

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?**

Yes, I do support this economic plan. According to the data from the analysis done by Community Attributes Inc., the extra 3.6 million a year in property taxes, combined with the approximate 9 million in construction revenue is needed to recoup the losses incurred when Weyerhaeuser left and could help fund some very important programs towards public safety, human services, and technology. While there is still disagreement between IRG and the community on some aspects of this plan, I believe there is definitely room for collaboration on the preservation aspect of this property, especially if IRG truly wants to be a good neighbor to the city.
I do have questions on the data in the analysis though and it's information I feel that is important to know data on the % breakdown of these 3100 jobs income-wise? I also would ask what data in their analysis was used to produce that estimate of 3100 jobs and where accountability lies.

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?**

To be transparent, without a specific oversight model (Investigation, Review, or Audit) designated, I am interpreting this as a review model and using that model in my answer.
I do not support an external, independent, oversight committee because in my opinion, the city already has internal mechanisms to oversee and investigate complaints against the police department and an external committee of citizens that meet with the chief to provide feedback from the community.
The police department's adherence to the standards needed to achieve the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) gold standard include reviews that look at all facets of police operations, from policies and procedures related to use-of-force incidents to property room regulations. CALEA provides impartial third-party oversight with a system of agency audits and best practices to further validate an ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.

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 propose we address this issue by looking at our current permitting system. We have an online destination that is filled mostly with PDFs requiring self-processing and one section for e-permits powered by the CivicPlus CPay tool as. We have an opportunity to increase efficiency by looking at utilizing a platform such as CityGrows. Conceptually, we could move our services and support to a hybrid digital/in-person model which allows for faster processing, updating, and scheduling for permits using the web or with a mobile app. CityGrows is a self-service cloud platform that digitizes and automates processes and workflows in city government. The cost would be \$15,000 a year, and it's been validated as a success in numerous cities across the US. Also, the data captured would provide real-time transparency to turnaround times, scheduling, and much more. Capturing this data allows for quick adjustments to the process and also determines if our measurements of success are being met.

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Political Engagement

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

I have not sought elective office before.

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

I currently serve on the Human Services Commission, where I was appointed by the City Council in 2017. I also serve on the Ethics Board where I was appointed by the Mayor in 2018. On a county level, I serve on the King County Travel Advisory Commission which focuses on mobility and disability resources. Previously, I served a term on the Civil Service Commission, which also was appointed by the City Council. I feel that the recent experience I bring to the table is an asset to accelerate the onboarding process and development of a roadmap to deliver analysis and a timeline highlighting the relationship between our goals vs the challenges facing Federal Way on both the business and community level.

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

I have supported many local businesses while researching new opportunities. One example is using the Commons Mall Barber College as a proof of concept that we could replicate. Barber College provides education to generate jobs and provides a community service at a lower cost. Using grants as seed money, we could replicate this and as an example, turn the old Sears into an auto repair school and help educate, generate jobs, and provide affordable car maintenance. During the campaign, I've supported local businesses such as the Federal Way Mirror, YourIdeaHere T-Shirts, and HatStop. My campaign events always support Federal Way businesses.
I have also had conversations with management and employees locally to discuss concerns. Hearing unfiltered stories combined with positive feedback to my platform on public safety as a driver of attracting new businesses and retaining current ones. I feel these conversations boost confidence that they will have a voice if I'm elected.

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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 have raised over \$10,000 to date and the primary sources of funding are from local businesses, friends, family, and my alumni association for Omega Delta Phi, a national Hispanic founded community service fraternity at 70 schools in the United States.

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).**

Councilmember Martin Moore, City of Federal Way
Councilmember Mark Koppang, City of Federal Way
Hope Elder, Former Federal Way Deputy Mayor
Mary Gates, Former Federal Way Mayor & City Councilmember
Bill Gates, South King Fire and Rescue Chair & Commissioner
Federal Way Police Officers Guild
Humane Voters of Washington
Rated Good by Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights

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?**

Our campaign does not have a firm or individual consultant managing day to day operations. As we began planning for our campaign in early 2018, we built a data-driven platform that we use to drive automation and data aggregation to help with scheduling, finance management, appointment setting, door to door canvassing, and more. We also have a mobile platform that we use in conjunction with some of our automation services to provide real-time data collection and segmentation to make more efficient decisions in our campaign schedule.