



2018 SEAMEC CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Seattle Metropolitan Elections Committee (SEAMEC) is a non-partisan civic organization that has evaluated and rated candidates for public office since 1977. SEAMEC evaluates candidates based on their knowledge and record of commitment to and activism for the concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) community.

SEAMEC will rate and/or endorse your candidacy for the primary and/or general election based on your answers to this questionnaire, previous record, and other available information. SEAMEC will offer in-person interviews for select races both before and after the primary; candidates in these contests will be contacted by SEAMEC to arrange interviews.

Please be specific in your responses to help us understand your thinking on issues of importance to the LGBTQ community. You may attach additional materials, as well as any relevant documentation with pertinent information regarding your history and level of support for LGBTQ community issues. We would also appreciate if you would include campaign materials in your submission. Feel free to insert comments following any question to further clarify your stance, you may attach additional pages as needed.

Please return this completed questionnaire by email to seamec.sc@gmail.com, mail, or fax within 72 hours, or as soon as possible, with your signature. **You, the candidate, must personally sign and date this front page.** If you email this questionnaire, please include a scan of the front page or mail or fax the signed second page to us.

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SEAMEC's primary interview site: 1605 12th Ave., Room #21
(at E. Pine St., in the same building as the liquor store)

Candidate name: _____

Position sought (and number if applicable): _____

Please select one: _____ Incumbent _____ Challenger _____ Open Seat

Campaign address: _____

Campaign website: _____ Campaign telephone: _____

Campaign email: _____ Campaign manager: _____

Consultant(s): _____ Contact cell phone for day of interview: _____

My signature below indicates that the answers to the attached questionnaire accurately reflect my views and that I understand my answers may be publicly disclosed by SEAMEC.

Candidate signature: _____ Date: _____

ISSUES:

Please answer each of the following questions "Yes" or "No."

YOU MAY QUALIFY OR EXPLAIN ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS BY INSERTING OR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

1. Should individual government employees be permitted to opt out of performing specific duties of their office by asserting that the action infringes on their religious beliefs?
☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Did you support Referendum 74 (legalizing civil marriage for lesbian or gay couples in Washington State) in 2012, either as a voter or as an elected official?
☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Do you support the Washington State Human Rights Commission's controversial ruling affirming an individual's right to use facilities consistent with their gender identity?
☐ YES ☐ NO
4. In 2017, Initiative 552 did not qualify for the ballot, it proposed to override state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on a person's gender identity. Will you publicly oppose initiatives, such as I-552, that would repeal non-discrimination protections based on gender identity or expression?
☐ YES ☐ NO
5. In 2018 the Washington State legislature passed SB 6037, the Uniform Parentage Act facilitating legal recognition of non-biological Second-Parent and Stepparent Adoption for same sex couples, this applies when couples in same-sex relationships have children through surrogacy or donor insemination and grants parenting rights to both the biological and non-biological parent. Do you support this law?
☐ YES ☐ NO
6. PrEP is short for pre-exposure prophylaxis. It is an HIV prevention method in which people who do not have HIV take one daily pill to reduce their risk of becoming infected. Do you support your level of government making this treatment available to people considered at high risk who cannot afford the costs?
☐ YES ☐ NO
7. Do you support distribution of PrEP to inmates in jails, prisons, and other institutions to prevent the spread of HIV and/or to maintain the health of HIV+ inmates?
☐ YES ☐ NO
8. Should transgender inmates have access to all medically necessary gender transition services, such as hormone medication therapy and counseling?
☐ YES ☐ NO
9. Should religiously affiliated healthcare providers and facilities open to the public or accepting public funds be allowed to deny coverage or refuse services they believe conflict with their religious doctrines?
☐ YES ☐ NO
10. Should the State of Washington allow public schools including charter schools, to opt out of teaching comprehensive, scientifically accurate, age-appropriate sex education?
☐ YES ☐ NO
11. Do you support "full healthcare equality" in both public and private health coverage plans, including medically necessary gender-identity related healthcare (i.e., counseling, medication and hormone treatment, and surgery)?
☐ YES ☐ NO
12. Do you support the current rights of individuals to make their own reproductive decisions, including abortion and contraception?
☐ YES ☐ NO
13. Do you support continued state funding of reproductive health, contraceptive, and abortion services for those in financial need?
☐ YES ☐ NO
14. Thirty states do not have laws granting their citizens protection from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Do you support passage of the proposed Federal Equality Act, which would nationalize such protections?
☐ YES ☐ NO
15. Do you support allowing openly transgender citizens to serve in our nations military?
☐ YES ☐ NO
16. Do you agree with the Supreme Court's decision to strike down state laws that prohibited same-sex marriage?
☐ YES ☐ NO
17. In 2016 Washington state voters approved Initiative 1433 mandating employer provided paid sick leave. Do you agree with the voters' decision?

