

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 36

Candidates

Senate:

Bryan Simonson

Reuven M. Carlyle

Representative, Position 1:

Noel Christina Frame

Sydney Gillman Wissel

Representative, Position 2:

Gael Tarleton

Matt Dubin

Candidate Profile: Bryan Simonson

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: None as of 7/16/18

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/Bryan.Simonson.For.Liberty>

https://twitter.com/bryan_simonson

Campaign office address:

Bryan Simonson for Liberty

1108 NW Market St, Apt 5

Seattle, WA 98107

Campaign office phone number: (425) 214-2988

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

[Incumbents Draw Libertarian Challengers in 36th District](#)

[2018 Primary Voters Guide](#)

[Fewer Minor Party Candidates for State Legislature Will be on November 2018 Ballot in Washington](#)

[Your 2018 King County Libertarian Candidates](#)

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

I found no announcements for upcoming events found as of 7/16/18.

Issues

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

From the 2018 Primary Voters Guide:

Bryan “relishes the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to Olympia. As an activist, Bryan fights to end the corrupting influence of crony corporatism in Washington. The story is always the same: There's a bad guy that is stopping the world from being a better place. It is their fault, and if you disagree, you must be a bad guy too! And every one of us has been on the other side of that attack. We've all been labeled the bad guy based on nothing more than the group we belong to. It is a shame because we're all on the same team.

“We all want the same things! We all want jobs, peaceful neighborhoods, shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, and prosperity for everyone. We all want to keep Washington green and beautiful. And we all have different ideas for how to get there- and that's okay! Passionate, but respectful, open debate is key to effective governance- and we've lost that.

“I pledge to make humility, transparency, and listening the hallmarks of my tenure. None of us alone have all the answers, but all of us- working together!- can do incredible things.” Bryan Simonson

Simonson's big issue in his 2016 race for State Senate from the 41st was to end the I-405 toll.

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)
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

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

Bryan has not held public office. This will be his 2nd race. He ran in 2016 for State Senate from the 41st and lost.

What is their professional background?

Bryan studied computer science and has 16 years of business and entrepreneurial experience. He is currently a senior analytics consultant at Campfire Analytics.

What community activities do they engage in?

I was unable to find this information.

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. I haven't found any speaking engagements announced.

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

No, I have not met Bryan. I did email him on 7/16/2018 to ask his positions on the issues mentioned above. This is the only contact I have had with him, and I await his reply.

Candidate Profile: Reuven Carlyle

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: <https://www.reuven Carlyle.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

www.facebook.com/reuven.carlyle

www.linkedin.com/in/reuven Carlyle

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 9100

Seattle, WA 98109

Campaign office phone number: (206) 286-9663

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

<https://queenannnews.com/Content/News/News/Article/Incumbents-draw-Libertarian-challengers-in-36th-District/26/337/39745>

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

Issues

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

Source - <https://www.reuven Carlyle.com/>: "I'm running to continue to tackle major 'systems' challenges that touch real people living real lives and go to the heart of our quality of life. Our region is exploding with growth and change. Yet our public policy approach to education, transportation, mental health, environment, public safety, affordability and so many other issues too often lag behind our potential.

I have played instrumental roles in raising the high school graduation rate for foster youth, bringing a new level of public transparency and rigor to tax preferences, modernizing higher education finance, cleaning up Puget Sound and our water quality and natural environment, and more. I have worked diligently to provide top-notch constituent services to our district when people need help from state government, and have fought hard for the values of our community."

Source - <https://www.reuven Carlyle.com/meet-reuven/welcome-letter/> "On a broader level, I'm committed to focusing on large 'systems' issues: The shift from manufacturing to service economies means loss of wages and buying power; a lack of educational rigor and quality from K-12 through higher education to enable young people to compete globally; an inability for the middle class to afford health care, housing and other staples of life; the difficulty of small business to succeed against bureaucratic barriers; the lack of common sense coordination and efficiency between disconnected city, county and state governments; a need for new thinking about clean energy and environmental strategies. I hope to continue in the senate to tackle the major issue of full funding of public education.

In the years to come we have millions of new residents coming to the Puget Sound region. We're not ready. We face an affordability anxiety that is off the charts. We need our elected officials to focus on the education, infrastructure, transportation, human services and financial integrity of our state so we can ensure our children's children enjoy the quality of life we too often take for granted."

