

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council

The Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council (WSBCTC) is comprised of 49 affiliated Local Unions, along with 17 Regional Councils, District Councils and State Associations charged with promoting the interests of all labor organizations engaged in the Building and Construction Industry.

The purposes of the WSBCTC are to coordinate the efforts of local unions, intermediate bodies, and local Building and Construction Trades Councils that represent workers in the building and construction trades; to foster relationships with contractors, employer associations, project owners, and public bodies in order to represent affiliate members on matters of common interest and to establish better relations between labor organizations in the building and construction trades and with other labor organizations.

Over 1,000 contractors are signatory to Affiliates of the WSBCTC. As such, these firms are committed to educating the next generation of professional trades workers by employing skilled journeypersons and apprentices to fulfill all education and training specifications of their joint apprenticeship training and committee agreements.

Washington's union apprenticeship programs are recognized as the best in the nation. Our educational facilities are state-of-the-art, and our program requirements are rigorous, delivering the most qualified workers on the market. Our members undergo thousands of hours of education and practical experience on the job. It is this intensive education that sets our trades people apart.

Thank you for your complete answers to the following questions, this questionnaire will be shared with our Affiliates and can inform a wide range of potential supporters.

AFFILIATED LOCALS

Boilermakers Locals 242, 502

Bricklayers Local 1 WA/AK

Cement Masons Locals 72, 528, 555

Elevator Constructors Local 19

Heat & Frost Insulators Locals 7, 36, 82

IBEW Locals 46, 48, 73, 76, 112, 191

Iron Workers Locals 14, 29, 86

IUPAT Locals 10, 188, 300, 364, 427, 1094, 1238, 1964

Laborers Locals 238, 242, 252, 292, 335, 348

Operating Engineers Locals 302, 612

Plumbers and Pipefitters Locals 26, 32, 44, 290, 598

Roofers Locals 54, 153, 189

Sheet Metal Locals 16, 55, 66

Sprinkler Fitters Locals 669, 699

Teamsters Local 174

REGIONAL COUNCILS

NE Washington/N Idaho Building Trades Council

Central Washington Building Trades Council

Northwest WA Building Trades Council

Seattle/King County Building Trades Council

Olympic Peninsula Building Trades Council

Pierce County Building Trades Council

Olympia & Vicinity Building Trades Council

Longview/Kelso Building Trades Council

Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

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Candidate Profile

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
District	Position Sought	Party Affiliation
<input type="checkbox"/> Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> Challenger <input type="checkbox"/> Open Seat		
Candidate Phone		Candidate Email

Public Office. List currently and previously held public offices.

Occupation. List your current occupation and any past occupations you feel are relevant to your candidacy.

Union Membership. List past and present memberships by union name(s) and local(s).

Endorsements. List any notable endorsements for this election cycle.

Campaign Profile

Campaign Committee Name		
Campaign Address		
Campaign Manager	Email	Phone
Website	Facebook	Twitter
Online Contribution Link		

Candidate's Values and Issues Stance

Please explain why you are running for this office and why you seek support from the WSBCTC and our affiliates.

What issues do you consider most important to your constituents, and if elected, how would you work to address them?

Candidate's Commitment to Building Trades Values and Policy Priorities

Prevailing Wage

Prevailing wage laws protect communities and workers from unscrupulous contractors low-balling bids on taxpayer-funded construction projects by setting wage rates for a specific occupation to the area standard. The Washington State Public Works Act requires no less than the local prevailed rate of wages for publicly funded construction work.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Project Labor Agreements

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), which have been used for generations, are collective bargaining agreements between building trades unions and contractors. They govern terms and conditions of employment for all craft workers—union and nonunion—on a specific construction project. They protect taxpayers by eliminating costly delays due to labor conflicts or shortages of skilled workers. They can also include local hiring, apprenticeship utilization and other provisions to ensure equity in career opportunities.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Apprenticeship Utilization Requirements

