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2020 Pierce County Democrats Endorsement Questionnaire
-Partisan Election-

Candidate name: **Bob Ferguson**

Position sought: **Attorney General**

Date submitted: **3-11-20**

Candidate qualities and conduct: The Pierce County Democratic Central Committee endorses and supports qualified Democrats seeking elected office. When deciding whether to recommend endorsement, the Endorsements Committee may consider the candidate's dedication to Democratic Party values and principles, the viability of the campaign, and the candidate's qualifications for office, among other things. Endorsed candidates are discouraged from supporting non-Democratic candidates or from supporting any candidate who doesn't represent Democratic values. Endorsed candidates should distinguish themselves from any Democratic opponents in an objectively fair, informational, and non-confrontational fashion.

By submitting this endorsement questionnaire, I publicly affirm:

- I am a Democrat and will uphold Democratic Party values.
- I will abide by the above principles of conduct.

You may respond N/A (not applicable) if appropriate. Expand or decrease space as needed.

Questions

1. Why are you running for this particular office?

I am running to stand up for and protect Washingtonians, hold powerful interests accountable, and make sure the Trump administration follows the rule of law.

2. What are your qualifications (traditional or not) for seeking this elected office?

It has been an honor to serve as Attorney General for the past eight years.

3. What are the 1 - 3 most important issues for your district or your elected body/office?

See Question 1.

4. Why should the Pierce County Democratic Party support you for this position, and how have you demonstrated Democratic values?

I have been a leading Attorney General for progressive values in Washington state and across the country. My office has won numerous legal cases against the Trump administration on issues

related to environmental protection, immigration, civil rights, reproductive health, and the rule of law. In addition, we are defending the Affordable Care Act in the Federal court.

5. When elected, how will you make yourself accessible, and how would you obtain constituent input on issues and decisions?

I have attended and spoken at numerous events in Pierce County over the past eight years.

6. How have you previously provided and how would you increase access and influence for people and groups that may lack them?

I created a new Civil Rights Division to ensure that all Washingtonians' civil rights are protected.

7. Do you support unrestricted access to reproductive health care for all women, including the right to abortion?

Yes.

8. What are the core functions of the elected office/body you seek; how can you improve them?

My office represents the state and all Washingtonians. If re-elected, I will continue to run the office as I have for the past eight years, while expanding our work in the areas of consumer protection, environmental enforcement, and civil rights.

9. Please list any key endorsements.

I've been endorsed by numerous progressive organizations.

IF ELECTED TO THIS POSITION (*some questions may not be applicable*):

10. What would you do to ensure that your constituents each have a truly equal and fair opportunity to succeed based on merit and effort, rather than pre-existing status or classification?

See above.

11. What benefits and problems come from increasing population; how would you address them?

N/A

12. How would you support workers, including union workers, whether employed privately or by government?

I've been endorsed by numerous labor organizations because of my strong support for working families. For example, I led the effort on eliminating "no poach" provisions at hundreds of businesses that restricted workers' wages and employment opportunities.

13. What policies and actions would you take to protect and improve the natural environment?

See above. In addition, I created an environmental enforcement unit which has filed major environmental litigation against entities such as Monsanto for the environmental harm they have caused to our state.

14. What would you do to increase housing access and decrease income inequality?

My civil rights team has enforced fair housing laws through many investigations and resolutions.

15. Identify any budget challenges for your elected office/body; how would you deal with them?

N/A

16. How will you approach safety, police, and court system issues – and what are they?

I work closely with law enforcement agencies across the state to ensure the safety of all Washingtonians.

17. Finally, any additional comments you would like to share with the Committee:

I appreciate all that you do to uphold Democratic values in Pierce County! You know my work well, so I appreciate your understanding my brief answers. I do not have a Campaign Manager at this time and I have lots of questionnaires to complete.