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

- Criminal justice reform
 - <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-statement-passage-senate-bill-eliminate-death-penalty> (Senator Carlyle was a co-sponsor of Senate bill 6052-2017/2018 that calls for the elimination of death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder in WA State.)
 - <http://apps2.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6566&Year=2017&BillNumber=6566&Year=2017> SB 6566 (Sexting): Senator Carlyle voted “Yea”
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - <http://apps2.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6219&Year=2017&BillNumber=6219&Year=2017> (Senator Carlyle was a co-sponsor of Senate bill 6219-2017/2018 known as the reproductive parity act)
 - SB 5722 – banning conversion therapy; Senator Carlyle voted to pass this bill.
 - Endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice WA (according to Progressive Voters Guide: <http://progressivevotersguide.com/washington/2018/primary/reuven-carlyle#race2951>)
 - Voted for SB 5766 that requires school districts to adopt transgender student policies and procedures: <https://votesmart.org/candidate/108281/reuven-carlyle>
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Reuven Carlyle was elected to the WA State House of Representatives in 2009 and served there until 2016 when he was elected to the State Senate.

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

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

In Senate: Chairs Energy, Environment, and Technology; serves on Higher Education & Workforce Development; Human Services & Corrections; Ways and Means

[While serving in the House, he chaired the Finance Committee]

Source - <https://www.reuven-carlyle.com/meet-reuven/welcome-letter/> “As chair of the House Finance Committee in charge of tax policy, I worked hard to raise the level of intellectual, analytical and financial rigor of critical tax decisions. Because of my work the public is allowed, for the first time in state history, access to information about the value of a tax preference to individual companies and industries.

As a budget writer I focused on investing the public’s hard-earned tax dollar in education from early learning through K-12 and higher education. I have led the charge to make Washington number one in the nation in the educational success of foster youth. I have helped deliver for our community including resources to reopen Magnolia Elementary School, invest in Phinney Ridge Neighbor Association, Taproot Theater, Pacific Science Center, Woodland Park Zoo, Metro bus service and so much more.”

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

Per the Biography page on Reuven Carlyle's website: Reuven was appointed by Governor Chris Gregoire in 2004 as a member of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. He crafted legislation in 2007 as a citizen activist for foster youth, Passport to College Promise, a scholarship program. He was a citizen co-founder of the Seattle/King County Chapter of City Year, a national AmeriCorps program.

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

Per the Biography page on Reuven Carlyle's website: Professionally, Reuven is a serial entrepreneur providing strategic business development services to bring advanced solutions to highly competitive global markets. He has held senior business development, board of director and advisory roles for McCaw Cellular Communications, AT&T Wireless, Xypoint Corp., AirSage, Twisted Pair Solutions, Synapse Product Development and other firms.

Getting to Know the Candidate

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

I've attended the last 3 Town Halls for the 36th Legislative District. All three of our state legislators were present and spoke. I appreciated how knowledgeable each sounded and I especially appreciated the candor of Senator Carlyle when asked tough questions.

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

I have not in-person with him. I did send a follow up regarding a health care questions he answered at the first town hall; his response was prompt and appreciative of my feedback. I agreed with his stated perspective on the question.

Candidate Profile: Noel Christina Frame

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <https://www.noelframe.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

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

<https://twitter.com/NoelFrame>

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

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 99143
Seattle, WA 98139

Campaign office phone number: (206) 701-0344

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

There are several recorded interviews with her:

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleIndivisible/videos/446090969170958/UzpfSTI1Mjc1MzMwMTQ4MTY3MDoxNzEwMzg2NjA5MDUxNjU4/>

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIpu5nsNDxV3eSZ5KsH-xY7nufmF2fvcL>

<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/stephan-cox/washington-state-indivisible-podcast/e/54603147?autoplay=true>

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

Honorable Bobbe & Jon Bridge Reception for Rep. Noel Frame on June 14th

Issues

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

Fixing our regressive and inequitable tax structure, strengthening access to the American Dream (includes policies that help our middle class families and working poor, increase access to affordable housing, and make strong investments in our public education system), and breaking down systemic barriers to success (includes improving access to mental health services, reforming the criminal justice system, strengthening and expanding foster care and bringing a racial equity lens to everything we do, from climate justice to reproductive freedom to voter access).

Source: <https://www.noelframe.com/issues/>

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

- Criminal justice reform

Juvenile justice reform is one of her issues and she introduced HB 2895 in 2018, which is a near companion to SB 6160 (Revising conditions under which a person is subject to exclusive adult jurisdiction and extending juvenile court jurisdiction over serious cases to age twenty-five).

