What is your name?
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1. For which position are you running?
Seattle City Council District 5

2. What do you know about the unmet basic human needs in the district you would represent?
Hygiene, sanitation and personal dignity are some of the most basic human needs and they are severely lacking in D5 for those without shelter, both long term and short term.

3. What has afforded you the privilege and power to run for office, and how will it impact your role in this position?
But for my adoptive parents, the access to opportunities I had, including education and a stable home, might not have been available to me. Understanding that outcomes can be influenced but it takes effort by many along the way, we need to be that force for widening the table of opportunities.

4. What experience do you have in listening to and amplifying community voices? In what ways do you base your policies and priorities on the needs of those who will be most impacted by them?
My entire work and volunteer experience has included listening to people and helping others. My work ranged from at-risk youth, teenage mothers, and refugees to constituents, international students, NBA players and legal clients. During my candidacy specifically, many residents have written me and invited me into their homes. I talk to people at their doors and attend neighborhood gatherings. I focus on working hard to hear people, not for people to work hard to be heard.

5. The cost of health care increases every year. Recent federal policy changes have threatened the long-term sustainability of Medicaid — such as attempts to reduce funding or turn the program into a block grant — and have aimed to undermine the viability of private health insurance markets — such as eliminating the individual insurance mandate from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or not defending the ACA in court. Given so many barriers being placed at the federal level, how would you work to improve health care access at the local level to ensure stronger and more vibrant communities?

Because we have an urgent need of so many unsheltered on our streets, I want to move forward with a red-cross like response and provide 24/7 emergency shelter with showers, toilets and on-site needs assessment, like what would occur in response to a natural disaster. At a minimum, this would allow access to basic medical care, providing triage. This is something that can be done at the city level and it has not been done since we declared a state of emergency on homelessness in 2015.

6. Federal policies over the last few years have created a climate of fear for immigrant and refugee communities across the country. Even Washington State, long a welcoming environment, is no stranger to these challenges, as the recent Department of Licensing scandal showed. This climate of fear impacts immigrants and refugees of all statuses, and new research shows this fear is driving immigrants away from health and human services programs they are legally eligible to
participate in. What would you do to leverage local systems and resources to bring immigrant and refugee communities back out of the shadows?

District 5 has a large and diverse immigrant population. Because of my experience in working with refugees and immigrants, including choosing to go to law school to practice immigration law specifically and doing so initially in my law practice, my focus is on going out to neighborhoods, groups and community events to listen and talk to people. I believe a representative should take the initiative and make efforts to engage with all communities.

7. Over half Seattleites and over 40% of people in King County are renters. Currently in most of Washington State tenants can be forced to move with only 20 days’ notice and even within the city of Seattle, there is no guarantee that a landlord will renew a tenant's lease. [For King County Candidates] As part of the King County Council, will you enact just cause protections to give tenants stability? [For Seattle Candidates] As part of Seattle City Council, will you expand just cause protections for renters with fixed term leases who are up for a lease renewal? [For both] What are your plans and strategies to protect renters?

The crux of this issue is the limited amount of affordable housing units for renters. By significantly increasing the supply of affordable units, the renters would have more ability to stay in their leases because it would change the power imbalance, resulting in lower rents and likely more extended leases to keep a tenant in the unit. This would help renters and landlords and make our city more livable.
8. In 2018, the consulting firm McKinsey and Company conducted an extensive analysis of the current crisis response and homeless housing programs in Seattle and King County. They found that our region dramatically under-invests in housing and other system-wide responses, while the numbers of people experiencing homelessness grows. They found that between 2014 and 2017, the number of households accessing homelessness services grew by an average 11 percent a year, while funding grew by an average 2.4 percent a year. The McKinsey analysis estimated an additional investment of between $360 and $410 million per year for at least ten years is required to make and maintain progress in solving homelessness. Such added resources would bring our community in line with sister cities and counties addressing homelessness and affordable housing crises. What are three specific revenue options (local, regional, and state) you would use to generate the necessary funds to fill the gap between current local, state, and federal dollars, and the housing and service system investments required to do the job for Seattle and King County residents experiencing homelessness?

This report looks to tackle this problem based upon the current status quo approach and just increasing it. The city needs a better plan and has a lot of waste so the first revenue source to look at would be (1) better use of existing tax dollars, putting them towards more effective and efficient uses (2) my red-cross emergency shelters would be paid for with a bond issuance (3) use of federal funds targeted at the opioid crisis

9. Seattle and King County are in the midst of a child care crisis because child care is expensive and unaffordable for many working families. At the same time, some child care providers cannot afford to pay workers a living wage and stay in business. What ideas do you have for solutions?
Having had to live through this myself as a new lawyer having my first child, reliable childcare was critical for me. Childcare either allowed me to work or the lack of it prevented me from working. Some ideas I am considering include giving educational credit for childcare providers if they are also working towards a degree or certification in a field involved with that age group. It could also be a form of sponsorship from a family to a student so that the sponsoring family in need of childcare directly pays a portion of the childcare provider’s tuition for the program in exchange for childcare. I also would like to see the cooperative preschool model that is used in North Seattle College broadened, with onsite daycare for students to bring their kids to during class.

10. Survivors of gender-based violence frequently enter the criminal justice system due to their victimization, but criminal justice responses are woefully inadequate and problematic for most survivors for a variety of reasons, especially Black, indigenous, and other survivors of color, refugee and immigrant survivors; and gender non-conforming survivors. What specific solutions will you bring forward for addressing issues of gender-based violence in our city? What mechanisms would you employ to shift the structural oppression and racism, specifically in criminal justice institutions?

We can have a City council obligated to Seattleites’ safety, ensuring victims are heard and respected. Building strong support for victims’ rights, including working to keep a victim in their home instead of having to leave an aggressor.

11. Describe how you would represent your constituents to ensure there is a pathway to emergency food services for all who need it. What policies and investments would you support so that residents across Seattle and King County have equal access to adequate, culturally appropriate, healthy food?
Because District 5 was annexed to the city so much later, there is a lot more areas that are considered a "food desert." This means we need to have sidewalk equity and bus services so people can get to areas with food access. We can also foster more, and increased, times of local farmers’ markets to provide easier access to food for such areas.

12. According to a 2017 FBI report, nationwide reports of hate crimes increased by 17% from 2016 to 2017; by 32% in Washington State, and 198% in Seattle. Within Washington State, 38% of reported hate crimes were in Seattle. The City Auditor analyzed data that reported hate crimes doubled from 2014 to 2016 and doubled again from 2016 to 2018. 54% of the crimes related to race/ethnicity and 32% sexual orientation. What are your ideas for responding to hate crime in our region without criminalizing communities of color?

It starts with opening communication with groups that may not typically have a reason or place to converse together. Widening the table to allow for everyone to have a seat and be heard must be done so no one or no group is classified as "other."

13. As a city, we have moved to district representation. However, the needs of our residents are not necessarily most efficiently and effectively addressed by district. Nonprofit services most often cross multiple districts and people who make use of the services interact with providers throughout the city. How will you work to represent both the needs of your district as well as Seattle as a whole?

District representation is beneficial because it is designed to create more interaction between residents and a representative, with each representative then bringing those concerns to light so that the city as a whole can be served better. I am committed to listening and responding to residents and helping them have a voice with action at the council.
14. Will you support an automatic annual inflation adjustment tied to the CPI-W for the City’s human services contracts so providers can maintain current levels of service as costs of doing business increase?

The city should use inflation adjustments with ensuring the services provided are in line with the changing needs of the community.