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District:
47

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:
Senate

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?

Supported employment has been one of my highest priorities while in office. Each year, I have worked to advance this program and the individuals who benefit from it.

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 am, and I will.

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, I have had the pleasure of getting to know many individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. I have visited them at work, spent time with them at community events, and met with them frequently in both my Olympia and Auburn office.

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

Yes, as staff to the King County Council I was honored to work alongside several employees who benefitted from supported employment programs.

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?

More funding for high school transition programs like TOPS in Kent, continued support for employment specialists, using my position to encourage business to become disability employers.

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?

We have made incredible strides at shrinking the waitlist for services and I will continue to make this my priority.

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.

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?

These individuals and the services that support them are at the core of why I serve.

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

Recruiting businesses to participate and being willing to tell their personal story.

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District:

47th

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

House Representative, position 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?

NA

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?

If elected, I will support legislation that builds bridges within the business community to gainful employment for citizens with disabilities.

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, several. Some have paid jobs, some volunteer and some stay home.

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

Yes. I volunteered at the local Deseret Industries thrift store and worked with their crew comprised of many disabled individuals. It was fun and wonderful to see them enjoying their work as much as I did!

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 so many ideas, but for starters: incentives and tax breaks for businesses that employ those with disabilities, trainings for those disabilities, and business resource centers for those who would like to be one entrepreneurs and work from home!

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, I will support your efforts.

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?

The saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." I think an outreach campaign to share the opportunities available would be a way to serve more people.

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I have loved every single job I've ever had. I believe working brings satisfaction and joy to our lives. I would be honored to help your organization find more opportunities!

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

I would be curious to know some statistics about this section of the population. Especially in the 47th district. Any information you have would be greatly appreciated.

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