

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

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District: 19

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1. If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability, would you describe its impact on you?

I am a Registered Nurse and throughout my career I have cared for people with developmental disabilities when in the hospital setting. Caring for people with developmental disabilities is a bit more special, somehow. I can't explain it except to say it opens your heart just a little bit more.

2. What are your top three legislative priorities and how would you help people with developmental disabilities in them?

I will champion universal healthcare with the Whole Washington Healthcare Trust that creates not-for-profit universal coverage free at the point of service and covers all essential health benefits.

I will do everything possible to make housing a human right in Washington from building thousands of units of public housing, to subsidizing rents, and passing 'just cause' legislation that protects tenants from evictions.

I will fight to fully fund public education. The McCleary "fix" did not fix anything, it just created more problems. We need to stop relying on levies and bonds to fund our schools.

3. With the current economic crisis, how would you protect services that people with I/DD and their families need?

We must invest our way out of this crisis, not cut our way out. We must require the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share of taxes. Two of the three wealthiest men in the country live in our state and you and I pay more as a percentage of our income to taxes than they do. That is wrong. We will bring in new revenue to fully fund programs our families need!

4. Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?

I would like you to know that it is my honor to care for the people of Southwest Washington as a Registered Nurse and I will take that nurse's care to Olympia to serve and care for you there as a legislator. I will fight for you in the state house like I fight for you at the bedside.

In Solidarity,
Marianna Everson, RN
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