Dear Candidate,

Thank you very much for responding to this questionnaire!

We are a non-partisan partnership of housing and homelessness providers and advocacy organizations with a combined substantial presence in Seattle. We will use your responses as part of an online Voters’ Guide on Housing and Homelessness, which we’ll publish to coincide with ballots arriving in mailboxes in mid- to late July.

Because we all are from 501(c)(3) organizations, we are unable to make endorsements; but we will share the questionnaire results with thousands of people interested in housing and homelessness.

Please complete and email this form in Word or PDF format to Catherine Hinrichsen, Seattle University, at hinrichc@seattleu.edu by 5 p.m. Thursday, July 13, if you would like to be included in the Voters’ Guide.

• If you send it as a pdf, please ensure your links are live.
• Please either attach a photo or indicate you give us permission to use a photo from your campaign website.

Please direct any questions to Catherine. Thank you!

In addition, please save the date: We will invite the candidates who advance to the general election to a Seattle Mayoral Candidate Forum on Housing and Homelessness, Tuesday evening, Sept. 12 (tentative) at Seattle University. More details will come after the primary.

Questions begin on the next page.
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There are seven questions. You may choose to skip a question; if so, please indicate that you choose not to answer. Please limit your answers to 150 words each (about 1,000 characters, including spaces).

Question 1. King County and the City of Seattle have recognized that the crises of affordability and homelessness are complex, regional issues that require regional solutions, exacerbated by the threat of potential drastic HUD funding cuts. If elected, how would you work with other regional leaders and the state and federal governments to identify, enact and implement innovative, forward-thinking solutions to decrease homelessness and increase affordability?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*

As you know, Seattle Washington is an upcoming powerhouse for small businesses, non-profit organizations, and holistic wellness centers for children and adults. As a business owner, I found that you’re only as strong as our weakest link, which is our homelessness in the City.

The mission right now: is to unite all regional, state and federal government to discuss how we can merge our influences together to build an inner circle of leaders that will create the foundation for the powerhouse which in turn will create more traffic coming to and from Seattle Washington.

This economic growth and development will create addition revenue to fund solutions to decrease homelessness and increase affordability. And create jobs & resources, income, medical, education, transportation crisis etc. for all people who the community lacks today.

Question 2. What is your position on the policies contained in the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA)? What do you agree with? Disagree?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*

I appreciate the goal and agenda of MHA that will need new development to include affordable homes or give to a City fund for affordable housing.

I agree "the theory of MHA is sound, but implementation is risky: if the mandate costs homebuilders more than the added apartments let them earn, they may choose not to build at all, yielding neither
more market-rate nor affordable housing choices. A policy intended to be a win-win becomes a lose-lose."

However, if this doesn't immediately decrease households with the lowest incomes, making 30 percent or less of their area's median income, facing the biggest shortage of rental housing that is both affordable — costing no more than 30 percent of their income — and available, we still have a major problem.

**Question 3.** How would you balance the disagreement and anger expressed by some neighborhood residents towards increased density and affordable homes in specific areas of the city, with our unprecedented growth and need for increased housing options that must be shared equitably across the city?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*

I agree that Seattle officials can fix it by granting more capacity in the MHA upzone along with complementary changes to development rules to ensure builders can make use of that extra capacity, or make the affordability requirements less demanding, or combine these options. Any which way, to bring MHA into balance will release the potential to deliver Seattle neighborhoods more subsidized homes and more market-rate missing middle housing.

**Question 4.** Did you vote for the Seattle Housing Levy in 2016? Why or why not? What kind of funding mechanism do you believe is best to generate money for housing and homelessness services?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*

I did vote. I appreciate that since 1981, Seattle voters have approved one bond and five levies to create affordable housing. Seattle has now funded over 13,000 affordable apartments for seniors, low- and moderate-wage workers, and formerly homeless individuals and families, plus provided homeownership assistance to more than 900 first-time low-income home buyers and emergency rental assistance to more than 6,500 households. This is remarkable.

