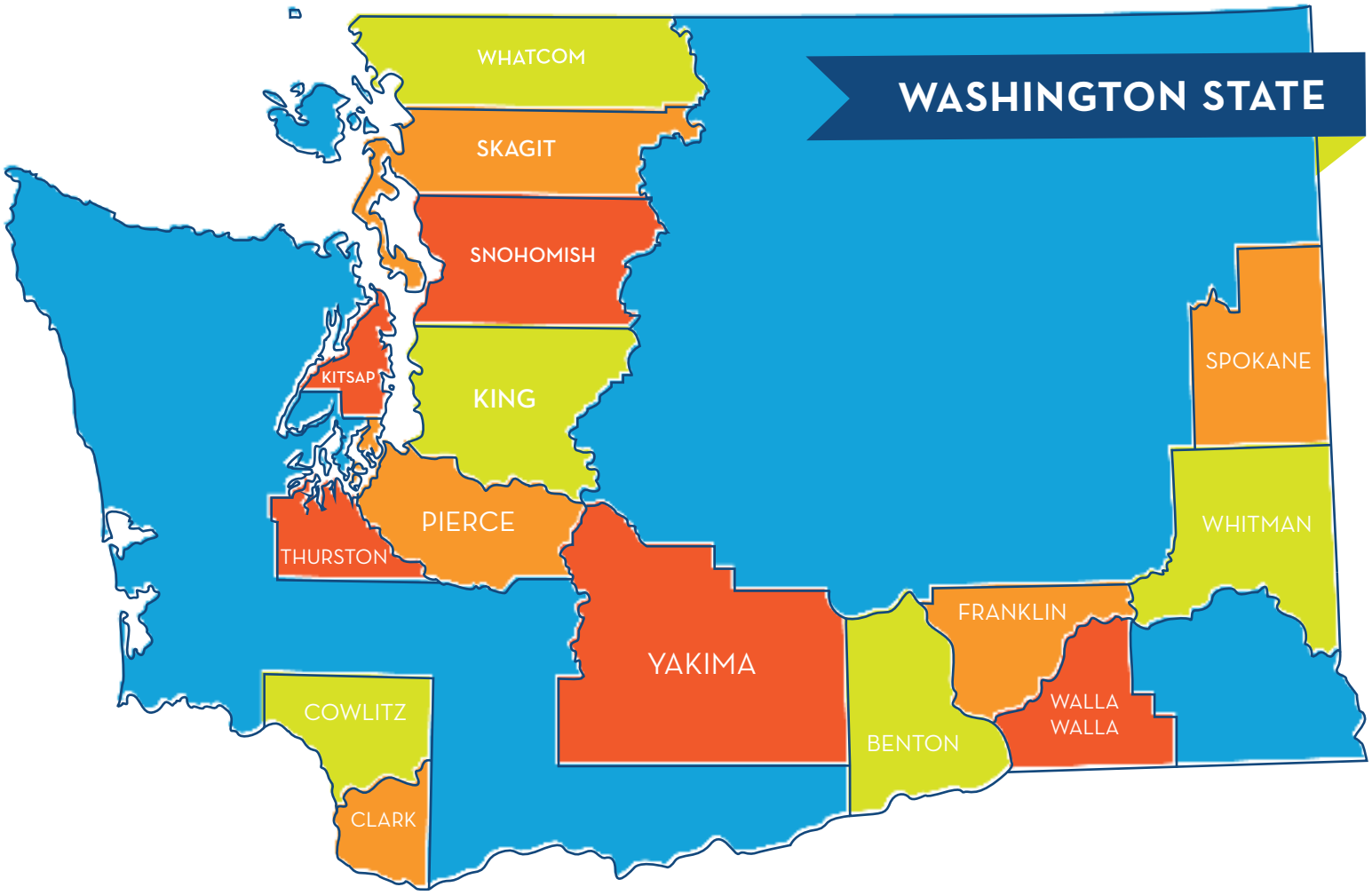

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MUSLIM VOTER GUIDE

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Preface

Council on American-Islamic Relations-Washington State is proud to present its Washington State Muslim Voter Guide for the 2012 Primary Elections. This voter guide covers 35 races across Washington State. It has basic biographic information on each candidate running in these races. Additionally, we sent out questionnaires to each candidate via e-mail and placed follow-up phone calls to each.

However only 48 candidates returned our questionnaires. We have only included races in this guide from which we received at least one response, so this guide does not include every race occurring in Washington State this year. Thus, this guide's utility in making candidates' views and stances known is very limited and we strongly encourage readers to consult other resources to become better informed about the candidates. Some additional resources include:

Washington Secretary of State's primary election voter guide:
wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/OnlineVotersGuide.aspx

CAIR National's presidential election voter guide:
cair.com/portals/0/pdf/2012_Presidential_Voter_Guide.pdf

League of Women Voters' voter guide:
onyourballot.vote411.org/index.do

Please be aware that most of the races covered in this guide are not applicable to all Washington State voters. The races for US Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Instruction apply to all Washington State voters. The other races apply only to residents of particular congressional (federal level) and legislative (state level) districts. Visit www.redistricting.wa.gov/DistrictFinder and enter your address to find what congressional district and legislative district you live in and then use those numbers to find the candidates that are running for positions in your particular districts.

A glossary of terms is also available on the next page of this voter guide with definitions of various words used in both our questions and the candidates' answers.

Note that CAIR-WA did not paraphrase or edit candidate responses, except for limiting answers to each question to 40 words (we warned the candidates beforehand that we would include only the first 40 words of their answers). In evaluating candidate responses, we encourage you to be critical readers. As you read candidates' responses, question any assertions and assumptions that are expressed or implied. Beware of vague or simplistic answers to complex problems, and keep in mind the limitations in power of various political offices when assessing candidates' promises.

As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, CAIR-WA does not endorse any candidate or political party. This voter guide is merely a resource for you to use in making your decisions.

Please be aware of important deadlines as voting in Washington state happens by mail and not at an actual polling site. You must mail your primary election ballot by August 7, 2012. You must mail your final election ballot by November 6, 2012. Every vote counts. Remember that the 2004 gubernatorial election in our state was won by just 130 votes. Your vote will make a significant difference in election results. Please be sure to vote and ensure that your friends and family members also mail their ballot before the deadlines.

If you have any questions about the methodologies we used in compiling this voter guide, feel free to contact us.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Attorney General: The highest legal advisor to Washington State's government. The Attorney General's duties include representing the state in supreme court cases of interest to the state and advising the government on legal matters

Candidate: A person running for office

Civil Rights: Rights guaranteed to US citizens by the US Constitution, including freedom of speech and worship and guarantees against discrimination

Congressional District: An area from which one representative is elected by the residents to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives. Washington State has 10 Congressional Districts

Constituent: An individual with the power to elect a candidate running for office. If, for example, you live in John Doe's legislative district and can choose whether or not to vote for him, you are one of his constituents

DREAM Act: Stands for Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors. The Act, which has been introduced several times in Congress but has never passed, would give certain illegal immigrants who qualify an opportunity to apply for permanent residency status. Some of the qualifications include graduating from high school or receiving a GED and attending college for two years or serving in the US military for two years.

Governor: The head of the executive branch of Washington State's government. The Governor's duties include: enforcing Washington's laws; either approving or vetoing bills passed by Washington State's legislature; and appointing heads of departments, agencies, and institutions

HOME Investment Partnerships Program: An assistance program in which the Federal Government provides local governments with grants for the purpose of ensuring affordable and quality housing for low-income Americans

Incumbent: The current officeholder. If there is no incumbent in a particular race, that means the current officeholder is not running for reelection

Independent: A term applied to candidates who are not affiliated with any political party

Legislative District: An area from which two representatives and one senator are elected by the residents to represent them in the state legislature. Washington State has 49 Legislative Districts

Lieutenant (Lt) Governor: Serving similar functions as the Vice President of the United States, but on the state level, the Lt. Governor is the president of the State Senate and becomes Governor in the case of vacancy

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs: A theory that claims that human needs can be ordered in a hierarchy in which the basic needs at the bottom, such as sleeping and eating, must be met before a person is concerned with needs nearer the top, such as friendship or creativity.

National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (NDAA): The NDAA is a long and complex act that covers a broad range of topics related to national security. Two sections in particular have become very controversial because they affirm the President's authority to indefinitely detain without trial people who support or are a part of Al Qaeda or its affiliates

No Child Left Behind: An Act of Congress that requires states to create and administer standardized tests to measure student achievement in basic skills. Schools that repeatedly score low on tests are required to take actions to improve, such as offering free tutoring or replacing staff

Plyler vs. Doe: A case in which the US Supreme Court found it illegal for public schools to deny funding for the education of students or charge extra tuition based on immigration status. The case only applies to K-12 education

Profiling: The use of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion as a factor in law enforcement. For example, if a police officer pulls a driver over based partly or wholly on the fact that the driver is a particular race, the officer is profiling

Secretary of State: The Secretary of State has many duties, some of which include overseeing elections in Washington State and regulating charities and charitable trusts

Sophie's Choice: A dilemma in which a person must choose between two people or things; the person or thing he or she does not choose will be killed or destroyed.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI): An assistance program that provides income supplements to disabled persons who cannot work or are restricted in working because of their disabilities

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program Women, Infants and Children (WIC): An assistance program for low-income pregnant and breast-feeding women and children under the age of five.

State Representative: A member of the lower house of the state legislature. State Representatives make laws that affect the entire state on a broad range of issues

State Senator: A member of the upper house of the state legislature. State Senators make laws that affect the entire state on a broad range of issues. The state senate is also in charge of approving or rejecting nominations from the governor such as state cabinet members

STEM Education: STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This approach to education involves teaching these subjects together with a focus on problem solving, rather than teaching them as separate subjects.

Sunset Date: A sunset date is basically an expiration date for a law. When a law with a sunset provision is made, there is a specified date after which that law will no longer be in force.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Oversees K-12 education in Washington State

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Better known as the Food Stamp Program, it is an assistance program for low-income Americans for purchasing food.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): A program of the Federal Government that provides stipends to low-income people meeting certain qualifications

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): A temporary (at most 60 months) financial assistance program for impoverished people who have dependent children

US Representative: A member of the lower house of the US legislature. U.S. Representatives make laws that affect the entire country on a broad range of issues, as well as America's relationship with other countries. The U.S. House of Representatives is also in charge of approving a budget for the country each year

US Senator: A member of the upper house of the US legislature. U.S. Senators make laws that affect the entire country on a broad range of issues, as well as America's relationship with other countries. The U.S. Senate is also in charge of approving or rejecting presidential nominations such as supreme court justices and cabinet members

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Look up your congressional and legislative district
redistricting.wa.gov/DistrictFinder

Washington Secretary of State website with general information on elections and voting
sos.wa.gov/elections

Information on how Washington's primary elections work
wei.sos.wa.gov/elections/Top2Primary.aspx/

Washington State Voter Guide
wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/OnlineVotersGuide.aspx

Information on the responsibilities of and qualifications for various federal and state level offices
sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/Office_Descriptions.pdf

CAIR National's presidential election voter guide
cair.com/portals/0/pdf/2012_Presidential_Voter_Guide.pdf

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

End the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy. Close tax loopholes for corporations. Increase the capital gains tax. End the wars. Cut defense spending. Consolidate similar programs from different agencies. Enact Medicare-for-All. Scrap the cap on Social Security payroll taxes.

