

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

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 development of the former Weyerhaeuser Campus (now called Woodbridge Corporate Park) that genuinely takes into account the feedback from residents of Federal Way and surrounding areas, experts and other stakeholders. There are viable alternative proposals. The scale of the development of property should not be measured in job creation alone. Other factors such as traffic, environmental, historic, and other impacts should be considered in conjunction with each other. Federal Way's Comprehensive plan, updated in 2015, addresses priorities for our community consistent with the Growth Management Act, King County Countywide Planning Policies and VISION 2040: (1) Creating a City Center as an area of concentrated employment and housing, served by high capacity transit, public facilities, parks, and open space; (2) Limiting growth outside the City Center to areas that are already urbanized; (3) Encouraging in-fill development; and (4) Protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

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?**

Yes. Building trust with the community is essential to public safety and is ultimately linked to the public's right to be treated with dignity and respect by law enforcement. I believe that law enforcement, and criminal justice overall, is impacted by institutional racism, bias, outdated policing practices, and the apparent lack of accountability in some incidents. These issues, if left unaddressed, can erode the trust of the community. These challenges can be reduced through an effective civilian oversight board. According to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, a civilian board should: be Independent, be adequately funded, have access to all critical pieces, have ample authority, able to review police policies, training and other systemic issues, engage in community / stakeholder support and outreach, be transparent among other things.

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?**

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Political Engagement

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

No.

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

I have no prior experience as a city council person but I currently serve on the Federal Way Human Services Commission.

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

My campaign has not measured the specific metrics related to the impact on the business climate. However, we have made a concerted effort to support local businesses as well as union shops, especially women- and minority owned companies.

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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?**

\$25,000 Campaign budget; as of 9/4 the campaign has received \$16,826.86 in contributions. Nearly 80% are from individual donors; 8% from Unions; 5% from businesses; 3% from PACs;

3% from Party;
1% from other.

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).**

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Washington State Senator Claire Wilson (30th LD),
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ATU 587,
King County Young Democrats,
LiUNA Local 242,
MLK Labor Council,
National Women's Political Caucus of Washington,
SEIU 6,
SEIU Healthcare 775NW,
SEIU 925,
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW,
Teamsters Local 763

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?**

I have not contracted with a firm for campaign management. At this time, this grassroots campaign continues to be powered by volunteers and supporters. If resources become available, the campaign may secure management or campaign consultation services.

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2. Federal Way City Council Position 5

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Virginia State University, Bachelor of Arts; University of Oregon, Doctor of Jurisprudence
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Long and complicated permitting processes can greatly increase the tangible costs and delay completion of projects. A HUD report found estimates that "(r)egulations governing the design and construction of buildings contribute up to 20% of the cost of construction." As described in the Federal Way budget, the easy-to-develop lots have already been developed. Permitting and other local barriers are also leading to housing shortages as investments in property development reduce the available housing inventory. As a city council member, I would want to seek resources to help add capacity to the public works department; and, as appropriate and upon further review, enact the code amendments adopted by the Planning Commission Work Program. In addition, Federal Way can continue to connect small business owners to opportunities that help them increase capacity in navigating the permitting process via Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (ORIA) and other entities.

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