

# King County Democrats

## 2017 Candidate Questionnaire

### Municipal Level



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| <b>Candidate Name</b>                                      | Mac McGregor  |                             |
| <b>Position Sought</b>                                     | Seat 8 City Council   |                             |
| Home Legislative District                                  | 37th  |                             |
| <b>Are you a Democrat?</b><br>Are you known as a Democrat? | I am at this time a registered Democrat   |                             |
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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.

<https://www.votemacmcgregor.com/meet-mac>

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?

Seattle's LGBT Commission from 2011 to 2016  
SPD's LGBTQ advisory board

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

We need more diverse voices in local politics and I am a 23 year small business owner and will be a small business advocate on the council as well as working on the gender pay gap and Seattle's homeless problem.

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

It is still very early for endorsements but at this time I have a confirmation from the Seattle Gay News and The Seattle Lesbian. I

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?

I have knocked on a few hundred doors and gone to local farmer's markets to talk with folks so far and my volunteer coordinator and I are devising a more comprehensive canvassing plan at this time.

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 I have never been a member of another party although now I am very disappointed in the democratic party and think that it is going to be difficult for the democratic party to rebuild in a way that I would be happy with as long as many are sold out to corporate interests, banks and wall street. . I have also attended democratic district meetings that were supposed to be rebuilding meetings and all that happened was fighting within which was very disappointing. If the current administration cannot motivate the democratic party to put aside small differences and focus on fighting for the rights of people who are almost daily losing rights then I am not sure what will. I think it is possibly time for a real 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

I have contributed a few times to the socialist alternative group.

**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  |
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| 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   |    | I am refusing to accept money from corporations, developers and CEO's because of the importance of lessening the influence of money. I am also participating in the voucher program which is meant to give people who are not rich a voice in the process. |
| 2 | Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?   | X   |    | Yes I believe that through organizing together workers have bargaining power to watch out for their interests. This is a basic right that all workers should have and understand how to access.  |

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| 3  | Do you support increasing the minimum wage in your jurisdiction to \$15/hr or higher?   | X |  | Yes I do. We have been far behind in raising the minimum wage to keep up with the cost of living. People should not have to work three jobs to be able to pay their bills.   |
| 4  | Do you support legislation at the local and state level to require equal pay for women and people of color?   | X |  | One of my priorities to close the gender pay gap in Seattle. As progressive as our city is in many ways we have got to do more than just order studies on the gender pay gap. We need a comprehensive plan to close it beginning with city employees.  |
| 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 |  | I have already done race and social justice training through the city's office of civil rights and through the MLK center. I would do it again and certainly require my staff to go through this training.   |
| 6  | Do you support raising revenue at the city level to expand transit service?   | X |  | Yes, I think it is crucial to invest in our city's infrastructure and I also believe we need to look at other creative ways to help fully fund vision zero.  |
| 7  | Do you support development impact fees to pay for schools, roads, and parks, as allowed under the Growth Management Act?  | X |  | Yes I do, we have to support the growth of our city and not just in the downtown area. We need safe, updated streets and sidewalks in all areas of Seattle. We also need to ask more of developers in helping to foot the bill for this which benefits all.  |
| 8  | Do you support building a municipally owned and operated broadband system in your city?   | X |  | Yes, what we have now is not working well. Adequate access to internet equals knowledge, access to services, jobs, and community support. This should be a priority.   |
| 9  | Do you agree that municipal government should use its borrowing capacity to fund additional units of affordable housing?  | X |  | We as a city have a critical housing crisis.   |
| 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 |  | Yes I do as our environment is our future. We must do all that we can to lessen emissions and have clean air.  |
| 11 | Do you support infrastructure to make it easier to walk and bike on your city's streets?  | X |  | Again I support vision zero a plan to reduce Seattle's traffic deaths to 0. This includes all citizens not just those with cars or that are driving at the time. This comes down to equity as not all can even afford cars in our city and it should be safe for walkers and bikers all around our city not just downtown. |

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| 12 | Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?   |   | X | I support a transition to renewable energy.   |
| 13 | Do you support requiring police officers in your jurisdiction to wear body cameras?   | X |   | Yes, I believe police accountability is extremely important and that minorities are disproportionately effected by over use of force by police in the US. I do believe that Seattle PD has been making positive strides in this area and I want to continue to see that and hold them accountable to the highest standards. I also believe we need to support an independent public review board. |
| 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 |   | Yes   |
| 15 | Once elected, will you work to get diverse candidates elected to office?  | X |   | If elected I will be the city and states first elected transgender person. I believe having more diverse perspectives at the decision making tables is of utmost importance.  |
| 16 | Do you support women's right to reproductive freedom?   | X |   | I totally support women's rights to reproductive freedom and support planned parenthood. I also believe that we as a city need to do all that we can to make sure that ALL have access to reproductive healthcare.  |
| 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 |   | I believe in supporting healthy ways to reintegrate people back into being able to be a productive member of society.   |
| 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 |   | Yes I will. As I walk around our city I see many hazards that would be detrimental to a disabled person's ability for mobility.   |
| 19 | Do your support "Gender Neutral" bathrooms throughout the city?   | X |   | I helped work on the policy for gender neutral bathrooms in city buildings on the LGBTQ commission. Having a safe place to use the bathroom translates to the ability to move around in our city.   |

### 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.

I agree with all that I see there.

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

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?

I supported our cities divestment from Wells Fargo and would like see us make sure that we are not supporting any other companies invested in fossil fuel. The climate crisis affects us all and our future. It also has a higher impact on low income areas and therefore affect the already marginalized the most. We need to be a leader in making sure that ALL of our residents have clean air and water. I would like to have current testing of air and water in lower income areas and compare that to the more affluent areas of our city and make sure those low income areas are up to par.

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 would like to see our state implement a state income tax to fully fund education, updating infrastructure and services for our citizens. I would not support at this time another property tax levy, I believe we need to ask more of corporations and developers in our area to help with infrastructure, education, affordable housing and homelessness. I would be willing to raise revenue to avoid harmful cuts to services and to look for other ways to avoid those cuts as well. We need to ask more of the 1%.

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?

The homeless crisis in our city and country is something that I feel most politician want to avoid. I believe as MLK said we cannot be a 1<sup>st</sup> class nation as long as we have 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens. We have to treat all people with dignity and realize that we as a city are only as strong as our most marginalized. Bringing up our most marginalized brings our entire community up. One of the reasons many politicians avoid this subject is that homeless people have no money for them. I believe that lives are more important than money or capitalism.

Domestic violence is something I have worked on my entire life as someone who has spent 35 years empowering people teaching self-defense and awareness this is the elephant in the room that no one wants to address. Domestic violence is also most prevalent in more marginalized communities. I would to see Seattle lead the way in addressing domestic violence, with education programs, safe exit programs, and jobs and relocation assistance programs.

I would also like us to do all that we can to lower the incarceration rate. We all know that incarceration unproportionable affects already marginalized communities and that once a person is in the system it is far more difficult to get them out. Therefore, I believe in investing more in programs that curb incarceration by counseling, education, drug rehab.

What would you do to address social justice issues?

I would address the gender pay gap, racism, ableism. The race bias in education and incarceration. I would work to bring healthcare for all in our city even if our federal government takes healthcare from many of our citizens, and to irradiate our homeless problem.

**I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.**

Signature

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