



Candidate Questionnaire 2018

State Senate

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Section 1: Business and Economic Issues

8. **In your role as an elected official, how do you plan to enhance and support the business climate in Federal Way?**

For business success, we need to ensure we have a combination of accountable, transparent and quality governments and schools, and reasonable taxes necessary to take care of basic services and the most vulnerable and needy. Reductions in property taxes, car tabs can be accomplished with our large budget surpluses. Current tax proposals like the utility tax, fuel tax, income tax, and head taxes must be stopped. We need leaders who will effectively address the current failed policies on public safety, drugs, apartments and housing, taxes, congestion and transit, and homelessness that negatively affect businesses, families, and communities. I will continue to have an open-

door policy and will meet with business leaders, groups, and corporations who need help here in the 30th District and across the state.

9. Homelessness is a national and state-wide problem impacting both business and their communities. What are you going to do legislatively to address this issue?

I have introduced a number of critical bills that focus on compassion and accountability and will get results. Even though a homeless emergency has been declared 3 years ago at the State, King County, and the Seattle City level, we still don't have programs that work and where leaders and managers are held accountable for results. Until the current failed political leadership starts working in a bipartisan manner, addresses root causes, and develops a plan for success as required by law, we will continue to fail. The move to legalize hard drugs, end public safety and medical interventions, and continue expanding the failed housing, homeless, and drug treatment programs will only increase the homeless. Homelessness will worsen next year, unless we drastically change the current failed policies in Seattle, King County, and at the state level. Local businesses and other leaders must start fighting back on the "regionalization" of these failed Seattle policies by local leaders to our community and across the state.

10. How will you clarify legislative intent on the salary negotiation between competing school districts in Washington?

The Seattle Times said it best "*The work to improve education for all students is far from finished.*" However, "*clarifying intent*" does nothing, we must work in a bipartisan manner to pass statute and budget increases that addresses the funding and policy problems (regionalization pay and other funding disparities, special education, falling test scores, school violence, etc) that affects a multiple of districts. We must continue to link education outcomes (test scores, strategic goals, etc) to the capabilities and capacities of all staff (teachers, administrators, public school employees) to just wage and benefits policies and to sustainable budgets. Balancing local control with state mandates is critical as a reliance on onerous legislative control or unregulating the wealthy districts budgets will not help students or districts across the state. Only by working with the appropriate stakeholders with public involvement in a transparent manner, will we be successful.

11. Given challenges in social services (i.e., Western State), transportation and education funding, will you be willing to support revenue enhancements? If so, briefly explain how you will address the difficult revenue/expense budget decision that must be made.

No. Much of the problems we face in these areas are due poor leadership and poor management at the state, county and local levels. Since we, again, face a very large budget surplus next year, new taxes and fees are not needed. State general fund revenues and budgets have been growing by double digits rates for years, while we have

not adequately addressed the lack of efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of social services, education, and certain transportation programs. Any new revenues enhancements being considered, must be linked to real quality programs, public transparency, and results. Most important, the desires of the public and of business and other stakeholder groups must be considered. Too many times, do nothing leaders try to fix problems with more taxes, rather than fix the multitude of dysfunctional and wasteful programs and agencies. Western State Hospital, DSHS, Sound Transit, Dept of Corrections, Homeless and Housing programs, Environmental programs, and many agencies can get results with policy and management reform rather than more taxes. A case by case review will easily show the proper budget decisions.

12. If elected, how will you work legislatively with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce on economic development and other business initiatives? Please note any past or present engagement with Chamber projects and programs.

As in the past, I will champion and help pass the Chambers agenda to make this state and our community the best place to work and live. I have sponsored and have fought for numerous specific and strategic Chamber and Business legislative efforts over my years in office, most recently the Chambers \$250K Economic Development Project. Much more needs to be done and the Chamber and other businesses from across the state, are key stakeholders to help me with public policy that improves the local business climate, the common good, and our most vulnerable.

Section 2: Political Engagement

13. What elected offices have you held and how has that experience prepared you for the Legislature?

I have served as a Lakehaven Utility Commissioner for 3 years, State Representative for 14 years, and as your State Senator for 4 years. I have learned that partisanship or extreme policy does not make good policy law, and that passing meaningful reform is difficult in today's climate as many opt to raise taxes as the only solution. Successful elected leaders must continually work with both sides to truly get good sustainable results.

14. How often does your campaign engage with the community? Please note the type of contact: local office, door-to-door, Town Hall meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. Do you plan the same involvement if elected?

