

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (*Port*)

Office Sought: _Commissioner, Port of Tacoma (Pos#2) Today's Date: 6/28/17

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: ElectNoah4Port Campaign Manager: Pending

Campaign Address: PO BOX 400, TACOMA WA 98401

Campaign Phone: 253-215-4313 Email: ElectNoah@Noah4Port.com

Website: Noah4Port.com

Party Affiliation: Non-Partisan Office, of course, and unaffiliated Party.

Are you using union printers and/or sign shops to do your campaign printing? I certainly will look for that.

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): Noah Davis

Address: 2139 Browns Point Blvd, Tacoma 98422

Years at this address: 2 Legislative District: 27 Precinct: _____

Years in the district that you want to represent: _____

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify):LLM (masters of law)

School: University of Melbourne (Australia) (JD from Univ of Arkansas)

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: President Dates: 9/1/05-8/31/06 (I believe)

Nature of Organization: Washington Young Lawyer Division

Duties: Run Board meetings of Trustees and Represent the 7000 plus young lawyers (age through 35 or first 7 years of practice) before the Washington State Bar Association

Office/Position Held: Council Member Dates: 9/1/12-8/31/15 (I believe)

Nature of Organization: American Bar Association's General Practice Solo Division

Duties: Chaired GP Solo's Annual Small Firm Convention for two years, each drawing hundreds of attendees (had to design curriculum and obtains speakers and report to the full council). Also, as council member, had a part in representing some 15000+ GP solo members in the ABA

Office/Position Held: Hearing Officer Dates: 9/1/15-present (I believe)

Nature of Organization: WSBA

Duties: Conduct Discipline hearings

Current Job Information

Employer: IN PACTA PLLC Title: MANAGING MEMBER

Supervisor: NONE E-mail Address: N/A

Work Phone: 206.709.8281

Major Civic Interests

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (AND NOW THE TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION)

Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?

AUSTIN FOUNDATION (HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH IN SEATTLE STAY OFF THE STREETS AND IN THE GYM)

AID CAMBODIA (HELPING STREET CHILDREN AS PART OF THE STREET CHILDREN ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)

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'VE BEEN A PRACTICING ATTORNEY FOR 16+ YEARS, HANDLING NEARLY EVERY TYPE OF ISSUE, AND REPRESENTING PEOPLE AND SMALL BUSINESSES BEFORE MANY DIFFERENT COURTS AND AGENCIES/TRIBUNALS. I LIVE NEAR THE PORT OF TACOMA (LESS THAN A MILE) AND, LIKE MANY PIERCE COUNTY RESIDENTS, AM AFFECTED BY THE POLLUTION, THE TRAFFIC AND THE DECISIONS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE ABOUT THEIR TENANTS. I'VE HELD BOARD POSITIONS ON NON-PROFITS, AS WELL AS WITH ENTITIES WITHIN THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION WHERE THE CONSTITUENCY NUMBERED IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS. I HAVE NO CONCERN ABOUT MY ABILITY TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY IN ADVOCATING FOR CLEAR AIR, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN/ENERGY TENANTS AND COMMON SENSE.

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

I WANT TO CLEAN UP THE PORT! I WANT TO CLEAN UP OUR AIR, OUR WATER, OUR ENVIRONMENT. I WANT TO MAKE THE PORT A PLACE THAT ENCOURAGES INVESTMENT IN TACOMA AND PIERCE COUNTY AND NOT DISCOURAGES IT. I WANT TO BRING MORE JOBS TO THE PORT (BETTER PAYING, CLEAN ENERGY JOBS) AND NOT THE JOBS THEY PROMISE, WHICH RESULT IN 16-19 PSE LNG JOBS, MANY OF WHICH ARE PAYING \$15/HR. I WANT TO BRING TOURISM TO PC/TACOMA AND TO DO SO, WE HAVE TO MAKE A MORE WELCOMING PORT. SEATTLE DID IT, AND SO CAN WE. BUT WE HAVE TO PUT THE PEOPLE FIRST

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?

THE ENVIRONMENT (CLEAN AIR, SAFETY, SUB-AREA PLAN) JOBS AND TRANSPORTATION (TRAFFIC)

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'M NOT SURE WHERE I STAND ON THE NWSA YET. IT HAS MEANT MORE \$\$ IN THE SHORT TERM TO THE PORT OF TACOMA. BUT WHY? OVERALL, THE PORTS AREN'T INCREASING BUSINESS, THEY'VE JUST STABILIZED IT. SO WHY IS SEATTLE SHARING ALL OF THIS REVENUE? WHAT'S THE DRAW FOR THEM? IT APPEARS SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE PICKING THE PORT THAT IS THE LEAST COSTLY TO THEM. AND THEY ARE HEADING TO VANCOUVER BECAUSE THE RAIL IS CHEAPER, APPARENTLY. SO UNLESS WE ADDRESS THE DOUBLE IMPORT ISSUE (E.G. GOODS FROM CHINA, TO CANADA THEN TO THE US) OR THE RAIL UNCOMPETITIVENESS, ITS HARD TO THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MITIGATION. THE PORT NEEDS TO BE READY TO ADAPT TO A CHANGING LANDSCAPE AND THAT'S WHERE I COME IN. GREEN ENERGY!!! WE NEED TO BE THE LEADER IN GREEN ENERGY TENANTS AT THE PORT. WE'LL BE MORE COMPETITIVE BECAUSE WE'LL HAVE WHAT EVERYONE WANTS!