Sources: <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/noel-frame/lowering-the-republican-property-tax-increases-juvenile-justice/>, <http://noelframe.us/index.php/criminal-and-juvenile-justice-reform/>

She was a cosponsor on both HB 1783 (concerning legal financial obligations) and HB 1298 (Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position).

She was the prime sponsor of HB 2932 (teen sexting bill). She was a cosponsor on HB 1935 (Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder) in 2017.

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

She cosponsored HB 2909 (Enacting the reproductive health access for all act). She voted for SB 5722 (Restricting the practice of conversion therapy), SB 6219 (Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care), and SB 6037 (Concerning the uniform parentage act).

She is endorsed by Naral Pro-Choice Washington. She was the deputy campaign manager on Approve Referendum 71.

Sources: <https://www.noelframe.com/cms/endorse-noel/>,
https://www.facebook.com/pg/VoteNoelFrame/about/?ref=page_internal

- Immigrant rights

She voted for HB 1488 (expanding higher education opportunities for certain students) and HB 1022 (Enhancing crime victim participation in the criminal justice system process).

In a livestream, she also made a recommendation to keep your regular driver's license and not get an enhanced driver's license in order to protect undocumented immigrants by keeping the regular driver's license pool as large as possible.

Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleIndivisible/videos/446090969170958/UzpfSTI1Mjc1MzMwMTQ4MTY3MDoxNzEwMzg2NjA5MDUxNjU4/>

- Policing

She endorsed I-940.

Source: <https://www.deescalatewa.org/endorsers>

- Student discipline

No information found.

- Surveillance

She voted for SB 6408 (Regulating body worn cameras), which was opposed by the ACLU.

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

2 years.

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

No.

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Finance (Vice Chair)

Early Learning & Human Services

Labor & Workplace Standards

Also, House appointee to the Washington State Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice.

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

She was involved in the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign; organized to help elect Washington State Democratic Party Chair Tina Podlowski; and campaigns for other democrats in the state. She shares her "own story of being a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and someone who treats my mental health everyday with medication to reduce stigma and empower others to share their stories"; "encourages youth to engage in our political process through visiting schools in her district and helping young people and students advocate for legislation affecting them".

Source: <https://mailchi.mp/noelframe/2-year-report>

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

She has been a Senior Associate/Operations Manager for BDS Planning & Urban Design since Nov. 2016. She previously worked as the director of Progressive Majority Washington for 5 years, where she worked with communities of color, women, youth, and LGBTQ. She has a total of 18 years of experience across the non-profit, public, private, and political sectors.

Sources: <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/noel-frame/>, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/noelframe/>, <https://www.noelframe.com/about/>

Getting to Know the Candidate

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

Yes, attended the 36th district town halls on 1/29/17, 3/11/2017, 1/6/2018, and 5/6/18; and Greenwood Elementary PTA meeting on 5/23/17.

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

I met with her legislative assistant in Jan-2018 to discuss voting rights. I also had an opportunity to talk to Rep. Frame at the drop-in town hall on 5/6/18 about criminal justice reform.

Other information:

Her lived experience rather than policy experience drives her work, including serving as a foster parent. She grew up in Battleground, WA and lives in Seattle now. So she has both rural and urban experience. Education funding through equitable taxes was her motivation to join the legislature.

Sources: <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/noel-frame/>, <https://washingtonstatewire.com/podcast-weeds-rep-noel-frame/>

Candidate Profile: Sydney Gillman Wissel

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: None

Social media accounts (if applicable):

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

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sydney-wissel-0278b940/?trk=pub-pbmap>

Campaign office address:

Campaign office phone number: (206) 854-7663

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

She is only briefly mentioned in an article as part of the slate of libertarians taking on the incumbents in the 36th. (<http://www.magnolianews.net/Content/News/News/Article/Incumbents-draw-Libertarian-challengers-in-36th-District/26/337/39745>)

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

None found.

Issues

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

A balanced budget is a must; doing more with less. Respect for the environment: clean water is essential and throwing money at climate change isn't working. Government reform: smaller, more efficient government and complete and total transparency. She also has an interest in improving education.

Sources: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/sydneyforcascadia/issues/?tab=Most%2BRecent>,
<https://www.lpkingcounty.com/single-post/2018/05/19/Your-2018-King-County-Libertarian-Candidates>

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)
- Immigrant rights

She did make a post stating that "we must stop arresting immigrant children and other people accused of victimless crimes".

