

2019 Candidates Questionnaire - City Council

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Thank you for your interest in serving our community as an elected official. The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce extends the invitation to all candidates to complete its Candidate Questionnaire. The questionnaire and your answers will be shared with the community via our website, fedwaychamber.com. In addition, completed questionnaires will be compiled and distributed to our Membership in a special publication. To meet production, deadline is 4 p.m. on September 4, 2019. About the Questionnaire. There are four sections to the Questionnaire. Please limit your answers to no more than 200 words max for each question.

1 Full Name:**2 Position you are seeking:****3 Education:****4 Current Mailing Address:****5 Telephone:****6 Email:****7 Website:****Text Block :**

Business and Economic Issues

8 **Industrial Realty Group estimates that its Woodbridge Corporate Park will create 3,100 mixed-spectrum employment opportunities. Do you support IRG's economic plan to develop approximately 30% of its property for such job creation? Why or why not?**

I support IRG's Woodbridge Corporate Park creating over 3000 jobs. As always, I have been supportive of doing everything possible to protect the residents of Northlake, and the watershed itself as well as the landmark property. IRG is a developer, and owns this land. I will look forward to working with them as partners and am always supportive of creating mixed-spectrum employment opportunities.

9 **Given the diverse nature of our business community and its workforce, do you support an external, independent oversight committee to review the use of force issue by the Police Department? Why or why not?**

The Federal Way Police Department has what is called the Chief's Call- an advisory board that is open to public input and communication. In addition to our existing internal oversight systems, we are contracted with a professional independent external oversight group to review our own internal systems. I do not support an additional board made up of community members that has been suggested in the past because the suggestions have included council-appointed community members that could have the authority to review, add or discipline police officers. Our officers belong to a collective bargaining unit and as a Labor leader myself, I would be very concerned if members of the public formed a group that had authority to discipline our medical professionals above and beyond all of the systems and structures that we have in place and work with. I think a better suggestion would be supporting the police officers with police body cameras to promote additional support for everyone.

10 **Chamber members have identified Permitting as the 2nd most challenging issue facing our business community. As a Councilmember, how do you propose to address this issue?**

I understand from talking to business owners and developers that our permitting system is outdated and "still on paper" while other cities with current computer program systems can make updates allowing for everyone to be on the same page, and processes to move forward at a quicker pace. I would like to research what this would cost, and then make an ask to the State Legislators to help the planning department. Other feedback to consider are complaints that, "Federal Way's system is too complicated. Too many confusing rules that can be interpreted different by different staff and people trying to get a permit end up waiting well over a year for what should take a few months".

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Political Engagement

11 **Have you sought elective office before? If so, please describe the office, the level and outcome.**

I ran for City Council Pos. 4 in 2017 and did not make it through the Primary Election. In 2015, I ran for State Representative, and then stepped aside early in the race for Kristine Reeves after making an agreement with her and the State House Democrat Committee.

12 **Do you have any previous experience with the local government office you seek? If yes, please describe.**

No, I have held public office.

13 **How has your Campaign positively impacted the business climate in the South Sound?**

My campaign is focused on the safe and health of this community, especially in light of the current opioid/heroin problems that we are dealing with now that are negatively affecting our local businesses. While Chairing the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, I visited our local businesses to gather input and feedback. I was shocked at the stories and reports that many of them shared, especially with people that are addicted to illegal drugs and the impacts to them financially. The heroin problems are far worse than two years ago, with the new fentanyl that is being cut into the heroin causing overdoses and death. Businesses having to lock their bathroom doors to prevent people from using in the bathrooms and leaving needles behind, in and around the businesses. One business on 320th shared with me that three employees were stuck by needles left behind from drug users and not disposed of properly endangering their lives. This is the largest reason why I am running for office.

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Campaign Activity and Finance

14 **What is your campaign budget, how much have you raised, and what are your primary sources of funding?**

My campaign goal is to raise \$25,000 for the election, with \$12,500 by the Primary.
I didn't meet my Primary goal, but did well with being able to recycle campaign materials and save money in other ways.

15 **Please share your major endorsements from the South Sound region (This scope should include the surrounding South King area in addition to Federal Way itself).**

Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell
Federal Way Police Guild
South King County Professional Firefighters
Martin Luther King Labor Council
SEIU 1199nw, 775, 661
Teamsters

16 **Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual. If not, what are your plans regarding management of the campaign?**

Yes, after the Primary I contracted a firm:
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