



# 2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:	David Daggett	Legislative district:	35 <sup>th</sup> LD
You are a candidate	e for: House of Representatives	Senate	
If you are a candida which position are	te for the House of Representative your running for?	Position 1 Position 2	
or served on a loca governments include	nt background elected or appointed to a local go government board, committee, or de cities, counties, public utility dis stion districts, port districts, and m	as staff? Local X stricts, school	No
	/? on District, Pierce County Fire District Alternative Fuel Initiative (CAAFI), in		member of the FAA
increase fees on servi have been restored. H unfunded mandates a items:  Changes in liquor supported essentia Sweeping and dive from the nationally operating; and Requiring cities to  Do you support or olocally-shared reve	ocal revenues  nters fiscal problems, legislators ofter ces provided to cities to fill the state's lowever, during the last recession, the nd other local government cost driver  tax and profit distributions resulting in al local services, such as public safety erting over \$1 billion in local utility tax r-acclaimed Public Works Trust Fund  pay training fees for officers attending the propose the Legislature continuing the nues or revenues intended for capi balance the state's operating budge	s budget deficit. Recently, some Legislature enacted cuts and some remained unaddressed, including losses of nearly \$200 million by; les, real estate taxes, and project (PWTF) that helps keep local good good good good good good good losses Support Oppose to use Support Oppose good good good good good good good goo	ne shared revenues d diversions, while uding the following in funds that ect loan repayments infrastructure  Academy (BLEA).
Briefly describe one	or more actions that you would tak	ke to ensure vour views on t	these issues are

accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.

That's a tough decision. I'd vote to oppose items #1 and #2, and support #3. Ultimately, the decision should be made through negotiation between the state and cities.

### 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?	Support	Oppose X	
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 X	No	

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

We need a capital gains tax, and possibly a carbon pollution fee, to fund education, which would free up funds for these projects.

# 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 th	ne following are	priorities for	you? Choose	all that apply.

- X Help to end homelessness
- X Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need
- X Provide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing

Would you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning	Support	Oppose
or density decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?		X

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

Simple little houses may help with homelessness. Mental health clinics will probably pay for themselves in the long run when you consider that those services help put people back into the mainstream, who then pay taxes.

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

I would like to explore the feasibility of a renewable fuel standard and building of biofuel plants to supply that new need via projects such as the NARA study that was performed by WA state U.

#### 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.

No

Do you believe that local control is important  $\chi$  Yes to ensuring responsive local government?

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.

The folks who live in those communities usually know much more about the local circumstances than an uninvolved legislator.

OR

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!