



## 2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:	Lisa Callan	Legislative district:	5" Legislative District					
You are a candidate	e for: House of Representatives S	enate						
If you are a candidate for the House of Representatives, Position 1 Position 2 which position are your running for? □ □								
Local government background  Have you ever been elected or appointed to a local government position, 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 capac I'm currently in my se	ity? econd four-year term as a school board o	director with the Issaquah S	School District.					
When the state enco increase fees on ser have been restored. unfunded mandates items:  Changes in liquo supported essen Sweeping and di from the national operating; and	local revenues funters fiscal problems, legislators often to vices provided to cities to fill the state's be. However, during the last recession, the land other local government cost drivers of tax and profit distributions resulting in legislators are such as public safety; werting over \$1 billion in local utility taxes by-acclaimed Public Works Trust Fund (For pay training fees for officers attending to pay training fees for officers attending to the provided revenues.	budget deficit. Recently, so Legislature enacted cuts ar remained unaddressed, incosses of nearly \$200 million s, real estate taxes, and pro PWTF) that helps keep loca	me shared revenues and diversions, while cluding the following in in funds that bject loan repayments al infrastructure					
locally-shared reve	oppose the Legislature continuing to nues or revenues intended for capital balance the state's operating budget		9					

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.

Many of our municipalities are struggling to build and maintain infrastructure to support the growth that has come at a much faster rate than most anticipated. In Olympia, I will work to restore funding and provide more options in terms of the revenue avenues available for cities to use. This includes ensuring marijuana revenue can used by local governments, funding the PWTF, and building a stronger partnership between the

state and local municipalities so our cities and towns with little tax base can provide the vital services our citizens expect and deserve.

## 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?

Once elected, I'll work hard to ensure we don't trade obligations. Meeting one obligation shouldn't come from failing others. This is includes advocating for the PWTF which offers critical infrastructure funding relief for smaller communities especially.

## 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.

Which of the following are priorities for you? Choose all that apply.

	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		
$\boxtimes$	Help to end homelessness		

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

I understand from my work on the Eastside Human Services Forum Board, homelessness is tied to many social and economic issues. We need to more to prevent homelessness from occurring in the first place wherever possible. It is much less expensive to keep people in their homes, than to find solutions to rehousing and managing all the issues that accompanying loss of housing. When people have to choose

between rent, food, and healthcare, healthcare is the first to go. Then one health event later, these same people have lost their home. Job stability, food stability, health stability, childhood education stability, can all be tied to housing stability.							
4. Economic development  Economic development opportunities vary greatly accommercial or industrial areas or lack the needed in access to adequate broadband services. AWC supplexpansion of state Local Revitalization Financing (Liprograms as options to incentivize economic development)	frastru orts ex RF) an	cture for critical o cpansion of curre d Local Infrastruc	evelopmer nt program cture Finan	nt, and others is and funding	lack , including		
Would you support or oppose legislation that ex options available to local governments for econo	-		Support 🖂	Oppose			
What other ideas do you have for bolstering the	state's	s economic dev	elopment (	opportunities	?		
When affordable housing exists, schools are fully full in place, the economy is better postured in a municipal content of the					care are		
I would love to see more ways to incentivize business establish themselves in our smaller communities bo live, work, and play in the same town. Taking a lead associated with this industry, would be a huge win/w	lsterinç dership	their economy a role in developir	nd giving រ ng clean en	people a chan	ce to		
<b>5. Local control</b> Cities succeed when they can respond to local reside exercising local control. The State Constitution and their communities. However, the Legislature sometime ordinances or engaging in certain activities. We beliefunctions best as a partnership, where the state give governments, and appreciates the importance of reterminance.	state s mes co eve tha es care	tatutes provide ci ensiders preempti at the relationship ful consideration	ties with w ng cities fro between t	ide discretion om enacting loth he state and o	in serving ocal cities		
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 the respected, plea argue for the procolleagues who	se describ otection of	e how you wo local control to	uld		

governments.

It's important for our representatives in Olympia to recognize that local issues often require local solutions. Our communities vary greatly across our state. Using one size fits all legislation often creates unintended consequences and inequities local governments then have to try to manage and live with. Understanding the nuances and needs of a community isn't just about protecting local control. It's about passing effective legislation that provides the flexibility for municipalities to best address their needs as their local economy, infrastructure and community constraints require.

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

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## Thank you for your participation!