



2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name: Iva	in Lewis	Legislative district:	39"
You are a candidate for	r: House of Representatives ⊠	Senate	
If you are a candidate f which position are you	or the House of Representatives r running for?	, Position 1 Position 2	
or served on a local go governments include c	background ected or appointed to a local gove vernment board, committee, or a sities, counties, public utility distant or districts, port districts, and mo	s staff? Local 🖂	No
If yes, in what capacity? Appointed PCO, Wallace	e Precinct		
increase fees on services have been restored. Howe unfunded mandates and continuous control of the control of t	al revenues rs fiscal problems, legislators often provided to cities to fill the state's bever, during the last recession, the other local government cost drivers	oudget deficit. Recently, son Legislature enacted cuts an	ne shared revenues d diversions, while
 supported essential lo Sweeping and diverting from the nationally-accordenating; and 	and profit distributions resulting in I cal services, such as public safety; ag over \$1 billion in local utility taxes claimed Public Works Trust Fund (For training fees for officers attending	s, real estate taxes, and prop PWTF) that helps keep local	ect loan repayments infrastructure
locally-shared revenue projects in order to bal	ose the Legislature continuing to sor revenues intended for capital ance the state's operating budge more actions that you would take	al 🗌 🖂	

I oppose the view that state funds are inherently fungible. I believe strongly that once a commitment has been made, that commitment should be honored. We should not be taking funds from any program to pay another without clearly defining the parameters.

accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.

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 reference from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?	source	S Suppo	rt 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?

I have an unwavering belief that when a nexus is established, that nexus should be maintained, and those funds should not be considered fungible. As such, once a funding mechanism has been established for a program, that is how the funding should be used. To that end, the program should be fully funded and I would oppose using its funds outside of their intended purpose.

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.
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\boxtimes	Help to end homelessness
X	Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need
\boxtimes	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?	\boxtimes	

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

Homelessness and mental health have become a widespread community crisis. While every community has some element of mental health, housing and homelessness concerns, many individuals often look the other way unless it is an immediately visible problem. We must aggressively support and develop programs that ensure access to affordable housing options and access to outreach and medical care. Supporting our communities as a whole is what ensures our successes for the future.

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? \boxtimes

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

Here in the 39th LD there is a lot of concern about the economic shift toward green industries and away from carbon heavy industries. In these rural communities this could have a massive impact particularly because of the already small economies and lack of jobs. I support programs that encourage the creation of jobs and retooling of those whose careers are in industries that are changing or ending.

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.

X

OR

No

Do you believe that local control is important 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.

Washington is a dynamic state and has many diverse populations, industries and ecosystems. I believe that cities should be able to determine the best solutions for their communities when it comes to the specific workings of their residents. That being said, there are areas of human rights and fiscal responsibility that the state should and will oversee. The argument must be made that local government is in the best position to perform local governance. Preemption is often used a tool to stifle progress and when that is the case, it must be defined as such.

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!