

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

## Candidate Endorsement Request (Puyallup City Council)

Office Sought: Puyallup City Council- At-Large Today's Date: June 22, 2019

### Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: Shadko For Council Campaign Manager: na

Campaign Address: 1002 N. Meridian, Suite 100, PMB 103, Puyallup WA 98371

Campaign Phone: 253-235-2750 Email: Shadko4Council@gmail.com

Website: https://www.shadko4council.com/

Social media:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Shadko4Council/ Twitter: no Other: https://www.instagram.com/hshadko/

What is your win number? 4131

How much money do you intend to spend on this campaign? abt 10k How much in personal funds do you intend to spend? abt 2K How much have you raised so far? \$4,700 \*

How many volunteers do you expect to have supporting your campaign? 25

How many volunteers have you recruited so far? 17

Party Affiliation: none

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

### Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): Heather L Shadko

Address: 2010 8<sup>th</sup> ST CT SW, Puyallup WA 98371

Years at this address: 21 Legislative District: 25th Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in the city of Puyallup: 21

### Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): Bachelor of Science-Business Administration

School: University of Mississippi

\*have interviewed with Central Labor and Central Pierce Professional Firefighters and am scheduled to interview with the Washington Education Association so this amount could increase.

**Previous Public Service**

Office/Position Held: see attached Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Job Information**

Employer: Port of Tacoma Title: Contracts & Procurement Analyst

Supervisor: Mark Little E-mail Address: mlittle@portoftacoma.com

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Civic Interests**

The environment, preserving farmland and literacy are my major interests, but give time as available to various causes.

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**Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?**

see attached  
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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:

**Bachelor of Science-Business Administration**  
**Previous Council experience**  
**Contract and procurement work at the Port of Tacoma**  
**Certified Public Procurement Professional (CPPB-2016)**  
**Extensive community involvement**

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

**I am running because I'm passionate about Puyallup and do not like the direction the current council majority is taking our city. We are growing and as the largest city in East Pierce Co. we have to be willing to tackle the issues (homelessness, heroin, mental health) with compassion and understanding, while still providing the quality of life (public safety, parks, infrastructure) our citizens expect, not just try to push the issues onto other communities in our region.**

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

**No**

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

**Yes, Puyallup City Council District 2, 2013 and 2017**

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

**Yes, Puyallup City Council, District 2 2014-2017**

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

- 1. The need to flip the council majority back to one that has the best interests of the city**
- 2. Working towards solutions to the lack of affordable housing and rising cost of living**
- 3. Homelessness, mental health and drug issues**

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?

**Previously, I was available to citizens by phone or email and was happy to meet with them in person if they desired, I would continue to do that if elected.**

What makes you the candidate that the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD should support over the others in the race?

**The other candidate was part of the RFP to take the Market and Meeker Days away from our Main Street group (a nonprofit) and give it to a for profit Tacoma business, he was also part of the strong Mayor power grab. He has not championed any meaningful projects in his four years.**

Is homelessness a city, county, state, or national problem? Explain.

**All of the above, but I believe we need to work on solutions at a regional level. It would be helpful to have State and/or Federal dollars, but solutions can be best achieved at a county or regional level. That being true as long as other regions are also working towards solutions and not just shifting the burden to locales that are trying to find solutions.**

Which of the following affordable housing proposals do you support:

- a) Reduction in impact fees for Accessory Dwelling Units? If so, the full 80% reduction allowed by law, or less?

**Overall, I support Accessory Dwelling units and would like to ease restrictions to increase their use. I have some questions on how we ensure neighborhood continuity, but think covenants and coding could ensure that they are not misused.**

- b) Tiny Homes? If so, in all residential zones, or in certain designated areas or situations?

**I would need more information on Tiny Homes before I could commit. Watching a HGTV show vs. seeing a real tiny home in use is very different.**

- c) Cottage Housing? If so, in all residential zones, or in certain designated areas or situations?

**I have been a longtime supporter of Cottage Housing and would love to see some in Puyallup.**

- d) What other affordable housing proposals do you support?

**I would like to encourage downtown revitalization and find ways to have people living downtown. The two downtown condos have done quite well, but it would be nice to have affordable units close to the train station for commuters.**

Do you support the continuation of the city's defense of its High Impact Business License imposed on the New Hope Resource Center? If so, how much tax money should be spent to defend it?

**No, and this was recently repealed, but it was never the right solution.**

Do you support the dedication of city revenue to help create a shelter for single homeless adults?

