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District:

13th

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Rep. pos. 2

1. Are you an incumbent?

Yes

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

I serve on the Appropriations Committee. I voted to support most, if not all amendments, that supported the DD community.

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

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4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Yes

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I have worked on addressing the labor laws that create a disincentive to hire people in the DD community. I have worked with Bruce Tabb on this issue for a few years.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Yes

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

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9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Absolutely

10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?

Absolutely

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

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12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

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Thank you for remitting your candidate questionnaire. Your feedback will be posted on our website exactly as you have written it. Your responses will help inform thousands of constituents in your district and across the state of your positions on these very important issues. Your responses will not be edited. If you have questions or if you need help completing this form, please call or email Executive Director, Adrienne Stuart, at the contact information below. Thank you for your time.

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District:

13th

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Representative Pos. 2

1. Are you an incumbent?

No

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

Does Not Apply

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

I support legislation that increases funding for special education in our public schools. I also support the continuation of partnerships between DDA, DSHS, OSPI, and other government agencies with non-profit agencies that help transition people with disabilities into the workforce. I believe that starting the transition to the workforce while young people with developmental disabilities are still in high school is the key to long term successful employment for this community.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

My grandson has Autism. He is five years old and has benefited by being enrolled in his school district's Early Learning program. I also have a cousin with cognitive disabilities who in spite of having his mental age diagnosed as 10 years old, held a job all his adult life working in a hospital laundry room until he retired.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

No

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I will support legislation that promotes inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce. I also support increased funding for the Division of Developmental Disabilities so that the funding more accurately reflects the demand.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Yes.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I will explore ways to expand outreach and dissemination of information so that more people with developmental disabilities and/or their families are aware of available services.

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes. I would like to hear their success stories in order to learn how to replicate those successes for other businesses.

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Yes. It would be a privilege to meet these families and individuals.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

I believe that all people are valuable members of society and deserve to be treated with respect. Human rights and civil rights are not predicated on one's race, gender, or abilities.

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