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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?

As a community member and social worker, I see firsthand the needs of the BIPOC, immigrant, refugee, undocumented/mixed status and working families in SeaTac. I already work to help bridge the gaps between housing, food, and other basic needs, and hope to see a change at the city level. I also regularly shop at local small businesses and restaurants because it highlights the diversity in skills, people, and opportunities we have in SeaTac. I believe that by helping those most in need, we as a community all benefit.

Q4

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

I believe access to and the expansion of community programs is one of the largest issues in SeaTac. The effort by City Council to have a stronger social safety net will not be effect without direct culturally and language specific outreach to community members. We need programs around housing assistance, job apprenticeships, transit fare reduction, discriminatory reporting tools, and other community-led issues that have outreach staff to reach every single SeaTac resident in need. As a social worker, I know how vital outreach and communication is a successful social program and how too many families go without knowing the financial and social support they have in SeaTac.

Q5

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

I have talked to so many of our small business owners across SeaTac and they need the support of a city council that works for them. As we continue growing as a city, I will be an elected official that thinks about how our policies and economic development affects our small businesses. Our small businesses want to hear from elected officials, have them for lunch, and highlight the great work they're doing at building their own small community; those are the constituents I will visit.

Q6

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

Please visit my website, <https://www.guzman4seatac.com/>; my Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Guzman4Seatac>; or email me: guzman4seatac@gmail.com
