

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

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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?

The fact that IRG proposes to create 3,100 employment opportunities is positive and I certainly commend any Federal Way company who will provide living wage jobs for citizens so that they don't have a long commute to work. My concern with the development of warehouses on the Weyerhaeuser property is the truck traffic and the impact on the infrastructure (roads) and congestion. I believe the city will require mitigation with regard to the roads, but I am worried about the impact to the North Lake neighborhood. Hopefully the city and IRG will be able to resolve these concerns.

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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 would like to discuss the pros and cons of an independent oversight committee for the Police Department. Personally, I had an extended family member (barely over 18) who was arrested unnecessarily and I believe the use of force at the time was unwarranted. I paid \$1,000 to an attorney to represent the child in court and the case was dismissed. Because of what I saw and experienced first hand, I am predisposed to a discussion on the need for an oversight committee. I believe the Chief's Call provides some resources in this regard, however I think we need to have a further discussion on the issue. Another reason for this is to prevent lawsuits against the city.

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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?

It is very frustrating for me to see that permitting is still a major issue with the City of Federal Way. This has been going on for years. I wonder if it is because the employees are afraid to make a decision and "kick it up the ladder" in fear of repercussion or there simply are not enough employees to get the job done. As I understand, it takes 3 years to get a permit in some instances. This is just unacceptable. What I can promise you is that I will do something about it and can tell you that I have done so in the past. As a previous Council Member, I had a business owner come to me to say he needed help. The city had told him he needed a cyclone fence surrounding a retention pond. Once that was built the city then came back and said he needed privacy slats (remember this is for a retention pond). That was the last straw for him. I looked into it and not only did he not did the slats, he did not need the cyclone fence in the first place!

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Political Engagement

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

- Elected 30th District State Representative 2013-2016.
- Elected Federal Way City Council Member 1998-2012.
- Voted Federal Way Mayor 2010
- Elected Federal Way Community Council 1980

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

I was a Federal Way Council Member for 14 years.

- Deputy Mayor 2001-2001 and 2004-2005
- Mayor 2010
- Chair of Land Use Committee
- Chair of Finance/Economic Dev./Regional Affairs
- Chair of Parks/Recreation/Human Services/Safety
- Chair Suburban Cities Assoc. Public Issues
- Director Puget Sound Regional Council
- Member King County Regional Water Committee
- Member King County Regional Policy Committee
- Member King County Municipal Solid Waste
- Member South King County Human Services Forum

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

As I have done for years, I've been talking to local business owners to ask about what problems or concerns they have with the city. These currently include Jim Ross of Billy McHale's, Rajiv Nagaich of Aging Options, David St. John of Gent's Fine Grooming for Men, Kabul Gil of East India Grill, and Denny's by Costco, among others. Their concerns include the homeless loitering in front of their businesses, needing a welcoming climate for business, lack of parking enforcement, and generally just wanting the city officials to care about their welfare.

I've talked with developers who are afraid to speak openly for fear of being "blackballed" and not getting their permits, and I've talked with businesses about moving to Federal Way because the city has no B&O taxes and no parking fees as well as an educated workforce. As a State Representative, I was a key person in getting an increase in the gas tax explaining that it was needed because we have grid-lock in this part of the state.

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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?

I've currently raised approximately \$14,000 and hope to raise \$5,000-\$10,000 more. The primary sources of funding are my good friends in Federal Way as well as Federal Way business owners. I did receive \$2,000 from the Seattle King County Board of Realtors.

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).

Secretary of State, Kim Wyman
Pierce County Executive, Bruce Dammeier
Washington State House Minority Leader, JT Wilcox
King County Council Member, Kathy Lambert
Former Federal Way Mayor, Jack Dovey
Former Auburn Mayor, Pete Lewis
Federal City Council Member, Dini Duclos
Former Federal Way Council Member, Kelly Maloney
Seattle King County Board of Realtors

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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