is an interesting subject area that is being developed that, to be completely

honest, has not been able to be fully educated on. From what I have seen, a road usage tax may be much more progressive and equitable for our most vulnerable and as a progressive candidate I will support anything and everything such. Outside of these taxes, I do firmly believe that we must fund fully and expansively public transportation through trains, buses, and encourage more walkable and bikeable cities so that a gas tax or road usage tax becomes more or less obsolete.

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