

King County Democrats

2017 Candidate Questionnaire Municipal Level

Candidate Name	Hisam Goueli	
Position Sought	District 8 City Council Seat	
Home Legislative District	43rd	
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes	
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Part I – Candidate Background

Please briefly describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience. Attach a resume with more complete history.

Physician, board certified in family medicine and psychiatry, who has worked to improve access to quality healthcare around the world.

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What offices have you previously sought election or appointment to? What campaigns have you worked on?

New to the State of Washington. Relocated here from Atlanta in 2012

What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign?

The recent election of Donald Trump inspired me to fight for my home and for Seattle as a welcoming home for all. My priorities are affordable housing, healthcare and cultural access and education.

List the notable endorsements you have received to date. Who are you planning to ask for an endorsement?

None. We are evaluating and seeking endorsements now.

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. For instance, how many doors have you knocked on? What earned media has your campaign received? How much money have you raised?

We have raised more than \$20,000, assembled a campaign leadership team and are building a volunteer corps. We are just beginning to seek earned media and plan doorbelling.

Have you ever been a member of any other political party? If so, what party? Have you ever given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, to whom and when?

No.

Please answer the following questions.

Yes*

No

1 Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?

x

2 Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?

x

* If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain your answer:

Part II – Local and State Issues

#	Question	Yes	No	Qualify your response
1	Do you support amending the U.S. Constitution to lessen the influence of money in politics, and declare that corporations do not have the rights of natural persons?	x		
2	Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?	x		
3	Do you support increasing the minimum wage in your jurisdiction to \$15/hr or higher?	x		
4	Do you support legislation at the local and state level to require equal pay for women and people of color?	x		
5	Are you willing to undergo and ask your staff and peers to undergo training to understand and combat institutional racism and implicit bias?	x		
6	Do you support raising revenue at the city level to expand transit service?	x		
7	Do you support development impact fees to	x		

	pay for schools, roads, and parks, as allowed under the Growth Management Act?			
8	Do you support building a municipally owned and operated broadband system in your city?	x		
9	Do you agree that municipal government should use its borrowing capacity to fund additional units of affordable housing?	x		
10	Do you support protecting what is left of our urban tree canopy with strong tree ordinances that require property owners to consult with city government prior to cutting down trees?	x		
11	Do you support infrastructure to make it easier to walk and bike on your city's streets?	x		
12	Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?		x	
13	Do you support requiring police officers in your jurisdiction to wear body cameras?	x		
14	Do you support repealing Tim Eyman's I-747, which artificially limits property tax increases to 1% per year, regardless of population growth, inflation, and need?	x		
15	Once elected, will you work to get diverse candidates elected to office?	x		
16	Do you support women's right to reproductive freedom?	x		
17	Do you support all municipalities in King County implementing a "Ban the Box" program as is already in place in Seattle and Spokane?	x		
18	Will you form a task force to gather input from disabled persons to identify and remedy hazards for pedestrians, and will you work to have these suggestions implemented?	x		
19	Do your support "Gender Neutral" bathrooms throughout the city?	x		

Part III – Free Response Questions

Please review the 2016 King County Democratic Platform, approved by the delegates to the King County Convention and available from KCDCC's website. List which planks, if any, you disagree with, and why.

What is your view on up-zoning as it relates to transit- oriented development and neighborhood quality.

I believe that increased density will be necessary to generate affordable housing and the tax revenues required to support transit and neighborhood quality of life initiatives. Higher population densities also justify more frequent transit and increased usage. I believe we must also be responsive to residents who want to maintain the unique characters of our many neighborhoods.

As an elected leader, what will you do to promote increased awareness of the climate crisis, and what public policy would you endorse to reduce emissions and penalize producers of pollutants?

Recognizing climate change as a serious threat to the future of our society is paramount. I would also support legislation that favored renewable energy and encouraged ways to make them affordable and accessible for all. I support maintaining and advancing Seattle's position as a climate leader, and specifically our plan to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Describe your vision for tax reform and tax fairness. What changes to the state's tax system would you ask the Legislature to make? If you were in charge of putting together a budget proposal for your city or district, what would it look like? Would you be willing to raise revenue to avoid harmful cuts to public services?

I believe we should explore a graduated income tax, as our current tax structure is highly regressive and imposes too much burden on our poorest citizens. We should seek to maintain or increase public services. We are too rich to let so many suffer.

What important state and local issues have you worked on (or taken an interest in) that you feel aren't getting enough attention from elected leaders and the media?

Both physical and mental health care at the local and state level.

What would you do to address social justice issues?

As a gay Muslim Arab-American who is married to a Peruvian immigrant, social justice issues are close to

my heart. I moved to Seattle so my family could live in safety. I seek to advance Seattle's welcoming culture. We must make Seattle a warm and safe home for all; I support policy that would provide all Seattleites with affordable housing, quality healthcare, and an empathetic cultural home where all are celebrated, and where all our kids get quality creative educations.

Signature	Hisam Goueli (electronic)	Date: 4/11/17
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