

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (Port)

Office Sought: Port of Tacoma Commission Today's Date: 6/11/09
Position 1

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: Campaign to Re-elect Connie Bacon Campaign Manager: self
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Party Affiliation: N/A

Are you using union printers and/or sign shops to do your campaign printing? yes

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): Connie Bacon
Address: 37 Country Club Dr Lakewood, WA 98498
Years at this address: 35 Legislative District: 28 Precinct: 443
Years in the district that you want to represent: Peace Co. - 50

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): MPA
School: Evergreen State
(BA - Journalism, Economics - Syracuse Univ.)

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: Commissioner Dates: 1998 - present

Nature of Organization: Port of Tacoma

Duties: set direction for port, hire/fire Exec. Dir., approve budget, contracts, set other policy

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Current Job Information

Employer: _____ Title: _____

Supervisor: see above E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Major Civic Interests

Community, arts & music, port related activities:
(please see flyers attached.)

Also included: Treasurer, Nat. Symphony; Tacoma Art Museum; Board; Senior Fellow, American Expedition Forum and others.

Questionnaire

Please keep your answers brief.

If you need more room, attach a separate page at the end and mark "see attached" on the questionnaire.

Please list your qualifications for seeking office:

- More than 16 yrs. in world trade and maritime industry
- More than 20 years in state and local government positions
- Strong interest and support of community interests
- BA in Journalism/Economics; MBA, Public Administration, Business owner

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

My goal at the Port is not finished. We address the need of enormous economic and industry change. I want to assure the Port will continue to be an economic engine for the region and a grower of JOBS.

Have you been involved in partisan politics in Washington State before? Please give details:

This is not a partisan office. I have supported candidates including both Jack and Gov. Elsie Horn and others as well as an occasional Republican who has been arrested.

Have you run for an office before? Please give details:

My first run was in 1997 for my present position.

Have you held office, either elected or appointed? Please give details:

I have held my present office for 11+ years. I was appointed to the State Econ. Dev. Comm. by Gov. Gregoire

What do you believe will be the three most important issues in your campaign?

- Jobs
- Sustainability (competitiveness) of the Port long term
- Maintaining a strong, financially able Port

The Port of Tacoma has recently requested an exemption from the "no net loss" provision for the Rural Separator. Do you feel that the Port is efficiently using its existing space and what is your opinion on eroding the Rural Separator for Port facilities?

This apparently is an issue that the Port has not weighed in on yet. By the time I meet with you, we will have completed a letter to the County. Frankly, I am not aware that the Port has taken an absolute position yet.

What is the Port's obligation to the surrounding areas for the infrastructure burden of port activities?

The Port has been a key player in infrastructure in the region. The Port has contributed \$15M to the Fast Corridor program which resulted in building the overpass on Port of Tacoma Road, and has recently committed an additional \$10-12M to complete the Lincoln B.V. overpass, as two examples.

The widening of the Panama Canal will have implications for the traffic at the Port of Tacoma. How should the Port respond in order to continue being an economic engine for this area?

The Port is engaged at all levels, local, state, Federal and internationally with the maritime industry to determine what impact the canal widening will have on shipping into Puget Sound. While the Canal will go another step ~~forward~~ to shipping companies, there are several potential considerations that benefit our competitive position. It is early to tell and the cost of the same well place a big part in our future.

Why should the 25th Legislative District Democrats support you over any other candidates running for this position?

I have the experience, relationships and industry knowledge to best serve the people of Pierce County to keep our Port competitive, viable and growing for the long term. In addition to an understanding of how to work with our labor, business, and community partners.

Are there any additional comments you would like to share with the 25th Legislative District Democrats?

At our meeting, I will be asked to be asked respond to your questions. Now is a very unpredictable time for the economy - consistency at the Commission level is vital to steer the Port into a viable and growing business to support jobs and the community for the long term.

It is the intent of the 25th District Democrats to support qualified Democrats seeking political office for both partisan and nonpartisan races. To that end we are looking for individuals who adhere to Democratic principles as demonstrated by Democratic Party activity, community activities, their reputation among Democrats, and statements they make supporting the Democratic Party and fellow Democrats. Endorsed candidates are discouraged from giving support in any partisan race to non-Democratic candidates. If an individual is running against another Democratic candidate(s), such endorsed candidate is encouraged to draw clear distinctions and differences with his/her opponent in a friendly, informational, and non-confrontational fashion. My signature below signifies my agreement with these principles and that I understand that the 25th District Democrats may withdraw its endorsement if I do not adhere to them.

Candidate Signature: *Christina S. Green* Today's Date: 6/11/09