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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?

The impetus behind my initial campaign for the Port of Seattle Commission was a belief that we needed to accelerate the Port's actions to address climate change. With less than a decade left to avert the worst outcomes of the climate crisis, it's clear to me we need leaders who act boldly and urgently on this issue for today and the future. I remain inspired by both the threat – and the opportunities – presented by the climate crisis. Additionally, much of my work has been in economic development, helping members of marginalized and underrepresented communities start small and micro businesses that create stability and personal prosperity. In my work on the commission, I'm reminded of their success and inspired by the belief that the Port should be a driver of economic opportunity for everyone in our region.

Q4

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

Foundational to the Port's charter is economic development—a goal best measured by the living wage jobs we create. Often out of reach is the foundational support needed to start a business or find a good job, especially for those long marginalized or disenfranchised. We should continue creating jobs, making the Port more responsive to community, and supporting women and minority-owned businesses. As flights and other trips drastically decreased during the pandemic, businesses and workers at Port locations faced the consequences—less economic security. Recovery must be swift and equitable—supporting businesses and workers most impacted. Finally, the Port must lead on environmental justice, addressing climate change and impacts of air, water and noise pollution. On the Port's Energy and Sustainability Committee, I've worked toward sustainable aviation fuels and complete electrification of the Seattle central waterfront—innovative efforts to make the Port a regional and national leader.

Q5

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

Critical to my work on the Port Commission is building strong relationships with business, working together to find ways to drive economic growth and create opportunity for every resident. I've worked to maintain a strong dialogue with our Port's business partners, working together on economic development, traffic reduction, climate goals, and many other priorities. One great example is my work spearheading an effort to create a transportation management association that would include all 350 businesses operating at the airport to reduce commutes, incentivize transit, and limit congestion. For a full economic recovery, we cannot go forward without input from and collaboration with businesses. I look forward to continuing to partner with local businesses and business leaders on these shared goals.

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

You can learn more at RyanForPort.com (available in multiple languages) and by following me on Twitter @ryancalkinssea, Facebook /ryanforport, and on Instagram @RyanforPort.
