

# 2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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32

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Representative

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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

I served as City Councilmember and Mayor of Shoreline where the Fircrest School is and many constituents live and run group homes for constituents with IDD. I got to know several of them as valuable members of the community and as I serve on Appropriations Committee, I consider the needs of my constituents as we consider policy bills and appropriations.

2. What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

My top priorities are: A. Access to infrastructure such as broadband and affordable devices, outdoor recreation, and public transit, B. Consumer protection such as cybersecurity, organized theft such as catalytic converters and retail theft that increases costs for consumers, and access to banking services, and C. Affordable Housing with supportive services. I am working on planning for a resource center along with 400 units of permanently affordable housing on 17 acres that will be available at South Campus of Fircrest Schools. When completed, besides housing and services, they should generate income for the trusts designated to support IDD.

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

Having gone through the devastating cuts through the Great Recession from which we never fully recovered, I am hoping we will look for more progressive revenues before we start cutting budgets. If cuts are necessary, then I would look for ways to soften their impacts, as cuts in programs cannot be magically turned back on but rather take a long time and concerted efforts to rebuild the service infrastructure.

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

I have the privilege of serving my constituents in North Seattle and 5 suburban cities and town to the north. As an immigrant and a woman of color where English was not my first language, I am sensitive to needs of people with differing abilities and capacities as well as how we contribute positively to a diverse and interesting community. I hope we can stay engaged so that we can make the 32nd Legislative District and Washington state a better place for all of us, as we are each very unique but share many similar values of humanity.

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