**In 2017 we were looking at the option of the city purchasing property then nominally renting to a social service agency like MDC or Catholic Charities to provide services to homeless people. I don't know that it would have been a shelter like Tacoma Rescue Mission since it never moved forward after the 2017 election results.**

Do you support zoning an area within city limits where a business or non-profit agency could locate a managed campground?

**I think the majority of citizens in Puyallup are very kind and compassionate, but I don't think a managed campground would be well received. I'm not even sure that there is anywhere within the city limits large enough to support one.**

Do you believe that crime has increased or decreased in Puyallup in recent years, and what evidence do you have for your position?

**I don't think crime has increased, but rather changed. A few years ago no one knew what a Porch Pirate was, now it is an everyday occurrence. There are different types of crime, with different effects on the community.**

Do you support putting a bond to city residents to build a new Public Safety Building? If so, the full proposed \$100 million including a 96 bed jail, or a lesser amount with fewer municipal court and police department amenities?

**I supported buying the land for the Justice Center and I support building a Police Station, Court House and Jail. The Justice Center is for the future and Puyallup is expected to grow. I know the dollar value seems high, but the jail is the only place where we seem to have room to trim costs, and I don't know that the dollar amount would decrease much by reducing the jail capacity from 96 to 75. Our current Police Station & Jail are outdated and do not meet our current needs.**

Do you support a change in the form of city government to the mayor-council model?

**No, our form of government works and we need to have professional City Managers running the day-to-day business of our City.**

Would you pledge to not create Requests For Proposals except for new or existing events/projects that are in clear legal ownership of the City of Puyallup?

**Yes, the City cannot create RFPs for events they do not own and I would not support that process.**

Would you take leadership to create a City Ethics Commission, or to propose changing the job description of the Assistant City Manager to City Ombudsman for greater accountability on citizen concerns? If not, what would you propose to handle ethics issues?

**Ethics have come up in the past and while I am not against some sort of Ethics accountability I am not familiar with the idea of changing the Assistant City Manager's title and what that would entail.**

In order of importance, what issues/initiatives do you believe are most important for city council to focus on?

**Affordable Housing  
Infrastructure  
Social Issues  
Economic Development**

As a way to have a broader representation from throughout the city, what would be an appropriate salary so all citizens could afford to take the time to serve on city council?

**I worked full time and still served, so I don't know that it is the salary so much as the time commitment. Granted, the hours I put in compared to the salary was low, but you don't want the salary to be the reason someone runs. You have to run because you care deeply about your community. I would say a salary of \$25,000, plus healthcare and retirement is fair, it is not a full time job.**

What will you do to support union organizing in your city?

**I have always supported the current union within the City and would continue to do so.**

What else would you do to support more living wage jobs in your city?

**Attracting new business to the city is vital. Puyallup residents should be able to stay here to work, not have to face long commutes to Seattle, Olympia or Tacoma. Business parks over warehouses.**

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

**Pierce Transit is working on a Bus Rapid Transit line in Tacoma, it would be nice to see Puyallup get the next one. The county has allowed thousands of apartments to go up on Meriden with no way except a car for those people to get to work or the train station. Creating Public Transportation opportunities would help.**

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 Democratic values 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: Heather Shadko Today's Date: 6/22/19

**Please save this form as a PDF** and return your completed questionnaire to [edwherde@gmail.com](mailto:edwherde@gmail.com)

# Heather L Shadko

## VOLUNTEER

### **City of Puyallup, Puyallup, Washington**

- Member of the Citizen's Fire Merger Task Force, 2008
- Appointed to the Planning Commission, 2010-2014

### **Puyallup Public Library Board, 2004 -2014**

- Strategic Plan Committee, 2006

### **Girl Scout Co-leader, Girl Scouts of Western Washington, 1998-2008**

### **Good Samaritan Community Reader, Stewart Elementary, 2009-2010**

- Work one-on-one with a student
- Implementation of program goals

### **Puyallup Public Library Foundation, 2004 to present**

- Chair, 2015 to present
- Festival of Books committee

### **Washington Library Association, 2005 -2014**

- Elected to the board of the Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees, and Advocates, 2010-2012

### **Puyallup Watershed Initiative Board, Tacoma, Washington 2018 to present**

- Resource Development committee

### **Transforming Local Government Conference, April 2017-April 2018**

- Steering committee, 2018 Tacoma conference
- Festival Planning committee, 2018

### **Pierce Conservation District, 2007 to present**

- Silver Creek Site Steward, 2014

## MEMBERSHIPS

League of Women Voters

Friends of the Puyallup Public Library

Downtown Arts

National Women's Political Caucus

PEO

Tacoma Propeller Club

Foothills Rails to Trails

Forever Green Trails