(https://www.facebook.com/pg/sydneyforcascadia/posts/?ref=page_internal)

- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

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?

Sole proprietor of Sydney's Fashion Rescue (1998-present)

Massage therapist at Clark Chiropractic (2003-2004)

Massage therapist Gig Harbor Massage (2002-2003)

What community activities do they engage in?

She volunteers as a Girl Scout leader. She has volunteered with Mountains-to-sound Greenway, Friends of Youth, Northwest Harvest; and as a school volunteer art teacher, field trip driver and event planner.

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:

Her message is that she is a libertarian and will represent what the people want. It's not the government's job to decide what is best. According to PDC, she chose the mini-reporting option, which means she plans to raise and spend little money on the campaign.

Sources:

[https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVoteOLVR/OnlineVotersGuide/GetCandidateStatement?electionId=70&candidateId=54766&raceJurisdictionName=Legislative&Display=Statewide&partyName=\(Prefers%20Libertarian%20Party\)&raceName=Legislative%20District%2036%20-%20State%20Representative%20Pos.%201](https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVoteOLVR/OnlineVotersGuide/GetCandidateStatement?electionId=70&candidateId=54766&raceJurisdictionName=Legislative&Display=Statewide&partyName=(Prefers%20Libertarian%20Party)&raceName=Legislative%20District%2036%20-%20State%20Representative%20Pos.%201), https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidate?filer_id=WISS%20%20199&election_year=2018

Candidate Profile: Gael Tarleton

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <http://www.voteforgael.org/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GaelTarleton>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gael.tarleton>

Campaign office address:

Campaign office phone number:

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

- None for upcoming election
- During last legislative session, Gael (along with Frame and others) urged Inslee to veto SB6617, public records act.
- From previous elections
 - Oct 24, 2012, The Stranger, The Two Faces of Gael Tarleton – will be important to see if during her time in the State House anything has changed from the reporting below when she was Port Commissioner.
But the candidate's critics, especially former supporters, say political stage-dressing is one of her main talents. They claim Tarleton has a reputation for saying one thing and doing another, smoothing over the gaps with charm, grace, and an uncanny ability to sound progressive without making strong and consistent commitments on key issues: emissions, job conditions for port workers, transparency and accountability, coal trains and coal terminals, and more. Those critics say Tarleton frames herself as a champion of workers, the environment, and the public interest, but she backs moneyed and conservative interests when it counts.

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

At this time, unknown, but she does consistent town halls with Frame and Carlyle

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 posted herself (vs retweeting) about: DACA, Trump and Paris Accords, against Seattle Head Tax, and a lot about the Mariners.

36th District Democrats Interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yl0t8iVOXw&list=PLIpu5nsNDxV3eSZ5KsH-xY7nufmF2fvcL&index=19&t=0s>

Focus areas – believes we can reach realistic path to change tax code in WA in order to fund these two priority areas:

- Higher Education
- Clean Air Economy

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)
 - Healthcare for All – supports, have Medicare be the system for all US, will focus on protecting Medicaid defensively until climate in congress changes. Will vote for WA I1600 initiative.
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Serving in the State House since 2012, prior was Seattle Port Commissioner since 2007.

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

Tarleton's colleagues elected her House Majority Floor Leader in November 2015.

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Current committees:

Technology & Economic Development (Vice Chair)

Higher Education

Rules

Transportation

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

Mariners, fishing with husband

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)?

Three town halls in the past year, plus a meet-up just this month.

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

Other information:

Political offices held previously: Seattle Port Commissioner, 2007 – 2011 (re-elected once)

- Defense Intelligence Agency, 1981 – 1990, Worked as a specialist in Soviet strategic issues for nine years.
- Science Applications International Corporation, 1990 - 2002 Moved to Seattle, worked at SAIC for 12 years, led org's business in Russia. Tarleton became the first American woman to address a joint session of the Russian Parliament in 1996.
- National Bureau of Asian Research, 2002, began serving as the Director of Eurasian Policy Studies at the National Bureau of Asian Research in Seattle.
- University of Washington, 2004- 2012. The first Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for UW's College of Arts and Sciences. Establish the endowed Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, as well as the Institute for National Security Education and Research. Tarleton resigned from the UW when she was elected to the WA State House of Representatives in 2012
- Port of Seattle, 2007 – 2011, During her tenure, the Port of Seattle Commission introduced numerous reforms to expand Commission and staff accountability and transparency; invested in clean air programs; adopted an innovative aviation clean fuels strategy; and spent tens of million of dollars to begin early-action clean-up of the Lower Duwamish River, a Superfund Clean-Up site. The Commission also initiated the "Century Agenda" to help create an additional 100,000 jobs in the maritime, aerospace, fishing, seafood, and manufacturing-industrial sectors in the coming 25 years.

