



2016 Candidate Questionnaire

The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce extends the invitation to all candidates to complete its Candidate Questionnaire. Your completed questionnaire will be shared with our membership and will be posted online to our website, federalwaychamber.com. **Deadline is 4 p.m. on September 6, 2016.** Please send your responses electronically to rmartin@federalwaychamber.com. Thank you for your interest in serving our community as an elected official.

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***ABOUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE.** There are three sections to the Questionnaire. Please limit your answers to no more than 200 words max. The Calibri font is set for 11 points and the box is formatted to expand with your answer.*

SECTION I: BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

- 1. In your role as an elected official, how do you plan to enhance and support the business climate in the Federal Way region?**

AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, I HAVE A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF WORKING WITH CHAMBERS, CITIES, AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT WAYS IN WHICH THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE LEVERAGED FOR THE GREATEST ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT THROUGH GROWING JOBS, GROWING BUSINESSES AND GROWING COMMUNITIES. THE PUGET SOUND REGION IS FORECAST TO GROW BY MORE THAN ONE MILLION RESIDENTS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE 30TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAN BE THE HOME TO EXISTING AND FUTURE FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES AS WELL AS THE MULTITUDE OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE THE ENGINE OF OUR ECONOMY.

- 2. Homelessness is a national and state-wide problem impacting both businesses and their communities. What are you going to do legislatively to address this issue?**

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS FIRST HAND, HOMELESSNESS HAPPENS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS AND FACTORS BUT I HAVE SEEN HOW A STRONG ECONOMY CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STABLE HOME AND FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. I HAVE EXPERIENCE HELPING PEOPLE IDENTIFY RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO GET THEM BACK ON TRACK. I HAVE SPENT NEARLY A DECADE MAKING SURE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, A LIVING WAGE JOB TO SUPPORT THEM AND ACCESS TO THE HEALTHCARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THEIR SUCCESS. I WILL CONTINUE THE WORK THAT I HAVE DONE FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND VETERANS AND BRING MY LIVED EXPERIENCE BUILDING COMMUNITY, GROWING OUR ECONOMY, AND HELPING WORKING FAMILIES SUCCEED TO MY ROLE AS YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. Currently our legislature is facing a \$100,000 a day fine due to the McCleary decision. How do you plan to solve the need for education funding to comply with the Supreme Court ruling?

MY EXPERIENCE AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPER HAS EXPOSED ME TO THE BILLION DOLLAR TAX LOOPHOLES THAT ARE AFFORDED TO A SMALL SEGMENT OF OUR ECONOMY. MY GOAL IS TO WORK TO MEET THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO FULLY FUND OUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION AS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE FUTURE OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY TODAY AND TOMORROW.

4. Given challenges in social services (i.e., Western State), transportation and education funding, will you be willing to support revenue enhancements? If so, briefly explain how you will address the difficult revenue/expenditure budget decision that must be made.

AS A WORKING MOM WITH A HOME BUDGET AND A SENIOR MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAXPAYER MONEY, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY — MY LIVED EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN ONE WHERE WE DO WHAT IS HARD IN ORDER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. IF THERE IS AN UNEXPECTED BILL OR EXPENSE, THEN THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO IS TO MAKE THE CHOICES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO OPERATE. I WILL BRING THIS SAME MENTALITY TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS.

5. If elected, how will you work legislatively with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce on economic development and other business initiatives? Please be specific.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SETTING UP A REGULAR ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY, WHETHER IT IS MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY WITH THE CHAMBER LEADERSHIP TO UNDERSTAND AND ADVANCE THE WORK OF THE CHAMBER IN SUPPORT OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I WILL BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER KNOWING THAT TOGETHER WE CAN WORK TOWARD FINDING NEW CORPORATE ENTITIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO CALL FEDERAL WAY HOME, GROW OUR ECONOMY AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, HEALTHY AND VIBRANT FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

SECTION II: POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

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

No. I AM A FIRST TIME CANDIDATE.

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

I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE CAREER WORKING TO EDUCATE AND ADVOCATE FOR COUNTLESS ISSUES BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE, STARTING WITH ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL TO MOST RECENTLY WORKING WITH SENATOR O'BAN AND REPRESENTATIVE MURI TO SUPPORT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN ADDRESSING COMPATIBLE LAND USE ISSUES.

3. How has your Campaign positively impacted the business climate in the South Sound?

AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER MYSELF, I HAVE HIRED ANOTHER SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, AND 30TH LD RESIDENT, AS MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER AND PAID HIM A PREVAILING WAGE THAT HE HAS USED TO BUY LUNCH AND DINNER AT SEVERAL OF THE RESTAURANTS AROUND OUR CAMPAIGN OFFICE. BEYOND HIS SALARY AND TAXES, MY CAMPAIGN HAS PURCHASED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE, STICKERS, SIGNS, AND OTHER COLLATERAL FROM A UNION FACILITY HERE IN THE SOUTH SOUND. ULTIMATELY, I HAVE POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE BUSINESS CLIMATE BECAUSE I HAVE RUN MY CAMPAIGN AS A BUSINESS THAT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE IN THE 30TH DISTRICT. I ALSO RUN ANOTHER SMALL BUSINESS (QUOTABLE CALLIGRAPHY) IN THE DISTRICT THAT HELPS OFFSET PERSONAL COSTS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY WHICH ALLOWS ME TO BE A HOMEOWNER WHO IS ABLE TO SUPPORT OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES BY SHOPPING LOCALLY.

SECTION III: CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

1. What is your campaign budget, how much have you raised, and what are your primary sources of funding?

WE HAVE AN ESTIMATED BUDGET OF \$250,000, CURRENTLY RAISED \$153,921.86, THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING IS FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED MY CAMPAIGN.

2. 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*)

SENATOR PATTY MURRAY, THE 30TH LD DEMOCRATS, IAM 751, SEIU 775, SEIU 925, FWEA, SEIU 1199NW

3. 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?

MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER IS 30TH LD RESIDENT AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, BRENT WILLIAMS-RUTH, HE CAN BE REACHED AT OUR CAMPAIGN OFFICE AT 32700 PACIFIC HIGHWAY S. , SUITE 4, FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003