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District:

33

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

state senator

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 have always supported independent living for people w/ disabilities and employment is a key to that independence. yes

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 an incumbent

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?

no I haven't had that opportunity

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?

We should find more employers, especially in our non-profit sector, to find jobs for them.

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?

Many of those benefits are federal and not part of state legislation, however the state budget should backfill losses due to employment income.

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?

all of our citizens with disabilities should have the services they need.

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, as I have many times.

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?

Yes, I have many times.

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? not at this time

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

not at this time

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District:

33rd LD

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State House of Representatives position #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?

Supporting the Housing trust fund budget - Capital Budget.

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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?

Make sure there are many pathways for those to be employed with living wages and benefits. Ensure that budgets support state departments to employ and supportive employment programs throughout the state. Make sure labor laws keep wages for these employees on the same COLA scale as others jobs.

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Make sure that we notify and educate more people about the services. Washington residents are diverse and require local and culturally sensitive outreach. We need to educate them where they are about services and opportunities that match or fit their unique needs.

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Yes

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