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## **2018 Candidate Questionnaire**

Please return to [endorsements@equalrightswashington.org](mailto:endorsements@equalrightswashington.org)

Equal Rights Washington (ERW) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring and promoting the dignity, safety, and equality of all LGBTQ Washingtonians. ERW's current work priorities are Trans Justice, LGBTQ Youth Empowerment, Racial Equity, and Gender Equity.

All candidates seeking ERW's endorsement must complete a candidate questionnaire. Endorsements will be made on a rolling basis after the May 18<sup>th</sup> campaign filing deadline.

**Date: July 8, 2018**

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### **Volunteer Experience:**

Issaquah School Board President, WSSDA Legislative Committee, NSBA Legislative Coordinator, WA Online Learning Advisory Committee, Kiwanis Club of Issaquah Treasurer and Executive Board Member, Stand for Children Team Leader, Safe Roads for Issaquah, WA PTA Outstanding Advocate, TEALS volunteer Computer Science instructor

### **Please list any organizational endorsements you have received:**

- SEATTLE KingCounty REALTORS®
- Associated General Contractors of Washington
- Washington State Farm Bureau
- Washington Hospitality Association
- Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
- Washington State Nurses Association
- The League of Education Voters
- King County Republican Party
- Mainstream Republicans of Washington

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***For the questions listed below, please provide a direct response and brief two or three sentence explanation.***

What is the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity?

**According to RCW 49.60.040, gender identity is actually incorporated into the definition of "sexual orientation", so legally they're treated the same.**

**In practice, most would agree that these are very different things. Sexual orientation deals with your attraction to others, and gender identity is how you perceive yourself.**

Do you believe businesses should be allowed to refuse service to LGBTQ individuals based on personal religious beliefs? Why or why not?

**No. Religious protections don't allow violation of the law (e.g. discrimination against protected class).**

Would you support a ban on gay panic and trans panic as legal defenses for violent crimes against the LGBTQ community in Washington State?

**Yes. An unwelcome advance, however unexpected, is no excuse for a violent crime.**

Approximately 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. What would you do (or have you done) to address this issue?

**LGBTQ youth experience more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) due to their differences. I would focus on creating safe spaces in our schools that protect against bullying and harassment, preventing and treating those ACEs as early as possible in their lives.**

Do you believe Title IX protections should include gender identity? Why or why not?

**Yes, Title IX protects LGBTQ students from harassment on the basis of sex stereotypes. I do, however, support a limited exception for athletics, where accommodating transgender students would impair "the competitive fairness or physical safety of the sport."**

Would you support an amendment to Washington's Healthy Youth Act requiring consent to be taught as part of the state's sexual education curriculum?

**Yes, most definitely.**

In 2017, the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism reported a third consecutive year of increases in hate crimes nationally. Though African-Americans remain the most common targets in most of the larger cities, bias crimes against Muslims and

LGBTQ people accounted for much of the growth that was reported. If elected, what would you do to address the epidemic of steadily increasing bias crimes?

**Ensure legislation is clear that selective enforcement or prosecution of these violent crimes will not be tolerated.**

Do you support De-Escalate Washington's Initiative 940? Why or why not?

**I support the amended version that was negotiated with the participation of WACOPS and the tribes. The policy language has been substantially improved thanks to this historic collaboration.**

"Black Lives Matter" or "All Lives Matter"? Why?

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment guarantees equal treatment under the law, and that should be our focus. Singling out specific minority groups for proactive legislative intervention is bad policy, no matter how well intentioned. In the eyes of the law and law enforcement, everyone should be treated equally. Anything less only perpetuates discrimination.**

How would/does intersectionality impact your decision-making as an elected?

**While we need to recognize how interlocking systems of power impact those who are most marginalized in society, our legislative policy should not discriminate for or against any class, race, sexual orientation, age, disability or gender. Also, intersectionality seems to suggest that the value of someone or their opinion depends on how many victim groups they belong to, and I reject that premise. Our civil rights are universal and should not be weighted based on any formula to correct for perceived past oppression. The people made their position clear on this issue in 1998 when they passed Initiative 200 with a margin of over 16%.**

What is the most important and/or pressing issue you will address if elected?

**My main goal is to enact legislation that balances the need for economic growth, fiscal responsibility, civil liberty and social mobility.**

Why should Equal Rights Washington endorse you?

**I believe that ERW would be smart to endorse candidates from both sides of the aisle who generally support your legislative agenda, since it has the effect of elevating your issues above those of partisan politics. It also helps build bipartisan coalitions, such as those that passed the civil rights acts, women's suffrage, and the reconstruction amendments.**

**In practice, however, I recognize that supporting Republicans is only usually considered when the Democrat in the race has no possible chance of winning. I complete these questionnaires not expecting your endorsement, but so I have [a public record](#) of my moderate positions on these important social issues.**