☐ YES ☐ NO

18. Washington State collects demographic statistics based on race, sex, and age. The current federal administration has cancelled plans to include questions about transgender people in the 2020 US Census. Should optional and confidential demographic data regarding sexual orientation and gender identity also be collected?

☐ YES ☐ NO

19. There has been longstanding controversy about the origins of sexual orientation. While sexual behavior is often a choice, romantic **AND** sexual attraction appears to be biologically predetermined. Do you believe that one's sexual orientation is a conscious choice?

☐ YES ☐ NO

20. Should project labor agreements at your level of government include transgender non-discrimination provisions?

☐ YES ☐ NO

21. Should religiously affiliated institutions, such as hospitals, schools, or charities, be able to legally terminate the employment of someone for identifying as LGBTQ, when their job is not in a religious capacity?

☐ YES ☐ NO

22. In 2018 the Washington State Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law SB 5722, which prohibits the utilization of conversion therapy (also known as "reparative therapy") on minors. Do you support the enactment of this law?

☐ YES ☐ NO

23. Should added provisions be made for the safety and welfare of trans people who are involuntarily incarcerated in jails, prisons, or other government operated healthcare institutions?

☐ YES ☐ NO

24. Do you believe Title IX protections should include gender identity?

☐ YES ☐ NO

25. If elected, will you support enactment of a state law prohibiting the utilization of gay-panic and trans-panic as a legal defense to justify violent acts against LGBTQ persons?

☐ YES ☐ NO

26. LGBTQ individuals are impacted as is everyone in our society by sexual harassment, as victims, perpetrators, or possibly subjected to false accusations. Will you support legislation requiring sexual harassment and misconduct allegations within public agencies be investigated by external entities independent of that agency?

☐ YES ☐ NO

27. Will you support mandating that the concepts of consent and consensual conduct be included in public school curricula?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

28. The Federal government considers numerous strategic factors when determining whether and when *non-humanitarian* funding aid will be granted to foreign governments. What factors justify funding foreign governments that actively discriminate against, criminalize or persecute LGBTQ persons?

29. Among the most divisive issues in our nation today concerns the conflict between an individual's right to refuse to provide services based on their personal religious beliefs versus public accommodation laws prohibiting businesses from discriminating against individuals. Suppose a bakery's services include decorating cakes with edible photographs and images provided by customers; a same-sex couple places an order for a cake decorated with a photo image of the couple kissing, is the baker required to fulfill this order? Can the baker legally refuse to provide this service based on their personal religious beliefs? Would your answer be different if the order was for cake with a legal yet sexually explicit image? Please explain?

GENERAL QUESTIONS: This section focuses on your overall campaign as well as your history, level of participation and advocacy on LGBTQ issues. **SEAMEC gives significant consideration to your personal history of activity in support of issues relating to LGBTQ equality, so please provide detailed answers that are thorough and specific.**

1. What are the three highest priorities or most important issues of your candidacy?

2. How much money have you raised for your campaign? What is your final campaign budget?

3. How would you advance LGBTQ equity at your level of government?

4. Which organizations and/or individuals do you consult to inform you on LGBTQ issues?