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Position Sought	City Council, District 3	
Home Legislative District	37th	
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Part I – Candidate Background

*Please limit each answer to **no more than** 250 words.*

Please briefly summarize and highlight your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience.

Currently, I am a Program Manager at All Home King County, specifically focusing on homelessness prevention, Diversion (a homelessness intervention) and youth/young adult/student homelessness. Former Director of Communication & Education at Pride Foundation, which provides scholarships to LGBTQ folks, and was a Project Manager at SEIU 775 Benefits Group, working on communications and pre-apprenticeship program. I was formerly the President of the Capitol Hill Community Council; a Commissioner on the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; and a member of the Coalition to End Urban Native Homelessness, Victory Fund & Institute Board, Healthcare for the Homeless Network Governance Board, and South Seattle Emerald Community Advisory Board. A graduate of Western Washington University, a local/national writer on queer issues (youth, education, seniors) two spirit identity, renter empowerment, and community building.

Describe your history of political involvement, if any, in the Democratic Party, particularly in Washington state politics. In what offices have you served or previously sought to be elected or appointed?

My main involvement in WA State politics began with Ref 74, I was a phone bank lead. In 2015, I became an executive board member with 43rd District Democrats as the communications chair (and co-founder of the racial justice caucus). During this time, I worked with a coalition (OneAmerica, NWIRP, etc) on the WA Family Unity Act, the law that would have enshrined at the state level that the state would not communicate with ICE regarding detainees. Additionally, I am an alumnus of Institute for a Democratic Future where I began to deeply understand politics in our state! Most recently, I worked with WA SAFE Alliance to fight back against legislative efforts to repeal our state's 2006 anti-discrimination law (in 2016). Locally, I led the effort with Tim Burgess to pass the country's first-ever renters commission in the city of Seattle and created a law that requires landlords provide voter registration materials to new tenants. In 2017, I was elected to serve as a Director on the Seattle School Board for District 5 (which is roughly the same district the city council race I am running for covers).

What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign?

I was really compelled after I was beginning to see two things: the way we are approaching our city's homelessness crisis (particularly, post-"Seattle is Dying") and displacement in my own district, specifically in the Central District, of black/African American neighbors (in the 70s, they were 70% of the population, today they are 18%).

I continue to be motivated by a lack of action or any sense of urgency that my representative seems to have when it comes to supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. The work of our city council is to create policies and to engage with macro, system-level approaches that help real people, not to hold rallies and shower in media attention.

We are an innovative, progressive city. When we come together around the big issues and crises we face, we do great things. And I believe we can do that with regard to homelessness, affordability, transportation, small businesses, and public safety.

From whom are you planning to ask for an endorsement? If you have received endorsements to date, please list them.

I have received endorsements from: Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda and Lorena Gonzalez; School Board Directors Leslie Harris, Rick Burke, Jill Geary, Eden Mack, Betty Patu and Scott Pinkham; Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins; Chief Seattle Club Colleen Echohawk-Hayashi; former Pride Foundation CEO Kris Hermanns; Capitol Hill Community Council President Natalie Curtis;

I will be seeking endorsements from: State Senator Saldaña, Representative Nicole Macri, State Senator Joe Nguyen, Small Business Owners such as Brian Wells of Tougo, Robin of Hello Robin, the 37th and 43rd Democrats; as well as organizations such as the Sierra Club, labor unions, and other community organizations.

Please describe your campaign strategy - provide in writing your campaign goals and present progress towards them to your KCDCC endorsement interview.

Our campaign strategy will focus on voter contact - primarily through door knocking, phone banking, and community engagement. I have hired a consulting firm, CD Strategic, specifically to develop targeting outreach plans for the above strategies. Our strategy will include the goal of turning out traditional voters, but we will also emphasize outreach to those that are typically marginalized and ignored by our electoral system in the hopes of increasing voter engagement among these communities.

Have you ever been a member of any other political party? If so, what party? Have you ever given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, to whom and when?

No, I have only been a Democrat. I gave money to Kshama Sawant in her 2015 run for city council.

Please answer the following questions. Your answers will not disqualify you from consideration for endorsement by KCDCC.		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or failed to comply with court ordered judgments?		X
2	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?		
3	Have you ever been a member of any other political party?		X

4	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?	X	
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* If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain your answer:

I forgot to return my F-1 form in on time in 2018--it was quickly resolved and the "case" was dismissed.

