

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

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Position: State House of Reps, Pos. 2

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 have many relatives who are classified as ADHD and it is considered a development disability. I personally do not consider this a disability of individuals, but of our education system to deal with people who are different. The impact to me is that I have spent a lot of time helping young boys overcome the stigma of being "developmentally disabled" and find alternative methods of learning to a sit down classroom setting.

In college I tutored remedial math for 4 years to those who came in to college below competency level. As someone who struggled with math I found it easy to teach as I knew many alternate methods. The greatest struggle was convincing the students that they were capable of overcoming and understanding math concepts in a different way than worked for other people.

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

My 1st legislative priority is revitalizing the economy after the lockdown. It is causing a massive shortfall in tax receipts and the direct damage to goods and services is also detrimental to people's lives. I will protect businesses and workers from those in Olympia who want to protect government jobs at any cost. Washington needs to get back to work and we cannot place further burden on businesses and workers. Those with Developmental Disabilities also need those services and those jobs which were harmed in the lockdown.

My 2nd priority is restoring our Justice system. I have a series of bill to propose to restore transparency and accountability to this most important part of state government. I would introduce a bill to end legal immunity to any state official who knowingly violates someone's rights. Encounters with police can be especially deadly to those who have trouble understanding instructions and the police are unjustly protected by Qualified Immunity for knowingly doing wrong.

My 3rd priority is housing. We have some of the fastest growing counties in the problem. The rent is too high and there are too many homeless. Its a great market for housing developers who would love to build housing to suit the market, but our county and city governments often prohibit development with zoning that caters to the upper class. If the infrastructure and environment allow building then I believe in the Right to Build as Japan has. Bringing down the price of housing will help all Washingtonians make ends meet.

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

2021 is going to be a very tough year for the State budget with tax receipts being far down. The standard political line is to over promise everything to your special interest groups. In 2021 the State simply will not have the money for any great expansion of services. Others might threaten cuts to essential services if their demands for additional taxes aren't met. What we need is a government that focuses on what is

constitutionally mandated and sets all the pork projects aside. As a Libertarian I have no strings attached to me from Republican or Democrat special interests. I will prioritize our Justice system, dependent youth and disabled adults in that order as I believe our State constitution requires us to do.

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

Developmental disabilities is not a subject I am well educated on. As your representative I will listen and I care deeply about helping all Washingtonians. I hope that nobody will take my focus on issues of common concern to all of us as not caring about issues that effect unique populations of Washingtonians. I will stand for the Individual Rights of every Washingtonian.

Sincerely,

David Wiley