Black Lives Matter Seattle King County 2020 endorsement opportunity and process

Black Lives Matter Seattle King County and the Washington Black Lives Matter Alliance congratulate you on your primary election and advancing to the general election.

We are writing to invite you to complete our short candidate questionnaire for the 2020 general election. We will be encouraging our community and allies to be voting for candidates who are supportive of advancing Black Liberation, an equal justice system for all, and community prosperity.

We are asking candidates to complete an online questionnaire, and as a backup, the questions are below. Only candidates who complete the questions will be eligible for endorsement.

The deadline for submitting your answers is Saturday, October 10, at 5:00 PM. For any questions and if you encounter technical difficulties, please contact [EMAIL REMOVED]

Endorsements will be announced on Wednesday, October 15.

About Black Lives Matter Seattle King County

Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County is a social advocacy organization fighting for the protection and liberation of Black Life through advocacy and direct action.

We believe that all Black Lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.

The Washington Black Lives Matter Alliance is a statewide collective of people and organizations using our voice, our vote, and our power to fight for Black Lives.

Black Lives Matter Seattle King County Political Demands
We demand that racism be declared a public health crisis in Washington state.
We demand a 50% defunding of the Seattle Police Department.
We demand some of the budget formerly devoted to policing be shifted to culturally responsive, community-centric mental health and wellness services.
We demand a justice system that delivers equal treatment under the law.
We demand King County fulfill its promise to, by 2025, transform into a community resource the youth jail unit at Judge Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center.
We demand fully funding education in Washington State with a capital gains tax by 2021.

Black Lives Matter Seattle King County Endorsement Questions

If elected, give examples of how your priorities will support the liberation and protection of Black Lives
locally and across the state?
Do you believe racism is a public health crisis? Explain your answer.
Do you support defunding the police? Explain your answer.
What is your position on charging officers with bodily harm-related crimes when excessive force is used? Explain your answer.
How does your racial identity shape your perspective of public policy? Explain your answer.
Do you support the restoration of voting rights for Washingtonians who are incarcerated or have been previously incarcerated or owe fees and fines? Explain your answer.

Non-responses to the questionnaire will be evaluated as responses to the questionnaire.
Thank you for your participation in our candidate endorsement process, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Ebony Miranda, Chair
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Advocacy and Policy Committee
Black Lives Matter Seattle King County

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If elected, give examples of how your priorities will support the liberation and protection of Black lives locally and across the state? *

I will strive toward defunding and retraining of the police and mandating body cameras. Make sure everyone has health care. Call for a $500 a month universal basic income. Also call for a commission to give recommendations on what appropriate reparations should look like.

Do you believe racism is a public health crisis? *
Yes

Do you support defunding the police? *
Yes
What is your position on charging officers with bodily harm-related crimes when excessive force is used? Explain your answer. They should be held to account. *

They should be charged with those related crimes. If it is too difficult to get convictions because of the special role they serve, there should be special laws created just for them that are easier to get convictions for and then as a trade off give the judge a little more lee way in sentencing of those crimes so each unique situation can be adjusted too. This way there is a greater chance of true justice being served.

How does your racial identity shape your perspective of public policy? Explain your answer. *

Initially my white privilege's makes it difficult for me to understand all the aspects of racism that people of color face in our society, so it is limiting my perspective. So I take upon myself the responsibility to learn as much as I can from first hand accounts, friends and history. I realize there are still gaps in my understanding and I hope experts and colleagues can help fill those for me.

Do you support the restoration of voting rights for Washingtonians who are incarcerated or have been previously incarcerated or owe fees and fines? Explain your answer. *

Definitely I support the restoration of voting rights for Washingtonians who have been incarcerated, even if they still owe feels and fines. I'm not sure about currently incarcerated citizens.

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