The economic growth and development from the united regional, state and federal government that merge influences to build an inner circle of leaders that create the foundation for the powerhouse of small businesses, non-profit organizations, and holistic wellness centers for children and adults which in turn will bring more traffic coming to and from Seattle Washington is one way best to generate money for housing and homelessness services to decrease homelessness and increase affordability.

**Question 5.** Given that half the residents of Seattle are renters, what tenant protections -- above and beyond what the city has already done -- would you push to enact to ensure that potential tenants are being treated equitably?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*
As a Grant Writer, in Seattle, WA, we found within the Government, State, Local, District, Federal Agencies, Courts, Businesses, Nonprofits, Land, Documents, Contracts, Process, Procedures, and Policies have clerical errors resulting to discrimination that Violate our Civil Rights in the “Equal Opportunity Policy” pertaining to grants, loans, jobs/employment, education, medical, housing/homelessness, and crime etc. From this, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities has been not served and suffocated from the ability to resolve the tough challenges of the people.

We are currently challenging in Seattle Washington Superior Court the fact that a resolution to the clerical errors in “Equal Opportunity Policy” by rewriting the grant and every other application processes, procedures, and policies that Violate Civil Rights Act pertaining to grants, loans, jobs/employment, education, medical, housing/homelessness, oppression, murders in our communities, immediate end to police brutality, and crime. For example, remove what has nothing to do with ability, skill, or experience, like race, creed, sexuality, income, or crime.

This way all people really get an equal opportunity.

**Question 6.** Virtually every city in Washington has responded to the growing homelessness crisis by criminalizing behaviors such as sitting, lying or sleeping in public. If elected, (a) will you work to repeal and/or mitigate the impacts of ordinances that criminalize homelessness in Seattle, and (b) will you oppose attempts to introduce such ordinances?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*

Yes, I will work to repeal and mitigate the impacts of ordinances that criminalize homelessness and I will oppose attempts to introduce such ordinances.

Homeless should get medical treatment for mental and physical health through the nonprofit holistic wellness centers we will facilitate, while businesses and nonprofits will provide the education opportunities, jobs, and resources to help sustain them in the community to become a healthy resident and citizen.

This way they do not have to worry about not having medical insurance or being able to afford services.

All people should have equal opportunity to a job, housing, food, medical, clothing, and transportation to live independent and financially secure in Seattle.

**Question 7.** The recent tragic killing of Charleena Lyles highlights the issues of police accountability and the intersecting systems of care in our community whose failures led to her death, including housing, mental health, child welfare, justice and more. How would you address the failure of these systems to work together?

*Please answer here, limit 150 words.*
I would check all process, policies, and procedures that caused the failure that led to her death pertaining to housing, mental health, child welfare and justice. Once the error is found so, the accountability is on not only the agencies but also the people who performed the duty and fell short of the laws that protected Charleens's human and civil rights.

The power of the people is to challenge their human and civil right without taking a settlement to hold each real live human flesh and blood entities that hides behind their employer corporations that violate Natural Laws to hold people in political jurisdictions for political agendas and purposes that lead to oppression, police brutality, profit for punishment, and crime etc.

The only way to restore the faith in the communities that there is truly a justice system for all people, is to dismantle the current system that oppresses all people. We must reconstruct the process and procedure that violate the Law pertaining to oppression, murders in our communities, immediate end to police brutality, and crime. For example, remove what has nothing to do with real live flesh and blood human entities, like race, creed, sexuality, income, or crime. Let's start there because in America, we divide all people based on race. We need to get rid of these dividers so all people really are treated equal. This way the people will trust that the Justice system is in place to serve and protect them in their communities.

Candidate Signature for verification (electronic is ok):

Date: 7/13/2017

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Please return to: hinrichc@seattleu.edu by Thursday, July 13, 2017, 5 p.m. Thank you for participating.

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