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I would balance free trade agreements with fair trade policies; improve education so American students are the best qualified for American jobs; create temporary, government subsidized, green and community service jobs; and increase wages for the middle class.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

Improving US-Iranian relations is critical to peace and stability in the region. The US should extend a hand in friendship and start a new chapter in US-Iranian relations. Bombing Iran to stop its nuclear aspirations would only promote anti-American sentiment.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

I support a two-state solution that ensures security and justice for both the Palestinians and Israelis to achieve Middle East peace. America needs to follow its traditional values and founding principles to pressure both sides to accept peace.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

The US needs to hold Israel accountable and stop Israeli settlements in the West Bank and honor UN resolutions. Abandonment of these settlements needs be on the table in peace negotiations.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

These acts are overreactions and should be repealed. All persons should have their right to speedy judicial review of their status honored. Victims of discrimination should have the right to compensation, and civil rights laws should be strictly enforced.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will improve education, including support for early education and making college affordable for all. I will preserve affirmative action. I support Medicare-for-All to relieve low to middle income people of the burden of medical expenses.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I will support victims of profiling in their efforts to seek compensation. I will fund the Department of Justice to investigate and take action against law enforcement agencies found to be using discriminatory profiling.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Require law enforcement and military training to focus on proven techniques that protect national security, enhance community safety, safeguard individual rights, and uphold American values. Targeting threats based on particular religions needs to be unlawful, and civil rights laws enforced.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

New training, with new materials, that corrects previous errors should be undertaken. Emphasis needs to be placed on protecting the rights of all citizens. Training should also include respect for the world's diverse cultures.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I will support holding town hall meetings where leaders will have the opportunity to speak about mainstream views of their religions. I will support strict enforcement of hate crime legislation. Education is the key to help people understand each other.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I believe in separation of church and state, and courts should not use laws of any one religion in their decisions. I do not support allowing any religious beliefs to be applied to any laws, whether Christian, Jewish, or Islamic.

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

No more involvement with wars, except through the United Nations. Not spending money through borrowing. Tackle the health care. Read my comprehensive health care sent to President Obama on July 25, 2009 on my website drsaid.net.

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Encourage job growth in all sectors, including agricultural, and not relying on labor force from Mexico. Limit imports from countries, such as China, South Korea, Japan. At the same time, encourage labor unions to compromise on products made in America.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

Normal with mutual interest. We should never have broken relations with Iran, as business, and not war, promotes peace. This could be accomplished if we exclude Israel from this formula, as they are encouraging conflict with Iran.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

Neutral, as the interest of America is not to side with Israel, who are oppressing and occupying Palestinian land. I promote one state solution – secular democratic – where Jews, Muslims & Christians can live with equal rights, like ours in America.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

Should totally oppose and not bend the rules because of the pro-Israeli mighty pressure, such as AIPAC. Those so called settlers are right wing zealots, criminal squatters. I know them well. They burn trees and harass the Palestinian population.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

It is a disgrace to our Constitution. We all came on different boats to have a good life and live the American dream. I have suffered from this targeting Muslims for political reasons, which I describe as the putrid act.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I would increase financial aid for these groups, and if necessary, implement quotas. This should not be applicable only to African Americans.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Recruit more people from those racial, ethnic, and religious groups to be part of the law enforcement. Implement tough laws to prohibit the usage of illegal methods against them. Get help from ACLU and other groups dealing with human rights.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Those who severely broke the law should be dealt with and legal action instituted. In order that this is not repeated, we have to outlaw this practice through congress.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

This anti-Muslim training is basically related to ignorance and engineered sometimes for political reasons, mostly by Zionists, being Jewish or Christian. The Muslim community has to do their homework and be an active part of the community.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Many of those Islamophobic are related to ignorance and for political reasons, as most come from the pro-Israeli group. The Muslim community has to be firm, expressing their views, and be active in their own communities.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Sharia Law is misunderstood by non-Muslims and sometimes by Muslims. It should be explained. My daughter married, according to the Sharia law, in the Northgate Islamic Center, and it is accepted as a legal document by the state.

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

Raise tax revenues by growing GDP through lower income tax rates. Reduce federal spending by refocusing the mission of our military to defense rather than nation-building and foreign entanglements. Ending all foreign aid and returning federal spending to 2006 levels.

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

End class warfare rhetoric. Lower tax rates. Reduce federal spending. Encourage investment capital to return to U.S. by lower corporate tax rates without loopholes and removal of penalties on return of capital. Less burdensome regulations.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

Peace and commerce with all nations should be the goal of our nation.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

America should support Israel's right to exist and to defend themselves.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

None. That is Israel's business.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

I oppose both the PATRIOT Act and the NDAA Act with regards to violations of our constitutional rights.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

By increasing economic freedom, we increase opportunities for all. Federal government should not take from one group of citizens and give out benefits to other groups of citizens. I consider that theft by proxy and against God's commandment.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

It has appeared that law enforcement has gone out of its way to avoid racial, ethnic and religious profiling.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I have not seen any mention of such training materials in the mainstream press.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I have not seen any mention of such training materials in the mainstream press.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Encourage Muslims to speak out and educate people about how most Muslims do not support terrorist activities by radical Islam.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

As long as it is between consenting parties, I have no problem with it.

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

Addressing the budget requires consistent, disciplined action that reduces debt while protecting programs critical to society. Steps include eliminating Bush tax cuts; eliminating tax subsidies to the oil industry; ending military presence in Afghanistan; and implementing the Affordable HealthCare Act.

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

We must make prompt and substantial investments in infrastructure, education, public safety, and technology development. These sectors of the economy are engines of recovery, but we have been timid in our commitment to them.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

It must be built on respect and caution. Nuclear non-proliferation is critical; pursuit of that objective should be accompanied by ongoing effort to identify and engage in areas of mutual concern, including humanitarian activity, trade, and educational initiatives.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

The United States should make every effort to encourage a meaningful negotiated settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Although recent attempts to restart peace talks have been unsuccessful, we must continue to seek ways to enable the parties to resume negotiations.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

In my judgment, the current Israeli policy of expanding settlements is ill-advised. The Obama Administration has been forthright in expressing its concern over settlement expansion.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

I voted against the USA PATRIOT Act in 2001 and am against the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will continue my long-time efforts to improve opportunities. My record confirms efforts to expand educational, employment, health, and social opportunities to those of low income; protection of these initiatives is critical with budget reductions and diminished services.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Racial profiling is deeply concerning and completely unacceptable. Although most decisions governing law enforcement personnel and policy are determined at the municipal level, I support federal Department of Justice efforts to identify and confront profiling throughout the country.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Recent disclosure of these materials is deeply troubling. I will support efforts to locate and eliminate any discriminatory materials and to provide appropriate training and redirection to individuals and organizations using such materials.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Although I do not sit on the House Armed Services Committee, I will encourage my colleagues to address this issue. I will support Defense Department initiatives to address this, including support funding training of agency personnel and replacing training materials.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I will continue to speak out, and to support the efforts of educational, religious, social, and law enforcement entities to address hate speech and incidents. The most effective weapons against hate speech and action are knowledge, education, and experience.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

If individuals wish to abide by Sharia law in addition to compliance with secular laws of the country, they are free to do so. US courts at all levels of government are secular institutions which embrace the civil legal system.

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

We must address our deficit with a fair, long-term plan that balances spending cuts and revenue increases. We need to reform our tax system to provide predictability to taxpayers and businesses while making the best use of tax dollars.

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Being competitive in the global marketplace requires that we invest in our workforce and infrastructure. I support legislation that boosts our economy by promoting quality education, skills training, and investments in technology and infrastructure as the bedrock of economic growth.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

I would like peaceful engagement directly with the Iranian people. Yet, we cannot allow their government to continue its nuclear enrichment programs, a threat to the international community. Economic sanctions and diplomacy are key tools for resolving this issue.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

The US has a clear role in encouraging both sides to continue to engage and negotiate toward a peaceful solution to the conflict and the achievement of a two autonomous states - Jewish and Palestinian -living side by side.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

A resolution to this issue will be necessary to a lasting peace. The United States must do everything possible to be a positive broker and encourage Israeli and Palestinian authorities to resume negotiations.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

I'm keenly aware of the potential dangers posed by domestic surveillance and detention programs. That is why I introduced H.R.4192 this year to protect all Americans from indefinite detention without due process in civilian courts.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Equal opportunity and access to quality education provide an essential foundation for a strong middle class. I want to invest in schools, especially lower income communities, to ensure that all Americans have access to the tools that provide economic opportunity.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I'm co-sponsor of H.R. 3618 and support legislation that prohibits profiling based on race, ethnicity, or national origin. I have supported legislative efforts seeking to provide increased training programs for law enforcement that addresses and protects individuals' civil rights.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

This issue must be corrected quickly. We must provide those who keep us safe with adequate training materials that do not marginalize individuals in our community. We must provide increased training programs for law enforcement that addresses these issues.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Maintaining our support of military personnel both on and off the battlefield is crucial; this includes factual and culturally sensitive training and information. We must ensure our servicemembers and law enforcement personnel are properly trained with correct information.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Hate incidents detract from the peace and cultural richness of our community by inciting fear. I will stand strongly for all members of the community who live and contribute to our social, economic, and political diversity.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

The use of religious law in Washington State is primarily a state-level issue, I am supportive of sound jurisprudence and a justice system that is fair and accessible to all persons of all faiths and backgrounds.

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How do you propose dealing with America's budget deficit?

The first step is the inevitable impeachment of Obama, and dumping Romney, so that a Franklin Roosevelt recovery can be launched. The deficit will be cut when we stop bailing out Wall Street and European banksters; reinstate Glass- Steagall now!

How would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Once Glass- Steagall is restored, and we reclaim our sovereignty from the British Imperial banking system by instituting a national banking system, we can then launch the construction of NAWAPA XXI, employing 6 million people for the next 30 years.

In your opinion, how should America approach Iran and its nuclear program?

War with Iran is intended to target Russia and China, whose economic power is a threat to the disintegrating Wall Street and London banking system that controls American presidents like Bush and Obama. We don't need a war with Iran.

What do you believe America's role should be in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

We should revive the "Oasis Plan" proposal of American Statesman, Lyndon LaRouche. With high temperature gas cooled nuclear reactors to power desalination facilities, we could bring water to green the deserts of Israel and Palestine, bringing peace through economic development.

What do you believe America's specific role should be toward the increasing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, which have been deemed to be illegal by the United Nations?

All relevant United States funding for Israel should be cut off, until the expansion of the settlements is halted. However, tensions in the region will never be solved without a long term economic development policy for both Israel and Palestine.

What is your stance towards the USA PATRIOT Act and the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 that many civil rights groups believe allow for easy targeting of Muslims? What specific actions, if any, do you plan to take concerning these two acts?

These acts are unconstitutional, and should be repealed immediately.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

We need a national mission, like we had under Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and John F. Kennedy's Apollo Program. Today, projects like NAWAPA XXI and a revived space program will employ millions of Americans of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

We must repeal the police state measures of the Patriot Act and the NDAA, to ensure that the civil liberties of all of our citizens are protected. Law enforcement officials profiling citizens, for above reasons, should be held legally accountable.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

We have been living under war and police state since September 11th, 2001. This has infected our culture negatively in many ways, and must be reversed immediately through a policy of economic development to restore optimism. Fascism breeds in cynicism.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

There are programs available to those who have been victims of psychological coercion; funding should be made available for programs to help those of our military and law enforcement officials who have been targeted by this psychological coercion.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Proper legal action should be taken where necessary. In general, this insanity comes from a culture of fascism and police state. We must reverse course now, beginning with the removal of Obama and Romney as candidates for the presidency.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states.6 We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I have not studied the issue well enough to give an informed answer that concerns any religion. I do believe that the United States Constitution is a brilliant document designed to protect the dignity of all of humanity.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I am committed to stopping cuts to education and higher education. I will work with the legislature and the people to set priorities, protect vital services and ensure that state government does its part to get Washington working.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I do not believe new taxes are the right choice for Washington. We got in this hole when hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians lost their jobs, we will get out of it when we get those people back to work.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Washington is a unique state and we are innovative people. My jobs plan is tailored to Washington's strengths, and our unique mix of agriculture, industry and innovation. I have more than 100 specific proposals that I believe will ensure.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Kids in our poor and minority communities can achieve equally in a system that treats them fairly and maintains high expectations. We must provide equal access to tools, resources, and opportunities for all of our students. We cannot accept.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

As governor, I will be committed to increased cultural competency training for law enforcement and a review of law enforcement measures on these issues.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

See attached letter.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Undocumented US residents are afforded equal protection under the law under the US Constitution. The Constitution, as interpreted and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court guarantees that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I, and my future administration, will not tolerate hate speech or incidents in any form. I am committed to an open door administration, where members of the Muslim community will have a friend and advocate in the Governor's office.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Beyond funding, where the state clearly plays an important role, the single most important thing the state can do is provide accountability. Teachers and administrators around the state are doing creative, innovative and effective things in the classroom.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I am committed to increasing funding for education across the board, and I believe that my plan to get our economy going is the only way to guarantee long-term funding stability for our schools.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I would like to see regular cultural competency training for law enforcement agencies. I would also encourage law enforcement to agencies to strengthen relationships with communities of color through town halls and civic events

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Materials which racially profile or discriminate against any minority communities should not be included or used by law enforcement agencies in Washington State. I will direct my staff to bring any such materials to my attention for review and assessment.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

As governor, I will welcome a review of all training materials being used by law enforcement at the state level. All training materials should be culturally competent and appropriate.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

More efficient public transportation is critical to reduce congestion, reduce pollution, make people more productive and make our state more livable. I support light rail and will work to get the rail projects that have been approved built.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I believe that there is a place for key documents of church, mosque or synagogue governance in resolving disputes related to the discipline of clergy and administrative aspects of religious life in the U.S. I think that parties should.

