

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 34

Candidates

Senate:

Joe Nguyen

Shannon Braddock

Representative, Position 1:

Eileen L. Cody

Representative, Position 2:

Joe Fitzgibbon

Candidate Profile: Joe Nguyen

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: <http://meetjoenguyen.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/meetjoenguyen/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/meetjoenguyen/>

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 23037

Seattle, WA 98102

Campaign office phone number: (206) 659-0291

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

<http://westseattleblog.com/2018/04/election-2018-joe-nguyen-becomes-second-candidate-to-announce-a-run-for-34th-district-state-senate-seat/>

<http://nwasianweekly.com/2018/05/joe-nguyen-running-a-grassroots-campaign-for-state-senate/>

<http://www.iexaminer.org/2018/05/state-senate-candidate-would-be-first-person-of-color-representing-34th-district/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Happy Hour with Joe Nguyen for State Senate Democrat! on July 19th and 26th

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

Fully fund education, healthcare for all, I-631 Clean Air & Clean Energy, immigration rights (prevent ICE from having access to government organizations, e.g. law enforcement, medical, licensing or any governmental records), and mass transit.

Source: <http://meetjoenguyen.com/issues/>

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
No information found.
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
He wants to provide health care for all, but there was no information found specifically on LGBTQ care, reproductive rights, or end of life care.
- Immigrant rights
As the son of refugee, he has special insight into immigrant experiences and understands the need to treat everyone with dignity and respect. He also believes that that immigrants and refugees make America great. He wants to prevent ICE from having access to government organizations, e.g. law enforcement, medical, licensing or any governmental records.
- Policing
As a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight in King County, he “advised the King County Sheriff’s Office and the King County Council on matters of equity and social justice; provided input and guidance on policies relating to policing in King County including support for the first ever equity and social justice plan for the King County Sheriff’s office; strong advocates for de-escalation and advanced training for alternatives to lethal force; separately from OLEO, organized a public forum after the shooting death of Tommy Le and supported the passage of I-940 to provide law enforcement in Washington State with de-escalation resources.” (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/meetjoenguyen/>)
- Student discipline
No information found.
- Surveillance
No information found.

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

No.

What is their professional background?

Since 2013, he has been a “Senior Manager at Microsoft working to provide job training that supports all people with the skills needed to succeed in this rapidly changing, technologically dependent economy.” Previous positions include Marketing & Operations Manager at Consumer Media Network, Senior Analyst – Finance Strategy at Expedia Group, Business Analyst – FP&A at Quantum, and Investment Analyst at UBS.

Sources: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/meetjoenguyen/> & <http://meetjoenguyen.com/who-i-am/>

What community activities do they engage in?

He is a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight in King County, which focuses on building bridges between community and law enforcement to achieve equitable policing (Oct-2017 to present). He is the chair of Wellspring Family Services' Associate Board, which works on issues related to family homelessness (since Sept-2015). He is a leadership fellow at The Henry M. Jackson Foundation and works in partnership with them to provide culturally competent programming for diverse students (Oct.-2017 to present).

Source: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/meetjoenguyen/>

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

No.

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

No.

Other information:

His parents were Vietnamese refugees and he grew up in an immigrant community in Seattle. He is running a grassroots campaign as a member of the community to represent the community. As of July 5th, his campaign has the highest number of unique individual donors out of all eleven candidates and are currently second in overall fundraising.

Sources: <http://meetjoenguyen.com/who-i-am/>, <http://nwasianweekly.com/2018/05/joe-nguyen-running-a-grassroots-campaign-for-state-senate/>, <https://www.facebook.com/meetjoenguyen/>

Candidate Profile: Shannon Braddock

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: <https://shannonbraddock.com>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/shannonforsenate>
@shannonbraddock (Twitter)

Campaign office address:

119 1st Ave S, Ste 320
Seattle, WA 98104

Campaign office phone number: none listed

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Announcement that she's running: <http://westseattleblog.com/2018/04/election-2018-shannon-braddock-becomes-first-candidate-to-announce-a-run-for-34th-district-state-senate-seat/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

(as of 6/27/18 these are future events. She also has already had a handful of events)

June 30 – house party for Shannon (Bellingham, WA)

