2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities:

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District: 4  
Position: State Representative position 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 a close family member with whom I am close who has a developmental delay. It has been a challenge to learn to work with him without pushing him to work at my speed. I’m sure it has made me a more caring person.

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

I am in favor of no-fare public transit. I will advocate for investment in public transportation as critical infrastructure. I will advocate for public investment in early childhood education and guaranteed safe, affordable child care. People should be able to improve their situations, and high quality childcare is a barrier for many families. I will also advocate for better mental health services, so that our neighbors who find themselves homeless can have social workers assigned to work with instead of law enforcement.

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

We will be fighting a budget shortfall next session. It is important to have representatives who will protect services to our most vulnerable populations and not cut necessary services.

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

I am running for District 4 State Representative because Eastern Washington deserves effective representation for all people. Whether you are 5th generation or a newly arrived American, regardless of what you look like, how you believe, and who you love, everyone deserves the opportunity to work hard and make a better life for themselves.

Thanks you, Lance Gurel