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WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF STATE

Why would you be a better Secretary of State than the other candidates running for this position?

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All of us promise to keep elections "fair" "nonpartisan" and run this office to create more "trust" in elections…BUT what separates me from the rest of the pack is that I'm the Real Deal: I am the ONLY candidate proposing to make the Secretary of State's office FULLY NONPARTISAN. Partisanship undermines the authority, duty and integrity of the office. It instills an inherent suspicion in the administrations of our elections. Only a nonpartisan can take the political parties to empower every voter… And that's what I aim to do.

Read what the TNT's Peter Callaghan wrote about me.
thenewstribune.com/2011/10/13/1862827/despite-the-constitution-and-fixes.html

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The Secretary of State has many very specific duties and responsibilities that are narrowly defined. The primary need is for a competent administrator. My work history includes a total of eleven years (three positions) as an administrator in Washington State government.

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Washington is a state of many voices, cultures, and political ideologies, yet that diversity is not fully reflected in our current election system. Washington needs a Secretary of State who is outside the establishment, with the experience of working with alternative parties outside the two-party system, who can provide a neutral voice between all political parties in the state, who is committed to working to create equal and open general election ballot access, which will more fully reflect the political diversity of Washingtonians. I am the only candidate with the experience and commitment to do just that.

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To me, the office of Secretary of State is the ultimate good government job. My background has a diverse background of public service that includes both state legislative and executive branch experience. I am a coalition builder who combines expertise in policy development and implementation with securing broad support for innovative approaches to complex problems in government. I have the management and leadership experience to lead on the issues facing the office of Secretary of State today.

Additionally, I have the most support from members of the Washington State Legislature, am the only Democratic Woman running for any of Washington's 9 statewide democratic office.

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I am running for Secretary of State because I want to make our democracy work for everyone, not just those with wealth and connections. Throughout my life I have fostered greater participation in government. I enjoy bringing people together people to find ways to make government work for everyone and I have a track record of taking on big projects and seeing them through to completion.

The top 3 issues that I am focusing on in this campaign are:

1. Transparency and accountability in elections and encouraging turnout.
2. Initiative and campaign finance reform.
3. Economic development and jobs.

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As a four-term County Auditor, I am the only candidate in the race with the job-related experience that comes from leading a nationally recognized, award winning office. My collaborative leadership style has earned a range of endorsements from the Washington Education Association and Building Industry Association of Washington to Republican, Democratic, and nonpartisan leaders, including 65 former and current county auditors.

I have dedicated 19 years to protecting voters and ensuring accurate elections. I bring proven unbiased stewardship of our elections and public records so that you have confidence in the accuracy of counts, security of ballots, and voter accessibility.

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What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Before law school, I ran an emergency services office in a minority community where I also lived. As Attorney General, I will protect consumers in vulnerable communities like those that speak English as a second language.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I oppose show-me-your-papers laws like what was passed in Arizona. My opponent supports those. He voted to allow Sheriff's deputies the ability to demand proof of citizenship from residents based solely on appearance, skin color, or language.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

As Attorney General, I will stand up for the rights of all Washingtonians and defend those rights when threatened. For example, I will enforce the laws relating to voting rights and ensure minority communities are not disenfranchised.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

As Attorney General, I will defend Washington State laws that protect the rights of all Washingtonians, including undocumented residents. I will enforce laws aimed specifically at protecting undocumented residents from discrimination and harm.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

As Attorney General, I will continue my relationship with the Washington Islamic community and maintain an open door policy. I will use the bully pulpit of the office to speak out against hate speech and hate incidents.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The State Supreme Court has clearly stated that the state has a paramount duty to adequately fund education. As Attorney General, I will ensure the state fulfills that responsibility and follows the constitution.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Communication and dialogue are key to fostering good working relationships and trust between law enforcement and the community, which we need to keep communities safe. As Attorney General, I will do what I can to promote communication and dialogue.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Together with law enforcement, I will work with all interested parties and address any such issues that may arise in Washington State.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I am the only candidate to attend the Council on American-Islamic Relations 10th Annual Banquet. I know how important these issues are to you. Please see above

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Anti-Sharia laws are unnecessary and unhelpful. I oppose efforts to pass similar legislation in Washington State because US and state constitutions and laws govern our residents.

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What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I support a substantial overhaul in the educational system statewide. I believe the schools should teach five primary subjects (Mathematics, Science, History and Philosophy, Reading and Literature, Writing) and five secondary subjects (Music and the Arts, Humanities, Civics, Languages, IT),

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I support equal application of the laws, where the top priority is constitutional protections, including due process, for every American.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

As the Attorney General, I will fight to protect the constitutional rights of every legal resident, and the due process rights for every person, whether legally in the country or not.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Undocumented persons in the United States still have rights to due process of law, including rights of habeas corpus, a right to counsel, and a right to a hearing or trial before a jury. Enemy combatants are subject to the provisions of the Hague Convention.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I oppose all hate speech laws and the use of hate as a portion of intent. I support intent as developed in the common law, and a structure of law that develops guild beyond a reasonable doubt.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

My opinion is not relevant. Washington's constitution declares education to be a priority.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

My focus is on providing equal services to all Washingtonians, regardless of racial, ethnic or religious origin.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

My office will investigate issues of consumer fraud on a case-by-case basis, and we will act with fairness depending on the facts of each case.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

My office will investigate each of these issues on a case-by-case basis, and we will act with fairness depending on the facts of each case and within the scope of our constitutionally authorized ability.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I am totally opposed to the use of Sharia law in Washington courts, even if the parties are consenting. Every person in Washington is subject to Washington law as established by Washingtonians over the years.

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According to complaints received from local Muslim students and parents and documented by the CAIR-WA office, there is a disproportionately high number of books in school libraries and anti-Islam lectures being given to students in middle and high schools, compared to books and instruction hostile toward other racial, ethnic and religious minorities. What specific action, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I believe that religion has no place in public education, period. No religion, christian, jewish, muslim, buddhist etc has any place in our public schools. It is forbidden by law. I do not believe any educator should be teaching pro or anti stances

Specifically, what are some ways that you might help improve Washington State's education system?

Creating a new culture in our schools that respects and supports teachers, students and families. We need to celebrate the successes that we have made in our schools so that we all can work together to overcome the challenges we face.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to ensure appropriate accommodations for the religious holidays and observances of all students, including Muslim students, in our schools? For example, Muslims believe that they must perform congregational Friday prayers in a mosque, typically between the hours of 1:30-2:30pm during daylight savings months and 12:30-1:30pm the rest of the year. Thus Muslim students are often faced with the choice of missing classes or missing Friday prayer services.

I believe that we can work on some out of the box ways to think about this. If a school has a large enough population of Muslim students that wish to partake in prayers, is this something that is required.

Ron Higgins

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According to complaints received from local Muslim students and parents and documented by the CAIR-WA office, there is a disproportionately high number of books in school libraries and anti-Islam lectures being given to students in middle and high schools, compared to books and instruction hostile toward other racial, ethnic and religious minorities. What specific action, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Schools must disseminate the truth to prepare students to make informed decisions and assume their roles as responsible men and women in our sovereign, constitutional republic and free enterprise economy. Inaccurate information should be identified and replaced with accurate information.

Specifically, what are some ways that you might help improve Washington State's education system?

Focus on building communication, computation, and civics skills in our children. Teach them the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence principles that made our people and nation free and prosperous. Protect them from bullying by well-financed, agenda-driven pressure groups.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to ensure appropriate accommodations for the religious holidays and observances of all students, including Muslim students, in our schools? For example, Muslims believe that they must perform congregational Friday prayers in a mosque, typically between the hours of 1:30-2:30pm during daylight savings months and 12:30-1:30pm the rest of the year. Thus Muslim students are often faced with the choice of missing classes or missing Friday prayer services.

The First Amendment lists religious freedom first. Schools must accommodate their students' religious beliefs, provided they don't interfere with the rights of others. Students need to make arrangements with their teachers ahead of time to keep up with course work

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Early learning programs for our littlest learners. All day kindergarten, basic education and higher education. As well as, programs that support our most vulnerable citizens; the elderly, disabled, and those who live in poverty.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I am in favor of creating revenue by growing the economy and creating jobs. To raise revenue through taxes requires a vote of the people.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Investing in the infrastructure around the state by investing in transportation projects and encouraging cities and counties to improve their infrastructure.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Education is the key to prosperity. I support programs, scholarships, and work force trainingto help people attain skills that lead to family wage jobs. I support low income housing in all communities.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Law enforcement must receive training on multi-culturally appropriate responses on an on-going basis.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

All people need to be treated equally under the law. I would encourage communities to celebrate our differences through fairs, festivals and multi-cultural events.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

All Washington State and U.S. residents need to be provided the opportunity to attend our public schools, live in safe communities and be employed free of discrimination.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I too am deeply concerned by the rise of Islamophobia. I believe open and free discussion is needed. My door is always open to anyone who has ideas on solving this growing problem.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The Washington State constitution states: it is the paramount duty of the state to fully fund basic education. A high quality education means every child needs a high quality teacher. SB 6696 created a quality evaluation system for teachers and principals.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase!

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Trust and strong working relationships are developed and valued when we work and learn together, when we know each other and when we share our differences.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would encourage a review with participants from the Washington State Muslims and Civil Rights groups to change training materials to address these concerns.

STATE SENATOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1 (con'd)

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

On-going education within the military and law enforcement agencies with appropriate training materials is needed.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Public transit is a high priority for the people I represent. I have supported bus only lanes to create a dependable efficient transportation system. I have supported partnerships with state and federal transit investments to build park and ride lots.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I would need to have a discussion with members of the Muslim community and civil rights group to become educated on this subject.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

My priorities for the budget are; public safety, education, helping the least fortunate among us, transportation/environment. I will not vote for a budget that makes further cuts to K-12 education or Higher Education.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I believe we first need to make state agencies more efficient in the way they deliver services. I support closing any tax exemptions that are not creating jobs or economic development in the way they were intended.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

We need to make a public case for renewed infrastructure spending and get the construction industry working again. We also need to provide B&O tax relief for small local businesses that represent 53% of the private sector workforce.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I believe the quality of public education should not depend on your zip code. Children in Tacoma should have the same opportunity to succeed as children in Medina. We need to fix education because opportunity stems from a quality education.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Continued oversight of law enforcement is necessary. Enforcement of current regulations against profiling is also important. If new legislation is introduced to strengthen laws against profiling, I would certainly be interested in supporting it.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

As a legislator, I will not vote for any law that infringes upon those rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I believe every individual, regardless of citizenship, is entitled to basic human rights.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

If current hate crimes legislation in this state needs to be strengthened, I will support it. If the attorney general does not prosecute hate crimes, I will be an outspoken advocate and bring whatever pressure possible.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

It is the paramount duty of the state as enshrined in our constitution. Funding and reforming our education system is the highest priority for my campaign.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase. As the recent McCleary case illustrated, we are not adequately funding K-12. We need invest in education now, not after another generation of children slips by.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

As a legislator, I will do whatever is in my power to facilitate outreach and collaboration between law enforcement and community groups.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I am not sure it's the role of the legislature to deal with these issues. It is obviously wrong to use anti-Muslim materials and I would hope that law enforcement leaders would deal with this issue internally.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Again, I am not sure what the legislature could do on this issue. If this is a problem in Washington state, I would certainly love to learn more about it.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes. We need a robust mass transit option, similar to the subway in NY or the T in Boston. We need to make the public case for increased transit funding and then put it to a vote. I will lead on this issue.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I believe in the separation of church and state. I personally do not believe any form of religious law should be used in a court of law. I also do not support these Anti-Sharia laws.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

K-12 Education, State Need grants for Community Colleges, Services for the elderly, disabled and developmentally disabled.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I would maintain an open mind and review each tax or fee proposal on a case by case basis; however, I would not approve of a State Income Tax.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Maintaining our high standards of education, keeping taxes as low as possible but not so low that they starve state services, working to support infrastructure projects. Be willing to listen to any and all reasonable proposals.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Expansion of vocational schooling in High School and Community College, not all people are made out to be scientists, computer programmers, or executives. We need good blue collar jobs to open the doors of the middle class to everyone.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would be interested in meeting with members of the affected communities to listen to their concerns and suggestions to deal with the problem.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Aggressively pursuing illegal immigrants who commit crimes and bring trouble into otherwise law abiding minority communities; isn't it true that the actions of a few can harm many? Consider the actions of 19 Men harmed the good name of millions!

