

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (*Port*)

Office Sought: Port of Tacoma Commissioner Pos. 4 _____
Today's Date: 06/28/2017_____

Campaign Information

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Party Affiliation: _____ NON-PARTISAN OFFICE _____

Are you using union printers and/or sign shops to do your campaign printing? ____
Yes for signs. _____

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot):
KRISTIN ANG _____

Address: _____
4105 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335

Years at this address: _____ Legislative District: _____ Precinct: _____

Years in the district that you want to represent: 32 years in Pierce County _____

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): _____

- B.A. University of Puget Sound, Business Administration
- J.D. Cornell Law School

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: _____ Dates: _____

Nature of Organization: _____

Duties: _____

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Current Job Information

Employer: Self _____ Title: _____ Attorney _____

I also work at Evergreen Medical Panel, Inc. _____

E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: (253) 306-7427

Major Civic Interests

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- Environment
 - LGBTQ Rights
 - Immigration
 - Arts
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Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?

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- **Northwest Immigration Rights Project, (NWIRP), an organization defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education.**
 - **I headed the Public Interest Law Union at Cornell University, which organizes service projects, hosts guest speakers, and raises money for students to engage in public interest work.**
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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:

- B.A. University of Puget Sound, Business Administration
 - 1st Prize, Y. Paul Huo Global Strategic Planning (China)
- J.D. Cornell Law School
 - Cornell Summer Institute in Suzhou, China
 - University of Hong Kong
 - U.S. Commercial Service Hong Kong
 - Clean Energy Group in Vermont, a leading national non-profit working on innovative policy, technology, and finance programs in clean energy and climate change.

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

- To heal the breach between the People and the Port Commission, and restore public confidence.
- Be a voice for the People so that they may have a say with what happens to public lands and public money.
- Bring new energy and a fresh perspective to the Port Commission, and change its culture.
- To help facilitate our transition to a greener economy and prevent fossil fuel expansion.

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

No.

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

No.

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

No.

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

- Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability
- Genuine transparency
- High public engagement

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?

- The Northwest Seaport Alliance is working thus far. It is an improvement from the many years that the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle were undercutting each other and losing revenue. But its creation was very late in the game. The Port of Tacoma should stop being a late adopter. Whether the NW Seaport Alliance will mitigate the impact of the wider Panama Canal has yet to be determined. However, with smart infrastructure investments we can capitalize on our advantages such as servicing larger ships that still cannot pass through the Canal.

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.

- No, I do not support the LNG facility. First, LNG comes from fracked gas. The present process of fracking is a significant contributor to global warming. Fracking has been known to contaminate air and water. Cancer rates, premature births, and earthquakes have been associated with fracking. Second, LNG may not be a sound investment for our region. We may be binding our economy to an industry that may soon be obsolete. Third, and most important, there are safety concerns regarding the LNG facility and operations. The LNG facility is being built near a dense urban area, in the heart of the “economic engine of Pierce County.” If anything were to go wrong, it would be catastrophic in lives lost and to our economy.

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?

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 has the responsibility to identify its negative impact on the surrounding community, and must effectively address and mitigate it. This can be done by conducting community impact studies and granting community grants.
- The Puget Sound Gateway Program’s aim is to relieve traffic congestion and improve freight mobility by completing SR509 and SR167 projects which will better connect the Ports to key distribution centers, warehouses, and industrial areas in King and Pierce counties. Even with this program, we must continue to address traffic as our population and businesses increase. We must test out new ideas like the Port of Long Beach is doing with a freight mobility application technology known as FRATIS, which aims to improve freight traffic and communications, air quality, and boost container volume.

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

- 25th Legislative District Democrats should support my campaign because local leadership on environmental issues is necessary, now more than ever, when on the national level there is not only a refusal to lead but the undermining of efforts to address climate change and the targeting of the EPA. Port Authorities significantly impact the local and global environment. This why environmental stewardship should be one of the top priorities of a port commissioner. Also, I am genuinely willing to listen to all people, learn, and make progressive decisions. When it comes to decisions that will affect our region’s identity and destiny, I would ensure that the public is made aware, informed, and consulted. The Port has encountered strong public resistance this past year because they did not do this.

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

Port of Tacoma issues have pervaded this election cycle from the city council positions to the three-way Tacoma mayoral race. Since 2016, we have witnessed citizens overcrowding the convention center revolting against the Port Commissioners over the methanol project, citizens filling up city council chambers and town halls, citizen ballot measures about water usage, the Port suing those same citizens, and recently the arrest of the "Super 6" for chaining themselves to LNG equipment. This week alone, Puyallup Tribe members have been protesting nightly at the Port. The way the Port Commission has conducted business has led to all this. It is time for a change.

It is time to heal the breach and restore public confidence in the commission. This requires cultural change at the very top, coupled with high public engagement and genuine transparency.

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:  Today's Date: 6-28-17

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