Part II – Local and State Issues

#	Question	Yes	No	Qualify your response
1	Do you support amending the U.S. Constitution to lessen the influence of money in politics, and declare that corporations do not have the rights of natural persons?	X		Which is part and parcel in why I believe in the Democracy Vouchers as a vehicle to bring more people and voices into local politics.
2	Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?	X		As a member of the SEIU 775 staff union and as an employee of SEIU 775 Benefits Group, I firmly believe in not only the right but in the incredible power and potential that bargaining and striking gives to workers. Frankly, when workers are paid fairly and justly, everyone benefits.
3	Do you support increasing the minimum wage in your jurisdiction to \$15 per hour or higher?	X		I believe \$15 is a great model and will continue to require us to rethink how our wages are keeping up with rising costs. Since the 1960s, wages have only gone up 5%, while rents have gone up close to 61%. We have more work to do.

4	Do you support legislation at the local and state level to require equal pay for equal work for all genders and for people of color?	X		Absolutely, and I think of the fact that black women, latinx women, and especially Native women, specifically, don't achieve equal pay as compared to white women. We have lots of work to do here to better support women in their right to be paid equally and justly for their work.
5	Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers undergo training to understand and combat institutional racism and implicit bias?	X		Absolutely, and while I've trained and facilitated these trainings across the country, I firmly believe every new group or staff team or school board for example, must participate in trainings because they are not just a 'check the box' moment, they require continuous improvement and that comes with reexamining and exploring race and its impacts in all of our work.
6	Are you willing to have yourself, your staff and your peers undergo training to understand and combat sexual harassment?	X		Absolutely, we often treat this as less important than racial equity trainings, but these are equally as important and intersect, too. As a victim of sexual assault, I recognize the ways in which harassment can take hold in covert ways in our social life and it's up to us to confront and change systems.

7	Do you support raising revenue at the city level to expand transit service?	X		Ability to access transportation is a critical piece of economic mobility for our residents - and investing in adequate transportation infrastructure is a critical part of our role in local government.
8	Do you support development impact fees to help pay for schools, roads, and parks, as allowed under the Growth Management Act?	X		I believe it is ONE part of a multi-part solution to increased development and lack of affordability in our city. While it's not the single mechanism, I believe it will help.
9	Do you support building a municipally owned and operated broadband system in your city?	X		Yes, it has been done in some cities in the U.S. and seems like a great option to increase access, reduce costs, and is one part of many in creating a city of the future.
10	Do you agree that municipal government should use its borrowing capacity to fund additional units of affordable housing?	X		Especially since we're in a homelessness and affordability crisis, we've got to start getting creative and think outside the box on solutions both short and long term to stem the harm that these crises have inflicted on our neighbors, here and across the region.
11	Do you support infrastructure to make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike on your city's streets?	X		Yes, and we need to prioritize school zones, school routes, and areas where senior citizens are living.

12	Do you support requiring police officers in your jurisdiction to wear body cameras?	X		Wearing them is one thing, requiring them and ensuring they're always on is another. But yes, it's an important accountability tool to build trust and transparency with our communities
13	Do you support your municipality implementing a "Ban the Box" program as is already in place in Seattle and Spokane?	X		100%, without question. Everyone deserves a second chance after serving their time for criminal justice involvement.
14	Do you support "Gender Neutral" bathrooms throughout the city?	X		100%, and was proud to have worked on the NO on I-1515 and NO on I-1552 campaigns.
15	Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate PACs such as, but not limited to, fossil fuel, pharmaceutical, or health insurance companies?		X	No; we are committed to grassroots organizing. That's why this campaign is participating in the Democracy Voucher program.

The remaining questions in this section are for City of Seattle candidates only.

15	Are you participating in the Democracy Voucher program?	X		Absolutely, in line with my commitment to bringing more voices to local politics, such as establishing the country's first Renters Commission and a law requiring landlords provide voter registration to new tenants. It's an obvious choice to participate in the Democracy Voucher program
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16	Would you support the placement of Community Health Engagement Locations in your district?	X		Yes, the Capitol Hill Community Council was one of the first endorsers of this harm reduction approach.
17	Do you support the forced removal of unauthorized homeless encampments ("sweeps") in your district?		X	Absolutely not. We need to help find people homes and if there aren't any, we should be finding temporary solutions like no-barrier shelters, and even finding host homes for young people experiencing homelessness, and investing in strategies such as Diversion; and, working with our county and state and federal partners to tap into financial resources to build more housing.
18	Would you have supported the 2018 employee hours tax to fund affordable housing as it was originally passed?	X		Yes, and I also want policies that are going to win. I wish it were more ambitious, and I also believe, like HALA/MHA, we needed to have conversations over a longer period of time to bring more neighbors along. Every time we come back to this policy, in this time, we neglect to thoughtfully engage on other progressive revenue sources, such as a local estate tax or getting creative about income based fees and fines.