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Provide them hot meal, lodging, and a plane ticket home! Illegal is illegal; imagine an American. Citizen sneaking into Mexico, Iran, or the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Illegals in America have no idea how lucky they are!

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

By living the principal of the 'golden rule' as a Christian, it is imperative to live out Christ's example of equality and justice. A public education campaign focusing of the moral and socially stabilizing values of the Islamic family.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Providing a system of well functioning and affordable Community Colleges and Four-Year institutions; and the development of impartial testing standards; teacher certification and evaluation, drafting of classroom curriculum.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increases for K-12 and High Education, decreases for early learning; given the choice I think we need to invest in more educational second chances for adults and at-risk adolescents before we loose them to a lifetime in the prison system.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

A difficult question for which I have no specific answerWe need better teaching of our shared values of Constitutional government and human rights.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I am unfamiliar with these discoveries or the materials involved, I would be interested in learning much more before offering an opinion.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

A State legislator has no control over the Federal Government. There must be a distinction made between Muslim Americans and foreign nationals who very well could be a danger to all American citizens. Terrorists do exist, we cannot deny that.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Stop spending money on ambitious light rail projects, rapid bus lines, and lavish park-n-rides, and return to the fundamentals of day to day ordinary bus routes that serve short and medium distance routs. Restore Sunday bus service to Snohomish County.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Our legal system is based on English Common law and constitutional precedent; I would no more expect The Islamic Republic of Iran, to abide by the U.S. constitution, then the State of Washington to abide by Sharia law.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

All of them. We should cut corporate tax breaks not State services.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No. I am in favor of repealing corporate tax breaks.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I have proposed a full employment program funded entirely be repealing corporate tax breaks. See my website:springforhouse.org

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Fully funding public schools, colleges and universities.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I oppose racial or religious discrimination of any kind.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

The best way to promote tolerance is through education – especially in the public schools.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I am open to any bill protecting all citizens.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

The best way to promote tolerance is through education – especially in the public schools.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The paramount duty of the state is to fully fund public schools.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will dramatically increase funding for education.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Again, education is the key.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would be willing to hold hearings on a bill to correct this problem.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Again the key is producing a bill and gaining support for the bill.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I am a leader of the Washington Public Bank Coalition. A public bank would cut the cost of public transportation projects in half.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I am not in favor of separate laws for separate groups. I think that all should receive the same benefits of the same laws.

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I would protect education, K-12 and Higher Education; the safety net programs for those that cannot take care of themselves and programs that work towards restoring our economy.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes, we have a regressive system now. We need to amend/reform our tax structure. New revenue will be needed to fully fund education and the infrastructure needed to support an inclusive community. Taxes dedicated to just specific projects, such as K-12.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

We can create jobs with our Capital budget but need to go farther and encourage changes that attract businesses to the State. Streamline our system of tax and fees; educate our children for the jobs that we want to attract.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

We need to work to encourage all students regardless of color, ethnic background and income status to attend school. We need culturally competent teachers and staff to work with and encourage these students to return and participate in education.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

This needs to stop. We need to make it a crime to profile.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

These rights are now protected and these laws need to be enforced. If not protected, the law needs to be changed to include that portion of our residents.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

We need to do whatever is possible to protect the rights of undocumented US residents. This is more of a federal issue, but the state can protect individuals from unfair treatment..

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would be willing to meet with you and explore anything we can do to address this concern.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The State has a paramount duty to provide basic education to our students. The Supreme Court is requiring us to fully fund that.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase the funding as is required by our constitution and the courts.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I don't know. I would be happy to consider your thoughts on this. I do not approve of anyone that treats our people poorly.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would work to find and destroy these materials and prohibit their use.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I am not familiar with any military training, certainly in Washington State that is anti-Muslim. Let me know and I will do what I can to stop it.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I would work to fully fund busing and other mass transit. We will be without cheap oil and we need mass transit. This is one of my priorities.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I am not opposed to the reasonable use of Sharia Law as long as the rights of all citizens are protected.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Only those essential services that protect the elderly and disabled.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

NO.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

By reducing taxes and changing the state constitution to allow us too attract business from other states.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

None. If you live here you are a Washingtonian and American so we should all be treated equal.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Racial profiling will not be tolerated, but criminals should be aggressively targeted and locked up.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

They have the same rights as the rest of us, no special treatment.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

They have no rights, they are not suppose to be here in the first place, what part of ILLEGAL do people not get.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

[no response]

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

To provide the opportunity and access to college.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

By open communication and dialog.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

None, Terrorist training material should be honest and accurate. Unfortunatly some terrorists are Muslim as well as Christian extremists and deserve no special treatment.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

None, see above answer.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

It depends on funding and need.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

No opinion.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I'm sorry but I cannot pre-commit to a Sophie's choice. That being said, essential programs that meet basic human needs and fundamental social problems and issues are my choices to fill in the first level of Mazlow's hierarchy.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

YES. See my 2011-12 House Bills 1889, 2054, 2084, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2100, 2157, and any more in previous biennia.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

HB 2434-Creating the Washington Investment Trust would leverage taxpayers' dollars to work for the benefit of Washington State, not Wall Street. We can generate many more jobs than the current bond and revolving loan processes.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I have a proven track record of fighting for equity of access for everyone to educational, economic, and other opportunities. Fighting against privatization and outsourcing, eliminating the educational opportunity gap, and racial equity in employment are just a very few.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I have a proven track record of fighting against issues that lead to racial profiling and infringe on our constitutional protections for all people. I'm firmly committed to protecting everyone's civil rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I have a lifelong proven track record of fighting against issues that lead to racial profiling and infringe on our constitutional protections for all people. I've always been, and will continue to be firmly committed to protecting everyone's civil rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I have a lifelong proven track record of fighting against issues that lead to racial profiling and infringe on our constitutional protections for all people. I've always been, and will continue to be firmly committed to protecting everyone's civil rights.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

My entire family was incarcerated during World War II, just for having Japanese ancestry, even though they were American citizens. Therefore I've always been, and will continue to be firmly committed to protecting everyone's civil rights.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

It is the state's paramount duty. We need to redefine that duty to include the broad systemic social change that recognizes the impact our entire social structure has on children, and all people's ability to learn.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase. We also need to fund early childhood education as well as prenatal and perinatal care, parenting education, wraparound support services, create jobs that lead to stable homes, and on and on.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

As a legislator, our job is to make laws. One cannot legislate trust, but we can require people to work together, which after time develops trust. Law enforcement should look like the public they serve.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

That is intolerable. The practice needs to be banned, cultural sensitivity training should be universally required, and training practices and materials should be screened before used. But really, empathy and humaneness really cannot be taught. It's a sad commentary.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

That is intolerable. The practice needs to be banned, cultural sensitivity training should be universally required, and training practices and materials should be screened before used. But really, empathy and humaneness really cannot be taught. It's a sad commentary.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes. We need to raise revenue to build our public transportation/transit infrastructure.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Sharia law should be allowed to the same extent as any other religious laws in our courts.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

What remains of TANF, Health Care for Disabled, scheduled New Construction

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

The focus of my campaign is to completely eliminate dependency on regressive sales and B&O tax to fund the State Government and implement a simple, adequate income tax that will provide stability during economic downturns.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

The State must direct our resources towards building the infrastructure needed for new green energy to promote job growth. We must look at the transportation sector, especially electrified high speed rail, to promote economic development.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Construction projects should utilize a percentage of workers from the immediate area of the project. Make Apprenticeships and Technical Training more available to minorities.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I will hold the leadership of Law enforcement organizations and departments responsible for administering regulations established to stop profiling.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

If I become aware of some systemic flaw in the application of laws to protect the rights of any citizen I will work for legislation to correct the problem.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Undocumented citizens who are here for non criminal reasons should be treated respectfully. The length of time they have been in Washington should be taken into consideration as well as caring for their families if they face deportation.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Of the hundreds of people I've spoken to during my campaign only one has openly spoke about anything related to racial identification, none on religious or cultural grounds. The reason I feel comfortable in the 11th LD is because of our diversity.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The legislature must make sure the tax dollars are spent in the most productive manner. We should be more focused on Technical Training, Two year degrees and Apprentice training, where future jobs will be.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

We must increase state funding for K-12 and higher education, reduce class room size and support teachers as a start in making our existing system work better.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I encourage minorities to become active in grass roots politics, i.e. 11th LD Democratic Organization, where they can interact easily with leaders in law enforcement agencies and law making bodies.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

If I became aware of that type of material I would speak out against it, demand it stop and work for legislation to prevent it from ever happening again.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I am a Vietnam Era Veteran of the US Coast Guard. It is hard to imagine that type of training would exist. If so, it must be stopped immediately. Religious freedom and tolerance has always been a port of our American tradition.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Transit systems are mostly the jurisdiction of Counties and Municipalities. I will work to bring interested parties together and help with bonding issues. I am in favor of high speed rail projects for Western US. Find new and keep existing shipping companies

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I feel that there must be a separation of Church and State. I wish to represent the taxpayers of the 11th Legislative District. Any litigation in any court in the USA should be decided by US Law only.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Education, WA DNR, Housing Trust Fund, HOME2, Medicaid – primary concerns for me.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes. I propose to file a bill setting up another referendum for an I-1098 type of tax on the high-income individuals and businesses. In addition I support Bob Hasegawa's bill that creates a state bank (WA Investment Trust).

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Similar program to that of Jay Inslee for manufacturing and deployment of renewable-energy devices and systems. In addition I support a very large increase in Housing Trust Fund money to build 'affordable housing'.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I don't know. What do y'all suggest? Frankly, my concern is for the whole low-income group.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Via legislative resolution, workshops with law enforcement personnel, and publicity first. Second by budget language that prohibits the practice.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

See above. Basically, it's all about application of our U.S. and state Constitutions and laws.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

If you mean rights of due process and habeas corpus, we could write a bill that addresses those specifically. Beyond that, you'll have to tell me what you have in mind.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

We have sufficient laws to address these matters. The only step that I would promise would be to witness against Islamophobia.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

First, I would re-establish 'vocational training' programs and separate 'special ed' programs in high schools, since one of the common themes among teachers is that loading classrooms with uninterested or disruptive students decreases the quality and quantity of instruction

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase early and K-12. Colleges need to work on budget control (lower salaries and less administration).

