

# Justice First Research Worksheet Legislative District: 44

#### **Candidates**

Senate:

Doug Roulstone Steve Hobbs

#### **Representative, Position 1:**

John Lovick

Jeff Sax (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research here.)

## **Representative, Position 2:**

Jared M. Mead (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research <u>here</u>.)

Mark Harmsworth

## **Candidate Profile: Doug Roulstone**

**Basic Information** 

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: https://dougroulstone.com/home/

Social media accounts (if applicable):

https://twitter.com/DougRoulstone

Campaign office address:

PO Box 1461

Snohomish, WA 98291

Campaign office phone number: (360) 862-8044

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

 $\underline{https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-steve-hobbs-for-state-senate-44th-legislative-district/}$ 

https://www.heraldnet.com/news/retired-naval-officer-to-run-for-state-senate/

(From 2006 race: https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/two-men-divided-by-one-slogan/

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.

Per Everett Herald March 24, 2018 article linked above: "...focus on getting property taxes and car tabs lower, increasing road capacity and preventing enactment of any form of income tax."



Per 2018 Voters Guide: "...reducing property taxes, finding new solutions to the growing road congestion, opposing new tolls, providing more support to small businesses, and expanding educational opportunities for our kids by accelerating vocational/technical opportunities in our schools." And "...fight against extreme Seattle based policies...oppose policies like a new Head Tax and keeping heroin injection sites out of your neighborhood... also opposes the proposed new statewide income tax and the proposed carbon tax."

(From 2006 race: https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/two-men-divided-by-one-slogan/

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

- Criminal justice reform
- <u>Healthcare access</u> (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- Immigrant rights
  - From 2006 Seattle Times article linked above: "...His principal campaign issues include establishing English as the nation's official language, stemming the flow of illegal immigrants entering from Mexico, maintaining tax cuts and balancing the federal budget."
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

#### Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

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

Per Everett Herald: "He lost to Democratic U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen in the 2006 election. In 2014, after the resignation of former state representative Mike Hope, Roulstone was appointed to the seat and served about four months. He left after the November 2014 election of Mark Harmsworth." (Note: appointed 9/26/2014 to Mike Hope's seat; legislature not in session so Roulstone cast no votes)

Per 2018 Voters Guide: "...elected Snohomish County Charter Review Board Commissioner"

What is their professional background?

Per 2018 Voters Guide:

"...former Commanding Officer of the Nuclear Aircraft Carrier, USS John C. Stennis with over 5000 crew-members..."

"BS Oceanography US Naval Academy, MS Systems Technology Naval Post Graduate School, Graduate Nuclear Power School, Graduate Armed Forces Staff College"

What community activities do they engage in?

Per 2018 Voters Guide:

"Snohomish Education Foundation Machining and Biotech Pathways Program, Sky Valley YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish and Monroe, VFW Post 7511, Snohomish and Monroe Chamber of Commerce"

"...is the past President of the Greater Everett Council of the Navy League, a Founder of the Snohomish Boys and Girls Lacrosse Club, and an active fundraiser for the Snohomish Education Foundation"

"...worked successfully to keep the Everett Naval Station open to help keep local jobs"

# 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:

Per 2018 Voters Guide: "...small business owner for over 20 years in aerospace manufacturing, a restaurateur, and a liquor distributor...Doug worked successfully to keep the Everett Naval Station open to help keep local jobs."

https://www.heraldnet.com/news/democrats-take-house/ (2006 article) "His candidacy drew a lot of interest from the Republican Party's national leaders. Vice President Dick Cheney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich were among the political luminaries who campaigned for Roulstone in Everett."

## **Candidate Profile: Steve Hobbs**

**Basic Information** 

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: www.electhobbs.com

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Campaign office address:

 $3309\ 114^{\rm th}$  Drive NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Campaign office phone number: (425) 334-5524

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

 $\underline{https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-steve-hobbs-for-state-senate-44th-legislative-district/}$ 

http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/the-electoral-races-that-will-determine-washington-states-legislature/ (you have to scroll down the page quite a bit to a section on 44th district)

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.

Per website, he is highlighting 4 issues:

- Education (Sees public education as WA States "paramount duty", voted for legislation to resolve McLeary, believes important to ensure funds are protected and distributed equitably)
- Transportation (opposed unfair tolling; championed various infrastructure projects as Chair of Senate Transportation Committee),
- Government Accountability (touting property tax reduction in north Puget Sound and that he voted for the legislation to resolve the McLeary obligation),



- Job creation (expresses support for actions that support small businesses, reasonable tax breaks that demonstrate job production and commitment to our community, touts endorsement from Association of WA Businesses)

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

- <u>Criminal justice reform</u>
  - Voted Yea for: 1298, 1783, SI940, 5987 Bills 1652, 2481 still in committee.
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
  - o Voted Yea for: 5722, 6219, 6037. Bills 2482, 2909, 1811 still in committee.
- <u>Immigrant rights</u>
  - Voted Yea for: 1488, 1022. HB 1985 not yet in Senate.
- Policing
- Student discipline
  - o Voted Yea for: 6160, 6550. Bill 6566 still in committee.
- Surveillance
  - o Voted Yea for: 6408. Bill 2331 still in committee.

#### Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

11 years in the Senate

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

Chair of Senate Transportation Committee

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Energy, Environment, & Technology Financial Institutions and Insurance

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

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

Serves in the Washington State Army National Guard as an Infantry Major

## 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



#### **Candidate Profile: John Lovick**

**Basic Information** 

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <u>electjohnlovick.com</u>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Twitter: @JohnLovickForWA Facebook: @reelectjohnlovick

Campaign office address:

2403 157<sup>th</sup> Pl SE

Mill Creek, WA 98012

Campaign office phone number: (425) 750-0306

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

Local lawmakers put aside politics for needle cleanup, The Daily Herald, August 5, 2018

911 dispatchers want PTSD coverage like police and firefighters, King5 News, March 29, 2018 (John Lovick named as a legislator who worked to get the PTSD passed in the last legislative season)

<u>Snohomish County settles jail death lawsuit for \$2.4 million</u>, The Daily Herald, July 27, 2015 (John Lovick was sheriff at a time an inmate with food allergies and asthma died while in custody).

Should Washington lower the legal alcohol limit?, King 5, February 21, 2017 (John Lovick sponsored the bill and argued that impairment starts with the first drink)

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.

His website lists the following priorities:

- publicly funded education
- employment ("good jobs with benefits")
- public safety and transportation
- government accountability

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)
- <u>Immigrant rights</u>
- Policing
  - Lovick sponsored House Bill 2892 (Improving law enforcement response to calls that involve mental health issues), which passed the house and Senate and was signed into law on March 21, 2018.
- Student discipline
- Surveillance



#### Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

He has been in the State House since June 2016 when he was appointed to fill a vacancy, but he had previously served in the House from 1999 to 2007. (He was previously on city and county councils and was Snohomish County Executive)

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

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Early Learning & Human Services Education Rules

Transportation

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

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

## **Candidate Profile: Mark Harmsworth**

**Basic Information** 

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <a href="http://www.markharmsworth.com/">http://www.markharmsworth.com/</a>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

https://www.facebook.com/markharmsworthforstate/

http://twitter.com/markharm

Campaign office address:

PO Box 13581 Mill Creek, WA 98082

Campaign office phone number: (360) 786-7892

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

https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-mark-harmsworth-for-44th-legislative-district-position-2/

https://ballotpedia.org/Mark Harmsworth

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.

From legislative website: "Mark is a principled conservative. He works with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support policies for economic growth, education, and relief for transportation congestion."

From campaign website: "Balancing the priorities of our schools, a strong economy to create jobs, education, transportation and public safety for our families...hold our State Government accountable and transparent with us. Focusing on what's important for our community, school class size reduction, fighting to remove the \$10 tolls on I405, securing funding to fix the Hwy 2 trestle (without a toll) or being the advocate for consumer protection and privacy."

From candidate's legislative website: "...we need to support, not hinder, economic development. More jobs mean more money for our schools, roads, and other vital state-provided services."

"It's essential we protect our children's future by helping our schools, improve our roads and highways, and keep our neighborhoods safe. With our communities growing rapidly, I'm committed to the fight for common-sense solutions to our region's transportation issues. We need find and encourage the best ways to get things done and ensure state-provided services are delivered efficiently."

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

- Criminal justice reform
  - Voted Nay: 6160, 6550, 1298, HI940 Voted Yea: 1783, 5987 Still in committee: 6566, 6052, 2481
- <u>Healthcare access</u> (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
  - Voted Nay: 5722, 6219, 6037 Still in committee: 2482, 2909, 1811
- Immigrant rights
  - o Voted Nay: 1488, Voted Yea: 1022, Still in committee: 1985
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance
  - Voted Yea: 6408 Still in committee: 2331

# Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Won election in 2014 and was reelected in 2016 with 54.4%.

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

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Transportation Committee- Ranking minority member Rules Committee Technology and Economic Development Committee

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

Per his legislative website: "He is also a former member of the Seattle Hill Road Traffic Advisory Committee and Mill Creek Police Advisory Board. Currently, he enjoys working as one of the directors for the Everett Community College Foundation and for the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County."



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

Per his legislative website: "With over two decades in the technology industry, including a successful career at Microsoft, he is committed to working for his community. Mark is a former Mill Creek Mayor Pro-Tem and served two terms as a city council member."

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

#### Other information:

During 2017-2018 session, Rep. Harmsworth supported: one-time COLA increase for retired teachers (didn't pass), amendment for \$30M for school resource officers as part of education package (amendment failed), property tax relief (no action taken in legislature yet).

He is working for toll relief or removal on I-405, elimination of planned toll on US2 trestle replacement, some action regarding Sound Transit funding (wants tax supporting it reduced), and in general property tax relief.

He opposed capital gains tax proposal, carbon tax proposal. He framed the following as "wins" this session: transportation package passed, legislative solution to impact to rural properties from the Hirst decision, new investment in mental health facilities, "steps" to address opioid crisis.

He voted against the much publicized Legislative Public Records Act Senate bill 6617.