July 10 – house party in Burien for Shannon

July 12 – West Seattle House Party

July 15 – Candidate Meet & Greet on Vashon

Issues

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Ending Gun Violence

Fixing our regressive tax system and preserving housing affordability

Investing in early education

Reforming our health care system

Fighting for women's rights

Addressing the homelessness epidemic

Protecting workers

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)

“One of my most core beliefs is that every woman has a right to reproductive freedom and autonomy to make private health care decisions. I will always vote pro-choice and will work to protect access to safe, legal abortions, including supporting public funding to offer that and other family planning services. Unfortunately many women are unaware of all their options, so in the State Senate I will support requiring hospitals and health centers to provide patients with medically accurate and comprehensive health information, as well as referrals, regardless of religious affiliation.

As a single mom of three, I provide a unique perspective about the experience of women and the challenges of being treated equally in the workplace while caring for their families. We must strengthen family leave and equal pay. While Washington has made some great strides to address unfair pay, there are still gaps in our laws that allow the pay gap to worsen that must be addressed, including banning employers from requiring applicants to disclose their salary history before getting a job offer.”
- Immigrant rights
- Policing

Excerpt: "Regardless of where they live, work, shop, or play, Seattleites should be safe and secure. While adequately funding and staffing our police force is absolutely essential we must also work to restore the lost trust between the police department and the public. Returning to the ideals of community policing by increasing the number of officers who walk or bike their beats and ensuring that the police force reflects and embodies the values of the communities they serve is crucial."

(from Ballotpedia)
- Student discipline

No information found.
- Surveillance

No information found.

I asked the candidate about the Justice First issues:

- 1) I support repealing the death penalty.

- 2) I support decriminalizing driving with a suspended license in the 3rd degree.
- 3) I would absolutely advocate for a common sense approach to teen sexting. (And I'd like to learn more about the legal options/challenges on this one so I'll do some reading and ask some questions!)

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

She ran for Seattle City Council and lost in a close race (2015)

<http://info.kingcounty.gov/kcelections/candidatesonballot/pamphlet/pamphlet.aspx?cid=54237&listtype=FULLING&eid=1266>

https://ballotpedia.org/Shannon_Braddock

What is their professional background?

Currently a member of Dow Constantine's Administration

From Ballotpedia:

Braddock earned a B.A. in speech communication from Western Washington University in 1992. She went on to receive a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington in 2007. Her professional experience includes the following:

2010-Present: Chief of staff, King County Councilmember Joe McDermott

2008-2012: Board member and secretary, West Seattle Food Bank

2007-2010: Legislative/spectrum representative, Lafayette PTA

2000-2007: Regulatory affairs assistant, Philips Medical Systems

1998-1999: Community affairs assistant, Northwest Harvest

1996-1998: Executive assistant, Texas State Senate

1994-1996: Executive assistant, Association of American Railroads

1993-1994: Hearings coordinator, U.S. House of Representatives, Energy and Commerce

1992: Campaign manager, People for Kelli Linville

What community activities do they engage in?

On the Boards of Westside Baby & The West Seattle Food Bank

Legislative Representative of Lafayette Elementary PTA

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

N/A

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Eileen L. Cody

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website:

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Campaign office address:

Campaign office phone number:

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Endorsements:

- 2016: Seattle Times <https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-eileen-cody-for-34th-legislative-district-position-no-1/>
- 2016: listed in the Progressive Voters Guide: <https://progressivevotersguide.com/washington/2016/general/eileen-cody>
- In 2014, endorsed by Sierra Club <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington/eileen-cody>

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Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

She has been consistently focused on health issues. Source:

<http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/Eileen-Cody/>

Eileen currently serves as chair of the House Health Care & Wellness Committee, where she has worked for improved patient safety, mental health parity, public health services, and to restore the universal purchase of vaccines. More recently, she has led efforts to implement the federal Affordable Care Act at the state level. Largely because of her work, Washington's online health care marketplace, Washington Healthplanfinder, is a model for the rest of the country – helping thousands of Washingtonians access affordable coverage.

Some of her more recent legislative accomplishments have been honored by groups like the American Medical Association, Planned Parenthood, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Washington State Medical Association, and Sound Mental Health.