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

See above answers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

If such training exists in WA state, then we need to identify the units that have received it and counter that training. Personally, I would rely on you (and other civil rights groups) to present evidence, and then I.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Show me the evidence, and then we can consider action.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Definitely. Build on existing, successful programs via publicity. Create revolving loan funds and bond issues that will help to build the infrastructure.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

No problem with such consideration among consenting parties.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Food Stamps, SSDI, Unemployment Benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, TANF, Free Lunch, bus transit, correctional transitions, section 8, CSD, public school funding, ADA, Adotsa, methadone clinics, homeless shelters, public health clinics, higher education supplementation, rehabilitation/education programs in prisons.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No. Cutting $100 of waste in a million places creates a hundred million dollars in revenue. We need to anonymously ask government workers which aspects should be cut, and listen to their answers.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

A flat percentage tax would be fair, as well as lucrative. Eliminate property taxes and increase sales tax to 10%. One percent of this would be used for federally funded programs, like public schools.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Create an incentive program for the teachers, in which the more students they have that are successful, the more they are rewarded. Overall motivation reward systems can be used to the advantage of all students, not just those listed.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Create incentives for recruitment of religious, ethnic and various racial backgrounds in officers. Ignorance breeds contempt; this will work to eliminate the ignorance. Those being arrested may be less annoyed if they share characteristics with the officers.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Our Bill of Rights assures all citizens of this country the right to these freedoms. The judicial branch exists to enforce these rights. I will do everything in my power to follow the constitution and protect these rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

The right to reside in America is a process that requires paperwork. Those who have the right to work here legally, deserve protection from harassment. Illegal immigrants would not stay here if they could not find employment, housing, or handouts.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

All people have the right to speak freely in a peaceable manner. Violence against others cannot be tolerated, regardless of their race or religious beliefs. The constitution demands that accused persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

It starts with grade school. If a child cannot read by third grade, help must be provided until he can; reading well is fundamental to doing well in every other class. Funding must be provided that reflects this.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I'll study states using their funding prudently and then copy them. If that means we need to increase or decrease funding, I will do so accordingly. Creative teaching and incentives can go a long way toward balancing the school budget

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Foster volunteer programs among the various groups to eliminate ignorance toward each other. When officers spanning across barriers eliminate these types of problems.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Muslims certainly understand why they are being targeted, and police agencies are just trying to create safety for their communities. These two groups need to meet together in a group goal to reduce these prejudices on both sides.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Muslims could create propaganda films to be shown to officers that make known how devoted they are to the country that we share. Fear was created by 911. However, it is not fair to assume all Muslims agreed with it.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

YES. Buses are highly underutilized because they are not run efficiently. Early morning, late evening, and frequent routes during high ridership times would greatly increase ridership. Current route schedules prevent all three shifts from utilization.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

As long as both parties are consenting adults, they should be able to choose their mates. If the laws of the land are not being broken, the religious mores of certain religions should not be relevant to the courts.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

All programs must be reviewed first.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Maybe some Temp tax

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Reducing some fees and relaxing some Regulations will help.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

There are already Programs

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

No comment

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Laws are already in place for all People

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

All illegal aliens are to be deported

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

No comment

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

No comment

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Depends on the Budget

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

No comment

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

No comment

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

No comment

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

The present system is What we can afford

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

No comment

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I will protect the safety net as I am Vice-Chair of Health and Human Services Appropriations and my responsibilities are the safety nets: Basic Health, Disability Lifeline and Adult Day Health centers.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes I am.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Government does not create jobs but enhances the economy and jobs by repairing, restoring and creating the infrastructure, tax exemptions, etc. The Great Recession hit us hard and late, but we are slowly recovering.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will work with other legislators to make sure schools are open to all, there is economic opportunity and that we bolster low income families with programs such as TANF, and more slots in Community and Technical colleges and more financial aid.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I will work with other legislators to keep legislation, such as in Arizona, from passing in this state. Our immigrant communities keep our state and nation strong.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Our constitution in Washington State is the strongest for protections in the nation. We also will stand in the way of legislation that would hurt any legal resident.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I am not sure that I alone could guarantee these freedoms, but I will work hard to make sure that all people have health care, education and housing.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

We have laws against discrimination and we can ensure that these laws are enforced. As a former member of the Washington Advisory Group to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission I am well aware of the hate rhetoric and abhor it.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Our role is to fully fund basic education and make sure teachers are paid well. Children are the future, they have to have high quality education to ensure they have jobs with the Boeings and the Microsoft's in WA State.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase for all three.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I will always work for understanding and tolerance.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

As I have said above, we need to enforce the laws we have and make sure that law-enforcement agencies have the training needed to be more tolerant and not discriminate based on race, color, creed, and religious beliefs.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

In New York and New Jersey this has happened, and I am hoping it is not part of police training here.The military is federal and I can only set an example – not becoming a part of hate mentality

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I was a lobbyist for 11 years representing The Amalgamated Transit Legislative Council and know that public transit is a lifeline in any city or county. I will work to protect transit funding and our ferry system.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I believe that government should implement policies that support diversity. The Constitution prohibits government from establishing a particular religion. Ensuring that all citizens are subject to the same laws permits those with diverse beliefs to rely on the legal system.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Revenues (taxes) down. Funding to programs protecting the most vulnerable/needy safety net. Law and Justice must be funded. Also K-12/HigherEd must also be constitutionally funded. Also transportation infrastructure is vital to the economic health of citizens/business.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

We have spending, not income problem. New sales/income tax will drive away business and harm individuals. Washington must streamline, focus-missions, regulatory reform, reform B&O tax. I am opposed to job-killing state income. Support 2/3 supermajority.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Must create business-friendly environment to spawn jobs, jobs, private-sector jobs. Individuals must be unleashed with power to grow rich in private sector. I will support regulatory reform, education reform, smaller government footprint, privatization and refocus on core-missions.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Wholesale/ innovative educational reform will benefit all races/classes. Need charter schools and vouchers. We must demand higher educational performance/efficiency. Economic opportunity for all will come with reinvigorated state economy. I believe a rising tide raises all boats.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

LE [law enforcement] leaders must with all communities regarding laws of land will be honored. Illegal profiling/discrimination will not be tolerated. LE laws and policies must be explicit about following US Constitution. Respect for all is the order of the day.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Constitution and Bill or Rights will be defended by me. I will demand total adherence to same. I will demand Washington Attorney General will be ready to speak against against any violations of discrimination or constitutional abridgements.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Will defend the Constitution for all. As part of Rule of Law, I expect all citizens and visitors to America to obey the Laws of the Land. Rule of Law prevails. Will demand all rights of US residents be respected.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I follow news closely and cannot find widespread anti-Muslim discrimination. Problem perhaps overstated. Hate speech and discrimination against any group is opposed by me. I will demand Rule of Law/Constitution be applied uniformly and strenuously.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Recent Washington State Supreme Court (McCleary v. State) has reinforced constitutional requirement for full funding of education (K-12). State must properly fund K-12 as core mission. Excellence is only option.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Education funding has been adequate but misspent without performance or fairness. Education must be radically reformed with charter schools, vouchers, teacher empowerment. Yes, I support full funding as core mission. Future of Washington hinges on education excellence and stability.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Law enforcement officers are key: religious leaders are key. Religious leaders hold the key to solving this issue. LE and reli**gious** leaders must reach across any chasm to find working relationship.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Facts are antidote to falsehoods about "hate" or "discrimination." I believe this question misrepresents the facts. It is easy to overstate or misrepresent problem(s). I stand for and with US Constitution and Bill of Rights for all.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

No commentI am US military retired and son is US Army active duty. Claim that military has anti-Muslim problem is incorrect. No inherent anti-Muslim bias or training bias. Question is a red herring and not helpful.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Transportation mobility is key to all and must drive all plans. Citizens/business depend on efficient, predictable and inexpensive traffic flow. I want flow and not high-cost light-rail solutions. Support versatile buses and new highways.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

As many as possible. I would amend the state constitution to change the legislature and governors wages. Request medical plans be changed. Furlough employees. Divide Dept. of Social and Services in order to have better and efficient services

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No to many people and businesses are hurting and can not afford the taxes. Taxation is not a balanced approach. Welcoming new Business creation is a way to more revenue. Even more export business.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Keep the business and operation taxes lower in order to encourage more small, medium, start-up and other business growth. Welcoming more business into the area, especially since Pierce and King county have a vast cultural and ethnic diversity.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Under our state constitution equal opportunity for public education of K-12 is guaranteed to all no matter your economic status, race,ethnic background or income. I will uphold the state constitution. Education is paramount.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Law enforcement training on how to address this issue. Speaking to community leaders as to how to meet the concerns. I am open to more suggestions, options and ideas on this and other things.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I will uphold the Washington State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States which guarantees all of these rights. That is why we have to protect both the State and national Constitutions it protects an guarantee those rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I can not. No legislator can. If they do they are lying. Failing to have the legal documents to cross the U.S. border means entering illegally and willingly giving up all Constitutional rights of guaranteed protection. They have no rights.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Education of what your faith and the Koran teaches, what your beliefs are, community outreach, so people will have more information.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Assuring that curriculums meet a standard of education.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will work as the Washington State constitution requires to fund common and normal schools, higher education and special needs schools. Education being paramount in the state constitution. To preserve funding.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Education and training of law enforcement so they have a better understanding. Reading the Koran and other religious information. Explaining different ethnic practices (educating about). Meet community leaders.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

The U.S. Military is the Federal government not state. Law-enforcement has a vast amount of diverse groups to deal with, not just Muslims so they do try to take into consideration the diversity of different groups of people.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

The state of Washington does not have jurisdiction over what the U.S. Military teachs. Washington State law enforcement deals with a vast diversity of people and groups they do try to train in all aspects of each and every group.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes, I have gone to the Transportation meetings for years and speakout. Pierce County's Transit is run by private company not the the county. Turn it over to the county or state. Establish more park and rides.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

No Washington State Constitution is clear on the law. Indian Tribal Nation law on tribal land comes into effect next since they are a separate and sovereign nations with in the state of Washington.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Education, public safety.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

NO

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Reducing government taxation and regulation on small business.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Do not know if there will be funds to "Increase" anything.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

[no response]

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Through my oath of office to uphold and protect the US and WA Constitutions.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I do not believe this is part of my job description.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Encourage the **equal and full** application of anti-discrimination laws to all.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

To provide, as nearly as possible, an equal educational opportunity to all our citizens.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will be working to provide educational funding that is more focused on classroom outcomes.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I do not believe this is a state issue, as much as a local issue - which should be addressed at that level.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

[no response]

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Since there is no provided documentation regarding Washington state entities doing this, all I can do, is work to make sure it is not promulgated with state funds.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

The state has delegated most of this authority to local transit groups. If they are not meeting needs, we may need to review their funding from the state level.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

As long as it is being used in the same way as the Halachic and Canon Laws, between consenting members of the community, and I would define "consenting" as those who have equal power to accept/reject - not where

Please note that one of my main concerns will be in reversing the law that was passed "re-defining" marriage to include those who are of the same gender.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I would not only protect, but enhance funding for education, higher education, and safety net programs.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes. The "all cuts" approach of previous legislatures has gone too far and now threatens vulnerable populations.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I would support funding to update our transportation infrastructure. A large number of good-paying jobs would be created immediately, and additional jobs created as a result of the boost inthe economy.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I believe everyone should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Educational access is a key to this and I will work hard to provide funding and programs for this purpose.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I am available to meet with members of the Muslim community and law enforcement to discuss concerns.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Besides being a vocal advocate, I wil work with the Muslim community to identify specific actions to pursue.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

See answer to #6

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I am available to discuss with the community their concerns and work with the community to address them.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The state's paramount duty is to fund basic education and I construe the definition of basic education broadly.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will definitely support increased funding for K-12 and higher education. I am a higher education manager and know the issues very well.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I have a very good relationship with law enforcement agencies and would be happy to facilitate discussions with the Muslim community.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would be happy to meet with representatives of CAIR so I can fully understand all the issues involved.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

See above.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I am an active member of the Pierce Transit board. I voted in favor of putting a three/tenths percent sales tax on the ballot this November. I plan on being a strong advocate for public transit in the Legislature.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I do not know enough on this issue to state an opinion.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Valuable programs are already cut to beyond the bone. It makes no sense to save one program at the cost of others. Do school age children get lunches at the cost of seniors going hungry? It's time to carefully evaluate.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Any balanced approach to the state budget must evaluate all revenue sources.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Improving the infrastructure is one way of both encouraging job growth and economic recovery. If a roadway is smooth, traffic flows better. Businesses thrive. Jobs are created by construction of the road and increased business on it.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will encourage outreach and education about the opportunities using leaders from specific communities as role models and examples.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

