



2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:	Ted Cummings	Legislative	district:	4	
You are a candidat	e for: House of Representatives ⊠	Senate			
If you are a candida which position are	ate for the House of Representativ your running for?	ves, Position 1 ⊠	Position 2		
Local government background Have you ever been elected or appointed to a local government position, Yes No or served on a local government board, committee, or as staff? Local governments include cities, counties, public utility districts, school districts, fire protection districts, port districts, and more.					
If yes, in what capacit	y?				
increase fees on serv have been restored. I	local revenues unters fiscal problems, legislators offices provided to cities to fill the state However, during the last recession, to and other local government cost driv	e's budget deficit. Re the Legislature enac	ecently, someted cuts and	ne shared revenues d diversions, while	
 Changes in liquor supported essent Sweeping and div from the nationally operating; and 	tax and profit distributions resulting ial local services, such as public saferting over \$1 billion in local utility to y-acclaimed Public Works Trust Fund pay training fees for officers attend	ety; axes, real estate taxe ad (PWTF) that helps	es, and proj s keep local	ject loan repayments infrastructure	
Do you support or locally-shared reve	oppose the Legislature continuing nues or revenues intended for case balance the state's operating but	g to use Suppor		• , ,	

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.

I would argue that the state must live within its budget and that looting essential funds earmarked for local services is not in the publics best interest.

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 resources Support from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?	: 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?						
As a lawmaker, how will you work to secure the revitalization of the PWTF and protect it from future raids? I will make the case that money spent in the PWTF is in the best interest of the state in the long run. Investing in infrastructure will drive employment and increase the state's tax base.						
3. Homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health Across the state, housing costs are rising and affordability issues are impacting homel well as exacerbating the already critical homelessness problems in many communities are stretched thin and cities (not normally in the business of providing these particular themselves increasingly trying to help residents and keep their communities safe and strong desire to work together with the state, counties, business, nonprofit, and faith c address these challenges. We continue to seek financing, regulatory, and funding tool	 Mental health services social services) find secure. Cities have a ommunities to help 					
Which of the following are priorities for you? Choose all that apply. ⊠ Help to end homelessness						
Ensure adequate mental health services for those in needProvide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing						
Would you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning or density decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?	Support Oppose					

Please elaborate on what you suggest doing to address one or more of these issues:

I would support low income and transitional housing programs along with social service workers and mental health professionals as part of the strategy to end homelessness.

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.

Would you support or oppose legislation that expands the financing Support Oppose options available to local governments for economic development?

What other ideas do you have for bolstering the state's economic development opportunities?

I am very supportive of the LFR and LIFT programs and would like to discuss these and other ideas with your group. I believe that trade schools and apprenticeship programs would work in tandem with those programs.

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.

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 governments.

I work in an industrial setting and manufacturers use a system called lean manufacturing to run their mills in the most efficient manner. The basic tenant of lean manufacturing is that all decisions should be made by those closest to the work, I believe in that principle and believe it is applicable in running a city and I would cite lean manufacturing to support my argument for local control.

OR

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:

- Email to ReginaA@awcnet.org;
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Thank you for your participation!