



2018 Legislative candidate survey

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Briefly describe one or more actions that you would take to ensure your views on these issues are accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.

At a minimum, we need to close tax loopholes utilized by wealthy corporations. We also need to address spending that does not produce expected results. Criminal justice reform is just one potential area that could provide the state with huge cost savings.

2. Basic infrastructure financing

Cities face many challenges when repairing and updating critical infrastructure such as drinking water and sewer systems. Historically, the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), a revolving loan fund, was a significant source for financing infrastructure. As the state wrestled first with a recession and then with the *McCleary* education funding challenges, legislators repeatedly turned to diverting these funds and leaving nothing in their place. Since 2013, nearly all of the tax revenues deposited into the PWTF were diverted to the state's education funding account instead. Those revenues were scheduled to come back to the PWTF in 2019, but the revenue diversions were extended another four years.

Would you support or oppose a budget that diverted more res from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?	ources	Support	Oppose
Do you believe that it is part of the state's obligation to help fund critical local infrastructure, especially when taxes and fees raised to do so in 1985 continue to be levied?	Yes	No	

As a lawmaker, how will you work to secure the revitalization of the PWTF and protect it from future raids?

Having lived in the Midwest for 5 years, and earning my Master's in Public Health, I understand how devastating it can be when safe drinking water is simply not available to entire cities. As a representative, I will be a champion for these issues and remind all of my colleagues of the duty to ensure basic necessities are available to all. Similarly, I would utilize my position to educate the public on the issue, and ask for everyone's help to put pressure on their own representatives to protect our drinking water and sewer systems; these are public health issues.

3. Homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health

Across the state, housing costs are rising and affordability issues are impacting homebuyers and renters, as well as exacerbating the already critical homelessness problems in many communities. Mental health services are stretched thin and cities (not normally in the business of providing these particular social services) find themselves increasingly trying to help residents and keep their communities safe and secure. Cities have a strong desire to work together with the state, counties, business, nonprofit, and faith communities to help address these challenges. We continue to seek financing, regulatory, and funding tools to help.

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	ald you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning ensity decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?	Support	Oppose
\boxtimes	Provide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing		
\boxtimes	Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need		
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Please elaborate on what you suggest doing to address one or more of these issues:

This question deserves a dissertation, but I will provide a brief answer now, however, this is my area of expertise and I welcome a further discussion on any of these issues. Housing, employment, mental health, physical health, education, drug addiction, and criminal justice all intersect on these issues, and until we acknowledge the complexity of these issues we will never solve them. Thankfully, across the country and the world, there are an abundance of examples of what does work. There is no one factor for homelessness, so providing one solution makes no sense; homeless families have different needs than families fleeing domestic violence situations, and different needs than homeless veterans or those struggling with mental health or drug addiction. Often, we are quick to jail those with mental health or drug addiction, however this prolongs the issue. Instead, we need to provide rapid response to treatment, and then supportive wrap around services to provide immediate housing and employment opportunities. Some cities

around the country have begun to hire homeless people, especially those with criminal records, to do things like pick up trash. This has helped to improve self-esteem, mental/physical health, and improve stability and self-sufficiency while also reducing recidivism, saving the state money. In other communities, those that have provided immediate housing to families, and then followed up with wrap around services to address all needs and causes of homelessness have also seen dramatic results. A low-cost and efficient way to provide immediate housing is to utilize a voucher system to place individuals and families in vacant hotel rooms until shelters and transitional housing are available.

4. Economic development

Economic development opportunities vary greatly across the state. Some communities have deteriorating commercial or industrial areas or lack the needed infrastructure for critical development, and others lack access to adequate broadband services. AWC supports expansion of current programs and funding, including expansion of state Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) and Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) programs as options to incentivize economic development and support job creation.

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options available to local governments for economic development?	\boxtimes		
What other ideas do you have for bolstering the state's economic devel	opment c	pportunities?	
Admittedly, this is not my area of expertise, however I am working with a high	hly respe	cted economist on	my
doctoral dissertation, and I am confident in my ability to work with local econ	omists to	develop solutions t	to
these issues. At this time, although I do have some ideas that may be effect	tive, I am	hesitant to share	

details as I am not an expert and have not yet had an opportunity to discuss them with an expert. I am

Would you support or oppose legislation that expands the financing

excited to learn more, and would love to have a conversation about this.

5. Local control

Cities succeed when they can respond to local residents' unique needs and desired outcomes through exercising local control. The State Constitution and state statutes provide cities with wide discretion in serving their communities. However, the Legislature sometimes considers preempting cities from enacting local ordinances or engaging in certain activities. We believe that the relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership, where the state gives careful consideration to the varied conditions of local governments, and appreciates the importance of retaining local flexibility.

Do you believe that local control is important to ensuring responsive local government?	Yes ⊠	No
If you disagree that local control should be preserved, please describe one or more specific issue areas or situations in which the state should preempt local control.	OR	If you agree that local control should be respected, please describe how you would argue for the protection of local control to colleagues who want to preempt local

If a colleague had a hard time understanding the need for local control, I would provide an illustrative example. The role of the State Legislature is to provide minimum standards to protect all people in the state while providing the flexibility for each area to meet these standards in there own ways. For example, there are numerous RCWs addressing emergency preparedness for schools, medical facilities, and more. It is the states job to ensure that the specialized needs of each of these locations is met, and so flexibility is given for schools to address the safety of young students, while nursing homes can address the needs of elderly patients. Similarly, it would seem absurd to require Pullman to develop volcano or tsunami evacuation routes, however earthquakes are still a concern. Each city has a different mix of people and different set of resources. The most effective way to ensure the needs of individuals are met is to allow cities and local governments to meet mandated standards in the ways they see fit and make improvements that make sense

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for their own populations. Doing anything other than this would be like making podiatrists check the health of your arms before looking at your ankles or feet, it just doesn't make sense.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina Adams, AWC Government Relations Coordinator, at 360-753-4137 or ReginaA@awcnet.org. Please return your survey by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 4 by:

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Thank you for your participation!