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District:

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Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

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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?

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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 disabled person, I am always checking door openers, entry incline angles, and fighting to keep disabled parking. There should be few if any barriers to employment opportunities. I will always keep my eyes open for any bills that enhance the opportunities equally for all.

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.

Years ago a next door neighbor was an ignored 8-year old. I would spend time with her and a mechanical typewriter teaching her to write her name. I was surprised how quickly we went from there to understanding words and their printed visuals.

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 work closely with anyone with any bill that advances employment opportunities within the public sector, and any bills that might break down barriers in the private sector.

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, yes and 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?

As a fortunate person receiving disability assistance, I will find ways to include developmentally disabled for assistance.

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?

Certainly, I would be happy to meet with those with positive results.

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?

I am more than happy to meet with and listen to families affected by the inequalities in the safety net that should include everyone.

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?

While gaining my masters in public administration at Seattle U, in 1991, I formed my non profit with a one-word mission statement: =access

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

Keep me informed of anything that doesn't allow for =access.

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