

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (*City*)

Office Sought: Puyallup City Council, District 1

Today's Date: May 29, 2017

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: John Hopkins Campaign Manager: John Hopkins

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Party Affiliation: independent

Are you using union printers and/or sign shops to do your campaign printing?
My signs are union printed. My literature is from a local "ma and pa" shop.

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): John Hopkins

Address: 805 15th St NW, Puyallup, WA 98371

Years at this address: 29 Legislative District: 25 Precinct: 201

Years in the city that you want to represent: 30

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): Bachelor of Science...Math and Physics...Plus Teachers certification (post grad).

School: London University, and Brunel University.

Advance Leadership Certification...Association of Washington Cities

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: P.M.S.A. President and director Dates: 1998, 1995-2010

Nature of Organization: Downtown business organization.

Duties: Design, organize, promote, revitalize.

Office/Position Held: Landmarks Commission Chair and director. Dates: 2002-2010

Nature of Organization: Pierce County Historical Preservation.

Duties: Grants and nominations.

Office/Position Held: Examining Board. Electricians Union. Dates: 1983-1987

Nature of Organization: certifications.

Duties: Design and administer tests.

Office/Position Held: Business Agent and instructor IBEW 1547. Dates: 1981-1987

Nature of Organization: UNION

Duties: Contract negotiation, grievance resolution, instruction.

Current Job Information

Employer: City of Puyallup Title....Mayor

Supervisor: None E-mail Address jhopkins@ci.puallup.wa.us

Work Phone: 253-973-7069

Major Civic Interests

Historic Preservation.

Downtown Beautification.

Arts.

Trail development

Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With.

Current memberships....Kiwanis, Downtown arts, Puyallup Main Street, Friends of the Library, Historic society, River walk, and Foothills Trail.

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 on Council since December 2011. I have worked hard, and understand the job.

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

I would like to serve one final 4 year term. I would like to continue to implement our plans.

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

I have actively supported several candidates in the past. Most recently Carolyn Edmunds. I endorsed her and door-belled for her.

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

Twice for City Council.

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

Twice...2011-2013 (two year term). 2014-2017 (four year term).

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

The Homeless crisis.

Public Safety.

Warehouse Development at the Van Lierop Bulb Farm.

When elected, how would you make sure that you and your fellow elected officials continue to be accessible to constituents and their concerns and open to public input?

I am retired, and so I'm always available. I personally doorbell, every year, giving out a report card of what's happening in the City. We also have neighborhood meetings.

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

I stand on my record. Our Council has a great record, and most importantly WE work together. This hasn't always been true. We had 8 years of bickering before 2016/2017. Councils have a very fragile balance. Ability to work with others is vital. My experience and Seniority on my Pierce County Committees is also essential for funding.

Neither of my opponents has experience at this level. I have strong relationships with my peers. Neither opposing candidate would advance all Democratic Party beliefs. On the issue of the Homeless there would be extreme viewpoints. I believe that my moderate position wins consensus and this is vital for successful outcomes. I simply ask for fair consideration....Thank-you.

What strategies would you propose to solve the homelessness crisis?

We are not going to *solve* the crises! But we can improve various segments.

I am on the Pierce County 2060 (affordable housing), the 2163 (homelessness) committees, and the Citizens Advisory Board for Block Grants.

We must work with State and County on all aspects of this problem.

I am convening a local Mayor's group at this time.

Youths need shelter and job training. This should be a priority.

Mental Health funding is vital. The 1/10 of 1% was a lost opportunity. The Pierce County supplemental budget needs to happen. The State budget needs to increase funding.

Addiction treatment availability is lacking.

Affordable housing should be a priority for prevention, in particular for families and seniors.

At the same time impacts on the general population need to be addressed. This can happen by proper location of services.

Obviously this is a complicated subject, and I have only touched on it. There are many excellent ideas out there. The secret is for ALL jurisdictions to do their part and work together.

What would you do to encourage economic development in your city?

We already are, by our work on providing data for "determination of non-significance" to builders. We are also doing two studies on several specific sites. Actually our problem isn't encouragement, it is facilitation. We are trying to add development service staff, but are struggling to find personnel to hire. Our permitting process is backed up.

What would you do to address the transportation/transit challenges facing your city?

We just passed an “active transportation plan.”

We also lobbied hard for the Gateway project. Now we have to negotiate funding match money.

We support a new parking garage downtown, and Transit Orientated development.

Unfortunately we are falling behind on road capacity projects.

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

I listed myself as an independent, because this is a non-partisan race, and my beliefs are moderate. I have always supported Democrats on the National scene and for Governor. Locally my filter is “Who’s best for Puyallup?”

On all the social issues I align with the Democratic platform. I support the A.H.C.A and the past administration in general. I was a Union Business Agent, and now am a retired Union electrician. I would have voted for Bernie Sanders over Trump!

I don’t have a problem increasing taxes or utilities, but only when necessary. (Feel free to check my voting record). I am however, determined to reduce our City debt even more. This is the path to sustainable neighborhood street rebuilding. So I am a fiscal conservative, and think long term when it comes to financial planning. I also hunt down grants and believe that Puyallup is part of a region, and not just a small city. I am on six regional committees, because I believe in collaboration.

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: John Hopkins

Today’s Date: 5/29/2017

Please save this form as a PDF and return your completed questionnaire to eherde@earthlink.net