

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request (*Port*)

Office Sought: PORT OF TACOMA COMMISSIONER POS. 5 Today's Date: June 24, 2019

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: Vote Kristin Ang Campaign Manager: _____

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What is your win number? 67,0000

How much money do you intend to spend on this campaign? \$50,000 How much in personal funds do you intend to spend?
_____ How much have you raised so far? \$24,000_____

How many volunteers do you expect to have supporting your campaign? ____200+

How many volunteers have you recruited so far? 50+

Party Affiliation: _D -non partisan.

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

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): KRISTIN ANG

PIERCE COUNTY

Years in the district that you want to represent: 30

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify):_ B.A. Business Administration, Juris Doctor (JD)

School: University of Puget Sound, Cornell Law School (University of Hong Kong, Kenneth Wang School of Law Suzhou)

Previous Public Service

N/A I have never held an elected public office.

Current Job Information

Attorney

Major Civic Interests

Environmental sustainability, economic development, human/immigrant rights, the Arts, LGBTQ rights.

Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?

City Club of Tacoma, Board President. Pride at Work, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP), American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Northwest Industrial Hemp Association of Washington, Washington State Bar Association, Filipino American Lawyers of Washington, YMCA 253 Club, Habitat for Humanity.

Questionnaire

Please keep your answers brief.

Please list your qualifications for seeking office:

I have the desire to serve and represent the people, and willing to take necessary actions to initiate changes for a more prosperous and healthy economy. I'm a community advocate, collaborative, and creative. My educational background is business and law. I worked and studied international law and business in Hong Kong and China, our largest trading partner.

While studying abroad in China, I saw firsthand the heavy industrial pollution in China. I grew to appreciate the beauty, quality of life, and natural resources of our Pacific Northwest. I realized that environmental and economic wellbeing go hand in hand. My involvement in politics started when I first ran for office after hearing about the proposal to build the world's largest methanol plant in the Port of Tacoma. I am now running again for the Port Commission so that community voices are represented, environmental stewardship is integrated with the Port's economic development, and to foster innovation at the Port by strengthening connections to our educational institutions and larger community.

Please list your reasons for seeking office:

I want a better vision and prosperous future for Pierce County and Washington State. I will work towards a port that is more inclusive, open and accountable, and keeps moving forward from its toxic legacy. I will bring a fresh data-driven perspective to the Port Commission, help strengthen relationships with surrounding communities including the Puyallup Tribe, and will provide strong environmental and economic stewardship.

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

Yes, I am part of the EMERGE 2019 cohort. Most recently, I was involved in helping 2018 campaigns.

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

Yes, I ran for Port of Tacoma commissioner in 2017. I discovered the incumbent was unopposed on the final hour of filing day. I believed with an election, port issues would be addressed in the larger community and it would hold our Port Commission accountable. As a newcomer, I won 48.4% of the vote in Pierce County.

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

N/A

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

Modernizing port operations and infrastructure to increase maritime strength. Strategizing beyond cargo operations and leverage the Port's power to promote tourism, manufacturing, transportation and real estate development.

Integrating strong environmental stewardship and innovation into our economic development.

Strengthening partnerships with our surrounding community including the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, educational institutions, local governments, non-profits, labor, business and environmental community to foster innovation and economic development. This includes increasing public transparency, accountability, and 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 creation was necessary to compete with other global gateways and halt the race to the bottom with the Port of Seattle. Together, we can coordinate investments and advocate for funds and legislation to increase our maritime strength. As in any partnership, Port of Tacoma must assert itself that investments and legislation will greatly benefit Pierce County. No, it will not mitigate the impact.

Do you support the LNG facility being built at the port of Tacoma for use primarily by Totem Ocean Trailer Express? Please explain your position.

The LNG project is a case study we as a community can learn from. It highlighted the Port's strengths and weaknesses, and the state of its relationships with the community. It showed the need for a comprehensive public engagement plan, subarea plan, and better relationship with the Puyallup Tribe and residential community.

The LNG plant is subsidized by ratepayers (\$130+million) and tax incentives. The question for the future is what projects should be publicly subsidized at the port.

Regarding the issue of climate change, the project has NOT made a strong case it is better for the environment. Hence, why there is opposition from environmental groups. While LNG burns cleaner, there are valid concerns about methane slippage in the extraction process and locking investments in long-term fossil fuel infrastructure.

Regarding health and safety, I believe in due diligence when it comes to projects at the Port of Tacoma because it is our economic engine and people's health should be protected. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is currently reviewing the permit. There has been requests for the City of Tacoma to do a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) by residents, environmental groups, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. I support these environmental processes and requests to ensure safety to workers and residents.

What will be your policy on potential future tenants and current tenants in the port whose business includes production of fossil fuels or transporting fossil fuels through the port?

I am for interim regulations. This will be addressed long-term by subarea plan.

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 for shore power incentives.

Do you support using public port funds to purchase new electric powered equipment (instead of diesel powered equipment) in the Port of Tacoma? Yes

Do you support purchasing automated electric powered equipment to reduce the number of port employees?

I do not support reducing the number of port employees.

How will you promote renewable energy development at the port?

Give preference and incentives.

Increase shore power technology with grant funding in coordination with regional partners.

Work with our educational institutions, research centers, non-profits, labor, and business community in developing renewal energy projects.

How will you make sure that the jobs associated with this development are unionized?

Community workforce agreements and community workforce development committee.

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 would 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?

Ports have significant responsibilities regarding health, traffic congestions, infrastructure, invasive species and pollution.

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. Port Authorities significantly impact the local and global environment. This why environmental stewardship should be one of the top priorities of any port commissioner.

To thrive in the 21st century, we must integrate strong environmental stewardship with our economic development. Community wellbeing and health are important elements of development.

Ports must work with regional partners to improve freight mobility and traffic congestion to move goods and people faster. Ports must also protect our environment and economy from invasive species coming in from the international containers.

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

This is a turning point election. This is a time where we can begin to reconcile historical tensions between the Port, City/County and Puyallup Tribe. The subarea plan will determine the next decades at the Port and Pierce County's economic and environmental prosperity. I will work to represent your voices and ensure the Port is inclusive of the People's energy, ideas, and values to become more competitive, innovative and just. I will practice democratic values in office by strengthening our economic engine, expanding opportunities to underserved communities, provide stronger environmental stewardship, and work to repair Port's relationship with the surrounding communities especially the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Are there any additional comments you would like to share with the 25th 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: KRISTIN ANG Today's Date: June 24, 2019

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