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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?

The Port has an important role to play in answering to the compounding challenges of our time. I'm running for the Port of Seattle because I have the values and the experience to meet the dire needs of this moment. I am from the Beacon Hill neighborhood, and I also lived in the city of Burien for 6 years. I've seen first hand the impact the Port has on our communities. I believe that economic empowerment will lead to social justice for our community members. My top two priorities for the port are to rebuild the economy and to reduce pollution - two goals that go together hand-in-hand. As the Director of a state agency, I saw working families hit hardest when crisis struck. I advised the Governor on the issues facing businesses as well as their relief efforts. I'm running for the Port of Seattle in the midst of an economic crisis to ensure that we rebuild our economy equitably: that means centering on the people who have been disproportionately impacted.

**Q4**

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

Today, South Seattle and South King County residents around Port of Seattle terminals and the SeaTac Airport face worse health and economic impacts as a result of localized historical injustices. These injustices must be righted, and I believe we can advance our sustainability goals, stimulate job growth, better contending globally for shipping and trade, all while promoting community health and wellbeing. In this way, my top priorities are to build back the economy and to reduce pollution, both of which must be achieved through a framework of advancing equity for historically marginalized and excluded people. Additionally, minority and women owned businesses and workers need supportive work environments, and we must work intentionally to reduce barriers to winning contracting bids.

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**Q5**

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

We have made progress at a Port to make our economy more inclusive - including opportunities for ADBEs and M/WBEs to do business at the Port. But, we can do more to ensure that M/WBEs get a larger bite at the apple and operate in a more supportive workplace, by making sure that equity officers are considered "essential personnel" on projects. This will ensure the officer has to interview as part of a panel and is duly evaluated when contending for contract opportunities. During this time, small business owners operate without a sense of certainty: we can and should use CARES Act funds to stabilize our local economy. Green infrastructure projects like electrification of the port, high speed rail, offshore wind, solar and green buildings will help us advance our economic and sustainability goals. These projects create contract opportunities for businesses and good paying jobs for our working neighbors. We can work to create a supportive work environment for minority contractors.

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**Q6**

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

Please visit my website at [www.hasegawaforport.com](http://www.hasegawaforport.com)

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