

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 48

Candidates

Senate:

Patty Kuderer (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Rodney Tom (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Representative, Position 1:

Vandana Slatter

Representative, Position 2:

Amy Walen

Cindi Bright (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Candidate Profile: Vandana Slatter

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

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

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Campaign office address:

11900 NE 1st Street, Suite 300
Bellevue, WA 98005

Campaign office phone number: (206) 769-5283

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

[Media page on campaign website](#) links to local coverage.

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.

- Helping youth experiencing homelessness
- Fighting climate change
- Affordable housing
- Reproductive rights
- Social and economic justice

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)
 - Positive for reproductive rights
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

1 year (since 2017)

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

None found

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Education Committee

Health Care and Wellness Committee

Technology and Economic Development Committee

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

Couldn't find active engagements on campaign site

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

Biotech and pharma

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: Amy Walen

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

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

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/AmyForStateHouse/> - Facebook

<https://twitter.com/amywalen?lang=en> - *Twitter*

Campaign office address:

PO Box 853
Redmond, WA 98073

Campaign office phone number: (425) 381-1909

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

<https://patch.com/washington/kirkland/mayor-walen-will-try-become-state-rep-walen>

<https://patch.com/washington/kirkland/walen-chosen-sound-cities-association-president>

[https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-amy-walen-for-48th-legislative-district-house-position-2/?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning+Brief+8-28-18 8 28 2018&utm_term=Active%20subscriber](https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/the-times-recommends-amy-walen-for-48th-legislative-district-house-position-2/?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning+Brief+8-28-18%2028%202018&utm_term=Active%20subscriber)

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http://hdcc.org/event/food-friends-and-fun-with-rep-john-lovick/?instance_id=1197

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http://hdcc.org/event/support-my-linh-thai-for-state-rep-with-rep-tana-senn-and-ag-ferguson/?instance_id=1200

http://hdcc.org/event/fundraiser-for-rep-steve-tharinger/?instance_id=1201

http://hdcc.org/event/south-lake-union-reception-with-rep-tarleton-and-rep-robinson/?instance_id=1202

http://hdcc.org/event/women-who-win-with-rep-tarleton/?instance_id=1205

Issues

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

1. Gun control (raising the purchasing age of semi-automatic rifles and enhanced background checks)
2. Climate change especially supports carbon reduction
3. Restructuring the Regressive Tax Code
4. Fair wages and equity for women and minorities; universal healthcare, and access to contraceptives and abortions.

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 - Universal healthcare and access to contraceptives and abortions
- [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)?

Kirkland City Council Member (2010 to 2014); Kirkland Mayor (2014 to present)

What is their professional background?

She practiced law in Australia until she returned to Oregon in 1994. Mayor Walen is currently the chief financial officer at Ford Hyundai of Kirkland, located in the Totem Lake Business District.

What community activities do they engage in?

Boy's and Girl's Club; Evergreen Healthcare Foundation Board of Trustees; Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing

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