19	Do you support allowing more housing types, such as triplexes, rowhomes, townhomes, and accessory dwelling units, in single-family zoned areas in your district?	X		YES! YES! YES! No question—creating diverse housing options across the city is critical. We need to remove apartment bans across this city and frankly we need to rethink our zoning laws, understanding its roots in exclusion, racism, and classism.
20	Would you support the construction of a 10-unit affordable housing building on your street?	X		Only 10? We have 12,000 of our neighbors without housing, and 40% of our neighbors don't have more than \$400 to their name and are on the verge of poverty and homelessness. We need more than 10 affordable housing units on my street. We need 100.
21	Would you support a "congestion price" on downtown drivers in order to relieve traffic congestion and fund public transit improvements?		X	I'm not sure congestion pricing is the solution we seek, but I do believe removing parking on the streets downtown would be one helpful tool to begin reducing traffic, traffic fatalities and accidents, and would de-prioritize cars when we need to make our city more walkable.

22	Do you support completion of the Bicycle Master Plan, including the installation of protected bike lanes on arterial streets?	X		Absolutely, yes! What I'm concerned about is what I keep hearing people say, using data against the work, such as "well our data is telling us that not many people are riding bikes so why should we build such infrastructure" but I will tell you, my husband doesn't ride his bike as much anymore because there isn't protected bike lanes. I know when it's built more people will trust the city is putting their safety first and will come out and utilize it—making that data story moot.
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Part III – Free Response Questions

*Please limit each response to **no more than 500 words**.*

Please review the King County Democratic Platform at <https://www.kcdems.org/d/platform/platform.xml>. How have you worked, and if elected, how would you work to implement the goals in this platform?

In my role on the School Board, I've been a champion for finding the intersections of many of these issues—the arts, housing, transportation, and health care. In my ideal world, our City Council would do the same. I admire the King County Democratic Platform for addressing so many of the big issues that we face—and I would like to work to bring them together and find ways to solve multiple problems at a time.

Our region is growing quickly. How will you ensure that existing residents and newcomers alike have equitable access to affordable housing, public transit, and neighborhood amenities such as parks and schools? How will you protect current residents, and especially our most vulnerable communities, from displacement caused by this growth?

One idea I've been interested in is working with colleagues at Building Changes on piloting a shallow rent subsidy. A shallow rent subsidy could be targeted to people who don't have more than \$400 to their name. In our region, about 40% of our neighbors don't have more than \$400 to their name and could easily have one financial circumstance push them into

poverty or homelessness. We could target a low subsidy of, say, \$500 a month to families in need for a year. Provide them stability and an opportunity to save. But, and I will say this all throughout the campaign: we need to make sure that the precision of our solutions match the precision of the harm initially inflicted. We need to be specific and precise in who and how we're supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. Plus, we need to be doing more upstream, such as focusing on evictions and free civil legal aid similar to New York, or providing more pathways to home ownership, supporting smaller landlords that are providing affordable places for people to live. What might be an interesting idea is to prioritize diverse housing types around our public schools. In the 2016-2017 school year, we had around 4,200 students experiencing homelessness in our public schools. That's one in 13—students are likely to have at least one peer student experiencing homelessness in their classroom. Zoning is one of the leading indicators of segregation in our schools. I wrote about this in [Real Change](https://www.realchangenews.org/2018/08/01/ban-apartments-hurts-public-education) last year.

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How have you worked to combat climate change? How would you use your elected office to ensure your region drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050?

As part of our Seattle School Board's "Green Resolution," we're working to ensure our systems, operations, and capital projects are informed by "Green" goals. We can promote these ambitious and necessary goals by reducing the need for cars, building more transit and increasing routes, building a more connected bike infrastructure, and promoting more telecommuting for jobs, for example. But frankly, as policymakers, we need to design our cities to be more walkable. In addition to transportation ideas, I believe we need to strongly fight for a carbon tax.

As consumers, we should be doing things that are within our control, such as switching to LED lightbulbs, and reducing our consumption of meat. And, as temperatures rise, more people are going to logically want A/C units, but these types of solutions are not sustainable.

Describe your vision for tax reform and tax fairness. What changes to the state's tax system would you ask the Legislature to make?

Our tax code relies on regressive taxes, such as sales tax, to fund our necessary services. More working families and middle class neighbors pay a bigger share of their income in taxes. We also need to challenge the status quo of powerful special interests carving out tax breaks and eliminate those. I would ask that the state legislature institute a capital gains tax and move to an income tax.