In addition to writing laws to eliminate racial profiling, we need to advance best practices training for law enforcement. This would enable law enforcement officers to have a wider variety of assessment tools available to them.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Make there is adequate funding for enforcement of the laws that exist now. Work with allies in the various communities to make sure people's rights are protected.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Immigration policy should be crafted at the federal level and should be geared toward supporting and keeping families united rather than tearing them apart.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I advocate for all community members. The greater visibility of a State Senator will allow me to reach a broader audience and educate my community.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The State has a legal obligation to make sure K-12 is properly funded. It makes good sense to also fund colleges and universities. There is a great need for skilled workers. More skilled workers are good for Washington.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I absolutely believe in properly funded public education for all Washington children including college students. I will work to increase funding for public education from early education to college.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I work as a Marriage and Family Therapist in my "real life". I bring people from "opposite" sides together every day. I bring these skills to the State Senate.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I will use my allies to educate me about the concerns. Then use the skills I have developed as a marriage and family therapist to bring people from opposite sides of the

continuum to talk to
each other.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I will educate myself on the issues, enlist my allies to figure out the best way to do outreach and educate military and law enforcement.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Efficient, effective public transportation is a priority of mine. I will work towards making public transportation better, serving more people.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I have to educate myself about the law and the intersection between the various religious laws to answer this question.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Education, Transportation and the most vulnerable (disabled, elderly and children)

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Helping small business succeed by reducing taxes and eliminating regulations.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will hold school officials accountable to do what they should do in providing education for all of our children.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

We need to respect all of our citizens and visitors who are legally in our country. Unfortunately when terrorist wage war they often are wolves in sheep's clothing. We need all of our different ethnic groups to help control.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

By following the constitution and allowing the balance of power between the three branches of government to work.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

We need to apply our laws equally and fairly.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Lead by example in showing respect for all mankind. Enforce our laws and hold those in authority accountable.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Allowing our teachers to teach. Holding those responsible for our education dollars accountable.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will work to get the best student learning for the best value. We currently spend $10,000.00 per student in the state of Washington I am not saying this is too little or too much. I would ask if.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I think we need to have open and honest communication from all of the participants. Through those communications we need to identify action items that we all can commit to and get them
resolved.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I think we need to have open and honest communication from all of the participants. Through those communications we need to identify action items that we all can commit to and get them resolved. If we identify issues that.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Retrain our military and law enforcement agencies. Hold our leaders accountable.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Infrastructure is a priority for me. Unfortunately, public transportation is consuming 60% of our transportation taxable resources and providing service to 4% of our population. Population density is required for public transportation to be cost effective. Therefore, I will.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Our constitution is the law of our land it was founded based on Judeo Christian principles. The constitution also states clearly that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

My legislative priorities are education, transportation, and health care. I would oppose cuts to any vital services in these areas.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I am not opposed to exploring options for increasing revenue, but it must be part of a balanced approach that puts less of a tax burden on lower income earners.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Job grown and economic recovery are tied together, and that recovery has to be driven by encouraging the growth of small businesses. Right now, small business growth is being hampered by regressive policies such as the state B&O tax.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Economic opportunity is tied very closely to education. I would like to see more examples of educational programs that focus on minorities and children from low income families. I believe that the Innovative School legislation that was passed in 2012.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Law enforcement needs to better educate its officers on the adverse effects of racial profiling and it should be a part of a continuing education program.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

Not sure what the question is asking, but if it is asking will I step up to intervene if such rights are being trampled upon, the answer is yes.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

By enforcing the laws that are applicable; such as Plyler vs. Doe (457 U.S. 202 (1982).

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

If invited to attend Islamic events, I would be pleased to do so and be a spokesperson in that regard. All US citizens have the freedom and right to choose their religion, and should never be persecuted because of it.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

It is the paramount duty to amply fund basic education and with several recent judicial rulings I believe that the legislature will be empowered to address these issues in a more positive nature.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase funding.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Again, continuing education will be a huge asset in this regard.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Continuing education must be provided for law enforcement in this regard.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

See above.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Light rail is a big issue right now. It needs to be finished, and it will be one of my top priorities to see that it is.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I would welcome more information on this topic, but I would imagine that if the Washington Supreme Court felt it appropriate, then I would comply with their ruling.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

There have been enough cuts and what has occurred is prolonging the economic crises. It is time to raise revenue from those who can afford it and are not contributing their fair share. The poor pay 17% of their income.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Absolutely yes.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

By raising revenue and investing in our infrastructure to create jobs now and help businesses progress in the future. Also by encouraging living wage jobs and legislation to support it, a state bank and encouraging employee ownership of businesses.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

By what I stated above about creating jobs, increasing revenue and mandating a portion go to help the neediest among us.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

By educating our police forces, protecting civil rights, prosecuting and removing individuals who violate the concepts of equal justice and passing legislation necessary to protect the civil rights of all individuals.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

By what I stated above and by being an advocate of equal justice and civil rights. Creating citizen review committees with enforcement capabilities is one possibility.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Same answer as above. I'm open to other suggestions.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Same answer as above. I'm open to other suggestions.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Higher education should be as near as free to state resident children as we can make it.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

To increase education from pre-school through university study.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I am open to creating programs and citizens committees to work with police to improve relationships.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Ban them and reprimand or remove the individuals responsible.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Provide education on the laws of the United States and Washington Sate that protect the civil rights of all individuals and put in place a monitoring program for violations of those rights.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes and invest in infrastructure.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

My belief is that there is one law for us all and that we should be equal under that same body of laws. If individuals choose not to use the civil courts that is their option but our government.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I would fight to protect basic health and human services, such as state contributions to WIC, TANF, SSI, SNAP, and State Food Assistance, as well as interpretation services that help immigrants and refugees access these services.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I would put all options for progressive tax reform on the table including: capital gains tax, highearner tax, and closing tax loopholes. Even temporary sales taxes if revenues are directed to education and services for low-income.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

First, I will fight to protect the living wage jobs we already have across this state. Then, I will work to create new living wage jobs by strongly supporting the rights of workers to organize for better pay and benefits.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I will work to fully fund our safety net programs, our children can not learn if they are hungry and homeless. I will also advocate for apprenticeship programs to train our workers for sustainable, skilled, living wage jobs.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

As an ACLU and Northwest Immigrants Rights Project board member, I will fight profiling practices in Washington State. We must identify when and where offenses occur and retrain or remove officers found violating people's civil rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

We can help protect the rights of people of color and immigrants through the implementation of racial impact statements, which force legislators to consider who will benefit and who will be burdened by specific laws and decisions.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I'm an unabashed champion of immigrant rights and have been endorsed by OneAmerica Votes. I will fight any attempts to restrict undocumented residents' abilities to obtain a drivers license or to weaken Washington's commitment to providing services for every child.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

After 9-11, I was on the no-fly list due to Islamophobia so I know how it feels. I will use my position of authority to speak out, and pass and enforce laws that protect everyone's rights and dignity.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Ensuring a high quality education for every child is a paramount duty of the state. Unfortunately, for many students of color, low-income, and immigrant children, the state is falling far short if not failing that duty.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will absolutely work to increase funding for education and ensure that all children have the opportunity to get a college degree by keeping it affordable. I believe we need new revenue sources that are dedicated to education.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

All law enforcement officers should participate in cultural competency and anti-racism training as part of their basic education. Additionally, all law enforcement agencies should increase their recruitment amongst different communities and partner with community organizations to build bridges.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would order a review of all training materials, official and unofficial, used by law enforcement agencies under State authority, and abolish the use of materials that promote discriminatory practices and/or profiling of Muslim people.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I would work with fellow legislators to mandate culturally competent retraining programs for all agencies found using discriminatory materials. I would also ask agency leaders to build personal relationships with local Muslim organizations to improve relationships and understanding.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Public transit is a social justice issue. I will work to secure new state funding and new local taxing authority so cities can expand their transit infrastructure to help all people and goods move around more efficiently.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

As an attorney, I believe that if both parties consent to the use of religious laws, then they have the right to do so -- particularly under the basic tenets of freedom of religion and freedom of
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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

My top priorities are fully funding public schools; reducing university and college tuition; and funding job training; Apple Health for Kids; the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program; family planning services; Disability Lifeline; and Basic Health and community mental health.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes. I support sun-setting5 tax breaks and exemptions, modernizing the sales tax to include more consumer services, and taxing capital gains. Shifting toward an income tax would decrease our reliance on sales tax and help reverse.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I support and believe in apprenticeships because they are a great path to family-wage careers. In particular, apprenticeships should be a key component of our education programs—short-term investment here would lead to a long-term payoff.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

We must invest in our schools to address racial and socioeconomic disparities in educational attainment and economic success. We have a responsibility to provide children with the supports they need to be successful, from PreK programs to higher education.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would support legislation modeled after the federal End Racial Profiling Act (ERPA) which would outlaw racial profiling, create mechanisms to hold law enforcement officers accountable and provide them with additional training and best practices to eliminate racial profiling.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I will protect my constituents' rights by working to raise revenue so we can maintain critical programs that help immigrants and others access the services they need. I will oppose any efforts that infringe upon our constituents' basic freedoms.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I will ensure that local policies do not unfairly target immigrants and seek to drive a wedge between them and law enforcement. I support holding responsible those individuals and organizations that exploit immigrants and advocate for national, comprehensive immigration reform.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would help build trust between the Muslim community and law enforcement, so that victims feel safe reporting hate incidents. I would work with trusted organizations, such as CAIR, to ensure they had the resources to empower community members.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The government's role is to fully fund a world-class, 21st century public education system that is accessible to all children in the state. This means creating adequate revenue mechanisms and effective ways to intervene in failing schools.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?
It is my top priority to fully fund our schools so we provide a world-class 21st century education for all children. I believe we should do this through seeking NEW revenue sources, including a discussion of a state income tax.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

I would support legislation that is modeled after ERPA and get input from trusted organizations among racial, ethnic, and religious minorities to address the problem. I will meet with Muslim leaders to strengthen my personal relationship with this community.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would support reviewing training materials to ensure that law-enforcement officers receive accurate and relevant information that builds understanding of the Muslim community as well as other immigrant communities and people of color.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I will have to learn more about the role the legislature plays in dictating training materials used by local law enforcement, but I would certainly support ridding our state patrol of these inaccurate curricula.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes. I support investing in transit, commute trip reduction, and tolling to help reduce our dependence on single occupancy vehicles. I support funding existing transit initiatives and hope to increase the share of our state transportation budget spent on transit.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

As a state legislator I will fight attempts to use our founding principles against our better nature, as does the Anti-Sharia law movement. Washington Courts ought to apply the law as passed,not as interpreted by unaccountable religious figures.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

All. There is no reason to continue the cuts that have hurt so many in this state. It is cruel not to make the changes to our tax structure that would provide us with enough money to do what.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I will not support regressive taxes, It makes no mathematical sense to ask those who have the least to pay the most in taxes, and to excuse those who have the most from paying.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Restore state jobs with full pay and hours. State jobs are real jobs. This would include medical translators. Promote re-building needed infrastructure, but not spending on grandiose "World Class" projects not needed by anyone. Think in terms of K-16 education.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

We absolutely need to make the schools have every ethnic and religious minorities included in our history, with each group's contributions. Our history should start at the latest with what was going on in 1100 AD on, with emphasis.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Get rid of the provision in RCW 9A.16.040, that allowed a police officer to get aware with the murder of John T. Williams. We should not have to prove malice, since it cannot be proven. This issue needs to.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

See above. It is very important to educate everyone on what these and other groups are about. For example: Certain Indian Tribes use bird feathers as part of their religious ceremonies. They should not be arrested for having these items.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

We never recognized the Mexican or Canadian borders. This insane attachment to keeping people out of the US, who may not have the exact papers on them at the exact second someone wants to see them seems ridiculous to.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Educate the people on what Muslims are all about. It is so sad that the foolish got the documentary about All-American Muslims canceled. We need shows like that and Little Mosque on the Prairie.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Stop spending money that is supposed to go for education on other things. Where is all that Lottery money????? Progressive Taxes!!!!!