This campaign, I have knocked on almost 13,000 doors, personally talked to thousands of individuals and have attended dozens of community, business and other public and private meetings with individuals and groups. It has been a well-received policy of mine, to meet locally with all people and groups to discuss legislative activities and state

concerns. If elected, I will continue to meet with all 30th District constituents in order to help with their concerns.

15. Does your Campaign use local District 30 businesses in the production of marketing collateral? Why or why not?

Yes, the campaign does use local businesses for printing, photographic, signage, and other media, marketing, and campaign materials, supplies and services.

Section 3: Campaign Activity

16. What are your primary sources of funding? Please note the top five business contributors within District 30 and the top five business contributors outside District 30. Please also note the top five individuals within District 30 and the top five individuals outside District 30.

I am proud to have received extensive campaign funding from many individuals, businesses, labor, corporate, and special interest groups from all across the political spectrum located here in the 30th District, and in and outside WA state. A complete, sortable list can be found at the PDC here:

https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidate?filer_id=MILOM%20%20001&election_year=2018

17. Please share your major endorsements from the south sound region. In addition to Federal Way, this scope should include South King and Pierce counties.

I have received great financial support from many businesses, labor unions, Tribal gov'ts, and corporations that do work and business in our area. A sortable list can be found at the PDC, see previous answer. Individuals include:

LeAnne Guier Pacific Mayor
Dave Hill Algona Mayor
Mark Pina Des Moines Mayor
Pete Lewis former Auburn Mayor
Mark Hutson, Milton Mayor Pro Tem
Martin Moore FW Council
Dini Duclos FW Council
Hoang Tran FW Council
Mark Koppang FW Council
Bob Celeski former FW Council
Diane Noble-Gulliford former FW Council
Kelly Maloney former FW Council
Yolanda Trout-Manuel Auburn Council
Margo Largo Auburn Council
Claude DaCorsi Auburn Council

Rick Forschler SeaTac Council
Katrina Assey former Milton Mayor
Tim McClain LUD Commissioner
Ron Nowicki LUD Commissioner
Len Englund LUD Commissioner
Tim McClain LUD Commissioner
Joe Fain, 47th District Senate
Terry Hickel, former State Rep
Linda Kochmar, former State Rep
Roger Hershey, former Fire Commissioner
South King County Professional Fire Fighters
Central Puget Sound Carpenters Union Local 30
Public School Employees of Washington SEIU local 1948
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

18. Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual.

I have hired two individuals as managers and have contracted or purchased with a number of firms, businesses, and consulting agencies for different fundraising, media, mailing, office supplies, photography, sign, data collection, financial, payroll, graphics, food and beverage, and other campaign activities. Sharon McCoy is my campaign manager. A complete sortable list can be found with the PDC here:

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Section 1: Business and Economic Issues

8. **In your role as an elected official, how do you plan to enhance and support the business climate in Federal Way?**

As a Senator, I will work with local business leaders and groups to ensure that we are supporting the businesses currently in Federal Way and creating an environment for new business and jobs to thrive. The transition to a greener and cleaner economy is a tremendous opportunity to create jobs while improving the impact on our environment. As a legislator, I will support efforts to develop jobs in greener manufacturing, clean energy, and other higher-tech sectors. However, we need to make sure that these jobs are located in more areas than just Seattle or East King County. These job opportunities should be created in South King County and other suburban and rural areas whose economies are lagging. We also need to make sure that workers have the skills they need, and that means expanding higher education and career & technical education opportunities so that people have the training and skills for these jobs. Those training opportunities can't just be located in Seattle or Tacoma.

9. **Homelessness is a national and state-wide problem impacting both business and their communities. What are you going to do legislatively to address this issue?**

Affordable Housing is one of the chief issues facing our state, and particularly this region. Homelessness is at a crisis level, and we need to address it with compassion and understanding. This issue is complicated and multifaceted with no simple solution, which is why it is important to balance the immediate need for getting people off the streets now with creating long term, measurable goals that keep them off the street for good.

By creating incentives to develop more affordable housing, combatting related crises like opioids and mental health, planning smart urban development, and improving temporary housing services, we can achieve real results with lasting impact. As a lifelong educator I always look for alternative solutions and work alongside stakeholders of all backgrounds to ensure definitive progress. I want to keep King County and Washington State affordable for all.

10. **How will you clarify legislative intent on the salary negotiation between competing school districts in Washington?**

I was relieved to finally see progress on McCleary last session due to the new Democratic majority, but we still have more work to do before we've truly fulfilled our paramount duty. Education on every level in our state is still critically underfunded, particularly when it comes to programs like special education. The state is also failing to do its part on capital needs including classroom construction. We have way too many students and teachers in portables across our state, and making sure that every student has a classroom to learn in is a pretty "basic" part of education to me. I'd like to see the margin for passing a school bond reduced to 50% as was done with school levies, but the state also needs to step up itself with more construction dollars.

