



**Washington Retail Association  
Retail Action Council PAC  
2018 Candidate Survey**

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Candidate Name: **Chad Magendanz**

Campaign Name: **Citizens for Chad Magendanz**

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Party affiliation: Republican

Legislative District: **5** Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ House: **X** Position: **X** 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2

Dollars raised to date: **\$32,808.62** Number of voters doorbelled to date: **3,200**

**Background Information**

*(Please attach a brief professional bio)*

Public offices currently or previously held:

**State Representative (2013-14, 2015-16), Issaquah School Board (2008-13) serving as Legislative Representative (2009-11) and Board President (2011-12), Precinct Committee Officer (2008-)**

Previous political experience:

**Elected to caucus leadership my first year and served as ranking Republican on the House Education Committee and as a member of House Higher Education, Technology and Economic Development, Appropriations and Rules committees.**

**WSSDA & NSBA Legislative Committees (2009-), Washington State Online Learning Advisory Committee (2009-)**

Private or non-profit board positions currently or previously held:

**Kiwanis Club of Issaquah, Issaquah Schools Foundation, Safe Roads for Issaquah**

Occupation: **Software Developer**

Education: **Electrical & Computer Engineering from Cornell University, U.S. Navy Nuclear Power School, Leadership WSSDA, Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute, Microsoft Certified Professional**

Who has endorsed you so far (associations, prominent individuals, newspapers, etc) ?

**Seattle/King County REALTORS, Associated General Contractors, Washington State Nurses Association, League of Education Voters, Mainstream Republicans of Washington, Governor & U.S. Senator Dan Evans, Senator Slade Gorton, WA Secretaries of State Ralph Munro and Sam Reed, Congressman Dave Reichert, Councilmembers Kathy Lambert & Reagan Dunn, Rep. Jay Rodne (incumbent)**

What are your top three legislative objectives?

1. **Better Schools**
2. **Lower Taxes**
3. **More Freedom**

If you were seeking information on a retail issue, to whom would you turn?

**WRA, WFIA, Costco, Walmart, Fred Meyer (Oxley & Assoc)**

Additional information you may want to share:

**Other Professional Experience:**

- **12 years as a nuclear submarine officer in the U.S. Navy**
- **10 years as a full-time manager at Microsoft shipping 16 products (including Office and Windows) with over 20 patent awards**
- **12 years as a software design consultant to Nike, Panasonic, Microsoft and other high tech companies in the Northwest**
- **Director of Product Development for Voter Science, LLC**
- **Volunteer TEALS computer science teacher at Gibson Ek High School**

**Endorsed by *The Seattle Times* for both 2012 and 2014 campaigns for state representative and I've never received anything less than an OUTSTANDING candidate rating from the Municipal League of King County.**

**Finished 2016 legislative session with 100% rating from National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and Association of Washington Business (AWB). AWB lifetime rating of 92%. Recipient of 2013 AWB Cornerstone Award and 2016 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award.**

**More info on campaign website: <http://www.Vote4Chad.com>**

**1. Budget and Taxes**

State revenues (taxes) have increased steadily with the economic stability and lowest unemployment seen in decades. Last session several proposals to increase existing taxes, impose new taxes, and eliminate tax exemptions/preferences were introduced and debated.

Would you support increasing existing taxes? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

Would you support imposing new taxes? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

Eliminating tax exemptions/preferences?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Making cuts to spending?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Or a combination of the above?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Which taxes would you raise, impose and/or preferences would you eliminate and why? What cuts to spending would you support and why?

- **I would support centralizing and streamlining the administration of the B&O tax, with strict apportionment to local governments.**
- **Longer term, I'd support a constitutional amendment replacing the B&O tax with a simpler, fairer Single Business tax (similar to the Texas Franchise Tax).**

## 2. Sales Tax Exemption For Nonresidents

Many attempts have been made to eliminate or make a refund program out of the Washington State nonresident sales tax exemption which allows citizens from other states and Canadian provinces to shop in Washington without paying sales tax if their home location doesn't charge a sales tax or it is lower than 3%. This is widely utilized along the Oregon/Washington border where Oregon does not charge sales tax.

