

2019 Candidates Questionnaire - City Council

Response for: Anonymous

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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

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 the creating of jobs in Federal Way and support any company that brings living wage jobs to our city. However, I am concerned that the type of development that IRG is proposing is not the best use of that property. Building 5 warehouses on that property will cause traffic issues on I-5, Highway 18 and 320th S. The infrastructure will need to be improved to support that type of development especially the streets. I remain optimistic that the beautiful Corporate Building will be fully used and that both IRG and the City of Federal Way are meeting with potential companies. Development will occur on that property and we see that with DaVita constructing a new office building. At one point in time Weyerhaeuser Company had over 1,000 professional jobs in their Headquarters Building. I would like to see more of that type of development. Federal Way has an amazing location, close to the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle, SeaTac Airport and major highways.

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?

I know that there are some members of the current council that do support an oversight committee. I believe we need to discuss the reasons why or why not that we should develop an independent oversight committee. We need to understand that our community is very diverse and city employees, not just the police force need to know how to work and interact with our diverse population. We should continue to hire people who can speak different languages and understand the cultural differences in our citizens. Chief Hwang has a group of citizens who meet with him several times a year to discuss issues pertaining to the Police Department. I do not support forming an Independent Oversight Committee but would support a Council discussion.

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?

Permitting involves more than the city of Federal Way. It also involves our partners at South King Fire and Lakehaven Utility. The City of Federal Way does need to improve the permitting process and is in the process of developing a system where customers can submit building permits and other city applications online instead of coming into City Hall. This is something I have supported and encouraged staff to work on. We also need to have monthly meetings with our partners and work together so that permits can be discussed and moved forward with all groups communicating and working together. The City also needs to hire the staff needed to do the work. We are looking at our budget to see where we can find money to hire additional staff.

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Political Engagement

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

I was elected to the City Council Position #3 in 2011, re-elected in 2015 and am seeking a 3rd term in 2019. I also ran for Mayor in 2017 and was not elected.

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

I am currently the Deputy Mayor, elected in 2018. I was elected to the City Council in 2011. Served as chair of the Parks, Rec., Human Services & Public Safety Committee (PRHSPS) for 4 years. I served on the Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) and Finance, Economic Development & Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC). I was re-elected City Council Member Position #3 in 2015. I serve on the following Regional Committees: King County Board of Health. South County Area Transportation Board. Federal Way Domestic Violence Task Force. I have trained at the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and earned the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (2019). The Award recognizes mayors and councilmembers who continue to enhance the tools they need today to understand the legal landscape, plan for the future, manage their resources, and foster strong relationships.

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

I have worked with several businesses to help them navigate the permitting issues at City Hall. I meet with business owners to discuss concerns and ideas to promote their business in Federal Way. I attend Chamber of Commerce meetings and events. I am working with the businesses affected by Sound Transit construction. It is important to keep our businesses open and successful during the disruption of building light rail to Federal Way.

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

We raised about \$12,000 and spent about \$11,000 in the Primary Election. We expect to raise and spend about \$30,000 total for the re-election campaign for City Council Position #3. Primary sources of funding are from citizens, family members, and personal funds. I've also received campaign donations from; Master Builder Association, and the Rental Housing Association.

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).

Master Builders Association
National Women's Political Caucus of Washington
Rental Housing Association of Washington
Federal Way Council Member Dini Duclos
Auburn Council Member, Yolanda Trout-Manuel
Des Moines Council Member, Matt Mahoney
Milton Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Hutson

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?

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