If you were in charge of putting together a budget proposal for King County, what would it look like? How would you raise revenue to avoid harmful cuts to public services?

I would first prioritize our county's most urgent needs - homelessness and human services. Because the county is charged with convening our regional response to homelessness, we must seek sustainable funding directed toward programs that get people into homes, along with the services they need to sustain housing. All of us - residents and businesses alike - share in the responsibility to care for our most vulnerable neighbors.

What important state and local issues have you worked on (or taken an interest in) that you feel aren't getting enough attention from elected leaders and the media?

Public education! Frankly, every day, I see the deleterious effects of an underfunded public education system. For example, Special Education is not fully funded and by all accounts the State doesn't consider it "basic education," so that is the most important issue that I believe in. While this issue is getting "attention" from our communities, our state legislators aren't taking our demands or concerns to heart. We are underfunded across the state and every day we let those students and their parents down by not being fully funded is a day we can't re-do.

What specific social justice issues are most important to you? How have you addressed them? How would you use your elected office to address them?

Jobs: Beginning in the fall of 2018, I began working with labor leaders on introducing Community Workforce Agreements at Seattle Public Schools. We are currently working on the next steps, which include a resolution and creating a task force to help guide our work

forward as far as CWAs with special attention to students and apprenticeships. I will continue advocating for more representation in our trades and fighting to ensure that all workers are treated fairly and justly. This is also a strong economic justice tool.

Education: Education is the great equalizer in our democracy. I have fought for more funding for our teachers and students at the Legislature. I would continue to advocate for ample funding of our schools to our State legislators when elected because they are not fully funding our schools and our students, our families, and our communities are on the losing end of their inability to provide the necessary resources to deliver high quality public education.

Tribal Sovereignty: I absolutely support tribal sovereignty and the tribal nations that call this region their home. Additionally, we should be strengthening our government to government relations between sovereign nations and our city. We could absolutely do a better job of working together and I know that when we do work together for our people our people stand to benefit.

Human & Civic Rights: My favorite pursuit is voting rights and access to voting. I wrote the law that requires landlords provide voter registration with new tenants with APACE Votes, the Washington Bus, Tenants Union, and LGBTQ Allyship. I will continue to identify new ways to increase access to voting and make sure everyone in our city knows about their rights to vote. When we have a vote we feel seen, and I'm fighting for all of my neighbors to be seen.

Do you believe elected officials have a responsibility to bring up the next generation of leadership? If so, how do you plan on doing so?

Absolutely, and frankly, I've done it. When I was president of the Capitol Hill Community Council, I made sure that the folks who were the other officers, such as Vice President, were ready, equipped, and felt comfortable leading. I like to think of a phrase Councilmember Juarez often tells me, "lead to leave." If elected, this will look like finding young, queer, and people of color who are interested in leadership, serving their city, and politics and helping them find their own paths to power. And while I know "power" can sometimes have a negative connotation, I'm thinking of the time I was at an event with then-State Senator Jayapal. She asked the crowd, "who here likes power?" And no one raised their hands. I believe it's because when we thought of power, we were thinking of the oppressors, we were thinking of the George W. Bush types. She asked us again, after explaining, "power in the hands of our communities—used for good, progress, and justice is the power I'm referring to." She asked the crowd again, after teaching us why our communities—queer, black and brown, Native, young, women—needed power to fight for and achieve what we needed to see for progress and justice. It was this second time we all raised our hands. That's the power I want to encourage more people to seek. As far as if I'm elected, I will seek out young, queer, and POC identified folks who are passionate about civic engagement and are seeking opportunities to grow their leadership and want to be a part of the positive change we so need in our communities.

What is your definition of diversity? What experience do you have promoting diversity?

While I'm not necessarily a fan of "diversity" in the sense that it has been overused, I firmly believe in representation, which I think is more meaningful than diversity. To me, representation means more people with different experiences "at the table." More specifically, representation must be in the DNA of our culture and our politics. We all want to feel represented. We all need to feel seen, heard, and valued. That's why representation is better. For me, I think back to my time as President of the Capitol Hill Community Council, when I was elected the first time I noticed a lot of the other members were white, older, and homeowners. I firmly believe more representation is better because it not only illustrates the full breadth of experiences in our community, it also means different voices are a part of solutions. That belief translated into the most representative Capitol Hill Community Council ever: 6 out of 7 were renters, 4 of 7 were women, 3 of 7 were POC (black and Native), and 2 were queer. All of us were younger than 35. And to think of the amazing things we did with more representative voices. It was an amazing time.

I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.

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