11. Given challenges in social services (i.e., Western State), transportation and education funding, will you be willing to support revenue enhancements? If so, briefly explain how you will address the difficult revenue/expense budget decision that must be made.

Washington must work to fix our upside-down, regressive tax system that benefits the most wealthy among us while the environment, children, families, and the economy suffer the consequences of underfunded environmental programs. As a legislator, I will work on and support legislation for a capital gains tax that requires the high-income earners in our state to pay their fair share. By budgeting for the general fund responsibly, we can protect dedicated sources of funding that are targeted at important needs.

12. If elected, how will you work legislatively with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce on economic development and other business initiatives? Please note any past or present engagement with Chamber projects and programs.

I look forward to working with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce to grow current businesses and incentivize new businesses, and bolster economic development in the region. In my seven years as School Board Director and now as President, I have been supportive of, involved in, and thankful for Chamber events and projects that supported the educational system and the children and families in our community. I plan to look to the Chamber for ways we can work together to continue to support our community once elected to the Senate.

Section 2: Political Engagement

13. What elected offices have you held and how has that experience prepared you for the Legislature?

I am the President of the Federal Way School Board, currently serving my second term. My experience in this role has added to the and depth and breadth of knowledge, experience and expertise I have when it comes to working for children and families. It is these very children and families I work with every day in the community that have

inspired me to run for State Senate. I see many issues intersecting across racial, economic, and social barriers that prevent people from living their happiest, healthiest lives. I have spent my life working to help children and families get access to education and opportunity, and for too long I've seen our State Senate mired in gridlock due to partisanship and excuses. I am running to continue my work for the families of our region who need leaders focused on helping all people, uniting communities, and investing in our future. My approach will continue to be what it has always been: focusing on the needs of people, not parties and special interests.

14. How often does your campaign engage with the community? Please note the type of contact: local office, door-to-door, Town Hall meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. Do you plan the same involvement if elected?

My campaign knocks doors in the 30th every single day. We regularly send emails and call constituents, as well. We have a local office on 320th and 1st Ave that constituents are welcome to stop by, and I regularly publish and share my contact information so that constituents in the community know that they can reach out at any time. I certainly plan to engage with the community even more so once elected by also holding town hall meetings.

15. Does your Campaign use local District 30 businesses in the production of marketing collateral? Why or why not?

We support local businesses as much as possible in the production of our materials. A cornerstone of my campaign (and my life) is to support unions, which requires us to produce some marketing collateral outside of the district in order to support union shops.

Section 3: Campaign Activity

16. What are your primary sources of funding? Please note the top five business contributors within District 30 and the top five business contributors outside District 30. Please also note the top five individuals within District 30 and the top five individuals outside District 30.

I have pledged to reject corporate PAC money during my campaign.

My top five individual contributors within the 30th LD are:

1. Mary Paynter
2. Judy Featherstone
3. Pat Montgomery
4. Carol Gregory
5. Anne Kroeker

My top five individual contributors outside the 30th LD are:

1. Sonya Champion
2. Patricia Wendler
3. Suzanne Saubers-King
4. Heidi Stolte
5. Peter Goldman

17. Please share your major endorsements from the south sound region. In addition to Federal Way, this scope should include South King and Pierce counties.

30th LD Democrats
Aerospace Machinists District Lodge 751
Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587
King County Democrats
King County Young Democrats
Pierce County Democrats
SEIU Local 6
UFCW 21
King County Executive Dow Constantine
King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove
Rep. Mike Pellicciotti, 30th LD
Rep. Kristine Reeves, 30th LD
Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell
Federal Way City Councilmember Jesse Johnson
Federal Way School Board Director/Former 30th Rep. Carol Gregory
Federal Way School Board Director Greg McAnallo
Former Federal Way School Board Director Mildred Ollee
Auburn School Board Director Ray Vefik
Tacoma news Tribune
Additional endorsements from groups with membership in the 30th:
Fuse Washington
Moms Demand Action on Gun Sense in America
MoveOn
NARAL Pro-Choice Washington
Planned Parenthood Votes
Sierra Club
Washington Conservation Voters
Full endorsement list available at: www.claireforsenate.com/endorsements.

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My Campaign Manager's name is Nilofar Ganjaie. She can be reached at nilofar@claireforsenate.com or 425.233.9518.