

Rowland Martin - Candidate for Legislative District 37, Senator

1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability?

Yes I do, and I'm somewhat upset that assistance to such a non-immediate family member isn't tax deductible.

2. What are your top three legislative priorities?

Individual Liberty

Education Redesign

Economic Growth

3. What area of expertise, experience or personal interest will you bring to office?

Strong analytical skills and a fairly deep understanding of the classical liberal principles behind the founding of America.

4. What solutions do you have for ensuring that people with disabilities are able to get the services they need?

Witnessing a section 8 house with disabled adults across the street shows me that this distributed model is NOT cost effective. Centralized care in good locations with transportation and services should be re-created by the State.

5. If you were to reduce spending or face a revenue shortfall, what would you specifically seek to cut from state government?

Bureaucrats. I want to see a total reduction in the volume of law and regulation of 10% to start.

6. With the McCleary court decision requiring our state to better fund education, how would you propose to get the funding for that purpose (be specific please)?

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is on record as admitting McCleary is not related to educational outcome. Consider that absurdity: the lawsuit was brought BECAUSE of outcome problems. The spending McCleary demands is specifically not tied to outcome.

Article 4 of the United States Constitution guarantees a republican form of government to the citizens of each state. A republican form of government means that an elected legislative branch determines tax rates and an elected governor executes the laws. Some may think McCleary is a good thing because it “solves” a temporary problem of inaction by our legislature. It is against the concept of a representative democracy. What will judges demand next? Why not have judges running the schools, deciding what tax rates we should pay? Etc.

This is not a good solution and McCleary should be appealed to the US Supreme Court under the aforementioned article.

7. Would you support the consolidation of state institutions that support people with developmental disabilities and provide the residents with community alternatives that meet their needs, but at less government expense?

Yes, the distributed model is inefficient.

8. What would you recommend to serve the thousands of individuals who have been waiting (some for years) for community services?

We must rebuild institutions including facilities for the disabled and the mentally ill. This will require some substantial changes in our legal system and will take decades.

9. Do you have any ideas for a dedicated funding source for services for people with developmental disabilities?

“Dedicated” funding is always raided. The legislature and governor must do their jobs. Note that WA has been Democrat-run for 30 years now. Think carefully about that before putting them back in power. Their Progressive nonsense has gotten us to where we are. Empty promises, always more things the government must do. The results: more poverty, more people on the streets, less opportunity.

10. Other information you’d like constituents to know:

I have a small website: martin4senate.com. I am a classical liberal Republican seeking to move away from a century of failed Progressivism. Don’t like how things are?—end the so-called Progressivism and its continued use as promoted by all of my opponents.

A return to Individual Liberty will be difficult but results will improve everyone’s lives.

