

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (*Port*)

Office Sought: Port of Tacoma Commision # 4 Today's Date: 6/27/17

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: Committee to Elect Don Meyer Campaign
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Party Affiliation: Non-partisan

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

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): Don
Meyer

Address: 26910 13th Ave Crt E Spanaway, WA
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Years at this address: 22 Legislative District: 2 Precinct: _____

Years in the district that you want to represent: 51

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): Master in Business Administration

School: University of South
Dakota

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: Port of Tacoma Commission #4 Dates: Served in this position since 2010

Nature of Organization: Economic development

Duties: Main functions are to set policy and hire CEO

Office/Position Held: Foss Waterway Development Authority—Executive Director (Retired) Dates: 1999-2009

Nature of Organization: Cleanup and redevelopment of Foss Waterway in Tacoma

Duties: Act as lead on redevelopment of uplands and marinas, participate in cleanup actions with regulatory entities

Office/Position Held: Port of Tacoma Deputy Director Dates: 1985-1999

Nature of Organization: Economic Development

Duties: Supervised staff, negotiated labor contracts and long term leases, prepared operating and capital budgets

Current Job Information

Employer: Self employed—Meyer Dakota Heritage LLP Title: Managing Partner

Supervisor: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: 253-691-9891

Major Civic Interests

Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Urban Studies Advisory Board UWT, Propeller Club of Tacoma, Former Pierce College Trustee

Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?

Tacoma Rotary 8, Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board, Washington Public Ports Association Executive Committee

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:

I have served as a Port Commissioner since 2010 and have extensive experience in professional positions within economic development organizations.

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

I like the challenge of creating family wage jobs while at the same time cleaning up our waterways and land. Our working waterfront requires dedicated leadership that incorporates not only financial and economic consideration in the decision-making process but also environmental. My big hairy goal is to be part of the team that has achieved a complete delisting of Commencement Bay from EPA's Superfund designation placed on us in the 80's. My keen interest is economic development in Pierce County.

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

Served as non-partisan staff in the State House of Representatives. My first position was Director of the Appropriations Committee and then served as the Staff Director for all of the professional research staff.

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

Yes. I ran for Port Commissioner in 2009 and that was my one and only time to run for an elected position. I won.

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

Port Commissioner since 2010.

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

Right-sizing our terminals given the ever increasing size of vessels, tideflats planning given issues with fossil fuels and ensuring we keep focused on a modern road and rail system (like completing 167)

What are your feelings on the recent creation of the Northwest Seaport Alliance? Do you believe it will mitigate the impact of a wider Panama Canal to the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle?

I really struggled on the creation of the Alliance for fear we would lose some of our "Tacoma Advantage". We are still in the transition period and major decisions are ahead of us like how to coordinate investment decisions. Another complicating factor is the major financial losses of the shipping lines and the consequences of mergers and/or buy-outs. It will not mitigate the impact of the all-water route but hopefully it will address some of the competitive threat coming from Canada.

Do you support the LNG facility being built at the port of Tacoma for use primarily by Totem Ocean Trailer Express? Please give reasons why you do or do not support the LNG facility.

Yes. TOTE is a premier customer at the Port and they must be supported in their quest to meet air emission's standards as set by EPA. I trust the permitting process underway for safety considerations but still feel the need to independently verify.

Regarding reducing vessel emissions should the Northwest Seaport Alliance give incentives for vessels to cold iron by hooking to electric shore power while tied up at dock?

Yes

Will you support the creation of a Freight Mobility Planning Committee by the Port of Tacoma Commissioners? This committee would be made up of stake holders that will recommend the use of South Harbor tax and port revenues to increase rail and road access to the South Harbor Marine Terminals?

As co-chair of RAMP, I'm a little hesitant to just say yes on the formation of another committee. I do however like the idea of a freight mobility focus.

We frequently hear about the benefits the port supplies to the community in jobs and economic growth. What responsibilities does our port have with respect to mitigating negative externalities brought on by port activity such as traffic congestion, increased demand on infrastructure, health problems due to port related pollution, controlling populations of invasive species brought into Puget Sound by ships that call on the port, etcetera?

The port needs to be a good neighbor and that means being aware of negative impacts. One example is the Port's anticipated \$30 million contribution for the completion of 167 to help with the local match. We recently ordered electric powered strads as another example of our quest to be a "Green Marine" port.

Why should the 25th Legislative District Democrats support you over any other candidates running for this position?
I believe I can be responsive to citizen concerns and win this race.

Are there any additional comments you would like to share with the 25th Legislative District Democrats?
I appreciate your consideration of my campaign.

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Candidate Signature: Don Meyer _____ Today's
Date: 6/27/17 _____

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