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
 - Voted Yes on SB 6160 - 2017-18, Revising conditions under which a person is subject to exclusive adult jurisdiction and extending juvenile court jurisdiction over serious cases to age twenty-five.
 - Voted Yes on SB 6550 - 2017-18, Concerning diversion of juvenile offenses.
 - Voted Yes on HB 1298 - 2017-18, Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.
 - Voted Yes on HB 1783 - 2017-18, Concerning legal financial obligations.
 - Voted Yes on HI 940 - 2017-18, Law enforcement
 - Voted Yes on SB 5987/HB 2679 - 2017-18, Concerning pretrial release programs.
 - Endorsed De-Escalate Washington
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Endorsed by NARAL: Rep. Cody is Chair of the House Healthcare & Wellness Committee and introduced and championed landmark reproductive health legislation through the Reproductive Parity Act (HB 2409)

- Is a sponsor on HB 1811 - 2017-18, Concerning notice of material changes to the operations or governance structure of a health care provider or provider organization.
- Voted Yes on SB 5722 - 2017-18, Restricting the practice of conversion therapy.
- Voted Yes on SB 6219 - 2017-18, Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care.
- Voted Yes on SB 6037 - 2017-18, Concerning the uniform parentage act.
- Immigrant rights
 - Voted Yes on HB 1022 - 2017-18, Enhancing crime victim participation in the criminal justice system process.
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
 - Voted against SB 6408 - 2017-18, Regulating body worn cameras.

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Since 2003 for the 34th, from 1994-2003 for 11th

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

Currently, chair of the House Health Care & Wellness Committee

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Joe Fitzgibbon

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <http://www.joefitzgibbon.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Twitter: @joefitzgibbon

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/joe.fitzgibbon> <https://www.facebook.com/Joe-Fitzgibbon-for-State-Representative-376773153069/>

Campaign office address:

PO Box 66235

Burien, WA 98166

Campaign office phone number: (360) 362-3180

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

<http://westseattleblog.com/2018/04/followup-rep-joe-fitzgibbon-says-he-wont-run-for-state-senate/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Campaign kickoff with Rep. Eileen Cody, 7/31/18 from 5:30-7:30 pm

<http://westseattleblog.com/event/34th-district-state-senate-seat-candidate-forum-focused-on-business-and-transportation-issues/>

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- Environment
- Education funding
- Fair and sustainable tax reform
- Gun safety
- Death penalty repeal
- Multimodal transportation infrastructure

<http://www.joefitzgibbon.com/>; <http://westseattleblog.com/2018/04/followup-rep-joe-fitzgibbon-says-he-wont-run-for-state-senate/>

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
 - Co-sponsor of HB 1783 (ending debtors' prisons) (ACLU for)
 - In favor of repealing the death penalty (ACLU for)
 - Voted for Fair Chance Act (more employment opportunities for people w/ criminal records) (ACLU for)
 - Voted in favor of Initiative 940 (deadly force) (ACLU for)
 - Voted to bar employers from asking about arrests/convictions (ACLU for)
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Voted for Reproductive Parity Act (ACLU for)
 - Voted for Conversion Therapy Ban (ACLU for)
- Immigrant rights
 - Voted to increase higher education opportunities for undocumented students (ACLU for)
 - Voted to help immigrant crime victims (ACLU for)
- Policing
 - Voted for body-worn cameras by law enforcement (ACLU opposed)
- Student discipline
 - Voted for free speech for students (ACLU for)
- Surveillance
 - Voted for body-worn cameras by law enforcement (ACLU opposed)

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>; <http://westseattleblog.com/2018/04/followup-rep-joe-fitzgibbon-says-he-wont-run-for-state-senate/>

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:



How long have they been in office?

Elected in 2010

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

Chair of House Environment Committee; State House Deputy Majority Whip; Assistant Majority Whip

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

2017: Chair of Environment Committee; member of Appropriations and Agriculture & Natural Resources committees and Select Committee for Pension Policy

2015: Chair of Environment Committee; member of Finance and Local Government committees

2013: Vice Chair of Local Government Committee; member of Finance, Government Operations & Elections, and Transportation committees

2011: Member of Environment, General Government Appropriations & Oversight, Local Government, and Transportation committees

https://ballotpedia.org/Joe_Fitzgibbon

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

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