

# LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council

The Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council (WSBCTC) is comprised of 46 affiliated Local Unions, along with 16 Regional Councils, District Councils and State Associations charged with promoting the interests of all labor organizations engaged in the building and construction industry.

The purpose of the WSBCTC is to coordinate the efforts of local unions, intermediate bodies, and regional 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 2,000 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 committee (JATC) 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.

## AFFILIATES

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, 1238  
Laborers Locals 238, 242, 252, 292, 335, 348  
Operating Engineers Locals 302, 612  
Plumbers/Pipefitters Locals 26, 32, 44, 290, 598  
Roofers Locals 54, 153  
Sheet Metal Locals 16, 55, 66  
Sprinkler Fitters Locals 669, 699  
Teamsters Local 174  
WA State Association of Electrical Workers  
WA State Association of the UA  
Ironworkers District Council  
IUPAT District Council of Laborers  
Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28  
Regional Council of SMART  
Certified Electrical Workers of WA

## 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  
South Sound Building Trades Council  
Longview/Kelso Building Trades Council Columbia  
Pacific Building Trades Council

**Please retain this cover page for your information and submit the following questionnaire pages  
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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.

Please explain what a Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council endorsement means to you.

## Candidate's Commitment to Building Trades Values and Policy Priorities

### Prevailing Wage

Prevailing wages are the minimum wages and benefits for construction workers. Prevailing wage laws protect workers and prevent unscrupulous contractors low-balling bids on taxpayer-funded construction. Washington State's Public Works Act must be upheld and we must eliminate policies that freeze workers wages on public works because cost savings strategies should not be on the backs of workers.

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

### Project Labor Agreements

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) are collective bargaining agreements between building trades Councils and contractors, developers or owners. 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.

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### Apprentice Utilization Requirements

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

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### 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. Washington has higher standards than federal apprenticeship registration, so apprenticeship programs must meet Washington's standards to receive state support.

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### 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 toward credit and degree attainment.

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### Apprenticeship Preparation

Pre-apprenticeship is termed Apprenticeship Preparation in Washington. All apprenticeship preparation programs must attain state recognition through the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council. Recognized programs maintain formal articulation(s) with one or more registered apprenticeship programs. Construction apprenticeship preparation should provide multi-craft information (not just carpentry) and attain state recognition to receive state support. Core Plus Construction training in high schools CAN become state recognized apprenticeship preparation and is an effective option for expanding career pathways in construction for youth. "Youth Apprenticeship" in construction is not a career pathway as it culminates without the formalized connection to state registered apprenticeship - instead, focus and support should be directed to state recognized apprenticeship preparation programs.

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### Collective Bargaining

Collective bargaining is the process in which workers, through their unions, negotiate contracts with employers to determine terms of employment, including wages, benefits, and working conditions. Right-to-work policies undermine collective bargaining by weakening unions' ability to secure and enforce labor agreements on behalf of all workers.

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### Clean Energy Infrastructure

Washington's clean energy transition must keep Washington workers at the forefront, and union labor standards are reinforced in policy, while ensuring energy production occurs in Washington. The transition must:

- not eliminate current energy sources without a sufficient and diversified in-state energy infrastructure;
- ensure new energy production facilities can be built in Washington;
- not rely on importing energy by incentivizing exporting energy production projects to other states; and
- ensure out-of-state energy procurement includes high-road labor standards and does not subvert CETA responsibilities.

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### 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. State funding for transportation projects must generate jobs with high labor standards and fill the gap in much needed preservation funding shortfalls. Washington must align revenue sources to establish dedicated funding for the transportation budget.

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### 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 Apprentice 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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### 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.

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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.

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### Washington's 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 Apprentice Utilization requirements, and incentivizing project development in Washington.

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### *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 \_\_\_\_\_