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.

ABSOLUTELY NOT. MY OPPONENT DOES. PSE IS NOT GIVING US THE FACTS. ONLY 2 SHIPS ARE BEING RETROFITTED (OR PURCHASED) FOR LNG USE AND TOTEMS SHIPS ALREADY IDLE IN AND PLUG IN AT PORT. THE ENVIRO BENEFIT IS EXTREMELY LIMITED IF ANY. THE NATURAL GAS THAT COMES IN WILL BE FRACKED (APPARENTLY FROM CANADA) THEN PIPED THOUSANDS OF MILES THEN CRYOGENICALLY COOLED TO -260 TO -280 (WHICH RELEASES BAD POLLUTION TOO) AND THEN USED FOR THE TWO SHIPS. BUT GET THIS, THEY DON'T NEED AN 8 MILLION GALLON STORAGE TANK FOR THAT. THEY SAY THEY ARE DOING IT FOR US, THE RESIDENTS OF PUGET SOUND/PIERCE/KITSAP AND KING COUNTY FOR 'PEAK DEMAND' BUT THEY ALREADY HAVE BACK UP SUPPLIES AND HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSE TO BEING SHORT. THEY ARE USING US, THE RATEPAYERS AS A WAY TO SUBSIDIZE 43% (APPROX) OF THE COST OF THIS FACILITY. WOW!

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?

ABSOLUTELY. ALL VESSELS SHOULD BE GOING ELECTRIC AT DOCK

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?

NOT OPPOSED TO THIS (SO YES) SO LONG AS ONE OF THE CHARTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS REDUCING EMISSIONS/FOSSIL FUELS

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 A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY THAT IT HAS NOT LIVED UP TO. ALWAYS TALK ABOUT WHAT IT WILL DO OR HAS DONE WITHOUT ANY BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY. AND THE PORT HAS LOTS OF NUMBERS OF THE JOBS THAT IT INDIRECTLY SUPPORTS BUT THOSE ARE FED CREATED BY PORT PURCHASED STUDIES THAT ALL OF THE PORTS DO TO TRY AND SHOW THEIR WORTH TO THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE SOME DOUBTS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE INDEPENDENT STUDIES SHOW US HOW MANY JOBS (DIRECT AND INDIRECT(THE PORT CREATES) AS IT SEEMS THE PORT TAKES CREDIT FOR ALL THE OTHER PROPERTIES/TENANTS THAT ARE NOT PORT OWNED, AND YET WHEN THERE IS AN ENVIRO DISASTER, THEY DISCLAIM OWNERSHIP/INVOLVEMENT IN THOSE PROPERTIES.

MY CAMPAIGN IS FOCUSED ON CLEANING UP THE PORT POLLUTION, REDUCING FOSSIL FUELS, BRINGING IN GREEN TENANTS AND MAKING THE PORT CARBON NEUTRAL! I'M ALSO GEARED AT FIXING THE TRUCK TRAFFIC AND DIESEL POLLUTION PROBLEM. SEATTLE DID A MUCH BETTER JOB AT THIS THEN TACOMA. THE PORT DENIES HAVING AN EFFECT ON HEALTH AND JUST RELIES ON THE EPA LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR APPROACH AS TO CLEAN AIR (I.E. EMISSIONS OF THE PARTICLE CAN'T EXCEED THE LIMIT FOR THAT PARTICLE AND THAT POLLUTER). THE PORT JUST SIGNS UP TENANTS AND THEN WE FACE THE CUMULATIVE AIR CONSEQUENCES. THE PORT CAN DO MUCH MUCH BETTER.

AS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES, THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION. I WILL SEE WHAT OTHER PORTS ARE DOING.

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

BECAUSE I BELIEVE I ESPOUSE MORE OF THE VALUES SHARED BY THE 25TH DISTRICT DEMS AND AT MUCH GREATER DEPTH THAN MY OPPONENT AND, I'M READY TO BE THE CHANGE THAT WE SO DRASTICALLY NEED IN THE PORT FOR OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY. I WILL PUT OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST, JOBS AND TRANSPORTATION SECOND AND I WILL WORK ON CREATING A PORT FOR THE FUTURE AND NOT MORE OF THE SAME OLD SAME OLD POLLUTING PORT AND PORT POLITICS THAT WE'VE HAD SINCE THE 1990S. WE HAVE TO SEIZE THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE ACCORD MOMENTUM AND BE THE LEADER AMONG PORTS AND IN TURN, BRING INVESTMENT TO TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY WITH CLEAN ENERGY AND A CLEAN PORT LEADING THE WAY!~~

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

SUPER EXCITED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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: *NOAH C. DAVIS* Today's Date: 6/28/17

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