Apprenticeship Utilization Requirements (AURs) require a certain percentage of hours worked on a construction project to be performed by state registered apprentices. Apprenticeship utilization requirements ensure on-the-job training opportunities for apprentices across our state and can increase career opportunities at projects in local communities.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

State Registered Apprenticeship

A State Registered Apprenticeship Program is a proven model of apprenticeship that has been validated as meeting minimum state standards by the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council. State registered apprenticeship programs provide both on-the-job training with an employer and classroom instruction that develops highly trained, knowledgeable, and skilled professionals.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Apprentice Support

Pathways to building trades apprenticeship programs must be recognized and supported the same as other postsecondary pathways. State registered apprentices must receive all available supports and services that other postsecondary students have access to. All competencies acquired through building trades apprenticeship programs must be acknowledged.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Workplace Safety

Hazardous and dangerous workplace conditions are inherent in the construction industry. Workplace safety and health laws establish regulations designed to eliminate personal injuries and illnesses from occurring in the workplace.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Collective Bargaining

Collective bargaining is the process in which workers, through their unions, negotiate contracts with their employers to determine their terms of employment, including wages, benefits, and working conditions. Collective bargaining is a way to mitigate workplace problems. It is also the best means for raising wages in America.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Clean Energy Infrastructure

The path to Washington's clean energy economy must maintain employment for workers affected by energy market changes; must not eliminate current energy sources without a sufficient and diversified in-state energy infrastructure; must not incentivize or rely on the exporting of projects and importing of energy; must ensure out-of-state procurement of energy includes high road labor standards, which may include Project Labor Agreements, and do not subvert CETA responsibilities; must include research and pilot project funding to bring new energy technologies to market; must ensure current infrastructure is repurposed and new facilities can be built; and must ensure any decarbonization policies include union labor standards. The transition must keep Washington workers at the forefront while ensuring energy production occurs in Washington while existing sources including natural gas, are not prematurely eliminated.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation investments are necessary for sustaining a reliable infrastructure, creating family-wage jobs, and ensuring an equitable economic recovery for Washington. The state must not solely rely on federal investments that will not remedy the increasing deficit in transportation spending that requires over \$10 billion in the next 10 years for preservation and maintenance alone. State funding for transportation projects must generate good jobs, including filling the gap in much needed maintenance and preservation shortfalls.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Public Infrastructure

Public infrastructure investments support our education, healthcare, water and energy systems, among much more, that sustain communities and enhance economic development for Washington. Investments in capital projects positively impact access to family-wage jobs and on-the-job training opportunities for Washingtonians when labor standards are included, such as prevailing wage and Apprenticeship Utilization Requirements.

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Responsible Bidders on Public Works

Responsible Bidding is the idea that public construction projects paid for by taxpayer money such as schools, libraries and water treatment plants should be awarded based on the ability to satisfactorily perform the work and meet certain standards instead of automatically being awarded to the lowest bidder. In Washington, before award of a public works contract, a bidder must meet certain criteria to be considered a responsible bidder, including a record of compliance and completion of public works and prevailing wage training.

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Project Siting and Permitting

Meaningful siting and permitting reforms are necessary for Washington to build a diversified and self-sufficient in-state economy, including clean energy production infrastructure and the manufacturing of components for clean energy technologies. In addition, any project lost to other states is a loss of family-wage jobs and local economic benefit for Washington communities, and ultimately results in greater carbon emissions due to weaker environmental laws in other states.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Washington Workforce

Often, resources are procured from outside of our state in order to reduce costs or avoid in-state regulations and permitting process. Yet, equitable economic recovery and prosperity for Washingtonians relies on employment opportunities within our state. A Washington workforce can be prioritized through local hire provisions in Project Labor Agreements, utilizing prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization requirements, and incentivizing project development in Washington.

If elected: I will support I will oppose I am undecided

Candidate's Closing Remarks:

By signing this questionnaire, you are stating all information is true and accurate, can be shared with affiliates of the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council (WSBCTC), and, if selected, you will accept an endorsement from the WSBCTC.

Signature _____

Date _____