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**Q1**

## Candidate Information

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**Q2**

If you make it past the primaries, do you intend to attend the 2021 Public Officials and Candidates Night Reception from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021?

**Yes, I intend to attend the event and have blocked out the time on my calendar**

**Q3**

Why are you running for elected office?

I have lived experience growing up here in Burien in a working family that managed a small business in downtown Seattle for 20 years. My mom and dad raised 3 immigrant boys on the salary of a waiter and part time lunch lady here during the 90's and 2000's. I saw how challenging it was for them to navigate business and family finances, access healthcare, provide educational support while making less than \$50K a year. I'm the oldest of the three sons, one of my brother is now a teacher in Burien while my other brother is a recently elected Highline School Board Director. Today I'm an Economic Development Manager helping small business accessing capital and resources and have been working on small business financing for over 20 years. My brothers and I serve our community because it provided our parents the opportunity to actually afford to live in Burien and take public transit to Seattle to run the family business. I want to work my hardest to keep that a reality for Burien long term.

**Q4**

What do you consider to be our community's top challenges?

Most other candidates will likely mention homelessness, affordable housing, and public safety which are all top challenges. however the top challenge is the root cause for all 3 of those challenges. Poverty and lack of economic opportunity mixed with exponential population growth with a lack of housing specially affordable housing is biggest challenge. How can we locally address Burien poverty and income inequality while making sure not only market rate housing is developed but instead housing for working families.

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**Q5**

How will you work with the business community to find solutions?

Same way I have worked with businesses during the last two economic downturns and how I helped my own dad and family survive and find a way to make it pencil out so our working family can still afford to live here and contribute like my brothers and I have. By doing one on one work with business owners to make sure they have resources and access to funding to both run their businesses efficiently and also provide working pay and benefits to their employees so that both the business owners and their staff can work and live in Burien. Housing isn't built directly by small businesses but having sufficient housing in Burien for Business owners and workers and our elders is critical to addressing those poverty, housing crisis, and homelessness at their root causes. having professional and personal lived experience working with and for small businesses and their workforce is how I will continue to do work serving our City.

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**Q6**

Where can your constituents find more information about you and your campaign?

email or call me directly at [Info@HugoForBurien.com](mailto:Info@HugoForBurien.com) or call me at 206-627-0310 - you can also check our website at [www.HugoForBurien.com](http://www.HugoForBurien.com) or follow me on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Hugo4Burien> Instagram -> <https://www.instagram.com/hugo4burien/> or Twitter -> <https://twitter.com/hugo4burien>

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