Do you support or oppose eliminating or making a refund program out of the nonresident sales tax exemption?

\_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose

Comments: **Current system is consistent with online retail practice for out-of-state residents.**

## 3. Business and Occupation Tax

There have been discussions to raise the B and O tax (gross receipts) that businesses pay.

Do you support or oppose raising the B and O tax?

\_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose

Comments: **See comments above on B&O reform.**

## 4. Workers' Compensation Reform Structured Settlements

Currently the state industrial insurance or workers' comp system allows workers 55 and older to voluntarily agree to a structured settlement.

Should the age restriction be removed so all workers can voluntarily enter into a structured settlement?

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Comments: **I argued for this on the House floor.**

## 5. Occupational Condition or Disease

Currently workers are able to get workers' compensation benefits for non-work-related conditions and diseases. This happens because the state does not have clear direction that their job be a contributing factor.

Do you support or oppose clarifying the definition of occupational condition or disease to verify that their condition be the result of on-the-job activities or exposure?

Support  Oppose

Comments: **Fraud and abuse are still significant cost drivers in our workers' comp system.**

**6. Unemployment Insurance (UI)**

Washington State has the largest UI trust fund in the country currently at \$4.2 billion. The UI program is funded solely by employer taxes. Attempts have been made to use the UI Trust Fund to pay for unrelated programs.

Do you support or oppose using UI Trust Fund moneys for unrelated programs?

Support  Oppose

**7. Independent Contractors being classified as Employees**

Independent contractors in Washington State have to pass a test to determine if in fact they control their own business and operation. There are thousands of independent contractors in Washington today, for example port drayage truck drivers are often independent contractors. There have been attempts to classify independent contractors as employees of the businesses they contract with or reverse the burden of proof on who is actually an employee.

Do you support or oppose legislation to classify independent contractors as employees of the business they contract with or reversing the burden of proof on who is actually an employee?

Support  Oppose

Comments: **I've been a contractor for over 12 years and have argued against this measure on the House floor.**

**8. Product Stewardship – Recycling and Proper Disposal**

The legislature will be asked to address numerous end-of-life issues for a myriad of products including carpet, paint, batteries, plastic bottles and plastic bags for example. Point of sale fees/taxes, signage, checking IDs, prohibiting the sale of merchandise with certain chemicals, offering recycling stations are often potential solutions offered by the legislature.

Who should pay for the cost of recycling or disposal of products at their end-of-life?

Retailers  Manufacturers  Consumers  Government

Comments: **Manufacturers and retailers may also want to provide easy end-of-life disposal to drive replacement sales, but I don't believe that government should mandate it.**

**9. "Head" or Employee Tax**

The City of Seattle recently adopted a \$275 per employee "Head" tax. Funds will be used to address homelessness.

Do you support Washington State adopting a “Head” or employee tax?

\_\_\_\_\_Support  Oppose

Comments: **I’m seeing strong resistance to any head tax at the doorstep. This is a hot issue in the 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**10. Felony Threshold for Theft**

Washington State’s current felony threshold for theft is \$750. There are some in the legislature that would like to raise the limit to \$1,000 or higher. Retail thieves often know the theft limit and purposely stay under the felony limit in the event they are caught so that they can’t be convicted of a more serious crime with the potential for jail time.

Do you support or oppose increasing the felony limit?

\_\_\_\_\_Support  Oppose

Comments: **Local law enforcement’s refusal to investigate property crimes below \$10,000 has not helped this matter.**

***Thank you for participating in the candidate survey. Responses will be tallied and presented to the WRA Retail Action Council Political Action Committee for consideration of endorsement and/or a contribution. Best wishes on your election efforts.***

***If you have any questions please contact: Mark Johnson, Senior VP Government Affairs at 360-943-9198 ext 15 or [mark.johnson@retailassociation.org](mailto:mark.johnson@retailassociation.org)***