Candidate Profile: Matt Dubin

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <https://www.ThereIsNoThem.us/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MatthewDubin>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MattDubinforWashington>

Campaign office address:

520 Pike St #1425
Seattle, WA 98101

Campaign office phone number: (206) 278-4441

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

June 12, 2018

The American Spectator - [Seattle Backs Off Its Employee Head Tax](#)

May 30, 2018

The American Spectator - [Seattle Residents Push Back Against Horribly Conceived Tax](#)

May 23, 2018

Hot Air - [Seattle Moves From Soaking The Rich To...Soaking Everyone Else](#)

May 21, 2018

Q13 FOX - A week after controversial head tax passes, Seattle City Council members propose property tax increase

Queen Anne & Magnolia News - Incumbents draw Libertarian challengers in 36th District

May 17, 2018

Northwest Asian Weekly - Editorial: A crappy compromise

May 15, 2018

Q13 FOX - Seattleites demand accountability on the millions already spent on homeless crisis

April 14, 2018

Queen Anne & Magnolia News - Dubin gets backing of ex-Massachusetts governor

March 1, 2018

Queen Anne & Magnolia News - Dubin launches bit for state House

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

- He's attended many community events with local groups, commercial, civic and political. Many of the larger ones appear at his website: <https://www.ThereIsNoThem.us/events>
- Matt has spoken at events hosted by Belltown Community Council, Magnolia Community Council, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce, and The Coalition: Magnolia, Queen Anne and Interbay.
- His campaign kickoff event was held at Buckley's in Belltown, and he spoke at a gathering he arranged in Magnolia in the spring. Videos of his speech can be found on the YouTube channel There Is No Them.

Issues

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

Homelessness, addiction, property crime and how they are inter-related, against headtax – from his website, www.ThereIsNoThem.us, where his homepage covers his political principles, and his issue pages provide his approach to each of these. Also check out his blog page

Monday, May 14, Matt Dubin testified before the Seattle City Council begging them to take a step back from the divisive and counterproductive head tax. He urged the Councilmembers to engage with members of the community, and to find an inclusive, effective, win-win solution that would unite us as a community and actually reduce homelessness.

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

- Criminal justice reform
 - See <https://www.thereisnothem.us/single-post/2018/05/28/Theres-Far-Too-Many-Of-You-Dying>
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- Immigrant rights
 - See <https://www.thereisnothem.us/single-post/2018/06/26/A-different-take-on-immigration>
- Policing
 - End Policing for Profit: <https://www.thereisnothem.us/single-post/2018/06/04/Lets-End-Policing-for-Profit>, posted on his facebook campaign page
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

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?

From Matt's web-site (no Wikipedia page)

- Founder and managing attorney of the Law Offices of Matthew D. Dubin, a civil litigation law firm in Seattle. Built on Matt's core values of gratitude, empathy, and compassion, the firm has grown to employ twelve people. Matt has dedicated his career to protecting the rights of ordinary people when powerful interests - most often insurance corporations - try to take advantage of them.
- Received BA in History from Yale, and a J.D. from the UW in 1995.
- Worked as an attorney for over two years at the Law Offices of Eugene N. Bolin Jr., before starting his own firm.
- In 2015, Matt published his first book: "Maximizing Your Injury Claim; Simple Steps to Protect Your Family Before and After an Accident." Matt wrote this compassionate guide for victims of personal injury because he was frustrated by the further harm done by people's understandable lack of knowledge about the civil justice system. His passion for educating people about their rights is reflected in the fact that his book is an Amazon bestseller in its field.

What community activities do they engage in?

From Matt's web-site

- Eagle Member of the Washington Association for Justice
- 13 years as a singer with the Seattle Symphony Chorale, and he regularly sings for the Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue
- Sponsored and participated in numerous events for the Brain Injury Alliance of Washington (BIAWA)
- Coached with the North Seattle Baseball Association, and volunteers with Kaleidoscope Dance Company, the longest-running modern dance company in Seattle.

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.