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**District:**

29th Legislative District

**Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:**

House of Representatives, Position #1

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

As a 100% service-connected disabled veteran, supporting individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy is one of my highest priorities. I will support legislative to that end.

**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 support Person Centered Approach to High School Special Education Students Transitioning to Adulthood. I will support adopting a phase out plan to eliminate Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-126-010 & 296-126-015, which allow exceptions to minimum wage for people with disabilities.

**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?**

I will support legislation at the state level that will get at the changes that needs to be made at the federal level to bridge these gaps in coverage for those people with disabilities who want to work.

**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 am not as familiar with how the Developmental Disabilities Administration policies and procedures

prohibit people with developmental disabilities in receiving no paid services but I am committed to join the chorus to hear from you and your members on the best approach forward to gain traction to ultimately assist in making the necessary changes.

**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. I am know for a person who builds consensus. We must bring all segments to the table, those that benefited and those from the diverse work force to ensure equity and inclusion.

**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?**

This is a part of my daily conversation and will continue during and post campaigning.

**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?**

When you want experience, compassion and commitment from your State Representative then you want Janis Clark. Janis doesn't just talk about justice and fairness; she has fought for it for over 30 years. Janis is a military sexual assault and racial prejudice survivor who won't quit when the going gets tough. Janis is passionate about providing economic opportunity, improving schools, and keeping our neighborhoods safe. She has been a tireless advocate for the abandoned, abused and misunderstood. Her non-profit organization has helped hundreds of veterans and their families' right when they needed it. Please vote for Janis Clark.

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

Yes, please inform me on what your 2019 Legislative Priorities will be so I can be forearmed to help support and defend our priorities.

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