

[Candidate Name]: Olympia Indivisible Candidate Questionnaire

Thurston County Sheriff

Please note that the responses to the questionnaire will be available for the public to view on the Olympia Indivisible web site

1. What is your background and employment in law enforcement? Courses of study, certificates, awards.
2. Are there titles, salutations, and/or suffixes that should be included with your name? What's your preferred name? Do you have preferred pronouns?
3. What do you believe is the most significant challenge facing the Sheriff's department? If elected, what is the first action you plan to take to address that challenge?
4. What is your view of the sanctuary city status of Olympia and the impact on Thurston County and the Sheriff's office? Do you support the right of cities to become sanctuary cities?
5. What is the direction or orders you have given to your staff as far as interaction with ICE personnel on the streets and also in the jail? What is your stance on detaining people for ICE?
6. Does diversity, equity, and Inclusion (DEI) factor into sheriff's office operation in regard to hiring or advancement or in other ways?
7. During the pandemic, did you support and enforce the governor's mask mandate? What was your reasoning?
8. How will the substantial Thurston County budget cuts affect the Sheriff's office programs and personnel? How will you address this?
9. How do you balance aggressive crime enforcement with civil liberties and citizen safety protection?

10. What do you see as the top three public safety challenges facing this county?
11. Would you commit to regular public reporting on crime trends, use of force, and department spending?
12. How would you handle misconduct complaints against deputies internally or with independent oversight? Have there been any complaints during your tenure?
13. Are there existing issues concerning transparency, accountability, and/or responsiveness in the Sheriff's office and, if so, what are your plans to address those issues?
14. What is your opinion of SB 5974 and how it will affect you as Sheriff?

Please return your completed questionnaire to endorsements.olympia.indivisible@gmail.com.