

# 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats

## Candidate Endorsement Request *(County Council)*

**Full Name (as shown on ballot)** Lorra Jackson

**Office Sought:** Pierce County Council District 1    **Today's Date:** 5/22/2018

**Years in the district that you want to represent:** 3

### Campaign Information

**Name of Campaign:** Elect Lorra Jackson    **Campaign Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facebook:** Electlorrajackson    **Twitter:** @electlorra    **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your win number?** 23,400

**How much money do you intend to spend on this campaign?** \$20,000    **How much in personal funds do you intend to spend?** \_\_\_\_\_    **How much have you raised so far?** \$1,000 committed. Have not set up bank account yet

**How many volunteers do you expect to have supporting your campaign?** 40

**How many volunteers have you recruited so far?** 10

**Party Affiliation:** Democratic

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

### Questionnaire

*Please keep your answers brief.*

**Please list your qualifications for seeking office:**

I have a varied background, with degrees in both science and the arts. I have extensive and diverse experience in the private sector, presently working in import-export logistics and compliance. I have worked in the financial sector as well as done community work with youth and adults. This experience enables me to adapt and see various perspectives.

**Why do you seek this office?**

I am seeking this office because it has been too long since this district has been represented by a Councilmember who was there to look out for the interests of every resident, and not just a select few.

**Have you previously been involved in partisan politics? Please give details:**

Yes, elected as a delegate to the 2018 Washington State Democratic Convention

**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 three most important issues in my campaign will be addressing traffic congestion, providing more public spaces for a growing population, and preservation of historic farmland.

**Whom will your campaign hold accountable for the lack of progress on these issues?**

The current County Council majority has failed to address these problems.

**Name an action you would push in the County Council to cope with climate change?**

I will push to take the increase in extreme weather events into account in updates of Emergency Management Plans to protect our local wildlife and the lives and assets of the people of Pierce County.

**Name an action you would push in the County Council to slow climate change?**

One action that I would push in the County Council is providing incentives for developers to implement green building techniques. We also need to hold businesses accountable for their emissions.

**The Pierce County Economic Development Department often pursues growth through seeking to attract existing businesses to the area. Do you see a role for Pierce County in providing support for community members who wish to start small businesses or worker-owned co-ops here?**

Yes

**Do you support a \$15 per hour minimum wage for Pierce County?**

Yes

**What should be done to make rental housing more affordable in Pierce County?**

Our current policy options have failed to keep housing affordable in Pierce County, so we need to explore other alternatives. One possibility is tiered leasing, which allows tenants to sign leases longer than one year where the annual rent increase is known in advance and is lower than would otherwise be the case. We can also look at various forms of rent control, although implementing any of these would require action by the State Legislature to amend the law that preempts all forms of rent control.

**What should be done to make commuting more efficient in Pierce County?**

New development should be planned so that it is coordinated with expansion of public transit. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in particular should be prioritized. Providing more support for employers to implement Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) plans will also help make peoples' commutes more efficient.

**What costs should be included in development impact fees to reflect the costs that new housing imposes on existing residents?**

Capital costs of the infrastructure needed to serve new development, such as new schools and expanded sewers and sidewalks, should be covered by impact fees on that new development.

**Would you support higher impact fees based upon the value of the new housing? Yes**

**If so, would you temper the increased fees by exempting the first \$100,000 of value for each new unit of housing and correspondingly increasing the rate on all value above \$100,000 so that the full impact of new housing is felt by the new residents rather than the existing residents?**

Yes

**Much of residential Pierce County is either unserved or under-served by transit. If elected to the County Council what will you do to coordinate new housing and improved transit in Pierce County so that traffic might be reduced rather than continually increased?**

The first step to addressing this problem is bringing into the Pierce Transit district urban areas such as Bonney Lake that are currently excluded. With so many residents of East Pierce County working in Seattle and East King County, we need to make transit a more convenient option so that more people will choose to use it. One way we can do this is by expanding the existing express bus service to the Puyallup and Sumner Sounder stations, allowing more people to take the train without driving into downtown Puyallup and Sumner. New express bus routes should be coordinated with the current community plan update in South Hill so that areas slated for increased residential development will have nearby bus stops.

**Your budget priorities:**

**Name the top three county budget expenditures (if any) that you believe should be increased.**

Natural space preservation and transportation

**Name the top three county budget expenditures (if any) that you believe need to be decreased.**

**What county revenue sources if any do you believe should be increased?**

If development impact fees would more honestly assess and capture the costs of additional residents in the County, this would add revenue to the budget.

**What county revenue sources if any do you believe should decrease?**

**Do you think it would be a good use of County money to annually mail to each household a brief summary of the County's budget and a percentage breakdown of expenditures by department that would be signed by the members of the County Council?**

Yes, provided that the ordinance authorizing this is written in such a way that the mailer contains only factual information about the budget, without commentary from elected officials.

**What should be done to provide transitional facilities for residents of Pierce County ready to leave facilities like Western State Hospital?**

We need to implement the 0.1% sales tax for mental health services that was encouraged by the legislature for urban counties, and which every other urban county in the state has implemented.

**Would you support a county code provision requiring landlords to allow political candidates, campaign representatives, and political party representatives access to their properties thereby leaving the decision of whether an individual tenant speaks to a candidate up to that tenant?**

Yes

**Do you support Public Campaign Financing for:**

- (1) Local government offices?** Yes
- (2) State government offices?** Yes
- (3) Federal offices?** Yes
- (4) Judicial offices?** Yes

**Why should the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats support you over any other candidates running for this position?**

I am a member of the 25th Legislative District Democrats and would like to uphold democratic values in this race.

**Are there any additional comments you would like to share with the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats?**

*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:**   Lorra Jackson   **Today's Date:**   5-31-18  

Please return your completed questionnaire to [edwherde@gmail.com](mailto:edwherde@gmail.com)