

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

Name: T'wina Nobles

District: 28th

Position: State 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?

My younger brother has a developmental disability and has always needed additional support that our family had to advocate for. He has a caretaker that helps him manage his daily life and social security income. I have learned from my brother that we must advocate for our community members with developmental disabilities to ensure there is adequate funding to support them and their caretakers.

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

My legislative priorities are safe and healthy kids and communities, education, economic justice, and housing affordability. Within all of these issues, I seek to center the voices of our vulnerable community members to ensure we are passing legislation that supports them. I commit to working with Arc of Washington to ensure that when we talk about education, we talk about the needs of students with I/DD. When we talk about economic justice, we need to make sure there are job opportunities for folks with I/DD and that we advocate for adequate funding for the services that people need. Regarding housing affordability - I know that there are community members like my brother who rely on social security. There must be enough housing opportunities for folks who are unable to work and survive off of a fixed income.

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

I am running for state Senate to advocate for justice for marginalized communities. With the current economic crisis, it will be critical to speak boldly against cutting critical funding for people with I/DD and their families needs. I am committed to working with the Arc of Washington to stand together to fight for the funding.

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

I am running for state Senate to make Washington State more just. My door will always be open to the Arc of Washington, constituents with developmental disabilities, and their family and friends. I look forward to working in partnership on issues that affect community members with I/DD and will ensure there is always a seat at the table.