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase. Our constitution demands it.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

The folks from NDNs for Justice have set up a good template. Classes taught by the community, fellow law enforcers teaching, explaining each ethnic, religious and racial group. Hiring those from each community.

STATE REP. POSITION 2 DISTRICT 36 (con'd)

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

This reminds me of the man who worked in the Boise Police Department who was supposed to be an expert on cults. Unfortunately, he didn't know very much. So, when a mysterious pattern suddenly appeared in the local desert.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Get actual experts in Muslin culture and religion to teach these things.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Ask the drivers and other workers what they need. Fund them fully.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

If everyone consents, and there is no outside effect, then no problem. We do not require Amish people to get a post 8th grade education. Mormons are allowed to kick members out of their own church in their own courts.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I think that before we talk about budget cuts or program protection we need to establish a zero based prioritized budget.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No, I want to set the priorities first, work with the income we have and make use of performance based audits to determine which programs work and which are just sucking the voters wallets dry

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I would strongly encourage tax reform for small business, and with a zero based prioritized budget we could cut taxes which encourages economic growth.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I uphold the rights of all people regardless of race or ethnicity, to have equal access to all government services

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would continue to support the laws on racial, ethnic and religious profiling, and encourage a better understanding on the part of the average American of both Islam and the average Muslim. I would very much like to find.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I oppose any segregation or discrimination and will seek to protect the rights of all citizens as equal beings under the law, regardless of gender, race, age, disability, religion or national origin

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I will uphold the current laws regarding immigration and political asylum for undocumented residents, and acknowledge that all human beings have basic human rights. I believe in the importance of having strong borders, but all humans must be treated fairly.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

That is very much a balancing act between the first amendment rights of all our citizens, and the rights of Muslim citizens and residents to live in peace without fear of intimidation or hate crimes.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Let's face it, the educational system is broken, the No Child Left Behind program requires that all schools follow a federally mandated program, which may or may not be in the best interest of our students, but is out of local control.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I am not interested in increasing or decreasing the funding, but am very interested in getting the funding into the classroom and meeting the needs of the students and providing a living wage for the teachers who do the work first and foremost.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

What we have seen historically in America is that when minorities enter law enforcement agencies trust is fostered and a stronger working relationship between members of those agencies and the minorities result. Understanding is the best way to foster trust.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I have not seen the materials, so I can not give an educated comment on them. I would not be supportive of anything racist or inflammatory for the purpose of training.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I think what is needed is appropriate enforcement of current laws to ensure that it has a positive impact rather than a negative impact through performance based reviews of programs

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I strongly advocate community transit as a vital public service and would discourage any continued cuts of these services especially in this economy.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I would never advocate any law taking precedence over this nation's laws, but it is just for Sharia law to be taken in consideration in any action between consenting parties.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION 2 DISTRICT 40

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I would work to protect education as well as the "safety net" including health care programs.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

There are approximately $2,000,000,000 in tax loopholes which may no longer serve a useful purpose and those loopholes should be seriously addressed prior to creating other sources of funding.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I would consult with economists such as Paul Krugman for specifics on programs to encourage jog growth and economic recovery. I believe that an important piece of such encouragement would include greater support of public education.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I would work to increase state funding for K-12 and beyond educational opportunities for all regardless of racial or ethnic background. I would seek advice on means to reach racial and ethnic minorities and learn what means would work.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Racial, ethnic and religious profiling is clearly wrong as I see it. I'm not certain what an individual legislator can due to deal with these concerns, but I would definitely seek advice from such groups in terms of what.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

While I would like to do so, I am uncertain that I, as an individual legislator, could do to guarantee protection of rights of all legal US residents. However, I would be outspoken on this issue and gladly co-sponsor.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I don't know how I can guarantee rights protections for undocumented US residents. However, I would be outspoken on this issue and gladly co-sponsor and support legislation that moved Washington State in that direction.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I would be outspoken on this issue and gladly co-sponsor and support legislation that moved Washington State to defeat any prejudice or violence against any religious or ethnic minority.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

A major role should be increased funding for public education. I would work to further this goal. I believe also that the State government has a responsibility to ensure that the educational system does not become a vehicle for.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

There's a crying need to increase funding for all education and I would totally support that goal.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Face to face meetings, citizens boards and ombudsmen to listen to citizen concerns would work towards building trust. I would be open to participating in such meetings to the extent of my capabilities.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would be outspoken on this issue and gladly co-sponsor and support legislation that moved Washington State to defeat any training programs that are prejudicial against any religious or ethnic minority. I would listen to advice from those minorities on specific actions.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I would air this "dirty linen" in the public media and hope to engage the public in support of legislation to begin an educational program to bring the truth to military and law enforcement agencies.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes, it's imperative that we speed up the process of improving public transportation in light of global climate change. I would support all appropriate legislation in improve public transportation.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I don't know enough about Sharia Law to give an opinion. I expect that I would need to consult with church/state separation experts before venturing an opinion.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION 1 DISTRICT 44

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Education must be our top priority, not just because of court cases but because it is the economic driver for the road out of the recession.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes, close loopholes.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I passed the 2012 Jobs Act which created 20,000 jobs state wide in infrastructure and resource development. We should do more and I intend to. The most important thing business owners who I talk to want is customer, and.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

In the Jobs Act we specifically targeted low income, long term unemployed folks in a couple of areas. The State Labor Council apprentice programs should be expanded, and the state can increase these, to target low income folks.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 5-13:
Incidents and attitude of profiling, racial inequity, religious discrimination have no place in my America. That is the standard I vote and act upon. I will speak out against them at every instance. Questions 5 through 13 ask for specific answers to what is a cultural problem that is best answered by being aware, attentive and speaking strongly against discrimination. I apply this standard and answer to all these questions.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes and I would not vote for a transportation package that didn't contain a fair amount of transit.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

All religions must be treated equally.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Every program should justify its existence and funding levels. There should be no "free passes". Programs that can justify their funding should be protected.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

No. In general, taxes should not be increased; however, I am in favor of eliminating tax "loopholes" and ensuring tax exemption and incentive sunset dates1 are honored rather than continuously extended.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I want to see incentives made available to IT and aerospace companies so that we continue to encourage job growth in high-tech sectors of the economy. I also want to see Paine Field in Everett open for commercial flights.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Our educational curriculum should require more math, science, and money management classes to understand savings versus debt. I also propose that the top 10% of high school graduates be offered automatic enrollment in State universities like Texas and Florida.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I see profiling as an effective way for law enforcement to quickly react to emergency situations. Police need to be able to look for "white males" if credible evidence suggests looking for that group will quickly solve the crime.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

All legal US residents should have the same rights regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, country of origin, gender, sexual orientation, and age.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

The handling of undocumented US residents is a Federal issue, not a State issue. States like Arizona have overstepped their authority in this matter.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

All hate speech and hate crimes are vile and barbaric. Crimes should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; however, some speech, in certain circumstances, even if vile, may be protected by the First Amendment.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

We need to enhance the curriculum with more required STEM classes. We need to encourage more students to attend college. We need to ensure qualified teachers paid according to demand for their skills and teaching ability rather than seat time.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

We need to take a very hard look at educational funding. We should not decrease funding, but at the same time, there may be opportunities to gain efficiencies out of the current funding rather than to blindly increase it.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Law enforcement personnel (at all levels) should make time in their schedule to meet with their local community leaders from time to time so that mutual trust and respect can be built between groups.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Law enforcement agencies and Washington State military organizations should not use training materials that are clearly discriminatory in nature. A close working relationship between agencies and community leaders can help educate one another about these kinds of issues.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Anything related to U.S. Military is a Federal matter, not a State matter. For Washington State Military and law enforcement agencies, any specific discriminatory training materials should be destroyed. Profiling is not discriminatory.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Snohomish County public transportation is made up of a loose association of about a dozen different groups. We should look at consolidating this into a single County-wide group so that efficiencies can be gained in route planning and dispatch.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Our legal system is the cornerstone our of judicial branch of Federal and State government. This needs to have a clear separation of church and state. Neither Halachic, Canon, nor Sharia law should be used in any court of law.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Education funding must be protected; children are the future of our state and and we must provide ALL children quality educational opportunities. We must also maintain our safety net to ensure the health and safety of the most vulnerable.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Yes! We must make our tax system more fair. I support closing tax loopholes, instituting a tax on unearned income (capital gains), and moving towards an income tax so we have revenue to meet our constitutional and morals obligations.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Investing in our state: fully funding education (from early learning through higher education) to build a capable workforce for the future, invest in infrastructure and green jobs to get our workers back on the job NOW.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Fully funding state-provided services, including education - access to quality education is a right held by ALL citizens. Investment in education is the single best investment we can make. Additionally, we need to provide broad access to affordable healthcare.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Racial profiling is inappropriate and unconstitutional, and has no place in our legal system. Preventing racial profiling often involves extensive diversity and sensitivity training for law enforcement and agency personnel, and I will work to ensure that such training occurs.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

We must create a legal framework that prevents discrimination and encourages inclusivity and we must engage and involve all communities within our state to promote understanding between different groups. Detrimental activities like racial profiling and institutional discrimination must end.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

All US residents must receive fair treatment under the law and in accordance with our constitution. For this to happen, we must avoid racially-motivated policies like Arizona's HB 1070 that have proven to negatively (and unconstitutionally) target immigrant populations.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Fear and hate are the products of ignorance, and I believe that the best remedy for anti-Muslim behavior is education. Engaging minority groups within our communities to promote understanding is critical to ending senseless hate speech and violence.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

We have a duty to ensure access to educational opportunities to ALL of our children - from early learning through higher education. We must also provide support services that keep our children safe and healthy so they can learn effectively.

STATE REP. POSITION 1 DISTRICT 46 (con'd)

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I will continue to work for increased funding for the entire spectrum of educational opportunities. Funding education is the best investment we can make in our state, and we have a duty to provide more than is currently available.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Increased diversity and sensitivity training, developed in conjunction with racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, will greatly benefit the level of understanding between law enforcement and minority groups, and will foster healthy relationships between government employees and minority communities.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Moving forward, we must embrace the concept of equality and inclusiveness. I will work to remove discriminatory practices from our governmental institutions, and I am committed to ensuring that we institute practices that embrace diversity rather than stigmatizing it.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

Regardless of prior training, military and law enforcement personnel need enhanced diversity and sensitivity training; this training should be developed with input from minority communities including Muslims.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes, public transportation is an environmental and social justice issue. To improve transit I will advocate for more of our state transportation budget to be dedicated to public transportation, and I will continue to provide incentives to utilize transit services.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I recognize the importance of Sharia in praying and fasting, as well as divorce, burials, and inheritance. Courts should be able to consider Sharia law up to the point that religious laws begin to conflict with secular laws.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Three years of all-cuts budget have already cut us to the bone, and I will fight to stop cuts. If, however, budget cuts are made in the next legislative session, I will work to protect the most vulnerable of our neighbors.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Our state's tax structure is the most regressive in the country. I am committed to replacing regressive fees and taxes with progressive income and other taxes that will not put an undue burden on our lower income residents.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

I will fight for stimulus spending, focusing on protecting and restoring infrastructure projects. Job training programs create a direct line to employment, and I will work to protect and expand these programs.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Without an education, opportunities are limited, and its exploding cost is pricing some people out of a bright future. I will also support the community colleges that provide the accessibility and flexibility many lower income residents need.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Racial profiling is illegal, however minorities are still disproportionately affected by the law enforcement system. I will address the systemic issues in our state that lead to minorities' higher incarceration by first working to end the disastrous War on Drugs.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I support the enforcement of current anti-discrimination laws, and would support measures that would clarify enforcement. I am committed to laws and policies that protect American Muslims, and all minorities.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

We have a responsibility to provide services and protection to everyone that lives in our state, not just documented citizens. I will fight any policies which erode immigrant rights, as we have seen in other states around the country.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I am deeply committed to fighting against bigotry and racism. I will also look to US Congressman Keith Ellison, who was the first Muslim elected to US Congress and has endorsed me, for leadership on this issue.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Education is our paramount duty, as stated clearly in our state's constitution; it's also a wise investment. K-12 and higher education are public goods that help create a better society and promote civic discourse and engagement.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

