

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

Name: John Roskelley

District: 4th Legislative District

Position: Senate

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 work out at the YMCA in north Spokane. Several of the employees and a few of the patrons have developmental disabilities.

I have decided one of my three most important priorities, if elected, is to work on senior citizen and the disabled issues to improve

their lives, encourage employment, prevent discrimination, promote access in all forms, and increase funding for needed programs.

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

1. Any and all budget issues. State and local governments will be for years to come in a financial crises because of the economic impact to businesses and citizens from

COVID-19. All the other issues are dependent on bringing back the economy, thus one of the state's main revenue sources - sales tax; reduce spending; and eliminating many

of the unnecessary tax exemptions given to multi-million dollar businesses with shareholders.

2. Protect the rights of seniors and the disabled. Seniors and the disabled need employment if desired; trained and certified care givers; safe and secure housing

facilities; easy-to-access transportation to stores; friends, and medical appointments; and reduction in property taxes.

3. Continue to fight for clean air, clean water, and protections for the environment. Washington benefits everyday from our natural environment. We have a generational

responsibility to leave our mountains, rivers, ocean shores, forests and wildlife for our children better than we found it.

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

I/DD individuals and their families are a priority for funding. There is no more important cause than to help those that are not as fortunate as others. I will protect the services that are important to this group of people.

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

I will be there for this community when called for.