The budget cuts of the last few years have touched everyone, but the draconian cuts to higher education (50% in three years) are unacceptable. Burdening students with debt when they should be flourishing is just another form of regressive taxation.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Police should be community members, not soldiers. Taking police out of their patrol cars and onto the street creates a real relationship with their community and is more likely to prevent abuse. Cultural competency training is also necessary.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

Using a woman wearing a hajib as a target in a military scenario trains our troops to think of Muslims as the enemy. I will work to make sure our anti-discrimination laws are enforced in both private and public sectors.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I will support efforts to implement or expand cultural sensitivity training throughout our law enforcement agencies. Moreover, I would be a voice to end such practices, as they are abhorrent to our shared values.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Public transit is a core component of government, and I will work to ensure that all of our transportation system remains efficient and affordable.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

I do not support blatantly Islamophobic legislation banning Sharia. Enforcing contracts written using Sharia as their basis is legitimate, and use of Sharia in alternate dispute resolution processes is also acceptable when the agreements are legal according to state law.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

I believe an economic downturn is the worst time to cut safety net programs. I'm committed to protecting the Basic Health Plan, Disability Lifeline, the LIST medical interpreter program. I'd also work to prevent cuts to our Clean Energy Initiative.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

Absolutely. For the last four years, we've balanced the budget on the backs of our most vulnerable neighbors. In the next session, I'll fight to institute a capital gains tax – and replace our sales tax with a progressive income tax.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

We can create jobs today by revamping our decaying transportation infrastructure, improving our school facilities, and retrofitting our public buildings for energy efficiency. Not only will this create jobs today, it will invite long-term private investment in our state.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

I'm deeply concerned about the "achievement gap" among the children of low-income, minority families. To address it, I'll work to fully fund education and safety net programs, diversify the staff of our public schools, and revisit our educational performance measurements.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Profiling creates a chilling effect, undermining public trust and dissuading vulnerable people from contacting authorities. Ethnic and religious profiling is banned by state law, and I'd be inclined to support legislative investigations to determine if the law has been violated.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

My political philosophy is that the prime responsibility of government is protecting human rights. An indignity inflicted on one is inflicted on all; I'll lend my vote, my voice, and the prestige of my office to protect every individual's rights.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I'll resist enforcement-centered laws the have taken hold in Arizona and Alabama, and work to create a system of integration. I fully support the Washington New Americans program, and will protect it from the cuts proposed in the previous session.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

A voice of justice will ultimately trump a voice of hate. You can count on me to publicly speak out against acts of hate in my community and to speak out against those who encourage or excuse acts of prejudice.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

The state's first and most important constitutional obligation is to education, and the state's role is to hire the best teachers and empower them to teach. I'd like to see mid-career teachers given more flexibility to design innovative, effective curricula.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

I'll definitely work to increase state funding for education at all levels. I support a capital gains tax to fully fund early learning and K-12, and the HOPE Act to add $500 million per biennium to our higher education funding.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

In Olympia, I want to be a resource for both law enforcement and minority groups. I strongly believe in the power of talking, and I'd be willing to host a formal or informal sounding board to resolve systemic enforcement issues.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I was shocked by the discovery of these manuals at the FBI, and it led me to wonder if similar documents are circulating among Washington law enforcement agencies. They are unacceptable, and I'll vote to ban or restrict their use.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

I'd like to explore remedial training to clarify the law to members of law enforcement agencies, and re-focus on what we, as citizens, expect from all government employees: The equal application of service, and the equal application of justice.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Absolutely. It's a job-creation opportunity, a long-term economic boon, and an environmental necessity. I support allowing local authorities to enact license and excise fees to fully fund public transportation projects and expanded service in their communities.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

Equality under the law is one of my deepest-held principles. I believe Muslims should enjoy the same rights, freedoms, and obligations as every other faith group.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

Health and human services, to protect/restore the safety net. We will add $1B to Basic Education by court order, and we need to restore funding for higher ed, because tuition has shifted from a public good to private debt.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

We are a wealthy state. However, our revenue system is unfair to working families. Wealthy corporations and individuals must pay their fair share. This includes reforming the system of tax exemptions, with automatic review, legislative intent, transparency and accountability.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Consumer demand is the only real job creator. Laying off government employees has held back recovery. More teachers is the proven way to improve education results. We need to invest in public works, especially bad roads and bridges. Stimulus works.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Poverty is the main cause of the achievement gap. Lower tuition, especially for the first two years of college/tech. Fully fund kindergarten. For K-12, lower class sizes and increase wraparound social services to help low-income students catch up.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

End the war on drugs. Legalize and tax marijuana. End prison for nonviolent drug offenders. Drug enforcement money has militarized our police and caused a loss of civil rights. We need independent review groups and civil rights training.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I support the ACLU's actions in support of minority rights. Rather than a military-style "war on terrorism," we need police actions. We need to respect privacy, human and civil rights. We need complete separation of church and state (non-establishment).

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

Change immigration policy to "amnesty" and a clear path to citizenship. Only consider deportation when people are arrested for other crimes. Consider impacts on families and alternatives. Repeal "papers please" laws. Limit the northern border patrol to 10 miles.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I'm a board member of the Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness. I helped organize two interfaith Habitat builds. We need more people of faith standing with the Muslim community, plus anti-hate laws and protections.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

Its role in K-12 is to "amply" fund it--we're $4B short. Then fund fulltime kindergarten and quality early learning. Extend support to the first two years of cc/trade school and lower university tuition to pre-2009. Charter schools don't work.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Basic Education will increase by about $4B in 2018. We need to increase early childhood education to ensure every child is ready to learn. We need to view higher ed as a collective investment, and return to funding it.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Audit training for anti-Muslim bias. Recruit and hire more minorities, including Muslims. Include racial and ethnic awareness in cultural training. More community policing—get patrol officers out of their cars and attending community meetings.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

For state or local law enforcement, I would write directly to the authorities and their superiors, including the Governor, stating my strong personal objections, then call for and arrange a public meeting and/or hearing to get work to them changed.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

In a meeting with the agency head, I would call for a review of all materials by an interfaith committee, similar to the Three Amigos, who have a track record of working interfaith and interculturally.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes, I am a bus commuter. Transit benefits everyone, even drivers, because of the cars they keep off the road. I am calling for reinstatement of the MVET1 as the best stable funding source
for transit.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

We don't want to go down that path. No religious law has a place in our multicultural society. I am a strong proponent of separation of church and state, based on the anti-establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

You can use the last two budgets to understand my values: Education is the paramount duty of the state. A functional safety net, courts and prisons are critical to living in a just world.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

I have supported a balanced approach to the budget when it made sense. Raising taxes should not be our first approach, but we should not make devastating cuts in our safety net or cut education at all.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

Private industry makes jobs, not the state. We must have an educated workforce, stable rule of law and a regulatory approach that is as light as possible while still preventing pollution and other social ills.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

The best way to increase the outcomes for low-income children is through education and support for providing stable homes. This requires adequate funding, disaggregated data, and appropriate focus on results.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Most law enforcement is done through local governments. The main exception is the state patrol, which is under state supervision. It is unacceptable (and illegal) for the state (or local governments) to allow profiling based on racial or ethnic background.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

I have been a strong supporter of legal and civil rights for all ethnic groups, not just Muslims. Washington State is based on the rule of law. I swear an oath to uphold the constitution, and I stand by it.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

I support the DREAM act that will enable children who were brought here as young children to have a path to citizenship, and I support providing health care to children in Washington regardless of their citizenship status.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

I is incumbent upon all of us to stand up and speak out when there is an incident of racial, ethnic or religious intolerance. I am willing to do so at any time.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

It's our paramount duty. I have written extensively on this issue on my blog at www.rosshunter.info.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Increase. I wrote the budget this year that did not decrease it, and led the charge for adoption of the changes in the definition of basic education, the law that gave the court the basis for its decision in McCleary.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

Yes.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

My understanding is that this issue was resolved two years ago. If it is still a problem please talk to me about how we can get it changed.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

We must ensure that training provided to the military and local law enforcement is fair and balanced, and that they get training on how to be productive in society, not destructive.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

Yes. I have been a consistent supporter of additional funding options for local transit authorities.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

We do not use Sharia law in Washington, nor are the courts likely to adopt it. The law in Washington is secular. People can have whatever private agreements they want, but the law is not based on religion.

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With the economy still lagging, if budget cuts are made by the legislature — what specific programs would you protect?

My primary goal is to protect and enhance education funding for all public schools and colleges.

Are you in favor of creating revenue through taxes in order to take a balanced approach to the state budget?

The first step is to assure that our priorities are being met through a more logical budget process such as was used by Governor Locke and is currently in use in the City of Redmond where I have
sat on the budget committees.

How exactly would you encourage job growth and economic recovery?

There is a significant amount of economic uncertainty which is discouraging the private economy from creating new jobs. Some of this is due to the unknown impacts of the Affordable Care Act, as well as the additional costs that will be created.

What specific actions will you take to increase educational, economic, and other opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities of low income?

Redmond is one of the most diverse cities in Washington, and we work very hard to integrate all races, nationalities and cultures into the community fabric. Having said that, a primary problem is that the State needs to encourage a diversity of solutions.

Many community members are concerned with the use of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling in law enforcement. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

There are two elements of profiling that are contrary to our principles and counterproductive to law enforcement. First, our population is so diverse that it is no longer possible to separate "us" vs "them". In my district a third of.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all legal US residents, especially racial, ethnic and religious minorities, including American Muslims?

In addition to anti-profiling measures, there is a need to reach out to all populations to help them understand the rights that are guaranteed and how to avail themselves of our legal system if necessary. My experience with existing programs.

How exactly will you guarantee to protect the rights of all undocumented US residents?

This has been a festering problem for so many years it seems that there are only two solutions, both ineffective. There are millions of people who are in this country without documentation, and they live marginalized lives.

Many community members are concerned with the spike in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate speech, and anti-Muslim hate incidents. What, if anything, will you do specifically to address these concerns?

Typically these problems have been handled through two groups, the injured parties and some government agency. Hate crimes occur when groups are viewed as isolated and unsupported. There is an intolerant element in all religions, but there is also an.

In your opinion, what is state government's specific role in ensuring a high quality of education?

This is the primary responsibility of the State government, and has been sadly neglected over the last eight years in particular.

If elected, will you work to increase or decrease state funding for early, K-12, and higher education?

Under the last budget written when the Republicans controlled the Senate, 65% of the general fund went to education. In the last eight years, other far less important issues have been allowed to grow faster, and now less than half.

What will you do specifically to foster trust and stronger working relationships among members of law enforcement agencies and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, including Muslims?

We have done that in Redmond using the communication policies I mentioned above. At the Council level we have worked with local Islamic groups, attended religious events, have a large Islamic facility in Redmond, and the Medina school is located.

Recent discoveries by the mainstream press of anti-Muslim training materials that have been consistently used for many years by law-enforcement agencies and the military are troubling to Washington State Muslims and civil rights groups. What specific actions, if any, will you take to address these concerns?

I would assure that any sort of profiling or anti-group material is not used. Frequently these materials are not developed as part of the normal training curriculum, and are added from outside sources. If legal action has to be taken.

What specific actions, if any, will you take to help correct the anti-Muslim training already imparted to many members of the military and law enforcement agencies?

First, I would assume that corrective action is needed fairly universally as part of basic and continuing training. This is not simply an Islamic issue, but relates to profiling in general as noted above.

Is more efficient public transit a priority of yours, and if so, what specific actions will you take to improve public transportation?

I have been involved in improving public transit for thirty years including numerous Metro Transit and Sound Transit Boards, the Transit Advisory Committee with Metro, managing the Commute Trip Reduction program for Microsoft, and as a professional transportation economist.

Recently, Anti-Sharia law legislation has been passed or considered in several states. We also know that across the US, religious laws are taken into consideration by courts, such as between consenting Jews (Halachic Law) as well as Christians (Canon Law). What do you think of Sharia (Islamic) Law being used in courts among consenting parties in Washington State?

All citizens have complete and equal rights in secular matters. Virtually all religions have social pressure measures to encourage behavior among their members, both positive and negative. In the bigger picture the goal of the justice system is to compensate.

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